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Cop car hits teen



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unmarked police car in Perth.

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Custody Watch WA chair

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saying it's under investigation, and they have said that he was earlier involved in a struggle but the new footage shows there was no struggle and eyewitnesses have said that on television," Mr Eades said. "For police to use a two tonne vehicle to run a

teenager down is not acceptable.

"They could've killed him." In a separate and unrelated incident, a 19-year-old Aboriginal man collapsed and died at the Derby prison facility in the Kimberley region on April 26.

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Pintupi artist wins major landscape prize



Yukultji Napangati has been awarded the \$50,000 Wynne Prize. First Nations artists featured prominently in three of Australia's most prestigious art awards, announced last week at the Art Gallery of NSW. Full story, page 7.

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My FAMILY

Annie Day – Mer Island, Townsville



Pictured: Annie Day, middle, with son Aicey Day, right, and grandson Ali Day.

I am 79 and have 12 children, 56 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren and family is important to me. I was born on Mer Island in the Torres Strait as the second youngest of seven children.

My life has been fulfilling. I have worked on Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville and outback Maxwellton. I now live in Gulliver, Townsville, and I'm looking forward to my 80th birthday on October 18, when family and friends will celebrate with me.

I am a Christian and my late father Kailu Ano started the first Pentecostal Church on Mer Island. Because of the different style of preaching and teaching God's words, he was exiled from Mer, so we moved.

When I worked as a nurse at TI Hospital in the 50s I used to sing at local pubs and sang with Rita Mills and Angie Maza.

Then I went to Cairns to be with my eldest sister Elsie. It was supposed to be for two weeks, but father sent our brother Sam Wano to bring us to Mount Isa, where he worked on the railway line.

Maxwelton is now a ghost town with a handful of residents, but back then it was thriving. One of my brothers was the late Roy Wano, who for decades was a Railway Department worker in charge of a

maintenance gang on the western line.

In the mid 50s I married Nuna Zaro and we had seven children. He passed away in the 70s. Later I married Rebes Day, who had four children, and I became a loving mother to them.

We had one son Aicey, who is now aged 40 and the leader of entertainment group Komet Torres Strait Islander Art and Cultural Dancers. Rebes passed away in 2009 and since then I have received the support of my family. Many of us get together at my place or along the beachfront when we can, especially at Christmas and at Easter.

In my younger days, I worked at the Townsville Prawn Factory and at Pimlico High School, where I started traditional Torres Strait weaving classes.

I am the great grandchild of the chief of Dowar, Egod, and I love to catch up with many other Torres Strait Islander people at events like Mabo Day and Coming of the Light on July 1.

I also like to cook and when the *Koori Mail* reporter came to my place I gave him some freshly baked banana damper and he said it was delicious. I haven't been back to Mer Island since the 90s but would love to soon.

— As told to Alf Wilson

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OUR CHILDREN



Trent Burgoyne, 17, has been picked to play for South Australia in the AFL under-18 national championships. Read the full story on page 61. *Picture: Peter Argent*

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Artists sculpt Winmar's stance

By JILLIAN MUNDY



IF you think this footballer resembles a statue of Nicky Winmar proudly pointing to his skin in the face of vile and racist vilification back in 1993 – you're on the right track.

It is 20-year-old St Kilda Saints forward Ben Long posing for anatomical reference for renowned sculptors Louis Lauman and Lis Johnson.

They are working on a 2.7-metre tall bronze statue of Winmar, in that famous pose, captured by photographer Wayne Ludbey.

It is hoped the sculpture will be finished before the end of the football season, ready for its home at Perth's new Optus Stadium.

The enduring image was captured before Long was even born.

There is only one centimetre difference in height between Long and Winmar, and Long is a similar weight and build to what Winmar was in 1993.

The sculptors went to great lengths to source a St Kilda Saints jumper and shorts from the same era for reference.

Long said it was an honour to pose as Winmar.

"I'm very lucky," he told the *Koori Mail*.

He turned up at the St Kilda headquarters in Moorabbin last week wearing an immobilising 'moonboot' for the session with the sculptors, having fractured a bone in his right foot in the clash between St Kilda and Melbourne only four days earlier, which is likely to



Ben Long recreates Nicky Winmar's famous gesture.

keep him off the field for up to 10 weeks.

"It means a lot to me and his family and everyone around Australia," Long said.

"To be at the St Kilda football club and come here knowing of Nicky Winmar doing that gesture and being an Indigenous young man means a lot to me.

"He's obviously a man that stuck up for

himself back in that time; that's a big thing to do, back in those days. I reckon it changed the face of AFL footy these days and probably changed things around Australia, which is a great thing."

He is grateful for Winmar's gesture, and he has never experienced racial taunts on the field himself.

"Indigenous young talented boys and girls that play footy can come into an environment in which they can be very comfortable being around non-Indigenous people," said Long, who was born in Nhulunbuy (Arnhem Land) and grew up in Darwin until he moved to Melbourne for school in his mid teens.

Tragic death in custody brings justice into focus

By DARREN COYNE

HE was only 19.

Yet another young Aboriginal man has died in a Western Australian prison, calling into question the state's ability to stem the flow of deaths in custody.

The inmate collapsed and died at the Derby prison facility in the Kimberley region on April 26. The WA Department of Corrective Services issued a statement shortly after, saying the 'sentenced prisoner' collapsed suddenly at 4.45pm.

"Prison health staff immediately attended the medical emergency and being unable to detect a pulse on the 'offender' provided CPR while an ambulance was on route," the statement to the ABC said.

Paramedics transferred the 19-year-old to Derby Hospital, where he died at 5.26pm.

Custody Watch WA chairman Mervyn Eades said the death was "another tragedy that may have been preventable". He called for a shake-up in the way medical care is delivered to prisoners following the young man's death.

Police conduct questioned in WA youth car chase incident

By DARREN COYNE



DISTURBING videos have emerged of an incident in which a young Aboriginal man was hit by an unmarked police car in Western Australia.

Two separate recordings by bystanders show the police car crossing the road to cut off the 18-year-old before hitting him and knocking him to the ground in the Perth suburb of Thornlie.

The teenager, William Farmer, appeared to suffer a seizure after hitting the ground, but the police officer who was driving the car got out and grabbed him by the jumper, rolled him over, and handcuffed him.

Custody Watch WA chair Mervyn

Eades, who is an uncle of the teenager, told the *Koori Mail* that he agreed with a lawyer's assessment that it was an example of racial profiling.

"Police have gone to ground, saying it's under investigation, and they have said that he was earlier involved in a struggle but the new footage shows there was no struggle and eyewitnesses have said that on television," Mr Eades said. "For police to use a two tonne vehicle to run a teenager down is not acceptable.

"They could've killed him. He is very sore and has had his back scanned and X-rays on his head. He has never had a seizure before."

When the first video of the incident was made public, police claimed the teenager had 'collided' with the car. But more footage from a different

angle emerged last Thursday, which clearly showed the police car veering into the path of the teenager.

Following the public release of the second footage by NITV, the senior sergeant who was driving the car was stood down pending further investigation. Mr Eades said the family had engaged Sydney-based lawyer George Newhouse, from the National Justice Project, to represent them. Mr Newhouse said WA police had a reputation for targeting Aboriginal people.

"In this case the young man has not been charged with any offence but to hit him with a car does not comply with any police code of conduct," he said. "It's not the first time, it seems to be a consistent theme that WA Police abuse their power when it comes to Aboriginal people in WA."

Change the Record did not know the circumstances of the young man's death, they were calling for action to reduce the Aboriginal prison population.

"Governments need to do all they can to prevent our people going into prison. In WA that means the Attorney-General needs to repeal mandatory sentencing immediately," Mr Griffiths said. "Prisons are destroying the lives and futures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, families and communities."

The WA Department of Corrective Services expressed condolences to the family and friends of the young man, whose death is being investigated by WA Police on behalf of the Coroner. Amnesty International called on the WA Government to 'work to reform the justice system towards a focus on prevention, and fund Indigenous-led prevention and diversion programs'.

"Only through a model of prevention and not detention will WA end the soaring rates it locks up Indigenous people, and reduce the number of lives lost in custody," they said.

Casula arts opens with words from the *HART*



Noongar man Ian Michael in *HART*, a performance about the Stolen Generations.



A MORNING with Christine Anu and an evening with Noongar man Ian Michael in *HART*, as he talks about the Stolen Generations, will be offered as part of a new equity program at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre (CPAC). The free program aims to

make art and culture accessible to people from a diverse range of cultural backgrounds and circumstances. CPAC director Craig Donarski said *HART* examines the difficult history of the Stolen Generations from the perspectives of four Noongar men spanning three generations, including performer

and Noongar man Ian Michael, who won the Melbourne Fringe Best Emerging Indigenous Artist award for *HART*.

"Using testimonials from the Stolen Generations, Ian Michael invites audiences to listen in on the silenced stories of his country," he said. In *Christine Anu – In*

Conversation and In Song, the singer performs songs from her career, including songs from the Torres Strait Islands, *Sunshine on a Rainy Day* and *My Island Home*.

She'll also speak about her life and career, her advocacy work, and the importance of Indigenous languages in cultural identity. *Christine Anu – In*

Conversation and In Song will be held on July 10 at 11am.

HART with Ian Michael will be on May 16 (today) at 11am and 7.30pm. Both performances are free and suitable for people aged 12 and over. To claim free equity program tickets, visit www.casulapowerhouse.com/booknow

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Medals awarded for war efforts

By LIINA FLYNN



AFTER 30 years of trying to get his father's war efforts recognised, Edgar Koikie Williams Junior has finally received four war medals on his father's behalf. Mr Williams told the *Koori Mail* that when he received the news, he broke down and cried.

"I couldn't believe it – my wife gave me a cuddle, it was too much," he said. "Now, I'm laughing with joy and my whole neighbourhood is thrilled for me."

His father, Edgar Koikie Williams Senior, has received the 1939-1945 Star, the Pacific Star, the War Medal 1939-1945 and the Australian Service Medal 1939-1945. As reported in the *Koori Mail* on March 7, Mr Williams had been campaigning to get the Australian Government to recognise his father's "silent efforts" during World War II.

His father was bonded to a shipping company in the late 1930s and then loaned to the American marines to guide their ships during the war. He had never officially enlisted in the Navy and as such, was never compensated for his service. He died in his Thursday Island home without having ever having received an army pension or recognition.

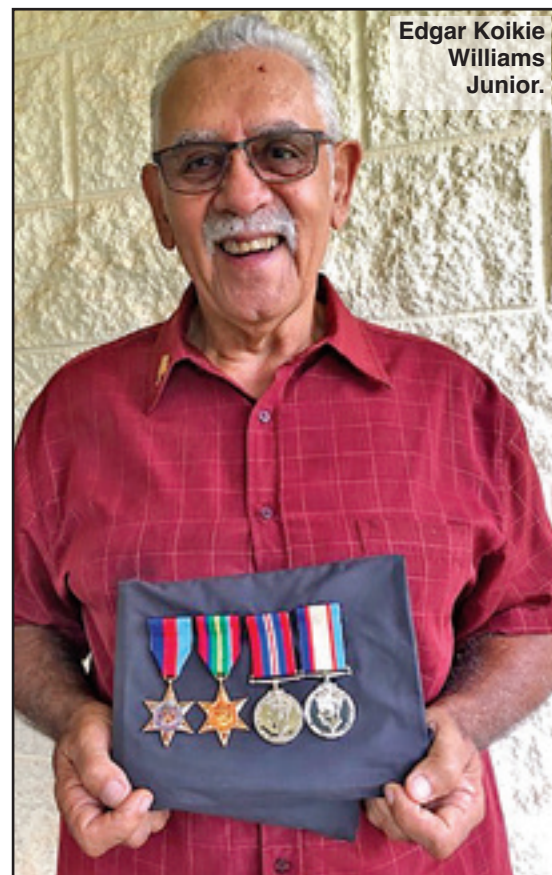
"It's been great to see how quickly doors opened after the media stirred up the story," Mr Williams said.

"It turned into a big boomerang and it's finally coming back to me."

Mr Williams was also hoping to see his father recognised with the American Campaign Medal, the ASIATIC-Pacific Campaign Medal and the Purple Heart Medal.

"I've got the Australian medals, but I'm not sure about the others," Mr Williams said.

"The American Small Ships Association has given me information on who to talk with to get the Americans to recognise Dad's efforts. I'm going to see what happens – after all, they left him stranded in Darwin at the end of the war."



Edgar Koikie Williams Junior.

Mr Williams intends to send replicas of the medals and a photo of himself with them to a new museum on Thursday Island, at its request.

"My brother lives there and told me they built a memorial to the returned soldiers," he said. "The problem is they spelled my dad's name wrong and left the 'e' off the end of Koikie. Eddie Mabo called himself Koiki and took the name from my dad. It would be good if they got the spelling right."

First Peoples have come last in the latest budget



FEDERAL Treasurer Scott Morrison's 2018-19 budget has come under fire for neglecting Indigenous people,

being racially discriminatory and allocating nearly \$50 million towards a Captain Cook memorial.

However, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said First Australians would benefit from a stronger economy, more jobs and guaranteed essential services.

"We are delivering tax relief to hard-working Australian families, guaranteeing the essential services in health, education and community safety that all Australians rely upon, returning the budget to a credible trajectory to surplus, while setting the stage for a return of business confidence and the jobs boom," he said. "We are also ensuring that First Australians have their fair share of this economic success."

Western Australian Labor Senator Pat Dodson told the ABC that, from a First Nations

perspective, the budget was "unimaginative and disastrous".

"The whole approach of this Government is neglectful of First Nations people in the remote areas," he said.

Discarded

"Overall, it's a bit like being a kid who's in a foster home watching all the other kids get a present off the Christmas tree and being left to pick up the glittering wrappers and hopefully play with the busted toys once they have been discarded."

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples said the budget had once again failed to significantly address many of the key concerns of Indigenous communities, organisations, and peoples.

"First Peoples have come last," they said in a statement.

"The Government's priority for First Australians focuses primarily on economic prosperity. While many would welcome this outcome, the Government's roadmap to

accomplishing this prosperity is fanciful, incoherent and sorely lacking in the detail necessary for success."

The Federal Government's decision not to renew the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Housing, which expires in June, was criticised by the WA and Queensland governments, Congress and Senator Dodson.

While Indigenous Australians living in remote areas of the Northern Territory are set to benefit from a \$550 million funding boost from the federal government, other states and territories missed out.

WA Treasurer Ben Wyatt said there had been "a belligerent refusal" to engage with the state government about renewing the agreement for WA, which itself spends \$100 million a year on remote housing.

"The Commonwealth Government has provided \$550 million to the Northern Territory – the other state that has the big demand is of course WA, so that is

a huge failure," he said.

He said it was the single biggest issue facing regional and remote WA, and transitional funding should at least be provided.

The budget included 'wage subsidies' for 6000 jobs in remote areas as part of reforms to the Community Development Program (CDP), a work-for-the-dole scheme.

Racial discrimination

The ACTU said the wage subsidies to the "racially discriminatory" CDP were "grossly inadequate".

ACTU national campaign coordinator Kara Keys said vaguely-worded changes in the budget suggest that CDP will move to the same demerit system used by metropolitan work-for-the-dole schemes – but there was no explanation of how this will reduce the appalling rate of financial penalties which have been the hallmark of the CDP to date.

"The Turnbull Government has monetised the exploitation of

marginalised Indigenous communities because it thinks there will be no political consequences," she said.

"We are determined that there will be severe consequences for this unconscionable conduct.

"Minister Scullion needs to scrap this discriminatory program and focus on the economic autonomy and the dignity of paid work in remote communities.

Anything other than the abolition of this program is unacceptable."

Congress pointed out that \$50 million had been allocated for the memorialisation of the 250th anniversary of Captain Cook's voyage to Australia.

"Whilst gaining pockets of local support, this appears a controversial investment in the Treasurer's own electorate," they said.

"Our preference would be to redirect these funds into community based Closing the Gap initiatives to address the negative impacts of the European invasion of Australia."

She got love... and controversy



Jessica Mauboy placed 20th in the Eurovision Song Contest.



AUSTRALIA has failed to win Eurovision after an exuberant performance by Jessica Mauboy wasn't enough to beat Israel's #MeToo anthem, *Toy*, performed by Netta Barzilai at the 63rd Eurovision Song Contest in Portugal.

Australia got the lowest score of nine points from the tele vote, despite coming 12th in the jury vote, to place 20th overall with 99 points. It's the first time in its four years in the contest that Australia has placed outside of the top 10.

Darwin-born Mauboy put in a note-perfect rendition of the pop song *We Got Love* but Barzilai ran away with the victory, scoring 529 points at Lisbon's Altice Arena. Wearing the same short purple dress

she wore in the semi-final, Mauboy was the 16th performer out of a total 26 countries competing in the grand final.

Barzilai, a singer and looping artist, performed her quirky song with a strange chicken-noise breakdown, designed to imitate a coward who treats a woman like a toy. It marks the fourth win for Israel, which has been in the contest since 1973. Barzilai's win means next year's Eurovision Song Contest will be held in Israel.

Prior to this year's finals, Mauboy came under fire for performing at Israel Calling, a free concert in Tel Aviv featuring Eurovision finalists. Aboriginal activist group FIRE (Fighting In Resistance Equally) called for a boycott of all Mauboy's future performances.

"FIRE would like to express its disgust

and disappointment at Aboriginal artist Jessica Mauboy's decision to perform on occupied Palestinian land, known as Israel," they said in a statement.

"Aboriginal people must show solidarity with the Palestinians and their struggle; we shouldn't be holding hands with their oppressor, singing kumbaya.

"If Jessica reads this: Jessica you are singing on stolen land, the land of the Palestinian people. It always was and always will be Palestinian land. Does this sound familiar? You are singing on land where a genocide is taking place now. Is your career worth the blood money?"

Prominent writers, including Aboriginal journalist Amy McGuire, writer Nayuka Gorrie and activist Meriki Onus, penned an open letter to Mauboy on independent

news site *New Matilda*, saying that the oppression of Palestinians shared many similarities with Aboriginal people.

"We share a history of settler-colonialism, and this land that you routinely celebrate on Australia Day, when you sing the national anthem, is founded on the dispossession of our people and the destruction of our traditional lands," they wrote. "We know that there is a greater onus on Aboriginal public figures, which at times can be extremely unfair. But the least we could expect of you is that you stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people, who share so much in common with us in the global struggle. An act of resistance could be as easy as refusing to participate. You could refuse to accept the benefits that come with uncritically supporting Israel."

Brooke stars in doco

By JILLIAN MUNDY



'BETTER than Lionel Rose', 'Brooke now the Idol in a New Boxing Era' and 'The Boxer who Never Runs Out of Puff'. These are just a few of headlines from Gunditjmara boxing champion Graeme 'Porky' Brooke's heyday in the 1980s.

Then 'Brooke KO'd by Scan'.

Brooke first stepped into the ring at 14. He wanted to be like his first cousin, legendary boxer Lionel Rose.

Like Rose, he was trained by Jack Rennie, who had no doubt Brooke had what it took.

At the age of 21, in his 19th straight win, Brooke took out the Commonwealth lightweight title at Melbourne's Festival Hall.

Renowned for devastating hand speed and combinations, dedication and ambition, he drew sell-out crowds in big venues and had loyal fans and supporters, including his parents, who even mortgaged their house to promote one of his fights. The obvious next step was a world title.

He was and still is revered as a gentleman and role model – a champion inside and outside the ring.

But in 1985, only a year after winning the Commonwealth title, his career came to a sudden end when his boxing licence was stripped from him on account of a brain scan.

Brooke, and others, believe it was 'all politics' rather than a medical decision. He took his battle to the courts and lost.

"Boxing was my life. I was shattered," Brooke says in a new documentary on his life.

The documentary, *Stolen Glory: The Tale of Porky Brooke*, which premiered last week at the

Sun Cinema in Melbourne's western suburbs, tells of Brooke's rise to boxing glory and untimely and controversial exit.

It features archival footage and interviews with boxing historians and promoters.

Australian boxing manager Mike Altamura, who appears in the documentary, described Brooke as a legend, humble young warrior, gifted fighter and talented athlete cut short in his prime.

"It was the early days of testing," he explained.

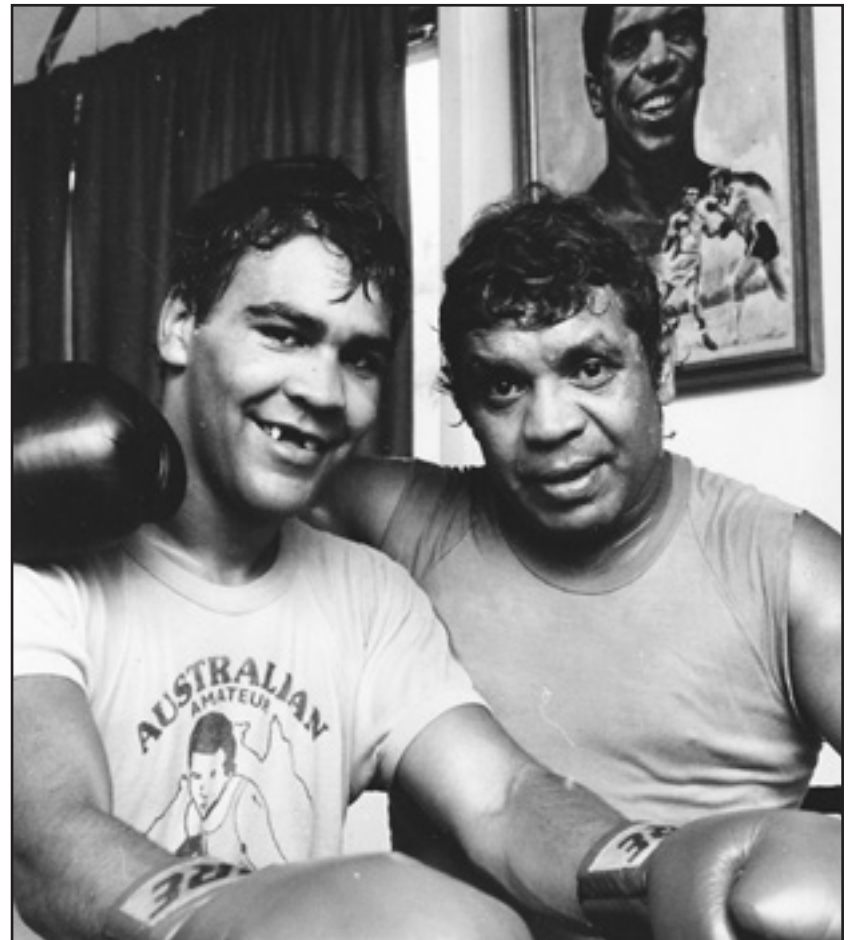
"He was ruled out on what would now be perceived as an errant scan. If that same test was conducted nowadays you would have a second and third opinion and you would be cleared to fight. It would just be seen as a brain irregularity."

There are candid interviews with Brooke, as well his sparring partners, fighting opponents, and close friends – boxing greats Lester Ellis Snr and Barry Michael.

Friends, family, the Aboriginal, boxing community and local community members joined the trio of Melbourne western suburb's legends for the sold-out screening, which included photo opportunities, an entertaining and emotive Q&A session, and a poster signing with a queue extending out the cinema onto the street.

Filmmaker Aaron Ellis, the nephew of Lester Ellis Snr, who grew up hearing about Brooke, approached him in the early stages of production asking if he was ever in the newspaper. An ever-humble Brooke told him a few times, then fished out a massive scrapbook of newspaper clippings from the shed and a two-and-a-half hour DVD of 30-second newsflashes from the "couple of times" he was on the news.

The documentary, made by Welcome Stranger Productions, is about to hit the festival circuit and producers are in talks with ABC and NITV.



A young Graeme 'Porky' Brooke and his cousin and idol, the legendary Lionel Rose.



Local Koori mob ready for the screening, from left, Karen Jackson, Tyson Austin, Troy Austin, Jamaica Ilsley, Lowana Moore and Arnel Davis.



Main man Graeme 'Porky' Brooke and documentary director Aaron Ellis.



Felicia and Carl Atkinson travelled down from Shepperton to see the documentary.



Partners Julianne Fraser and Keith Randall pumped to see the movie.

Aboriginal artists Wynne prizes



ABORIGINAL women have won two of Australia's most prestigious art awards. Pintupi artist Yukultji

Napangati has been awarded the \$50,000 Wynne Prize for best landscape painting or figure sculpture and Yankunytjatjara artist Kaylene Whiskey won the \$40,000 Sulman Prize for the best genre painting, subject painting or mural project.

And, in the third major art prize announced at the Art Gallery of NSW last week, Western Aranda man Vincent Namatjira received the highly commended award in the Archibald, Australia's biggest portrait prize, for his studio self-portrait.

Napangati said her winning painting *Untitled* was associated with Yunala, a rock hole and soakage water site among sandhills west of Kiwirrkura, Western Australia.

"During ancestral times a group of women camped at this site," she said.

"While at Yunala, the women camped beside the rock hole, digging for the edible roots of the bush banana or silky pear vine (*Marsdenia australis*), also known as yunala. The lines in the work represent both the sandhills surrounding the site as well as the yunala tubers underground. The women later continued their travels east, passing through Marrapinti, Ngaminya and Wirrunga on their way to Wilkinkarra."

A new award was introduced this year – the Roberts Family Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prize of \$10,000 to an Indigenous finalist in the Wynne Prize – which went to 95-year-old artist Wawiriya Burton.

It's the third year in a row the Wynne has been won by an Aboriginal painting, following on from *Pumani* by Betty Kuntiwa last year and *Seven Sisters* by the Ken family in 2016.

2018 broke last year's record for Wynne finalist works by artists who



Wawiriya Burton, a senior woman from the Amata community in the APY Lands, won the Roberts Family Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prize for an Indigenous finalist in the Wynne Prize.

identify as Aboriginal. In 2017, 15 of the 42 Wynne finalist artworks were by artists who identified as Aboriginal, and in 2018, it is 18 of the 46 finalist works. Three Aboriginal artists – Namatjira, Blak Douglas and Tiger Yaltangki – were finalists in the Archibald.

A portrait of Aboriginal filmmaker Warwick Thornton by David Griggs and a portrait of Aboriginal artist Tony Albert by Ben Smith also made the finalists.

And two Aboriginal artists, Kaylene Whiskey and Jaye Early, were finalists in the Sulman. Whiskey said her painting *Kaylene TV* was about two strong kungkaskas (women).

"Cher is singing a song on the

microphone; she is having a great time because her boots have silver spurs and are really tall above her knees," she said.

"Dolly Parton is wearing the pink overalls with pockets. Dolly has been skateboarding at the shops. She must have bought that Christmas present for Cher because they are good friends – they like to sing together!"

"Kaylene TV is playing some good songs like *Rage*, and there is a big mingkulpa (local native tobacco) plant growing underneath the good boomerangs."

Right: Kaylene Whiskey's Sulman Prize-winning artwork *Kaylene TV*.



\$30m for Palm claim

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island mayor Alf Lacey has appealed to members of the community to work together after the Queensland Government agreed to the settlement of a class action in the Federal Court. The government has agreed to apologise to Palm Islanders and pay \$30 million to 447 claimants to settle a class action – initiated in 2015 by Lex Wotton, his wife Cecilia and mother Agnes – over the way they were treated in the days after the police station was burned down in 2004, following the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee.

Cr Lacey said it was time to move on.

"While this is recognition of a dark chapter in our past, we must now draw a line in the sand," he said.

"It is time to look to the future. It is time to be respectful of the past and its lessons, and carefully guide our next generation of leaders towards a strong, unified Palm Island."

He said the community deserved better than squabbles over money or recognition.

"This is about sharing hope with our children and teaching them it is not the right way to protest with violence," he said. "Our community will only suffer for it."

"Our community deserves better. You deserve better. Together, united, we can ensure the next chapter in Palm Island's story stirs pride and hope. I appeal to everyone to put individual agendas aside, and work as one to ensure this happens."



Lex Wotton, Agnes Wotton, Fleur Wotton and Cecilia Wotton.

Mr Doomadgee's cousin Alec said the community was still traumatised by his death and the events surrounding it.

"We will never move on. We will never forget and no amount of money will change that," Alec Doomadgee told AAP.

"We will never forget our Cameron. The community has suffered greatly. It's been a long road. It's a good day for the community and all the families who have been affected by the unfortunate death of my cousin."

"There's been a flow-on effect. We've also lost Cameron's son, his mother also has

passed. No amount of money or time will bring back what we've lost."

Deputy Premier and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Jackie Trad said the government would work with the Palm Island community on a fitting way to recognise the apology.

"I know that for many Palm Islanders this was an incredibly difficult time in their history but I look forward to continuing to work closely with the community as we move forward together," she said.

The class action included allegations of police discrimination following the death in custody of 36-year-old Mulrunji at Palm Island on November 19, 2004.

The action alleged that Queensland police unlawfully entered homes and held unarmed residents at gunpoint when arresting alleged participants in a riot which resulted in the Palm Island police station and courthouse being torched a week later.

Mr Wotton was sentenced to six years jail in November 2008 for his involvement in the uprising and was released on parole in July 2010.

Arresting officer Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley was charged over Mulrunji's death, but a jury acquitted him of manslaughter in 2007. In a December 2016 Federal Court ruling, Justice Debbie Mortimer found in favour of Lex, Cecilia and Agnes Wotton, finding that the conduct of certain police officers in 2004 contravened section 9(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* and that the actions of certain police were unlawful.

Queensland Police Union president Ian Leavers criticised the settlement.

"We ... cannot understand how a court can award \$30 million and order a government to apologise to Palm Island when a police station was burned down and riots were caused," he said.

"I reject the suggestion that police in these communities act in a racist manner and I know that police in these communities reject that suggestion too."

"I believe it is the police themselves who deserve the apology." – *With AAP*

Warriors in the rigging

By CHRISTINE HOWES



SAILING a C-class tall ship is no breeze, but it's been all hands on deck for three different crews from

three different pick up locations between Sydney and Cairns on a recent maritime training trip chartered by the Tribal Warrior.

The *Coral Trekker's* captain, Kippa Zechariah, said the massive journey started with 11 Kooris from Sydney on board to Magnetic Island, just off Townsville, then to Palm Island, where a crew of 10 came on board to sail to Cairns, who then swapped shifts with a group of eight from Yarrabah.

The 18-strong north Queensland crew spent four days training on land before setting sail again for Sydney.

"From the moment they step on the boat it's training. It's just full-on," Captain Zechariah said.

"They tend watches, they work the sails, they do anchor watches – they soak it up as an experience.

"The potential in the maritime industry for Indigenous people is just incredible, because they live on the water, they know the water, they've got their stories to tell and they're careful of looking after the ocean, the reef and the rest of it. They've become and are becoming really competent seafarers, so they can get master jobs driving ferries, tourist boats, fishing boats, tug boats or whatever."

Youngest on board, 16-year-old Eric Martin from Palm Island, who is still at school, said he loved the experience.

"It was a great adventure going to all those little islands and seeing how things work on the boat," he said.

"The best thing was climbing the main mast; it was nice seeing the whole view."

Good mate Joshua Friday, 24, said it had been awesome.

"A lot of discipline, a lot of hard work and a lot of good," he said.

Eric's uncle, Valentine Nona – the oldest on board at 63 – said he believed the crew had come out as different people.

"We've all been in the same ship and sailing under that discipline," he said.

"In the maritime industry there are so many different pathways, and I know that there is a future. I'll be looking at starting a



The *Coral Trekker* coming into the Cairns marina.

business and I believe a couple of the others are thinking the same.

"This would never have happened without the work of (Tribal Warrior founder) Shane Phillips and other people, and I think the combination of the sea and our people fits nicely."

Mala Neal, who joined the crew in Cairns, said he had thought about doing some maritime training for some time.

"Opportunities are coming for our community. A jetty is not too far away and hopefully it's a stepping stone," he said.

"We've been looking forward to this. I think the youths have been very excited."

Captain Zechariah said he couldn't speak highly enough of the participants.

"I've seen them become really confident," he said.

"I've seen them develop some really wonderful skills and I couldn't speak highly enough of them. It's just been a really wonderful crew, full of enthusiasm, respectful and easy

to get along with, and they got into their chores and their work tasks. Just pretty remarkable. We had beautiful weather all the way, and we had some night sailing, which is a wonderful experience for anyone to have.

"Some of the younger ones were really keen on being up in the rigging. I'd come out on deck and wonder where young Eric was, couldn't find him, and he'd be up the mast, just sitting up there.

"The navigation is quite a complex sort of subject and many people struggle with it theoretically, and these guys weren't any different, but then when they get out on deck with the hand-bearing compass and a chart and they're plotting our positions, doing running fixes, plotting tide – when that happens it's a lot of joy.

"You know they're confident; they've got it. And if they've done all that, they've done all their navigation and all the seamanship skills they can learn living on a boat.



Ricky Mooner and Eric Martin in the rigging on the *Coral Trekker*.



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Travelling films bring magic to NT



ANINDILYAKWA man Steve Bakala Wurramara had a dream that an ancestor spirit came to him and told him how to find the cure for his hereditary neurodegenerative disease.

The dream sparked him to collaborate with filmmakers and make *Bakala*, a 15-minute short film about his search for a cure from traditional bush medicines in the land.

The film is part of the Northern Territory Film Festival which will be screening in different locations from May 21 until June 9.

Bakala's co-director, Wadi Wadi/Walbanga woman Alison Page, made the film on Groote Eylandt and filmed it in the local language over three weeks.

"Black magic still permeates the remote Indigenous community in far northern Australia," she said.

"In the movie, Bakala enlists the help of his daughter before she too is diagnosed with the



Anindilyakwa man Steve Bakala Wurramara searches for a cure to his disease.

hereditary disease. As his desperation grows and his disorder takes an ever greater hold, Bakala realises he must fight this ancient curse to unlock the secrets of his ancestors."

Ms Page said in real life, actor Steve Bakala Wurramara is a spiritual leader and is collecting traditional bush medicines and sending them to

scientists to be tested for their healing properties.

"He will never give up in his search for a cure for Machado Joseph Disease (MJD)," Ms Page said.

"It's a big problem in many Aboriginal communities. Sometimes it skips a generation, but the child that doesn't have it still carries the genes and you

don't know till something goes wrong."

Ms Page said she hopes the film will raise awareness about MJD and encourage people to donate money to the MJD Foundation, which is working toward finding a cure as well as taking stories about the Anindilyakwa people to the world.

For more information, visit www.bakalathefilm.com

The Northern Territory Film Festival includes four original films from the Indigenous short film program – *Carry The Flag*, *Finding Maawirangga*, *The Greedy Emu* and *Bakala* – all exploring cultural issues and finding solace in ancestral locations – as well as the film *Nulla Nulla*.

Screening locations and dates include Anzac Hill in Alice Springs on May 25, Tennant Creek on May 26, Nitmiluk National Park on June 3, Kakadu National Park on June 9 and in the communities of Tangentyere, Ntaria, Mungkarta, Elliot, Borroloola, Beswick, Gunbalanya, Barunga and Binjari.

Local filmmakers and young people will have the chance to participate in workshops and see their own creations on the big screen before the program of shorts. For more information about the short films and screenings, visit nttravellingfilmfestival.com

NT child welfare services left child at risk of harm



A TWO-year-old girl raped in Tennant Creek was clearly at risk of harm which could have been managed or mitigated, a report scathing of child welfare services has found.

A 24-year-old man was charged with sexual assault over the February attack in which the toddler suffered significant and painful injuries.

She tested positive for a sexually transmitted disease and was provided with post-exposure HIV medication.

She was transferred from Tennant Creek to Alice Springs and then the Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital for surgery and a blood transfusion, Children's Commissioner Colleen Gwynne said in a report tabled in the NT Parliament.

The girl remains in South Australia with her brother after being removed from their mother's care.

Ms Gwynne said in her report that it was not the only violence that the girl had experienced in her short life and it was foreseeable that she was at risk of harm.

"And that risk could have been managed or mitigated," she said.

The report is damning for Territory Families, the department responsible, which said after the attack it had had no specific concerns about the girl.

"Significant contact with police had also occurred with her siblings and both parents, culminating in over 150 recorded interactions," Ms Gwynne said.

Territory Families has rejected the report, denying there was any more or less evidence than 'many cases' across the NT to indicate the two-year-old was at risk of being raped.

The notifications to authorities included experience of and exposure to domestic violence and parental substance abuse, lack

of education (school attendance), neglect, emotional harm, physical harm and sexual abuse of the children.

"Prior to the most recent alleged sexual assault upon (the girl), police had also conducted investigations in relation to sexual and physical abuse upon her siblings. Some of these investigations resulted in prosecutions, with the perpetrator incarcerated," Ms Gwynne said.

Territory Families was described as having systemic cultural problems, notably that its staff put the right to privacy – in line with the "confusing" *Information Act* – above the need to protect children and keep them safe. Information was then not shared properly by the police and various government agencies, so that at "critical intervention points ... the system has failed her and her siblings", the report said.

Territory Families Minister Dale Wakefield told parliament she accepted the

commissioner's 14 recommendations and that the NT Government accepted it had failed the child.

"Many of the recommendations are consistent with recommendations from the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children," she said.

Among those is addressing a backlog of overdue investigations.

Deputy Opposition leader Lia Finocchiaro said case workers were overwhelmed, but instead of being "defensive" Territory Families should admit its systems had to change so serious cases of children in danger didn't "fall through the cracks".

The Tennant Creek-based Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, which has previously said local police and government agencies had failed the community, says it must be involved in finding whatever solutions are needed to protect children. – AAP



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Positions are available in any relevant discipline, at levels A-E, in one of the seven ANU Colleges or the National Centre for

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Closing date

There is no closing date. Expressions of interest will be considered as received and should include a covering letter, curriculum vitae, and a summary of research and teaching experience and interests. Applications can be submitted at jobs.anu.edu.au

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Students holiday at university

Indigenous Year 12 students at the University of Western Australia leadership seminar.



MAKING moulds of teeth at the University of Western Australia (UWA) dental school might seem like an unusual school holiday activity.

But for 40 Indigenous Year 12 students from remote areas of WA, it was just one of the many activities they took part in when they came to UWA for a Year 12 leadership seminar.

The students arrived in Perth for the week-long camp, which offered a range of academic,

social and cultural activities as well as networking opportunities with like-minded students, UWA staff and graduates.

Other activities included a workshop on self-esteem and respect as well as a special visit to Domain stadium to hear from Indigenous leaders from the West Coast Eagles, including Brendon Ah Chee, a former Year 12 leadership seminar student.

Students also learned about UWA entry requirements, scholarships and other information that would assist with their transition to university.

The seminar was organised by UWA's School of Indigenous Studies (SIS) and attracted students from Albany, Mt Barker, Bunbury, Carnarvon, Geraldton, Mullewa, Morawa, Karratha, Newman, Kalgoorlie, Wickham, Derby, Broome and Kununurra.

Leeanne Dolby from Broome attended the camp and said it was really valuable to help ease the transition into university.

"I had a few anxieties about going away from my mob and down to Perth, but now it feels a lot more like home because there is help from SIS and also other

students who are coming down with me to start at UWA," she said.

"I've learned I don't necessarily need a high ATAR score to get into university. I want to study medicine or dentistry so eventually I can go back to either Wyndham or Broome and help my people."

Shantay Tidswell attends North Albany Senior High School and is returning to UWA after attending the Year 10 science, health and engineering camp.

"I'm not the kind of person who has no idea what they want to do

— I'm the kind that has lots of ideas of what to do, so this camp is able to shortlist those for me," Ms Tidswell said.

"The camp has reassured me that the transition into university is not as scary as I thought."

Since 1988, the School of Indigenous Studies has assisted nearly 400 Indigenous students to graduate in fields such as medicine, dentistry, engineering, law, health science, sports science, business and the arts.

Many of them have also participated in other high school outreach activities.

Parents take life skills beyond the barbed wire



A PROGRAM designed to teach parenting and life skills to incarcerated mothers in rural NSW has seen the recidivism rate drop to a sixth of the national average.

The Beyond Barbed Wire program, conducted by children's charity Barnardos, began targeting mostly Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander mothers in western NSW in 2013. The women are assigned mentors who help them navigate housing and employment

support as well as education.

Staying out of prison to provide a stable life for their family becomes a focus of the program.

About 75% of participants said their parenting skills had improved and 95% have a better relationship with their children, a review released by the Western Research Institute (WRI) found.

And, in what the review calls a "strong outcome", only 7% of the program's participants find themselves back behind

bars. In contrast, 66% of Indigenous women in NSW prisons are reoffenders, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Among the women who have found success with the program is Laura, who spent time in Wellington Correctional Centre.

"It took a toll on my kids," she says in a video released with the report. I didn't like my kids visiting me or nothing, because I didn't want to let them go."

Laura explains she hadn't had her own house for 10 years and was prone to

reoffending before joining the program.

She has now spent two years outside the corrective system.

The program was also found to reduce the cost on health, welfare and justice systems.

"The results of the benefit/cost analysis indicated that for every dollar spent in the Beyond Barbed Wire program, more than two dollars of benefit is returned to the communities where the program is delivered," WRI chief executive Kathy Woolley said. — AAP



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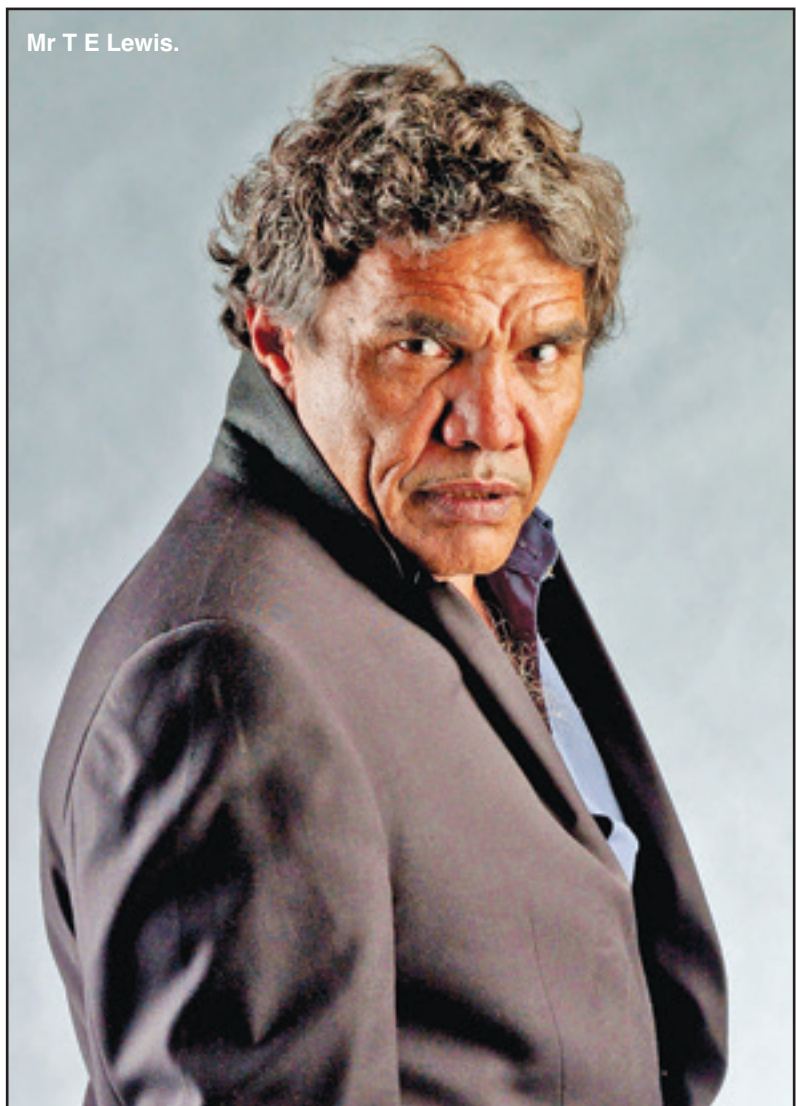
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Mr T E Lewis.



Stage and screen star remembered



MURRUNGUN actor and musician Mr T E Lewis, 59, passed away last week at his home in Katherine in the Northern Territory.

His family said in a statement that Balang Lewis would be greatly missed.

"Mr Lewis will be forever remembered for his compelling and enduring work on stage and screen over 40 years, as a renowned musician, and as the driving force and vision behind Djilpin Arts with his partner and his extended family of Beswick and Arnhem Land communities," they said.

Balang Lewis' distinguished acting career began with the title role as a 20-year-old in the 1978 film *The Chant of Jimmie*

Blacksmith. He had a long and distinguished acting and musical career over four decades that took him around the world.

He spent many years in Melbourne theatre, playing Shakespeare's *Othello* and *King Lear*, and also wrote and produced his own work.

He co-wrote and starred in a reworking of *King Lear*, set in a remote Aboriginal community and using dialogue in Kriol, Yumpla Tok from the Torres Strait and one of the Yolngu languages, Gupapuyngu.

Balang Lewis also co-wrote a short documentary film, *Yellow Fella*, which was the first Australian Indigenous documentary selected to screen at the Cannes Film Festival.

Water is still unsafe in NT town camps

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL residents living in Northern Territory town camps at the centre of a lead contamination scare have

accused government officials of ignoring their plight.

After almost a month of having to drink bottled water, residents of the Garawa 1 and Garawa 2 camps outside Borroloola are demanding answers.

The NT Government announced last week that the Garawa 1 water supply no longer had elevated levels of lead and manganese, but the Garawa 2 supply still remains unsafe to drink.

Garawa community leader Keith Rory told the *Koori Mail* that calls for blood testing to determine whether anyone had been poisoned by the water had fallen on deaf ears.

Mr Rory accused the NT Health Department of failing to provide adequate information to residents following the discovery of the contamination.

"There has not been enough information. They knew this water was polluted but all they did was send out bits of paper," he said. "They should have arranged a meeting and told us the details but it went the wrong way and we still don't have answers."

When the contamination scare first erupted, Mr Rory

went on the ABC calling for blood tests to determine whether anyone had been poisoned.

"I wanted the kids, breastfeeding and upwards, to be tested to make sure they haven't got lead inside them but I haven't heard from them ever since. That was last month and the concern remains. I rang the health department and spoke to the assistant manager and asked him to inform the manager but that still didn't happen.

"This is a big concern for us.

Garawa 1 supply was once again safe to drink, but the nearby Garawa 2 supply was not.

"Levels of lead and manganese in the Garawa 2 water supply have reduced substantially but still exceed the health values of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines," the statement said. "People living in Garawa 2 should continue to use water from the tanker supplied by Mabunji, bottled water or water from another location in Borroloola for drinking, making food and

cleaning their teeth until the Health Department tells them the water is safe to drink."

Mr Rory said the statement was simply not good enough as it did not provide any details about the source of the contamination.

He said if the problem was with the plumbing in the camps, then it needed to be addressed.

"If we have to dig around for the money to replace the pipes then that is what we must do," he said.

A review of town camps, commissioned by the Northern Territory Government, has recommended millions of dollars in works to upgrade the two camps' water supply to current design standards.

According to that report, the estimated costs for Garawa 1 were \$14,000 to maintain the current system or \$3.75 million to bring it up to current design standards. The respective costs for Garawa 2 were \$1000 and \$3.62 million.

Gawara community leader Keith Rory told the *Koori Mail* that calls for blood testing to determine whether anyone had been poisoned by the water had fallen on deaf ears.

We want to know exactly what is happening. We want to know the truth, whether we have been contaminated or not."

Mr Rory, who is also the Northern Land Council's delegate to the area, said he would begin organising a community meeting on Monday.

The *Koori Mail* contacted the Health Department on Friday and asked whether testing was being reconsidered, and whether health officials would attend a community meeting if Mr Rory organised it.

At the time of publication the Health Department had not responded to the questions.

In a statement issued last week, the Department said testing had shown that the

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Anyone with any knowledge of Mr Faraway is asked to contact the Public Trustee and Guardian on (02) 62079800 or by email at ptg@act.gov.au (refer Andrew Taylor) by COB Friday 1 June 2018.

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Rangers face funding danger



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander rangers could be unfairly caught up in the Federal Government's crackdown on foreign political influence, senators have warned. A Greens motion, calling on the government to acknowledge foreign influence legislation could go further than intended, passed the Upper House last week. Indigenous rangers are partly funded by an American charitable trust, raising concerns they could fall foul of the proposed laws.

Western Australian Greens Senator Rachel Siewert described the legislation as "truly farcical". "They are our First Peoples and it demonstrates the glaring flaws in the legislation," she said.

Many charities and not-for-profits rely on international philanthropy to advocate for environmental and humanitarian causes.

"I urge the government to heed the calls of the Senate and go back to the drawing board and

ensure they do not impinge on civil society and democracy in Australia," Senator Siewert said.

But Liberal frontbencher James McGrath said the rangers' foreign funding would not be banned by the legislation.

"It merely requires groups funded by foreign principals for the purpose of influencing Australian democracy to register," Senator McGrath told parliament.

Labor Senator Jacinta Collins said there were very real concerns the Bill would have unintended consequences.

"We can clean up donations without silencing our community sector," she told the Senate.

The draft laws have come under fire from media organisations, charities and universities, with claims they could curtail their activities and funding.

Senator McGrath said the government was open to sensible changes to the legislation once a parliamentary committee's report on the Bill was delivered. — AAP



Geoff Sellman painting *Her Opal Spirits*.

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Art sells NAIDOC theme

By KEIRA JENKINS



SYDNEY-based artist Geoff Sellman is one of four Indigenous artists to have his artwork featured on clothing company Lifewear Australia's 2018 NAIDOC collection.

Mr Sellman, who is from the Goreng Goreng nation in Queensland, said his artwork *Her Opal Spirits* is a tribute to his Auntie Vi, paying homage to the NAIDOC theme 'Because of her, we can'.

"Auntie Vi went opal hunting for years," Mr Sellman told the *Koori Mail*.

"She had all these beautiful opals. When she was buried it was Auntie Vi's wish that the opals were laid on her chest and went back into the ground."

Mr Sellman said NAIDOC means a lot to him, especially with this year's theme celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

He said it was the women in

his family who encouraged him and taught him to paint.

"Auntie Vi was a painter and my mother is an artist," Mr Sellman said.

"My love of painting comes from the feminine side of my family. They taught me so much.

"Whoever thought of this theme is spot on. It's so appropriate, considering all that Aboriginal women have done, especially in encouraging the younger generations."

Mr Sellman said he's already had plenty of positive feedback about his designs.

"I've been telling people and some have already gone out and purchased things," he said.

"My grandson has a shirt, which looks great. It's really great but also overwhelming to know that people are wearing it [my artwork]."

Mr Sellman's work is featured on Lifewear's range of leggings, polo shirts, hoodies, totes and scarves, alongside designs from Queensland's Ailsha Walsh, Torres Strait

Islander artist Glen Mackie, and South Australia's Amanda Conway.

The Copyright Agency helped negotiate Mr Sellman's licensing agreement with Lifewear.

Copyright Agency's visual arts manager Judy Grady said the work of companies like Lifewear, who respect and credit artists for their work, is important.

"It's important to protect the artists and their work and it's important from a cultural perspective," she said.

"An artwork may be appropriate for use in one way but not another and it's important that when a work is being reproduced it retains its original meaning.

"Geoff has been really pleased with how the artwork was reproduced and that's really important to us."

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Unique thesis heals



ARRENTE woman Dr Jennifer Caruso used her experiences as a member of the Stolen Generations to write a thesis that earned her a Doctorate in Philosophy from the University of Adelaide.

Dr Caruso, who received her PhD last month, said her research thesis is a work of deeply personal reflection and historical investigation. It is considered an analysis of the relationship between church, state and anthropology, the subsequent forced removal policies and their ongoing impact on Caruso and other survivors.

Dr Caruso's research is unique in the way that it intertwines her personal narrative with that of the national context and collapses the usual boundary between past and present.

As a child in the mid 1950s, Dr Caruso, along with her brothers and sisters, was removed from her family and country and placed on the Croker Island Mission in the Top End.

"I write from the personal point of what that removal meant – that I was then sent down to Adelaide to a non-Aboriginal family, and that I

spent decades being assimilated," she said.

"I talk about my personal feelings, both over those decades, and now as a grown woman – how it influenced the ways I raised my children, and the fears I had of them being taken away."

Written for both the Aboriginal and broader community, Dr Caruso hopes that her work will educate the public about the uncomfortable truths of our nation's history and

work," she said.

"People are radiating a sense of relief and release that one of their own is advocating for all Stolen Generations and reinforcing that their lives matter, they matter and knowing their experiences are crucial to this nation."

In addition to her PhD, Dr Caruso was also awarded the Dean's Commendation for Doctoral Thesis Excellence by Professor John Williams, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research Operations) and Dean of Graduate Studies at Adelaide University.

This commendation highlights what has been a long

relationship with the University of Adelaide, with Dr Caruso's university career beginning in 1999 as a student support officer at Wirrtu Yarluy Aboriginal Education Unit.

Since then, she has completed her Bachelor and Honours degrees while working concurrently across multiple faculties, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and ensuring the inclusion of Aboriginal perspectives and knowledge bases across teaching and learning programs.

Dr Jennifer Caruso is one of 17 Indigenous students to graduate from Adelaide University this semester.

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contribute to the continued growth in knowledge about the Stolen Generations.

"I hope that, when published, the thesis can be used as a reference in university learning and teaching on Australian history, and give Aboriginal people including the Stolen Generations a source they can use to fill in the gaps in their own personal history," she said.

She also hopes that her thesis can support a process of healing for both herself and other survivors.

"I am feeling a sense of healing in Aboriginal people, particularly from the Stolen Generations, when they talk to me about my



Dr Jennifer Caruso earned her Doctorate in Philosophy from the University of Adelaide.

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DRAFT JOINT MANAGEMENT PLAN for the Dja Dja Wurrung Parks

Public Consultation from the 19 April to 19 June 2018

Community Drop-In Sessions

18, 19 and 20 May 2018

The Dhelkunya Dja Land Management Board has prepared a **Draft Joint Management Plan for the Dja Dja Wurrung Parks** and is conducting a two month Public Consultation from the 19 April to 19 June 2018 on the draft JMP in accordance with Section 82 P of the *Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 (Vic.)*

The Board Welcomes Members of the Community to drop in and find out more about the Draft Joint Management Plan for the Dja Dja Wurrung Parks. The sessions offer you the opportunity to discuss any initiatives that are of interest to you with members of the project team, and how to provide feedback on the plan.

MELBOURNE	Friday 18 May	2:00pm – 4:30pm
Venue: 8 Nicholson St – Upstairs at Café Ecco		
BENDIGO	Saturday 19 May	10:00am-12.30pm
Venue: Activity Room 1, Bendigo Library, 259 Hargreaves St		
INGLEWOOD	Saturday 19 May	2:00pm – 4:30pm
Venue: Inglewood Town Hall Hub, 20 Verdon Street		
CASTLEMAINE	Sunday 20 May	10:00am-12.30pm
Venue: Ray Bradfield Room, Forest Street -next to Victory Park (access from IGA car park)		
DAYLESFORD	Sunday 20 May	2:00pm – 4:30pm
Venue: The Paddock Neighbourhood Centre, 13 Camp Street		

The Dja Dja Wurrung Parks are: • Greater Bendigo National Park • Hepburn Regional Park • Paddys Ranges State Park • Kara Kara National Park • Kooyoorra State Park • Wehla Nature Conservation Reserve.

To find out more about the Public Consultation and view the plan visit the website www.dhelkunyadja.org.au



Indigenoise are one of the acts performing at a free *Koori Mail* community event in Lismore, on Saturday, May 26.

Koori Mail hosts free event for all



THE *Koori Mail*, Australia's only national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander newspaper, proudly based in Lismore on Bundjalung country, presents Knowledge, Culture, Country and Connection, a free community event on Saturday, May 26, in Lismore.

The event will celebrate 27 years since the first edition of the *Koori Mail* in 1991, and will also mark National Reconciliation week.

Local organisations and service providers, businesses and community groups will participate in the day, with the *Koori Mail* board of directors hoping the event will bring together communities

across the Bundjalung nation to enjoy a showcase of music, dance, and much more.

Musicians and performers on the day include local Bundjalung acts Teddy Lewis King, Indigenoise, Uncle Billy Smith, Jarrod Hickling and Billy Pitt, and Blakboi.

Guitar sensation Chris Tamwoy will also perform on the day, which will be hosted by actor and entertainer Luke Carroll.

The event will be held at Lismore's Quandrangle (Lismore Regional Gallery), from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, May 26.

Knowledge, Culture, Country and Connection is proudly 100% funded by the *Koori Mail*, the voice of Indigenous Australia.

Water use deal struck



THE Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations

(MLDRIN) have described an agreement struck between the Federal Government and Opposition as a positive step towards recognition of Aboriginal water rights.

But the group says the agreement is a backward step for the ecosystems of the Murray-Darling Basin.

The agreement includes commitments to a roll-out of cultural flows research and an allocation of \$40 million across the Basin to support acquisition of Aboriginal cultural and economic water entitlements.

Last week, Labor struck a deal with the government to ensure the Murray-Darling Basin Plan remained intact.

The Greens had attempted to block \$1.3 billion worth of

'water saving projects', but NSW and Victoria had threatened to walk away from the plan if the Greens succeeded.

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) urged crossbench senators not to support the Greens, saying it would make things harder for irrigation communities. The MDBA wants to return less water to the environment in the southern basin.

MLDRIN acting chair Grant Gigney said he welcomed the Federal Government's commitment to a package of funding and measures to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people in the Basin.

"Unfortunately, cutting 605 billion litres from the water recovery target in the Basin risks undermining some of the very outcomes the package seeks to protect," he said.

"Funding for our

organisations to start the vital work of implementing cultural flows research, and an investment to support First Nations acquisition of water entitlements, are valuable steps toward water justice.

"This is long overdue, bipartisan recognition of First Nations' rights to own and manage water on our country.

"Sadly, this same agreement locks in a major cut to environmental water in the Basin and a package of infrastructure projects that are riddled with risks and uncertainties.

"This agreement represents a further step away from a meaningful water recovery target, which the science shows is essential to restore our greatest river system to health."

The Wilderness Society has threatened to take the Federal Government to the High Court over the plan.

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Stamp honours our 1868 XI



THE first cricket team from Australia to tour internationally, the 1868 Aboriginal XI, has been commemorated on a stamp to mark the 150th anniversary of their tour of England.

Most of the 13 Aboriginal cricketers were Jardwadjali, Gunditjmara and Wotjobaluk men from the western district of Victoria.

Several of the players had played in a match against the Melbourne Cricket Club at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Boxing Day in 1866. Private financiers noticed their talent and asked English professional cricketer Charles Lawrence to captain and coach a team for a tour of England.

The 1868 Aboriginal XI equalled the

playing record of their opponents, winning 14, losing 14 and drawing 19 of the 47 matches played between May and October against local and county teams. The players were praised for sportsmanship by the English press and met with enthusiasm by spectators.

The Aboriginal XI of 1868 were: Bullocky (Bulchanach), Charley Dumas (Pripumuarraman), Dick-a-Dick (Yangendiyanyuk), Jim Crow (Lytejerbillijun), Johnny Couzens (Zellanach), Johnny Mullagh (Unaarrimin), King Cole (Bripumyarrimin), Mosquito (James Couzens – Grougarrong), Peter (Arrahmunijarrimin), Red Cap (Brimbunyah), Sundown (Ballrinjarrimin), Tiger (Bonnibarneet) and Twopenny (Jarrawuk/

Murrumgunarrimin), captained by Charles Lawrence.

The domestic \$1 stamp, designed by Phil Ellett of Creative Ethos, incorporates player portraits from one of the few remaining photographs from the 1868 tour, sourced from the National Library of Australia.

Featured are the team and their manager (minus King Cole, who had passed away from illness, and Sundown and Jim Crow, who had returned home).

Most players returned to the restrictions of station life following the tour, with few continuing to play cricket.

In 2004, each player was assigned an official Cricket Australia number to honour their ground-breaking achievements.



The new \$1 stamp celebrates Australia's first international cricketers, the 1868 Aboriginal XI.

2018 Moree gala awards open



NOMINATIONS for the 2018 Moree Reconciliation Gala Awards are open and will close on May 17.

The awards aim to recognise businesses, community organisations, initiatives and individuals that are advancing reconciliation in Moree.

The awards are: male Elder of the year, female Elder of the year, citizen of the year, youth of the year, business of the year, community organisation of the year (funded), community organisation of the year (voluntary), senior sportsperson of the year, junior sportsperson of the year, the Uncle Albert Dennison caring for country award, school-based traineeship, traineeship, school-based apprenticeship, apprenticeship, employee of the year and mental health recovery award.

Award recipients will be announced at the Moree Town Hall on June 1.

For more information or to nominate contact Glen Crump on (02) 6752 6038 or email glen@miyaybirray.ngo.org.au

Mohamed named Commissioner



GOORENG Gooreng man Justin Mohamed has been appointed as the new Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People in Victoria. Mr Mohamed has spent much of his career

working in the Aboriginal health and sport sector and said he was proud to continue the work of inaugural commissioner Andrew Jackomos.

"I look forward to building upon his work to the best of my ability to deliver positive outcomes for Aboriginal children, young people and families in Victoria," he said.

Mr Mohamed served as the chief executive of Reconciliation Australia for three years until 2017 and was then was chief executive of Equity Health Solutions. He has been the director of the Academy of Sport, Health and Education, based at the University of Melbourne's Shepparton campus, and chief executive of Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-Operative. He has also held several board positions including being chairperson of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation and a member of the Closing the Gap National Steering Committee. Mr Mohamed will begin his five-year term on May 28.

More rangers for Qld environment



THE Palaszczuk Government has announced 22 new ranger positions as part of the Queensland Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger program. Queensland Environment Minister Leeanne Enoch said the program allowed the government to

partner with Indigenous communities to care for country and provide job and training opportunities.

"Indigenous Land and Sea Rangers are often traditional owners who are able to draw on their valuable traditional knowledge in their conservation work," she said.

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Old knowledge revealed in a new place



ANCIENT truths will be revealed at the University of South Australia new, futuristic museum – the Museum of Discovery (MOD).

It's a place where astronomy and Aboriginal lore come together in exhibitions showing the wisdom of Australia's First People and the world's oldest living culture.

An exhibit exploring the Kaurna season, *Kudlilla* (approximating winter), and *Purle Munaintya*, or Star Lore, will be on display and will showcase the vital place of the environment in Aboriginal culture and the significance of the seasons and the stars.

The interactive touchscreen animation explores Aboriginal creation stories focused on Wodliparri, or the Milky Way. It was developed by senior Kaurna cultural custodian, designer, artist and community leader Karl 'Winda' Telfer with his daughter Jakirah and MOD staff.

Telfer says the exhibit is a special opportunity to bring together ancient Aboriginal knowledge with modern technologies.

"What every culture teaches us is that there are different ways of understanding and knowing the universe, and it's unfolding," he said.



Astronomy exhibitions bring Aboriginal lore into a modern museum.

"This exhibition, along with presentations in the connecting *Our Sky* exhibition, put the ancient wisdom and old knowledge of my family clanspeople side-by-side with Western understandings of the planets and space – revealing the one universal lore, but different ways of understanding and respecting this.

"First Nations people

around the world have been ignored all too often, but their affinity with natural lore is now more important than ever, as we face the challenges of climate change and the system that has been created which has seen great abuse of finite resources.

"It is especially important that in a time full of distractions, young

people have access to this knowledge, or Yellaka as we know it, which is born of a deep affinity with Mother Earth and all her children."

Purle Munaintya is a part of MOD's first exhibition *MOD.IFY*.

The exhibition explores the ideas that things are not always as they seem, that sometimes our human senses can't be trusted

and that there are many ways of understanding the world.

Visitors will be prompted to consider the shifting nature of reality and truth and, through the work and collaboration of local and international scientists, technologists and artists, explore mixed realities and question what it means to be human.

Brought to life by a

team of digital artists and animators from SA company Monkeystack, the *Purle Munaintya* exhibit features an immersive 2D animation across 10 huge digital panels.

The story of Wodliparri and the Australian animals that reveal and create this constellation is told by Telfer and his daughter.

"You will be welcomed with a 'visitor star' and as you move through the space, there will be touch points that carry you through the story, each time revealing a little more," Telfer said.

"There is a warmth in sharing knowledge and that is part of what this exhibition is about – showing other ways of knowing and doing that within the spirit of humanity.

"This whole new space is about engaging people to think beyond the self and begin a new journey guided by the principles of the ancient, different kinds of knowledge, and I am really pleased that my tribal clans' wisdom – knowledge belonging to my ancestors who walked the lands of the Adelaide plains for more than two thousand generations – is now being recorded for the coming generations."

MOD.IFY will be open Tuesday to Thursday from 12pm to 6pm, Friday 12pm to 8pm and on weekends from 10am to 4pm.

Parks shared in Victoria



SIX parks in central Victoria have come under the joint management of traditional owners the Dja Dja Wurrung people and the State Government.

The parks are Greater Bendigo National Park, Hepburn Regional Park, Kara Kara National Park, Kooyoor State Park, Paddys Ranges State Park and Wehla

Nature Conservation Reserve.

The Dhelkunya Dja Land Management Board (DDLMB) and the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation will implement a draft joint management plan for the Dja Dja Wurrung parks and have now begun a public consultation.

DDLMB chair Graham Atkinson said the plan was a milestone that had taken decades to come to fruition.

"The board's task is to ensure that the knowledge and culture of the Dja Dja Wurrung people is recognised and incorporated in management, on-park jobs, cultural experiences and information," he said.

"Development of this innovative plan was led by the CSIRO, which worked directly with the traditional owners to facilitate a broad-ranging community engagement process to gain understanding of

the parks, their assets, the people who enjoy visiting them, and the cultural values of these places to traditional owners."

The draft plan is the second of its kind in Victoria.

In 2013, the parks and reserves were transferred into Aboriginal title to be jointly managed by Dja Dja Wurrung people, the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation and the State Government. The parks

and reserves will continue to be open to the public and will protect significant sites.

The government is supporting traditional owner interests through the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act*, which underpins Victoria's model for joint management and recognises the ongoing connection of traditional owners to the land.

● **Dja Dja Wurrung stories told, page 22**

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Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

Review of Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 Have your say

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Ben Wyatt is keen to hear from stakeholders, especially Aboriginal people, about their views on the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* and how it can be improved.

The 45-year old Act needs to be modernised so it is effective in protecting Western Australia's unique Aboriginal heritage, while providing a balanced legislative solution that meets the contemporary needs of the community, industry and government.

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage is holding a series of culturally-appropriate workshops across the State with Aboriginal stakeholders – *My Heritage, My Voice*; as well as broader workshops for other stakeholders with an interest in Aboriginal heritage – *Working with Our Aboriginal Heritage*.

You are invited to come along and share your views to help identify:

- the main issues with how the existing Act preserves our Aboriginal heritage
- ideas on what modern legislation should do
- how the Act should operate in the interests of all stakeholders.

Visit www.dplh.wa.gov.au > **Aboriginal Affairs** for a list of workshops in your area, and other ways you can let us know what you think.

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Rangers alert and on patrol



TSI TORRES Strait rangers are helping native marine life in the region by monitoring turtle and dugong numbers, environmental issues and doing surveillance for illegal activity.

The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Compliance Management Unit (CMU) recently began patrols of regional waters with support from the TSRA rangers of Boigu Island. TSRA chair Pedro Stephen said the CMU will provide effective investigative support to the TSRA rangers across the region.

"The Compliance Management

Unit adds another level of surveillance for illegal activity to assist the rangers and report back to the appropriate regulatory agencies," he said.

"The CMU will be working closely with the relevant agencies to ensure local residents understand the regulations on a range of environment and fisheries issues."

TSRA staff and rangers also participated in two-day multiagency patrols with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Border Force, Federal Police and Australian Fisheries Management Authority to monitor border and fishing matters.

The TSRA CMU is currently made up of three staff – project manager Paul Cochran and senior compliance officers Alicia Sabatino and Quinten Hirakawa.

They have been kept busy with the help of reporting from community members and rangers across the Torres Strait, which has led to investigations and seizures by regulatory agencies.

The typical matters being reported by the community include illegal fishing of turtle and dugong, and environmental matters.

Ongoing patrols are planned with the TSRA rangers in a number of areas identified as being at risk.



Senior compliance officer Alicia Sabatino briefing TSRA Boigu Island rangers before compliance patrols.

Mail services come to an end



AS of June 30, Central Desert Regional Council will no longer provide mail services to eight of its nine remote communities of Engawala, Atitjere, Anmatjere, Yuelamu, Lajamanu, Willowra, Laramba and Nyirripi. The council has been subsidising the service, as the funding provided by the Australia Post agreement is insufficient to cover costs. For information contact 08 8958 9500.



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Saturday 2nd June 2018

Two Public meetings will be held to elect 10 Company Members for the Aboriginal Legal Service Central South Eastern Region at the following locations:-

- Redfern Aboriginal Legal Service: 199 Regent Street, Redfern at 11am
- Katungul Aboriginal Medical Service: 1-3 Old Princes Highway, Batemans Bay at 10am

All adult Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (18 years and over) who live in the Central South Eastern Region are invited to attend one of these meetings to vote for their choice of candidates.

Enquires: Tanya Finneran, ALS Head Office, telephone: (02) 9213 4100.



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For further information and to download a nomination form please visit www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/naidoc.

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Mob needs more help



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people are far more likely than the broader population to need

disability supports and are bucking the general trend of increased dependence with age.

The number of Australians living with disabilities and in need of assistance continues to climb, according to the latest national Census.

More than 1.2 million people, or 5.1% of the population, needed assistance with core activities in 2016, an increase of more than 200,000 people since 2011.

Overall, the proportion of people in need increased significantly with age.

However, despite having a much younger age profile, Indigenous people had a higher need for assistance.

The number of Indigenous people requiring support in 2016

was 6.7% compared with 5.3% of other people.

The proportion of Indigenous people in need of assistance was up from 5.4% in 2011.

Overall, the Census found Australian women were more likely to seek support, largely due to higher rates of diseases associated with disability in females aged over 75.

Young men aged five to 19 were almost twice as likely as women to receive assistance,

which the Australian Bureau of Statistics suggested may be partly attributed to higher rates of autism spectrum disorders.

Tasmania, which has the highest average age, also has the highest proportion of people who need assistance.

Western Australia and the Northern Territory, with the lowest average ages, were least dependent.

People living in urban centres with populations of fewer than

100,000 were much more likely to need assistance than those in bigger cities.

Three in four people in need of disability supports only spoke English at home.

Among employed Australians in need of assistance, almost one in four worked as labourers.

People in need of assistance were half as likely to have obtained non-school qualifications than those who did not need help, the Census found. – AAP

Drilling concerns for Newcastle

By KEIRA JENKINS



HUNDREDS of people turned out recently to protest seismic testing off the coast of Newcastle, NSW. Seismic testing is a method of searching for underwater oil and gas reserves using blasts of sound.

The blasts are created using powerful airguns and are able to penetrate the ocean floor, relaying data about what lies beneath the surface.

The rally coincided with the departure of a vessel conducting seismic testing from the Port of Newcastle last month. Wonaruah, Aniwin and Kamilaroi Elder Uncle Bill Smith spoke at the rally about the need to protect marine life.

"The whale holds knowledge and he is sacred," he told the *Koori Mail*. "The dolphin holds love. That's why people want to swim with them. But this offshore drilling is no good for them.

"There's no need for it. They're interfering with our marine life and the vibrations interfere with their pathways to their



feeding, birthing and mating grounds.

"It destroys the waterways. The whales won't be able to follow their paths because these vibrations and the noise will interfere in their domain - the ocean."

Mr Smith said ahead of the seismic testing, there

had been little communication with the community. He said Indigenous and other people felt their voices had not been heard by Advent Energy, which was conducting the testing.

"How can you find a resolution or a solution if there was no attempt at



Left: Uncle Bill Smith speaks at the rally against seismic testing.

Above: The protestors asked for an end to seismic testing.

Pictures: Stephen Carter

negotiation, and no attempt at communication?" he said. "We feel, once again, we've been ignored as the First Peoples of this land, this country, who lived for thousands and thousands of years in harmony with the environment."

Mr Smith said the protestors do not stand

against progress or development, but they do hope to find an alternative way of generating power that is less destructive.

"If we come together and sit and share, with positive energy, we will most definitely find and create a more sustainable energy to meet all people's needs so

we don't destroy the marine life and the pathways of the whales and dolphins," he said. "Oceans are living and breathing and alive."

"Dolphins and whales don't have a voice to speak for themselves but they are our people, our mob, so we have to speak for them."

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Conference MC Mayrah Sonter.



Ashleigh Giles at the conference.



Terri Janke gives her keynote address.

Strong women speak about strong business

By KEIRA JENKINS



MORE than 180 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women converged on Adelaide this month for the Strong Women, Strong Business conference.

The conference, which was organised by Indigenous Business Australia (IBA), featured a line-up of Indigenous women speaking about their experiences in business.

Women from established businesses and startups gathered alongside women with business plans yet to be put into action. Women came from across the country, representing a range of sectors including mining, construction, recruitment, IT, bush food and medicine, security, manufacturing, media and communications, fashion, creative

industries, tourism and hospitality.

IBA head of strategy and innovation Kia Dowell said she was not surprised at the amount of women who were interested in attending the conference.

"When you look at the role of our women, typically women are the backbones of our communities," the Gija woman told the *Koori Mail*.

"We're so happy to have women from all over come together like this, because especially for the ones in remote areas it can feel a bit isolating.

"The only negative is that this hasn't happened before. It should just be a normal thing for women in business to gather like this."

Over the three-day conference there were sessions on innovation, what it means to be an Indigenous woman in business, mentorship, technology, and ideas and solutions for the future.

Keynote speakers included lawyer Terri Janke, activist and businesswoman Dorinda Cox, filmmaker Alison Page and consultant Christine Ross. Mayrah Sonter was the MC.

Ms Dowell said there were too many highlights to count throughout Strong Women, Strong Business.

"There were so many incredible women who have done some amazing work," she said.

"We all came from different places and different sectors. Day one was a bit emotional actually because we could really feel all the strength in the room.

"When you have that many amazing women in the room you're going to feel inspired; it's going to get a bit emotional.

"Then over days two and three it was all about connecting and working together. There was lots of laughter.

"By the end of the conference we were

looking at what we want to do next."

One of the attendees, Rebecca Wessels, is the founder and managing director of Ochre Dawn Creative Industries, based in Adelaide.

Ms Wessels, who is a Ngarrindjeri and Peramangk woman, said Strong Women, Strong Business was fantastic.

"It was so great to have close to 200 women from all over the country all together," she said.

"We all face different challenges unique to our area but there are so many similarities too.

"Everyone was at different stages with their business. I love seeing women in non-typical industries too.

"Aboriginal women often get pigeonholed into certain kinds of work.

"It's great to see so many women disrupting spaces that are typically so white and male."



Bilawara Lee and Tanyah Nasir.



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Hannah Yates performs at the conference dinner.



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Keilor Stadium Supervisor

Melbourne (Gunditjmara)

Favourite bush tucker?

Used to eat kangaroo but now I'm pescetarian (only eats seafood and plants).

Favourite other food?

Falafel kebabs with extra garlic sauce.

Favourite drink?

Salted caramel chiller soy milk from Gloria Jeans.

Favourite music?

Hip hop, rap, artists Biggie and 2Pac.

Favourite sport?

Basketball – I'm getting back into it.

Favourite book?

Maurice Gleitzman's series with *Once*, *Then* and *Now*.

Favourite holiday destination?

Amsterdam.

What are you watching on TV?

The Sopranos.

What do you like in life?

Positive vibes.

What don't you like in life?

People being negative and unappreciative.

Which people would you invite for a night around the campfire?

My pop, my nan and Lionel Rose.

Who/what inspires you?

My dad and my mum – Porky Graeme Brooke and Sharyn Jones.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?

Rather than the government enforcing rules, letting the mob do it their way and having their own say.

Quote



“Overall, it's a bit like being a kid who's in a foster home watching all the other kids get a present off the Christmas tree and being left to pick up the glittering wrappers and hopefully play with the busted toys once they have been discarded.”

WA Labor Senator Pat Dodson on the federal budget

● See page 5

Unquote

Neglect is still the ongoing problem

AS we stand with another Aboriginal family and mourn the death of another young man in custody, the Federal Government's budget has been slammed for neglecting First Nations people.

In March the Australian Law Reform Commission's report *Pathways to Justice* – commissioned by the Turnbull Government – into the massive over-representation of Indigenous people in prison made 35 recommendations.

At the time, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said addressing Indigenous over-incarceration was a big issue for all Australian governments.

But, if that's truly the case, then why wasn't there any funding in the budget to implement the recommendations? Or to implement the recommendations of the Northern Territory royal commission into youth detention and out-of-home care?

Overcrowding is a big issue facing many remote Indigenous communities. It contributes to all sorts of problems including violence, homelessness and health issues. And yet the Federal Government appears to have walked away from the national partnership on remote housing – again, with no funding in the budget, although they have kept their promise to the Northern Territory for \$550 million over five years.

First Nations organisations are right to criticise the government for neglect. And it's bald-faced cheek for Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion to claim that “First Australians would benefit from a stronger economy, more jobs and guaranteed



OUR SAY

essential services.”

Doesn't housing count as an 'essential service'? And without systemic change, too many First Nations people will continue to be imprisoned. That's not only neglectful, it's also tragic – and too many Aboriginal families are paying the price.

How good is it to see Aboriginal artists winning major art prizes like the Wynne and the Sulman (see story, page 7)? And with more First Nations finalists in the Wynne Prize (for landscape painting or sculpture) it's wonderful to see more of our artists telling their stories.

It's also great to see a new prize in the Wynne, specifically for an Indigenous finalist, which this year went to 95-year-old Wawiriya Burton, a senior woman from the Amata community for *Ngayuku ngura* (*my country*), which tells the story of her father's country near Pipalyatjara, west of Amata in South Australia.

“A long time ago, when we were little children, we ran around Puta Puta and Ilitjara, our grandfather's and father's ground, and because of this we grew up strong,” she said. “Why? Because it's Anangu country, Aboriginal people's country, of their spirit.”

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Stand-up for Steph

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE loss of Steph Tisdell to the legal fraternity is the stand-up comedy scene's gain.

When the 25-year-old Yidinji (Atherton Tablelands, North Queensland) woman from Brisbane became disenchanted with studying law, a chain of events led her and her sharp-witted mind and contagious, cheeky personality to comedy. And she is finding it an effective tool for advocacy and activism.

Last month Tisdell performed her one-woman show *Identity Theft* to sold-out audiences at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and was nominated for the festival's Best Newcomer award.

Last week she set out on the festival's 2018 Roadshow, taking her hilarious and thought-provoking tales all around Australia.

How she got there is an inspiring yarn.

As a child, Tisdell dreamed of working for ABC's *Foreign Correspondent*. As a youth she had set her sights on working for the United Nations and changing the world.

She took up studying a double degree in law and journalism, with the intention of arming herself with skills for Aboriginal advocacy and policy writing.

Tisdell wanted to change paternalistic, disempowering, divisive policies and hollow arguments over symbolism.

About halfway through the degree she came to realise that law is not always about justice, but rather legal precedent and winning cases.

"How am I going to enact change if I can't even handle learning about this stuff?" she said. "If every decision that has to be made is not based on fairness or justice but on what's been set before."

"We had an entire course where the guy said this is how to find loopholes in policy wording – how is that what law is about? It's about finding a loophole and certain wording to help somebody get off on something they really shouldn't, but that is what it's about. Law is just about law, it's not about justice."

Law was challenging, journalism studies were not challenging enough, and the university environment was competitive. Her mental health was suffering.

"I couldn't fit into uni, I couldn't socialise with people; it felt really lonely. You're in a room full of 300 people in a lecture but nobody's talking to each other or looking at each other, and it's all competitive and it's just the loneliest feeling being surrounded by people you can't connect with. It just wasn't for me."

A few sessions with a psychologist had Tisdell thinking the way forward was to face her fears, "throwing myself in the deep end and forcing myself to swim".

Having tasted travel as a child, a 19-year-old Tisdell booked a five-month return ticket to London – no accommodation, no plans. She spent her time walking about, looking, writing and going out on her own, forcing herself to socialise.

"It was heaps of fun. I found what I was capable of. I forced myself to get out there and be gregarious and be what I knew I could be."

Comedy was not on the radar at this point. It was a long, late-night conversation with a well-travelled, 32-year-old Hungarian bed and breakfast owner in Leeds that Tisdell credits as a turning point.

"She said: 'Anytime you get an opportunity you have to take it. We spend so much time thinking about the what-ifs and what's happened that we never live in the moment and just say, 'Why not?'"

The next day she walked out of a tattoo

Following sold-out shows at the Melbourne Comedy Festival, Steph Tisdell is now touring with the festival's 2018 Roadshow.



parlour with 'Why not?!' on her wrist.

The movie *Yes Man*, starring Jim Carrey, had been released a few years earlier. His character commits to saying 'yes' to all opportunities and requests or invitations that come his way.

Much like *Yes Man*, with a few exceptions such as hard drugs or anything that might get her killed or arrested, Tisdell starting responding with 'Why not?' to all kinds of things.

One evening on a tour of Ireland, a combined birthday and Christmas present from her parents, a tour mate recognised Tisdell's talent and challenged her to have a go at stand-up.

Reluctantly she responded with 'Why not?', walked into a Dublin bar, stood on a chair and rified. As a sign of appreciation everyone in the bar bought her a drink – it was affirmation she had a skill for stand-up.

On her return to Brisbane, Tisdell got up

to throw herself into the comedy scene and practise her newfound craft in front of strangers. She started talking about being Indigenous because she thought the story of the rare white humpback whale named Migaloo was amazing – it is still part of her routine.

Tisdell has been back in Australia since 2016 and is becoming a fixture on the national comedy scene. It's now a full-time job and she has not lost her desire to change the world.

"It's so funny what you can get away with because people are too scared to ask questions," she said.

It's what her show is about – not getting away with things. But the fact is she could, because people don't ask questions, scared by "delicious" white guilt – a description so animated that you can imagine it looking appetising on a dinner plate.

"White guilt – it's taking a step in the

life expectancy of Aboriginal people and obstacles to maintaining culture.

"These are the things we need to talk about. White people can't only be aware of issues in Aboriginal communities when it's been covered on the news or Pauline Hanson is talking about it, or you've got someone being racist to someone on a train. It can't be the only insight, these bad news stories. We need to empower blackfellas, because that's the issue," she said. "I always finish my shows with 'Can we just choose empathy over apathy?'"

"Instead of pretending it's Indigenous issues, it's Australia's issues."

"People are wanting to watch something that makes them think; think outside their own box."

Tisdell is regularly held back by audience members eager to learn more about her culture, or deeply moved by the sentiment and message of the show.

She says it is an exciting time to be an Aboriginal person in stand-up comedy. While the industry is competitive, Tisdell has found the Indigenous scene nurturing and is blown away

at the standard of newcomers.

"We're just funny," she said.

"We know how to laugh when things are hard. It's inclusive comedy; it relates to anybody who isn't white, plus white people."

She credits Kevin Kropinyeri, Andy Saunders and Sean Choolburra for changing the landscape of Australian comedy. Kropinyeri, in particular, has given Tisdell many opportunities.

"He said, 'The way that it works is we'll open the door for you a little bit. It's your choice whether you want to run through that door, but if you do you've got to make sure you open it for someone else as well.' That seems to be the entire attitude that underpins Aboriginal comedy: it's nurturing, supportive."

This year Tisdell mentored *Deadly Funny* finalists, and joined Kropinyeri, Saunders and Choolburra in the *Aboriginal Comedy Allstars* at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

"I always finish my shows with 'Can we just choose empathy over apathy?' Instead of pretending it's Indigenous issues, it's Australia's issues."

at a few open mic nights, then entered the *Deadly Funny* Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander comedy competition and took out the 2014 national title.

It was her eighth gig, and she never talked about being Indigenous on stage.

"I was terrified of backlash from both sides. Being mixed race, for me, people kind of have this idea on one hand I have to know everything because if you decide you are a proud Indigenous woman you better be f####ing ready to fight back against anyone because they'll push you, but on the other hand you're not black enough for them to take you seriously."

"Once you identify people expect you to be some sort of expert. By nature of existing or identifying you become political, because of the nature of Australia."

After the *Deadly Funny* win, lacking the confidence and readiness for opportunities coming her way, and lacking the confidence to perform in front of family and friends, Tisdell relocated to Scotland for two years

right direction," she said. "People are so sacred of asking questions and they just make the rest up."

She also takes aim at Aboriginal studies. For example, a person who takes a five-week course, then thinks they know everything about Aboriginal people yet are too scared to talk blackfellas.

There's also tales of 'reverse coconuts' and 'octoboobs'. Her shows are a laugh fest – the audience laughs at Steph and at themselves. Steph laughs at the audience and at herself, and they all laugh together.

While the topics, at times, can be confronting, Tisdell never aims to get her audience offside.

"I love them."

She challenges herself to write comedy that doesn't use stereotypes or make the audience the butt of the joke. She aims to educate through comedy that is new and interesting.

Tisdell wants her shows to trigger conversations about identity loss, racism,



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Dja Dja Wurrung traditional owners and artists Rebecca Phillips and Auntie Marilyn Nicholls.

The heart of Victoria celebrates bloodlines

By JILLIAN MUNDY

THE identity, leadership, language, stories, history and art of the Dja Dja Wurrung clans, or Djaara, from central Victoria, are front and centre in a year-long arts program featuring more than 1000 events.

The Regional Centre for Culture (RCC) will be delivered through a partnership between the Victorian Government's Creative Victoria and the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation. It promises to be a year-long celebration of culture in the Victorian municipalities of Greater Bendigo, Central Goldfields, Mount Alexander and Hepburn.

Rodney Carter, chief executive of the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation, said it's the first time in the modern era that the Djaara, who are on a journey of significant cultural revival, have been recognised as arts leaders in central Victoria.

He attributes this to the 2013 Recognition Settlement Agreement (RSA) between the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation and the Victorian Government.

'Country'

The RCC is not a building, but 'Country' or 'the heart of Victoria' as their website explains, and it kicked off on Valentine's Day (February 14) with *Love Letter to the Heart of Victoria* – a big sculpture of a heart, surrounded by love letters written by hundreds of people from the community in Rosalind Park, Bendigo. The installation was created by Felipe Reynolds and Djaara traditional owner and artist Racquel Kerr, and represented rivers, waterholes, the country and mountains of Djaara country, and featured Bunjil's wings.

Last weekend, *Now You See It* lit up the historic Anderson's Mill at Smeaton, about an hour south of Bendigo, with projections and sound. The 20-minute work was created by Djaara cultural advisors and artists Auntie Marilyn Nicholls and Rebecca Phillips in collaboration with lead artist Jim Coad from Video Architecture, and backed by a soundscape created by musician and



Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Rodney Carter and YAPENYA project officer Mariaa Randall, in Bendigo's Rosalind Park, with a set of postcards featuring Dja Wurrung faces – the faces of YAPENYA, which will be projected around the city.

composer James Henry.

"It is something you wouldn't usually associate Aboriginal people with, telling the story of an historic flour mill," Ms Phillips said.

"I think it's really inspiring, that reconciliation message, that Jim has wanted to include us in that story."

It is something that has been happening more frequently since the RSA.

"It was a good cultural sharing session as well, for people to see the storyline of the Dja Dja Wurrung peoples, of what's happened to where we are now," Auntie Marilyn said.

It is history that until recently has been under represented and often misinterpreted. The women said the story was told in a timeless way, including the Djaara before colonial influence and their traditional practice of grinding seeds into flour to make food, comparing it to the industrial process of making flour.

"It's showing a similar story of people, with different

mechanisms," Ms Phillips said.

"Non-Aboriginal people came in and did the same thing on a mass scale but manipulated the environment to do that."

They hope people gained a better understanding of how alterations, such as damming of the waterway for the mill, have caused problems for country, plants and animals; the Djaara's cultural landscape – or the web of life – and altered their seasons.

Now You See It

Auntie Marilyn said *Now You See It* showed the differences in each culture's use of stone, and harvesting and farming on the land.

Creating the artwork was a technically challenging learning experience for the established artists. They needed to take into account the white mortar between the bricks, colour changes when they projected imagery onto the 1863-built basalt stone mill, and ways to utilise the mill's many windows.

Images were painted in sections and photographed, then 'rotoscope' animation technology was used to change their colour and add movement.

There was also a video of Ms Phillips dancing, and her voice and Harley Dunolly's (they are both Dja Dja Wurrung speakers) also featured in the soundscape.

Now You See It also tells creation stories, the journey of Djaara as they encountered invasion, images of the mill in motion in the 1860s and an exploration of the Euro-centric version of history.

It coincided with the National Trust Heritage weekend, celebrated at the same time and place.

Another major event on the RCC program still to come is YAPENYA, a Djaara song, dance and language ceremony in Rosalind Park in November.

YAPENYA will be an opportunity for the proud Djaara to share their cultural revival with the wider community and show their

presence on country – there will be large portraits of traditional owners projected around Bendigo.

YAPENYA will mark the fifth anniversary of the signing of the RSA, in the same park, which was celebrated with the first Djaara public ceremonial performance in modern times.

Rosalind Park, in the centre of Bendigo, was a former sheltered living space of the Djaara. An historic sketch shows the creek was once a chain of ponds.

During the height of the gold rush in the 1880s, Bendigo was the richest city in the world. However, this brought no benefit to the Dja Dja Wurrung people and in fact their word for gold – kara kara – means 'foot' or 'to kick'. Rodney Carter ponders if this had something to do with it being useless to his ancestors.

These days the grand historic buildings of Bendigo and the land turned upside down by gold mining sits atop many of the Dja Dja Wurrung heritage places.

The RSA included the transfer of Crown lands, management of Djaara country and recognition of the Djaara as traditional owners of the lands involved.

Their connection to country and history is recognised with access to traditional resources without prosecution and they also work on reversing environmental damage to their lands.

"YAPENYA will look to our past and our future as we commemorate five years since the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation signed their Recognition Settlement Agreement with the State Government of Victoria," Rodney Carter said.

He said part of the corporation's long-term vision is to influence the wider community's identity.

"Not necessarily challenge it; take the constructive approach, influence it and sow the seeds that the identity develops into what we think it would be in a good sense based on our values, and that takes generations to achieve," he said.

"Through bloodline and kinship, Dja Dja Wurrung Clans are the people belonging to the heart of Victoria."



Frontier Wars at the forefront of Anzac Day

THE laying of the wreath on Anzac Day in Canberra was a poignant reminder and acknowledgment of those Indigenous peoples who died or were murdered on frontier battlefields.

Our Frontier Wars wreath was large and beautiful. It contained meaning and memory of the grim colonial presence the Europeans imposed on this Indigenous continent.

Our message seemed to go largely unnoticed on Anzac Day. The diggers mostly seemed confused by our presence. Perhaps they saw us as protestors, tacked onto the arse-end of their parade. We offer our thanks to those from their ranks who did acknowledge our presence or indicated support for our words and our wreath.

Our little rag tag group was led by Marbuk, Uncle Ned and Chris. We were not there to protest, nor were we seeking attention. Our leaders were clear: we were there to lay a wreath and to remember those cut down in the Frontier Wars here in this country.

Marbuk led us towards the sacred fire at the memorial on the most sacred day on the white man's calendar. We arrived with our own flame. It was also sacred and had the added benefits of being healing and mobile. Between the two fires stood a line of fluoro uniformed federal police officers who presented a barrier to the flames of either fire getting close. Someone from our group wondered if the gas used to power their flame was a product of fracking. No-one could say.

Marbuk was not given a podium or a microphone. We laid our wreath when all the ex-service people were drifting off after a long day. Our wreath laying seemed to occur separately to theirs.

Our group was small in number but large in spirit and represented peoples from regions as far flung as the Great Sandy Desert through to Flinders Island, off the coast of Tasmania.

As we milled about at the end of the proceedings, a federal police officer, in uniform and on duty, walked into the smoke of our fire. He engaged us in conversation and asked a simple question.

"Why are you putting your wreaths up last?"



Frontier Wars marchers in Canberra on Anzac Day.

When we heard that we were stunned. This man was a bit like a visionary. We had not dared to look that far or to ask for that much. Thanks, Paul. It made perfect sense. Us being last was out of sequence and mocked conventional military protocols. It was out of chronological order.

A federal police officer reminded us that the Frontier Wars wreath should in fact have been placed first. Marbuk should have been the first to speak and to lay our wreath.

We exchanged names and shook hands. I was covered in ochre. That presented no obstacle to this policeman. He told us of his military background with Indigenous servicemen who had educated him about Frontier Wars and racism.

On that day, this federal officer reminded us that the Frontier Wars were fought here on this Australian soil and nowhere else.

Perhaps he even understood the well-established facts that Aboriginal people were mown down by savage English interlopers, who counted smallpox and alcohol amongst the many weapons of war at their disposal.

Many Frontier War stories were told around the campfires at the Tent Embassy in the lead up to Anzac Day. Modern-day, present-time frontier conflicts were front and centre in the minds of those who attended Frontier Wars sessions. Fracking (a

controversial mining practice) emerged as the issue above all others, perhaps even more important than Frontier War recognition or land rights.

Uncle Ned, a Walpiri lawman, and Christian told us of a frontier war where ancestral and Dreamtime beings were about to be attacked without mercy.

The anti-frackers told us that the new frontier wars were going to be fought around fields where ancient waterholes are potentially going to be turned into fracking ponds. Even the most remote waterholes, no matter their provenance, were now under threat. My family's ancestors, Walmajarri people from the Great Sandy Desert, who know so much about water and named hundreds of different water sources, are now in fear of losing them. The old people are very worried, to say the least.

We thank Uncle Ned for his energy and service. He brought a powerful anti-fracking message to Canberra from the desert people. That message was that the desert people will never come to terms with fracking and that by extension reconciliation is not possible while fracking continues. Big thanks to Hazel, who oversaw the construction of the most amazing and meaningful wreath that has ever been laid at the war memorial.

TOM BAXTER

POETRY

Simpatico

Kerosene lamps
glowed on faces of women
who had spent all day
in the bean paddock
now playing cards.

We couldn't sleep
because of our
enchantment
with the faces,
the swift dealing,
the late hour.

Nan's face
looked pained
as she read her cards
and so did mine...

Barry Cooper
Orient Point, NSW

Driving home the long
weekend
radio crooning all the way
I listened to the songs they
sang

Broken hearts and love
gone wrong

I drove for miles, my mind
was racing

I wondered who sang for
our lost generation

Was there ever a song that
described the way

Their mother's hearts
broke, when they took the
children away

Who comforts their babies,
when they cried at night

Waiting for their mothers to
hold them tight

Archie Roach, I believe,
sang it best

Sang about babies, torn
from the breast

Mothers would beat
themselves with rocks

Because of their children,
they couldn't protect

I kept driving faster, my
heart was pounding
anger rose up from my
feet!

Then slowed down as I
remembered

The words that Archie
Roach sang

"All the children came
back."

Auntie Raylene Campion

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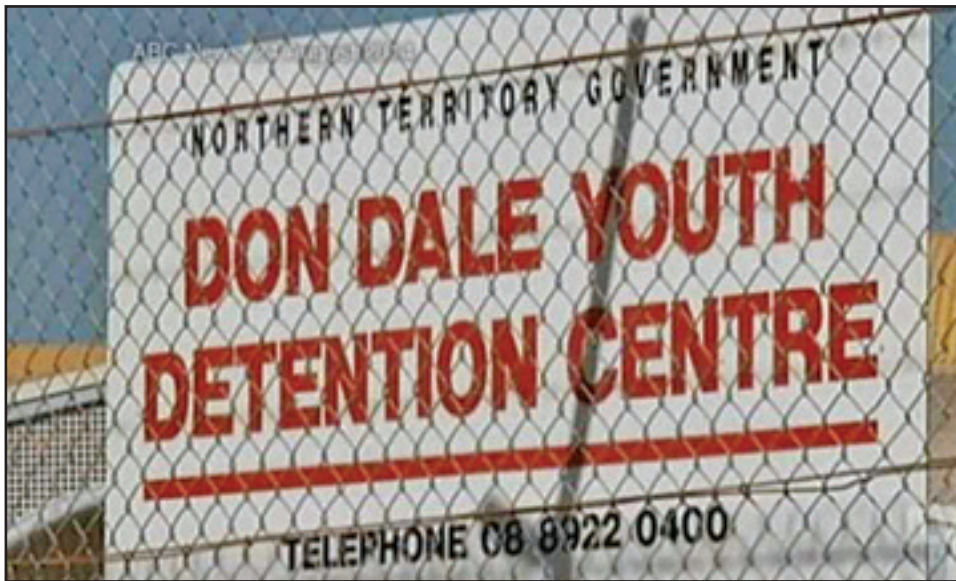
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Prison is not for children

It seems obvious that tiny little 10 and 11-year-old children – primary school aged children – should never be sent to jail. And yet, all around Australia, governments allow kids as young as 10 to be given criminal charges, and be sent to children's prisons.

That's why I welcome the commitment by the Northern Territory Government to raise the age it lays criminal charges on children, and I hope that other Australian jurisdictions follow the NT Government's lead.

However, it worries me deeply that the NT is still considering laying criminal charges on children of 12 and 13. At that age, many children are only just starting to go through puberty, and starting their first year of high school.

12 and 13 is a very delicate age where children start to be strongly influenced by their friendship group, but still very much need the loving guidance of their family.

It's a crucial time in children's development, when their influences and decisions, and the support they receive, can steer the course of the rest of their lives. Medical research shows that children's brains are still forming at these young ages, especially the areas of their brains that control impulsive behaviour, risk-taking and decision making.

This is why the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child has stated the criminal age should be the 'commendable high level of age 14 or 16'.

An international study in 2008 looked at 90 countries and found that the median minimum age of criminal responsibility was 14 years. NT will still be lagging far behind if it only raises the age to 12.

As we know all too well, it's our kids, Indigenous children, who are most affected by this. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are 25 times more likely to be locked up in Australia than other children.

Traumatising and dehumanising children by throwing them into children's prisons, at the very time they most need support, only starts them early on an apprenticeship of crime and institutionalisation.

Throwing children into the jaws of the

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youth justice system is like enrolling them in Crime School – for example, figures from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research show that, the younger a juvenile is at his or her first court appearance, the more court appearances they will subsequently have.

Once a young person is tossed into the quicksand of the criminal 'injustice system', as they move into adulthood it gets harder and harder to pull themselves out.

The same report showed over an eight-year period, 57% of children who appeared in children's court were likely to then appear in an adult court in that period.

All states and territories need to learn from their terrible history of locking up our people. Governments must give 12 and 13-year-old children the chance to be kids and to make mistakes, like any child.

We need to teach them right from wrong, and give them an opportunity to learn from their mistakes and modify their behaviour in a supportive environment, nurtured by their community.

Childish mistakes should not become a criminal offence, which can then change the course of their whole lives. It takes a community to raise a child, not a detention centre. We are calling on the NT Government, and all state and territories, to raise the age of criminality to 14.

It's the best thing for our kids, and for the whole of society, that children in those crucial years of puberty are supported, on country and in their communities, by the families and leaders who can best guide them to grow into healthy, balanced adults, and the next generation of Indigenous leaders.

● Palawa Elder Rodney Dillon is Amnesty's Indigenous Rights Advisor.

Who said this is a lucky country for blackfellas?

We had a horrendous case recently in our community where a young grandmother was stabbed to death in Toowoomba, making national headlines.

Nine were charged after a violent home invasion that left her dying in the hands of her 20-year-old daughter, the mother of her grandchildren. Speculation and news reports are stating that drugs may have been involved and this was a revenge killing for another death, with news breaking on social media by mob before it hit mainstream news.

In reading what happened my mind turned to the channel Nine series *Underbelly*, which glorified Australian organised crime families involved in drug trafficking, extortion and murder. The discrepancy between the portrayal of white Australian crime families as an exciting engaging drama versus the cold harsh reality of what happened in Toowoomba highlights once again the discrepancy between white Australian folklore and Aboriginal reality.

I was recently sitting at Auckland airport on my way home to Meanjin (Brisbane), where every time I arrive it feels like returning to a crime scene.

Last time I came home to Australia it was the week news broke of the death in custody of Tane Chatfield, one of my extended family. That same week we lost two close family members, one in Moree, and one in Brisbane through suicide. Last week I returned home to news of what happened in Toowoomba, again not through mainstream media but through my newsfeed on Facebook. This despair affects us all as an extended family and community.

While sitting at Napier Airport before catching my flight, I overheard this gubba pakeha (white) dad say to his daughter returning to Australia: "Don't forget to bring back an Abo baby, they're giving them away." The whole family burst out laughing. It was at the same time that our mobs were protesting outside of Sunrise and once again our children being removed had made national news.

The comments from this white family captured how different the experience of living in Australia is for white fellas to blackfellas. Again the folklore or white myth of Australia portrays the idea that somehow our children are being removed and placed in idyllic white homes. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Recently a number of cases have come to light that highlight horror in these white homes, but that attract little to no media coverage. They include the 31-year-old foster carer who was sentenced to seven years jail in Parkes District Court.

The white foster carer was charged with assault of a five-year-old Aboriginal girl who suffered serious injuries to the brain that doctors said you would expect from a car accident.

One-year-old Braxton Slager drowned in a backyard pool in September 2014. Braxton's drug-addicted parents sought help, which left him in the care of a foster family. Within three weeks, he had died. There were antihistamines in Braxton's system, which can have side-effects of drowsiness and confusion.

There are so many cases; I could keep going on and on.

They may not ever receive the same headlines that abuse or dysfunction receive in our community, but make no mistake these are national stories that show the absolute horror that has been



Woolombi Waters

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support services can be found at naccho.org.au, sewbmh.org.au or healthfonet.ecu.edu.au

inflicted in many white foster homes.

The reason Jacinta Price, Peta Credlin and Andrew Bolt remain so silent on these cases can only be that they do not serve their national agenda dehumanising our communities and culture.

One of my own extended family and community, Elizabeth Jarrett, posted on Facebook back in March: "Growing up as a child I was placed with a few white foster families through the welfare system and yeah FYI every family I was placed in abused me in every form possible – emotionally, mentally, physically, socially and sexually... I remember being a young girl, I'm guessing maybe eight, being forced to eat liver and spewing up on one foster parents' rug and do you know what my punishment was?"

"In the first place, how do you punish a child for being sick? But yeah I was locked in a garden shed overnight with their dogs with my poor lil sister outside the locked door crying for me... and yeah this is just a tiny reflection that I'm willing to share about the treatment I received as an Aboriginal child raised in white care."

It's not quite *Underbelly* is it? I often wonder how it would feel to be white in this country and continue to live in denial, glorifying my past and blaming everything bad in society on Aboriginal people.

Living in the 'lucky country' as yet another Aboriginal community is left picking up the pieces of a number of families who have exploded into a world of violence, pain and death.

● Dr Woolombi Waters is a Koori Mail columnist.

Native title for the Nywaigi



THE Nywaigi people now hold the native title rights to almost 40,000 hectares of land and waters between Ingham and Rollingstone in North Queensland. The Nywaigi people, who operate the award-winning Mungalla Station tourist

attraction, say this land has major cultural and spiritual significance. Nywaigi Elder Phil Rist said the land knows who its people are through its "intimate connection of harmony and balance over thousands of years".

"This is land on which we have told stories, we have fished, we have grown up on and it is land on

which Nywaigi legends have been formed," he said. "For me, not only do I have a relationship between me and my country, but there is a significant relationship between my country and me.

"This determination will help us to restore balance. Now, more than ever before, our land needs its people. In part, this reciprocal

relationship will be assured through our native title consent determination."

Queensland Natural Resources Minister Anthony Lynham said recognising the Nywaigi's rights meant they could hunt, fish and gather, hold meetings, teach younger generations about their country and maintain places of

importance and significance.

The determination recognises exclusive native title rights over about 8600 hectares and non-exclusive native title rights over 30,000 hectares between Rollingstone, along the coast up to Taylors Beach, and inland to include part of the Paluma Ranges.



Ivy Booth and dancers at the 90th anniversary of Woorabinda last year. Picture: Christine Howes

Aunty Ivy reaches 100 and still strong



AUNTY Ivy Booth has always told stories of her life to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and now great-great-grandchildren.

She is the last known surviving person who, 91 years ago, was forced to leave Taroom and walk more than 200 kilometres to the then newly formed Indigenous community of Woorabinda in Queensland.

Aunty Ivy, a Goreng Goreng woman, was just a kid when she completed that walk, and this year she has reached her 100th birthday.

Now living in Rockhampton, Aunty Ivy still remembers and shares the yarns of her childhood with the younger generations of her family.

One of her grandsons, Dean Jarrett, remembers living at her house as a child and listening to her stories. He also remembers Aunty Ivy's keen interest in listening to the stories her grandchildren told her.

"We learnt a lot of lessons from her," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"She taught us resilience by showing us how she had the mindset to survive in Queensland which, at times, was horrendous for

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. I'm honoured to have her as a grandmother."

Mr Jarrett said Aunty Ivy's house was always somewhere to go, and still is.

"We'd stay with her for a while then move out again, back down the coast," he said.

"A lot of us live away from central Queensland now but whenever we're in the area

family. She plays a lot of different roles for different family members – for some she's a mentor, for others she's a source of wisdom."

Aunty Ivy's grandchildren say that she is the embodiment of this year's NAIDOC theme – 'Because of her, we can' – for all that she has achieved in her life.

Ms Stanley said her grandmother is a source of inspiration for many people, especially for her family.

"I sat down and thought about it the other day and it's just amazing all the things she's been through, from the trauma of removal from her homelands and being 'under the act' in

Woorabinda while living in the dormitories, to working as a domestic servant in far western Queensland," she said.

"The horrific treatment she endured, and the fact she has survived and thrived, is incredible.

"She's a humble lady from the bush that just goes about her daily business, but she's very special to us.

"We think she's a trailblazer; her longevity is testament to that. She only recently started slowing down but she stays up to date with family and community matters and of course remembers what happened years ago like it was yesterday."

"Her life is like an archive for a lot of that history and it's very significant that she's reached this milestone, especially as an Aboriginal lady."

that's the first place we go, to check in with Nan. It's pretty rare to have so many generations of a family still living, and to have an important person like Nan in the family is pretty special."

But it's not just inspiration and lessons that Aunty Ivy passed on to her grandchildren through her stories. Her granddaughter, Kerry Stanley, said she was also passing on the family history.

"Her life is like an archive for a lot of that history and it's very significant that she's reached this milestone, especially as an Aboriginal lady," she said.

"It means a lot to the whole



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Janine Gertz and Yarrabah man Djungan Neal at Strand Park during the community day.



Marchers line the streets holding banners for Labour Day in Townsville recently.

Mob marches for May Day

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people were among a record number of marchers during huge Labour Day celebrations in

Townsville on May 7.

More than 5000 people lined the street after about 1200 marchers from 12 unions set off from Strand Park at 10.30am. They marched several blocks before returning to Strand Park for a community day.

Patrick Neliman, of Mer and Badu descent, was honoured to lead the marchers, holding one

side of a large banner. Mr Neliman is the chairperson of the Maritime Union of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee.

"Unions have helped our people get Stolen Wages and what the State Government has left over from the \$23 million they promised will go to educating young Indigenous people," he said.

The Queensland Council of Unions was at the forefront of lobbying the State Government to pay outstanding Stolen Wages to Indigenous people.

It was one of the biggest May Day marches held in the North Queensland capital for many years. This year's event celebrated the history of the labour movement

in Queensland and launched the Australian Unions campaign to 'Change the Rules', which is calling for a wage rise and more secure work. Steve Taiters, a concreter and member of the Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union, told the *Koori Mail* he was proud to carry a large Aboriginal flag. Aboriginal meat worker Tom Tucker said the march was special to him.

"Unions preserve our working conditions and I am happy to be in this march," he said.

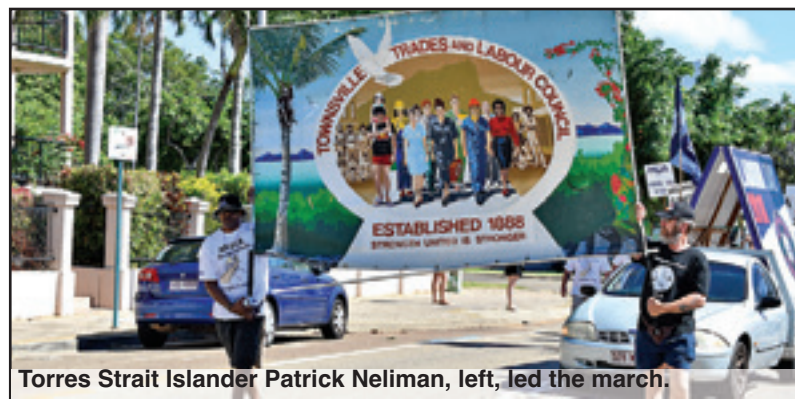
Other marches across the state were held in Cairns, Mackay, Rockhampton, Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Ipswich, the Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba.



Meat worker Tommy Tucker was glad to march.



Steve Taiters holds the Aboriginal flag as he marches.



Torres Strait Islander Patrick Neliman, left, led the march.

Katungul's 2018 1st Community Consultations

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Address: 1-3 Old Princes Highway, Batemans Bay NSW 2536
Date: Monday - 21st May 2018
Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm
Transport: Contact Cherie Russell on 02 4488-4050 by Wednesday 16th May 2018 so appropriate transport can be arranged.

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Address: Umbarra Road, Wallaga Lake NSW 2546
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Unions gather in Cairns



MORE than 60 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of the newly-merged Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union gathered in Cairns to develop a framework to support Indigenous people achieve their aspirations as outlined in the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

The first national conference held following the union merger earlier this year included a gathering of Indigenous members from a diverse range of industries – including building sites, mines, the waterfront, seafaring, manufacturing and forestry – and from all corners of the country.

The inaugural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Conference resolved that the union would campaign politically and within the community in support of the Uluru Statement.

Conference coordinator and secretary of the Northern Territory branch of the Maritime Union Australia Division of the new union, Thomas Mayor – a Torres Strait Islander man who was born on Larrakia country (Darwin) – said the newly merged union was determined to build on its strong history of supporting First Nations people.

“This conference was about bringing together our Indigenous



Members of the Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union have resolved to publicly campaign in support of the Uluru Statement.

brothers and sisters, hearing first-hand their experiences at work and in their communities, and taking that knowledge to build a national campaign that can lead to genuine reconciliation,” Mr Mayor said.

“The Uluru Statement from the

Heart is not only a compelling and powerful expression of the desires of First Nations people in this country, but just as importantly it outlines achievable outcomes, including a constitutionally-enshrined voice to Parliament and the creation of

a Makarrata Commission to carry out the process of truth telling and treaty.”

Mr Mayor will be speaking at a community action in Sydney on Saturday, May 26, when Gurindji people from Kalkaringi in the NT gather in Prime Minister Malcolm

Turnbull’s electorate of Wentworth to show support for the Uluru Statement.

The Gurindji people’s action begins at 9am at the El Alamein fountain in Kings Cross. They will also meet for a second session at 1pm in Centennial Park.

My Mayor said the Indigenous union conference enabled First Nations people to have a voice in setting policy and planning action.

“By bringing together rank and file union members who know the issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in their workplaces, industries, and communities, we were able to develop a strong set of policies and clear campaign outcomes.

“This ensures our union supports the fight of Indigenous Australians, in particular for a constitutionally-enshrined voice for First Nations,” he said.

“This is about so much more than symbolism, as the only way we can close the gap when it comes to health, education, employment and social outcomes for First Nations people is to ensure they have a voice that is genuinely accountable to them alone, not chosen by politicians, the Prime Minister, or the media.

“When our entire nation – black and white – comes together to enshrine the rightful place of First Nations people, then we will finally be on the path to closing the gap.”

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Miss Diamond queen shines in competition

By KEIRA JENKINS



BUNDJALUNG and Bigambul girl Katayah Lewis started entering modelling competitions about three years ago.

But the 12-year-old from Toowoomba, Queensland, isn't in it to win, she's in it to have fun and prove that she can do anything she sets her mind to.

Katayah's mum Joanne Torrens said her daughter's most recent achievement was winning the Social Media Queen award at the Miss Diamond Australia competition, which was held in Brisbane.

"We applied to compete and it was the biggest competition she's ever done," Ms Torrens told the *Koori Mail*.

"We raised money for a charity, she had media appearances, Katayah got a taste of what a model does and she made heaps of friends. We would definitely do it again. We've applied again for the 2019 competition."

Ms Torrens said this year they raised money for Autism Spectrum Australia (ASPECT) because Katayah has Aspergers.

"Katayah sometimes has trouble connecting with people and doesn't really interact with people," Ms Torrens said.

"She had to give a talk about her charity and she did so well."

Ms Torrens said when she entered her daughter into Miss Diamond Australia Katayah wasn't expecting to win.

"It was such a good experience," Ms Torrens said. "Katayah met people and made friends. It was so unexpected how well she did."

"It was a really special experience."



Katayah Lewis.

Unrestrained dogs stalk people on Stradbroke



THE Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) is concerned that pet dogs left to roam free are killing large kangaroos and posing a threat to people on North Stradbroke Island, off Brisbane.

There is community division about the future of pets on the island, with Quandamooka people saying unrestrained dogs have killed up to 24 kangaroos recently and harassed a group of visiting school children.

It is believed a large dog stalked the group, with parents having to restrain and release the animal, which was later found by a council contractor.

There have also been reports of a child being bitten in March. QYAC chair Cameron Costello says the situation has reached crisis point and owners must change how pets are controlled.

"There needs to be a public discussion and a drastic culture change," he said.

"I don't think people appreciate they live on what is essentially a wildlife sanctuary."

Mr Costello said the majority of pet owners are responsible, however, some aren't and even tourists have carelessly left their dogs on the island.

"They were just worried about being late for the ferry," he said.

Mr Costello is worried the dogs could discourage school groups from coming to the island, which is part of their educational tourism plans.

The problem also caused QYAC to lose income in February when they were forced to close camping groups while they trapped dogs during the peak holiday period.

Redland City mayor Karen Williams said rumours the council plans to change the local laws to ban dogs were false. They believe the situation is improving following successful trappings.

The council plans to release educational material for animal owners and has called on residents to take responsibility for their pets and provide appropriate dog enclosures and supervision. — AAP

Opposition to coal seam gas heats up in the Pilliga

By DARREN COYNE



GOMEROI traditional owner JudyKaye Knox delivered a blunt message to the Santos board and its shareholders at

last week's annual general meeting in Adelaide.

"We do not want coal seam gas," Ms Knox said in response to the mining giant's plan to establish a gasfield in the Pilliga Forest and surrounding farmland in north-central NSW.

Ms Knox said the Pilliga was considered the heart of the vast Gamilaraay nation and "we do not want coal seam gas continuing to impact the irreplaceable natural and cultural values of the Pilliga Forest."

"Enough damage has already occurred," she said.

Ms Knox attended the AGM alongside environmentalists, farmers and business people to warn Santos they would face an 'unprecedented rural uprising' if the company proceeded with its Narrabri coal seam gas scheme.

Santos wants to drill 850 gas wells throughout the Pilliga, considered NSW's last great inland forest, and the surrounding Narrabri farmland.

Aquifer threat

Opponents fear the proposal would threaten recharge aquifers of the Great Artesian Basin, the essential water source for outback Australia, and potentially destroy agriculture in the region.

Ms Knox told the AGM that Elders and other Gomeroi people had made it clear they would not support the proposal.

"Santos has not met with the Elders and the Gomeroi people

who have repeatedly voiced their concerns and have been ignored when they have asked Santos for a meeting," she told the AGM.

"We have rejected the damage to our country by your activities and our assessment is that your cultural heritage report is significantly deficient."

"I ask the chairperson to please explain to shareholders why Santos continues with business plans to destroy our culture and heritage."

Narrabri community members warned there was unprecedented opposition to the Narrabri gas project amongst many groups throughout the region.

In addition to the 850 wells planned over 20 years, the project includes a gas processing plant, a water management plant, compression facilities, pipelines and a power plant, covering about 1% of the project area of 950

square kilometres.

According to surveys, 97% of people oppose the project in the five shires that span Narrabri.

AGM attendees also warned that the project may become a liability rather than an asset.

United opposition

Coonamble farmer David Chadwick said in his 38 years in agriculture he had never seen such "united and vehement" opposition to any project as that directed at the Santos proposal.

"When town, Aboriginal and farming communities across the 5.5 million hectares of five shires surrounding the Narrabri-Pilliga region return a staggering 97% opposition to CSG and declare 'this is a war for water', you have a problem."

"When these communities are supported by their shire councils, the Labor Party, the Shooters,

Fishers and Farmers Party and the Greens, clearly Santos and the National-Liberal Coalition are on notice that this project does not have a social licence."

Santos, which is the target of a \$13.5 billion takeover approach by US firm Harbour Energy, says on its website that it is negotiating with the elected representatives of the Gomeroi people, the 19 members of the Gomeroi Applicant Group, on a native title agreement for the Narrabri Gas Project.

"These negotiations are a requirement of the *Native Title Act* and consider how the project impacts on the Gomeroi people's native title rights and interests," it says.

"These negotiations include discussion on what can be done to avoid or minimise any impacts, and how the Gomeroi people can be compensated where this impact cannot be avoided."

"When town, Aboriginal and farming communities across ... the Narrabri-Pilliga region return a staggering 97% opposition to CSG and declare 'this is a war for water', you have a problem."

Bre community stands against nuclear dump

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL campaigners against a proposed nuclear waste dump at Brewarrina have said 'divide and conquer' tactics will not defeat them.

Ngemba woman Trish Frail, who is the campaign manager for the No Nuclear Bundabunda on Ngemba Land – Bad Poison group, said local Aboriginal people would not accept a waste dump under any circumstances.

The Brewarrina Shire Council put forward the region as a possible site for a nuclear waste facility late last year, prompting hundreds of locals to sign a petition against the idea. As yet though, no landholder has expressed interest.

The petition had 563 'no' votes compared to 84 residents who voted in a council survey that council should 'continue with the project'.

Ms Frail told the *Koori Mail* that

the council voted to establish a working group on February 23 but "to date we have not had a meeting".

"The mayor said no-one has nominated their land so we don't need to meet," she said.

"I am still arguing against this statement and the right to commence the working group.

"We want to know the motivation and funding behind the delegation to (Sydney nuclear facility) Lucas Heights last November and details of the consultation arrangement for nuclear advocate Robert Parker.

"There is clearly no mandate for the council to just push ahead and keep promoting the nuclear waste dump."

In the meantime, Ms Frail has held meetings with NSW Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs David Harris and Unions NSW in an effort to drum up support against the proposed dump.

"The NSW Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs said the Labor

Party is in total support of the Bundabunda campaign and will be calling for a meeting with the support group in preparation of developing policies regarding nuclear matters in NSW," Ms Frail said. "They said it would bring \$10 million to the region but we cannot accept that ... not for a lifetime of misery and potential harm to the environment."

The idea of a dump at Brewarrina – which boasts Aboriginal fish traps considered to be the oldest manmade structures in the world – came "out of the blue", according to Nat Wasley from the Beyond Nuclear Initiative lobby group.

That's because a number of South Australian sites are currently being considered by the Federal Government's National Radioactive Waste Management Taskforce, including two sites at Kimba, on the Eyre Peninsula, and one at Barndioota, south of Lake Torrens, near Hawker.

Ms Wasley said the Federal Government was hoping to declare a preferred site by the end of the year, "but then they said that in 2006".

The Federal Government has previously said community consultations and submissions would determine whether a site progressed. A federal Senate inquiry into the process of site selection closed submissions last month, and is expected to report in August.

Ms Frail said her Brewarrina group had made a submission to that inquiry.

The Industry, Innovation and Science Department issued a statement to the *Koori Mail* saying it had not received any voluntary nomination from the Brewarrina area.

"As is on the public record, there has been some community interest in putting forward a nomination," a spokesperson said. "Under the

relevant Commonwealth legislation, any landowner may nominate to host this facility right up until the point the Minister makes a final decision on the facility's location.

"To that end, three sites in South Australia are already in an advanced phase two process that involves deep consultation, site-specific technical assessments, and a vote expected to commence from 20 August 2018."

The spokesperson said if a nomination was made from a Brewarrina landowner, it would need an initial desktop analysis.

"... if it were found to meet the initial criteria, then it may proceed to a phase one consultation process. As is required under the Act, this would then see a formal public consultation period of not less than 60 days, where we provide the community with information and seek their input and feedback."

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Culture on show at Wominjeka



BLAK to the Future is an immersive art experience that presents an alternate future told by young Aboriginal artists. It's part of the upcoming Wominjeka Festival

at Footscray Community Arts Centre (FCAC) this month, May 25-27, which celebrates contemporary Indigenous arts and culture and features music, exhibitions, conversations, film and theatre.

Blak to the Future is curated by Rosie Kalina and Hannah Morphy-Walsh. It features the work of Narrun Yana, a collective of artists united through their experiences from out-of-home care to high school to adulthood, featuring Rubii Red, Tara Butterworth-Gonebale, Nakia Cadd and Gina McRsae, and curated by Megan Cope.

FCAC producer Hannah Morphy-Walsh said the driving force of the festival was community.

"Wominjeka is a show of the strength, resilience and creativity that has always been the core of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture," she said. "Our art has grown with the guidance of our Elders and mentorship from our prominent and established artists."

Which Way Home – a play from ILBIJERRI Theatre Company based on writer Katie Beckett's memories of growing up with her single Aboriginal father – kicks off the festival on May 25 and 26.

Then on May 27, the next generation of visual artists, performers and musicians step into the limelight. Little Wominjeka is a stellar live music line-up featuring the country's rising Indigenous voices, including Allara Briggs Pattison, Robert K Champion, Maylene Slater-Burns, Brett Lee and Elaine Crombie.

FCAC Elder in Residence Uncle Larry Walsh says the festival is a great opportunity for new Indigenous creators.

"For me, Wominjeka is about giving space for the up and comers," he said.

"It's really all about young creators, painters, musicians and performers getting the chance to be seen and heard."

Another program highlight is *Black Screen*, an Indigenous film program curated by filmmaker John Harvey from Brown Cabs. Films include *Carry The Flag*, *We Paint We Belong*, and *Irene Ridgeway*, along with a Q&A with *Irene Ridgeway* director Daniel King.

For information visit footscrayarts.com



Kamahi King and Katie Beckett in *Which Way Home*, a play by Beckett showing at Wominjeka Festival at Footscray Community Arts Centre.



Aunty Pam Pedersen.

Vic women wanted for honour roll



YORTA YORTA Elder Aunty Pam Pedersen is encouraging people to nominate leaders in their communities for the Victorian Honour Roll of Women. Aunty Pam is one of

600 women on the honour roll, which has been around since 2001, for her work advocating for the rights of Aboriginal people.

"It was absolutely wonderful to be inducted," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"It was so fantastic for me because my mother was inducted. I'm so blessed to be able to follow in her footsteps. Sometimes I get tired but when I remember that, it helps me keep going. There are so many Aboriginal women who have done great things and I am so glad that I was nominated and chosen."

Aunty Pam has been an Elder on the Koorie Courts since 2005, and has worked with young people who've come into contact with the criminal justice system. She's also on a number of boards and represented Victoria at the World Masters Games in swimming.

"There's lot's of women who have worked hard," she said. "I think it's very special to see, particularly Aboriginal women recognised for what they've done. Lot's of our women have spent many years working hard for all sorts of causes. To be recognised for the work they do is very important."

Nominations for the honour roll close on May 28. Visit www.vic.gov.au/women

Bowel cancer screens help



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people are less likely to be diagnosed with bowel cancer but are more likely to die from the disease, according to the Cancer Institute NSW.

While 90% of people who are diagnosed with cancer that is localised in the bowel can be successfully treated, bowel cancer is the second biggest cancer killer in Australia.

The National Bowel Cancer Screening Program states that poor participation rates in the free screening program – 23.5% for Indigenous people aged 50-74, compared to 39% for other people – accounts for the high mortality rate of the cancer.

Gunditjmarra man Anthony Harrison, an Aboriginal health worker in Ballarat, Victoria, said there are lots of different reasons Indigenous people are reluctant to participate in the screening program.

"No one likes going to the doctor," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"No one likes going to the hospital. It wasn't long ago that hospitals were one of the places that Aboriginal children were taken from their families. Another thing is there's this assumption that the hospital is where you go to die, not to get better, so there's lots of misconception about going to the hospital.

"When it comes to the screening test Aboriginal people – especially men – don't like to talk about their health or any problems they might be having.

"Sometimes it's just as simple as not understanding the process you've got to go through to do the test."

Cancer Institute NSW Bowel Cancer Screening Program campaign manager Christopher Horn said although Indigenous people are less likely to develop bowel cancer, they have a lower five-year survival rate because diagnosis often occurs at a later stage.

"We've invited people aged 50-74 to



Ernest Brimm lost his father to bowel cancer and is encouraging others to screen for the disease.

do the test at home," he said.

"It's an easy test. You've got to do a poo and poke it with the stick from the test kit, then you send the stick away.

"Once it's tested we get in contact with you and your GP about the results. Because there's not a lot of awareness

cancer isn't a death sentence, especially if it's caught early."

Ernest Brimm lost his father to bowel cancer and said not looking after your health has devastating consequences not just for the individual, but for the whole family.

"It goes to this culture of shame," the Djabugay man from Cairns said.

"People are embarrassed to have an illness. The family can be as supportive as possible but if the individual keeps on saying 'I'm okay' there's only so much the

family can do.

"Sometimes by the time the family puts their foot down and says 'go to the doctor' it's too late."

Mr Brimm encourages anyone between 50 and 74 years old to complete the screening test.

"Giri giri gugu mugu do – that means 'hurry up, just do it'," he said.

For more information visit www.dothetest.com.au or www.indigenousbowelscreen.com.au

"For those people who have done the test, you've got to remember that bowel cancer isn't a death sentence, especially if it's caught early."

and a lot of shame around talking about poo, lots of people just don't do the test."

Mr Horn said the best way to make sure people are catching the cancer early is to remove the stigma around talking about bowel cancer.

"Have a conversation," he said.

"Talk about it and move past this idea that we shouldn't talk about poo. For those people who have done the test, you've got to remember that bowel

Good news from Alice



RENOWNED international health advocate Professor Michael Marmot visited

the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress in Alice Springs recently to see how Aboriginal community-controlled health services improve the lives of Aboriginal people.

"What I have seen in Alice Springs are examples of good news stories – committed people, adequately resourced, who are engaged with the Indigenous community, doing good things," he said.

Prof Marmot is the director of University College London's Institute of Health Equity and a leading researcher on health



Professor Michael Marmot yarns with people at the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress.

inequality issues. He is also a powerful international advocate for the social determinants of health.

Congress chief executive Donna Ah Chee said their use

of data allowed Congress to demonstrate to Prof Marmot how effective Congress is as a leading Aboriginal community-controlled health service.

"The way we collect and use

data is building an evidence base about what works, and he commented on the importance of this approach," she said.

"He was also clear that one of the key ways that health services implement a social determinants approach is by providing Aboriginal employment.

"He was impressed with the current 50% Aboriginal employment rate and strategic target of 60%. He was also impressed that there are so many good things happening in Aboriginal health as compared with the doom and gloom he had previously heard about.

"This has been a fantastic opportunity to showcase our work. We are pleased Sir Marmot will take what he has learnt to the rest of the world."

Common banded mosquito brings viruses to the Centre



AVOID being bitten by mosquitoes. That's the warning to residents in Central Australia and the Northern Territory after Murray Valley

encephalitis (MVE) and Kunjin virus activity were detected in the Centre.

Northern Territory medical entomology director Nina Kurucz said preliminary results from a surveillance program have indicated recent MVE and Kunjin virus activity in Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.

While previous results showed high-level virus activity across the Top End, it is likely that both viruses are also present in Central Australia.

Although the risk of contracting MVE or Kunjin virus is low – due to low mosquito numbers across Central Australia – people are urged to take precautions against mosquito bites, as it might only take a few mosquitoes to transmit mosquito-borne disease during periods of high-level virus activity.

The viruses are transmitted by the common-banded mosquito, *Culex annulirostris*, which is active after sunset within a few kilometres of seasonal lagoons and wetlands.

"To avoid mosquito-borne disease, use personal mosquito protection and avoid being outdoors in or close to wetland areas or places where mosquitoes are active, especially after sunset," Ms Kurucz said.

MVE is rare, but can potentially be fatal. The last MVE case occurred in the west Arnhem region in April 2018 and the last case in Central Australia was in 2015.

Symptoms can include severe headache, high fever, drowsiness, tremor and seizures (especially in young children). In some cases, the disease can progress to delirium, coma, permanent brain damage or death.

To minimise the chance of being bitten by mosquitoes, people should:

- use a protective repellent containing 20% DEET or Picaridin as a supplement to protective clothing when outdoors in mosquito-prone areas;
- wear light-coloured clothing with long sleeves, long trousers and socks, between dusk and dawn in areas where mosquito bites are likely;
- avoid outdoor exposure around dusk and at night near areas of dense vegetation and other areas of high mosquito activity;
- use mosquito-proof accommodation and camping facilities at night;
- use mosquito coils, mosquito lanterns and barrier sprays containing bifenthrin in patio and outdoor areas near houses; and
- ensure children are adequately protected against mosquitoes.

Cairns opens flu vaccinations



WUCHOPPEREN Health Service offered free flu vaccinations to the staff and residents of Kuiyam Aboriginal Hostel in Cairns recently.

Kuiyam Aboriginal Hostel, which caters for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and families experiencing homelessness, requested the service on behalf of their clients in a bid to reduce incidences of the potentially deadly seasonal illness.

Hostel manager Jacinta Savage, who received her flu shot along with nearly 30 residents, said the event was a success.

"People were happy to come and get their free flu shot – we had a great turn out," she said.

"They know that vaccination helps prevent serious illness and were very grateful to Wuchopperen for visiting Kuiyam Hostel and providing this service."

Wuchopperen director of medical services Dr Jacki Mein encouraged everyone in the community, particularly those in contact with the very young or very old, to get a flu vaccination before winter hits.



Wuchopperen's Kuiyam outreach team, from left, child and women's health acting manager maternal Marion Norrie, medical services director Dr Jacki Mein, wellbeing worker Felix Kerry, administration officer Shennay Mundraby and registered nurse Jessica Proctor.

App to eliminate hep B

Health practitioners work to end chronic disease in NT



AN app providing health information about hepatitis B will be translated into 10 Aboriginal languages as part of a new project to eliminate the chronic disease from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the Northern Territory.

The Hep B Story app will be delivered by trained Aboriginal health practitioners as part of a collaboration between the Menzies

School of Health Research, the NT Health Department and community service providers.

The project will identify and treat those suffering from chronic hepatitis B (CHB) and is funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

Dr Jane Davies, Menzies' infectious diseases expert and Royal Darwin Hospital specialist physician, said up to 12% of the NT's Indigenous people had CHB.

"Of those living with CHB, 25%

will die from it with either liver failure or liver cancer," she said.

"The goal of this project is to make sure no more cases of CHB are acquired in the NT."

The project's aims are to improve health literacy about hepatitis B among Indigenous communities, people living with CHB and primary healthcare providers, with the use of the Hep B Story app.

The program also aims to improve the care for individuals living with CHB by establishing an

NT hep B clinical register, supporting ongoing healthcare provider training, and coordinating the transition of CHB care into primary care.

"A register of people living with CHB will be created and a core clinical care team allocated to facilitate the organised delivery of recommended care to everyone who needs it," Dr Davies said.

Darwin Region and Strategic Primary Health Care public health specialist Dr Christine Connors said hep B is a hidden disease

that can be easily forgotten in the health system.

"Better treatment for chronic hep B has provided a sense of urgency to diagnose and offer treatment to all people with a chronic infection," she said.

The collaborative project led by Dr Davies includes Menzies, the NT Health Department, Katherine West Health Board Aboriginal Corporation, Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation, the NT AIDS & Hepatitis Council, and the Australasian Society for HIV.

Scholarships take health science to NZ



LOOKING to escape Australia for the cooler climate of southern New Zealand? Have you completed health sciences studies and want to use your skills to help your community?

The University of Otago is seeking students of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent to undertake postgraduate health sciences studies – and will pay people to do it.

The university is offering a scholarship of up to \$55,000 per year (including tuition fees and allowance). The scholarship aims to support research and training in health sciences subjects that may have a future benefit to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities.

For more information about the Joan, Arthur & Helen Thacker Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Postgraduate Scholarship, visit www.otago.ac.nz/study/scholarships/database/sear/otago106285.html

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Art is for the reef's future

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL artist Nicky Bidju Pryor has created a stunning painting with a message about ensuring the Great Barrier Reef remains for future generations.

Titled *Step of Change*, the painting will be showcased on the cover of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's first Reconciliation Action Plan, scheduled for release later this year. Pryor is a Juru traditional owner from the Burdekin-Bowen area and a descendant of the Birrigubba and Gunggandji nations.

The artwork features traditional depictions of marine life and a symbolic 'step forward' set against waves of striking blues and teal.

"It took me five days to paint and my message in it is about the reef and how we must work together to look after it. The reef is life and it would be chaos without it," Pryor told the *Koori Mail*.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority reef protection branch general manager Dr Simon Banks said the artwork was selected from a wide range of high-quality designs submitted during a callout earlier this year.

"The piece perfectly captures the meaning and importance of reconciliation and the Great Barrier Reef," he said.

"The Reconciliation Action Plan will demonstrate our commitment to strengthening relationships, respect and



Marine Park Authority manager Rachel Reese and Reef Protection Branch manager Dr Simon Banks (left), artist Nicky Bidju Pryor with his work *Step of Change* and Marine Park Authority managers Peta Ross and Eliza Glasson. Picture: Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

opportunities for our staff that identify as First Australians, and with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities."

Pryor said the Great Barrier Reef played a significant role in his life, having spent part of his childhood enjoying fishing and educational activities with his family.

"As an adult, I have been on conservation trips with family to learn more about turtles and what is being done to conserve our traditional land," he said.

"I hope my work brings about intercultural understanding for the many people that see it and therefore contributes to reconciliation."

Step of Change contains symbolic elements including:

- A foot – shown as a group of islands. It depicts the step we need to take to make positive changes for the reef.

- Background blues – these colours represent a ripple in the water, indicating the change that will happen if we take a step now.

- Animals – representing life in and around the reef.

- Teal lines – represent recovery and the reef coming to life.

Pryor's artwork will be displayed in the Marine Park Authority's Townsville office.

Reconciliation Action Plans help organisations contribute to reconciliation both internally and in the communities in which they operate.



Taree Sansbury explores weaving in her work *mi:wi*. Picture: Jamie James

Next Wave festival on way to Vic



MELBOURNE is the backdrop for world premiere performances from emerging artists from across the country until May 20.

There will be 31 productions on show as part of this year's Next Wave festival, which include everything from dance and performance art to sculpture and storytelling.

Next Wave creative producer Erica McCalman said the festival helps artists within the first five years of their practice realise some of their most ambitious projects.

"These are works that have never been seen before," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"One of the things I love about what we do is that we're nurturing a new generation of Australian artists. A lot of the artists who've showcased their work at previous festivals have gone on to do incredible things."

South Australian dancer Taree Sansbury will present her work *mi:wi* – opening today (May 16) – which explores the art of weaving.

The Kurna, Narungga and Ngarrindjeri woman said the dance-based work was inspired especially by her grandmother, who was involved throughout the process of creating *mi:wi*.

"I talked lots to my nanna about Ngarrindjeri weaving. She does the weaving and that's her thing. I

did also convince her to sing a little bit for me though," Taree said.

"It was really interesting working with her, and that was a big part of the process. It was definitely a two-way learning process. I was asking questions that I don't think she expected me to and she was telling me things that I didn't know that she knew. I really enjoyed that time together and that experience with her."

Kalkadoon man Joshua Pethers showcased his sci-fi inspired performance art piece *Jupiter Orbiting*, which explores perceptions of mental health and trauma.

"It kind of explores the ways of discovering what's real and what's not," he said.

"It comes from a very surrealist and sci-fi perspective. I've been interested in sci-fi for a while. The work links mental health and trauma."

"Being Aboriginal, exploring trauma is very much part of the culture. This is a bit more experimental than you might see as usual for Aboriginal artists. The journey through the work is almost meditative."

Other highlights include *Exhale* by Sydney collective Black Birds, Josh Muir and Adam Ridgeway's installation *Not Good Place*, and Azia Kulpinska and Timmah Ball's launch their new book *Wild Tongue Vol 2. – How Should an Artist Be?*

For more information visit www.nextwave.org.au

New dreaming on show



A SMALL group of central Victorian visual and performing artists have created a new exhibition they hope will grow into an integral part of Bendigo's artistic calendar.

The *Nara Dreaming Exhibition* is a cross-cultural exhibition featuring various mediums including painting, photography, sculpture, jewellery making and fine art and craft work.

The *Nara Dreaming Exhibition* artists are: Robyn Davis, Trina Dalton-Oogjes, Bill Whitbread, Anne Conway, Christine Arnott, Brenda Stevens-Chambers, Patrick Curtis, Col Wylie, George Kendall, Joan Halpin, Kerri-Ann Abbott (deceased), Judy Davis and Samantha James.

The exhibition runs through Reconciliation Week and the artists said it's 'reconciliation in action' without the meetings, the lectures and the polarisation – just a group of people who are getting along fine, working side by side and celebrating this wonderful country that we all call home.

The exhibition aims to raise funds for Bendigo Community Radio Station, Phoenix FM, and has the support of Reconciliation Victoria.

Over time the artists hope to expand to include more events, artists and performers, showcasing



The venue for the *Nara Dreaming Exhibition*.

them in a rustic setting and celebrating Australia's unique culture.

The exhibition will be held at Avisford – a private property at 1023 Calder Alternative Highway, Lockwood. The exhibition opening will be on May 18 at 6.30pm with Kathy Maher playing guitar.

On Sunday, May 27 there will be an informative talk on the dingo.

The exhibition is open on weekends, but will also open for special booking, and runs until June 3. Groups are encouraged to visit, and morning or afternoon Devonshire Tea can be made available. Entry to all events is by donation. For more information, visit naradreaming.com.au

Duo weaves music



ABORIGINAL
desert reggae
meets old school
metal when
Central

Australian duo

Apakatjah takes to the stage.

Apakatjah (pronounced 'uppa-cut-ja') is Dion Forrester and Jonathan Lindsay-Tjapaltjarri Hermawan. The pair weave together their blended cultures with musical influences like Aboriginal desert reggae, the Tjupi Band, old school metal bands like Iron Maiden and guitar master Tommy Emmanuel.

Apakatjah combine intricate guitar work with ancient languages, stirring harmonies and traditional instrumentation.

Dion and Jonathan share a heritage that combines Aboriginal cultures (Pintupi-

Luritja, Pitjantjatjara, Pertame Central Arrernte, Alywarre, Kayitj and Islander) with European, Indonesian, Irish, Welsh and Dutch ancestry.

The word 'apakatjah' is a Luritja Kriol word for a person of mixed race heritage. The duo has embraced the term to demonstrate the pride they have in their identity and to draw strength from their culture.

Apakatjah will be performing in May at Campbelltown Arts Centre, and will be resident there from May 22 until June 2. While in residence, Dion and Jonathan will be mentoring primary school students within the Campbelltown area through musical workshops as well as writing songs for the follow-up to their debut album *In Between*.

"We are looking forward to the opportunity to focus on a

new direction and harness a new creative energy for the next album," Mr Hermawan said.

"The break away from our homes and communities will give us a breath of fresh air and the much-needed space to focus on what it is that we want to express most in the next stage of our music career.

"This opportunity will expose us to new stories, strong spirits, new friendships and strengthen our vision."

On Friday, May 25 at 7pm, Apakatjah will perform an all ages gig with special guests Jess Beck and Pirra in acoustic mode. There will be a community barbecue from 6pm.

Adult tickets cost \$10, concession \$5, children under 12 are free.

For further information call (02) 4645 4100.



Apakatjah.
Picture: Nick Pincott

Taboo book of the year



NOONGAR author Kim Scott's novel *Taboo* – a story of redemption set on massacre country in Western Australia – has

received the Book of the Year award in the NSW Premier's Literary Awards.

Mr Scott won a \$10,000 prize for *Taboo*, published through Pan Macmillan Australia, and also won the biennial Indigenous Writers' Prize of \$30,000.

Taboo is a mystical story where dead creatures spring to life out of campfires and wheat trucks, and where Aboriginal ancestors rustle and murmur as they are awakened by the acts of the living. Scott writes about the imperative for Australia to transcend trauma of many kinds and to imagine Aboriginal people not 'busted and broken'.

Together, the two sides of history move towards a new understanding. Gerry Coolman, a Noongar hero, makes a pilgrimage through a lightning storm in the footsteps of his ancestors; a second Gerry Coolman, his twin, chooses badly, damaging others as well as himself. And Tilly, the niece of both, ultimately finds a place to belong, and discovers that she is far from the orphan she had



NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, back, third from left, at the Premier's Literary Awards, along with Noongar man Kim Scott, front, second from left, whose book *Taboo* won the Book of the Year award.

imagined herself to be.

Award judge Suzanne Leal said: "as a portrait of one Aboriginal extended family, *Taboo* is an outstanding work of fiction."

"Scott has created a cast of enigmatic, impossible-to-label characters, who slip between heroism and viciousness, the present and the past, while attempting to

reconcile with their painful histories," she said.

"As an act of the imagination, the novel is heartbreaking, lyrical and momentous.

"Writing from a Noongar community which has recently negotiated a settlement with the West Australian state, Scott has not only produced a literary triumph; he has also penned Australia's first post-treaty novel."

The awards were announced at the State Library of NSW, with a total of \$295,000 offered across 12 prizes. It's the third year in a row that Book of the Year has been awarded to a work by an Indigenous author.

Previous winners were Leah Purcell for *The Drover's Wife* in 2017 and Bruce Pascoe for *Dark Emu* in 2016.

Bram Presser took out the Christina Stead Prize for Fiction, the UTS Glenda Adams Award for New Writing and the People's Choice Award for his novel *The Book of Dirt* (Text Publishing). The Nick Enright Prize for Playwriting (\$30,000) was awarded to *Black is the New White* by Nakkiah Lui (Sydney Theatre Company).

Black is the New White is a quick-witted romantic comedy exploring the intersection between contemporary Australian cultures.



Dulgu-burra (a procession of history) 2018 by Danie Mellor.

Perception leads to uncovering history



DANIE Mellor explores the history, culture and landscape of his matrilineal country of Far North Queensland's rainforests in his new exhibition *Proximity and Perception* at Cairns Art

Gallery. Mr Mellor was born in Mackay, Queensland, and deliberately employs European aesthetic and pictorial devices associated with the colonial period to subvert and reimagine the complex collision of Australia's pre and post-settlement history. Works in the exhibition provide a context for his newly commissioned artwork for the Cairns Art Gallery collection, which was purchased with the support of the Gallery Foundation.

Dulgu-burra (a procession of history)

2018 depicts an idyllic scene of Bama (rainforest people) going about daily life beside a river.

A tree kangaroo stares out from the centre of the white river gum canopy, flanked by a cornucopia of colourful kingfishers, king parrots and Bajin (black-spangled drongo birds). It is a utopia in one sense, however the landscape also conveys what Mellor refers to as 'Arcadian melancholy'.

"This landscape speaks of colonialism, and an age of expansion that irrevocably transformed the lives of people and the complex ecology not just of northern Queensland, but Australia and also the globe," he said.

Proximity and Perception will run at the Cairns Art Gallery until July 1.

The healing of spirit has arrived



UP to 2000 Indigenous people from around the world will gather in Sydney in November for

Healing Our Spirit Worldwide: the Eighth Gathering.

The four-day conference is held every four years, each time in a different part of the world, and focuses on health, politics, social inclusion, Stolen Generations, education, governance and resilience.

The University of Sydney and the Healing Foundation are co-hosting this year's conference at the International Convention Centre in Sydney from November 26-29.

University of Sydney's acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services) Juanita Sherwood said the university was honoured to co-host Healing Our Spirit Worldwide.

"This is my second time being involved in the conference and it's a great opportunity to learn from other

Indigenous people about strategies that work for them," the Wiradjuri woman told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's also a great place to set up connections with people from around the world and your own people.

"It's an opportunity to talk about strategies for healing that differ from the mainstream."

The conference theme is 'For our grandchildren's grandchildren'.

International Indigenous Council director Maggie Hodgson said the focus on the future is essential to improving the health and wellbeing of Indigenous people globally.

"Hundreds of years of colonialism has disrupted knowledge, gathering, sharing and remembering," she said.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar will present the closing address at the gathering, which she said offers an exciting opportunity to celebrate the resilience and strength of Indigenous people from around the world.

"We come from the oldest

continuous civilisation on Earth and our very survival in this country is testament to our knowledge systems, identity and strength as a people," the Bunuba woman said.

"When we take the time to listen to the truth of Indigenous peoples, we can move forward and truly realise our visions for building a better future for our children and grandchildren."

Wiradjuri woman and Federal Labor MP Linda Burney will give the opening keynote address.

The conference program will also include workshops and activities on healing and health; land and language; learning, education and employment; lore, law and justice; and our future. There will also be performances and activities for members of the public to attend, including dedicated sessions for children and youth as well as Elders.

For more information or to register for Healing Our Spirit Worldwide: the Eighth Gathering, visit www.hosw.com



June Oscar will provide the closing address at the conference.



Community Fellowship recipient Aunty Rita Wright with Western Sydney University Chancellor Peter Shergold.

Aunty Rita's honoured for a life of walking together



MURUWARI woman Aunty Rita Wright has been recognised for her tireless dedication to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of Greater

Western Sydney.

She received a Community Fellowship from Western Sydney University (WSU) in a ceremony recently, which formally acknowledged her commitment to promoting strong relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and service and program providers.

Aunty Rita has been Elder in Residence at Ngroo Education Incorporated, where she has developed culturally appropriate programs and services to support the education of Aboriginal children.

"This award from the university is an honour for me and the community," Aunty Rita said.

"It has been a privilege to contribute to the welfare

of all people in Western Sydney, especially Aboriginal people, and I am proud of all of our achievements."

WSU Vice-Chancellor Professor Barney Glover paid tribute to her and said her story is a compelling tale of advocacy in the face of adversity.

"As a member of the Stolen Generations, she dedicated her life to the advancement of Aboriginal people, particularly in Western Sydney, by agitating for change and sharing her knowledge with non-Aboriginal people," Prof Glover said.

"Professionally, Aunty Rita's work has transformed the future of young children in the region."

Her work developing the 'Walking Together' program – now used as a model for similar programs throughout NSW – supports a culturally appropriate approach to the early education of Aboriginal children, helping improve attendance and learning outcomes for students.

Bilingual students are the focus of conference

By KEIRA JENKINS



TRANSLANGUAGING – the ability to move between different languages or dialects in different contexts – is the focus of a conference at Curtin University in Western Australia this week (May 18-19).

The conference will bring researchers and educators together for discussions on the importance of acknowledging translanguaging as a significant part of bilingual students' development. Curtin University's Professor Rhonda Oliver, from the School of Education, said translanguaging seeks to respect, value and

celebrate Indigenous students' linguistic backgrounds.

"For so long we've seen Aboriginal children perceived as not having language if they don't speak English," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"But they're not blank screens. They've been talked about in terms of deficit – of not having English and having to switch from their traditional dialect to English.

"In actual fact these children who can switch from standard English in the classroom then to Aboriginal English or a traditional dialect with their peers are displaying incredible communication abilities.

"They have the ability to move between languages in different contexts."

Professor Oliver said although these children do have incredible communication skills, that is not always reflected in test scores. She said there are ways that this knowledge and ability can be valued in the classroom.

"The first step is to recognise the importance of language," Prof Oliver said.

"Language is wrapped up in culture and identity. If kids are going to do well at school they need to feel good about who they are and part of that is language.

"Schools with an English-only policy for students, where they are banned from speaking their home language, are detrimental to students' sense of identity.

"We also have to realise that tests are not

and can't be 'one size fits all'. Tests like NAPLAN, while they have a place for collecting data on where students are excelling and where they are not, have inbuilt cultural bias.

"While I don't think we need special tests for Aboriginal students, we do need to be aware of this bias. Thirdly, it's important to see a student's home language as something to build on rather than something to replace with English. Good teachers have been doing this for years but it does need to be acknowledged across the board."

Curtin University's conference for educators and researchers will be held from May 18-19. For more information visit www.humanities.curtin.edu.au/plhub

Technology brings a spark to Pilbara



AMONG the ancient landscapes of the Pilbara, the community of Roebourne is bridging the digital divide and embracing cutting-edge technology to engage their young people and preserve culture.

Indigenous Digital Excellence (IDX) Flint, a program developed by the IDX Initiative in partnership with the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence and the Telstra Foundation, provides hands-on training in digital technologies in regional and remote communities.

Through the program, communities receive \$15,000 of in-kind support for workshops for young people and facilitators, and a tailored kit of equipment and educational resources to the value of \$10,000.

Inspired

Since early 2017, the IDX team has visited 16 communities to inspire the next generation of Indigenous digital makers. The most recent of these workshops was held in Roebourne, Western Australia, last month.

IDX Flint manager Grant Cameron said the Indigenous-led program offers Indigenous communities across Australia access to important skills for the future.

"Through the workshops we seek to spark the interest, talents and ideas of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in digital technology," he said.

"We do this by connecting with organisations and individuals already working in the communities we visit, and we train local facilitators. So, when we leave, they can continue to build on the skills they have learnt and continue to use the tech."

In Roebourne the IDX team connected with Ngaarda Media, an Indigenous-owned television and radio production and broadcasting organisation.



The Roebourne community gets a taste of virtual reality.

Over five days the IDX team taught students from Wickham and Roebourne schools how to use 3D printers and fly a drone as well as how to program and make their own robots.

It was also the first site the team ran their Virtual Reality (VR) workshop, which was a highlight for many including Ngaarda Media manager Tangiora Hinaki.

VR workshop

"It was the first time many in the community have seen and used these types of technology," she said.

"The VR workshop was a definite highlight. The students had never seen anything like it before and their reactions were priceless. It's this immersive



The IDX Flint team shows the Roebourne community how a drone works.

technology that we are really keen to continue to use, and explore ways to share stories and culture."

During the visit the team also ran a drone workshop with local Indigenous rangers interested in the use of drones to care for country.

The visit to Roebourne coincided with the Karijini Experience, a celebration of Aboriginal culture held on the traditional lands of the Banjima people in Karijini National Park. As guests of Ngaarda Media, the team attended the cultural event and used the drone to capture footage.

"We were incredibly lucky to attend the Karijini Experience and explore this

magnificent country," Mr Cameron said.

"Using the drone and with permission from traditional owners, we were able to fly it into some of the surrounding gorges – what the traditional owners told us was a first on country.

Sharing knowledge

"This trip has been unique in that the entire community has come together to learn and share knowledge," he said.

"The mob here really see the potential in the technology and ways they can use it to engage their young people, preserve culture, local history and explore the link between new technologies and storytelling."

Dr Holt leads new strategy



WORIMI woman Dr Leanne Holt has been appointed the inaugural Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy) at Macquarie University in Sydney.

Dr Holt will work with other senior staff at the university to deliver the Indigenous Strategy by empowering a whole-of-university approach.

Dr Holt has worked in the higher education sector for more than 20 years and began teaching at Macquarie University in 2016 as the director of Walanga Muru, the university's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student engagement and strategy office.

Dr Holt recently led a national report on 'whole of university' approaches to Indigenous higher education as a part of a broader report led by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait



Worimi woman Dr Leanne Holt.

Islander Higher Education Consortium (NATSIHEC) on accelerating Indigenous higher education. She also delivered a plenary address on the outcomes of the report at the Universities Australia conference last year. Prior to her role at Macquarie, she was a director of the Wollotuka Institute at the University of Newcastle, where

she led the Institute to be the first in Australia to receive international accreditation by the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium. She is the NATSIHEC deputy chair and is a member of the Universities Australia Deputy Vice Chancellor Corporate Committee and the Department of Education Equity and Innovation Panel.



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- Developmental attributes of the child, including social skills
- Benefits for the child and the School
- Relative disadvantage.

Selection will be based on the application and an interview. Candidates will be short-listed for a meeting and discussion with the applicant and their parent/guardian/family members. The interview committee will include a local Indigenous representative, an IGS Board member and the Principal and will make a recommendation for consideration by the Board.

For application forms and more information, please contact IGS Director of Admissions and Marketing Alexandra Peters at admissions@igssyd.nsw.edu.au or by phone on (02) 9219 6702.

Applications will close on **Friday 15 June 2018**.



A Break's Queensland manager Tory Paasi, director and founder Mandy Tomkins, shareholder Teegan Tomkins and IT specialist Tyson Ferguson.

A Break fills the gap



JUST a few months ago, Gamilaroi woman Mandy Tomkins took the final leap to starting her own business, A Break Disability and Respite Services, in Coffs Harbour, NSW.

The plan to start A Break was hatched when Ms Tomkins met Narelle Reynolds from Condobolin in western NSW four years ago.

The pair shared their concerns about the gap they could see in providing meaningful and culturally appropriate services for Indigenous people with a disability.

Both Ms Tomkins and Ms Reynolds have children with a disability. Fast forward to today and Ms Tomkins said she's blown away by the growth of the service, which she had planned to start small in her local area, but has taken off across NSW and Queensland.

"We only started a couple of months ago and we've got 75 people on a waiting list to get in," Ms Tomkins told the *Koori Mail*.

"What this proves is there is a massive gap. Aboriginal people are not getting services or they're not happy with the services they're getting."

Ms Tomkins said all of A Break's 15 staff across Dubbo, Tamworth, Armidale, Brisbane, Kempsey, Coffs Harbour and Condobolin are Indigenous.

"We don't just roster whoever on; the client has to feel comfortable with the staff so we pair people up," she said.

"They form a relationship and become familiar with each other. That means we've got happy clients."

"We are person-centred. Our services are centred on our clients. Everyone says that they're client-centred but some definitely use that term a bit loosely."

Ms Tomkins said she's very proud of the staff, the service (which is the only regional, Aboriginal-owned respite with National Disability Insurance Agency accreditation in NSW), and her family, who have all played a part in the business.

"I just can't believe how big it's ended up," she said.

"I really want to focus on doing it right. It's always got to be for the clients. We want our kids and others to be able to feel safe, uplifted and included. Our goal is to inspire. We want people to feel good. We want people to see that they are a big part of society and not just do meaningless activities."

Ms Tomkins said all of the staff have a minimum Certificate III, or are supported through their training.

"We've got a couple of people out of long-term unemployment," she said.

"They've got criminal records from way back and found it hard to get a job. We know this is something a lot of Aboriginal people face. Two of our staff also have disabilities. They know better than anyone how to work with people with disabilities."

"The business is built to be family oriented but it's also bigger than my family. I always say we've got experience and passion and that's an explosive mix."

Culture and awareness tours come to the reef



CHERISSMA Blackman has been laying groundwork so tourists on boat trips to the Great

Barrier Reef can embrace the creation stories of local Aboriginal people.

Ms Blackman has been drawing on her law studies and family background to create Indigenous cultural heritage tours and make one of Australia's greatest tourism resources even more valuable.

Ms Blackman's Ngardu Cultural Heritage Tours company has run tours to popular reef locations from Gladstone to Cairns and incorporates performances by the Warriors Descendant Indigenous dance troupe.

"Reaction from reef tourists has been very positive and overwhelming," Ms Blackman said.

"It's great that operators and tourists in places like Magnetic Island, the Whitsundays, and Fitzroy and Green islands off Cairns want something to give more background to the existence of the Great Barrier Reef while showcasing that Indigenous people are still engaged with the reef. We are also looking into tours to Great Keppel Island and Gladstone harbour industry."

Ms Blackman's family background lends itself to forging networks that will enable sustained success. On her father's side, she has ties to Gurang and Gooreng Gooreng heritage. On her mother's side, she has Torres Strait Islander and Yidinji backgrounds.

"My Central Queensland Uni law degree is proving useful in drawing up agreements and contracts that provide a framework for these reef tours, while preserving the flexibility for



Cherissma Blackman.

Indigenous people to tailor tours to suit the demand, and to engage with a range of different operators," Ms Blackman said.

"If any CQUniversity alumni would like to support the project they can email njardoowarro@gmail.com."

While completing her schooling in Gladstone, Ms Blackman said she had great education role models including Leeanne Enoch (now a Queensland Government minister) and Peter O'Sullivan (now chief executive of Gladstone Ports Corporation).

Over the past decade, she has carved a niche delivering cultural awareness training for industry proponents and government, ensuring duty of care for Indigenous heritage across the area from Bundaberg to Gladstone. Ms Blackman has created tools and educational programs for First Nations Australians awareness, native title, cultural heritage, and reconciliation action plans.

She has recently been engaged to induct all of the Santos workforce on Curtis Island near Gladstone.

Ms Blackman has a Bachelor of Laws and is now studying to be a solicitor.

Independence drives growth



THERE are almost 12,000 Indigenous businesses which contributed between \$2.2 and \$6.6 billion to the Australian economy in 2016, according to a new PwC Indigenous Consulting (PIC) report.

PIC chief executive Jodie Sizer said the development of a robust and sustainable Indigenous economy included self-employed individuals, enterprises and trusts.

"More Indigenous people than ever are seeking to achieve economic independence by contributing to the economy through the establishment of Indigenous business and it's so encouraging to see such strong growth across the sector," she said.

"What is driving this growth is that more Indigenous people are wanting to invest, rather than just seeking traditional employment to look after their families and communities. Local businesses are also developing highly targeted services for their communities and there is increased access to government-funded programs for Indigenous economic development. The emergence of community-based mechanisms that promote Indigenous

business development has also contributed."

Ms Sizer said as well as the economic contribution, Indigenous businesses can provide a significant social contribution to society.

"Indigenous businesses are more likely to employ Indigenous people, which in turn reduces the employment gap and welfare dependency," she said.

"Indigenous businesses also provide training opportunities and use other Indigenous businesses within their supply chain and invest back into their communities."

The report found that, given the strengths of the Indigenous business sector and the growing Indigenous population, the magnitude of this contribution is expected to grow. However, Australia significantly lags behind New Zealand when it comes to Indigenous business outcomes.

Taking relative populations into account, the contribution of Indigenous businesses to the Australian economy would need to triple to reach the contribution of Maori businesses to the New Zealand economy.

To read the full report go to <https://www.pwc.com.au/indigenous-consulting/assets/the-contribution-of-the-indigenous-business-sector-apr18.pdf>



Warriors Descendant Indigenous dance troupe. Pictures: Kaylene Butler

We welcome items for our Calendar of Events. Send them to any of the addresses in the panel on page 23.

National

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 on the Facebook page 'Close the Prison Gap'.

August 11: National Indigenous Music Awards in Darwin. Entries now open and close on June 8. More details and nominations at www.indigenousmusic.com.au

Victoria

May 24: *Dare to Dream* launch event. A cultural immersion of Indigenous music, storytelling and art at Waterside Hotel, 508 Flinders Street, Melbourne, 7pm-10pm. Costs apply. Details at www.eventbrite.com.au

May 25-27: Wominjeka Festival at the Footscray Community Arts Centre celebrating contemporary Indigenous arts and culture. More details at footscaryarts.com

May 27: *Art from the Heart* art auction at Steps Gallery, Carlton, Melbourne, from 12.30-6.30pm.

June 3: Mabo Day celebration. Hosted by the Koorie Heritage Trust with music and dancers at Deaking Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne. Free event. More details at Koorie Heritage Trust Facebook page.

Until July 7: Nominations open for the Victorian Aboriginal Honour Role, which recognises the achievements of Aboriginal Victorians. Details at dpc.vic.gov.au/vahr

Until July 13: Entries open for the Wheeler Centre's 'The Next Chapter' writing grants for writers to develop their works. More details at wheelercentre.com/the-next-chapter

Until July 15: *Bush Mechanics: The Exhibition* at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Melbourne Museum. Costs apply. More details at www.museumsvictoria.com.au/bunjilaka

Until September 2: *Colony: Frontier Wars* exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne. Details at www.ngv.vic.gov.au

October 30: Australian Indigenous Tourism Conference in Lorne. Costs apply. Details at aitc.org.au

NSW-ACT

May 16 and 19: Cultural Connections workshops for child protection practitioners and foster carers. 9.30am-4pm in the Central Coast, Sydney, Wagga Wagga and Dubbo. Costs apply. Details at <https://www.absec.org.au/workshop.html>

Until May 18: Walan Mayinygu Indigenous entrepreneurship pop-up innovation hub at Lismore City Hall. Details at www.innovate.csu.edu.au

May-June: *The Song Keepers* movie about an Aboriginal women's choir on tour in Germany. Various locations. Costs apply. Details at www.potentialfilms.com

May 16: Music In The House event at the Ivy Ballroom, Sydney. Featuring Emma Donovan, Tiddas and Archie Roach. Costs apply. More details at support.act.org.au

May 19: Family history records presentation and workshop presented by Amanda Hardie at the Grafton Regional Gallery. Costs apply. More details at www.eventbrite.com.au

May 19: The Kinship Festival in Murwillumbah. ABC will take portraits of women, scan photos of those who can't be

Stolen tours NSW



STOLEN, the Australian play by Jane Harrison that tells the stories of five individuals from the Stolen Generations, will again be performed in NSW this year.

Reflecting the pain, poignancy and desperation of the lost children, *Stolen* follows the children's experiences as they struggle to make sense of a world where they have been told to forget their families, their homes and their culture.

Segregated from their community, the children begin their journey 'home' after their release but not all of them successfully. A deep desire to belong runs throughout the play.

Riverside's National Theatre of Parramatta will take the play on a tour for its second season after its 2016 premiere.

Directed by Indigenous performance maker Vicki Van Hout, *Stolen* presents a fresh take on the play.

As relevant today as when it was first staged, the production revisits Harrison's historical text in the context of today.

"It is important that works like *Stolen*, which reveal a social atrocity, remain in the public realm because they act as reminders to behave with kindness and integrity," Van Hout said.

"These works do more than entertain;

there in person and record a few words about why this woman should be celebrated, for sharing during NAIDOC Week 2018.

May 22: *Black Pearls: the Aboriginal and Islander Sports Hall of Fame* presented by Colin and Paul Tatz at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence, Redfern, Sydney, from 10-11am.

May 25: Col Dillon Cup – a community Oztag event – at Endeavour High School, Caringbah. Featuring teams of Indigenous students and NSW emergency services personnel.

May 25: Apakatjah performing at the Campbelltown Arts Centre. Community barbecue starting at 6pm followed by the show at 7pm. Costs apply. More details call (02) 4645 4100.

May 25: Sorry Day event held at the Liverpool Regional Museum from 10:30am-12pm. Free event. More details and bookings call 1300 36 2170.

May 27: Blak Markets at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE), Redfern, Sydney, 8am-2pm.

May 29: Cooe Art Market Place Aboriginal art auction at 31 Lamrock Avenue from 6pm.

June 7-10: Myall Creek Massacre memorial events. including art exhibition, artist talks and day event on June 10 to commemorate 180th anniversary of the massacre in Armidale. More details at www.myallcreek.org/ and www.neram.com.au

June 19: Family Violence: Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people workshops at La Peruse, Sydney. Costs apply. Details: www.snaicc.org.au/events

June 27-30: One woman show *Gudirr Gudirr* at the Sydney Opera House, Sydney. Costs apply. More details at www.sydneypoperahouse.com

July 14: NAIDOC after party at Wollongong and South Coast. Costs apply. Details at facebook.com/dreamtimevents

July 12: CareWays Community NAIDOC event held at Koonwarra Community Centre, 36 Fowlers Road, Koonawarra. Free family fun day activities include barbecue, smoking ceremony, jumping castle and face painting.



Vicki Van Hout. Picture: Amanda James

they are a symbol, a magnifying glass trained on society, using our past foibles as a tool for the way to move forward."

The cast includes Katie Leslie, Jack Sheppard, Glen Thomas, Berthalia Selina Reuben and Henrietta Baird. *Stolen* begins its tour in Parramatta followed by Orange, Griffith, Cessnock, Tamworth, Byron Bay and Sydney.

November: Healing Our Spirit Worldwide – a global gathering of Indigenous people – at the International Convention Centre, Sydney. Costs apply. Details at hosw.com

November 7-8: National Family Group Conferencing Forum, featuring Aboriginal speakers specialising in family group and family finding. Held at the Ballina Beach Resort. More details at afgc.com.au

Queensland

Ongoing: *Skylore: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Astronomy*, a new permanent exhibition held at Brisbane Planetarium, Mt Coot-tha. Free and daily.

Until September 2: *Our Sporting Greats* exhibition of top Indigenous sporting talents at the State Library of Queensland, Brisbane. More details at www.slq.qld.gov.au

Until September 2: *Evolution: Torres Strait Masks* exhibition at the Museum of Tropical Queensland, Townsville. Costs apply.

Until June 28: *The Longest Minute* – a play about the NRL 2015 grand final at Jute Theatre, Cairns, from May 4-12. Details of other locations and times at jute.com.au/event/the-longest-minute-2/

May 16-17: Bindi Wadyabay, Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages Forum, held at the Dreamtime Cultural Centre in Rockhampton. More details at www.qilac.org.au

May 25: National Sorry Day ceremony presented by the Noonga Reconciliation Group at Kalinga Park, Clayfield, Brisbane, from 10am-12pm. Free.

May 26: National Sorry Day 20th anniversary, commemorating the Stolen Generations and their families. Held at Teralba Park, Everton Park. Free event. More details at teralbaparkstolengen.org.au

June 8-10: Barunga Festival 30th anniversary. Tickets at www.moshtix.com.au/v2/event/barunga-festival/99249

June 12: Media Diversity Australia workshop and networking event at the Anti Discrimination Commission Queensland, 20/53 Albert St, Brisbane, from 5.45pm-8.15pm. More details at www.eventbrite.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

Until June 15: EOIs open for CIAF Fashion Show models and performers. Details at www.ciaf.com.au

Until June 24: *Seeing Voices* touring art exhibition at Cairns Art Gallery.

July 12: NAIDOC family and cultural celebrations at Ipswich. Events begins at 10am at Briggs Road Sports Club, Flinders View. More details from Ipswich City Council on (07) 3810 6655.

July 13-15: Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF). Details at www.ciaf.com.au

October 19: Troy Cassar-Daley solo acoustic show. A one-off show at Twin Towns featuring special guest Fanny Lumsden. Costs apply. Details at twintowns.com.au/events/troy-cassar-daley/

Northern Territory

Until June 1: Sista Sounds, MusicNT's grassroots music workshops for women and girls in remote Central Australian communities. In Alice Springs and Santa Teresa. Details at www.musicnt.com.au

May 21-June 9: Inaugural Northern Territory Travelling Film Festival. Screenings, workshops and more at venues across the Territory. Details at nttravellingfilmfestival.com

Until June 9: *Arrente Artists: Sharing our Culture* in Adelaide House, Alice Springs. Painting demonstrationss at 10am and 12pm and history walks at 10.45am and 12.45pm, Wednesdays to Saturdays. Details on 0439 661 034.

Western Australia

Every Monday in school terms: Reconciliation through music – local WA community choir rehearsals. The Madjiti Moorna choir sings for better understanding and to promote Indigenous culture by practising and performing all over the state. Details at www.madjitimoorna.org.au

May 16, 19: National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) information workshops at Broome, Derby and Kununurra. Registrations: 1300 227 377 or email ndis@carerswa.asn.au

May 25: *Wiru* art exhibition opening at the Maundering Arts Centre in Midland, from 6:30-8pm. Details at mundaringartscentre.com.au

May 26: National Sorry Day indoor netball tournament at Seamer Indoor Sports Centre, Perth. Details at ms_djc@icloud.com

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 Nations Badimaya artist. Details at www.artgallery.wa.gov.au

South Australia

November 6: The 5th National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference in Adelaide. Early bird registrations and abstracts close May 31. Costs apply. Details at nidaconference.com.au

December 5-7: National Child Protection Summit at Pullman Hotel in Adelaide. The event will discuss challenges and solutions for child protection systems. More details at www.kwy.org.au

Tasmania

Until May 25: Hermannsburg Potters 'Lurpa' Seasons exhibition showcasing new works from five artists at Bett Gallery, 369 Elizabeth Street, North Hobart.

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Rodney Patterson, Joe Adams, Ian Butterworth and Karl Majors with the new truck.

Donation delivers support



IN the remote community of Kowanyama, more than 600km north-west of Cairns in north Queensland, there is a group of very happy waste collection vehicle drivers.

The Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council's old waste collection vehicle was 12 years old and in a poor state of repair

when the council's grants and business development manager Jacqui Cresswell contacted Cleanaway.

The remote community was in desperate need of a new waste collection vehicle because their old one would often break down, making it difficult to collect the waste from every home in the community.

Ms Cresswell said she contacted Cleanaway hoping that

they would donate a truck to the community and was elated when Cleanaway agreed to give them a second-hand truck.

"The guys who drive the truck have been getting to work early," she said. "They see who can get there first because whoever gets there first drives the truck. It's been a bit of a novelty. It's so much more efficient to be able to pick up the waste without having to stop to repair the truck."

The council received the truck from Cleanaway for free, after it had been through a service and upgraded to meet the environmental conditions in Kowanyama.

The community is only accessible by road for five months of the year – during the dry season – and the roads are not sealed so Kowanyama Council paid for the truck to be delivered via trailer.

Cleanaway's Queensland acting business unit sales manager Neil Perry said he was pleased to be able to support Kowanyama Council.

"We see this as an example of how we're delivering on our Reconciliation Action Plan and honouring our commitment to make a sustainable future possible for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities such as Kowanyama," he said.

Partnership leads to more health jobs



THE Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) has formalised a partnership with HealthShare NSW to empower and increase the number of Aboriginal staff at the organisation. ACI chief executive Dr Jean-Frederic Levesque and HealthShare NSW director Paul Gavel said the partnership was a significant milestone.

"The partnership will assist the ACI to attract, recruit, retain and develop Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professionals across all levels of the organisation," Dr Levesque said.

"In 2014, the ACI committed to deliver sustainable health outcomes and contribute to closing the health gap between Aboriginal and other people with the implementation of the Aboriginal Employment

Strategy and development of a cultural competence program within the organisation.

"The ACI will work with the Aboriginal workforce team to continue to support the implementation of this important work."

Mr Gavel said both organisations aspire to decrease the economic and health disparity faced by Indigenous communities in NSW.



Kiel Hennessey, Paul Gavel, Shane Kym, Lana Kelly, Dr Jean Frederic Levesque, Steve Blundel, Phillip Orcher and David Follent.

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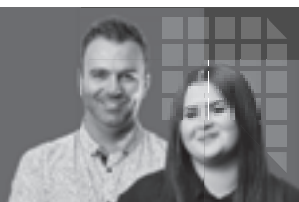
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Training Coordinator

An exciting opportunity has arisen to work with native title organisations to coordinate and develop a Training Program for staff of native title organisations.

The National Native Title Council (NNTC) is a not-for-profit peak body representing native title organisations from across the country. We have a broad membership base and provide a national voice for the Indigenous native title sector on matters of national significance.

The NNTC has received Government funding to coordinate and develop a training program tailored to organisations that work in the native title sector. To develop the training program, we are looking for an enthusiastic, well organised professional to join our small team located in North Melbourne. You will be able to hit the ground running and work with minimal supervision. A knowledge of native title processes, and familiarity with the political, cultural and legal issues affecting native title would be beneficial.

We can offer a 12 month full time fixed term position. The salary range is \$89k - \$95k per annum plus superannuation and salary packaging.

Applications should address the selection criteria in the position description and provide a current resume which includes contact details of two referees. A copy of the position description is available from carolyn.betts@nntc.com.au.

Please address applications to Matthew Storey, Chief Executive Officer via email at matthew.storey@nntc.com.au by 5pm, 25 May 2018.

If you would like further information or a confidential discussion, please contact Matthew on 0419 578 504.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



INDIGENOUS ARTS OFFICER

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Are you passionate about Indigenous art and would you like to help build alternative pathways for Indigenous offenders through art and cultural support? If you are keen to work with The Torch and help make a positive impact on people's lives then we are interested in hearing from you.

The Torch is seeking applications for an Indigenous Arts Officer to support our In Prison Arts program. This is a new permanent part-time outreach role. This role supports participants to establish and sustain an arts practice in prison and support participants post release.

The Torch is seeking a highly motivated individual with strong experience working with the Aboriginal community in the community development and arts sectors.

The Torch is a not-for-profit arts organisation with national aspirations that provides cultural and arts vocational support to Indigenous offenders and ex-offenders.

The core business of the Torch is to address the over representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within Victoria's correctional facilities through its' State-wide Indigenous Arts in Prisons & in Community programs.

Crucial to the success of our Arts Program is the cultural support and cultural guidance provided to our participants from our Indigenous Arts Officers, which is why we are seeking applicants from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for this role.

For a copy of the position description please contact:

Tel: (03) 9042 1236 or artcoordinator@thetorch.org.au

For further information on the role contact Nerissa Broben:

Tel: 0400 050 923.

Applications addressing the key selection criteria and your resume should be sent to:

Kent Morris, CEO

The Torch

artcoordinator@thetorch.org.au

Applications close on: Friday 1st June 2018



Program Manager Kimberley

Rare opportunity to save iconic species in the most unique wilderness in Australia – The Kimberley.

- Join one of the world's largest and most respected conservation organisations
- Full time with flexible working options
- 3-year contract

We've only got one Earth. A planet that we all – animals, plants and people – share and depend upon. The need to protect it has never been greater. The Kimberley Indigenous Ranger Threatened Species Program works with Indigenous rangers to safeguard threatened species within the Kimberley and these strategic, scientifically-based collaborations are delivering solid conservation results.

About the role

WWF's Kimberley conservation program encompasses threatened species & marine projects that are delivered in collaboration with Indigenous partners. The Program Manager oversees the land and sea program by delivering species conservation projects and working on capacity building partnerships.

WWF values diversity and is building a workforce that reflects the community we serve. WWF is an equal opportunity employer. The position is located in Broome and works closely with Indigenous partner organisations. Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications

Applicants are encouraged to review the Job Description and can apply via http://www.wwf.org.au/about_us/work_with_wwf/

Closing date: 9:00 am 21th May 2018



Aboriginal Health Collaborative Program Lead

Department: Western Sydney Local Health District
Classification Health Manager Level 4

Location: Based at both Blacktown WentWest and WSLHD

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Enquiries: Melissa Gibson, Director Programs and Partnerships, WentWest on 0417 405 863

Requisition Number: REQ39630

Director, Aboriginal Health Strategy

Department: Western Sydney Local Health District
Classification: Health Manager Level 5

Location: Blacktown Hospital and across WSLHD

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Enquiries Robynne Cooke, Executive Director, Operations WSLHD on 0407 689 182

Requisition Number: REQ39614

**Closing Date:
23 May 2018**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to <https://healthnsw.gov.referrals.selectminds.com/wslhd> and search Job Reference Numbers above.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Careers with Queensland Health

Director

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health
Permanent Full-Time Position (SO)

- Based in Brisbane CBD
- Knowledge of Indigenous Health Policy Priorities
- Strong Strategic Leadership Capability
- \$147,437 - \$161,751 per annum total remuneration

The Director is responsible for the development and coordination of strategic Indigenous Health policy, evidence-based investment and performance for Queensland Health in collaboration with key stakeholders. You will lead a team, provide strategic and high-level advice to the Minister, Director-General, Deputy Director-General and Senior Director on Indigenous health policy issues, and represent Queensland Health at high level meetings. The role will lead the development of strategic evidence-based Indigenous health policy and policy advice required for a range of priorities, and lead the allocation and performance monitoring of strategic investment for targeted services and programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Queensland.

How to Apply

To apply for the role and to obtain the position description, visit www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au. For further information, contact Kathy Brown, Senior Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Branch at the Department of Health on (07) 3708 5565 or email Kathy.Brown@health.qld.gov.au.

Applications close: Friday 25th May 2018

Job Reference: QLD/SPP274742

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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Passionate about helping children & families?

At Interrelate, we have been delivering quality relationship services to individuals, couples, families and schools since 1926.

**Are you a fully qualified Relationship Counsellor or are you currently working towards a qualification?
We want to hear from you!**

Our team in Coffs Harbour are currently seeking dedicated Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander applicants to fill either a fully qualified Relationship Counsellor or Trainee role.

This role will conduct counselling sessions with clients (families, couples, individuals) who are experiencing a broad range of issues, conduct group seminars & presentations and participate in community engagement regularly. This role is part time, 30 hours per week.

To view the full position description, key criteria and to apply, go to www.interrelate.org.au/careers

**Applications close 5pm
Tuesday, 22 May 2018**

All positions require satisfactory completion of a National Police check and NSW Working with Children Check

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**Government of South Australia
Department for Education**

SENIOR PRACTITIONER

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION
CHILD AND FAMILY ASSESSMENT
AND REFERRAL NETWORKS
MOUNT GAMBIER

FULL TIME, CONTRACT UP TO 2 YEARS

VAC NO: 312213

\$79,522 TO \$92,729 P.A (AHP2)

Child and Family Assessment and Referral Networks (CFARNs) is a 2 year pilot program that will provide coordinated, targeted and culturally appropriate earlier intervention for infants 0-24 months and their families to improve their safety, health, development and education outcomes where risk factors exist.

The Senior Practitioner provides high quality services to eligible women, fathers and their families where significant indicators of family and infant vulnerability have been identified. The position contributes to the development and implementation of a service of best practice delivering an effective and efficient client focused service that will meet the needs of clients.

For information and details on how to apply for this vacancy, applicants are required to visit iworkfor.sa.gov.au and search for vacancy number 312213. (Please apply on or after 17 May 2018)

Applications close: 5.00pm 30 May 2018

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Premier
and Cabinet

Forthcoming vacancies on the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

The Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, is calling for applications from Victorian Traditional Owners to become members of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (Council).

What is the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council?

The Council was created under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006. It is the only statutory decision-making authority in Australia whose members are all Traditional Owners.

The Council's purpose is to work with all Victorians for the protection and enjoyment of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

The Council's principal functions involve:

- Advising the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters in Victoria
- Making decisions regarding the appointment of Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs)
- Overseeing the reporting and return of Ancestral Remains and secret and sacred objects
- Promoting awareness and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Expressions of Interest are sought to fill four Council member vacancies

To be eligible to be a Council member you must be an Aboriginal person who:

- Is a traditional owner or can demonstrate traditional ownership of an area in Victoria;
- Is resident in Victoria; and
- Has relevant experience or knowledge of Aboriginal cultural heritage in Victoria.
- Has adequate time to commit to the duties of the Council.

Council members are paid a sitting fee and are reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with the Victorian Government guidelines.

Please request an application form, or send your written expression of interest including a resumé, addressing the above criteria to:

By post : The Office of Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Level 3, 3 Treasury Place EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

By email: vhac@dpc.vic.gov.au

Expressions of Interest must be received by **Friday, 8 June 2018.**

For further information, please contact the Office of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council on 9651 2643, or www.dpc.vic.gov.au

VG2202



Housing Services Officer (HSO-2)

- Location: Shepparton
- Ongoing (76 hours per fortnight)
- Salary: \$58,207 - \$72,753 plus superannuation

Are you

- An excellent communicator
- An effective team player
- Innovative

The department provides affordable and secure housing assistance for low-income people across Victoria. We deliver or fund community services organisations to provide emergency and transitional accommodation, longer-term public and community managed housing, private rental assistance, homelessness assistance, home ownership assistance, new forms of social housing and related support services.

Housing Services Officers play a vital role in supporting the delivery of client-centred services to individuals and families who seek housing assistance or reside in public housing.

For position description and to apply visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au .

For further information contact **Aziz Tatai on (03) 5832 1506**

Job Reference number: **DHHS/EED/380756**

Applications close: **Wednesday 23rd May 2018**

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.

VG2222

KOORI EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS

Aboriginal Parole Officer – Broadmeadows

- **Support community safety by proactively motivating and engaging prisoners on parole**
- **Engage with the Victorian Koori Community**
- **Based in Broadmeadows**

About us

Corrections Victoria's purpose is to deliver an effective corrections system for a safe community. Community Correctional Services (CCS), is overseen by Corrections Victoria, a division of the Department of Justice and Regulation. CCS is responsible for the management and supervision of prisoners on parole, clients under post sentence supervision and court orders.

CCS is currently experiencing rapid growth in the offender population. In response to this, Corrections Victoria will embed evidence based practice across all areas of our work and target responses to the areas that will allow the greatest impacts to be made. This approach will contribute to a safer community and strengthen CCS for the future.

About the role

Corrections Victoria is committed to the delivery of responsive and culturally appropriate services that meet the objectives to reduce the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people within the Criminal Justice System as part of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement, through the provision of correctional supports and services that reduce the risk of reoffending.

Based in Broadmeadows, you will deliver quality case management to a complex caseload of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal prisoners on parole, including the highest priority violent prisoners on parole, Serious Violent Offenders, under correctional supervision. You will work autonomously ensuring that the management of prisoners on parole under supervision are case managed in line with the Corrections Victoria Offender Management Framework.

You will contribute to a strengthened and integrated risk assessment and management framework, including the transition process from imprisonment into the community, through developing strong links with Aboriginal agencies and maintaining close partnerships with internal and external stakeholders.

This position is 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.

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with members of the Victorian Koori Community, including a detailed understanding of both the society and culture, and the issues impacting on it
- experience in achieving client outcomes through advanced case management of highly complex individuals, including proven needs assessments and intervention skills
- strong written communication skills with the ability to prepare high quality reports for key internal and external stakeholders.

Why work with us?

At the Department of Justice and Regulation, we provide every person with the means to achieve their potential through ongoing learning and development opportunities in a diverse, equitable and supportive environment.

We look for people who are prepared to do their very best in line with our values and behaviours. Our values shape and influence how we recruit, train and develop our staff and build relationships with stakeholders.

We will also provide you with professional development opportunities, an employee assistance program, access to job opportunities across the Victorian Government, salary packaging and much more.

Other benefits of working with the Department of Justice and Regulation include:

- **an active and supportive state-wide Koori staff network and annual conference**
- **dedicated Koori professional development and leadership programs**
- **flexible work arrangements and family friendly work practices**

How to apply

Please visit **www.correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au** to apply. Applications should include a resumé and covering letter. Attachments can be uploaded in .doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt or .rtf formats.

Previous applicants need not apply.

An information session will be held at Broadmeadows Justice Service Centre (25-27 Dimboola Road Broadmeadows VIC 3047) on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 at 5.30pm.

VG2418

Senior Policy Officer Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Branch – Melbourne CBD

The Senior Policy Officer position sits within the Policy and Research Unit, Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Branch. This position will provide policy and research advice to understand and champion best practice for policy and program reform relating to improving outcomes for Aboriginal people in Victoria. This expertise will be also be provided across the department to inform policy design and development consistent with the Aboriginal Health, Wellbeing and Safety Strategic Plan.

Are you:

- Able to demonstrate experience working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities?
- Committed to driving change in Aboriginal Health, wellbeing and safety?
- Experience in developing, implementing and guiding Aboriginal policy and strategy?
- Able to provide leadership support for your team members?

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact Josef Tye (03) 9096 0128

Job reference number: **DHHS/HW/387551**

Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply as this position is exempt under the Special Measure Provision, Section 12 (1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic).

Applications close: **Midnight 4th June 2018.**

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**

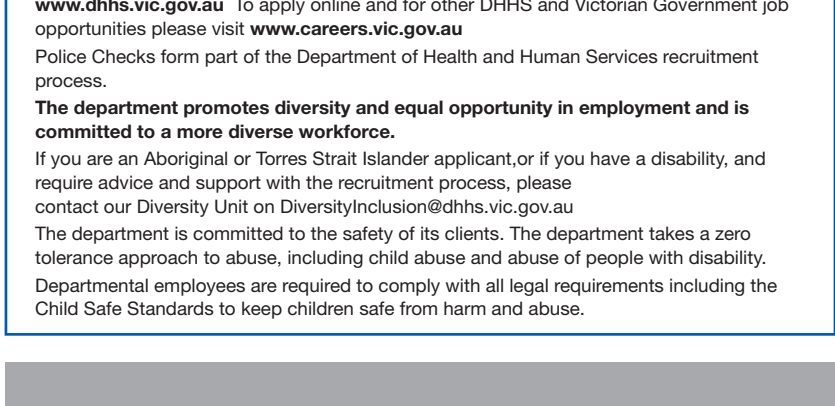
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The department is committed to the safety of its clients. The department takes a zero tolerance approach to abuse, including child abuse and abuse of people with disability. Departmental employees are required to comply with all legal requirements including the Child Safe Standards to keep children safe from harm and abuse.

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Building and Asset Services apprenticeships

Interested in a career in the building and construction industry?

Apply for a trade-based apprenticeship with Building and Asset Services.

Through our apprenticeship program, we're training future tradespeople on building projects that build our regions and benefit Queensland's communities.

Building and Asset Services invites applications for the following 20 apprenticeship positions to commence in July 2018:

Apprenticeship	Locations
Carpentry	Atherton (1), Ayr (1), Brisbane (1), Caboolture (1), Cairns (1), Kingaroy (1), Rockhampton (1), Thursday Island (1), Toowoomba (1), Townsville (1).
Electrical	Brisbane (2)
Painting	Brisbane (2), Cairns (1), Maryborough (1), Robina (1)
Plumbing	Cairns (1), Townsville (1)
Stonemasonry	Brisbane (1)

Eligibility

All applicants must be eligible to work in Australia and be a minimum of 15 years of age by 30 July 2018.

We're an equal opportunity employer and encourage applications from men and women including people who identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, people with disabilities, and those from non-English speaking backgrounds.

How to apply

To apply online, please visit SmartJobs at www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-275211-18

Application forms are also available from Building and Asset Services offices in the following locations:

- Cairns – 31 Grove Street
- Cannon Hill – 45 Barrack Road
- Maryborough – 44 Ariadne Street
- Rockhampton – 149 Bolsover Street
- Toowoomba – 120-124 Mort Street
- Townsville – 9-15 Langton Street, Garbutt

For general enquiries, please contact the Building and Asset Services apprenticeship program office on 3008 3327 or via email at WorkingwithBAS@hpw.qld.gov.au

Title: Apprentice
Closing date: Monday, 21 May 2018

Applications must be received no later than 21 May 2018 and late applications may not be accepted.



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Court Support Services Koori Case Manager

Magistrates' Court of Victoria

- Latrobe Valley Law Courts, Morwell
- Full time, Ongoing

The Magistrates' Court of Victoria is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic Koori Case Manager to be part of this exciting time of growth and change as we expand the Court Integrated Services Program (CISP) at Latrobe Valley Law Courts.

The Koori Case manager is an integral member of the CSS team, delivering high quality case management to Koori clients with complex needs who are involved with the court system. You will also be responsible for establishing strong, respectful and effective relationships with the Victorian Aboriginal community.

We encourage you to apply if you possess the following:

- Case management experience in assessing and engaging clients with complex needs
- Sound knowledge of Victorian Aboriginal culture and society
- Demonstrated ability to build collaborative relationships with internal and external stakeholders
- Strong team player with effective communication skills and a flexible approach

In return, Court Support Services offers a unique opportunity to develop your clinical skills within a supportive team environment. You will be provided with ongoing professional development opportunities and be part of a prison-based team committed to supporting people on bail to make changes in their lives.

This is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by 24 May 2018

VG2358



Justice
and Regulation

Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer Loddon Prison Precinct

The Loddon Prison Precinct consists of a minimum and medium security male prisons, Loddon Prison and Middleton, and a minimum security female prison, Tarengower. The prisons are situated approximately 4km from Castlemaine and 128km to Melbourne's north-west.

As the Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer, you will be responsible for providing welfare, advocacy and support to indigenous prisoners and includes assisting indigenous prisoners to access appropriate pre and post release programs and entitlements to enable their reintegration into the community upon release.

In the role, you will:

- assist Indigenous prisoners to resolve welfare matters
- provide culturally appropriate counsel and support to Indigenous prisoners
- assist Indigenous prisoners in accessing appropriate programs and entitlements to assist with their reintegration into the community
- lead and coordinate cultural activities
- establish and maintain effective relationships with Indigenous community organisations, prison staff and prisoners.

As our ideal candidate, you will:

- possess strong interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with members of the Victorian Koori Community
- have strong conflict management and have the ability to build and establish effective relationships.
- have a knowledge and understanding of Indigenous prisoners and the issues affecting them.
- knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Koori Community, both society and culture and issues impacting on it.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Sunday 17 June 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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Learning and Development Officer

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Targeted Role
- Education And Training Command, Parramatta
- Clerk Grade 5/6, Ongoing Full-Time
- I Work for NSW* Requisition No.00006425

Salary Package: \$99,073. **Salary:** \$81,369 – \$89,781. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Learning and Development Officer provides a key support and advisory service within Education and Training Command, servicing the whole of NSW Police Force. The role affords proficiency in the systems approach to training, specifically analysis, design and development, delivery and total quality management of learning and development products.

Job Notes:

To be eligible to apply for this role, applicants **must** identify as Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

Essential requirements - applicants must:

- hold TAE 40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (or equivalent) - superseded by TAE 40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment;
- have comprehensive knowledge and experience in developing adult learning products (nationally recognised training (VET) as well as non-regulated activities);
- have sound understanding of educational technology and online learning;
- have knowledge of the Australian Core Skills Framework, the Australian Qualifications Framework, and the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015; and
- have comprehensive knowledge and experience in utilising a systems approach in training, including the ADDIE Model.
- hold a current driver's licence with no traffic offences recorded on their driving history within the last six (6) months.

For further assistance with completing your application or for information regarding National Police Checks and Security Clearance, **please contact the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 6257** or via email hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

BLZ141745

Applications Close: Sunday 27 May 2018

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Inspector Siobhan Busetto on (02) 9768 0809.

For the targeted questions, a downloadable role description, an information package and to apply, please go to *I Work for NSW* (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00006425.

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UnitingCare
Queensland

Assistant Service Manager Indigenous Services

Cooktown – Full Time – Ref: 30339

UnitingCare Queensland's Blue Care service is currently seeking an **Assistant Service Manager** to join our team located at our **Cape York Family Centre, Cooktown**, on a Full Time fixed Term basis on an initial 12-month placement.

Your role will assist in the overseeing of the day to day operations to ensure the delivery of quality family centred services. You will assist in the management of human, financial and material resources as well as plan, coordinate and evaluate the delivery and standard of the service to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in highly complex situations. Playing a key leadership and supportive role you will be a dedicated professional with proven experience leading a multidisciplinary team and working with care and respect with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island families.

This is a unique opportunity to experience life in one of the most beautiful, historic and unspoilt natural wonderlands in Australia. We would be happy to look at relocation support for the right applicant so that you too can enjoy the spoils that this wonderful lifestyle has to offer.

If making a real difference every day in families lives in a very dynamic challenging environment is what you're after, we'd love to hear from you.

**For more information and to apply,
please visit our website: bluecare.mercury.com.au
Or contact Karla Hume on 07 3253 4271
Applications close Wednesday 30th May 2018**

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NORTH QUEENSLAND LAND COUNCIL NTRB ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

2 x legal officer positions – Townsville Deputy Principal Legal Officer Legal Officer

Future Acts, Mining and Exploration Unit
Fulltime Positions

North Queensland Land Council (NQLC) is a Native Title Representative Body appointed under the Native Title Act 1993. The NQLC is seeking to fill **two positions** in its Townsville Office.

Applicants for all positions 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.

Position 1: Deputy Principal Legal Officer

This position, under the direction of the Principal Legal Officer, involves leading a multi-disciplinary team to ensure the provision of high level legal services in performing the organisation's statutory functions as a Native Title Representative Body under the Native Title Act 1993.

This position entails ensuring compliance with relevant legislation, contractual obligations and any terms or conditions required by funding agencies.

The successful applicant will have demonstrated legal experience in Native Title law and in the provision of expert legal advice, and have demonstrated mentoring and supervisory experience.

The position is a full-time contract to 30 June 2019, with the possibility of extension subject to funding.

Position 2: Legal Officer - Future Acts, Mining and Exploration Unit

This position involves conducting negotiations and providing legal advice to, and taking instructions from, native title parties and holders in relation to future act activities with special regard to exploration, mining, development and other ground-disturbance related activities.

The successful applicant will have demonstrated competence and proficiency in applying knowledge of native title, mining related, corporations and cultural heritage laws, to provide advice to clients and act appropriately on instructions to achieve desired outcomes.

The position is a full-time contract to 30 June 2019, with the possibility of extension subject to funding.

A Position Description including Selection Criteria for the two positions 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.

Applications close 5.00pm 25 May 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



Administrative Assistant

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Targeted Role
- Central Metropolitan Region Office, Surry Hills
- Clerk Grade 1/2 - Ongoing Full-Time
- *I Work for NSW* Requisition No.000065GB

Salary Package: \$73,970. **Salary:** \$61,658 - \$67,031. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Administrative Assistant provides administrative support services to staff and other team members to enable the efficient operation of the command/business unit.

Job Notes:

To be eligible to apply for this role, applicants **must** identify as Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

To be considered for this role, it is important that applicants have:

- demonstrated experience in reception / clerical administration;
- proven knowledge of records management processes; and
- demonstrated ability in financial processes including purchasing and ordering of stores.

For further assistance with completing your application or for information regarding National Police Checks and Security Clearance, **please contact the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 9021** or via email haboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications Close: Sunday 27 May 2018

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact
Rose Matijevic - Acting Executive Officer on (02) 9265 4926.

For the targeted questions, a downloadable role description, an information package and to apply, please go to *I Work for NSW* (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 000065GB.

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Senior Client Service Officer Specialist (Aboriginal)

- Department of Family & Community Services
- Clerk Grade 5/6
- Ongoing Full-time
- Job Reference - 000063UW
- Location: Dubbo
- Salary range: \$81,369 - \$89,781 pa, plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About us

The Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) directly supports approximately 800,000 people every year and reaches a further million people through local community-based programs.

Our vision is to empower all people to live fulfilling lives and achieve their potential in inclusive communities. We collaborate with government, non-government and community partners to work with children, adults, families and communities to improve lives and realise potential, with a focus on breaking, rather than managing, disadvantage.

About the Opportunity

The Senior Client Service Officer Aboriginal Specialist provides specialist support and brokerage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients including those with complex needs through homelessness services and tenancy support.

This is an ongoing role in accordance with the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*.

A Recruitment Pool may be created to fill similar roles for both ongoing and temporary opportunities if and as they arise.

Essential Requirements

- Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this role. The role has been identified as an Aboriginal role in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
- Current driver's licence. This role will involve a significant amount of travelling across Western and Far West NSW. Candidates must be willing to drive and travel and undertake overnight stays.

Apply Now!

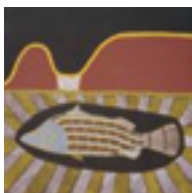
Applications Close: Thursday 24 May 2018

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Kerry McDermott on (02) 6885 7111 or via email kerry.mcdermott@facs.nsw.gov.au

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 000063UW.

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BLZ142405



GELGANYEM GROUP
seeking

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

The Gelganyem people are the Traditional Owners in the East Kimberley of Western Australia. The Gelganyem Group of entities ('Gelganyem') currently consists of Gelganyem Trust, Kilkayi Trust and Gelganyem Enterprises Trust and its subsidiary businesses. Each of these Trusts is administered from an Executive Office in Kununurra, Western Australia.

Led by the Board of Gelganyem Limited, we aim to recruit a commercially astute, governance savvy, outcome driven CEO to guide Gelganyem through a period of opportunity and significant change. The role is a 2-year term, with an extension possible by mutual agreement and is based in Kununurra, Western Australia.

The CEO will be responsible for the:

- Assurance of compliance of Agreement commitments and obligations set out in various agreements with Rio Tinto's Argyle Diamond Ltd;
- Implementation of the revised strategic direction and Executive Office functions of Gelganyem following the streamlining of its governance structures;
- Review, management and potential growth of Gelganyem's commercial interests so that businesses are profitable and revenue streams are expanded and diversified;
- Financial management of the Group's existing businesses ensuring sound, sustainable and compliance control and reporting;
- Leadership of a small but focused operations team in a manner that builds an accountable and high performance culture;
- Development of mutually beneficial relationships with stakeholders in the Kimberley and northern Australian regions;
- Effective collaboration with Rio Tinto's Argyle Diamonds Senior Leadership team to develop, implement and monitor mine closure plans that maximise the benefits to Traditional Owners of the Argyle Agreements;
- Provision of efficient and cohesive governance support to the Boards of the Gelganyem; and
- Compliance with relevant legislation, constituent documents and agreements.

People interested in considering this position should offer:

- A passion for contributing to the advancement of Aboriginal people, with a focus on Traditional Owners of the Argyle Agreement;
- Extensive governance, change management and business development experience;
- Demonstrated skills and experience successfully growing commercial businesses and diversifying business opportunities preferably in northern Australia
- Examples of where they have improved an organisation's financial sustainability;
- Leadership qualities that motivate others and inspire confidence in Gelganyem;
- The ability to seamlessly move between an operational and strategic mindset;
- Outstanding communication and interpersonal skills, with a strong ability to effectively engage with Traditional Owners and other key stakeholders;
- A collaborative mindset that can identify potential partnerships and win:win opportunities;
- Strong management skills to manage up (to the Board), across with peers from similar organisations and down (with staff);
- Strategic, operational, financial, people management and sound decision making skills are all essential.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply. Secondments from like-minded organisation will be considered for the right candidate.

A competitive remuneration package, including housing support and motor vehicle, reflective of the senior nature of this role and its Kununurra location will be negotiated.

The Forum for Directors of Indigenous Organisations (FDIO) is assisting the Board of Gelganyem Limited in recruiting the new CEO. An information package for this role containing application guidelines may be obtained by emailing tahnee.davies@fdio.com.au. Initial telephone enquiries may be made to Amanda Wheeler on 0438 929 834.

Confidential applications should be made to Amanda Wheeler, FDIO Chief Executive Officer at info@fdio.com.au quoting Gelganyem CEO by **9am WST on Monday 4 June 2018**.

**For all your advertising needs
email: advertising@koorimail.com
or call 02 6622 2666**



Australian Government

Great Barrier Reef
Marine Park Authority

Project Manager – TUMRA Southern

A full-time ongoing position is available at the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

We are seeking a highly experienced project manager to liaise extensively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who identify as Traditional Owners of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, Indigenous Communities and their representative bodies to facilitate their involvement in Marine Park management.

This position is an identified position and is one in which part or all of the duties involve extensive engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Indigenous communities or their representatives. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Non-Indigenous applicants applying for this Identified position must supply a reference from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, group or organisation.

Interest applicants are asked to visit
<http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/about-us/careers>.

Please ensure you read the application instruction carefully.

Applications close at 5:00pm 21st May 2018.

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Premier
and Cabinet

Policy Officer – Aboriginal Heritage Council.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet's Aboriginal Victoria branch is seeking a Policy Officer to fill a position within the Office of Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council. In this role you will assist in providing policy advice and support to the Council on a wide range of issues and liaise with key stakeholders, including members of the Aboriginal Community. The ideal incumbent will have experience in conducting research and analysing complex issues. Strong written and verbal communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively with a dedicated small team will be required.

To apply please go to
<https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1333408>

VG2425



Premier
and Cabinet

Policy and Projects Officer

An opportunity has become available for a Policy and Projects Officer to join the Aboriginal Affairs Policy branch at the Department of Premier and Cabinet. The role is responsible for working in a team to provide written and verbal advice on Aboriginal economic development initiatives and opportunities and provide secretariat support to the Victorian Aboriginal Economic Board. To be successful in this role you will have experience in policy development and analysis, secretariat skills, strong written and verbal communication skills, a high level of motivation and attention to detail, and an ability to work in a high-volume, fast paced environment.

To apply please visit:
<https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1332370>

VG2379

KOORI EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS



Aboriginal Case Manager - Bendigo

- Based in Bendigo
- Engage with the Victorian Koori Community
- Play a critical role in helping support community safety

About us

Corrections Victoria's purpose is to deliver an effective corrections system for a safe community. Community Correctional Services (CCS), is overseen by Corrections Victoria, a division of the Department of Justice and Regulation. CCS is responsible for the management and supervision of prisoners on parole, clients under post sentence supervision and court orders.

CCS is currently experiencing rapid growth in the offender population. In response to this, Corrections Victoria will embed evidence based practice across all areas of our work and target responses to the areas that will allow the greatest impacts to be made. This approach will contribute to a safer community and strengthen CCS for the future.

About the role

Corrections Victoria is committed to the delivery of responsive and culturally appropriate services that meet the objectives of the department's Aboriginal Justice Agreements.

Based in Bendigo, you will manage both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal offenders on court orders by conducting risk assessments, preparing case plans, providing interventions and addressing the underlying causes of offending.

You will support offenders to successfully complete their court orders, while balancing risks to community safety. You may also be required to provide advice to the Koori Court to assist in the sentencing process.

This is an Aboriginal identified position; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with members of the Victorian Koori Community
- an understanding of the Victorian Koori Community, both socially and culturally, and the issues impacting on it
- an understanding of, or experience in, effective case management practices including proactively managing risk of complex individuals
- an understanding of, or experience in, modelling pro-social behaviours, with the ability to motivate and influence individuals who are being case managed
- assertiveness and confidence in dealing with individuals exhibiting challenging behaviours.

Why work with us?

At the Department of Justice and Regulation, we provide every person with the means to achieve their potential through ongoing learning and development opportunities in a diverse, equitable and supportive environment.

We look for people who are prepared to do their very best in line with our values and behaviours. Our values shape and influence how we recruit, train and develop our staff and build relationships with stakeholders.

We will also provide you with professional development opportunities, an employee assistance program, access to job opportunities across the Victorian Government, salary packaging and much more.

Other benefits of working with the Department of Justice and Regulation include:

- an active and supportive state-wide Koori staff network and annual conference
- dedicated Koori professional development and leadership programs
- flexible work arrangements and family friendly work practices

How to apply

Please visit www.correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au to apply. Applications should include a resume and covering letter. Attachments can be uploaded in .doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt or .rtf formats.

Applications Close Sunday, June 3 2018.

VG2349



ACON is Australia's leading community-based
HIV and LGBTI health organisation



ACON is seeking an organised and committed person to plan and deliver our work with the LGBTIQ community, with a particular focus on making significant improvements to breast cancer screening rates, cervical screening rates and smoking cessation within our communities..

LGBTIQ Cancer Prevention Officer

ACON offers a professional, rewarding workplace and the opportunity to deliver work that empowers our communities.

We have a great opportunity for an enthusiastic, organised and committed person to engage LGBTIQ women in NSW in a range of activities, events and campaign initiatives.

Your work will focus on implementing the #TalkTouchTest health promotion project, focused on breast cancer prevention for LGBTIQ people in NSW; contributing to our Check OUT clinic project, focused on increasing rates of cervical and STI screening; and our smoking cessation project, Smoke Free, Still Fierce.

This role focuses on partnerships with relevant organisations and community groups, grant administration, resource development, communication strategies, event management and peer education activities.

ACON is committed to providing our team with opportunities for professional development and growth, a safe and flexible work environment, and the scope to deliver innovative, community-targeted health programs and services.

If this sounds like you, find out how to apply at www.acon.org.au.

Applications close Monday, 21 May 2018

ACON is an EEO employer and encourages people with HIV, in particular, to apply.

**LGBTIQ=Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer*

www.acon.org.au



Justice
and Regulation

Senior Project and Strategy Officer Koori IPV Scheme

- 12 month fixed term opportunity
- Salary range \$93,868 – \$113,572plus superannuation

The Justice Assurance and Review Office (JARO) is a business unit that operates as an internal review and assurance function to advise the Secretary, Department of Justice and Regulation on the performance of the youth justice and corrections systems.

JARO coordinates the Minister for Corrections' volunteer Independent Prison Visitor Scheme. Volunteers are appointed by the Minister to provide independent, objective advice about the operation of Victoria's prison system from a community perspective.

As the Senior Project and Strategy Officer, you will lead JARO's response to fulfilling its objectives under the Aboriginal Justice Agreement Phase 4. This includes the refresh and implementation of a strategy to increase the involvement of Koori community members in the Independent Prison Visitor Scheme. You will be required to review the current Koori IPV scheme and identify opportunities for improvement to support and strengthen the scheme. You will also develop strong stakeholder relationships and lead and coordinate community engagement and promotion of the scheme.

The role requires strong strategic thinking, stakeholder engagement and relationship management skills, and the ability to develop (or harness existing) relationships with the Victorian Koori community in order to generate positive outcomes for the IPV Scheme.

As our ideal candidate, you will:

- have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Koori Community, in regards to society and culture and the issues impacting on it
- have interest and experience in Koori cultural issues and programs and services within the criminal justice system
- be confident in creating and maintaining strong working relationships with a diverse range of justice stakeholders, including the Victorian Koori community
- be solution focussed and able to deliver innovative projects and outcomes in a dynamic environment.

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close midnight, Wednesday 30 May, 2018.

VG2389



**WOLLONGONG
CITY COUNCIL**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER – ABORIGINAL SERVICES (IDENTIFIED)

Permanent | Part Time

Salary: Up to \$1,329 per week plus
superannuation

Recruitment No: 18074

Enquiries: Armando Reviglio on 4227 7253

Closing Date: 12pm Monday 28 May 2018

How to apply: Visit www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au for
job description and selection criteria, which must
be addressed.



Premier
and Cabinet

Heritage Project Officer

The Heritage Project Officer role 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.
This position is an operational role that works with a
team of one other staff to manage Aboriginal cultural
heritage in the Gippsland region, based in Bairnsdale.
The role works closely with Registered Aboriginal parties
(RAPs), Traditional Owners, public land managers and
local governments in the region to manage and protect
Aboriginal cultural heritage. Formal qualifications, or
extensive experience in cultural heritage management,
are a requirement of this position.

To apply please visit:
<https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1332369>

VG2376



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

SENIOR PRACTITIONER

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION
CHILD AND FAMILY ASSESSMENT
AND REFERRAL NETWORKS

MOUNT GAMBIER

FULL TIME, CONTRACT UP TO 2 YEARS

VAC NO: 312213

\$79,522 TO \$92,729 P.A (AHP2)

Child and Family Assessment and Referral Networks
(CFARNs) is a 2 year pilot program that will provide
coordinated, targeted and culturally appropriate
earlier intervention for infants 0-24 months and their
families to improve their safety, health, development
and education outcomes where risk factors exist.

The Senior Practitioner provides high quality services
to eligible women, fathers and their families
where significant indicators of family and infant
vulnerability have been identified. The position
contributes to the development and implementation
of a service of best practice delivering an effective
and efficient client focused service that will meet the
needs of clients.

For information and details on how to apply
for this vacancy, applicants are required to visit
iworkfor.sa.gov.au and search for vacancy number
312213. (Please apply on or after 17 May 2018)

Applications close: 5.00pm 30 May 2018

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Opportunities



A rewarding and supportive work environment along with professional
training are among the many benefits of working for AlburyCity.

Aboriginal Community Development Officer

**AlburyCity considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-
Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)**

AlburyCity is a diverse organisation responsible for delivering a
comprehensive range of services to support and improve the lives of
50,000 residents. Centred between Sydney and Melbourne and within
a one hour drive from the Victorian ski-fields, Albury offers an enviable
lifestyle.

Here at AlburyCity, we value our employees and their contributions.
When you work for us you can expect a challenging and rewarding work
environment with excellent conditions and a work-life balance.

As the City's Aboriginal Community Development Officer you will
develop relationships with the Aboriginal community and service
providers to identify issues which are impacting on the community and
to develop programs and strategies to address these needs.

Position closes 8 June 2018

alburycity.nsw.gov.au/jobs



Principal Project Officer – Aboriginal Social and Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health



Health
and Human
Services

Are you

- Able to demonstrate experience working with Aboriginal and or Torres Strait
Islander communities?
- Committed to driving change in Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing and
mental health?
- Experienced in translating stakeholder engagement into policy change and system
transformation?

The Principal Project Officer is a senior position within the Aboriginal Health and
Wellbeing Branch, as part of the Health and Wellbeing Division of the Department of
Health and Human Services. The position will provide leadership on policy and matters
of strategic importance to promote government directions and actions on improving
outcomes in Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing and mental health. This will
include supporting the implementation of Balit Murrup

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit:
www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact **Jacqueline McGowan-Jones, Director,**
Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Branch, 03 9096 8034

Job Reference number: **DHHS/HW/140899**

Applications close: **Midnight Tuesday 29 May 2018**

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.



Senior Communications Officer Strategic Support - Aboriginal Identified

- Clerk Grade 9/10, Time Limited up to 12 months
- Department of Family & Community Services
- Aboriginal Housing Office
- Job Reference - 000063W4
- Location: Parramatta
- Salary range: \$105,409 - \$116,157 pa. plus employer's contribution to superannuation
and annual leave loading.

About AHO

At the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO), our vision is to ensure that every Aboriginal person in NSW has equal access
to and choice in, affordable housing.

We're changing the way we do things to deliver better housing solutions to our clients and the community and we need
you to help us get there!

We are looking for a passionate, creative and innovative person who would like to work in a positive team environment.

Do you like community engagement?

Are you a creative thinker?

Are you a passionate storyteller?

This could be you...

The Senior Communications Officer is responsible for delivering the Department's marketing and communications
strategy to promote the policy priorities of the Department, to inform and engage with the community, and build the
Department's reputation among key stakeholders.

The role is also accountable for the implementation and monitoring of stakeholder engagement, media and strategic
communications initiatives. The role will ensure all internal and external communications channels are effective
and culturally appropriate for the AHO, its clients and providers. The role is also the custodian of the organisation's
branding, media channels and internal events and communication.

This is a rare opportunity to work with a respected and talented communications team.

To be considered for this role, candidates must have relevant skills and experience with demonstrated commitment to
ongoing professional development. A demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes and of
the socio-economic position of Aboriginal people within Australian society, and of their impacts in relation to housing
is required.

Job Notes

This is a time limited role for up to 12 months in accordance with the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*.
Identified positions are available to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders only. Aboriginality is a genuine
occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

If successful in this role you will be required to undertake a National Criminal History Record Check in accordance with
the *Disability Inclusion Act 2014*.

A talent pool may be created to fill both ongoing and temporary opportunities if and as they arise.

Apply Now!

Applications Close: Tuesday 22 May 2018

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please
contact Larteasha Griffen on (02) 8836 0001 or via email
larteasha.griffen@facs.nsws.gov.au

**Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to
iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 000063W4.**

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The Australia Council is seeking applications for the positions of:

DIGITAL PRODUCER

Full time, 2 year contract. Surry Hills location

We are seeking an experienced Digital Producer to join our fantastic Communications team. You will use your knowledge to develop digital channels, optimise their performance and effectively engage diverse stakeholders.

To obtain further information about this position, please visit our careers page at <http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers/>
Applications close 21 May 2018 at 11:59pm (AEST)

DIGITAL COORDINATOR

Full time, 2 year contract. Surry Hills location

Are you someone who takes pride in maximising end user experience from content to journey on various digital platforms? If so then this is the ideal role for you. Your knowledge of the digital realm will contribute to the high standard of the Australia Council website and SharePoint platforms.

To obtain further information about this position, please visit our careers page at <http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers/>
Applications close 21 May 2018 at 11:59pm (AEST)



vBurrundalai OOHC & FSS is a Child and Family Service that provides, foster care, restoration and support to Aboriginal Children, Families and Communities, covering the Kempsey, Nambucca, Tamworth and Armidale areas.

We are currently seeking applications and offering an attractive salary package to a suitably qualified Aboriginal person for the position of

NDIS Coordinator

based in Kempsey, covering all offices

Administration Officer –

Kempsey

Senior Administration

Officer OOHC

based in Kempsey, covering all offices

Senior Administration

Officer Foster Care Team –

based in Kempsey, covering all offices

Restoration Specialist

Caseworkers

Kempsey (1), Tamworth (1) & Taree (1)

IT Coordinator

Location Negotiable (this position is not Aboriginal Specific)

Applicants must be Aboriginal, with the exception of the IT Coordinator, (confirmation required) and be willing to provide a current Working With Children Application Number (worker) for verification and undertake a National Criminal Record Check.

Your Application must include your **Resume** and your **Claim to the Position** (you application must address all criteria's). A **Cover Letter** will not be accepted as your application.

Application packages will be available by contacting Leah Warwick on (02) 6562 1913 or finance@burrundalai.org.au.

Applications close: Friday, 1st June 2018 at 4:30 pm. Late applications will not be accepted.

Please address Applications to Recruitment: Confidential, PO Box 177, Kempsey NSW 2440.

NOTE: Burrundalai is a child safe organisation and as such adheres to all legal requirements in regard to recruitment of staff in line with child protection legislation.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST OBTAIN A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK WITH CLEARANCE

Burrundalai considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).



Premier and Cabinet

Heritage Project Officer

The Heritage Project Officer role 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. This position is an operational role that works with a team of one other staff to manage Aboriginal cultural heritage in the Gippsland region, based in Bairnsdale. The role works closely with Registered Aboriginal parties (RAPs), Traditional Owners, public land managers and local governments in the region to manage and protect Aboriginal cultural heritage. Formal qualifications, or extensive experience in cultural heritage management, are a requirement of this position.

To apply please visit:
<https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1332369>

VG2376



Community Liaison Officer Bourke & Walgett (Aboriginal Identified)

- Clerk Grade 3/4 (Package up to \$84K)
- Temporary & Ongoing Talent Pool

We are looking for highly motivated and client-focused officers who can support the effective and efficient operation of legal aid services within the North West of NSW.

The position holder will act as a liaison between criminal lawyers and the local community and will coordinate outreach and community legal education for both family and civil law services.

**Applications Close:
Wednesday, 30 May 2018 (11:59pm)**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Scott Hawkins (02) 9219 5109.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 0000620K (Bourke) & 0000620N (Walgett)

BLZ142289



Enrolled Nurse

Department: Northern Sydney Local Health District

Position Classification: Enrolled Nurse

Employment Type: Permanent Full-Time

Remuneration: \$1055.30 - \$1146.60 per week

Hours Per Week: 38

Enquiries: Paul Weir on (02) 9462 9016 or

Paul.Weir1@health.nsw.gov.au

**Closing Date:
23 May 2018**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ40672.

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Solicitor (Aboriginal Targeted) Crime, Civil & Family Law Statewide Talent Pool

- Casual, Temporary & Ongoing opportunities
- Legal Officer Grade IV (Package up to \$132K)

We are looking for qualified solicitors with knowledge and experience in one or more areas of law including the following: Criminal Law, Civil Law and Family Law who are willing to work in locations across NSW.

**Applications Close:
Wednesday, 30 May 2018**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Scott Hawkins on (02) 9219 5109.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00005X72

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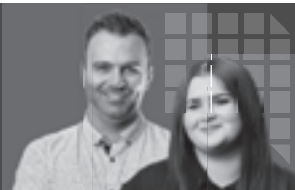
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CAREERS IN CHILD PROTECTION ABORIGINAL FAMILY PRACTITIONER

DEPARTMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION

PORT PIRIE

PART TIME VACANCY (0.4 FTE)

VAC NO: 312249

AHP1 (\$61,519 - \$75,161 PER ANNUM)

The Aboriginal Family Practitioner is a role within the DCP and is accountable to the Supervisor for:

- Case management and co-working on child protection assessments involving Aboriginal families
- Achieving a high quality service in the engagement of Aboriginal families.
- Making and supporting referrals for culturally appropriate interventions that foster strengthening of families and the safety and well-being of Aboriginal children and young people

People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply. If you are employed as an Aboriginal Family Practitioner within DCP or DCSI, you may apply and be engaged/assigned to any Allied Health role requiring a qualification in Social Work. Please refer to the special conditions on the Job Vacancy for further information.

For further information about the role and to submit your application please visit:
www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/work-with-us

Enquiries: Patrick Kinnear, Ph: (08) 8638 4311, Email: Patrick.Kinnear@sa.gov.au

Applications Close: Saturday 26th May 2018 at 11pm.



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CAREERS IN CHILD PROTECTION ABORIGINAL FACILITATOR OF LEARNING

DEPARTMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION

ADELAIDE

ONGOING VACANCY

VAC NO: 312347

AS06 (\$89,184 - \$94,543 PER ANNUM)

The Aboriginal Facilitator of Learning is a role within the DCP and is accountable to the Supervisor for:

- Practice Development for developing, delivering, assessing, reviewing and evaluating learning programs and resources with substantial Aboriginal content
- Responsible for providing practitioners with job specific learning and development programs to increase knowledge, skills and techniques, to work effectively with Aboriginal children and families
- The role is involved in case managing learners and developing learning plans appropriate to the skills, role and learning requirements of individuals and groups and improving cultural competence and providing policy development in terms of culturally appropriate training programs

People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and/or those who have a disability are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information about the role and to submit your application please visit:
www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/work-with-us

Enquiries: Jodie Richards, Ph: (08) 8207 1055, Email: Jodie.Richards@sa.gov.au

Applications Close: Tuesday 29th May 2018 at 11pm.



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Join our innovative team to tackle challenges for people with disability!

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Programs Advisor

Northcott is a not-for-profit disability service provider that works with customers to realise their potential.

We are seeking an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidate to join our team to contribute and facilitate the progress of vital areas at Northcott based in NSW. You will be apart of a team that commits to work creatively and relentlessly with all our customers.

You will develop relationships with the local community and ultimately lead this initiative into improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait island people with disabilities! The ATSI advisor will be instrumental in promoting and improving access to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Ideally, you will have experience supporting people living with a disability and experience engaging with aboriginal and Torres Strait islander communities to understand what their needs are.

For a confidential discussion call Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Programs Advisor, Belinda Adams on 0437 805 541 or Alison Kent on 02 9890 0105.

Being an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under the Anti-Discrimination Act section 14D. Essential pre-employment checks will be conducted.

For more details and to apply, visit:
www.northcott.com.au/careers

Applications close: 23 May 2018.



Let's see what you can do





**WOLLONGONG
CITY COUNCIL**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER – ABORIGINAL SERVICES (IDENTIFIED)

Permanent | Part Time

Salary: Up to \$1,329 per week plus
superannuation

Recruitment No: 18074

Enquiries: Armando Reviglio on 4227 7253

Closing Date: 12pm Monday 28 May 2018

How to apply: Visit www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au for
job description and selection criteria, which must
be addressed.



**Health
Far West
Local Health District**

For more information about a career in the Far West,
please visit our Careers Lifestyle Website at
www.farwesthealthjobs.com.au

ABORIGINAL HEALTH

Dareton

Aboriginal Health Practitioner – Building Stronger Foundations

PPT, **Salary:** \$29.08–\$38.33 ph, **Recruitment No:** REQ341300,
Enquiries: Patricia.Algate@health.nsw.gov.au **Close:** 24/05/18.

- This is a designated position for persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, New South Wales.
- Being Female and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander are genuine occupational qualifications for this position as described under Section 31 and Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, New South Wales.

For an Application Kit or to apply online please go to
<https://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com/fwlhd>

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity Ethical Practices,
the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment.
Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all
positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible to Salary Package.



Aboriginal Health Worker

Department: Southern NSW LHD

Batemans Bay

Salary: \$51608 - \$76009 pa

Enquiries: Jacqueline Jackson

(02) 4474 1561

Jackie.Jackson@health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date:
26 May 2018

Applications must be
lodged electronically. Please go
to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and
search Job Reference Number REQ37673.

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Executive Officer

**YORTA YORTA TRADITIONAL
OWNER LAND MANAGEMENT
BOARD (YYTOLMB)**

The Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board for Barmah National Park is seeking applications to fill a current vacancy within its operations team.

The YYTOLMB is seeking a unique person to support Victoria's first jointly managed National Park within the traditional country of the Yorta Yorta people. You will have a strong understanding of Aboriginal culture, able to develop an excellent cross-cultural administration, be a competent organiser, planner, facilitator, communicator, coordinator and project manager.

This position is a Designated Aboriginal Position based in Shepparton with a salary range of \$90,000-\$120,000 depending on qualifications and experience.

If you are interested in the above positions please contact us via email at yyico@yynac.com.au or call on (03) 5832 0222 for the Position Description and Key Selection Criteria.

All applicants must address the Key Selection Criteria when applying.

Applications close: 5:00pm Friday, 18th May, 2018.



Yalu Marnggithinyaraw Indigenous Corporation

Position Available

Organisation Development Mentor

Yalu Marnggithinyaraw Indigenous Corporation (Yalu) is a Yolngu run organisation established by a local board to meet community development needs of Galiwin'ku community in North East Arnhem Land. Yalu is a medium sized Indigenous organisation that has been steadily growing to provide Yolngu driven service delivery, community research and grant facilitation since its establishment over two decades ago.

Yalu are seeking an Organisation Development Mentor (ODM). This is a dynamic role that requires a flexible, respectful and skilled mentor to guide the Yalu staff and board through their ever evolving organisation's growth. The ODM is a role designed to offer guidance and assistance to the Yalu staff in areas they identify as needing support. The ODM walks alongside the Yalu staff and not in front of them, building their capacity to develop their organisation.

Application Details:

To apply for this position please email your resume and cover letter (addressing your relevant skills and experience) to Yalu Manager Rosemary Gundjarranbuy – yaluoffice@gmail.com

The application process will close once the position has been filled.

Enquires:

For more information regarding this position please email Yalu Manager Rosemary Gundjarranbuy – yaluoffice@gmail.com



Our vision: Generations
of vibrant, healthy
and strong aboriginal
communities



We have an exciting career opportunity available for the following position.

Swan Hill Office

ABORIGINAL HUB

PRACTITIONER

Family and Community

1 x Full time position

(This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
identified position)

An attractive remuneration package is offered with the ability to salary sacrifice.

Please refer to our website for further details
about the above position and additional
positions at MDAS: www.mdas.org.au

Application close date for the above
position is **5pm Monday 28th May, 2018**

MDAS is committed to protecting
children and young people

POST OFFICE MANAGER REQUIRED FOR LICENCED POST OFFICE

A full-time position for a Post Office Manager available for immediate start for an Australia Post Office situated at Walgett, NSW 2832. The candidate should be qualified with a Diploma equivalent to an Australian Diploma, preferably with a Bachelor degree. The candidate should have a minimum of 3 years work experience as a Post Office Manager working in a team environment. The candidate should also have the following experience:

- Determining stock levels of Australia Post products and ensuring compliance with Australia Post service standards;
- Promoting and advertising the goods and services being offered by Walgett LPO;
- Selling goods and services to customers;
- Operating epos terminals for carrying out banking transactions in accordance with EPOS reference manuals;
- Maintaining records of stock levels and financial transactions in accordance with Australia Post Operational and Accounting Procedures;
- Undertaking budgeting for the establishment;
- Assist in conduct of financial inspections by Australia Post; and
- Ensuring compliance with occupational health and safety regulations

The candidate should be diligent, independent, self-motivated as a Post Office Manager. The candidate must be hard working, organized, creative and passionate about working in an Australia Post Office. He or she will be required to work in a high-pressure environment etc.

Annual salary of \$70,000.00 plus superannuation will be offered to the successful candidate.

Please send the resume to Walgett LPO, 61 Wee Waa Street, Walgett, NSW 2832 or email it to walgettpostoffice@gmail.com at the latest by **June 15, 2018**.



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Director, Southern Zone – Identified

**Fyshwick ACT Location
Salary \$149,484 plus 9.5% super and other benefits**

The Opportunity

Zone Directors, NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) play a pivotal role in providing guidance and assistance to Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) and in implementing the policies of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council for the benefit of members of the Land Council Network of New South Wales.

Zone Directors are responsible for, among other things, ensuring the effective and efficient administration of LALC real property and other assets. The occupants will perform the role of financial adviser and problem solver for LALCs within their Zone, strategic adviser to LALCs and to NSWALC, office manager, negotiator and conciliator.

To be successful in this role, the Director, Southern Zone will need to have:

- Aboriginality - this is an identified position under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Demonstrated experience in the interpretation and implementation of legislation preferably relating to Aboriginal people.
- Extensive knowledge and experience in financial management.
- High level management experience within a policy and program delivery environment including an ability to exercise a high degree of judgement and discretion.
- High level dispute resolution skills.
- Sound written and oral communication skills to enable effective communication.

About us

As the State's peak representative body in Aboriginal Affairs, the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community. NSWALC is a not for profit organisation.

More information about NSW Aboriginal Land Council can be found at www.alc.org.au

How to apply

To apply for the position please obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Role Description and Success Profile by contacting the Human Resources Officer by email: recruitment@alc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4519. Applications close **9 AM Monday, 28 May 2018** and can be forwarded to recruitment@alc.org.au

Job Status: Contract up to three (3) years

*The Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation is a large and successful
Aboriginal owned and operated, not for profit community
organisation in the Illawarra which has been in operation for
more than twenty five years delivering a range of programs
and projects including Housing, Child Youth & Family
Services, Home Care, Child Care, Emergency Relief and
Employment & Training*



General Manager – Myimbarr & Housing

We are seeking an experienced Manager to lead the Myimbarr & Housing operations ensuring the delivery of a comprehensive "one stop shop" service offering in our community that is client centric, high quality and culturally appropriate. This is a full time 12-month fixed term position, with possibility for extension.

Myimbarr is the IAC Out of Home Care program which aims to keep Aboriginal children & young people in safe environments, to promote their education and emotional wellbeing and remain connected with their family and community. When children or young people cannot live with their family, we work towards restoring them with their natural (birth) family. When this is not possible, we support children & young people in culturally aware, trained and loving Aboriginal foster families.

The IAC also offers Social Housing for Aboriginal people in the Illawarra and surrounding regions. Clients with higher level or more complex needs are supported through the Going Home Staying Home (GHSH) and Koori Strong programs. The Housing program works to reduce the impact of homelessness by providing affordable housing. As an Aboriginal community housing provider the program offers social housing with a direct cultural connection. We aim to provide fair, transparent and culturally appropriate housing services for the local Aboriginal community.

To be successful in this position you will need;

- Significant experience in a management position delivering exceptional Out of Home Care, Social Housing and related support services to families, children and carers
- Demonstrated mentoring skills and experience leading and developing a high performing team within the Out of Home Care and/or Social Housing sector
- Proven ability to build and maintain partnerships with multiple stakeholders including community groups, agencies and government departments as well as engaging with the local Aboriginal Community
- In depth working knowledge of Child Protection and Social Housing Legislation and current changes in these sectors
- Proven experience working to strict compliance and accreditation standards
- Detailed understanding of trauma informed practise
- Demonstrated ability to manage complex issues and perform under pressure
- Exceptional consultation and interpersonal skills
- Tertiary Qualifications in Social Work, Psychology, Community Services or related field.

**Full details including selection criteria are available on our website
www.iac.org.au/employment**

Aboriginal identified position under S14d of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977

Heritage Project Officer

The Heritage Project Officer role 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. This position is an operational role that works with a team of one other staff to manage Aboriginal cultural heritage in the Gippsland region, based in Bairnsdale. The role works closely with Registered Aboriginal parties (RAPs), Traditional Owners, public land managers and local governments in the region to manage and protect Aboriginal cultural heritage. Formal qualifications, or extensive experience in cultural heritage management, are a requirement of this position.

To apply please visit:
<https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-1332369>

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Senior Practice Support Officer

The Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec) is the peak Aboriginal child and family organisation in NSW. AbSec is committed to advocating on behalf of Aboriginal children, families, carers and communities, and to ensure they have access to the services and supports they need to keep Aboriginal children safe and provide them the best possible opportunities to fulfil their potential through Aboriginal community controlled organisations.

AbSec is currently seeking a skilled and qualified person to undertake the role of Senior Practice Support Officer within our Support and Sustainability team. The Senior Practice Support Officer will contribute to building the capacity and practice of agencies to ensure minimum standards for child protection and out of home care requirements while specifically supporting the implementation of Multi-Systemic Therapy – CAN, and Family Functioning Therapy – CW.

Interested and suitable applicants should obtain a copy of the position description, and submit a cover letter (maximum two pages) and current CV (maximum five pages) demonstrating their experience against the selection criteria to the Enquiries person listed below. Two referees must be provided (including current supervisor).

Notes:

- An attractive remuneration package, including access to salary sacrifice benefits will be negotiated with the successful applicant.
- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised in Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).
- Applicants should have a current working with children's check
- A criminal record check will be undertaken on the successful applicant
- Successful applicant will be based at AbSec's Marrickville Office.
- Successful applicant will be engaged under a fixed term contract and subject to a probationary period

Applications Close: Monday 21 May 2018

Contact: Dana Hogg on (02) 9559 5299 **Enquiries:** Cath Tarrant on (02) 9559 5299

Applications can be emailed to: Dakota.Torrens@absec.org.au or posted to PO Box 604 Marrickville NSW 1475



Director of Marketing and Communications

The Director of Marketing and Communications is responsible for leading the marketing activities of Circus Oz, with a strong focus on the development and management of the Circus Oz brand, the development of audiences and the appropriate representation of the various projects and activities to the market place. Working closely with the General Manager, Artistic Director and the Circus Oz Board, the successful candidate will have a strategic focus and creative flair, complemented by demonstrable experience in developing and implementing integrated, effective campaigns to market. With experience in team leadership and financial management, the Director of Marketing and Communications will have highly developed project management skills, excellent ability to rapidly and simultaneously manage multiple projects, high attention to detail, a thorough understanding of the campaign process and collaborative and persuasive communication skills.

Download the position description for more information:

<https://www.circusoz.com/employment.html>

Application Process

For further information or to submit an application, please contact:

Raelene King, Administrator, Circus Oz

T: (03) 9676 0332 E: administrator@circusoz.com.au

Applications should include a

- 1 Cover letter (no more than one page)
- 2 Resume including contact details for at least three relevant referees
- 3 Separate response to the selection criteria, outlining relevant experience and skills (no more than three pages), as detailed in the position description.

Applications should be submitted by **5pm, Thursday 24 May, 2018**



Community Development Officer

Alice Springs, Darwin or Katherine based role

Are you passionate about closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage?

Would you like the opportunity to contribute to a dynamic Indigenous organisation and its sustainability?

If your answers are yes, then ICV has the opportunity for you!

ICV facilitates community and human development projects with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities. We support Indigenous Australians to harness opportunities available to them and overcome social and economic disadvantage through community development and capacity building projects. Reconciliation that occurs through our volunteering initiatives is also an important outcome of our work.

We currently have exciting and challenging opportunities for a suitably experienced Community Development Officer to be based in either Alice Springs, Darwin or Katherine.

ICV's Community Development Officers (CDOs) are the key link between our Indigenous communities and volunteers. Our CDOs work at the grass roots level with Indigenous communities and volunteers to identify and implement development and capacity building projects.

Successful applicants will need to demonstrate an ability:

- To develop and maintain effective grass-roots relationships with Indigenous people and communities in urban, regional and remote locations
- In engaging and partnering with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the development, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of community development projects
- To utilize information databases and demonstrate effective written and communication skills
- To develop and maintain positive relationships with representatives of communities, government, and non-government, corporate and professional organisations and
- To work respectfully, effectively and collaboratively and travel in diverse cultural and geographic locations

Applications must include a statement addressing the selection criteria.

For a full position description and selection criteria please email Daryl Phillips dphillips@humanresourcescentre.com.au You can also visit www.icv.com.au for more information.

Applications close at 5:00pm Friday 1st June, 2018 and should be sent to dphillips@humanresourcescentre.com.au.

Indigenous Community Volunteers considers that being Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational requirement for these positions under s 42 of the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT)/ sub-s 35(1)(b)(ii) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1996 (NT), s 25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld)/ s 50 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (WA).

ICV aims to be an employer of choice for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Indigenous Australians, culturally and linguistically diverse Australians are encouraged to apply.



Human Resources Business Partner

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Targeted Role
- People And Culture, Human Resources Command, Parramatta
- Clerk Grade 11/12 - Ongoing Full-Time
- *I Work for NSW* Requisition No.000066G9

Salary Package: \$155,589. **Salary:** \$121,917 - \$140,996. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Human Resources Business Partner works in partnership with an assigned Deputy Commissioner portfolio to provide expert strategic and tactical human resources consultancy and support, and to assist portfolio management teams to deliver business priorities that align with corporate and human resources strategy and innovation.

Job Notes:

To be eligible to apply for this role, applicants **must** identify as Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

Essential requirements - applicants must:

- obtain and maintain the requisite security clearance for this role.
- have a degree in human resource management, business or relevant qualification or relevant equivalent experience, and demonstrated expert knowledge of best practice strategic human resource trends and issues.
- hold a current driver's licence with no traffic offences recorded on their driving history within the last six (6) months.

For further assistance with completing your application or for information regarding National Police Checks and Security Clearance, **please contact the Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit on (02) 8835 9021** or via email hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

BLZ142617

Applications Close: Sunday 27 May 2018

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Richard Griffiths - Group Director, People and Culture on (02) 8835 9046 or 0438 027 125.

For the targeted questions, a downloadable role description, an information package and to apply, please go to *I Work for NSW* (iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 000066G9

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Position Vacant Full-Time Solicitor



The Far West Community Legal Centre (FWCLC) is a busy generalist community legal service with a vibrant and dedicated team. We are based in Broken Hill, NSW, and provide outreach services to outlying communities including Wilcannia, White Cliffs, Menindee, Tibooburra and Ivanhoe.

Under the direction of the Principal Solicitor, the position of Solicitor will be responsible for legal advice, casework, information and referral, community engagement building, community development, community legal education and law reform.

Excellent ongoing training, on the job support and assistance will be provided to the successful applicant.

Travel will be required in an organisational

vehicle. Some overnight travel may be required in the region.

Applications for the position of Solicitor close **5pm Friday 25th of May 2018**.

Salary: \$70,407 inclusive of superannuation. There are four weeks annual leave attached to the position and leave loading is considered to be part of the negotiated salary package. Negotiated assistance in relocation expenses is also offered. Applicants are requested to address the Essential Criteria in the position description to be considered for interview.

For a full position description or for any queries regarding the role please email the CEO, Cathy Farry at cathy.farry@farwestclc.org.au



Department of Primary Industries

Aboriginal Liaison Officer

DPI Fisheries have a great opportunity for a casual Aboriginal Liaison Officer to join the Port Stephens, Great Lakes Marine Park.

We're looking for a passionate individual to liaise with Aboriginal community groups and other stakeholders to ensure the management and use of the marine park reflects Aboriginal cultural values. You'll be committed to the protection and ongoing maintenance of a diverse marine park, take pride and ownership in your work and have great communication skills.

Please Note: This position is available to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders only. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

BLZ142435

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Luke Erskine, Marine Park Manager Marine Operations on (02) 4916 3976.

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For further information including role description and how to apply online, please go to www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for Job Reference No: 496904



Cultural Support Worker x 2 positions Aboriginal Cultural Support Program (Part Time - 3 days per week) Fixed Term Contract

- Work with a dynamic and well-respected NGO with over 40 years experience working with the community
- Support Aboriginal young people to connect to culture
- Exciting new roles and new program - make a difference!
- 21 hours per week and generous salary packaging is available
- Aboriginal identified positions

About Weave Youth and Community Services:

Weave provides a range of services to socially and economically excluded young people, women and families who live in the City of Sydney Local Government Area as well as the Maroubra/La Perouse, Inner West and Woolloomooloo.

Weave was established in 1976. The team at Weave are dedicated, experienced and are well recognised for their engaging work with young people, women and families, community development work and pioneering new therapeutic approaches. For more information about Weave please visit our website: www.weave.org.au

The Role:

Weave Youth and Community Services are recruiting for two Cultural Support Workers to join the team in an exciting new Aboriginal Cultural Support Program.

The positions will engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people referred by the Sydney Juvenile Justice Office and supporting them to build and strengthen cultural identity and connection.

Some of the key duties include establishing good networks and working relationships with Sydney Juvenile Justice Office.

Developing strong, collaborative relationships with Aboriginal Community networks and families and providing cultural support to young people with complex trauma histories and complex needs.

You will feel supported through regular supervision, access to peer review, opportunities for training and development and a friendly and experienced team around you.

Classification for this position is SCHADS Award Level 3 Paypoint (3.1 - 3.4) depending on qualifications and experience. Hourly rate range : \$29.59 - \$31.73 per hour plus significant salary packaging benefits.

How to Apply

Applications including a current **Resume** and a document specifically responding to and outlining how you meet each of the **Selection Criteria (List of criteria included in the Job Description Document)**, should be emailed to Patricia Vasquez at recruitment@weave.org.au.

Phone Melissa Merritt on 9318 0539 if you want further information or Job Description available on our website <http://www.weave.org.au>

Closing Date for applications is Midnight on Thursday 24th May 2018.

Notice of applications for determination of native title in the state of NSW

Notification day: 30 May 2018

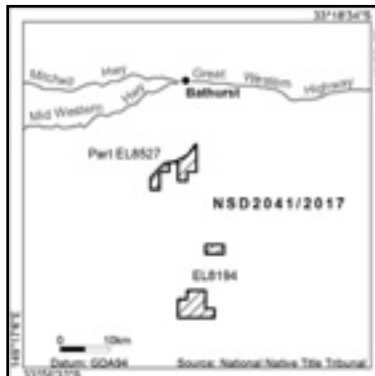


National Native Title Tribunal

These are applications by native title claim groups which are asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney, NSW 2000 **on or before 29 August 2018**. After **29 August 2018**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.



Application name: Warrabinga Wiradjuri #9

Federal Court File No: NSD2041/2017

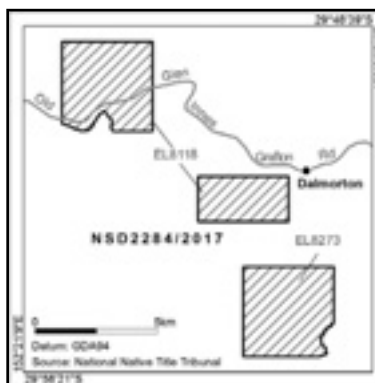
Date filed: 21 November 2017

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.

Description: The application consists of three areas with a total area of about 54 sq km, extending from about 14 to about 48 km south of the town of Bathurst.

Link to map: <http://bit.ly/2GWJ2x9>

Relevant LGAs: Bathurst Regional Council and Oberon Council



Application name: Gumbaynggirr People #4

Federal Court File No: NSD2284/2017

Date filed: 22 December 2017

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.

Description: The application covers about 28.7 sq km and consists of three areas comprising Exploration Licences 8118 and 8273 located about 53 km West South West of Grafton in the vicinity of Dalmorton.

Link to map: <http://bit.ly/2EeChZ3>

Relevant LGA: Clarence Valley Council.

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For assistance and further information about these applications, call Dianne Drake on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

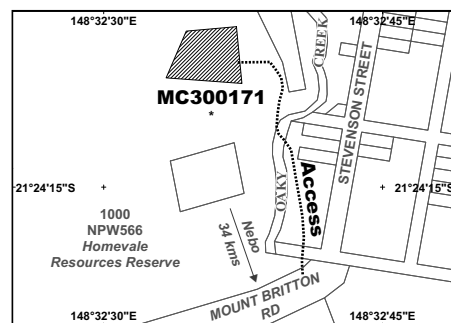
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING CLAIMS

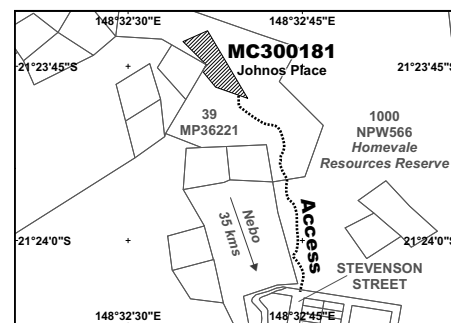
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 grants shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Claim 300171 sought by Trevor James Seymour (50%) and Michael Stuart Andrews (50%), over an area of 0.8387 ha centred approximately 34 km North North West of Nebo, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



Mining Claim 300181 sought by John Herbert Hunt, over an area of 0.9984 ha centred approximately 35 km North North West of Nebo, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The 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 granted 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 grant of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Applications may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Principal Mining Registrar, Mineral Assessment Hub, Level 9, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland 4810, Telephone: (07) 4447 9230.

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 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

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 30th May 2018



NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A PETROLEUM LEASE AND PROPOSED ADDITION OF EXCLUDED LAND INTO A PETROLEUM LEASE

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 the Petroleum Lease shown below and the addition of excluded land into a Petroleum Lease shown below under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld).

Nature of Act(s): The grant of a Petroleum Lease under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld), authorises the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of petroleum for a period not exceeding thirty (30) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding thirty (30) years.

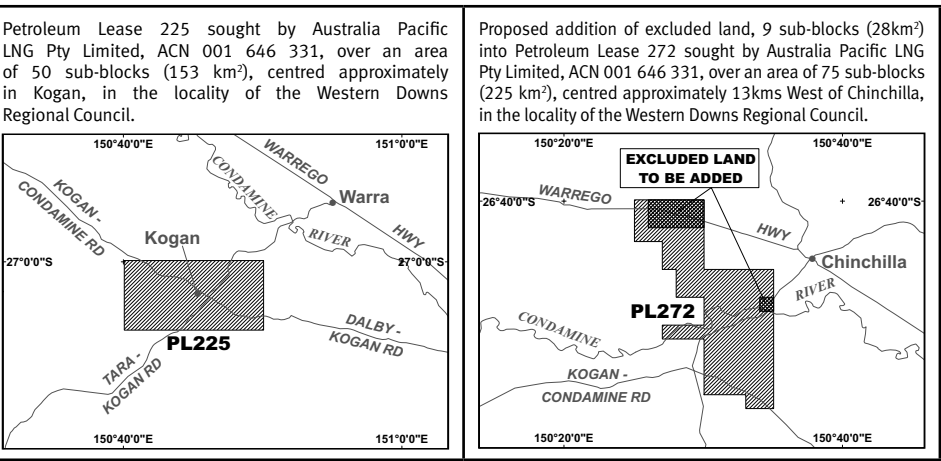
It is proposed to amend the Petroleum Lease by adding Excluded Land under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld). If the Excluded Land is added to the area of the Petroleum Lease the land ceases to be excluded land. This authorises the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of petroleum for a period not exceeding thirty (30) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding thirty (30) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Petroleum Lease be granted under Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

It is proposed that the addition of Excluded Land into the Petroleum Lease be granted under Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a “native title party” is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Petroleum Lease and the proposed addition of Excluded Land into the Petroleum Lease. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.



Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Petroleum Lease, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Petroleum Lease application may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, 1 William Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3199 8084. Further information about the proposed addition of Excluded Land into the Petroleum Lease, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Petroleum Lease application may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, 1 William Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3199 8084.

Notification Day: 6 June 2018



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	08/2982	RESOURCES WA RM PTY LIMITED	200BL	52km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 24' S Long: 117° 13' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2258	DIVERSIFIED ASSET HOLDINGS PTY LTD	70BL	182km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 29' S Long: 116° 23' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2295	HAMERSLEY METALS PTY LTD	52BL	135km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 21' S Long: 117° 15' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2301	GTTS GENERATIONS PTY LIMITED	65BL	67km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 30' S Long: 115° 29' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/901	FAUREX PTY LTD	16BL	38km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 2' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3313	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	35BL	220km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 124° 50' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3314	LAKE WELLS EXPLORATION PTY LTD	31BL	120km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 26° 55' S Long: 122° 45' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3315-6	LAKE WELLS EXPLORATION PTY LTD	400BL	134km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 26° 49' S Long: 122° 33' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2032	GALEA, Michael	4BL	65km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 10' S Long: 122° 10' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2033	GALEA, Michael	4BL	60km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 122° 10' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2034	GALEA, Michael	4BL	59km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 122° 12' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2078	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	8BL	189km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 31' S Long: 124° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2081	ANOVA METALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	1BL	83km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 22' S Long: 122° 26' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3934 & 47/3936	MEENTHEENA GOLD PTY LTD	130BL	39km S'ly of Karratha	Lat: 21° 4' S Long: 116° 45' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	47/3935	MEENTHEENA GOLD PTY LTD	54BL	55km S'ly of Karratha	Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 116° 54' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3945	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	24BL	86km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 2' S Long: 118° 19' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/3956	LEICHHARDT INDUSTRIALS PTY LTD	1BL	52km SW'ly of Dampier	Lat: 20° 57' S Long: 116° 19' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	51/1773	SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL	11BL	94km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 54' S Long: 119° 2' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1877-8	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	80BL	84km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 22' S Long: 119° 18' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1879-80	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	81BL	111km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 21' S Long: 119° 34' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1881	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	70BL	112km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 31' S Long: 119° 36' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1882	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	18BL	114km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 13' S Long: 119° 46' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3586	TRILLBAR RESOURCES PTY LTD	5BL	150km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 30' S Long: 117° 35' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3610	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	66BL	166km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 19' S Long: 119° 57' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1982	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	29BL	102km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 18' S Long: 119° 52' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1983	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	10BL	101km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 11' S Long: 119° 56' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2457	BLACK DRAGON ENERGY (AUS) PTY LTD	12BL	92km NE'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 0' S Long: 119° 41' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2528	RUTTER, John Henry	6BL	123km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 42' S Long: 119° 37' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2529	PARKWAY MINERALS NL	15BL	20km SE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 119° 42' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2530	MH GOLD PTY LTD	3BL	89km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 15' S Long: 119° 46' E	KONDIRIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5177	SPEEWAH MINING PTY LTD	138BL	114km S'ly of Wyndham	Lat: 16° 36' S Long: 128° 0' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5178	SPEEWAH MINING PTY LTD	199BL	85km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 29' S Long: 127° 27' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE, WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5184	BUXTON RESOURCES LTD	8BL	94km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 27' S Long: 128° 2' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6190	HENEKER, Neil Lewis HENEKER, Jason Laurence	123.59HA	14km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 121° 17' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3071	COEN, Andrew Roy VULETA, Adrian	152.91HA	49km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 120° 50' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2335	CUE CONSOLIDATED MINING PTY LTD	68.43HA	1km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 117° 52' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2336	CUE CONSOLIDATED MINING PTY LTD	11.20HA	3km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 117° 54' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5251-S	JARVIS, Francis John	9.08HA	33km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 121° 10' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4310	CASCADE RESOURCES PTY LTD	186.90HA	33km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 121° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4316-7, 26/4321-2, 26/4324-5 & 26/4330	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	1368.98HA	17km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 35' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4332-3, 26/4337-44	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	1962.89HA	24km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 38' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2333-S	BLOS, Ivy Danielle	9.99HA	29km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1324	KURNALPI GOLD PTY LTD	111.07HA	81km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 122° 16' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	37/9122-3	NAVIGATOR MINING PTY LTD	354.87HA	25km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 121° 32' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9126	NAVIGATOR MINING PTY LTD	200.12HA	35km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 121° 34' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4443-S	STEAD, Alexander John	9.77HA	53km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 4' S Long: 122° 22' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5607	LANDTEC PTY LTD	122.70HA	70km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 122° 9' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5831-2	LANDTEC PTY LTD	304.55HA	67km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 11' S Long: 122° 10' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5833	LANDTEC PTY LTD	5.56HA	69km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 122° 10' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5834	LANDTEC PTY LTD	87.71HA	62km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 8' S Long: 122° 9' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5899	MONUMENT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	199.07HA	27km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 122° 7' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1683-6	ALLOY RESOURCES LIMITED	676.87HA	61km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 7' S Long: 121° 0' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1688-9	ALLOY RESOURCES LIMITED	359.13HA	33km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 49' S Long: 121° 1' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1690	ALLOY RESOURCES LIMITED	19.09HA	41km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 56' S Long: 120° 56' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1691-3	ALLOY RESOURCES LIMITED	580.47HA	69km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 11' S Long: 121° 2' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1694-7	ALLOY RESOURCES LIMITED	785.62HA	51km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 1' S Long: 121° 1' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1439	HALL, Dale Mervyn	78.03HA	9km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 54' S Long: 119° 19' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2158	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	43.74HA	17km NE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 15' S Long: 116° 50' E	YALGOO SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 16 May 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 16 August 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. 16 September 2018), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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WATERSNSW
WYBONG CREEK WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **YVAIN RAYMOND WILKS AND SUSAN GRACE WILKS** for bore on Lot 101 DP 1216951 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@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A013293)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Salim Vhora Manager, Dealings Verification and Water Regulation Coastal.

BLZ142394

WATERSNSW
LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WORK APPROVAL has been received from **BIDGEEBROOK PTY LTD** for a bore on Lot 74 DP 751696, for irrigation purposes (Dallas/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. (A013271)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South.

BLZ142397

WATER NSW
MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE (EDWARD RIVER)

An application to amend an existing WATER SUPPLY WORKS & WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **RODERICK KEITH ANGUS EDWARDS** for a 250mm pump on Lot 60 DP756246, Parish Barratta, County Townsend for stock and domestic purposes and irrigation of Lot 60 DP756246 Parish Barratta, County Townsend and Lot 76 DP756531 Parish Cootnite, County Wakool. (Application No. A13218).

LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from: **GRAHAM RICHARD ALLITT AND ANN MAREE ALLITT** for a bore on Lot 2 DP179466, Parish Willeroo, County Townsend for the purpose of irrigation. (Application No. A13132).

Objections to granting of the above Approval/s must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 453, Deniliquin NSW 2710, or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of the date of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Tracie Scarfone, A/Manager Water Regulation South.

BLZ142318

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY – LANDS AND WATER
UPPER NAMOI REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application to amend 90WA803014 on Lot 7012 DP 93878 and Lots 277 & 219 DP 752191 has been received from **Tamworth Regional Council** to add a water supply work and use.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DoI Water, 4 Marsden Park Road Calala, NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice (A012942). The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any enquiries please call Chris Binks on 02 6763 1465.

BLZ141345

WATERSNSW
LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE GROUNDWATER DEEP SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **WILLIAM ANTHONY RYAN** for a bore, on Lot 22 DP 750877, Parish Carabury, County Boyd for irrigation purposes. (A013278)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, LEETON NSW 2705 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 objection. Any queries please call 1300 662 077, or email the above.

Tracie Scarfone, Acting Water Regulation Manager South.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kenneth Edward Vowles MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry and Resources, C/- Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 31730 sought by LEON JOHN CELLIER over an area of 4 Blocks (14 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5270	Exploration Licence 31852 sought by BOAB RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 612 043 302 over an area of 250 Blocks (794 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the REYNOLFD RANGE locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5453	Exploration Licence 31850 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 5 Blocks (12 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ANNINGIE locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5554	Exploration Licence 31701 sought by GEVINA and YAYIN PTY LTD, ACN 099 438 203 over an area of 250 Blocks (824 km²) depicted below for a term of 4 years, within the KILDURK locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 4865
Exploration Licence 31853 sought by GHOSTGUM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 625 092 542 over an area of 250 Blocks (819 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the INERWAY locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 4862	Exploration Licence 31854 sought by GHOSTGUM RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 625 092 542 over an area of 250 Blocks (819 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LIMBUNYA locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 4863	Exploration Licence 31787 sought by NOMAD EXPLORATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 622 780 027 over an area of 250 Blocks (812 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WOLLOGORANG locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6463	Exploration Licence 31788 sought by NOMAD EXPLORATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 622 780 027 over an area of 250 Blocks (821 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WOLLOGORANG locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6463
Exploration Licence 31829 sought by SYNERGY PROSPECTING PTY LTD, ACN 622 779 980 over an area of 250 Blocks (791 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DELNY locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5852	Exploration Licence 31830 sought by SYNERGY PROSPECTING PTY LTD, ACN 622 779 980 over an area of 250 Blocks (790 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DNEIPER locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5952	Exploration Licence 31841 sought by VANADIUM MINING PTY LTD, ACN 621 703 991 over an area of 250 Blocks (800 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CONICAL HILL locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5555	Exploration Licence 31842 sought by VANADIUM MINING PTY LTD, ACN 621 703 991 over an area of 250 Blocks (788 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ANNINGIE locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5554

Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 16 May 2018

NOTICE OF BANDJALANG PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE HOLDERS MEETING PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (ILUA)



Date and Time: Thursday, 14 June 2018
9:30am arrival
10:00am start - 5:00pm
Friday, 15 June 2018
9:30am – 12:00pm
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).

Please note this meeting has been rescheduled from the originally advertised dates of 14-15 March 2018 due to cultural reasons.

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:

- 4 Discuss the background and the purpose of the proposed ILUA and consult with Bandjalang native title holders.
- 5 Confirm the decision-making process for giving consent to the making of an ILUA
- 6 Consider whether the native title holders consent to the proposed ILUA

Please contact NTSCORP to confirm your attendance by **Thursday, 7 June 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.

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO NTSCORP ON 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188 or FAX (02) 9310 4177.

BANDJALANG PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP AUTHORISATION MEETING: NEW NATIVE TITLE APPLICATION AND AMENDMENT TO COMBINE WITH BANDJALANG #3 APPLICATION



Date and Time: Friday, 15 June 2018
12:30pm arrival
1:00pm start - 3:00pm
Place: Woodburn Evans Head
RSL Club,
11-13 McDonald Pl,
Evans Head, NSW

Note: A meeting of Bandjalang People common law holders to consider and provide consent to a proposed Indigenous land use agreement is being held on Thursday 26 and Friday 27 April 2018 at the same venue. This meeting is being held immediately following that ILUA Meeting.

NTSCORP Limited, the native title service provider for NSW, provides assistance to the **Bandjalang People**, and is convening a meeting for all Bandjalang People and any other Aboriginal people who assert native title rights and interests in the three parcels of land depicted in the map below, being areas of land and waters in and around Evans Head, New Italy and Bungawalbin.

Who should attend?

(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.

AND

Any other Aboriginal person who asserts native title rights and interests in the proposed claim area.

Map of the Proposed Claim Area

The native title claim area is Lot 544 DP 48550, Lot 130 DP 755609 and a parcel of land abutting Lot 209 DP 755603. The location of these lands are marked in the map below.



The AGENDA for the meeting is:

- 1 Discuss the background on this proposed new claim and review native title law and processes;
- 2 Decision making process of the claimant group;
- 3 Consider and authorise a native title application over the area described above;
- 4 Authorise the Applicant to make the proposed native title determination application;
- 5 Consider any conditions to be imposed on the powers of the Applicant.
- 6 Consider and confirm NTSCORP Limited as the legal representative for the native title claim.
- 7 Consider and instruct NTSCORP Limited to seek orders that any new claim

authorised at this meeting be combined with the Bandjalang People #3 Claim (NSD426/2016)

- 8 Update on progress of the Bandjalang People #3 Claim and to give instructions on the next steps;
- 9 Any other matters raised by the claim group.

Confirming your attendance

Please confirm your attendance at this meeting by contacting NTSCORP on the numbers listed below by no later than 7 June 2018, so that all relevant arrangements can be made.

Our details are:

Freecall 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188
Post: P.O. Box 2105, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012
Fax: (02) 9310 4177
Email: CFC@ntscorp.com.au

Mileage assistance and accommodation may be available to persons attending this meeting in accordance with NTSCORP's meeting assistance policies. If you require accommodation, **you will need to provide NTSCORP with a completed meeting registration form, or telephone NTSCORP with confirmed details, by no later than Thursday 7 June 2018.**

Please note if you do not contact NTSCORP by **Thursday 7 June 2018** to confirm your request for travel and accommodation assistance, NTSCORP **cannot** guarantee we will be able to assist with travel and accommodation arrangements – although you would still be more than welcome to attend the meeting.

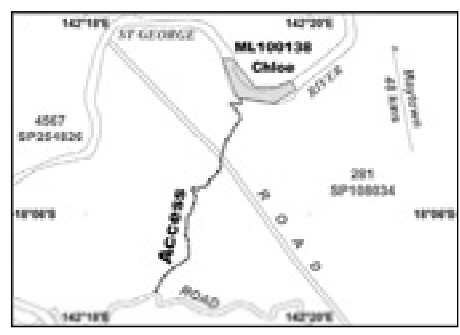
Should you have any queries or simply require further information, please do not hesitate to contact: **Annika Rotumah – Senior Community Facilitator or Sandy Chalmers – Senior Solicitor on Freecall: 1800 111 844 ph: (02) 9310 3188.**

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE

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 the Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*

Mining Lease 100138 sought by Dennis Bernard Fitzgerald, over an area of 20.64 ha, centred approximately 48 km South South East of Maytown, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of the Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease Application may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Principal Mining Registrar, Mineral Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland 4810, Telephone: (07) 4447 9230, or email MineralHub@dnrme.qld.gov.au

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 30th May 2018



Wallabies to face Irish



KURTLEY Beale and the Wallabies will host world No. 4-ranked Ireland in June in a three-Test series, the Australian Rugby Union has confirmed.

The matches will be at Brisbane's Lang Park (June 9), Melbourne's Rectangular

Park (June 16) and the Sydney Football Stadium (June 23).

It will be the first time the Lansdowne Cup has been contested over a three-match series, and Ireland's first tour of Australia since 2010.

"The rivalry between the two nations has grown enormously in recent years with

some memorable encounters," ARU chief executive Bill Pulver said.

"With a huge number of Irish expats living in Australia, Ireland will enjoy strong support when they are here for matches in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney."

The Irish have won their last two encounters with the Wallabies but have a

poor record in Australia, winning just three times in 14 matches – the last coming 39 years ago, in 1979.

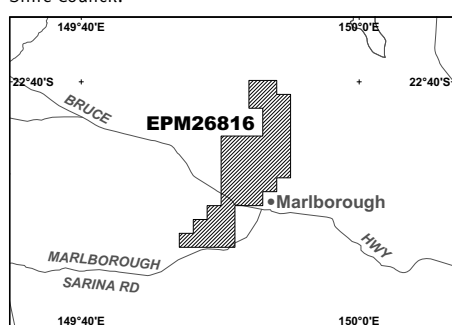
They shape-up as a formidable opponent and precisely the kind of challenge coach Michael Cheika will want in the middle of next year as the team build towards the 2019 World Cup. – AAP

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

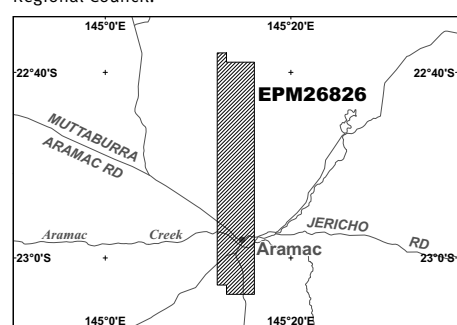
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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).

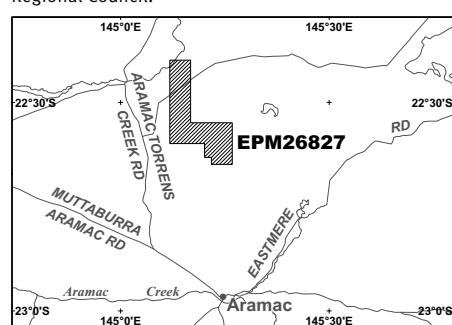
Exploration Permit 26816 sought by Super Cruser Pty Ltd, ACN 624 627 498, over an area of 40 sub-blocks (126 km²), centred approximately 5 km North West of Marlborough, in the locality of the Livingstone Shire Council.



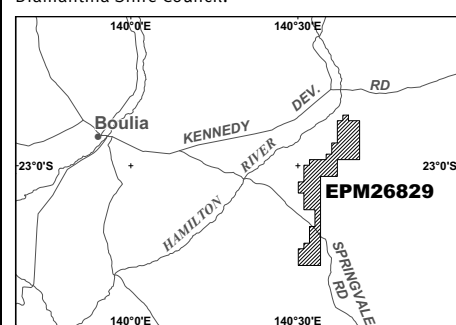
Exploration Permit 26826 sought by AXF Vanadium Pty Ltd, ACN 617 799 738, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (316 km²), centred approximately 10 km North of Aramac, in the locality of the Barcardine Regional Council.



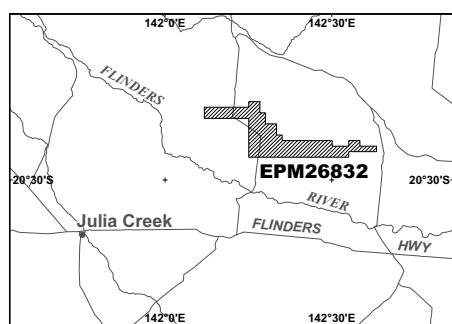
Exploration Permit 26827 sought by AXF Vanadium Pty Ltd, ACN 617 799 738, over an area of 65 sub-blocks (205 km²), centred approximately 45 km North of Aramac, in the locality of the Barcardine Regional Council.



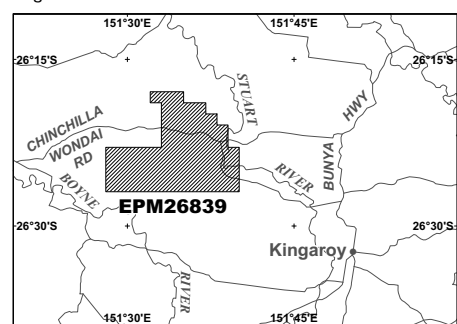
Exploration Permit 26829 sought by AXF Vanadium Pty Ltd, ACN 617 799 738, over an area of 94 sub-blocks (296 km²), centred approximately 70 km South East of Boulia, in the localities of the Boulia Shire Council and Diamantina Shire Council.



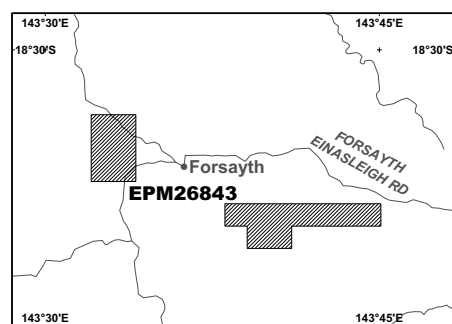
Exploration Permit 26832 sought by AXF Vanadium Pty Ltd, ACN 617 799 738, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (321 km²), centred approximately 72 km North East of Julia Creek, in the localities of the McKinlay Shire Council and Richmond Shire Council.



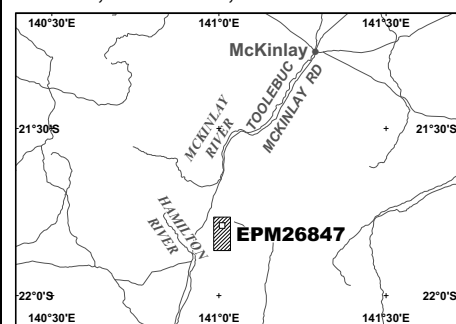
Exploration Permit 26839 sought by Albatross Bauxite Pty Ltd, ACN 152 604 521, over an area of 72 sub-blocks (221 km²), centred approximately 28 km North West of Kingaroy, in the locality of the South Burnett Regional Council.



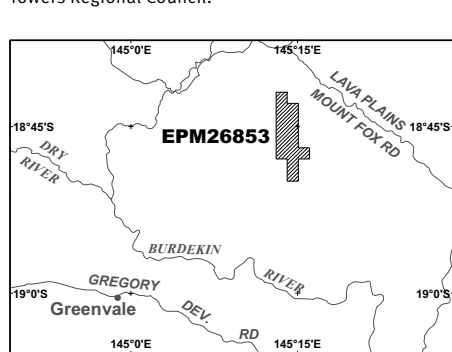
Exploration Permit 26843 sought by Kronos Gold LLC, ARBN 139 504 411, over an area of 15 sub-blocks (48 km²), centred approximately 2 km South East of Forsyth, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.



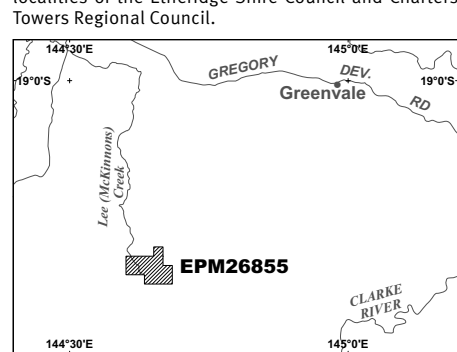
Exploration Permit 26847 sought by South32 Cannington Proprietary Limited, ACN 125 530 967, over an area of 17 sub-blocks (54 km²), centred approximately 65 km South South West of McKinlay, in the locality of the McKinlay Shire Council.



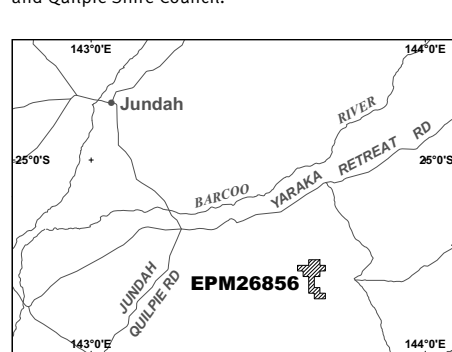
Exploration Permit 26853 sought by Sconi Mining Operations Pty Ltd, ACN 614 910 191, over an area of 14 sub-blocks (46 km²), centred approximately 37 km North East of Greenvale, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



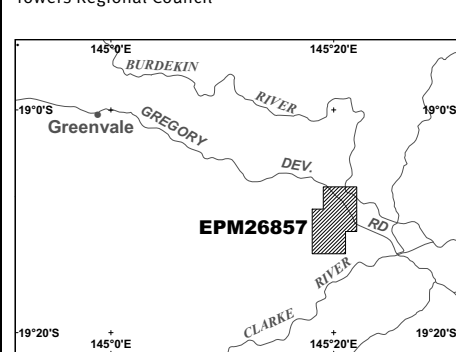
Exploration Permit 26855 sought by Rummager Pty Ltd (50%) ACN 157 971 741 and William Leonard Andrews (50%), over an area of 13 sub-blocks (42 km²), centred approximately 50 km South West of Greenvale, in the localities of the Etheridge Shire Council and Charters Towers Regional Council.



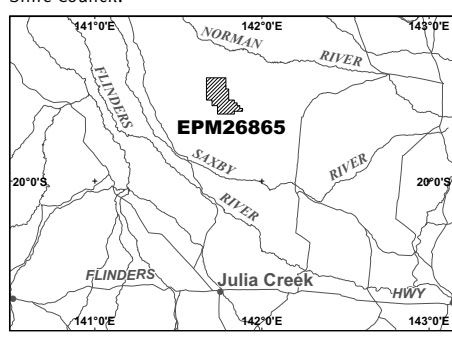
Exploration Permit 26856 sought by Coolhaven Pty Ltd, ACN 163 465 110, over an area of 16 sub-blocks (49 km²), centred approximately 84 km South East of Jundah, in the localities of the Barcoo Shire Council and Quilpie Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26857 sought by Sconi Mining Operations Pty Ltd, ACN 614 910 191, over an area of 20 sub-blocks (64 km²), centred approximately 40 km South East of Greenvale, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 26865 sought by CGM Lithium Pty Ltd, ACN 613 148 404, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (322 km²), centred approximately 125 km North of Julia Creek, in the locality of the McKinlay Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 4, June 2017.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Level 4, 1 William Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3199 8085, nativetitleservices@dnrme.qld.gov.au.

Notification Day: 06 June 2018

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of NSW

Notification day: 30 May 2018

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17 Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 **on or before 29 August 2018**. After **29 August 2018**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: The Applicant on behalf of the South Coast People v Attorney General of NSW
Federal Court File No: NSD1331/2017
Date filed: 3 August 2017
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.

Description: The application covers about 16,808 sq km and extends south from Sydney to Eden, along the South Coast of NSW.
Link to map: <http://bit.ly/2FISyGt>
Relevant LGAs: City Councils of Campbelltown, Liverpool, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven and Wollongong; Shire Councils of Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Sutherland, Wingecarribee and Wollondilly; Regional Councils of Queanbeyan – Palerang and Snowy Monaro; Councils of Canterbury - Bankstown, Georges River and Goulburn Mulwaree and The Council of the Municipality of Kiama.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Sylvia Jagtman on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 30 May 2018

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 29 August 2018**. After **29 August 2018**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Lappi Lappi & Ngulupi

Federal Court File No: WAD48/2018

Date filed: 15 February 2018

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.

Description: The application area covers about 6072 sq km centred approx. 140 km south east of Balgo in the Tanami Desert.

Link to map: <http://bit.ly/2oqm9dY>

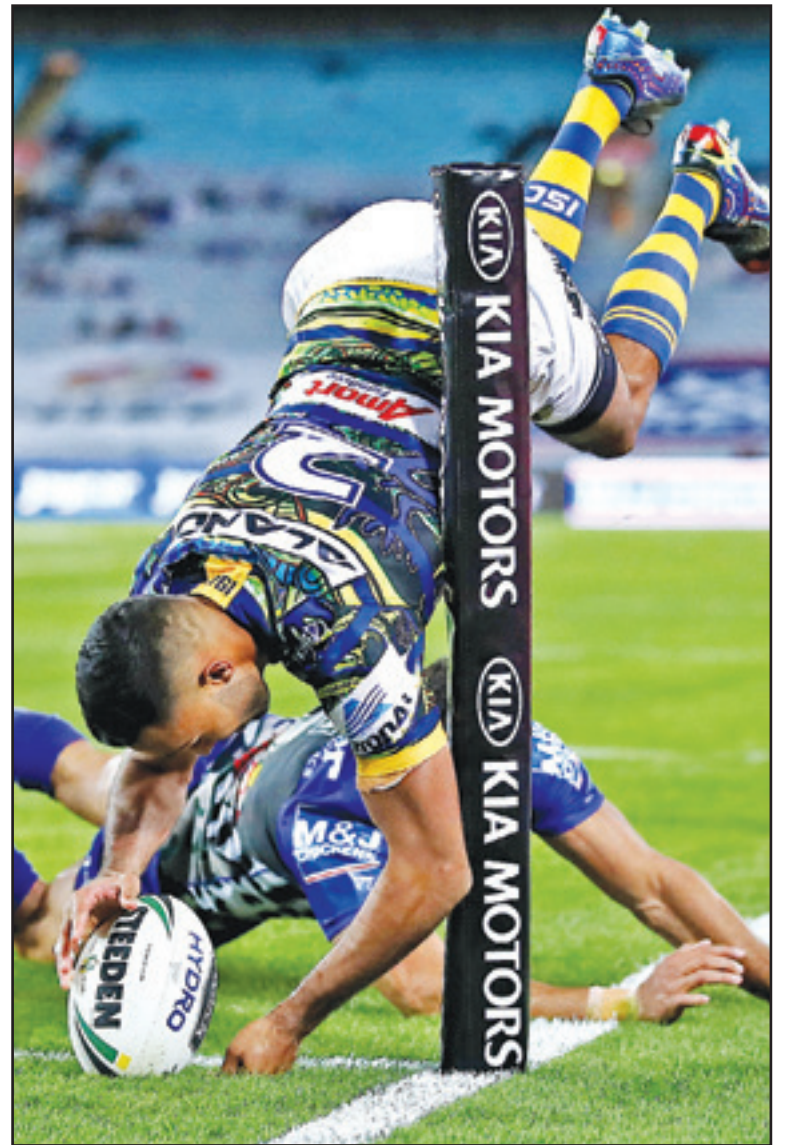
Relevant LGA: Shire of East Pilbara, Shire of Halls Creek.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Allan Palmer on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Sport



Bevan French flies high to score a try. Picture: Getty Images

French a class act with this try



IT is only fitting that Bevan French scored this spectacular try – captured by photographers – during the NRL's Indigenous Round for his side the Parramatta Eels against Canterbury Bulldogs at Sydney

Olympic Stadium last Friday night (May 11).

Unfortunately for French, and the Eels, his side went down by eight points, 20-12.

French is one of three Indigenous players at the Eels, and one of 67 across the 16 clubs in the league (see page opposite).

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL AND GRANT OF MINING LEASES

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 and grant of the Mining Leases shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld)

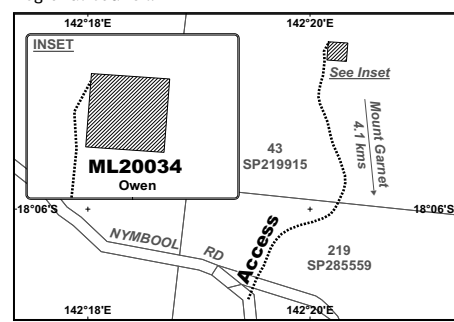
Nature of Act(s): The renewal and grant of the Mining Leases under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Leases be renewed or granted by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

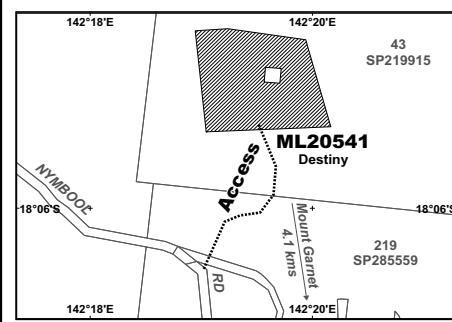
Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal and grant of the Mining Leases, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease renewal and grant may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Principal Mining Registrar, Mineral Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland 4810, Telephone: (07) 4447 9230, or email MineralHub@dnrme.qld.gov.au

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal or grant of the Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court,

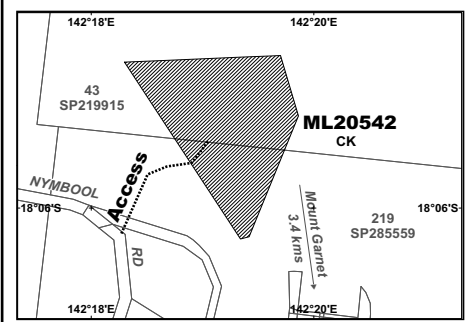
Mining Lease 20034 renewal sought by Gunther Resources Pty Limited, ACN 162 929 848, over an area of 1,000 ha, centred approximately 4.1 km North of Mount Garnet, in the localities of Tablelands Regional Council.



Mining Lease 20541 sought by Gunther Resources Pty Limited, ACN 162 929 848, over an area of 47.8372 ha, centred approximately 4.1 km North of Mount Garnet, in the localities of Tablelands Regional Council.



Mining Lease 20542 sought by Gunther Resources Pty Limited, ACN 162 929 848, over an area of 48.3152 ha, centred approximately 3.4 km North of Mount Garnet, in the localities of Tablelands Regional Council.



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Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 30th May 2018



2018 Player Guide



Brisbane (Broncos) 7

Jack Bird
Troy Dargan
David Fifita
Shawn Nona
Jonus Pearson
James Roberts
Gehamat Shibasaki
Sam Thaiday

Canberra (Raiders) 4

Craig Garvey
Sebastian Kris
Aiden Sezer
Jack Wighton

Canterbury-Bankstown (Bulldogs) 4

Adam Elliot
Clay Priest
Zac Saddler
Reimis Smith

Cronulla (Sharks) 5

Andrew Fifita
Wade Graham
Will Kennedy
Edrick Lee
Jesse Ramien

Gold Coast (Titans) 7

Kiah Cooper
Ryan James
Leilani Latu
Brenko Lee
Nathan Peats
Tyronne Roberts-Davis
Ash Taylor

Manly (Sea Eagles) 4

Jade Anderson
Brian Kelly
Joel Thompson
Jono Wright

Melbourne (Storm) 3

Josh Addo-Carr
Will Chambers
Scott Drinkwater

Newcastle (Knights) 2

Brent Naden
Connor Watson

New Zealand (Warriors) 1

Zac Santo

North Queensland (Cowboys) 6

Carlin Anderson
Javid Bowen
Gideon Gela-Mosby
Marcus Jensen
Kyle Laybutt
Johnathan Thurston

Parramatta (Eels) 4

Nathan Davis
Bevan French
Josh Hoffman
Will Smith

Penrith (Panthers) 3

Reed Izzard
Tyrone Peachey
Tyrone Phillips

South Sydney (Rabbitohs) 6

Braidon Burns
Tyrell Fuimaono
Dane Gagai
Greg Inglis
Alex Johnston
Kyle Turner
Cody Walker

St George-Illawarra (Dragons) 3

Jai Field
Josh Kerr
Tristan Sailor

Sydney (Roosters) 6

Joshua Curran
Blake Ferguson
Bernard Lewis
Latrell Mitchell
Reece Robinson
Chris Smith

Wests Tigers 2

Heath Gibbs
Corey Thompson

Adelaide (Crows) 5

Eddie Betts
Ben Davis
Cam Ellis-Yolmen
Curtly Hampton
Wayne Milera

Brisbane (Lions) 3

Allen Christensen
Cedric Cox
Charlie Cameron

Carlton (Blues) 5

Liam Jones
Kym LeBois
Sam Petrovski-Seton
Jarrod Pickett
Jarrod Garlett

Collingwood (Magpies) 3

Kayle Kirby
Travis Varcoe
Daniel Wells

Essendon (Bombers) 3

Jake Long
Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti
Luke Lavender

Fremantle (Dockers) 11

Harley Bennell
Brady Grey
Joel Hamling
Bradley Hill
Stephen Hill
Michael Johnson
Alex Pearce
Danyle Pearce
Michael Walters
Brandon Matera
Nathan Wilson

Geelong (Cats) 5

Nakia Cockatoo
Jamaine Jones
Quinton Narkle
Brandan Parfitt
Tim Kelly

Gold Coast (Suns) 5

Callum Ah Chee
Jarrod Harbrow
Sean Lemmens
Jack Martin
Steven May

Greater Western Sydney (Giants) 2

Jeremy Finlayson
Zac Williams

Hawthorn (Hawks) 4

Shaun Burgoyne
Keiran Lovell
Cyril Rioli
Jarman Impey

Melbourne (Demons) 4

Jeff Garlett
Neville Jetta
Dion Johnstone
Jay Kennedy-Harris

North Melbourne (Kangaroos) 5

Paul Ahern
Jed Anderson
Jy Simpkin
Kyron Hayden
Gordon Narrier

Port Adelaide (Power) 11

Karl Amon
Aidyn Johnson
Jake Neade
Sam Powell-Pepper
Patrick Ryder
Chad Wingard
Jarrod Lienert
Lindsay Thomas
Dom Barry
Joel Garner
Stephen Motlop

Richmond (Tigers) 6

Shai Bolton
Nathan Drummond
Shane Edwards
Daniel Rioli
Tyson Stengle
Derek Eggolesse-Smith

St Kilda (Saints) 3

Jade Gresham
Ben Long
Koby Stevens

Sydney (Swans) 2

Lance Franklin
James Bell

West Coast (Eagles) 6

Lewis Jetta
Malcolm Karpany
Willie Rioli
Francis Watson
Liam Ryan
Brendon Ah Chee

Western Bulldogs 0

Heartbreak for Busch



By PETER ARGENT



RHIANNON Busch might have been on the losing side, but her coach Steve Symonds reckons her performance

was exceptional.

Busch turned out for Norwood in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) women's grand final against South Adelaide on Anzac Day.

Norwood were the underdogs, but they fought bravely to finish just five points in arrears.

Redlegs coach Symonds called Indigenous talent Busch's performance one of the most influential in the game.

"I was happy with how we played; we focused on the coach's instructions and I believe the girls did a mighty job," Busch told the *Koori Mail*.

"Losing certainly hurts but it puts a fire in your belly for next season."

The Norwood side, which produced a third-quarter revival after being 17 points down at halftime, lost 4.1 (25) to South Adelaide 4.6 (30) at Unley Oval.

Busch was among the leading possession-winners and equal top on the statistics list for the Redlegs, having 20 disposals including 17 kicks, along with five marks and four tackles.

Busch had a hectic 24 hours leading up to the grand final.

Busch has been in the Australian Army since leaving

school and she is in her dream job in Indigenous defence recruiting based in Adelaide.

On Tuesday, April 24, she played in an Australian Defence Force team in a game against AFL club Richmond's VFL women's side at the club's famous Punt Road ground.

As vice-captain, Busch played in the centre and was high among the ADF's better players.

She was then invited by Kate Sheehan to the Melbourne president's dinner in the Anzac Eve Richmond versus Melbourne AFL clash at the MCG, arriving back to her Melbourne digs at 11pm.

On Anzac Day, she attended the dawn service at 5.30am, then flew to Adelaide on an 8am flight.

"Once I got back home, I had a couple hours sleep and a meal in preparation for the grand final," Busch said.

"Being in the defence force, you're used to having irregular hours and it didn't hinder my preparation."

Born in the Northern Territory, Busch is from the Tagalaka people in the Gulf of Carpentaria and the small town of Normanton.

Busch, 28, started playing footy in Katherine at 14 and was selected for the NT Kites team in 2003.

She moved to Cairns in Far North Queensland and played with the Cairns Cutters in 2007. Having won selection in the Queensland squad, she chose to go into the army instead.

Busch has been posted to different locations across the

nation and played footy in each.

She's played in national carnivals while in Darwin and played with the Palmerston Magpies in the NTFL as well as for NT Thunder.

While in Wagga Wagga and playing in Canberra for the Riverina Tigers, she played for the ACT-NSW team in 2013.

Busch has been a regular selection in the army's women's football teams since 2009 and became a member of the ADF side from 2010.

Over the past couple of seasons she's been playing in the Townsville competition, which is still in its infancy, and the posting to Adelaide gave her an opportunity to play in the SANFLW state-league competition.

"Through my connection with Adelaide coach Bec Goddard when she was with ACT-NSW, I was asked to be in the Crows train-on squad with their AFLW team and when I didn't train with them, I went out to Norwood," Busch said.

"I played the greater majority of the games for Norwood this year and still have a burning ambition to play AFLW football.

"Being in Adelaide, you've got more opportunities than you would have being based up in Townsville."

Footnote: At the second annual SANFLW awards evening on the Wednesday following the grand final, Busch was rewarded for her performance with selection in the SANFL Team of the Year.

'No' to a twilight grand final: AFL



THE AFL Commission has decided against moving the grand final from its traditional afternoon timeslot but the change to a twilight event is inevitable.

Speculation had grown about a possible move from the traditional 2.30pm opening bounce to either a twilight or a night grand final.

But AFL chief executive Gillon McLachlan says the league's commission decided to stick with the status quo – for this year at least. He says the timeslot will be reviewed annually and predicts it is just a matter of time before a twilight grand final is trialled.

"But when inevitable is, I'm not sure," McLachlan said.

"Someone will change it one day. Whether it's next year or in 10 years, I'm sure at some point there will be a change."

McLachlan said the decision about the grand final timeslot could have gone either way when the commission met recently.

But tradition won out, much like late last year when it was decided the umpires' centre-bounce would be retained.

"The spectacle at night for certain parts of it (the grand final) could be amazing,"

McLachlan said. "But there are aspects that are better where it is and that's the balance.

"There will be a lot of people happy to keep it where it is. – AAP

It's 'Showtime' – Thursday Island wins title

By ALF WILSON



BADU Island in the Torres Strait could become home to an annual basketball tournament if

the success of a recent event is anything to go by.

Five men's and four women's teams competed in a compelling carnival on the island recently.

Organised by the Badu Basketball Association (BBA), the three-day tournament saw Showtime from Thursday Island win the men's competition while the Young Guns from Horn Island won the women's.

Unfortunately for the vanquished, the respective men's and women's teams Scrapz lost in both deciders.

The BBA and the Torres Strait Islands Regional Council (TSIRC) chipped in \$500 each towards prizemoney.

There was some great individual performances with Malenu Nona winning the junior men's Most Valuable Player (MVP) and Flora Nona



The boys from Showtime, winners at the Badu Basketball Association's three-day tournament on Badu Island.

winning the women's.

In the women's competition, the award for best player in the grand final went to Aliona Gauga, and the carnival MVP was shared by Flora Nona and Norah Nona.

The respective men's awards went to Ben Yorkston

and another tie between Jordan Nona and Anthony Nakata.

In the three-point shootout competition, Philemon Baira (men's) and Tilona Ahmat (women's) were the most accurate, winning \$100 each.

The event was held from April 13-15.



Carnival MVPs (women) Flora Nona (Borda) and Norah Nona (Gawath).



Carnival MVPs (men) Anthony Nakata (Showtime) and Jordan Nona (Scrapz).

Gulf comp hots up in Normanton

By ALF WILSON



A TEAM from the new 'Battle of the Gulf' competition between remote Aboriginal communities will compete at next month's Remote Area Rugby League Far North Queensland (FNQ) Challenge in Cairns.

The FNQ Challenge is scheduled for late June and last year featured games between Torres Strait Stingers, Northern Peninsula Area (NPA), Northern Cape York, Southern Cape and Palm Island Barracudas.

NPA went through the 2017 series undefeated.

Following on from this, a 'Northern United' representative side will be selected to meet Queensland Outback.

The Battle of the Gulf league is a nine-round competition and all games are played at Normanton.

Rounds one to three have already been played; rounds four to six will be played on May 26, and rounds seven to nine will be played on July 7.

A finals series will be held after the fixtures at a date to be set by the QRL Northern Division.

Meanwhile, the Northern Division is working with the NPA to ensure the reigning champions will compete at June's RARL FNQ Challenge in Cairns. It is understood the QRL Northern Division wants an NPA club competition to begin before the representative side would compete at the FNQ Challenge.

Many of the players from the NPA will also be lining up for sides in the Zenadth Kes Rugby League Competition which started at Thursday Island in early April.

It is understood Northern Division officials are working with the NPA rugby league on the logistical issues.



Burketown Raiders.



Doomadgee.



Mornington Raiders.



Rumbalara's first women's football team, making their debut in Shepparton. Picture: Belinda Briggs

'Yakama Rumba'

'Come on, Rumba!' – Yorta Yorta women make history



RUMBALARA Football and Netball Club made history recently when it fielded its first women's football team.

In doing so, the club became the first Aboriginal sports club in Victoria to compete in a women's competitive football league.

History will forever record the Rumbalara women's first game for premiership points as against Shepparton Bears in round one, and their first win against Nathalia in round two.

The team is coached by Bradley Boon, a long-time and loyal clubman at Rumbalara.

They play in the seven-team Northern Country Women's League and are slowly finding their feet.

"I'm excited to be working with a great bunch of women who are hungry to play and eager to learn," Boon said.

"Some of the girls in our team have never played footy before and I take my hat off to them for embracing a new challenge and stepping out of their comfort zones.

"They are learning new skills, getting fit and meeting new friends."

Players on the team range in age from 15 to 40.

Clubwoman Lisa Thorpe said the diversity among the women was the team's strength.

"The group of girls come from a wide range of backgrounds and footy is bringing us together. It's been heartening to see new friendships and bonds already develop," she said.

"I'm the oldest player at 40 and our youngest is 15 and still at high school.

"We also have a couple of young mums with babies in the team and they are so committed they're scheduling feeding times around training!

"We've also got women fitting in footy around demanding jobs and family commitments."

Rumbalara Football and Netball Club president Paul Briggs said the establishment of a women's team was an historic moment for the club.

"Rumba has always focused on women in sport since we began 21 years ago," he said. We've had strong leadership among women across the



Footy and family, the key ingredients that make a club a true asset to its community. Pictures: Belinda Briggs

governance of Rumba and through netball, health and fitness, Auskick, and other non-competitive AFL programs.

"It is a proud and significant moment that we will become the first Aboriginal club in Victoria to compete in women's competitive football league.

"Rumba has always been more than just a sporting club – it's an expression of our culture and identity and it is making a positive difference to the lived experience of kids, their families and our community."



Rich heritage on designs

EACH of the NRL's 16 Indigenous-inspired jersey designs for the 2018 Indigenous Round were designed by Aboriginal people (except for the Warriors jersey, which has a Maori theme).

1. Manly

This painting represents the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles club and all their supporters. Through a collection of different circles, the jersey has representations of the 15 other clubs, the playing group coming together and the player's families, partners and children.

2. Eels

The 2018 Parramatta Eels jersey is titled *Where the Eel lies down* and was created by Elle Binge Harrison. The Burramattagal people have a close connection with the Parramatta River. The jersey depicts the first meeting place as Sydney Harbour, the start of the river, and the second meeting place as Parramatta.

3. Sharks

Designed by Auntie Deanna, a local Cronulla Elder. The three club colours represent the southern waters and the Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. The jersey also depicts footprints to show the community living off Cronulla beach.

4. Rabbitohs

South Sydney resident Dennis Golding celebrates the club's long history of Indigenous players and their contribution to the sport through his jersey design. Through representations of meeting places, cultures and local communities, the jersey allows all Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to share stories and understanding about the Aboriginal custodianship of this country.

5. Broncos

Created by renowned Aboriginal artist Charlie Chambers, the design is titled *Yarning Circle* and features the Broncos logo in the centre with the Brisbane River or Maiwar behind it. The design depicts communities being drawn together to improve the health of their people, supported by the Broncos Deadly Choices partnership.

6. Raiders

The design of the 2018 Indigenous jersey was adapted from Elle Binge's artwork *Culture*. The jersey represents meeting places through circles in the centre. Current Raiders players of Indigenous and non-Indigenous backgrounds are represented through the handprints to show unity and collaboration.

7. Cowboys

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artist Luke Duffy represents all Indigenous people through his artwork, where the reef meets the land. The circles represent the communities from all areas of the region coming together to support the Cowboys.



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8. Tigers

Designed by Vicki Golding, the jersey uses dots and pathway lines to highlight the connection that brings Indigenous and non-Indigenous people together to share stories as one.

9. Roosters

The niece of Rooster's legend Arthur Beetson, Bianca Beetson, designed the 2018 Roosters Indigenous jersey. The people of the Sunshine Coast are represented by totems of the Kabi Kabi people, which include the bunya pine and the native bee.

10. Panthers

The jersey is an artistic tribute to the Indigenous history, geography and culture of Penrith area. Designed by past player Glen Liddard, the jersey features the totem of the Waradjuri region on the chest.

11. Dragons

Through collaboration by three local artists – Lani Balzan, Keiran Campbell and Koori Minto – the design includes representation of the land, the bringing together of a harmonious community, and the three Indigenous players currently in the playing squad.

12. Knights

To cover all eras of Newcastle's rich Indigenous history, the 2018 jersey was designed in a collaboration by Ashley Gordon, Owen Craigie, Timana Tahu and Connor Watson. Each player contributed a piece of their history to local Indigenous artist Elise Randell.

13. Storm

With the logo in the centre meaning relationships and respect, the various Indigenous communities are represented through the surrounding circles. The water of the Yarra River flows

past AAMI Park, which is the home of the Storm, showing life as it flows through the club.

14. Warriors

The Warriors jersey pays homage to the club's homeland Aotearoa, also known as the Land of the Long White Cloud, through the different ferns on the jersey. A Maori warrior shows the strong attack of the team and mist as a connector to the ancestors, earth mother and sky father.

15. Bulldogs

Designed by a number of students in the local

community via contributions from local Elders in the Canterbury Bankstown area. The storyline of the jersey connects the warrior man, who shows the strength, resilience and courage of the Bulldogs' Aboriginal players of past, present and future.

16. Titans

The theme behind the 2018 jersey is representation. The jersey aims to represent who you are and where you come from. Representing your team, your family and yourself with decency and respect.

Pictures: NRL.com

Hermannsburg hosts big sports event



ABORIGINAL communities in Central Australia took to the pindan tracks recently for the running of an annual sports carnival.

The three-day multi-sport event in Hermannsburg, 120km west of Alice Springs, celebrated its 50th year, welcoming players, and people, from all over.

The games featured a variety of sports over the years, including football (AFL), basketball and softball.

Hermannsburg, with a

population of around 600, swells to almost triple that number on this one weekend of the year.

Competitors, support staff, game officials and family, from as far as the APY Lands in South Australia and Darwin in the Top End of the NT, come to this small community to compete and socialise – bringing together a diverse array of language and cultural groups, all united by sport.

The sports carnival was first held in Yuendumu.

It's been rotated across the larger communities throughout Central Australia, which also

includes Papunya.

The event at Hermannsburg is one of a number of sports carnivals in Central Australia.

The big one among them is the Community Cup, involving football and basketball teams from across the region.

In Alice Springs, the Ngurratjuta Lightning Carnival is a football event held each year.

Sport in Central Australian communities often involves travel of several hundred kilometres, one-way, teams sometimes even crossing over the border into Western Australia.



Competitors march in the opening ceremony at one of the first remote community sports carnivals in Central Australia in the 1980s. Picture: National Archives of Australia

Macleay Valley Mustangs aim to be a 'community club'



THE Macleay Valley Rugby League Club is more than just about

football. It wants it known that it is also about community.

And it is no idle boast – the Mustangs leverage the popularity of rugby league to address what it says are many levels of social inequity and disadvantage that continue to exist within its community.

"The Mustangs aren't simply about football... it is about family, it is about community," a club spokesman said.

"Our home games bring the community together to share their love of rugby league, Aboriginal culture and each other. Unlike any other team within our Group 3 competition, the Mustangs are the only club that does not sell alcohol at



home games.

"This allows people with the common interest of rugby league to come together and further enhance the community's connection to Aboriginal culture, kinship and each other. We have a strong family focus and hence we will not return to selling alcohol at our ground."

The club said this policy did place the Mustangs at a financial disadvantage compared with

other clubs.

In 2018, their 'Mustangs Care' program involves 10 home games for children aged three to 13 and activities such as Aboriginal art, storytelling, language, dance, face painting, culture and kinship, and physical activities.

The Mustangs estimate that it is going to cost \$50,000 to get the program running and are looking for Aboriginal staff from the Macleay Valley community to help run the program.

The Mustangs are also on the lookout for a marquee, picnic tables, sports equipment, hats, Aboriginal books for storytelling, paint for Aboriginal face-painting, pencils, paintbrushes, fruit platters, a sandwich per child for lunch, and water bottles. If you can help, send them a message via the Macleay Valley Mustangs Facebook page.



James Roberts, a contender for the Blues? Picture: Getty Images

'Jimmy' jets into Origin contention

IN the lead up to last year's State of Origin there was a focus on the return of the 'Hayne Plane' to the Blues team.

This year, attention has turned to another dynamic player who carries a nickname that puts him in similar public heights.

James 'Jimmy the Jet' Roberts looks poised to finally realise the promise that was evident to everybody when he burst onto the scene as an emerging player at the Rabbitohs.

As we have just completed celebrating the NRL's Indigenous Round, the story of James Roberts is one to celebrate.

It is on the record that James has had his personal challenges in life. For him to play one NRL game was a story of success given some of those challenges.

He is now performing consistently and appears to have grown in personal confidence as a result. Like the majority of us, maturity comes with responsibility and becoming a father has been a significant part of James's growth. What has never been in question is his raw ability.

For Wayne Bennett to come out in the media and endorse him as being ready for Origin is a huge statement on how far James has come.

If Brad Fittler thinks Wayne Bennett is any judge of a footballer, then James Roberts can start being sized up for his first Blues jumper.

I agree that James could be the point of difference NSW need to try and claw back a series off the Maroons. James has often

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been viewed as an attacking specialist with limited defensive skills and a tendency to fade in and out of matches.

Raw pace was his best weapon and he would often find himself loitering out wide, waiting for someone to fling him the ball so he could do this thing.

Centres are expected to pull their weight in getting the team up the field and

be one of the better defenders on the park, and Bennett has overseen that growth in Roberts.

I always thought that James might flourish under Bennett in the same way Steve Renouf became a star of the game at the Broncos. Bennett attracts a lot of criticism in certain quarters but I am a huge admirer of him and will forever acknowledge his support in getting the All Stars concept across the line.

I hope James has his opportunity because it will also be another reflection of the importance of the All Stars concept in promoting Indigenous talent at this level.

It is possible the NSW three-quarter line-up will not only feature James but also see him partnering with Blake Ferguson, Latrell Mitchell, and Josh Addo-Carr. What a prospect! Thankfully there is no salary cap for Origin!

Many of these players have been given their first taste of representative football through the All Stars match.

Jimmy the Jet is one of our next generation of stars. Let's see him fly at State of Origin altitude!



D'arcy Short in action for the Hurricanes in the Big Bash League. Picture: Peter Argent

Short and sweet – D'Arcy on tour bus

By PETER ARGENT



THE rise and rise of D'Arcy Short continues. His form in the shortest

form of the game for the Hobart Hurricanes over the Big Bash League Australian summer has taken the eye of the selectors and given the pugnacious and hard-hitting left-hander an opportunity for his country in the 50-over game.

Last week, Cricket Australia's national selection panel confirmed a 15-player squad for the one-day international series against England, in England, and a 14-player squad for the tour

of Zimbabwe. Short has been selected in both.

"We have selected a 15-player squad as we push forward in our preparations for the ICC Cricket World Cup in England in 2019," national selector Trevor Hohns said.

Darwin lad Short, who has been plying his trade with West Australia, has been named in the one-day squad for the first time.

"D'Arcy is relatively new to one-day cricket but impressed us with his form in T20 cricket last season," Hohns said.

"He brings an all-round package to the side, with strong fielding and bowling skills, and we believe he will combine very well with Aaron

Finch at the top of the order. "Obviously, these are the conditions we will face during the tournament so now is a perfect chance to give him an opportunity to press his case for selection."

Short is currently playing for the Rajasthan Royals in the Indian Premier League, having made a personal highest score in this competition – a pair of 44s – against the Dehli Daredevils and Kolkata Knight Riders recently.

Against the Daredevils, he scored his total from just 25 deliveries, which included a pair of boundaries and four big sixes.

Short made his Australian T20 national debut in Sydney during early February and

already has a pair of half-centuries, including a top score of 76, in his opening five games in the green and gold.

Short first played one-day domestic cricket in 2011, debuting against NSW in Sydney, but has only played 12 50-over fixtures since.

His performances in this version of the game include one century – a 119 not out – and a 50, with Short averaging 32.57 in one-day cricket.

After the tumultuous Test tour of South Africa, the Cricket Australia board has endorsed Test captain Tim Paine as one-day skipper for this series, with Victorian Finch to act as his vice-captain.

Rugby union, soccer hit by tax changes



RUGBY union's player drain to Europe could intensify and the A-League's bid to attract more marquee players become even tougher as a result of proposed tax changes in the federal budget which have 'blindsided' Australia's elite athletes.

The Australian Athletes Alliance (AAA) has written to Treasurer Scott Morrison requesting an urgent meeting to discuss measures it says will "undermine the viability of Australia's sporting industry".

The changes would stop all athletes – including semi-professionals, aspiring Olympians and the elite – from reducing their tax bill by licensing their name and image rights to another entity.

The effect is that a portion of their earnings from sponsorships and the like would no longer be taxed at the lower company tax of 27.5% and would be included in their assessable income.

While the impact would be significant for all sports – especially women's athletes, whose image-related income can sometimes exceed their actual salaries – it is likely to hit codes played internationally the hardest.

That includes rugby and soccer, which already face challenges in keeping top Australian talent in the country.

Rugby Union Players Association CEO Ross Xenos fears it will only encourage more Australians to head to countries like France, England and Ireland, which have more favourable tax systems for athletes.

"Retaining our top talent is, year on year, becoming a bigger challenge as the European markets grow their commercial capacity," he said.

"These sorts of image rights structures have been important. Without them we either need to accept the fact we won't be able to keep as many of our top athletes."

"Or, if to maintain a competitive roster of our top players for international success of the Wallabies, this change to tax interpretation would put inflationary pressure on player salaries, which further undermines the money sport can invest in community and grassroots."

Similarly, Professional Footballers Australia chief John Didulica said soccer will struggle to keep players in Australia as well as bring big names like Alessandro Del Piero to the country.



Indigenous sports stars Jade North, above, in soccer and Kurtley Beale, top, in rugby union – two sports that could face stringent tax rules under proposed changes by the Federal Government. Pictures: Getty Images

Trent leads next gen of Croweaters

By PETER ARGENT



TRENT Burgoyne is about to embark on a two-year journey, with AFL Draft selection the ultimate destination. The son of AFL premiership player Peter Burgoyne, Trent, 17, will join the South Australian squad ahead of this year's AFL under-18 national championships.

Trent, who is noted for his pace and skill execution, has the right football bloodlines to get where he wants to go. He currently plays for Woodville-West Torrens.

His dad played 240 games in the AFL and won a premiership with Port Adelaide in 2004. His uncle is Peter's brother, Shaun Burgoyne, who is currently the second-longest serving Indigenous AFL footballer, and a four-time premiership player (2004, 2013, 2014, 2015). He plays for Hawthorn after starting his career alongside Peter.

New coach of the South Australian under-18s program this year, Tony Bamford, said Trent has developed strongly over the past six months.

"Trent's strengths are his run-and-carry, coupled with his ability to move the ball quickly," he said.

"He's currently an 'outside' player but I believe he can develop into being an 'inside' ball-winning player as well, which makes him a pretty exciting prospect.

"Trent is also at the start of what we'd hope to be a two-year tenure in our program."

Trent is joined in the SA side by six other young Aboriginal players: Kysaiah Pickett (WWT), Malachi Ahmatt-Lovett (Central Districts), Hayden Sampson (South Adelaide), Mihail Lochowiak

(Sturt), Izak Rankine (West Adelaide) and Tobin Cox (Glenelg). All except Trent and Kysaiah are of draftable age.

Kysaiah, like Trent, also has a strong football pedigree. He is the nephew of 2004 Port Adelaide premiership player and Norm Smith medallist Byron Pickett, who played 204 games with Port and Melbourne.

These boys will make up what is already being called a 'super draft' of available players this year and next, and are in a team seen as capable of winning the championship.

"Tobin has basically missed two years with shoulder reconstructions, not getting a chance in either his 17th or 18th year," Bamford said.

"His offensive work is his strength, being able to play on a wing, across half-forward or even as a small forward. Tobin is a very good mark and has a nice kick.

"We'll be looking for Tobin to show the defensive aspects of his game as well."

After an internal trial at Thebarton Oval on Sunday (May 13), the SA squad has two matches – against the senior Glenelg reserves on Saturday, May 19, and a clash with West Adelaide.

South Australia's first championship match is on Sunday, June 3, against Western Australia at Alberton Oval.

Another trial match follows, this time against Woodville-West Torrens reserves on Saturday, June 9, at Woodville Oval.

The Croweaters second championship match will be against Victoria at Adelaide Oval on June 17.

Their final two games are in Victoria – on June 29 against the Allies in Geelong and on July 4 against Victoria Metro at Docklands Stadium.



Trent Burgoyne lays a strong tackle on an opponent. Picture: Peter Argent



Family time with Hawthorn star Cyril Rioli. Picture: Getty Images

Footy's fine, but family comes first

Regular readers of this column will know that I often talk about understanding the importance of family and connection to land and mob in the recruitment of young Indigenous players from remote and regional communities.

But the importance of family does not stop there. It is central to the way most of us live our daily lives.

When your family name is Rioli, it sometimes means that you live that life under public focus.

Earlier this year, Cyril Rioli spoke about the impact the illness of his father had on him and his thoughts of retiring. Only recently has he opened up publicly about the extent of his pain.

We all handle family crisis in a unique and personal manner, but Cyril's openness has given us an insight into how players have to deal with the issues that confront us all.

Being a high-profile AFL star does not mean that you do not face the challenges we all face in life. It is a timely reminder to us all about the human side of the game.

Cyril came so close to retiring after his dad's near-fatal heart attack that he discussed playing alongside family for St Mary's in Darwin after Christmas.

He confided to loved ones over summer that he was contemplating retirement. He said as much in February after returning from extended compassionate leave in January.

I'd say that as he approaches the age of 29, he still potentially has his best football in front of him.

When asked directly during that harrowing time if he thought he had played his final AFL game, he was upfront and honest.

"To get the phone call that he'd had a heart attack and they

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were't too sure if he was going to make it; a lot of things were going through my head," he said at the time.

"That time off the club gave me allowed me to do a lot of thinking and made me appreciate life a lot more, and was something I really needed."

Being back in Melbourne and around the club environment again helped reinforce in his mind that he should stick it out at AFL level.

That said, Cyril still sees his playing future as a "year to year" proposition since his father's heart attack.

It is believed that reaching the 200-game milestone is a motivator for him. When he finishes his AFL career, I can see him returning to the Northern Territory – at least for a while.

One of Cyril's football dreams is to win an NTFL premiership with St Mary's, where his dad, who the Hawthorn champion "idolises", played in 12 flags.

All of this does not mean that Cyril is without family support in Melbourne.

His cousins Shannon Rioli, Maurice Rioli junior and Jack Long all played for the Saints in the 2017/18 season and Jack's younger brother Jacob might step up to senior footy next season.

He lives there with his wife Shannon and has a strong family support network close by, including cousins Dean and Daniel Rioli, as well as Jake and Ben Long.

But there is no doubt where his heart is. When speaking about his father, he made it clear what was most important to him in terms of choices: "That was one of the things – if I can keep my dad and get rid of all the accolades I've had, I definitely would have, without a doubt."

Cyril speaks to us all when he talks about his dad. It is a simple case of family first.

NT, WA to join Murris

By ALF WILSON



THE 2018 Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Rugby League Carnival has received a huge boost with teams from Western Australia and the Northern Territory nominating their intent to compete.

Arafura Heat, from Darwin, and a Perth team representing NRLWA will join their Murri brothers later this year.

The news comes as more details emerge as to the make-up of the October event.

As revealed in the April 4 edition of the *Koori Mail*, the annual tournament for the first time will leave its south-east Queensland origins for the far north of the state, to be held in Townsville this year.

The WA and NT sides will add a trans-national flavour to the tournament. It will be the first time teams from outside Queensland will play in the event since its inception in 2011.

In addition, teams from Brisbane and elsewhere in Queensland will also converge on Townsville for the event.

Dhadhin Geai Warriors took out the 2017 final at Redcliffe and was the only Torres Strait men's side to compete there.

In Townsville, a new girls' under-17 competition will be added to the weekend roster of games.

It will be held from October 3-7.

The carnival's move to Townsville was

made official on May 1 by the Queensland Rugby League Indigenous Advisory Council (QRL IAC).

The three-day event will be presented by the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service and Bindal Sharks. Already, 27 men's teams have registered to play.

"Some teams are waiting for the website

QRL Northern Division manager Scott Nosworthy said he was certain the Townsville carnival would be a success.

"We are excited that the ABF has brought this event to north Queensland this year and that all our teams don't have to travel to the south-east corner again," he said.

"There is still some work to do on the

the tournament every success.

"The QRL congratulates the Arthur Beetson Foundation and its sponsors for bringing the event into North Queensland, and with our continued support to drive Murri rugby league will provide further opportunity pathways into the future," he said.

Current team nominations Men's:

Aja Boyz (Palm Island), Merinya Raiders (Townsville/Hughenden), Cannonballs (Townsville), Walkabouts (Townsville), Eastern Warriors (Townsville), Coastal Balaz (Townsville), Bundaberg, KulKagal United (Torres Strait), Black Brems (Charters Towers), Juru Gubulla Munda (Bowen), Cherbourg Hornets, Dynevior Team (Cherbourg), Mackay Stallions (Mackay), Bwcolgman Brothers (Palm Island), NRLWA (Perth), Arafura Heat (Darwin), Sharks United (Townsville), North Coast Dolphins (Townsville), Yarrabah Seahawks, Bwcolgman Warriors (Palm Island), Gulf Bulls (Normanton), Palm Island Barracudas, Brisbane Blacks, Weipa Raiders, East Coast Sharks, Wudjal Wudjal and Qld Connections.

Women's:

Wongai Tiddas (Townsville, Rothana Baira), Aja Girls (Palm Island/Brisbane), Jacinta Geia, Serenity Sisters (Townsville), NRLWA (Perth), Three Rivers, Brisbane Native Women, Yarrabah Sea Gals, East Coast Sharks and Walkabouts (Townsville).



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to open to nominate online," Bindal Sharks CEO Jenny Pryor said.

"There are only five spots left in the men's division and it will be those five who get in and nominate that will secure their spots. There will be eight women's teams and we have had interest from 10 already."

The Bindal Sharks has run Murri rugby league carnivals in Townsville for the past 30 years.

future positioning of the Queensland Murri Carnival but for now teams can start preparing for the Bindal Sharks to run it this year. Jenny Pryor and her Bindal team have been running very successful carnivals for many years and I am sure this year will be a major success."

The QRL IAC officially signed off on the tournament on May 1.

Its chairman, Edward Monaei, wished



Players from Palm Island Skipjacks and Army Thunder come together after their annual match in Townsville.

Army vanquish Skipjacks for Coolburra shield

By ALF WILSON



FITNESS proved the difference when Australian Army Thunder defeated Palm Island Skipjacks 52-24 in the

annual rugby league clash for the Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield in Townsville.

The win means the army team has edged ahead in the record books for most matches won. The record is now at 6-5 Thunder's way after 11 games.

The annual match is named after the late Palm Island Elder Bill Coolburra, who served in the Australian Army for many years

and was an avid supporter of the Skipjacks, a club more than 80-years-old with a rich sporting history.

The match was a curtain-raiser to the NRL's North Queensland Cowboys versus Canberra Raiders round eight game during the Anzac Day round of matches across the country.

The Skipjacks' preparation time was limited but captain Fred Bulsey offered that as no excuse.

Bulsey played alongside his teenage sons Isaac, 18, and Fred junior, 19, who played in the centres and second row respectively.

"We had a bigger forward

pack than theirs but they were quicker and fitness told in the end," he said.

Australian Army led 26-12 at halftime and maintained their lead throughout the second half.

Good on the day for Skipjacks were five-eighth Fred Haines, halfback Gordon Daisy and winger Carey Nugent.

Best for the army side were Daniel Rafter, Andrew Farrell, Phil Paschalidis, Nathan Milne, Luke Skipper, Anthony Uili and Christian Hughes.

In an amazing coincidence, the first two games the teams ever played were decided the same way – the scores were deadlocked at 28-all in both when the final siren sounded but

the Skipjacks were awarded the victory because they scored first under game rules.

Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield

2018: AAT def. PIS 52-24
2017: PIS def. AAT 26-20
2016: AAT de. PIS 36-24
2015: AAT def. PIS 44-18
2014: PIS def. AAT 50-32
2013: AAT def. PIS 32-28
2012: AAT def. PIS 32-14
2011: PIS def. AAT 46-30
2010: AAT def. PIS 22-16
2009: PIS, AAT drew 28-28 (PIS won the game on try-score countback)
2008: PIS, AAT drew 28-28 (PIS won the game on try-score countback)



The Skipjacks' back Fred Haines gets his team moving.



Ashleigh Barty at the Madrid Open.
Picture: Getty Images

Barty slips up on clay



ASHLEIGH Barty's defeat to world No. 2 Caroline Wozniacki spelt the end of Australia's hopes at the Madrid Open.

Barty, the new Tennis Australia national Indigenous ambassador, went down fighting in her 6-2 4-6 6-4 loss to the Dane.

The Australian world No. 18 led 4-2 in the final set of the second-round match and looked well on the way to the last 16, but Wozniacki stormed back to break Barty's serve before rattling off the last four games to win.

It was Barty's groundstrokes that let her down in the crucial stages of the match, and she finished with 54 unforced errors.

Barty had fought back from being a set down to move just two games away from a rousing victory but her opponent called on her experience to win.

The loss was Barty's 20th on clay from 53 matches. Her win/loss ratio on clay now stands at 62.26%.

This was her fifth match on clay and just her second loss.

In 2014, Barty played 16 matches on clay courts and recorded her best ever result on the surface, winning 11 of those matches.

BOSTON gets a run down under

Marathon documentary to be screened in Australia



THE ground-breaking Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) will

feature in a documentary about the world's 'most storied running race', the Boston marathon.

Called simply *BOSTON*, the film will be shown in Australia in June.

It gives ample screen time to the IMF, the man behind the IMF Robert de Castella, and Indigenous marathoners.

The Australian screen tour of four capital cities – a premiere in Sydney on June 19 followed by Canberra, Melbourne and Brisbane – will link directly with the IMF, with all profits going towards the charity. The IMF is a health promotion charity that uses running to celebrate Indigenous Australians' resilience and achievement, and to create inspirational Indigenous leaders.

BOSTON, available on digital and DVD, has been a critical and box office success, having played to worldwide audiences in 96 countries since it premiered one year ago at the 2017 Boston Marathon. It was also popular at return screenings during last month's 2018 Boston Marathon.

De Castella, who won the marathon in 1986 in a then course-record time of 2hr-07.51sec, said the event is one that is close to his heart.

"Boston is special to all runners and very special to me," he said.

"It wasn't just my fastest marathon ever, but my best



Tegan Pigram, second from left, and Jamie Wunungmurra, second from right, with IMF director Robert de Castella, centre, and staff ahead of the 2012 Boston Marathon.

marathon, and was a big moment in my career. Every marathoner wants to run Boston and the IMF has had seven of its program graduates run the race, including the Northern Territory's Emma Cameron, who was caught up in the 2013 Boston bombing and couldn't finish the race.

"And we're also proud that another one of our graduates ran the Boston Marathon last month – 24-year-old Zibeon Fielding, a health worker in

Mimili, a small and remote community in South Australia – who finished with a personal best in the worst race conditions Boston has seen in over 30 years."

The film's director and producer (and marathoner) Jon Dunham will be in Australia for the screen tour in June and will present a unique perspective to Australian audiences with an insightful personal presentation on the making of the film.

"The decision to include IMF

in the movie was based on Rob having won Boston in 1986 and the far-reaching global impact of the race," he said.

"When we travelled to Alice Springs and spent several days filming with the Indigenous group of runners it was clear what a special program it is.

"Filming with Rob and the IMF was one of my favourite moments of the *BOSTON* production and it's one of my favourite sequences in the film."

Youth, police – and now firies – unite for Col Dillon Cup



Competing teams get together for a post-game photo at last year's Col Dillon Cup.



THE Col Dillon Cup Oztog touch tournament will this year

see eight teams vie for honours later this month.

And for the first time it will feature a team of firefighters.

The event aims to bring together Indigenous high school students and members of the NSW emergency services in order to break down barriers, foster potential career paths into those services, and to build positive community

relationships.

Rod Silva, a 24-year veteran of the NSW police force and former NRL player, founded the tournament in 2008 in the hopes of combating the negative relationships and attitudes he experienced with police as a young Aboriginal man.

It was named after one of the longest-serving Aboriginal police officers in the country, a man whose perseverance in the face of racism within the force became an inspiration for others facing the same.

A chance meeting led he

and Rod to become fast friends.

The Col Dillon Cup will be held at Endeavour High School in the Sutherland Shire on May 25.

It will see teams of Indigenous students from Endeavour and Port Hacking high schools competing with police officers and firefighters from around Sydney.

The tournament runs from 9am to 2pm and games have been modified to 20 minutes each.

The final will be based on wins, losses and points after the minor rounds.



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NRL players model the 16 Indigenous-themed jerseys on show for the league's annual Indigenous Round. *Picture: Getty Images*

Black 'n' Blue

NSW set to rival Queensland for Indigenous representation

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JUST eight years after the introduction of the NRL All Stars match, NSW is set to surpass

Queensland as the team with the greatest representation of Indigenous players in State of Origin.

While the Origin teams aren't named for another fortnight, there are more players of Indigenous heritage under genuine consideration for Blues selection than in any previous series, with the possibility of a three-quarter line-up featuring Blake Ferguson, Latrell Mitchell, James Roberts and Josh Addo-Carr.

Wade Graham is expected to be selected if fit, while Tyrone Peachey is in strong contention for a utility role, and Jack Bird and

Nathan Peats are incumbent members of a Blues team which last year fielded more Indigenous players than the Maroons for the first time.

Graham and Bird have been touted as possible options to partner James Maloney in the halves.

Had Andrew Fifita not pledged his allegiance to Tonga over NSW, his form would warrant selection, while Ryan James has been mentioned in discussions.

With Johnathan Thurston retiring from representative football and Sam Thaiday being dropped after the opening game of last year's series, Queensland's Indigenous representation this season may be limited to Greg Inglis, Will Chambers and Dane Gagai.

It is a significant turnaround since Bowraville-born Inglis opted to play for the Maroons, partly because of a perception that NSW

was reluctant to select Indigenous players, and Timana Tahu walked out of a 2010 Blues camp in protest at comments about Inglis by assistant coach Andrew Johns.

NSW has a history of disillusioned Indigenous players, with Anthony Mundine, Nathan Blacklock and David Peachey having questioned selection decisions in the past, but there can be no complaints now after the Blues last year had five players of Aboriginal heritage in all three matches.

The increased number of Indigenous players chosen in a NSW jersey in recent years has coincided with the introduction of the NRL All Stars concept in 2010, and many of the players now in contention have been given their first taste of representative football in the annual clash.

Laurie Daley's dual role as coach of the Indigenous All Stars and NSW from 2013 to 2017 also

enabled him to develop relationships with many of those who wore the Blues jersey under his charge.

Emerging leaders such as Graham, Gagai and Ash Taylor have become aware of their standing while in camp with the Indigenous All Stars, which was the brainchild of Preston Campbell after witnessing the impact of the Dreamtime team during the 2008 World Cup.

Of all the achievements that the NRL has to be proud of, none would surpass the positive influence rugby league has in Aboriginal communities and events such as the All Stars game and last weekend's Indigenous round have ensured the support of the entire game.

All 16 clubs are on track to have their own Reconciliation Action Plan by the end of the season, including the New Zealand Warriors, who are the

first international organisation to do so.

On the field, 12% of NRL players are Indigenous, while at grassroots level that figure rises to 17% – a far greater representation than the 2.8% of Australians with Aboriginal heritage, according to the last Census in 2016.

Indigenous players are also strongly represented in the women's game, with eight of the 40 contracted players having Aboriginal heritage.

In addition, eight members of the NSW Country women's squad named to play in next month's National Championships are Indigenous and the City team is expected to boast similar representation.

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