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Newcastle wins Knockout in thrilling finish



Borroloola rejects 'arrogant' Abbott



IT hasn't started well for Tony Abbott. The former prime minister turned 'special envoy' to Aboriginal Australia was forced out of Borroloola in the Northern Territory last week after facing heated criticism from parents, educators and Elders during his first visit to the community

in his new role as envoy.

The community was angered by Abbott's hypocrisy, cutting millions from community-based services while Indigenous Affairs minister, and his vision for assimilation through education and punitive policies linking attendance rates to welfare.

Parents, Elders and school council members challenged Mr Abbott over his comments that

Aboriginal children should not only speak English first, but 'think' in English too, and attempts to force failed 'direct instruction' policies on the school.

Not welcome

Gadrian Hoosan, a parent and school council member, told Mr Abbott he "was not welcome in the community since intervention policies ripped out community

funding leaving residents worse off, while denying much needed new housing and basic services".

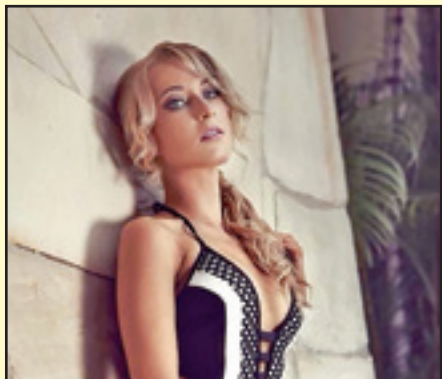
Borroloola elder Jack Green said Mr Abbott did not represent his community.

"Tony Abbott says he wants Aboriginal culture and language out of our schools but we know these things are what keep our kids and our communities strong and healthy," he said.



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MY FAMILY Michelle Thompson, Hobart, Tasmania



THIS is me with my husband Andry Sculthorpe, his son Pajari, and our boys Marley and Asher in our backyard. We'd been cooking dinner on the fire outside, which we love to do – we're foodies. Andry also has another son, Kulai.

And I am holding Scully. He is very much part of our family story. He is a 'whole of family' dog. He belonged to my Aunt's cousin's niece or nephew or something like that, then my Aunt Phil took the dog, then Mum caught sight of the dog and said. "I'll have him."

Then she did a road trip from Broome all the way to Tassie. He came as her companion, via Perth, Kalgoorlie, Melbourne, visiting other family, caught the Spirit of Tasmania over. Then we took the dog, and, when Marley came along, we gave him to my sister Vansessa. Her kids had been pestering for a dog.

It was always about making sure that he was loved. We never wanted him to leave the family. Then she gave him back, and Andry's dad Remi was looking for companionship. We gave him the dog until he passed a bit over a year ago. And now we've re-inherited Scully. It's like he never left.

The dog has been around in the family longer than Andry has. We've been married seven years now and Scully was even

in our wedding photos.

I am a Yawuru/Bunuba woman, and, even though I have always lived in Tasmania, I call Broome home. I travelled across the Nullabor back to Broome regularly with the family throughout my childhood. I've been back with Andry four times visiting family too.

Andry is palawa and his two older sons also have links to Cherbourg through their mum.

Our lives revolve around the children, food, sport, Netflix and music. And we also love to go away and spend time as a family on the east coast of Tasmania.

We're big soccer fans. Pajari and Marley play, and Asher has played mini futsal. Kulai is a trainee cook. Andry and myself work for the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre. I am a health information manager and Andry works in Land and Heritage Management.

Andry also plays guitar and sings in two popular Hobart bands, and Marley is learning to play piano. And me, I'm in the background keeping the family ticking over.

I also enjoy gardening, something I got from my mother. And we really are foodies. All my family are foodies. There's cafes and food vans and catering businesses in the family.

— as told to Jillian Mundy

Michelle Thompson, with husband Andry Sculthorpe, Pajari, Marley and Asher – and Scully the dog.

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OUR CHILDREN



Some of the children who danced at the Knockout in Dubbo.

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Weaving cultural connections



INDIGENOUS weavers from Northern Queensland have met on Thursday Island in a crosscultural weaving circle hosted by the Gab Titui Cultural Centre during the 2018 Winds of Zenadth Cultural Festival. Pictured is Shannon Fentiman MP with guest weaver Flora Warria from Kubin. Full story and pictures, page 28.

Pregnant woman sent home with two Panadol, then died



A CORONIAL inquest into the death of Wiradjuri woman Naomi Williams and her unborn child will resume in March next year in Sydney after an initial hearing in Gundagai finished last week.

Coroner Harriet Grahame heard Ms Williams made numerous visits to Tumut Hospital, in southern NSW, and GPs over seven months, but her deteriorating condition and underlying bacterial infection was not picked up and she died of sepsis after briefly visiting the hospital in January 2016.

Ms Williams, a 27-year-old woman was six months pregnant when she presented at the Tumut District Hospital in the early hours of January 1, 2016.

She was given two Panadol and sent home. Fourteen hours later, she and her unborn baby died as a result of the serious, but treatable, infection.

Adjunct Professor George Newhouse, acting for Ms Williams' family, said her death had left all who knew her shattered.

Best friend Talea Bulger said Naomi was a happy, healthy, outgoing person until the sickness began.

She said she watched her friend deteriorate over seven months.

Prior to her death, Ms Williams had gone to the Tumut hospital 18



Naomi Williams

times with nausea and vomiting during a seven-month period.

The inquest heard that Williams used cannabis to alleviate her symptoms, but that a drug and alcohol review in July had found she was not dependent on that or any other substances. A mental health review at the same time concluded she did not have mental health issues.

She had tested positive for *Helicobacter pylori*, a stomach bacteria that can cause pain and

nausea, in June, and was also diagnosed with hyperemesis gravidarum, better known as excessive morning sickness.

The inquest has so far heard from Naomi Williams' partner Michael Lampe, Ms Bulger and Naomi's mother Sharon Williams.

They all told the same story: that Naomi believed nursing staff at the hospital thought she was a drug addict, despite mental health and drug and alcohol services saying she had no dependency

issues. The inquest heard Sharon Williams had written to the hospital asking that her daughter be referred to a specialist but no referral was ever made.

On the last occasion Ms Williams attended the hospital, two registered nurses, Shirley Adams and Julie-Anna Brewis, saw her.

The inquest heard Nurse Brewis took initial observations which called for further action, according to hospital policy,

such as calling a doctor.

Instead, she was sent home with two Panadol.

Nurse Shirley Adams told the inquest that there was no alert system to tell her whether a person had presented on multiple occasions.

Ms Williams collapsed at home the next morning after being discharged, and her partner Michael Lampe told the inquest he had to help her go to the toilet and shower.

With her condition worsening, the couple rang Bulger asking her to take Williams back to the hospital as she couldn't feel her legs.

When Bulger arrived, Williams could no longer respond to questions so an ambulance was called.

Paramedics gave her adrenaline but she went into cardiac arrest and was declared dead at Tumut hospital, just 15 hours after being discharged.

Professor Williams said the inquest was examining the standard of care at the hospital, and whether prejudice may have played a part in her death.

"Naomi's mum Sharon lost her only child and grandchild that day; her partner lost the love of his life and their unborn baby," he said.

"They don't want Naomi's death to be in vain. They want lessons to be learned and reforms to be made to the health care system."

Electric Fields shine light

MUSIC duo Electric Fields opened the Parrtjima – A Festival in Light in Alice Springs with their genre-defying sounds. The free festival runs daily, 6.30pm to 10.30pm, until October 7.



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Parrtjima Festival evolves



THE third annual Parrtjima – A Festival in Light is underway.

The free public festival which celebrates Indigenous arts, culture and storytelling has seven light installations across two festival precincts at Alice Springs Desert Park and, for the first time, Todd Mall in Alice Springs CBD.

A free park ‘n ride shuttle bus is available to and from the festival at Alice Springs

Desert Park. A knowledge program for music, dance, workshops, talks and ideas includes films and music hosted on the central lawns.

Parrtjima curator and First Nations creative director Rhoda Roberts said the festival showcases the oldest continuous culture on Earth and puts the magnificent Aboriginal art and culture of central Australia – home of the Arrernte of Mparntwe – on centre stage.

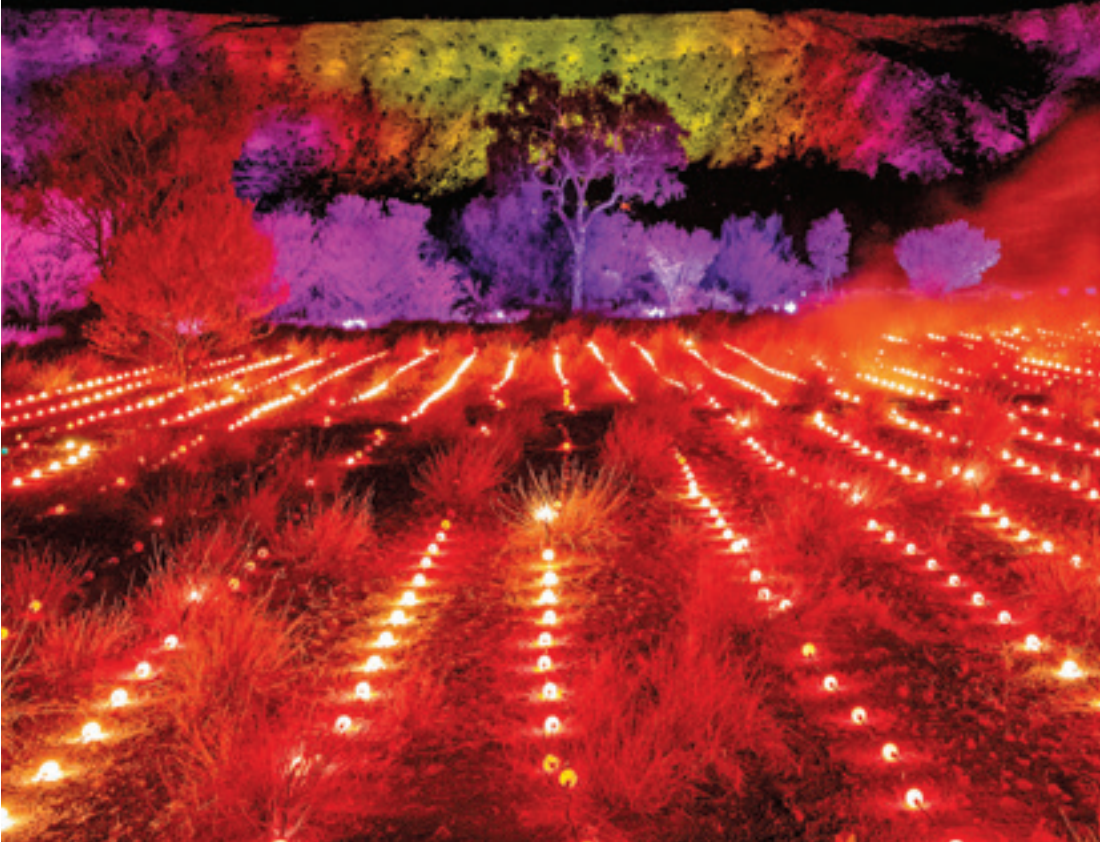
“First Nations culture and dialogue, be it through dance, music, performance,

films or visual arts, can be heard and witnessed across all genres at Parrtjima,” she said.

“As the festival continues to grow and evolve, the extension of Parrtjima into Todd Mall provides a central hub and meeting point in Alice Springs.”

The installations celebrate connection, country and community, and will provide more opportunities for audiences to experience and interact with the artworks.

For information, visit parrtjimaaustralia.com.au



Cancer survivor Chantelle set to shine



EVERYONE has the right to be their own kind of beautiful – that's how Sydney model Chantelle O'Donohoe, 28, became a national finalist in the Australian Continents

Pageant.

It's a competition that recognises the diversity between cultures and emphasises the opportunity to make new friends, embrace new experiences and try new challenges while meeting girls from all over the country.

Unlike most other pageants, the Australia Continents Pageant system honours inner beauty and there is no height, weight or age restrictions for its male and female finalists.

As well as being a model, Chantelle is a cervical cancer survivor and a community service award nominee – and she's set a goal to become the next Ms Australia Continents.

With national finals only months away, Chantelle is preparing herself to take the stage with the hopes of taking out her division title. She will compete in various stages of judging, including personal interview and on-stage evening gown,



The pageant includes a swimsuit section.

fashion wear and swimwear rounds.

Chantelle leapt at the opportunity to also compete in the Charity and Appearance rounds which are both non-mandatory, bonus point rounds.

The top five from each division will then progress forward to an on-stage questions portion of the competition. If Chantelle is crowned as her division winner, she will then fly to the United States where she will represent Australia in the International Continents Pageant Final as well as take home prizes like beauty products, shoes, clothing and scholarships.

Chantelle said her mission through this journey is to encourage and inspire others to take a small step towards a brighter future.

"I'm here to be a role model for women both young and mature, to guide them, to support them and to let them know they are they are strong and nothing can stop them from achieving their dreams," she said. "I want to be an ambassador for change and promote compassion."

Chantelle has been a long-term volunteer in her local community for years and has worked closely with Meals on Wheels, Share The Dignity, Mission Australia and Weave Community Services on fundraising and community events.

She can be found in the crowd at most local Inner West and South Sydney community events.

She is a strong ambassador for charity as well as human rights and encourages people in her community to make a difference.

During the week, Chantelle works at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence and enjoys participating in her local Indigenous community.

The crowning ceremony is being held on her birthday, November 10, in Parramatta.

Chantelle shared her motivation to achieve her Ms Australia Continents goal.

"Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up the biggest step of your life," she said. "And one day I discovered that I was fierce and strong and full of fire – and that not even I could hold myself back because my passion burned brighter than my fears."

"Let your light shine, be a source of strength and courage, share your wisdom and radiate love."

'Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up the biggest step of your life'



Chantelle O'Donohoe in a modelling shot by i2frame Photography.

PM backs away from Indigenous Day idea



PRIME Minister Scott Morrison back-pedalled on his idea for a new national day to celebrate indigenous people and culture.

Mr Morrison floated the proposal last week and reignited debate on keeping the Australia Day public holiday on January 26.

The debate was sparked after Byron Shire Council announced that it would not be holding citizenship ceremonies on January 26, but on January 25 instead.

Byron Mayor Simon Richardson said Australia Day caused pain in a section of the community and questioned whether the values of a fair go and mateship were being reflected.

"Is it true mateship to willingly,

willfully and continually celebrate what rightfully is great to be an Australian on a day that some Australians are pained by?" the Greens mayor said.

The Federal Government responded by stripping the council of its right to hold citizenship ceremonies, a move that the Greens said they would fight in the senate.

Greens Citizenship spokesman Nick McKim said councils had the right to conduct ceremonies at times which respected all people, including First Nations people.

"The people of Byron, just like the people of Darebin and Yarra, should have the right to welcome people to their communities."

"That should never come under threat because of the paranoid jingoism of the Liberals."

"If the government proceeds with its attempt to ban Byron

Council from conducting citizenship ceremonies, then we will move to disallow that regulation in the Senate."

Greens spokesperson on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Issues Senator Rachel Siewert said:

"Local councils are the level of Government closest to the community and they are well placed to consult with First Nations peoples and the community."

"The Government should stop their bullying and interference of an elected body trying to do their job."

"Having a 'separate day for Indigenous people' is something out of an apartheid regime – we need a day when we can all come together."

"Changing the day we celebrate Australia is one of the

first of many steps towards truth, justice and healing, and local councils should be commended for advocating for social justice in their communities."

Amid the furore, PM Morrison appeared to go cold on the idea of a new national day to recognise Indigenous people.

"I haven't said it's a public holiday or not a public holiday. I haven't been so specific. I just think we should have a chat about it," he told ABC radio.

"I simply said that I think it would be good. You know, I was making the point that Australia Day is Australia Day, and that will be the top national holiday of the year. Nothing else is set out to replace it or provide an alternative to it. That is the national day where all Australians come together, first Australians to our most recent."

Mr Morrison said he wanted to celebrate the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In arguing his point, the Prime Minister again pointed out the ACT holds a public holiday on May 28 to mark the anniversary of the successful 1967 Indigenous Referendum.

He also noted the annual NAIDOC week celebrations.

"Are we doing something which sufficiently acknowledges the great contribution and success of our indigenous peoples?"

"Some may say yes, some may say no, but I'll tell you one thing that's for certain, Australia Day ain't changing."

Mr Morrison has also flatly rejected introducing a constitutionally enshrined representative body for Indigenous people.

Hospital leaves patient 'untreated to die in pain'



ROYAL Darwin Hospital doctors have been sharply criticised by the Northern Territory coroner over both the medical treatment and poor, disrespectful communication with the families of two men who died there.

Henry "Albert" Wilson, a 77-year-old Aboriginal man and member of the Stolen Generation, had been "left untreated to die in pain", coroner Greg Cavanagh found.

David Fensom, 67, died unexpectedly from a perforated ischaemic bowel in 2010.

However, Mr Fensom's case should have been – but was not – reported to the coroner and his wife "had to wait eight years to find out why her husband died", Mr

Cavanagh wrote. Mr Wilson had visited a GP on August 29, 2016 due to stomach pains and was found to have stage four colorectal cancer.

He was treated and underwent surgery but his health deteriorated and he was in severe pain from sepsis and stated "he wanted to die" before before dying on September 19, 2016.

Mr Cavanagh criticised the doctors for poor communication with each other, the family and for delaying treatment of Mr Wilson.

"There seemed however to be a lack of urgency in making a diagnosis," he wrote. "It took Mr Wilson's daughter demanding something be done before scans were ordered."

The family were frustrated with doctors

ignoring their messages during the days leading up to Mr Wilson's death – which added to their grief – and ultimately a social worker and Aboriginal liaison officer organised a meeting for them to find out what was happening, the coroner said.

The most junior doctor on the team, an intern, told them Mr Wilson had died.

Darwin hospital has been criticised in the past over its defensiveness, communication with and treatment of Aboriginal patients and their families, many of whom do not speak fluent English.

In the case of Mr Fensom, the surgeons failed to diagnose his bowel ischaemia after he had surgery for a hernia.

His wife Joan said his 2010 death was unexpected and she wrote a letter to the coroner last year stating she needed

answers and that a registrar doctor told her husband "it may have been better if he hadn't had the operation" when he was suffering pain.

The coroner made numerous recommendations including that doctors fulfil their obligations in leading teams and communicating with other medical professionals and families.

That would "ensure any adverse events are appropriately recorded and reported", he said.

NT Health chief executive Catherine Stoddart said the department was taking the recommendations seriously.

"We have obviously got some lessons to learn, particularly around communication, the way we communicate with our families," she told reporters. – AAP



Indigenous students develop trust in a leadership project team-building game at The Gathering.

Leaders develop trust and skill



INDIGENOUS students from across the country came together at Sydney Olympic Park earlier this month for The Gathering, an annual event connecting young people from remote communities to broaden their educational experiences and develop their leadership skills.

Organised by children's education charity The Smith Family, this year's event saw Year 9 and 10 students from 13 schools in NSW, Victoria, South Australia and the Northern Territory converge in Homebush for three days of cultural activities and educational

workshops. The 45 students in attendance are all part of the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP).

IYLP is a scholarship program supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students living in remote areas of Australia to attend a high-achieving secondary school or university, often in the nearest large city to them.

Currently, The Smith Family supports more than 200 students through IYLP, half of whom are girls. The program is funded by the Federal Government as part of their commitment to closing the gap in Indigenous educational outcomes, and provides financial and other support to help

students achieve their educational aspirations.

Program manager Leanne Smith said former IYLP students played a key mentoring role in The Gathering, supporting the activities and providing positive role modelling for the students.

"Seeing our IYLP graduates in mentoring roles is a testament to the program's effectiveness in developing young leaders," she said.

"Through the program we provide support in assisting students to make the decisions about which school they would like to attend and help with the transition from relocating from home to a school in a major city or sometimes interstate."



Jayden and Leanne Smith.

Grandmothers' fight for the children



People protest against child removals in Brisbane. Picture: Paddy Gibson



THE documentary *After the Apology*, which explores the continued practice of Indigenous child removal, will premiere on NITV this month.

It's been over a decade since former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's national apology to the Stolen Generations, but the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care is still growing at alarming rates.

After the Apology is written and directed by Larissa Behrendt and produced by Michaela Perske, and follows four Aboriginal grandmothers, including Suelley Tigue, Hazel Collins and Deb Swan, who are each challenging Government

policies to bring their grandchildren home.

The four women founded the community group Grandmothers Against Removal (GMAR) and their grassroots actions have sparked a national conversation about the growing rates of child removal.

Ms Behrendt said the documentary focuses on personal stories.

"We didn't have to search for stories," the Gamilaroi woman told the *Koori Mail*.

"I wanted to pick stories where there wasn't any grey area; the kids had definitely been removed unjustly.

"We didn't want to leave anyone open to any kind of vilification. But what we saw is so many stories coming to us."

After the Apology also

includes animated stories of four women – Donna, Kerry, Audrey and Barbara – who share their experiences of unjust removals.

Ms Behrendt said using the personal stories will not just create empathy among audiences, but show other people who might have had their own children removed unjustly that they are not alone.

So much love

"By the end of the film you see that these women are so strong, with so much love for their children and grandchildren," she said.

"You will wonder how anyone could think that they weren't fit to look after their children. We want people to be empathising but also questioning the system.

"It's a big issue throughout

the country and the other thing is that through these stories and seeing them maybe someone else can be helped to not feel so alone.

"That's what the Grandmothers say: When it first happened to them, they thought they were alone.

"Hopefully we can start a conversation on how the system needs to change."

The documentary also seeks insights from Indigenous experts on the issue, including former FACS Minister Linda Burney, Victorian Aboriginal Children and Young People Commissioner Andrew Jackomos, and Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency chief executive Muriel Bamblett.

The documentary draws links to what is happening now and

the experiences of the Stolen Generations. Ms Behrendt said a major difference between now and Australia's historical child removals is that now there is no formal policy of removing Indigenous children from their families.

"But we are seeing those same judgements made about Aboriginal families through white eyes," she said.

"They see three generations of family living in a house and they see overcrowding, or they see a child that spends a few nights a week with Aunty, a few with Grandma, and a few with Dad and they label that child as neglected.

"That's just not true. They just don't understand the role of extended family in Aboriginal family units."

Report calls for justice

By DARREN COYNE



YET another report has called for a 'justice reinvestment' approach to tackle the incarceration crisis facing Australia's First Nations peoples.

Six months on from the public release of the Australian Law Reform Commission's Pathways to Justice report, the Federal Government has still not responded.

The ALRC made 35 recommendations towards systemic reform of how the justice system deals with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Their findings came from 11 months of research, 149 national consultations and 120 submissions.

The actual report has been available to the Government for nine months and recently prompted a coalition of more than 35 human rights, justice and community organisations to write to the Australian Government pleading for action on the rising numbers of Indigenous people in prisons.

The coalition included Amnesty, the Australian Council of Social Service, the Law Council of Australia, Unicef, national Aboriginal legal and social services, legal academics and others.

The number one recommendation was

for the federal and state governments to support the establishment of an independent justice reinvestment body.

Justice reinvestment refers to taking money from the criminal justice system and giving it to community-led initiatives that address the root causes of incarceration.

The approach has been championed for many years by various Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioners, but apart from a few trials no real progress has been made, despite the model working in places like America.

Labor's shadow minister for Indigenous Affairs Patrick Dodson, and shadow attorney general Mark Dreyfus have issued a statement saying it was time for the Federal Government for honesty on how to address the incarceration crisis.

They pointed out that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men were more than 14.7 times more likely to be imprisoned than others, while Indigenous women were 21.2 times more likely to be imprisoned.

ATSI women represent 34% of Australia's female prison population, and 80% of them were mothers.

They also point out that the cost of jailing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women in 2016 (the latest figures available) was \$3.9 billion, with associated costs increasing it to \$7.9 billion.

Also, 400 Indigenous people have died in

custody despite the recommendations of the 1991 Royal Commission.

The 35 recommendations in the report are aimed at:

- promoting substantive equality before the law for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
- promoting fairer enforcement of the law and fairer application of legal frameworks;
- ensuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership and participation in the development and delivery of strategies and programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in contact with the criminal justice system;
- reducing recidivism through the provision of effective diversion, support and rehabilitation programs;
- making available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander offenders alternatives to imprisonment that are appropriate to the offence and the offender's circumstances; and
- promoting justice reinvestment through redirection of resources from incarceration to prevention, rehabilitation and support, in order to reduce reoffending and the long-term economic cost of incarceration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Judge Matthew Myers AM, Commissioner in charge of the Inquiry, said

that while the problems leading to the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in prisons were complex, they could be solved.

"Law reform is an important part of that solution. Reduced incarceration, and greater support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in contact with the criminal justice system, will improve health, social and economic outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and lead to a safer society for all," he said.

Meanwhile, Senator Dodson and shadow AG Dreyfus said it was not acceptable to ignore the issues raised in the report, which the Federal Government commissioned.

"The Government cannot hide behind inquiry after inquiry at the expense of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lives," they said.

They also called on the government to reconsider its refusal to include justice targets as part of the Closing the Gap framework, to help reduce incarceration and help build safer communities.

The AG's department told the *Koori Mail* that the lead respondent to the report would be the Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion. A spokesperson for Minister Scullion told the *Guardian* that a response to the report would be forthcoming in 'a couple of months'.



'It's the first time that there's been an exhibition that recognises frontier wars in the Australian colonies'

National Gallery of Australia's Senior Curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Franchesca Cubillo and co-curator Greg Lehman stand beside one of the many iconic artworks featured in *The National Picture: The Art of Tasmania's Black War*.

The art of history

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE National Picture: The Art of Tasmania's Black War and *Thomas Bock* exhibitions in Hobart reveal a

visual record of the island's first people and history of the brutal years following invasion.

It was an era when the first photographic processes were being developed and painters were still being commissioned to record important events and people.

First presented at the National Gallery of Australia (NGA) earlier this year, *The National Picture*, integrates colonial works of art, some rare works by Tasmanian Aboriginal people of the time, and some contemporary artistic responses.

Aboriginal writer and historian Greg Lehman and environmental lawyer and historian Tim Bonyhady curate it.

The exhibition takes its name from *The National Picture*, a 4 x 3.3 metre work by colonial artist

Benjamin Duterrau, about controversial colonial agent George Augustus Robinson and the Tasmanian Aboriginal people he attempted to 'pacify' – many consider he swindled them.

The actual painting is lost. It was listed as being sold at an auction of the artist's estate to Alexander McNaughtan, but then the trail goes cold. Lehman considers it one of Australia's greatest art mysteries.

Duterrau produced several similar, but smaller works, including *The Conciliation*, which depicts the end of the Black War in 1831, and is filled with complex visual clues, intrigue and symbolism, in the tradition of 'grand history' paintings.

The exhibition spans the commencement of the Black War, which led to the declaration of martial law in Van Diemen's Land in 1828, the beginnings of Robinson's 'Friendly Mission', to Duterrau's death in 1851.

"Tasmania's visual history has much to tell about a period that we have been reluctant to properly consider," Lehman said.

"The work in this exhibition provides documentation that is essential evidence for an honest engagement with our colonial past. The lessons learned in Tasmania resonate across this continent."

He considers it one the most significant exhibitions to be assembled in Australia ever.

Frontier wars

"It's the first time that there's been an exhibition that recognises frontier wars in the Australian colonies.

"The time has come. I think Australians are ready to have these conversations. I don't think governments are but the general population are."

He said the exhibition is a way of helping conservative Australia get their heads around what happened in the past and do something positive with that. He said at the time of the Black War, no-one denied it was happening.

"It's ridiculous to be pretending there wasn't a war 200 years later. What are you trying to do? Rewrite history? That's dishonest,"

Lehman said. "And a positive thing is, having seen this exhibition, if they're standing around the BBQ or at the bar and someone says, 'Don't talk to me. There's no such thing as Aboriginal wars,' people can say, 'You know what? There was.'"

"There's no point denying it; the history's there, the documents are there, the paintings are there, the photographs are there.

"We need to now work out what to do with it."

While the artworks have been bought together from around Australia and the world to be displayed for the first time in Tasmania, and the stories of the artists are relevant and interesting, at the dual exhibition opening in August, NGA's Senior Curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art, Larraia women Franchesca Cubillo reminded the gathering that the exhibitions are about Aboriginal people.

"Aboriginal people from Tasmania who had in fact suffered and yet were resilient in that suffering," Cubillo said.

"When I walked into the exhibition, I saw people, I saw history, I saw the black history."

In the next gallery along is the *Thomas Bock* exhibition, which includes a collection of water colour portraits of Tasmanian Aboriginal people painted in the 1830s and 40s. It is one the best visual records Tasmanian Aboriginals have of their people from this era.

There will be a guided tour through the exhibitions on Thursday, November 1, at 11 am, with leading researcher into Australian colonial art, TMAG Indigenous cultures curator Julie Gough. She will discuss what these works can teach about Aboriginal history and their contribution to the propaganda of Tasmania's Black War.

The National Picture and *Thomas Bock* will be at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery in Hobart until Sunday, November 11, 2018.

The National Picture then moves onto the Queen Victoria Museum and Art, in Launceston opening on 23 November.



One of the galleries of *The National Picture*.



The Conciliation, 1840, oil on canvas, by Benjamin Duterrau. Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

Fundraising effort supports vital service for mums



Dr Tracy Schumacher, Lyniece Keogh, Kate Sutherland, Paris Knox, Associate Professor Kym Rae and Jodie Herden.



STAFF at Tamworth's Gomeri Gaaynggal Centre breathed a deep sigh of relief after unveiling new ultrasound equipment that allows the continuation of its vital health and research support for expectant Indigenous mothers.

Following multiple repairs, the centre's previous scanning unit had reached the end of its service life and been declared unfit for use. It threatened to leave a major gap in the antenatal services offered by the Indigenous pregnancy program, with no funding or loan options readily available.

The University of Newcastle (UON) and Hunter Medical Research Institute

(HMRI) then stepped in, along with community members, to secure the \$84,000 needed to buy a new, high-resolution Philips ultrasound machine.

The UON provided \$50,000 via its Faculty of Health and Medicine, and Research and Innovation division, Tamworth residents Tony and Karen Haggarty gave almost \$16,000, the Bloomfield Group a further \$10,000 and Tamworth Rugby Union Club donated the final \$8,200.

"I'd been incredibly worried about it because our research was in absolute jeopardy," Program Director Associate Professor Kym Rae says. "We'd done so much work to build up the study and, without the ultrasound, we risked losing the buy-in of our pregnant mums and the community."

WA govt rejects partial payment for Denishar



THE Western Australian Government has rejected a proposed partial settlement for Denishar Woods, the 11-year-old girl who suffered a catastrophic brain injury after a severe electric shock at a public housing property, a support group says.

The National Indigenous Critical Response Service, which has been supporting the Perth girl's family since the incident, says the Government's decision to reject making the \$3.2 million payment is "morally and politically abominable".

"I beg the State Government to review its disgraceful decision to fail to advance the family some of the inevitable compensation," national coordinator Gerry Georgatos said on Monday.

"It's no skin off their nose to do what will be lifesaving for the family."

Mr Georgatos said the full settlement for Denishar was likely to run to between \$10 and \$15 million to cover the cost of her care for the rest of her life.

But he said that could take several years to finalise and the ex-gratia payment would ease some of the family's enormous financial pressures.

Denishar's mother, Lacey Harrison, said she was "shell-shocked" by the Government's decision which would "strand my daughter, my children, myself as a mother".

"We should not be in this deplorable position where we've got to wait years for the compensation," she said.

The WA Government said, however, that it can't provide a partial settlement to the family while there is potential for legal action.

The 11-year-old girl was shocked

with up to 230 volts when she touched a garden tap at her family's Beldon property in March.

"All she can move is her eyes," Mr Georgatos said.

The Government has rejected a request for a \$3.2 million advance payment on the compensation that will inevitably come the family's way.

Attorney-General John Quigley said it can't be done.

"The rules around ex-gratia (payments) preclude us ... while there's litigation afoot or the prospect of litigation," Mr Quigley said.

"I don't want to make an ex-gratia payment to Denishar Woods that will in any way prejudice the very large payout that she should get.

"We're doing act-of-grace payments to keep things going for her until the substantive claim comes in."

The WA Government has previously made act-of-grace payments in the face of legal action.

Last year, the family of Ms Dhu, who died in police custody in 2014 and whose first name is not used for cultural reasons, was granted a \$1.1 million ex-gratia payment.

At the time, Mr Quigley said it would not stop them from pursuing legal action and if they were successful, the payment would be deducted from any damages awarded.

"They've got the discretion to make an ex-gratia payment ... with no prejudice involved," Mr Georgatos said.

"How would it be any different with Denishar Woods?"

The State Government last month agreed to provide up to \$100,000 for a specially-modified vehicle to accommodate Denishar's wheelchair, but her supporters had to advocate vigorously for that, Mr Georgatos said.

Mr Quigley said he expected her family would ultimately get "a lot more" than \$3.2 million.

"Given her horrendous injuries, one would expect it will be way north of \$3 million," he said.

"I want to see Denishar get everything she's entitled to get.

"She's got to be properly compensated."

In the meantime, the State Government would provide ongoing ex-gratia payments of up to \$250,000 to meet her other day-to-day needs, Mr Quigley said.

Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service chair Jackie Oakley has also called for an ex-gratia payment to be made to the family.

"It is unacceptable that the family's sorrow and grief is being compounded by the lack of resources available to them to provide around-the-clock care to Denishar," she said.

While the act-of-grace payment from the State Government will go some way to alleviating the burden of care through the purchase of a modified vehicle to assist Denishar and the family with transportation, Ms Oakley said that "the payment does not scratch the surface on the necessary supports that need to be put in place to give Denishar the best possible care.

"No aspect of her care should be compromised. Relying on family and friends to respond to any shortfall in her day-to-day care is not good enough. It needs to be recognised that they themselves have limited resources and are dealing with their own trauma associated with the incident.

"As such they would not have 100% capacity to do justice to the task of caring for and rehabilitating Denishar at this critical point in her recovery and rehabilitation."

New videos help to make your money matter

By KEIRA JENKINS



THE Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) has produced two new MoneySmart videos, aiming to help Indigenous people gain financial control.

ASIC's Indigenous Outreach Program team spoke to people in Indigenous communities about the financial issues that affect them.

From these conversations ASIC created two videos. One follows Lisa as she sorts out her money problems, and the other features Uncle Charlie as he deals with family pressure about money.

ASIC Indigenous Outreach Program senior analyst Nathan Boyle said the videos aim to support Indigenous people to take control of their finances.

"One of the issues that lots of people said was 'humbug', which is family pressure for money, not just asking for money but real pressure," the Wiradjuri man told the *Koori Mail*.

"We wanted to give an example of someone saying no to this pressure.

"So the video centres around Uncle Charlie; what we found in our conversations was that almost everyone has an Uncle Charlie.

"He's going to come into some money and they family rings him and says they'll come visit. The video shows half the community turn up to Uncle Charlie's house on a bus.

"So Uncle Charlie jumps up on the table to say he wants to help the family but he wants to put it to things like his granddaughter going to school, not just for new things that people don't really need.

"We wanted to show how you can say no in a polite way. It's also important to know that we're not trying to say don't give money to your family, we're just trying to say think about the things that are really important.

"If you want to give money to your family, set aside some money and budget for it."

Mr Boyle said the other video, Lisa's story, aims to encourage Indigenous people to see a financial planner if they have money problems.

"Lisa is a mum who's struggling with money," he said.

"There's a real level of shame around struggling with money. The message of this video is that you should see someone to help sort it out.

"If you've got a stomach bug no one expects you to sort it out yourself, you go see a doctor, so if your finances are sick you should go see a financial counsellor."

These two videos will be added to ASIC's MoneySmart website alongside a number of videos that were developed in 2016.

Mr Boyle said these videos have been useful for people working in Indigenous communities around finances.

"We've had the feedback that they're particularly useful in remote communities especially because they're in video format," he said.

Soleil shines as student of the year



SOLEIL White has been announced as the 2018 WA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year in recognition of her dedication to lifelong learning and her commitment to improving health care in the community.

At the presentation dinner in Perth on Friday evening, the award was presented to Soleil White by Kim Farmer, board member of the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation which has been sponsoring the award category for 10 years.

Soleil will receive \$3000 to further her training and support

her in fulfilling her ambition to build the platform of standard for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care in Australia. She will also represent WA at the Australian Training Awards.

Soleil is now a qualified Aboriginal health worker and is currently employed by Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Services, while also undertaking a Diploma of Nursing at Notre Dame University Broome Campus.

After completing her Diploma of Nursing, she intends to complete a Bachelor of Nursing and to work in remote communities such as the Kimberley, Arnhem Land or Torres Strait Islands.



Soleil White accepts her award.



Call for Nominations Centennial Parklands Community Consultative Committee

Centennial Parklands is required under legislation to operate a Community Consultative Committee. The Committee's role is to represent the community by providing advice on visitor services policy and prospective new services, as well as assisting in the development and evaluation of service standards.

Applicants for this committee must be able to demonstrate:

- A strong commitment to Centennial Parklands;
- An ability to communicate with a variety of community groups and individuals that have an interest in Centennial Parklands; and
- A commitment to Centennial Parklands' diversity of values and stakeholder views.

Nominations are sought from suitable candidates to fill upcoming vacancies on the Committee. Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.

For more information on the Community Consultative Committee and to obtain an application form visit: www.centennialparklands.com.au/cc

Further information: Daniel Rockett, (02) 9339 6699, daniel.rockett@bgcp.nsw.gov.au

Closing date for receipt of applications is 5pm 16 October 2018.

Nth Lismore development a grave mistake



BUNDJALUNG Elders Council have claimed that an unmarked grave located on the

North Lismore Plateau proposed subdivision, has been destroyed by a mechanical excavator during an attempted exhumation.

Results of a Ground Penetrating Radar inspection in January 2017 by Richard Yelf, one of Australia's foremost experts of this technology, revealed the existence of two bodies, not in coffins, lying side by side in the grave at a depth of about one metre.

A report commissioned by the developer of an exhumation undertaken earlier this year, released recently by the police, states that the excavator scooped through the grave to a depth of 1.5 metres.

Elders contacted forensic archaeologist, Dr Penny Mc.Cargill, who agreed the method used to exhume the grave most probably destroyed the fragile remains.

The Elders are upset because they believed the grave would be exhumed in an expert and respectful manner.

It is also alleged during an inspection of the site by Lismore councillors, the Mayor and another councillor walked laughing on the grave ignoring other councillors comments that their behaviour was totally inappropriate.

Chairperson of Bundjalung Elders Council Michael Ryan said the developer and Lismore Council had hit a new low.



Chairperson of Bundjalung Elders Council, Michael Ryan.

"I have seen the photos in the exhumation report and the grave has been completely trashed," Mr Ryan said.

"Traditional owners have been sidelined and shown such disrespect over the Plateau development, setting back years of work to bring our communities together in a spirit of reconciliation and recognition of our Bundjalung rights to protect country.

"Council, hand in hand with the developer, have subverted the consultation process.

"The Elders have written many times to the council over concerns of the NLP

development and not once have we received a reply let alone a consultation with us.

"The council-selected Representative Aboriginal Group have been prevented from having any legal or heritage expert to assist them at any meeting.

"We have been deliberately excluded and not consulted at all about the grave."

A public meeting convened by the Joint Regional Planning Panel into a development application for the site will be held on Wednesday, October 17, from 6pm at the Council Chambers in Goonellabah.

Have your say about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community topics

Brisbane City Council is committed to creating a city that equally values its history and looks to its future.

Council wants to know what topics are important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

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- 15 October, 2-4pm at Brisbane Square Library, CBD
- 16 October, 10am-12 noon at Wynnum Community Centre
- 17 October, 10am-12 noon at Acacia Ridge Hall

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- call Council on 07 3403 8888
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My Family correction

As a result of a production error, the My Family in the last edition carried a name from the previous edition. The family featured was of course that of Marsat Bin-

Donaho. Marsat was pictured with his wife Danielle, daughters Isabella and Darnell, and niece Sera, with mother-in-law Vicki Sailor.



Language school participants.

Kids' language camp

By DARREN COYNE



STUDENTS from across NSW had the opportunity to learn a little of the language and culture of the Bundjalung nation at a gathering at Lennox Head recently.

Organised by the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, the two-day camp was held at the NSW Sport and Recreation Centre alongside Lake Ainsworth.

Local Aboriginal people guided small groups of kids on walks, introducing them to the names of various plants and animals that they encountered along the way.

Roy Gordon, one of the coordinators and a Bundjalung language teacher, told the *Koori Mail* that the camp was an opportunity to promote language and culture.

"The camp gives the kids an insight and understanding into the customs of our people from this area," Mr Gordon said.

The children learnt about the local bush tucker, listened to stories, and also took part in dancing and art classes.

The *Koori Mail* tagged along with one group as Tania Marlowe, from Cabbage Tree Island, pointed out the various fibres used to make such things as baskets, shelters, animal traps and even jewellery.

"We show the children the resources that are available and how our ancestors would have used them," Ms Marlowe said.

During the walk she pointed out pandanus fronds, Bangalow palms, bullrushes, lomandra and various other types of fibres.

Camp coordinator Kiara Nean said the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. was a non-profit Aboriginal organisation that provides advice on all matters relevant to education and training.

Ms Nean said local Aboriginal people were instrumental in ensuring the camp provided the children with local knowledge.



Camp coordinator Kiara Nean from the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and Caroline Roche from the NSW Office of Sport.



Dr Shayne Williams, Language and Culture Consultant, NSW Aboriginal and Education Consultative Group.



Bundjalung language teacher Roy Gordon.



Tania Marlowe, Gilbert Lawrie and Lois Cook with some of the children taking part in the language school.



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Local cultural practice goes on show at Artlands Victoria



DJA Dja Wurrung and Yorta Yorta man Trent Nelson believes staging Artlands Victoria on Dja Dja Wurrung country provides traditional owners with a great opportunity.

"It's a chance to showcase our art and our culture and to talk about the First People of this country," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's a privilege to have this on our country. There's lots of people here who are starting out in art and for them to have the chance to get out there is great."

The five-day arts festival will be held in Bendigo and Castlemaine, starting on October 10 and featuring panels, workshops, conversations, keynote addresses, special events and cultural and arts projects.

Mr Nelson and fellow Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation's representative Rodney Carter will deliver a keynote address, *Dhelkunya Dja*, on opening night, at the Ulumbarra Theatre.

They will be joined by local artists to facilitate a conversation around practice on country.

Trent Nelson



Mr Carter said the Artlands Victoria framework was developed from the nine goals outlined in the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation Country

Plan 2014-2034. "For us, it's about how we recognise and respect and manage the landscape," he said. "Hopefully we can influence

others to do the same. We can't be there all the time but we can teach them the strategies. "We are sharing our voices directly with the audience."

Opening night, October 10, will include a number of sessions, panels and workshops featuring Indigenous voices.

The opening ceremony will be performed by Dja Dja Wurrung traditional owners.

On October 11 *The Torch's* Kent Morris will host a session on the transformative effects and healing power of art and cultural learning for Indigenous offenders, and Bardi and Nyul Nyal man Chad Creighton will speak on a panel about collaboration.

On October 12, Multicultural Arts Victoria will host a session on the emergence of the cultural hub; and Rauny Worm and Selina Walker will host a screening of the documentary *Footprints on our Land* about Aunty Agnes Shea.

The Band Stand project will also be showcased on October 12, featuring NIMA winner Alice Skye.

On October 13, Yorta Yorta and Yuwaalaraay artist Warren Mason will host a session on the art of healing, and the Pitcha Makin Fellas will host a session called 'blackface (realface)'.

Also on October 13 Brett Leavy will deliver a keynote address: 'A new technology for an ancient culture', about virtual songlines.

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The Department of Education

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 entry in 2020

Parents of Year 5 students who want their child considered for placement in a selective high school in Year 7 in 2020 will need to apply online between 9 October and 12 November 2018.

All students wanting to go to a selective high school for Year 7 in 2020 must take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 14 March 2019.

Application information and the application link is available on the internet at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>

Parents without internet access can apply at a public library. Parents with a disability that prevents them from using a computer can contact the High Performing Students Unit for assistance.

There are 18 fully selective high schools, 24 partially selective high schools, 4 selective agricultural high schools and one virtual selective high school, Aurora College, offering selective placement in Year 7 in NSW.

Parents can apply for up to three selective high schools.

Boarder places are available at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (boys only), Hurlstone Agricultural High School (co-educational) and Yanco Agricultural High School (co-educational).

Placement in Aurora College is restricted to students who will be enrolled in a government high school in a rural or remote area.

A complete list of selective high schools is available at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/what-are-selective-high-schools>

Enquiries about application procedures should be directed to the High Performing Students Unit, email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone: 1300 880 367.

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Songs for Peace project celebrates community



THE inaugural *Songs for Peace* project culminated in a concert over the weekend, in

Roebourne, Western Australia, after a week-long celebration of community, featuring music workshops, conversations, and fireside exchanges.

Each day last week community members, Elders and musicians gathered at the Ngarluma Yindjibarndi Foundation's Ngurin Cultural Centre for songwriting workshops.

Young people attended MC-ing, dance, songwriting, video, digital photography, drone piloting and audio recording workshops after school each day. In the week before the concert, musicians including Ngarluma singer Patrick Churnside and musical legend Archie Roach visited Roebourne District Prison for workshops and performances.

Uncle Archie said it's important to get the whole community involved, not just those on the outside.

"We'll be writing songs

together but we'll be listening to them and their stories too," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"Going in to see them it shows that we know they're still there and we still care about them. It can be hard in there.

"Just knowing that there's someone still looking out for you can help you get through."

At the end of the day John Pat Place, in Roebourne, became a place of intercultural exchange; the community came together around a fire to share stories, songs, culture and tea. The cultural exchange was led by Sri Lankan tea maker Varuni Kulasekera and Violent Femmes' flute player Brian Ritchie.

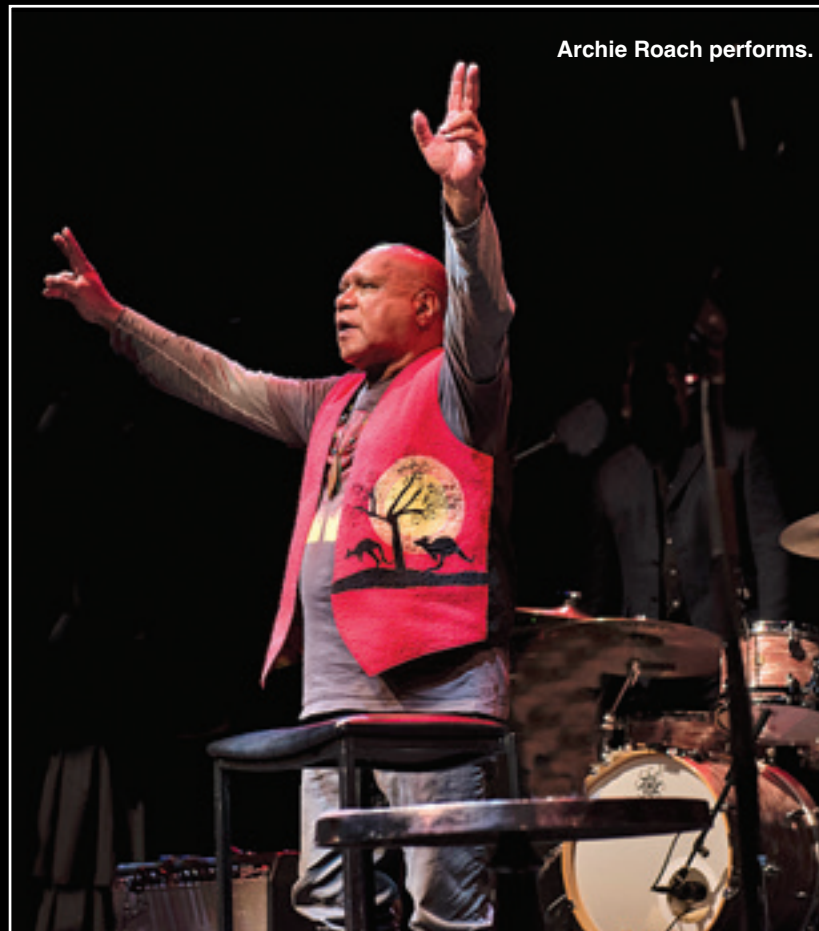
In 1983 John Pat, a 16-year-old Aboriginal boy, was killed in a fight with Western Australian Police. Five officers were acquitted of manslaughter by an all-white jury. The event on Saturday night celebrated music, hope, peace and renewal. The concert was led by Uncle Archie Roach and he was joined in the line-up by Stephen Pigram, John

Bennett, Brian Ritchie, David Hyams, Josie Alec, Angus Smith, Aaron Hopper, Kendall Smith, Allery Sandy, Hamilton and Stirling Blacket, Koda TahiTahi and Patrick Churnside.

Uncle Archie said the concert was a way to focus on the positive, talk about change and look forward with hope.

"People need to look ahead," he said. "It's very important to look towards the future, especially for the young ones. These kids need time to be kids and to be able to see a happy future for themselves. Hope is very important for health."

The Roebourne community and Big hART hope the project becomes an annual event for the Pilbara region, attracting tourists from around the country. The event was supported by Wiru-Murra Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation, Ngarluma Yindjibarndi Foundation, Fortescue Metals Group, Coins Foundation, Pilbara Development Commission, Perpetual and Australian Government Building Better Regions Fund.



Archie Roach performs.

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Min Min mystery in the spotlight



THE eerie Min Min lights have long been the subject of speculation in outback Australia.

They appear out of nowhere and reportedly follow people or cars, and appear and disappear at will.

Various explanations have been offered, but a Charles Darwin University researcher wants to hear from Indigenous people what they believe the phenomenon might be.

Aboriginal Studies senior lecturer Dr Curtis Roman, a Larrakia man, has begun a research project into the Min Min lights.

"There are various scientific theories about what causes them but there has been no academic enquiry into what Indigenous Australians believe or know about them," he said.

"Indigenous people living in or travelling to remote areas may have their own experiences and beliefs, some of which may have been passed down through the generations. For example, there are some stories that suggest that Indigenous people may believe the Min Min light is a spirit."

Dr Roman wants his fellow Indigenous Australians to share their stories and beliefs with him in a culturally safe and respectful way.

"Eventually I hope to share with everybody a collection of stories that tell of Indigenous beliefs in this long-standing curiosity through academic



Senior lecturer in Aboriginal Studies Dr Curtis Roman.

journal papers, a seminar and a book," he said.

Dr Roman said he was aware that stories of Min Min light sightings had been reported in remote and outback Australia for at least the past century.

"People who have seen the light say that they can follow cars, jump in the air and appear and disappear at will. One of

the beliefs is that if the lights catch you, you will never be seen again," he said.

"Others speculate that they are reflections of distant lights or mirages or a result of warm and cold air coming together."

Dr Roman recently completed a project that explored Indigenous beliefs in Little People, said to be guardians of

the land but who are sometimes perceived as vexatious tricksters.

"The aim is to publish a book with Indigenous folk stories so that these stories are accessible to all people," he said.

To share a story, contact Dr Curtis Roman on 07 8946 6067 or email curtis.roman@cdu.edu.au

PM backs unwelcome Abbott envoy position



DESPITE numerous First Nations peak bodies expressing concerns about the appointment, Tony Abbott will be given

free rein in his job as special envoy for Indigenous affairs.

Many Indigenous people have also raised concerns about the

appointment. The co-chair of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council Andrea Mason said she was worried a focus on school attendance could be negative.

And Western Australian Labor Senator Pat Dodson, a Yawuru man, told the Senate that the appointment was absurd and reminded the Upper House of Mr

Abbott's comments calling Eora country 'nothing but bush' and characterising Aboriginal people who live in remote communities as making a 'lifestyle choice'.

"He's appointed himself to be the school master of Indigenous kids around Australia," he said. "There's an assumption that we cannot look after ourselves and we need a 'special envoy'."

But Prime Minister Scott Morrison said Mr Abbott will do a "cracker" of a job.

"I want him to be able to free rein on this," Mr Morrison told Sky News.

"I don't want him to be constrained ... as a minister trying to defend government policy and all this sort of thing."

Mr Morrison said he had been

to Indigenous communities with Mr Abbott where his commitment to the cause was evident through his actions when cameras were not around.

He said he appointed Mr Abbott to the envoy role because getting children an education was one of the most important ways to combat Indigenous disadvantage.

— AAP



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Bush learning is here to stay



AN innovative learning space set in WA's Noongar bushland will be the future venue for people to engage with Noongar culture, language and history.

In a partnership with Curtin University and Gondwana Link, a Statement of Intent was recently signed at Nowanup – a 750ha property located about 150km north-east of Albany.

The Statement formalises the bush learning concept, which was initiated by Nowanup Noongar Elder Eugene Eades, Curtin's Elder-in-Residence Professor Simon Forrest, and Gondwana Link chief executive Keith Bradby.

Mr Eades has been operating Nowanup since 2007 as a cultural knowledge camp. It's an alternative to detention for young Indigenous people with a focus on improving cultural management of the region. In recognition of his role in the initiative, Mr Eades has been appointed an Adjunct Associate Professor at Curtin University.

Mr Eades said the Statement of Intent signing marked an important step



Noongar Elders, Curtin's senior executive team and Gondwana Link representatives at the Statement of Intent signing on Noongar Boodja.

towards a vision he had held for Nowanup for many years, thanking his Elders for their support throughout the process.

"We are building a foundation that will stand the test of time, ensuring our precious Noongar culture and history lives on," Mr Eades

said. "My Elders have guided and mentored me, walked and talked, and laughed and cried alongside me for the last 12 years and it really is an incredible feeling to know that a lost spirituality is being restored to the fullest through the Nowanup partnership.

"There is nothing like this

anywhere else and I feel honoured to be able to share Nowanup's spirituality and energy with students and visitors to heal both the land and the people by taking this unique experience to the world so the world can become a better place."

The Statement of Intent

signing followed a traditional bush meeting held on Noongar Boodja (country) between Elders, Curtin's senior executive team and Gondwana Link representatives.

Curtin University Vice-Chancellor Professor Deborah Terry welcomed the development, which combines education with Indigenous culture and history.

"This is an important milestone as Curtin and Gondwana Link agree to work together to develop a transformational learning experience that recognises the wisdom of Noongar learning and teaching methods and is delivered within a bush setting," Professor Terry said.

Mr Bradby said Gondwana Link was delighted to see the partnership forged at Nowanup today.

"We look forward to the new Nowanup partnership building support for the Noongar culture of the land we live and work on," Mr Bradby said. "I also thank Greening Australia, owners of the Nowanup property, for the support they have given Eugene in the development of his cultural program over the past decade."



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Baker Boy going home to celebrate



Baker Boy at Splendour in the Grass.

BAKER Boy will be celebrating his last 12 months of success with performances in his hometowns.

So far this year Baker Boy has been the support act for international hip hop acts 50 Cent and Dizzee Rascal on their Australian tours, and played festivals across the country including Laneway, Splendour in the Grass, Golden Plains and WOMADelaide.

He has also collected a number of awards throughout 2018, including an AIR Award, two NIMAs, an NT Song of the Year Award and NT Youth of the Year Award.

To celebrate, Baker Boy will be performing in the places he's called home – Melbourne, Castlemaine, and Yurrwi in North East Arnhem Land.

The shows kick off on October 27 at Milingimbi Gattjirk Festival in Arnhem Land, then Castlemaine on November 9 at the Theatre Royal, and wraps up in Melbourne with shows on November 17 at Howler and November 18 at the Northcote Social Club.

His fifth single, *Sweat Limit*, will also be released on October 12, to coincide with these gigs.

"When you're tired and feel like staying in bed, you have to push yourself to keep going, to manifest," Baker Boy said.

"You gotta put in your full life force, go beyond all your limits to become all that you are. You gotta get to the stage you sweat."

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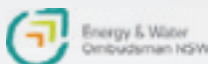


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New assistance for Stolen Generations



VICTORIAN Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins has announced \$975,000 to deliver a range of services for Stolen Generations survivors.

The money will help Connecting Home Limited (CHL) in Collingwood deliver case management services, family reunion and counselling, coordination of support groups and other healing activities. This program is part of the Labor Government's ongoing implementation of the recommendations of the Bringing Them Home Report.

CHL has also received a grant of \$25,450 for minor works and upgrades as part of the Aboriginal Community Infrastructure Program (ACIP).

The funding will improve the layout of the facility, including case manager offices and storage to prioritise clients' privacy in a culturally safe space.

Magistrate role is another 1st for WA



LAWYER David Maclean has become the first Indigenous man to be appointed a magistrate in Western Australia, following in the footsteps of Sue Gordon.

Mr Maclean worked for the Aboriginal Legal Service from 1998 to 2001, joined the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in February 2007 and became a full-time ordinary member of the State Administrative Tribunal in 2015.

Former Aboriginal Legal Service of WA counsel Christian Miocevic, who has been chairperson of the Legal Aid Review Committee since 2005, has also been appointed a magistrate.

Congress demands advisory body



NATIONAL Congress has demanded recognition of Australia's First Peoples and labelled Prime Minister Scott Morrison's rejection of the Statement of Heart at Uluru as absolutely wrong and disrespectful.

A constitutionally enshrined advisory body in Parliament was outlined in the May 2017 Statement from the Heart from Uluru, which included calls for a truth and justice commission (Makarrata Commission) that supports a truth-telling process, and treaty negotiations and agreement making with First Peoples.

Congress chair Jackie Huggins said Scott Morrison's rejection of the Statement of the Heart was, again, a rejection of the rights and wishes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.



Indigenous liaison officer, Roxanne Chapman, advanced health worker, Belinda Johnson and clinical nurse consultant palliative care, Sam Beedham.

Easing the pain of death



PALLIATIVE care workers in the Mount Isa area of Queensland are increasingly using technology to help

Indigenous patients stay on or return to their country rather than languishing in hospitals.

The Telehealth program enables patients in rural and remote regions to access the services of specialists and to consult with healthcare professionals.

The system is being used by the North West Hospital and Health Service's Palliative Care Unit to meet the needs of Indigenous patients and others.

Palliative nurse Sam Beedham said already Indigenous patients had been assisted to return to their homelands to be closer to their families in the final stages of their lives.

"This is an understandable request; however, it may be complicated if the patient is on chronic therapy such as renal dialysis," Ms Beedham said.

"The desire to return to country

What is palliative care?

If a person has a life-limiting condition, which means that it cannot be cured and will lead to the end of their life, the focus of their care will shift from aiming to cure them to ensuring they have the best quality of life. This care can focus on:

- controlling their symptoms
- independence
- emotional, spiritual and cultural wellbeing
- planning for the future
- and caring for their family and carers.

may be more important to them than treatment for their disease," she said.

As part of the service, the Palliative Care Service works in partnership with the primary health service, families and the community.

Ms Beecham said effective communication was an essential element to ensuring the right care for the patient and their family through end-of-life care.

"Building rapport is therefore especially important when caring for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander patients. Building rapport with the patient and their family is

not time consuming, as it is the quality of communication that is most valuable rather than the amount of time."

It is essential to form positive relationships with key people associated with the patient, she says.

"These relationships should be developed proactively and as early as possible. Telehealth enables us to listen to what the patient wants and engage with the patient and their family in their treatment plan."

Telehealth is crucial to the work of the Palliative Care team, Ms Beedham says, because of the

distances they are dealing with, and because many of their patients are separated from their families and country because of their health needs.

"It is vital that healthcare professionals have the conversation early and make a timely referral to the Palliative Care Service, while the patient is still well enough to make their own decisions.

This gives us the time that is needed to help get the patient back to country.

"We managed to get one patient back to country to spend quality time with family before his

passing, and that was wonderful for him and his family.

"We have to have those discussions and ask, 'Where would you like to be as you approach the end of your life?'"

Ms Beedham said it was important, as part of advanced care planning, that people document their wishes, and they can do that with a Statement of Choices document, which gives healthcare workers clarity and the authority to work on behalf of the patient to see their wishes are carried out.

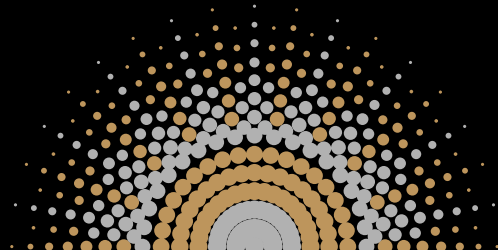
"Telehealth aims to make it easier for people who have difficulty getting to a specialist or who are living in rural and remote areas by using electronic and telecommunications technologies," she said.

"It enables patients to consult with healthcare professionals without having to travel long distances.

"Telehealth is essential to helping patients who have complex symptoms, and patients who also may be approaching the end of their life."



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Mamanta tour offers 'slice of island life'



B2M (Bathurst to Melville) are inviting audiences to experience a slice of their island home with their new show *Mamanta* for their first major national tour.

Mamanta is a moving performance, honouring the past and celebrating the future.

The seven-piece band from the Tiwi Islands will showcase their unique blend of contemporary and traditional sound.

Presented by Artback NT, *Mamanta* kicked off in August in Port Pirie, South Australia, followed by a three-month tour visiting 30 venues.

Mamanta – meaning 'friend' in Tiwi – is a vibrant cultural experience told through a mix of music, multi-media and song. In an historic show of support from the Tiwi Elders, B2M have permission to use traditional Tiwi chants and blend them with modern musical elements.

Combined with vivid multimedia imagery of contemporary arts and cultural practices, *Mamanta* brings



B2M (Bathurst to Melville) are touring their show *Mamanta (Friend)*.

the Tiwi Islands to life.

"Drawing on a strong tapestry of stories, including our own songlines that have never

left the Tiwi Islands before, *Mamanta* is unlike anything ever seen. We have never created a show that shares our

experience this fully," band member Jeffrey 'Yello' Simon said.

From ancient stories to life

today, *Mamanta* honours the past and celebrates the future.

"Like the paintings that reflect the depiction of country, our songlines demonstrate our journeys, our history and our community," Yello said.

Formed in 2004, B2M are Tiwi men who write, record and perform music that transcends cultural, social and geographic boundaries. Their music is unique and infectious, filled with beats, chants and harmonies that showcase their ability to carry a positive image of their people and culture through RnB, Tiwi style.

"For us, the message that B2M shares is the most important facet of our music. Steering clear of catchy love-songs, we focus on bigger issues, like drug and alcohol abuse, mental health and understanding identity," Yello said.

Mamanta is directed by Gail Evans and produced by Artback NT and Skinnyfish Music.

Band members are Shelton Murray, Greg Orsto, Fabian Kantilla, Daniel Cunningham, Damien Narul, Darren Narul and Jeffrey 'Yello' Simon.



Victorian Aboriginal Community Initiatives Fund 2018 – 2019

Family Safety Victoria invites applications from Victorian Aboriginal organisations and Aboriginal community groups to implement Aboriginal-led initiatives that prevent, reduce and respond to family violence in Victorian Aboriginal communities.

Funding is available from the Victorian Aboriginal Community Initiatives Fund for Aboriginal led projects planned for January 2019 - December 2019.

The Community Initiatives Fund guidelines and application form are available online at www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-aboriginal-community-initiatives-fund or from the Indigenous Family Violence Regional Coordinator based in your area.

For further information, contact the relevant Coordinator at the Department of Health and Human Services:

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Applications close 9 November 2018 at 1pm

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Can I really ask that?



AS negotiations for treaty legislation heat up in Victoria, a group of Aboriginal people are letting the general public pepper them with uncomfortable questions.

The *Deadly Questions* project is an online platform designed as a safe space for anonymous questions for Aboriginal people about their history, culture and identity.

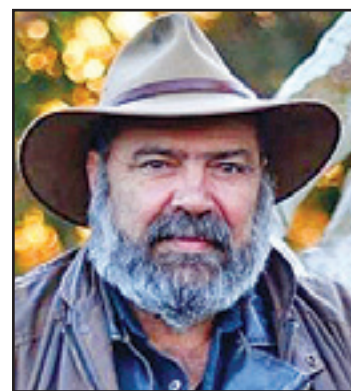
The State Government-funded initiative involving Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Joy Murphy and playwright Richard Frankland, among others, aims to feed public conversation about what a Victorian treaty would look like.

In two months, 2600 questions have been asked, with one in six participants wanting to know what their Indigenous counterparts want from the treaty process.

About 19% have asked specific questions about cultural traditions such as face and body painting, dancing and family names, while 7% have asked how they could teach Aboriginal culture and language.

Deadly Questions panellist Carissa Lee said there had been some racist questions, but most were a genuine attempt at learning.

People have wanted to know how she feels about Captain Cook or statues of colonists such as John Batman, notorious for his involvement in massacres of



Gunditjmara man and playwright Richard Frankland.

Aboriginal people in Tasmania.

The Noongar woman's skin is thick from years of racist taunts at her rural South Australian school, but some questions are still hard.

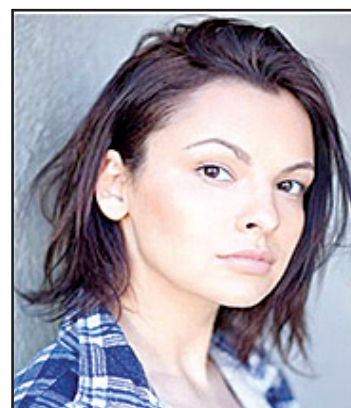
This one recently came through on the *Deadly Questions* website: "Do you think Aboriginals deserve preferential treatment?"

"Preferential as opposed to what?" Ms Lee said.

"Does wanting to be treated like a human count as preferential?"

"When I was going to uni and the students I was there with found out I was on Abstudy (government-subsidised fees for Indigenous students), they had a bit of a chip on their shoulder."

Ms Lee says she's learned over time not to take ignorance personally but instead see it as a result of upbringing and lack of education.



Noongar woman and *Deadly Questions* panellist Carissa Lee.

Looking back on her own schooling, she knows most people's education about Indigenous Australia is limited.

"We never got to hear about our mob doing great things and achieving things," Ms Lee said.

The Victorian Parliament passed legislation in June allowing for the creation of a representative body, elected by Aboriginal Victorians, by mid-2019 to help design a framework for treaty negotiations.

Ms Lee believes a treaty at state level is the best way for Indigenous Australians to be acknowledged as custodians of their land.

She hopes it could lead to federal treaty legislation in the future, but says the current government seems to have no interest in it. – AAP

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Roads and Maritime Services

Albion Park Rail Bypass

Roads and Maritime Services is planning an extension of the M1 Princes Motorway between Yallah and Oak Flats to bypass Albion Park Rail.

The NSW Government is funding the \$630 million project; the bypass would complete the 'missing link' for a high standard road between Sydney and Bomaderry.

The project will provide improved road safety, ensure better traffic flow and more reliable journeys.

Survey and geotechnical investigations has commenced with major construction work expected to begin in early 2019.

Roads and Maritime has engaged Fulton Hogan to build the bypass.

For further information about the project please contact the community relations team on the details below.

Visit: rms.nsw.gov.au/aprb
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Post: Albion Park Rail bypass
PO Box 1014 Albion Park Rail NSW 2527

Palm Island's 100-year history on display

By ALF WILSON



TWENTY-two Palm Islanders travelled to Brisbane for the launch of a photo exhibition at the State John Oxley Library showcasing the 100-year history of the north Queensland

Aboriginal community.

More than 300 invited guests were at the September 22 launch and the exhibition provides an insight into the inspiring history of Palm Island.

It is celebrated in a fascinating showcase of images, memorabilia and digital stories.

Palm Island and Our People acknowledges the centenary of the first placement of people on the island as an Aboriginal Reserve and explores the history of this tropical paradise.

The showcase provides an opportunity to commemorate the past 100 years and to celebrate a new future for the Palm Island people, focusing on the themes past, present and future.

Mayor Alf Lacey was at the launch and said it was really good to see Palm Island showcased in such a way.

"There were a lot of people there including many from south-east Queensland and the exhibition was excellent," Cr Lacey told the *Koori Mail*.

The exhibition continues until April 22 next year and is open to members of the public.

After that it is expected to be on display at a Townsville Museum and on Palm Island.

State Library acknowledges the significant contribution of the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council and the Bwgcolman Indigenous Knowledge Centre in the development of this exhibition.

The exhibition is both a commemoration



Part of the Palm Island exhibition at Brisbane's State Library.

and celebration, with the centenary providing a unique opportunity to reflect on the past through retelling and sharing stories of endurance, resilience and self determination.

The launch also featured a performance by Palm Island's the Bwgcolman Dancers.

State Library has an important role to play in supporting all communities within the public library and Indigenous Knowledge Centre network.

The committee on Palm Island has been pivotal in the development of this exhibition,

under the strong lead of Regina James along with the support of Jennifer Ketchell, chair of the Palm Island Past Organising Committee.

This exhibition journeys through the difficult history from the establishment of the Palm Island Reserve under *The Protection Act*, the opening of Fantome Island as a lazaret, the establishment of the dormitories, and the strike of 1957.

The exhibition then looks at the importance of keeping culture alive, through dance, language and how football, boxing

and netball have become extremely popular and a source of community connectedness.

The final part of the exhibition looks at contemporary Palm Island culture, focusing on the community events held throughout 2018, including the Deadly Didge n Dance Festival.

Throughout the kuril dhagun space, tributes and acknowledgement are paid to important Palm Island figures who have contributed significantly to improving life and conditions on the island, including Alf Palmer, Iris Clay and Harry Johnson.

Man gets life in prison for killing partner



A MAN who murdered his partner by repeatedly kicking her in the head and stomach then leaving her in a West Australian shopping centre car park has been sentenced to life

in prison.

Les McLarty, 21, was drunk when he murdered 23-year-old Ms Chapman, whose first name is not used for cultural reasons, in Broome in March last year.

McLarty and Ms Chapman had sex behind a bottle shop then argued, the WA Supreme Court heard last week.

He repeatedly kicked his partner of six years and jumped on her, then left her semi-clothed to die.

Defence counsel Tony Hager described it as a tragedy, saying it was a very sad example of the poisonous effects of alcohol.

He said McLarty did not appreciate the seriousness of Ms Chapman's injuries at the time but accepted she

'You left her injured and dying on the ground'

was a vulnerable victim.

"Through his own actions, he lost the person he loved the most in life," Mr Hager said.

Justice Lindy Jenkins said McLarty left his partner in a degrading position to be found by passers-by.

"You were very angry with the deceased for an unknown reason," she said.

"You left her injured and dying on the ground."

Justice Jenkins said if McLarty had been sober he would have realised Ms Chapman needed medical assistance.

In a victim impact statement, Ms Chapman's mother said she was sad her daughter would not have the opportunity

to have children of her own.

Justice Jenkins noted McLarty had a troubled background of substance abuse and a history of violence against his partner.

"Drinking alcohol (and) using cannabis has got you into a lot of trouble in your life," she said.

"You are going to be in prison for a long time but when you get out you still have to stay away from those things because they are only going to get you into more trouble."

Justice Jenkins acknowledged McLarty had a disadvantaged and deprived background, and accepted his time in prison would be more difficult because he would be away from his community.

She also commented that domestic violence against Indigenous women was far too common.

McLarty must serve at least 17 years behind bars before he can be eligible for parole. — AAP

SALE OF ABORIGINAL OBJECTS NOTICE OF CONSULTATION

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION UNDER SECTION 29(1)(A)&(B) OF THE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 1988

The Premier of South Australia, as the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, has received an Application pursuant to section 29(1)(a) (to sell or dispose of Aboriginal objects) and section 29(1)(b) (to remove Aboriginal objects from the State) of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (the Act). The Applicant is Theodore Bruce Auctions Pty Ltd.

The Application seeks authorisation to sell, and remove from the State, thirty-two (32) individual lots which may contain Aboriginal objects. These items include boomerangs, didgeridoos and other wooden items; painted artwork in watercolour and oil; and a greenstone axe.

For further details on the Application, please call (08) 8226 8900 or visit <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/heritage-applications> to view a copy of the Consultation Information Pack.

Submissions

Prior to considering the Application, section 13 of the Act requires the Premier to consult with traditional owners as well as any Aboriginal persons or organisations that, in the opinion of the Premier, may have an interest in the matter.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet - Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (DPC-AAR), on behalf of the Premier, now invites verbal and written submissions from parties who satisfy the requirements of section 13 of the Act. The closing date for submissions is 5:00 pm on **Wednesday 31 October 2018**.

To lodge a written or verbal submission, please contact DPC-AAR on (08) 8226 8900 or write to Ms Eunice Aston, Manager Aboriginal Heritage, at GPO Box 320 ADELAIDE SA 5001 or DPC-AAR.CIR@sa.gov.au.



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Danny Eastwood's view



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Jacob Martin

**Quandamooka
Principal Ranger,
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(Stradbroke Island)
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Turtle.

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Hot curry chicken.

Favourite drink?
Ginger ale.

Favourite music?
Reggae.

Favourite sport?
Rugby League. I play for Straddie Sharks.

Favourite read?
Books about Aboriginal history.

Favourite holiday destination?
Moreton Island – home away from home.

What do you like on TV?
Nothing, I don't like TV.

What do you like in life?
Looking after country and spending time with family.

What don't you like in life?
Ignorance from non-indigenous people about the history of what they call Australia.

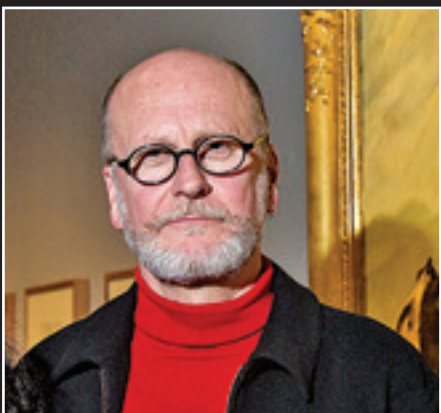
Which black or indigenous person would you most like to meet?
Malcolm X

Which three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My grandmother Maureen Watson, Malcolm X and an ancestor from 300 plus years ago.

Who/what inspires you?
People who have had a troubled life, and bettered themselves and are role models for other troubled people.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?
Do what I could to stop the blacks fighting amongst each other and unite as one and more forward together.

Quote



"It's ridiculous to be pretending there wasn't a war 200 years later. What are you trying to do? Rewrite history? ... There's no point denying it; the history's there, the documents are there, the paintings are there, the photographs are there. We need to now work out what to do with it."

National Gallery of Australia curator Greg Lehman speaks about the exhibition The National Picture: The Art of Tasmania's Black War.

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Federal govt has a shocker

IT'S sometimes difficult to choose the words that best describe the current Federal Government's approach to Indigenous affairs.

'Insensitive', 'intransigent', or even 'stupid' and 'rude' are just a few that readily spring to mind.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison had a brain fart last week when he reopened the debate about the date of Australia Day in response to the decision of Byron Shire Council to conduct its citizenship ceremony on the day before Australia Day.

In a response that can only be described as petulant, the Government immediately stripped the council of the right to even hold the ceremony, and Morrison went further by suggesting there should be another day to celebrate Indigenous people and culture. He quickly toned down his idea after copping backlash from some Indigenous people, conservative colleagues and business groups alarmed at the prospect of another public holiday.

Greens senator Rachel Siewert hit the nail on the head when she said having a 'separate day for Indigenous people' is something out of an apartheid regime – we need a day when we can all come together."

Morrison again riled up Indigenous people by flatly rejecting the idea to introduce a constitutionally enshrined representative body for Indigenous



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people. He used the same tactic as his predecessor Malcolm Turnbull by incorrectly labelling such a body as 'a third chamber' of parliament.

Indigenous leaders have made it crystal clear that this is not what they are asking for. They want a voice that will be heard.

Ironically, Morrison's decision to appoint Tony Abbott as a special envoy to Indigenous people was presumably made to address the valid concern over the lack of Indigenous representation.

But, as the community of Borrooloola showed last week, Morrison's decision was flawed from the start.

On his very first visit to the community as envoy, Abbott didn't even bother to let the people know he was coming. In any culture that would be considered rude and offensive.

And instead of listening, he tried to lecture the people about the importance of sending their children to school. This is a community that has been concerned by the discovery of lead in its water supply for years, but did the special envoy have any answers for that pesky little problem? No. Why? Because this Government simply does not listen.

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The Koori Mail is owned by five Aboriginal organisations on Bundjalung country in northern NSW – Kurrachee Cooperative (Coraki), Bunjum Cooperative (Cabbage Tree Island), Nungera Cooperative (Maclean), Buyinbin Cooperative (Casino) and the Bundjalung Tribal Society (Lismore).

The drive to care comes from within



LINDA Ford was a 13-year-old, standing at the Kalkadoon State High School library in

Mount Isa, when she decided she was going to be a social worker.

She'd picked up a book on social work and thought the career choice made sense.

"You can't really learn to care for people," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"You have to have that general drive to care for other people's health and wellbeing to go into a caring career.

"The person that I was, I did have that drive to care for people so I decided right then that I was going to be a social worker."

Ms Ford has now been in social work for more than 20 years and is on the board of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) as their Indigenous representative.

For Ms Ford this position has given her an opportunity to voice the concerns of Indigenous people on a national level.

"It gives me an opportunity to contribute to media campaigns about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and encourage members to speak at the national and international level about key Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander challenges, social status and achievements," she said.

Change focus

Ms Ford said it's important to change the media focus about Indigenous people, which is mostly negative.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are

often the victim of negative media," she said.

"The great things our people are doing don't get that much attention. We need to change that conversation.

Challenges

"We need to be talking about the challenges of course, but there should also be an opportunity to talk about the achievements.

"The media often talks about our culture from a point of fear when it's something that should be celebrated."

Ms Ford currently works for the Mount Isa and Gulf Child Safety Service Centre and says she's particularly passionate about social justice and child protection.

"I've always had an interest in what's fair and what's not so fair," she said. "Social justice is a big thing

for me. As a social worker you're talking to people who are disadvantaged and marginalised.

"You realise what their reality is. It's definitely necessary to be culturally aware.

"You know how people connect with their family and how important that connection is, and you also know what happens when that connection is lost."

More workers

That's why Ms Ford says she sees it as so important to have more Indigenous social workers.

"There's not enough Indigenous social workers," she said. "There's lots of

Linda Ford.



reasons why that may be – remoteness and access to education, disadvantage when it comes to having to get the qualifications. Some people may just think they can't do it.

"But I think being Aboriginal helps in social work. You understand connections, the way we sit and talk and listen to each other. It's a natural thing that

comes to us, that caring."

Progressing

But although Ms Ford says there's still plenty of room for improvement, she said some areas have been progressing well.

"The amount of Indigenous social workers has been increasing over the past 30 years," she said.

"There has been significant movement forward even in the past 10 years.

"There are steps that still need to be taken to go forward further.

"I think there's been an increased focus on improving what we do.

"There's an increased awareness of culture and differences and how we can best engage different people."

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Mapoon woman Jeannie Little addresses delegates at the Australian Public Health Conference.



Conference listens to the wisdom of custodians

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ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people’s cultural knowledge and environmental

wisdom has nurtured the Australian landscape and its people for over 60,000 years.

This was the message given at the annual Australian Public Health Conference of the Public Health Association Australia (PHAA) recently.

The themes emerging from a conference session on planetary health struck a strong chord with the 345 public health practitioners and advocates present.

“The wisdom of the traditional custodians of this country has not been lost and can play a crucial role in reversing the environmental damage and change which country has suffered,” Adjunct Associate Professor Carmen Parter said.

The three-day conference was held on Bama country in Cairns and brought together experts in environmental health with those with indigenous knowledge.

Enterprise Professor for

Environmentalism Don Henry from Melbourne highlighted to the conference the devastating impacts of climate change from extreme weather events around the world.

Ahead of the release of a new report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change which will warn of the massive effort required to curb global emissions, Professor Henry noted in particular the vulnerability of people with the least power and voice, who are in many cases the people most affected by climate change.

“There are many reasons for hope however,” Professor Henry said. “In the last few years there has been an explosion of activity in response, especially in regard to the very rapid uptake, and rapidly falling costs, of renewable energy.”

Conference delegate Dale Wright, from Walgett in the Gamilaraay country of New South Wales, said the discussion was a big eye opener about what

is happening at the global level.

“We often only see into our own backyard,” Mr Wright said.

“We need to look after Mother Earth. The river I grew up swimming in as a kid at Walgett, the Barwon, is no longer there,

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Dr Liz Hanna highlighted the

implications for the health of the human population from polluting the planet.

“The current rate of use of natural resources – air, soil and water – is clearly exceeding the capacity of the natural world to regenerate and replenish in a timeframe that can be sustained,” Dr Hanna said.

Dr Hanna emphasised the need to recognise the wisdom and knowledge from Indigenous people in environmental protection.

Fiona Armstrong of the Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA) called for the public health community to advocate for the implementation of a national strategy on climate, health and wellbeing.

Ms Armstrong presented a framework for this strategy, developed by health experts and organisations, including PHAA, to guide governments in tackling the health threats from climate change.

The 2017 Lancet Countdown Australian Policy Brief recognised the framework as a world-leading climate and health risk management tool.

Mapoon woman Jeannie Little said it was time for wider acknowledgement and recognition of the lessons from Australia’s First Nations people in caring for country.

PHAA delegates inspired by the session are resolved to work with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to see that Indigenous cultural knowledge underpins mainstream environmental public health practice.

Adjunct Associate Professor Carmen Parter echoed that multiple speakers had validated the contribution and leadership of Indigenous people in environmental protection for millennia.

“Epidemiology can set forth a scientific understanding of the problems, but lived experience reveals the details,” she said.

“Without a healthy environment, we cannot be healthy people.”



Adjunct Associate Professor Carmen Parter speaks to delegates at the Australian Public Health Conference.



Attendees at the Australian Public Health Conference.



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Congress praises little girl who refused to stand



PAULINE Hanson reckons a Queensland 'brat' who refused to stand for the national anthem should be kicked out of school. But the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples has Harper Nielsen's back.

The Kenmore South State School grade-four student, aged nine, was given detention and threatened with suspension last week for not standing when *Advance Australia Fair* was played in assembly.

She said she believes the lyrics "we are young" marginalise Indigenous people.

"The reason why I don't sing it or stand is because *Advance Australia Fair* means advance White Australia," she said.

"When it says we are young, it completely ignores the fact that Indigenous culture was here for over 50,000 years before colonisation."

The stance angered Senator Hanson, who posted a video on Facebook calling for Harper to be kicked out of school.

"Here we have a kid whose been brainwashed and I tell you what, I'd give her a kick up the backside," the One Nation leader said.

Senator Hanson said there was support for the anthem amongst the Indigenous community as sporting stars regularly stood for the anthem.

But the National Congress showed its support, applauding her courage.

"We are dismayed by the reaction of Kenmore South State School in Brisbane in punishing Harper Nielsen with a detention over her protest actions and consider this a violation of her right to peacefully protest," a statement said.

Congress co-chair Jackie Huggins said she was moved by the bravery of Harper, and expressed her support for her and her family.

"I really feel for Harper and understand the amount of courage it took her to take a stand and stick to her opinion. It is absolutely revolting to see adults and politicians commenting and citing the child in a negative way," Ms Huggins said.

young child is questioning the words of the national anthem and trying to understand its historical context and meaning.

"We urge these people to critically reflect on the impact of their words, particularly given Harper's young age."

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people hold a special place in Australian society. We represent the oldest known surviving culture on Earth and it is high time for Australia as a nation to recognise our history and culture as integral to our national identity."



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I really feel for Harper and understand the amount of courage it took her to take

The story on page 6, edition 685 of the *Koori Mail*, 'Congress praises little girl who refused to stand' about the nine-year-old Queensland student, who was given detention and threatened with suspension for not standing when *Advance Australia Fair* was played in school assemblies, received comments from our readers.

Seec Ed: How about discussion rather than suspension...wouldn't that be of more value for all children?

Gabrielle Gill: Definitely!

Annie Warner: nothing much to discuss her reasons were spot on.

Gabrielle Gill: Annie Warner I agree, however I think a discussion for the school to explore the reasons for her action and promote an awareness of what the words mean and the reality of why our National Anthem is simply awful. Maybe it might open up some people eyes.

Seec Ed: Gabrielle Gill thank you. That is exactly what I was referring to, so that all students can understand the reasoning

behind her decision and her right to make that decision in the first place. This is the kind of educating we should be doing with all our children.

Agnes Jowett: She is right! And the school is wrong, where are her democratic rights? If my daughter was at that school I would so boycott it.

Liz Cooper: She has a right to an opinion, just like everyone else.

John Carson: a real Aussie hero!....xo

POETRY

Our very own Superhero

Thurston never really understood
How brilliant he was
and how he was much better
than good
This man's energy and team
spirit
Not many in history have even
come near it
Superhero Jonathan has taken
off his headguard and cape
Like Spiderman, Batman or
Superman, he has taken the
cake
Finally retiring from playing rugby
league
A new life in commentating is
what he will seek
Opportunities for him will be
everywhere
For millions love him and truly do
care
An absolute gentleman he has
proven to be
When faced with a challenge he
will never just flee
Such a sacrificial man with a
giving heart
That's why the fans from Smile
stadium found it hard to depart
How could they leave this warm
individual
From a good mob of people, the
Australian Aboriginals
With a laugh so contagious and
attractive as well
He will truly be missed but never
expelled
Kept in our hearts is a place for
Jonathan
Like a guest room is waiting for a
weary gentlemen
Who will forget his mighty
exploits
Acts of brilliance that made him
shine amongst the boys
No one of his class has there
ever been
For he was the very greatest that
rugby league has ever seen

By Abi DRabi

BOAP (Bureau Of Aches & Pains)

Hi Barry,
Here's your
daily report
from BOAP!

A 'dull ache' is
predicted for your
left knee mid-morning
and will be accompanied
by a low pressure
'hamstring throb'
(caused from
doing the splits
at a disco in 1970s)
which will move
north to the buttocks
by late afternoon
and will result in
above average
'twitching'.

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By Barry Cooper

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An envoy of cultural amnesia

HERE we go again... So, after appointing Tony Abbott as special envoy on Indigenous affairs, our new Prime Minister Scott Morrison then hit out at the Byron Shire after becoming the latest council to change the date of its Australia Day events.

Byron Shire Council stated that they made the change as January 26 marks "the day the cultural decimation and denigration of the First Australians began".

The Prime Minister responded via Twitter that "Indulgent self-loathing doesn't make Australia stronger," then added, "Being honest about the past does."

"Our modern Australian nation began on January 26, 1788. That's the day to reflect on what we've accomplished, become, still to achieve. We can do this sensitively, respectfully, proudly, together."

He then went on to add: "We should be acknowledging the great work of Indigenous Australians and their contribution to our nation," suggesting we have a public holiday celebrating our mob then finished with "... but you don't need to tear down one group to hear from another".

But wait. The Cambridge Dictionary definition of envoy is: "someone who is sent as a representative from one government or organisation



Woolombi Waters

to another", so by his very own appointment, Scott Morrison is himself dividing our nation between non-Indigenous Australians and our own mob by the appointment of an envoy – the very position declares we remain separate to the rest of Australia.

If we are to really heal our past and embrace our future, true equality goes beyond just recognition of our people and traditional acknowledgement at meetings and work places.

A case in point: In social media a blog recently went viral where a school teacher

after a traditional welcome to country then took one of her student's water bottles.

The teacher then went to the front of the class and stated that the bottle now belonged to her. Then in the "spirit of reconciliation" wanted to acknowledge the bottle had belonged to the student and by making this acknowledgement felt that her and the student could now move on.

The teacher then placed the bottle on her desk. The student asked for it back, the acknowledgement was not sincere without a true action of reconciliation. In other words, the student wanted their bottle of water back. I thought this was brilliant.

The truth is that, internationally, Australia still has a long way to go before we can compare with other countries who have treaties with Aboriginal peoples and respect international law which requires that we have rights as original sovereign owners.

I am not talking about a preamble or written words within an oppressive constitution that was written by dead old white men.

It's time this country went beyond acknowledgment of the mob, which is pretty patronising really – like we should be so thankful they recognise us after 80,000 years.

No. In healing Australia's true history and, as Mr

Morrison wrote on Twitter, in "being honest about the past" it's time we started to discuss repatriation, of both wealth and land along with air and water, which must take place for there to be any true justice or reconciliation within Australia.

Otherwise, like the student's stolen bottle of water, words and acknowledgments remain empty and without substance. Australia is too diverse with too many cultures and languages represented culturally to remain so Eurocentric, that is to say, focusing on European culture to the exclusion of a wider view of the world.

It really is that simple. January 26th is about British arrival; that's why it's the 26th of January, but there is so much more substance and contribution from so many cultures, which, including our own, date back tens of thousands of years.

The problem is we see popular culture and television, government and our education system all representing one particular group of people, one particular history – White Australia.

But walk through any major shopping centre in this country and you will see Aboriginal, Polynesian, African, Asian, Arab, Māori and many more dark races who together make up too large a dynamic in this

country to continually be ignored. The anxiety expressed by white Australians regarding the date for Australia day only contributes towards those who believe they own the land, history and culture of this diverse wonderful melting pot we all call home

When you have so many cultures living in the one place it is important to have a common identity – one that we can all identify with and be proud of.

At the moment this "one identity" wanting to maintain control over Australian identity has a history of theft, exclusion and colonisation over the others. It can't remain the dominant culture if we are all to move together as one. Again, it really is that simple.

And it's a culture representing a brief 200-year-old history in a collective culture dating back over 80,000 years. Muslim culture, through Makassan sailors from Indonesia, were trading with our mob for close to 400 years prior to British arrival.

Having spent a lot of time in New Zealand, I have also learned that Māori and Polynesian seafarers were also aware of our mob as we were of them, with trade and intellectual property shared. Many Māori still refer to us today as tuākana, meaning old ancient ones, our older brothers and sistas.

There are many histories and entwined intellectual property shared between Aboriginal peoples across the world coming to light now that the trauma of colonisation is being broken down and truth from decolonisation is being shared where stories like the Seven Sisters become universal and understood.

The problem is that with European invasion also comes cultural amnesia and genocide where such trade and intellectual property was denied, and only recently through world Indigenous forums are these stories being retold.

So yes, it's time European theft is not only exposed, but for the descendants who have prospered from these lies to get out of the way and allow our true histories to be retold, our languages and stories rediscovered and our 80,000 plus year history to be resurfaced in such a way that all Australians feel proud and connected to the oldest living culture in the world.

And this all starts with getting rid of racist national anthems and dates of significance to those who took what they have today by force.

It's time to give back what was taken. No, not young and free – we are old and wise, enduring and powerful in our survival.

● Woolombi Waters is a Koori Mail columnist

Treaty tensions haven't gone away in Victoria

IN the week leading up to Saturday's AFL grand final, Aboriginal peoples from around Victoria gathered in the members' dining room at the Melbourne Cricket Ground to hear back from the state's Treaty Advancement Commission about their proposed model for a traditional owner representative body.

Around the stadium outside the dining hall, preparations for the pre-game entertainment on the big day were underway. The loud music repeatedly interrupted the commission's progress report.

On more than one occasion, it completely drowned out a presentation by the commission's Greg Kennedy on the proposed model for establishing the body that will eventually oversee treaty negotiations.

For some in attendance at the gathering, the outside interference seemed fitting for a process that has been criticised as being too "top-down" in the way it has been administrated.

Those kinds of criticisms have surrounded Victoria's treaty process from the very outset. In May 2016, at one of the earliest treaty forums at Melbourne's

Convention and Exhibition Centre, attendees noted what they perceived as the influence of the State Government in the contracting of the prominent consultancy firm, Ernst & Young.

Gary Murray and Lidia Thorpe, then both representatives of the sixteen-member Aboriginal Treaty Working Group, also withdrew, each citing problems with the nature of the community consultation process.

Those early tensions haven't gone away, with Thorpe again recently describing the current approach as the "colonised version" of treaty negotiations.

Thorpe also points out that the Andrews State Government refused to officially recognise the sovereignty of First Nations groups in the *Advancing the Treaty Process with Aboriginal Victorians Bill* which was enacted in June.

There is community support for the approach that the treaty commission has taken, but concerns around the proposed voting structure to elect the representative body spread amongst the groups gathered to hear from the commission last



Jack Latimore

Tuesday. Foremost among them, was the inability of traditional owners to vote in the division of their nation if they resided elsewhere in the state.

For example, a potential Gunditjamarra candidate for the representative body who lives in Melbourne can stand in the proposed voting region that encompasses the state's south western districts, but is unable to cast a vote in the region of their own country.

Meanwhile, some traditional owners were frustrated that

Indigenous peoples traditionally not from First Nations located within Victoria could cast a vote for the representative body at all.

However, there was broad support for the current proposed model which restricts the make-up of the body to traditional owners.

Another voting-related issue raised in the months leading up to last week's gathering, and heard from the floor of the dining hall during a lively Q&A, involves the exclusion of Aboriginal communities residing on the north bank of the Murray River from voting for the body. In numerous cases, these communities have traditional ties with First Nations now considered inside the borders of Victoria.

Underscoring these concerns, was the shortfall in the number of seats for First Nations in the make-up of the proposed representative body, with, potentially, only 28 representatives to be elected from 38 nation groups. This decision – made by a community assembly, says the commission – is viewed as discriminatory by critics of the treaty process.

Last Tuesday, some groups

announced that they were considering issuing proceedings with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity commission on this basis.

As the presentation proceeded, respected local Elders, such as Wurundjeri woman, Aunty Di Kerr, also questioned why traditional lore had not been observed in developing voting protocols.

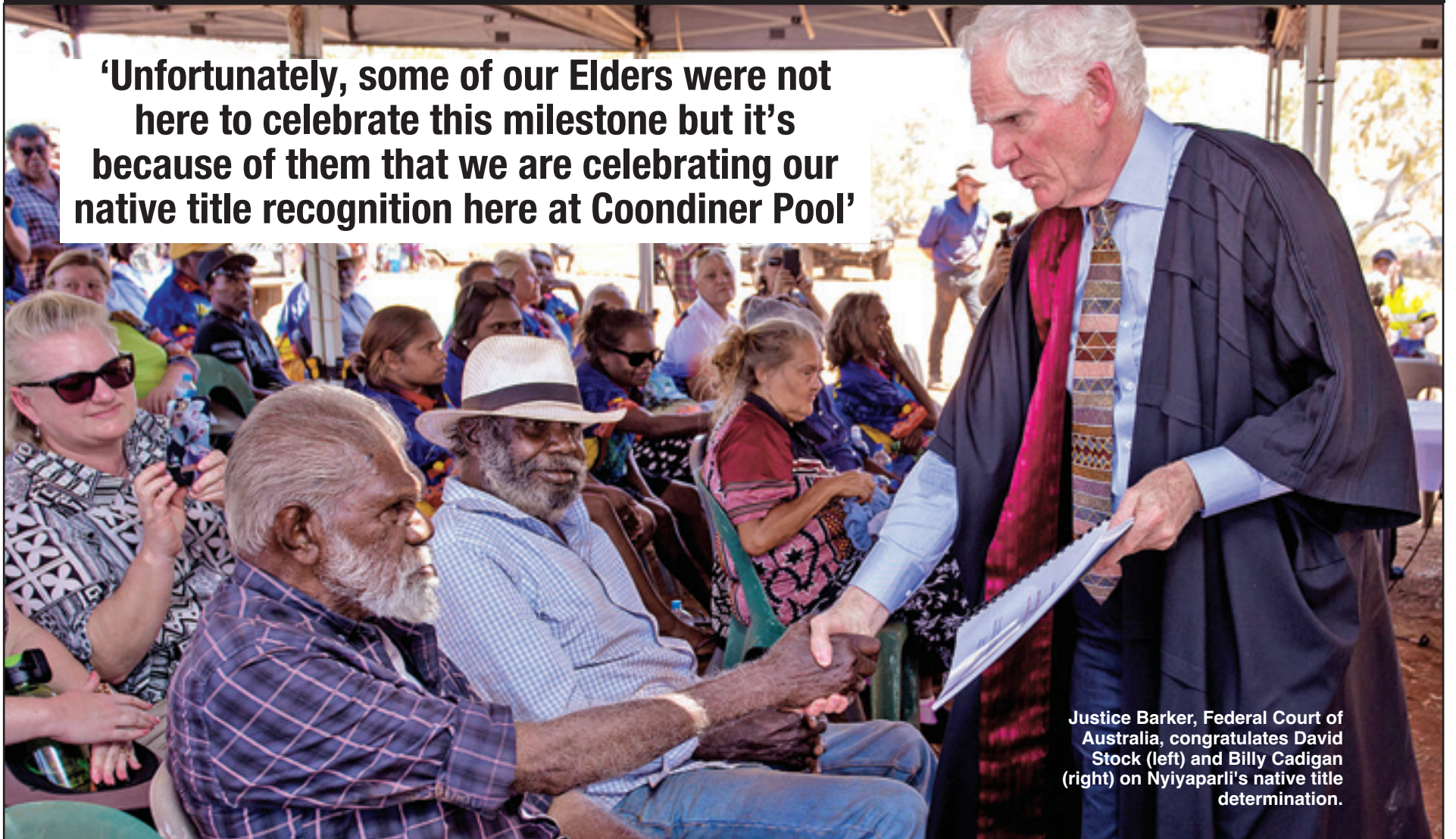
There were also some walkouts, numerous snorts of derision and cheers amongst certain sections of the gathering whenever the stacks of speakers on the ground below began blaring *Up There Cazaly*.

Upon departing for afternoon tea, one attendee quietly remarked that the commission's proposed voting model had taken the entire treaty process "back five steps".

Treaty Commissioner Jill Gallagher insists that the proposal presented to the gathering last week was shaped by Black voices across the state. From the number of concerns raised from the floor that afternoon, her commission could do well in scheduling another batch of consultations ahead.

Nyiyaparli handback

‘Unfortunately, some of our Elders were not here to celebrate this milestone but it’s because of them that we are celebrating our native title recognition here at Coondiner Pool’



Justice Barker, Federal Court of Australia, congratulates David Stock (left) and Billy Cadigan (right) on Nyiyaparli's native title determination.



IN an on-country Federal Court hearing at Coondiner Pool (Kuntinha) – 130 kilometres north of Newman – the Nyiyaparli community has been formally recognised by the Federal Court as native title holders over the land that they have been connected to for thousands of years.

It has been an almost 20-year long journey for the Nyiyaparli people to achieving native title recognition, with the first initial claim lodged with the National Native Title Tribunal on September 29, 1998.

The court hearing saw representatives from the Federal Court, state and federal

governments and traditional owners come together to witness this historic occasion.

The judgement by Justice Barker saw an agreement reached between the Nyiyaparli community, the State of Western Australia and other respondents in relation to the land and waters covered by their application.

Justice Barker congratulated the Nyiyaparli Applicants on their native title determination.

“The Court also commends the legal and other representatives of all the parties who have worked assiduously to help produce this outcome.”

The celebration was facilitated by Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC), the native title representative body for the Pilbara Region, and

Karlka Nyiyaparli Aboriginal Corporation (KNAC), the prescribed body corporate.

Traditional owner and Karlka Nyiyaparli Aboriginal Corporation member Bradley Hall said, “It has been almost 20 years leading us to this day and I am proud of this achievement as we have worked together to overcome the challenges faced along the way.”

“Unfortunately, some of our elders were not here to celebrate this milestone but it’s because of them that we are celebrating our native title recognition here at Coondiner Pool,” Mr Hall said.

The determination area covers approximately 40,000 square kilometres of Nyiyaparli traditional country and encompasses the town of

Newman, the Aboriginal communities of Jigalong and Parnpajinya, several pastoral leases and mining operations.

While all country is important to the Nyiyaparli people, areas of particular cultural and environmental significance within the determination area include: the Fortescue Marsh, Weeli Wolli Creek, Coondiner Creek, Caramulla Creek and Savoury Creek. Parts of the Hamersley, Chichester and Ophthalmia Ranges and the Fortescue and Oakover Rivers are also major features of the area.

Within the determination area are places of particular significance to the Nyiyaparli people, including ceremonial sites, songlines, permanent pools and natural resources.

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation Chief Executive Officer Simon Hawkins said, “The native title recognition of the Nyiyaparli people at yesterday’s Federal Court hearing is also a good time to reflect on this 20 year journey and the great outcome that has been achieved.”

“We are proud to have been the native title representative body working with the Nyiyaparli people and the federal and state governments to achieve a successful determination.”

“Congratulations to everyone involved for their hard work, and Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation looks forward to continuing to work with the Nyiyaparli community,” Mr Hawkins said.

35 homes for Galiwin’ku



THE small island of Galiwin’ku in the Northern Territory will soon see 35 homes extended and improved through the Room to Breathe program.

Already 20 new and replacement homes have been created on Galiwin’ku in the past two years. There are plans for the construction of another 33 houses over the next four years under the NT government’s \$1.1 billion remote housing program – Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes.

Another eight cyclone-replacement homes have already been completed and a contract has been awarded to build another 16, with planning

underway for another nine houses.

Tenders for the construction of a 24-lot subdivision closed recently and will be awarded soon. The government is focusing on jobs and housing in Galiwin’ku where Territory-based contractors have teamed up with local workers on housing projects.

Minister visits

Housing and Community Development Minister Gerry McCarthy visited Galiwin’ku to meet with contractors, local workers and residents who have moved into new and refurbished homes on the remote island.

“Galiwin’ku was devastated by Cyclone Lam and our government is committed to

helping the community. The construction and refurbishment works are helping to replace homes lost during the cyclone, build and improve homes and create jobs,” he said.

Around a thousand homes have been built and upgraded in remote areas throughout the Northern Territory in addition to urban housing programs.

Probuild is the company which built eight cyclone replacement houses at Galiwin’ku, where 10 Galiwin’ku locals joined the team of 30.

Probuild project manager Gary Bell said, “The locals who joined our team were a great asset to the project and were involved in most aspects of the works, including groundworks, bricklaying, plumbing, painting and landscaping.”



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The modern chef enters an ancient supermarket

By CHRISTINE HOWES



"GROWING up in the bush, you learn the different trees and how old people looked at it as a supermarket,"

Girringun Aboriginal Corporation nursery worker Aunty Jean Thaiday said.

"Tonight was another experience."

Ms Thaiday was talking about the second Deadly Bush Tucker night hosted by the Tully High School, about halfway between Cairns and Townsville, in conjunction with the Girringun rangers and nursery.

And it was a huge success.

A team of about 30 students and local volunteers fed 180 people 'elevated' bush tucker under the watchful and energetic eye of former chef, now hospitality teacher, Cat Clarke and local teacher's aide/liason officer Tonya Grant.

"I like to push my students as much as possible to give them a real-life working experience," Ms Clarke said.

"I love doing restaurants and restaurant nights, so when I came from western Victoria to northern Queensland and saw the produce, the vegetation and the rich cultural history, I felt I had so much to learn."

She said the main purpose of the event was to create and build relationships through food and to maintain local knowledge of bush foods.

"I think everyone is just excited to be coming," she said.

"We've set the tables up as



Tonya Beeron with her daughters Marley and Toni at Deadly Tucker Night.

"I grew up tasting food that was cooked in traditional methods as in cooking, and the material as in leaves and even the wood itself."

communal tables because we wanted people to sit with one another because the commonality of tonight's thing is the food."

Ms Grant said two of her daughters were also part of the team. She did the artwork on the menu, and was also the bridge between the nursery and the

classroom/kitchen.

"I sort of know a few things and if I'm stuck I just go and ask the guys at the nursery if they have any new ideas," she said.

"It's a wonderful experience working with all the kids and bringing the community together, working as one team."

She said she hoped they

could repeat the event next year, as did nursery supervisor Daniel Beeron.

"I love this, not only because it showcases Girringun but because it showcases our young children, who already have knowledge from their parents," he said.

"What we teach them from a

nursery perspective and a business perspective is an extra bonus for them.

"We've also assisted them with a bush garden, where we've supplied the trees, so hopefully in a few years' time they'll be producing fruit for the kids."

Ms Clarke said it had taken more than two months to plan, prepare for and deliver the night.

"After the first one in May, we had people contacting us the next day to find out if we were doing another one," she said.

"So we decided to ask the students if they wanted to do another one and they said yes."

"This time the menu is completely different compared to our first one with the fruit and nuts that are in season."

"So we started planning this event nearly 10 weeks ago at the beginning of term."

"The students and I created our dishes with trial runs, seeing what worked, what didn't and then we came up with the menu."

Aunty Jean Thaiday said it was just like in the bush, where you learned to cook different meals at different times.

"I grew up tasting food that was cooked in traditional methods as in cooking, and the material as in leaves and even the wood itself," she said.

"But I think the students have brought it up to another level."

"And so I'm just happy that people in the local community, both the mainstream and Aboriginal culture, can marry up at school."

"It was a wonderful experience again tonight."

deadly bush tucker



The kitchen group.

“I love this, not only because it showcases Girringun but because it showcases our young children, who already have knowledge from their parents.”



Melina Beeron serves Cedric and Travis Beeron their main courses.



Debra, Tamika and Jonas Murray with Daniel Beeron.



Bryson Beeron holds up desserts for a final check by Teleai Fredriksson.



Main course macadamia and ricotta stuffed chicken baked in candlenut leaves and served with coconut rice.



Back: Thomas Binu, Claude Beeron, Salliel and Jean Thaiday. Front: Theresa and Nancy Beeron.



Traditional owners Marjorie and Doris Kinjun.



Hannah Beeron.



Weaver Saila Savage and a workshop participant.



Shannon Fentiman MP is with weaver, Angela Torenbeek from St Paul's Community, Moa Island.

Gab Titui weaves a connection



INDIGENOUS weavers from northern Queensland have met on Thursday Island in a crosscultural weaving circle hosted by the Gab Titui Cultural Centre during the 2018 Winds of Zenadth Cultural Festival.

Guest weavers, including Philomena Yeatman from Yarrabah and Cairns-based fashion designer Grace Lillian Lee, participated in the skills exchange and led a series of workshops for the public during the four-day festival, alongside expert local weavers Angela Torenbeek, Flora Warria, Betty Tekahika, Saila Savage, Mariana Babia, Lavinia Uta, Norah Nona and Margaret Gabey.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chair Napau Pedro Stephen said the TSRA was pleased to be able to present the workshops to complement the festival program.

"We are honoured to host some of north Queensland's most celebrated weavers to share their skills with the

many visitors to Thursday Island during festival week," Mr Stephen said.

"The workshops are part of the TSRA's commitment through its Culture, Art and Heritage Programme to facilitate artistic development, as well as being a major feature of the Gab Titui Cultural Centre's public programme.

"These activities are vital to promoting and preserving the traditional skills of our community members.

"They provide us with an opportunity to facilitate cultural understanding, to learn from our elders, and to see the ways in which traditional skills are interpreted across cultures and by different artists into contemporary art forms."

The event also attracted the attention of th   Queensland Government's Ministerial Champion for the Torres Strait, Shannon Fentiman, who joined the activities and learned some new skills from the guest weavers.



Participants document the skills of weaver Mariana Babia from Saibai.



Weavers and participants photograph their skills.



Weaver Betty Tekahika demonstrates her skills to students visiting from Lockhart River, North Queensland.



Weaver Flora Warria chats with visitors.



Weaver Philomena Yeatman is with Silva See Kee.



Betty Tekahika

Winda Film Festival gets a boost



INDIGENOUS filmmaking has received a boost from Create NSW to improve NSW screen experiences and development across the state. The Wurhu Darhuy Foundation has received \$20,000 to help the Winda Film

Festival promote Indigenous films and filmmakers to the general public and provide a platform for international networking.

The festival increases the awareness of the Indigenous films in the international and national space and grows a vibrant support of the

Indigenous filmmakers in the city of Sydney.

The festival is held over four days at UTS and Events Cinema, George Street. The investment in Indigenous filmmaking is aimed at boosting NSW screen practitioner skillsets to bring a range of screen experiences to audiences.

In total, \$250,000 has been awarded to 10 organisations and nine projects under the Industry Development Fund and the Audience Development Fund administered through Create NSW.

Create NSW Investment and Engagement executive director Elizabeth W Scott said, "In

addition to delivering the most innovative, diverse and compelling events for audiences, we also want to ensure that our incredible screen workforce continues to upskill through as many opportunities for professional development as possible."

12 arrested in drugs, grog crackdown



NORTHERN Territory Police have arrested 12 people outside the Aboriginal community of Maningrida in the latest operation targeting illegal drugs and alcohol offences.

Six cars were detained and charges laid, included driving while disqualified and unlicensed, possessing cannabis, kava and alcohol as well as offences relating to firearms.

Police superintendent Warren Jackson said Maningrida leaders and those from other remote communities raised concerns about the problems arising from drugs and alcohol on the streets

of their communities.

The operation followed recent arrests at other dry communities around the NT, including at Millingimbi and Groote Eylandt, where officers were attacked with rocks, slingshots and spears twice in two days in separate incidents.

Hunting knife

A 17-year-old male was charged after he was allegedly found with a large hunting knife at the Groote Eylandt Airport while his 42-year-old uncle was charged after police and a drug detector dog allegedly found cannabis in his pants worth \$16,800 and liquor in his luggage.

Police say the violence at

Groote Eylandt Airport last month was related to "animosity" towards them and particularly the drug detection dogs by a minority for preventing the supply of illicit substances.

Six men were arrested and charged at Groote Eylandt over those incidents, while at least five youths were arrested at Maningrida, aged 12 to 19.

Other incidents include the theft of \$9000 worth of alcohol and tobacco from a delivery truck in Nauiyu community last week, which two male teenagers admitted to.

Police also seized 62 litres of alcohol and a quantity of cannabis from a car driven by a man and woman at Daly River last week. —AAP

Call for contributions to justice agreement



THE Aboriginal Justice Unit (NT) is calling for people to contribute to the development of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) in the Northern Territory.

In Pathways to Justice—An Inquiry into the Incarceration Rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People (2017), the Australian Law Reform Commission reported that the NT Government, through the Aboriginal Justice Unit (AJU), was developing an AJA and recommended that all states and territories renew or develop such agreements in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The draft AJA will be released towards the end of the year and stakeholders are invited to join the mailing list so they can comment on the draft agreement.

A final Aboriginal Justice Agreement will be released mid 2019. The four main aims of the AJA are to: reduce the rate of Aboriginal incarceration; reduce the rate of Aboriginal

recidivism; engage and support leadership within the Aboriginal community; and enable Aboriginal people to navigate and access the suite of services that exist within the justice portfolio.

So far, the AJU has conducted over 80 consultations with Aboriginal communities across the NT as well as other key government agencies and NGO stakeholders; and assessed best practice material as well as extensive comparative work on the profiling of an Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal person in the NT who is at risk of, or in negative contact with, the criminal justice system, and what are the pressure points from government and the Aboriginal communities that impact on a client's relationship with the justice system.

If you would like to be involved, email AGD.AJU@nt.gov.au by October 5.

For more information, visit <https://justice.nt.gov.au/attorney-general-and-justice/northern-territory-aboriginal-justice-agreement>



Deadly dancers

Knockout crowd



Emily Sampson, Chris Swan, Rebecca Sampson and Shirley Swan, from Moree.



Marsha Whyman, Nerida Whyman, Naydine Whyman and (bub) Allecia Jones, Wilcannia mob.



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sports editor
Darren Moncrieff

Jamal Idris (right), former NRL star with a fan at the Knockout.



Brendan Goldstraw and Jay Little, from Wagga Wagga.



A section of the crowd at the Knockout.



Alana Nixon (left) and Emma Hickey, from Wagga Wagga.



Stan Penrith and Josh Charles, from Griffith.



Rickie Cloake, Tarniece Berry, Joan O'Leary, Sheleaka O'Leary-Cloak and Maharlia Reid travelled from Tamworth.



Luke Barnes (left) and David Miller, from Walgett.



Lana, Jye, Lucas, Deb and baby Jyemarri, and Jecathiem, from Mt Druitt.



First cousins (from left) Narree Pittman, Tasha Kennedy, Olivia Warby, Tara Pittman and Stacey Kennedy, from Mt Druitt.

Furniture business wins global award



A SMALL Indigenous furniture company won a major award at the United Nations last week in New York.

Australian businessman Greg Welsh and Winya Indigenous Furniture received a major global award at the United Nations.

Winya Indigenous Furniture is a majority Indigenous-owned business that seeks to place indigenous trainees into furniture manufacture around Australia in order to eliminate Indigenous disadvantage.

The honour is one of only ten awarded annually under the United Nations sustainable development goals and is the only one ever won by an Australian business. Winya received the award for global leadership in the economic empowerment of Indigenous peoples.

The award was presented at United Nations week in New York, where more than 40 prime ministers and the huge security exercise grind the city to a halt.

Winya has previously won many local awards for its sustainability and leading Indigenous programs including four recent Awards at the City of Sydney.

"This is about as big an honour as it gets," said Greg Welsh. "Being recognised on the world stage in the biggest week at the UN."

"As part of the United Nations Global Compact program we're honoured in front of Secretary General Antonio Guterres, the deputy secretary general, the new Human Rights Commissioner and ex-Chilean prime

minister, the presidents of South Africa and Botswana, the crown prince of Norway and even Michael Douglas, who is now a UN peace ambassador, and hundreds of CEOs of major global companies."

"They even had us winners on the huge billboards in Times Square (and apparently at Canary Wharf in London too) and the head of the Mars confectionary conglomerate was there and gave me M&Ms with my face on them!"

"It's quite daunting standing next to a New York policeman toting a machine gun in Time Square asking you what you are doing only to have your picture come up on a huge illuminated billboard during the discussion".

"I hope we can use this huge accolade to assist us in continuing to grow Winya. We have been growing at 100% each year, but it is getting harder each year as some of the bigger established companies now start to pretend that they are "Indigenous" to emulate what we have been doing. Imitation is supposedly the sincerest form of flattery, but it's taking a lot of money out of the market that we would have been using to employ more indigenous staff."

"We have had key customers supporting our growth like Commonwealth Bank, Telstra, Australian Taxation Office, Department of Defence and Lendlease. Our customers appreciate that the work we are doing is way beyond that of an ordinary furniture supplier and it is just amazing that a small Australian company has now been recognised on such a huge worldwide stage."



'This is about as big an honour as it gets'



Greg Welsh



NT to get world's largest prawn farm



PROJECT Sea Dragon – a construction consortium involving local native title holders – has been awarded the first contract of work for the billion-dollar aquaculture grow-out facility at Legune Station.

It's a historic win for Aboriginal business development – and if fully developed, Project Sea Dragon

will be the world's largest prawn farm and boost the Top End's economy.

Native title holder company Legune Constructions Ltd has teamed up with Darwin-based civil construction company Allan King & Sons Construction Pty Ltd to deliver competitive bids for major Project Sea Dragon contracts. The consortium will also create employment, training and business development opportunities for local

Aboriginal people, and particularly for the native title holders of Legune.

Legune Constructions director and native title holder Marcus Simon said it's taken a bit of work to get set up.

Very happy

"So I am very happy that Legune Constructions and Allan King have won this first contract of work," he said.

Legune Constructions co-director Alfred Gerrard said the

consortium "will be good for our younger generation to get trained-up".

"And Allan King's company is the right fit for us to work with," he said.

Northern Land Council chief executive Joe Morrison welcomed the news.

"It shows that Project Sea Dragon developer Seafarms Group Ltd is genuinely committed to local and Aboriginal business development," he said.

"This consortium is an example of how Aboriginal-controlled entities can grow their skills, experience and become increasingly competitive operators."

"It's great that Seafarms has recognised the potential of the consortium. With an operator as experienced as Allan King, it's really a win-win situation for everyone. We hope this is the first of many Project Sea Dragon success stories for local Aboriginal people."

Women encouraged by business month focus



THE fourth annual Indigenous Business Month which runs throughout October will

celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in business, to honour the 2018 NAIDOC theme 'Because of Her, We Can!'.

During October, 20 national Indigenous Business Month events will be held, showcasing the talents of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women entrepreneurs from a variety of sectors.

The events aim to ignite conversations about Indigenous business development and innovation, focusing on women's roles and leadership.

Indigenous Business Month is an initiative driven by the alumni of Melbourne Business School's MURRA Indigenous Business Master Class, who see business as a way of providing positive role models for young Indigenous Australians and improving quality of life in Indigenous communities.

The Indigenous business sector is one of the fastest growing sectors in Australia, delivering more than \$1 billion



Mayrah Sonter of 33 Creative.

in goods and services for the Australian economy.

Jason Eades, director Consulting at Social Ventures Australia, and Indigenous Business Month 2018 host said:

"It is a privilege to be involved in Indigenous Business Month, to be able to take the time to celebrate and acknowledge the great achievements of our Indigenous

entrepreneurs and their respective businesses. Indigenous entrepreneurs are showing the rest of the world that we can do business and do it well, whilst maintaining our

strong cultural values."

The latest ABS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey 2014-15 shows that only 51.5 percent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women participate in the workforce compared to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men at 65 percent.

Michelle Evans, MURRA Program Director, and Associate Professor of Leadership at the University of Melbourne said: "The Indigenous Business Month's aim is to inspire, showcase and engage the Indigenous business community.

"This year it is more significant than ever to support the female Indigenous business community and provide a platform for them to network and encourage young Indigenous women to consider developing a business as a career option."

Indigenous Business Month runs until October 31.

Check out the website for an event near you – spaces are limited.

The initiative is supported by 33 Creative, Asia Pacific Social Impact Centre at the University of Melbourne, Iscariot Media, and PwC.

Taking care of 'life' matters



ON Wednesday, October 10, a free community event is taking place for Aboriginal people at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE), in Redfern.

The Taking Care of Business community day will offer information and practical advice on how to get your affairs in order.

The NSW Trustee & Guardian, along with expert staff from a variety of organisations, will be on hand to answer important life questions, from 10am-2pm. They will address concerns about protecting your property, care and support during illness, and ensuring your intentions about money and family are carried out after you die – questions such as "Who will take of my mob if something happens to me?" and "Who will make decisions about money if I can't?"

Lunchtime talks will start from 12.30pm, covering topics including why making a will is especially important for Aboriginal people, how to include items of sentimental or

cultural value, organising guardianship of their children, as well as decisions about how to include secret knowledge.

People can also pick up a copy of the *Taking care of business handbook*.

The free publication is produced by NSW Trustee & Guardian and is designed to help Aboriginal people plan ahead. It has practical advice about how you can recognise the important people in your life in your planning ahead documents, like a will, even if they aren't blood relations – and why it's important everyone has a will, power of attorney and enduring guardians appointed.

There will be an art exhibition featuring young Aboriginal artists from the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience, who created artworks that illustrate the idea of 'Family: what it means to me'.

Entry is free and registration is required. Everyone attending will receive a show bag and light refreshments will be available.

Please call (02) 9240 0857 for more information or book online at tcobcommunityday.eventbrite.com.au

Noongar Radio is a hit



PERTH'S Noongar Radio is a finalist in six categories of the 2018 Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBA) Community Radio Awards.

Noongar Radio has a nomination for Best Special Event Broadcast; Excellence in Indigenous Broadcasting; Excellence in Indigenous Engagement; Excellence in Innovative Programming and Content; Best New Radio Program for the show *Rainbow KINection*; Outstanding Volunteer Contribution for Marley Amphlett; and Station Leadership for station manager Paul Whitton.

Mr Whitton said the nominations are a credit to the family of volunteers, staff and listeners who are passionate about the station.

"We are ecstatic about the nominations," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"But I think the more important thing is that we are connecting people. Connecting people is integral to what we do.

"Sharing stories is part of what community radio is all about. We've got a wonderful team of people who do that.

"We see ourselves as a family, including our listeners. The whole team works hard to achieve great radio programming."

Noongar Radio produces a number of shows including *Strong Minds*, *Inside Out*, *Health Matters*, *Hospital Hotline*, *Law Matters*, *Rainbow KINection*, *Deadly Country*, *The Smash Crew*, *Indigenous Beats*, *The Drive*, *Talkblack*, *The Mary G Show* and *Breakfast with Jeremy Garlett*.

Mr Garlett said the programs are for



Jeff Michael and Paul Whitton accept the Excellence in Indigenous Engagement award at the 2017 CBA Awards.

everyone to listen to and enjoy.

"I like to know we've got white listeners too and teach them a little bit more about culture," he said.

"That's what it's about. I'm engaging with people. Every time I turn that microphone on, I'm engaging with people.

"But I'm also representing our people in the way that I can."

Noongar Radio won two CBA awards in 2017 and has been NAIDOC Perth Business of the Year runner up, three years in a row.

The 2018 CBA Awards will be held on November 8 at the Gold Coast, Queensland.

Follow the dream of a career in government



FOUR students are following their dreams in the Australian Government's Work Exposure in

Government (WEX) Follow The Dream program in Canberra.

Steven Trott, Melaila Hansen, Lauren Taylor and Alkira Gamble won the opportunity through a competitive national selection process. They now join 66 other high-performing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to learn more about careers in the Australian Government.

Steven Trott and Melaila Hansen attend the *Follow The Dream* program in Kalgoorlie, Lauren Taylor is a member of the Newman Follow The Dream program, and Alkira Gamble is part of the Fremantle program. Follow The Dream is a national academic enrichment program, co-managed by the Graham Polly Farmer Foundation, which supports Aboriginal students to complete their secondary education and move into successful post-school pathways, including university, skill training, apprenticeships and direct employment.

Year 11 student Melaila Hansen embraced the opportunity to be part of this year's WEX program and said travelling to Canberra was an amazing opportunity.

"The week-long program made me really think about my future career and focus on the path I need to go down in order to get



Steven Trott of Kalgoorlie, Melaila Hansen of Kalgoorlie and Lauren Taylor of Newman.

there," she said. "Meeting some of the indigenous people who work in Parliament in a range of positions made me think about starting a career in the government."

Minister for Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion said the WEX program gives young people career advice on the opportunities that would be available to them as government employees, and showcases Canberra's cultural institutions and places to work – such as the Australian Federal Police and ADFA.

"The public service needs

hard-working and smart Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in its ranks, now more than ever," he said.

The Australian Government's WEX program brings together Year 11 and Year 12 students from around the country to take part in a five-day interactive programme of learning, leadership, career planning and cultural mentoring. The students had the opportunity to meet senior government ministers and parliamentarians, tour the Australian Defence Force Academy and the Australian Federal Police headquarters, visit



Lauren Taylor gets aboard a police bike.

national institutions such as the Australian War Memorial and the Museum of Australian Democracy, tour Parliament House, and attend a careers expo.

Follow The Dream coordinator at Fremantle College, Nathan Dines, said these opportunities help to broaden students' horizons and open their eyes to the many varied pathways available to them after school.

"The WEX program encourages students to consider a wide range of career possibilities

and inspires them to pursue their aspirations," he said. "I have no doubt that all four students will go on to achieve great success in their lives, whatever pathway they ultimately choose."

The Follow The Dream programs around Australia are supported by a number of long-term partners. BHP supports the Newman program, AngloGold Ashanti and Wesfarmers support the Kalgoorlie program, and all three programs are partnered by the WA Department of Education.

Taneeka and Vernon share top award



By KEIRA JENKINS

NEITHER Taneeka Hyatt nor Vernon Armstrong could believe it when they won the CATSINaM (Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives) Student of the Year Award in Adelaide, last month.

Ms Hyatt, who is studying midwifery, and Mr Armstrong, who is studying nursing, were recognised for their achievements throughout their studies at CATSINaM's annual conference.

Ms Hyatt is in her final year of her Bachelor of Midwifery at Southern Cross University.

She said she was very surprised when her name was called as the winner.

"I feel very privileged," the Bundjalung and Gumbaynggir woman told the *Koori Mail*.

"But I was not expecting to win. I knew I had been nominated but I didn't think I would win."

"One of my mentors was presenting the award and when she started talking, I knew she was speaking about me."

"I was very surprised."

Ms Hyatt said she's always wanted to study health because she is a naturally caring person.

"I've got two younger siblings and I've always looked after them," she said.

"I always wanted to do nursing, then when I was 17 my mum fell pregnant with my younger sister."

"I was lucky to be old enough to be involved in her pregnancy and I just fell in love with the idea of midwifery."

"I was only 18 when I started on my midwifery journey. It's been intense but I have grown a lot in the past four years and learnt so much."

Mr Armstrong, a Gangalidda man from Mount Isa, is in his second year of his nursing degree at Griffith University.

He's also spent time working as an Indigenous Health Worker in Mount Isa and mentoring younger Indigenous students at Griffith University.

"I've worked as an Indigenous health worker for three years now," he said.

"It's been good experience. I've also been a research assistant. There's a lot of research going on in Indigenous health and closing the gap, and it's really interesting to get involved in that."

"I went to Griffith's Indigenous

experience camp when I finished high school and it's what inspired me to go to uni."

"So now I also mentor younger Indigenous people for the camp. I think for a lot of Indigenous students uni isn't the first thing you think of when you finish school but that camp showed me it could be an option."

Mr Armstrong said he was shocked to win the student of the year award alongside Ms Hyatt, and had an amazing time at the CATSINaM conference.

He said he'd encourage all Indigenous nurses and midwives to get involved with CATSINaM.

"I feel rejuvenated after the conference," he said.

"You get to network with people from all over and it really is amazing. I also found the sessions really informative, and I can bring that knowledge back to share with other students."

"I also think it's really great just to be able to meet other Indigenous nurses and midwives, and nursing students."

"You're surrounded by all these amazing people who want to make a difference in health, just like you."



CATSINaM Students of the Year Taneeka Hyatt and Vernon Armstrong.

Shooting stars are on the ball



NETBALL isn't just a sport – in the Shooting Stars

program, it's a vehicle for creating leaders and generational change.

Shooting Stars is an educational program that uses netball and other tools as vehicles to achieve its primary vision of increasing school attendance rates for young Indigenous girls living in remote communities and regional towns in WA.

It's an initiative of Netball WA and Glass Jar Australia and the program has recently received funding of \$110,000 from The Lionel and Yvonne Spencer Trust.

Shooting Stars chief executive Fran Haintz said the funding will be used in a variety of highly valued but underfunded areas.

"This investment will have a direct impact in boosting outcomes across all of our sites in Western Australia by supporting improved planning and program development projects," Mr Haintz said.

"I would like to thank The Lionel and Yvonne Spencer Trust for joining us in helping young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls embrace education and aim to reach their full



Shooting Stars participants Brenna, Jade, Lenyce and Zacquisha from Leonora in Western Australia.

potential. The Shooting Stars program has already enjoyed tremendous success in 2018, with a number of well received initiatives.

Earlier this year, students in the Shooting Stars program travelled to Perth for the annual leadership camp, where they had the opportunity

"The program is also a key driver in creating equality for female leaders and generational change, with 75% of its staff and 50% of its board identifying as Indigenous."

to engage with strong Aboriginal female role models to gain invaluable knowledge.

Shooting Stars participants were part of the West Coast Fever Dress Blessing

Ceremony, where students presented Fever players with their Indigenous dresses ahead of the Shooting Stars Round against the Adelaide Thunderbirds. The Lionel and

Yvonne Trust is managed by Perpetual, which is trustee to approximately 1000 trusts and endowments and provide individuals and families with advice on establishing charitable foundations and structured giving programs.

Perpetual also assists charities and not-for-

profit organisations with investment advice and management.

Perpetual Community and Social Investments general manager Caitriona Fay said supporting Shooting Stars "will lead to great outcomes for the young Aboriginal girls involved, and provide them with opportunities they might not previously have been able to access".

The Shooting Stars program now engages more than 350 students across eight delivery sites, with 30% of participants improving attendance term on term, while 60% of participants maintain an average attendance rate of 80% or above.

The program is also a key driver in creating equality for female leaders and generational change, with 75% of its staff and 50% of its board identifying as Indigenous.

Shooting Stars is backed by the governing body for netball in Netball WA, and with that support comes nearly 100 years of professional expertise in community programs and development.

To find out more about the program, including information about making philanthropic donations and corporate partnerships, visit www.shootingstars.com

School-based policing officers return to the NT



ARMED police will be permanently based at some of the Northern Territory's poorest performing schools in a return of a program previously dumped.

The new "school-based policing officers" will return from next month in 10 schools, selected on the basis of the high numbers of suspensions and incidents occurring there and identified "at risk" youth.

The move comes amid sharp rises in assaults and suspensions at NT Education Department schools.

The Sanderson Middle School in Darwin went into lockdown a fortnight ago when a group from

another school trespassed, threatening teachers and students.

Sanderson will receive a police officer, with the other schools based around Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.

"The more support there was around young Territorians, the better the chance of them having brighter futures and avoiding trouble as adults," Police, Fire and Emergency Services Minister Nicole Manison said.

The president of the Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations Tabby

"It will be up to police how visible their guns are but they will carry weapons in case there are nearby emergencies."

Fudge said the program was an example of a proactive approach to policing in the community.

"School is a microcosm of the larger community and if we get it right in our schools, there are flow-on effects and people grow up happier with healthier results and we get it right with our kids," Ms Fudge said.

"It will be up to police how visible their guns are but they will carry weapons in case there are nearby emergencies."

When Ms Manison and Education Minister Selena Uibo visited Palmerston College recently, students were being given a class by police officers in cyber safety.

The message was about not sharing too much personal information online, including intimate pictures, to avoid being blackmailed.

Ms Manison said she had also asked police to be aware of Aboriginal children that were transient between remote communities and urban centres

to make sure they received care and attention.

"I've asked police to do make sure we have got the model right. Tshis government's intention is to keep police in schools," she said.

Ms Manison said the new model aims to address issues raised during the Royal Commission into children in detention the NT, with a greater focus on safety, youth engagement and youth diversion.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Lia Finocchiaro said there was no new funding and of 150 government schools across the Territory only 10 would receive police, meaning most of the 33,000 students would miss out.

See the Koori king of country



THE Koori King of Country, Roger Knox is coming out of the vault to perform and speak about his life on October 11.

A proud member of the Gomeroi nation, his story of survival and resilience has already been an inspiration to many people.

Roger's contribution to country music was acknowledged with his recent induction into the National Indigenous Music Awards Hall of Fame.

He has been involved in the Australian music industry since he left the mission on which he grew up at 17 and moved to Tamworth.

He has worked with other music greats such as Jimmy Little and Kutcha Edwards and he has

toured extensively within the Australian prison system, particularly in NSW and QLD where many Aboriginal men and women are incarcerated.

In a career spanning four decades, Roger Knox has brought joy and healing to audiences in remote communities and capital cities and in prisons throughout Australia, Canada and North America.

During the lunchtime hour from 1-2pm on October 11, at the newly installed MPavilion, Roger will speak about his life and perform his songs with his son Buddy.

This free event by the Australian Music Vault and MPavilion at Arts Centre Melbourne has a current display about Roger Knox to celebrate him receiving the National Indigenous Music Awards Hall of Fame award.



Roger Knox, the Koori King of Country performs.



The Deni Mob in the filmclip for *State of the Heart*.

Heart anthem debuts



AN anthem written for anyone who struggles to fit into ideas of black and white in Indigenous Australia has made its debut.

State Of The Heart is a dub/reggae song by the Deni Mob – a group of young First Nations artists from Barapa Barapa and Wemba Wemba country in Deniliquin, NSW.

The song's video has just been released and explores an intergenerational conversation about belonging, country, identity and culture.

The issues raised in the song around race and cultural identity are complex and often difficult to talk about.

The Deni Mob evolved from a storytelling project with local Elders and is funded by The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and RAMJO Murray Waste Group, hosted by Deniliquin Local Aboriginal Land Council, and Deniliquin High School and facilitated/directed by charity organisation, Desert Pea Media.

You can watch the music video at <https://tinyurl.com/Heart-Deni>

Tom Avery with his RIFFA.



Avery explores the changing traditions of art through film

By KEIRA JENKINS



GAMILAROI man Tom Avery has won the Regina International Film Festival Award (RIFFA) for Best Indigenous Short Film.

RIFFA was held in the Saskatchewan Province of Canada in August and Mr Avery's film *Traditional Aboriginal Art: Fact or Fiction?* was screened as part of the festival.

"I was thrilled to hear about the award," Mr Avery told the *Koori Mail*.

"I didn't get over there to accept the award. I would have liked to be there but I didn't expect to win."

Mr Avery made the short documentary in 2016 as part of a filmmaking course.

"I raised the question of is there such a thing as 'traditional' Aboriginal art because of the way it has changed over generations.

"The style has changed with each generation of artist. So I asked the question 'can it still be called traditional?' Of course the answer is yes. I asked quite a few different people and most of them said yes.

"It was good to bring it out of the archives for the festival."

Mr Avery said he's working on a couple of new films at the moment and this award has given him a confidence boost.

"My film *G'day Cuz* has been selected for the Great Lakes Film Festival in the United States," he said.

"It's about migration. It's a humorous kind of a film."

Aunty Alma Thorpe.



Discover the great women who are no longer hidden

"One of the proudest moments in a long life of achievement for Aunty Alma Thorpe came when Alma watched her eldest granddaughter, Lidia Thorpe, being sworn in as the first Aboriginal member of the Victorian Parliament."



HISTORY'S 'badass women' are hidden no more.

Aunty Bess Yarram and Aunty Alma Thorpe, Aboriginal women who were "non-persons" until the 1967 referendum will feature in the *Her Place* exhibition at Morwell Library until October 20.

The exhibition highlights the #onedayourplinthwillcome campaign launched in August by Kathy Lette and Annabel Crabb calling for more statues to commemorate history's 'badass women'.

Her Place Women's Museum Australia chair Mary Stuart said history should look more to Australia's Aboriginal women.

"Historically, Aboriginal women have been rendered invisible by the double whammy of racism and sexism," Ms Stuart said. "However, as this year's NAIDOC campaign – Because of Her, We Can! – reminded us so powerfully, Aboriginal women have achieved so much, not just within their own communities but within the broader Australian society."

"Despite Aunty Bess and Aunty Alma being 'non-persons' until the 1967 Referendum, it didn't stop them leaving enduring legacies in Morwell and Gippsland. Both are in their eighties and still forces to be reckoned with."

Aunty Bess, who turned 80 this year, said she is fortunate she wasn't one of the stolen generation and was able to finish high school and train as a nurse. However, that didn't mean she was spared racism and discrimination growing up as a young Noongar woman on a mission in Western Australia.

"My mother was denied entry to hospitals and businesses and that left its mark," Aunty Bess said. "Before the 1967 referendum, Aboriginal people weren't even counted as part of the census – we were lumped in with the flora and fauna."

In 1957 Aunty Bess married Noel Yarram, also from the Noongar nation. Noel joined the army and was posted that year to Malaysia, where Bess had the first of her six children. Noel's last posting was to Sale, where they both became heavily involved in

the local community.

Bess volunteered for the St Vincent de Paul Society and she and Noel also provided a loving home to vulnerable young people in the region, welcoming many into their ever-growing family.

In 1988 Aunty Bess joined one of the first Aboriginal Community Justice Panels in the state and thereafter was on call 24 hours a day to assist Aboriginal people taken into police custody. When Noel died the following year, she supported the family by working for the Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative. She also decided to realise her husband's vision of an Aboriginal corporation. After years of hard work, the Ramahyuck



Alma Thorpe at the Morwell Health Service opening in the 1980s.

District Aboriginal Corporation grew from a makeshift office in a bedroom to become an incorporated organisation in 1992.

Influential

Aunty Bess was influential in securing funding for Ramahyuck and has held several positions on the board. Today the corporation provides health and community services across Gippsland and employs over 280 staff across five communities, including Morwell. It has 9000 clients, including many from a non-Aboriginal background.

"It's made a big difference in getting Koori kids trained, employed and looking after their health," Aunty Bess said. "Over the past 19 years, I've spent a lot of time working as a volunteer at the prison, in the Koori Court, the Children's Court and the Magistrates Court, helping people get the support they need so they can turn their lives around and be

better parents. One of the kids was nicknamed 'Trouble' and he promised me he'd stay out of trouble and he has."

Being Aboriginal is hard, Aunty Bess said, but being an Aboriginal woman is harder.

Determined

"It's been men who have had the voice," she said. "It made me even more determined that our children, especially the girls, got a good education. That resolve has paid off with my seven grandchildren as well."

Aunty Bess's work has been recognised by a Centenary Medal in 2001 and induction into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women in 2008 and the Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll in 2014.

Alma Thorpe declares she was a 'non-person' until the 1967 Referendum and it helped make her an early political activist. A Gunditjmara woman, Alma was born in working-class Fitzroy in 1935. She left school at age 12 and went to work in a shoe factory.

"Life was tough but my mother kept us together even though we had nothing. Back then, Aboriginal people weren't allowed to congregate on the street. If we did, the police would pick us up in the paddy wagon and throw us in jail. Australia was a real racist country, no doubt about it, and it's time we had some truth telling," she said

"My dad, who was non-Aboriginal, was a communist and worked on the railways. We had a lot to do with Father Tucker and the church, the Builders Labourers Federation, and communists who held a lot of concerts, I seem to remember. My mother danced the corroboree at these events."

Alma was married at 18 and moved to Yallourn where she had seven children and fostered two more. There began her long association with Morwell and the surrounding area.

After separating from her husband, Alma went back to Melbourne with her children in the late 1960s. While working as a barmaid, she became involved in the Aboriginal rights movement – born around Fitzroy's kitchen tables and in its laneways – that was then gaining real momentum.

She marched alongside community leaders like Geraldine



Aunty Bess Yarram and her daughter Daphne Dowd.



Bess and Noel Yarram in their younger days.

Briggs and Margaret Tucker. She was further inspired by her mother, who raised money to give proper burials to those who would otherwise end up in unmarked 'pauper' graves.

Initiative

In 1973, Alma was a key figure in the establishment of the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) in an old building in Fitzroy's Gertrude Street. She then went on to help establish similar centres in Morwell, Sale, Bairnsdale, Perth and Broome. A childcare service and a youth club and gym grew out of the initiative.

The history of the service describes her as the "glue that held the VAHS together. She was the silent worker, not only on a local scene but nationally".

Alma has been an Elder in Residence at the Institute of

Koorie Education, Deakin University.

One of the proudest moments in a long life of achievement came last year when Alma watched her eldest granddaughter, Lidia Thorpe, being sworn in as the first Aboriginal member of the Victorian Parliament. Coincidentally, Lidia was born the same year as the VAHS.

Eight women are featured along with Aunty Bess and Aunty Alma – and seven of the women have already been inducted onto the Victorian Honour Roll of Women. The Morwell exhibition will be followed with similar exhibitions in Pakenham and Ballarat. The *Her Place* exhibition will be open on October 4 at 4pm at Morwell Library, 63–65 Elgin Street, Morwell. The exhibition will be open Monday to Friday, 10am–6pm and Saturday 9am–12pm.

Leadership skills delivered by Executive Excellence program



KURT Towers is one of three Aboriginal leaders who have completed the Executive Excellence

program through the inaugural South Australian Leadership Academy. The Executive Excellence program is for high-potential executives ready to take on further leadership experience in higher level or more complex roles.

Mr Towers is the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network Aboriginal Health director who took up the opportunity to join the pilot initiative which aims to develop, connect and inspire public sector leaders to deliver more great outcomes for the state.

Mr Towers said the Executive Excellence Program has reinforced the benefits of diversity in leadership, and diversity drives innovation.

"I've had lots of experience in Aboriginal health and the program gave me the opportunity to work alongside other leaders from a diverse range of portfolios from environment to business development," Mr Towers said.

"The program reflected a commitment to Aboriginal leadership, and has re-enforced my work within Aboriginal Health that continues to be driven by my personal values and lived experience.

"The training also took me to New Zealand to collaborate with my partner agencies within Maori and Pacific Health. I had the opportunity to share and learn from the agencies about their public health intelligence.

"I have learned about how New Zealand's Ministry of Health prioritises Maori health, including the advanced systems and live monitoring and reporting of the health outcomes of Maori and Pacific people, and have the chance to bring this learning back



April Lawrie, Scharlene Lamont and Kurt Towers.

to South Australia."

Other health, education and correctional services leaders to complete the program include Department for Correctional Services Aboriginal Services director Scharlene Lamont and Department for Education Aboriginal Education director April Lawrie.

Ms Lamont said the program has given her the tools required to lead a team to deliver culturally appropriate services to prisoners and their families.

"I was totally blown away, not only by the topics in the program but by learning from what the other participants shared," Ms Lamont said.

"Sometimes you can get tunnel vision and only see things

through your own expertise but the participants all added value. The program also created an awareness about the importance of engaging with Aboriginal people in their communities.

"The New Zealand trip was humbling when you see other jurisdictions and other countries embracing and embedding the culture of their first peoples in everything they do.

"Since the program I have been reflecting on the visit to Christchurch – it puts things into perspective. I have shared in my program how resilient the people there are and when you see disaster at that scale it changes the narrative about how we talk about trauma."

Ms Lawrie said the program

has been transformational in the way she thinks about and understands situations.

"The program helps you learn how to work your strengths and improve yourself as a leader. It's been a great awakening in recognising my own style of leadership, being in a position to better understand how people perceive an issue, and how you can use this information to garner better working relationships and problem-solve," Ms Lawrie said.

"We learnt how to unpack and apply adaptive leadership theory in practice which translates into strategic thinking – I find myself actively doing this at work.

"The program gave us great exposure to observe 'adaptive leadership' in greater ways. We had the opportunity to see this in action in two diverse community settings, Port Pirie and Christchurch, each with their own goals of creating change through new visions.

"I have formed links with other public servants who I hadn't met before, I challenged myself and gained insight and awareness of different ways of viewing the world.

"I recommend the program to emerging and current executives, including Aboriginal leaders, because leadership transcends all racial groups. You learn strategic thinking that helps you develop a process that brings people together to make progress."

In addition to the Executive Excellence Program through the South Australian Leadership Academy, 26 Aboriginal public sector aspiring leaders were part of the inaugural Aboriginal Frontline Leadership Program to develop their workplace leadership skills to transition from an individual performer to leading a team.

The program is led by the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment.

Resources for child protection



A PERMANENT child protection presence has been introduced in the Ali Curung community by the Northern Territory

government

A child protection practitioner and a senior Aboriginal community worker are now living and working in Ali Curung four days a week.

Ali Curung is a community of significant size within the Barkly District and has a need for increased and localised child protection services. This new structure replaces the previous model where a Tennant Creek officer visited twice a week.

Staff based in Ali Curung will be able to better respond to child protection concerns, as well as identifying opportunities for community capacity building. They will also service the surrounding communities, including Murray Downs, Ampilawatja and Utopia.

All these communities are connected through language, cultural and family relationships, and geographic proximity.

Permanent staffing in Ali Curung is part of the Territory Labor Government's transition to a regional service delivery model for Territory Families staff. This regional approach will see staff permanently distributed to communities where an increased local presence is needed. NT Minister for Territory Families Dale Wakefield said every child deserves a home that is safe and loving.

"We are prioritising preventative measures by providing families with the right support early on, as well as ensuring that we boost our services to vulnerable children and their families right across the Territory," she said.

"We have heard clearly from Ali Curung leaders that for their community to progress, our child protection workers need to be a part of community life. By having staff permanently based in Ali Curung, we can be better connected with vulnerable families in that region, and boost our services."

Concerning figures in early childhood study



INDIGENOUS children who attend preschool in the Northern Territory fare better later in life but many are held

back by high rates of pregnant mothers drinking and smoking, a study has found.

While those rates have fallen overall, the rates of pregnant indigenous women smoking in very remote communities in 2013 – as distinct from remote and outer regional areas – was an alarming 50%, the Menzies School of Health Research said.

What holds many children back in life is poor health and environmental factors, with babies being born underweight and often hospitalised.

Up to 70% of expecting Aboriginal mothers either don't access antenatal care at all or do less than the recommended seven visits, the study said.

Perinatal mortality – stillbirths and deaths in the first week of life – fell significantly among Aboriginal babies during the study of children born in the NT from 1994 to 2013 but were still nearly two-and-a-half times the rate of non-Aboriginal

births. The analysis found Aboriginal children who attended any form of preschool went on to attend an average of nearly 5% or up to 15 more days per school year than those who had not attended preschool.

In very remote communities, Aboriginal students' weekly attendance dropped markedly in the middle school years.

An Aboriginal student with four of 16 identified risk factors (such as overcrowded housing, mobility between schools, English as a second language and living in a very remote community) would

likely have attended 61 fewer days per year than other pupils.

The study found the children were not at a disadvantage because they were Aboriginal but due to sociocultural and economic circumstances that affected their health, development and learning.

The "known early determinants" to address were the health of children, getting them to preschool and making sure there were policies to support the transition into formal school learning through to at least year three and in high school.

"This study provides the

Northern Territory with quality independent research to inform our work and engage our strategy to ensure every child has the opportunity to engage, grow and achieve," NT Education Department deputy chief executive Marion Guppy said.

The study backed the Northern Territory Government's recent investment of \$35.6 million over four years to improve early childhood services.

The NT Data Linkage study reviewed health, education and other government data of over 60,000 children. – AAP

Better vision creates a better future



ABORIGINAL people in north-west Victoria with vision issues will have better access to eye care specialists and support as a result of a partnership between two Mildura health services.

Vision Australia has begun offering eye health checks through the Mildura Base Hospital Aboriginal Health Unit (AHU).

An orthoptist is available once a month to see Indigenous patients who have poor vision and eye conditions, prioritising those who are on dialysis.

Vision Australia (VA) signed a memorandum of understanding with the hospital late last year after identifying a need to improve the way it engaged with and supported the Aboriginal community.

VA service engagement consultant Sally Edwards said staff had participated in cultural awareness training and were seeing clients in a comfortable environment.

"This partnership has been more than a year in the making and shows what can be achieved if services are passionate and work together for the benefit of the community," she said.

"The AHU has built connections with local indigenous

people and services and can identify patients in the hospital system who need assistance with their vision but may not know about or be able to access Vision Australia services without support."

AHU manager Steve Portelli said eye health was a serious issue for Indigenous people.

"Diabetes is one of the biggest killers in the Aboriginal community, and people often end up with vision loss and other eye conditions," he said.

"But Aboriginal people often won't engage with services that can help because of the shame factor or because they don't know where to go.

"We are breaking down those barriers through our partnership with Vision Australia, so people feel comfortable accessing the service."

Ms Edwards said sometimes all a person needed to correct their vision was a new pair of glasses, and Vision Australia could refer them to an optometrist.

"If they have ongoing issues that glasses can't fix, we can help with equipment and strategies to make daily activities easier, like improved lighting, contrast strips and tactile markings in the home, magnification devices and adaptive technology," she said.



Vision Australia Mildura orthoptist Charlotte Lion and Mildura Base Hospital Aboriginal Health Unit liaison officer Derik Jones.

"Staff at the AHU can also help clients get to the centre and arrange follow-up appointments if needed."

Mr Portelli said the AHU and attached healing centre, which opened about two years ago, was a neutral, safe environment

for the Aboriginal community.

"It's just off from the hospital and doesn't have a clinical feel, so it's a more relaxed and peaceful place for people to come," he said.

"The community also comes to the centre to put up names of

family members who have passed and sit there and reflect as part of the healing process.

"Now they can also feel safe to have their eyes checked, talk to Vision Australia about how the service can help, and access ongoing care and support."

Rising HIV rates raise questions



STATISTICS released by the Kirby Institute have raised concerns about HIV among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, whose diagnosis rate is double the rest of the population.

Associate Professor James Ward from the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute says there are a number of factors contributing to the figure, which could result in outbreaks in ill-equipped indigenous communities.

"Around 50% of our diagnoses are in heterosexual people (in Indigenous communities). That's a larger denominator for HIV to escalate," he said.

"There's been a clear trend for HIV to be more diagnosed in regional and remote areas which, unfortunately, is where there are the least sexual health and specialist services."

The rate of HIV in heterosexual Australia is rising and almost half of those diagnosed are unaware they've been living with the virus for four or more years.

But health authorities shouldn't return to the "Grim Reaper-style" advertising campaigns of the 1980s, experts say.

The figures show that, despite an overall drop in HIV diagnoses to a seven-year low, there was a 10% rise among heterosexual people over the five years to 2017.

In 48% of those cases the diagnosis was late, meaning the patient had been living with HIV for four or more years.

The figures show there's still work to be done, with Professor Rebecca Guy from the Kirby Institute labelling the rise "concerning".

"Being diagnosed late with HIV can affect a person's immune system and their health and they also may pass the infection unknowingly to someone else," she said.

Prof Guy believes the rise in heterosexual diagnoses is the result of "sub-optimal" testing rates.

Prevention strategies are often focused solely on gay and bisexual men who recorded a 15% diagnosis drop in 2017 alone.

Experts say the rise in HIV rates is partly due to a lack of awareness.

But Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations chief executive Darryl O'Donnell warns a return to "Grim Reaper-style" advertising would only increase stigma.

"It's not our role to make people afraid of sex – we don't want people to fear HIV," he said. "The important thing is to really make it a lot easier for everyone to be comfortable to ask for a test and to be offered a test if they think they might have been at risk."

Mr O'Donnell believes a consistent national policy and sustained reinvestment in prevention, testing and treatment services is the answer. – AAP

Move it or lose it!



A NEW campaign by Sport Australia, 'Move it Aus', is encouraging

Indigenous people to become more physically active.

Research by Sport Australia showed 79% of Indigenous people aged 15 and over had participated in physical activities for sport, recreation or exercise in the past 12 months.

This compares to 87% of other people, and Sport Australia says there's great potential to increase the activity levels of Indigenous people.

60% of Indigenous children participate in out-of-school sport, compared to 70% of other children.

While boys' participation in out-of-school sports was almost the same – 70% for Indigenous boys, compared to 72% for other boys, with girls there was much more of a disparity – 49% compared to 70%.

But although Indigenous people are less likely to have participated in sport or physical activity, those who did tended to participate more frequently and for longer sessions.

Sport Australia has recommended a number of ways to increase physical activity for Indigenous



Girls at Garbutt State School, Queensland, are ready for a game of netball.

people in their research.

These include ensuring programs are culturally inclusive and respectful; reducing costs; and increasing opportunities for sport in remote and regional areas.

Australian Institute of Sport chief medical officer David Hughes called on everyone to find time for at least 30 minutes of physical activity per day.

"Just 30 minutes of physical activity per day reduces the risk of heart disease by 35%, helps to keep you fit and flexible, and improves overall health and wellbeing," he said.

"Your 30 minutes a day doesn't need to be in a gym or on the sporting field,

it doesn't even need to be all at once, it just needs to raise the heart rate."

Sport Australia chief executive Kate Palmer said she is confident the new campaign will encourage people to put their health and wellbeing first and make incremental changes towards a more active lifestyle.

"Recognising that we all lead busy and hectic lives, the 'Move it Aus' campaign will raise awareness and provide useful tools to help Australians to prioritise physical activity," she said. "It will encourage new behaviours that will lead to a healthier life."

For more information visit www.sportaus.gov.au

We welcome items for our Calendar of Events. Send them to any of the addresses in the panel on page 23.

National

Ongoing: Lifeline – saving lives, crisis support, suicide prevention. For assistance telephone 13 11 14.

Ongoing: Carer Line is a free national telephone information and support service for and about carers that provides access to information, emotional support and referrals to a range of services. Call 1800 242 636.

Victoria

Until November 25: *JOSH X MUIR*. A solo exhibition by Josh Muir. Josh is a contemporary artist with a distinctive street art aesthetic. Exhibition at the Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square. Free entry. Details: koorieheritagetrust.com.au

Until November 11: Shepparton Art Museum (SAM) 2018 Indigenous Ceramic Award. Exhibition and award announcement on August 25. Details: sheppartonartmuseum.com.au

October 11: Alice Skye & friends at The Gasometer Hotel. Alice Skye along with Georgia Maq & Kalyani in Collingwood. Cost applies. Details: gasometer.oztix.com.au/?Event=91909

October 11: *Roger Knox in Song and Story*. Join Roger Knox for storytelling and music. Roger plays and speak about his life at the MPavilion, Arts Centre Melbourne. Free entry from 1pm, Details: artscentremelbourne.com.au/whats-on/2018/contemporary-music/roger-knox-in-conversation

October 17: Yanikan-werritj Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Conference. Covering key issues in Indigenous health and wellbeing. At the Mercure Hotel and Convention Centre, Ballarat. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/363980

October 30: Australian Indigenous Tourism Conference in Lorne. Cost applies. Details: aitc.org.au

December 8-February 24: *Koorie Art Show*. Open-entry exhibition of art from emerging to senior Victorian based artists. Details: koorieheritagetrust.com.au

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan Street, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903.

Ongoing: Lismore women's and men's healing groups. Held at Rekindling The Spirit, Lismore, Monday and Wednesday, 11am-2pm. Details: (02) 6622 5534.

October 10: Taking Care of Business Day. Advice about how to get your affairs in order. Held at the NCIE in Redfern from 10am to 2pm. Register/details: <http://tcobcommunityday.eventbrite.com.au/>

October 12: Bringing it Back to Grass Roots Community Family Fun Day. Kids activities, rides, and dances at Verge street Oval, Kempsey. Drug /alcohol free event. Details: facebook.com/blackfootproject/

Until October 14: *Myall Creek & Beyond* – In commemoration of 180th Anniversary Year of the Myall Creek Massacre & frontier wars across the country, New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale. Details: near.com.au/myall-creek-and-beyond/

Until October 14: *Growing up on the Island: Digby Moran*. Solo exhibition by an artist seeking ways to express his place within Bundjalung land. Lismore Regional Gallery, Details: lismoregallery.org

October 6-7: South East – Aboriginal Arts Market. Showcasing the cultural heritage of

Comedian Dane Simpson.
Picture: James Penlidis



See Great Danes horsing around



COMEDIANS don't really need backing bands, but Dane Simpson has one anyway.

Mr Simpson and his band The Great Danes are touring regional Western Australia performing a variety night of song and laughs as part of Lotterywest Shows on the Go.

Shows on the Go is a long-running program focusing on developing regional arts presenters by providing access to affordable professional performing arts.

Audiences may recognise Mr Simpson from the 2018 Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala or his appearances on Network Ten/ WIN TV's *Have You Been Paying Attention?*

Mr Simpson is everywhere these days –

there's even a mural of him on the side of a building in Wagga Wagga. Mr Simpson is joined by musician Rob Edwards who brings some tunes to a night filled with music, stand-up, general horsing around with the crowd – and possibly karaoke.

Country Arts WA executive director Paul MacPhail said the continued success of the Shows on the Go program is due to its community-driven model that puts the emphasis on regional communities.

"The demand for this program means we continue to explore ways of delivering increased benefit to regional communities by working alongside local community presenters," he said.

The program is presented by Country Arts WA and Healthway, promoting the Act-Belong-Commit mentally healthy message.

For more information on Great Danes,

southeastern Aboriginal Australia. 10am at Carriageworks, Sydney. Details: carriageworks.com.au

October 17: National Indigenous Human Rights Awards. Recognising the contribution of Indigenous Australians to Human Rights and social justice at the Strangers' Dining Room, Parliament House, Sydney. Details/RSVP: (02) 9230 2526

November: Healing Our Spirit Worldwide – a global gathering of Indigenous people at the International Convention Centre, Sydney. Cost applies. Details: hosw.com/

November 1: Nicotine Addiction Workshop, with guest speakers George Klein and Dr Derek Cheong. At Ballina Lighthouse Beach Surfclub, from 9:30am to 3pm, Details/Registrations: (02) 6686 3607

November 7-8: National Family Group Conferencing, featuring Aboriginal speakers specialising in family group and family finding. Held at the Ballina Beach Resort. Details: afgc.com.au

November 26-30: Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language Summer School; held at the Australian National University, Acton.

Dual focus on technology and community engagement. Details: dynamicsoflanguage.edu.au/education-and-outreach/train-with-us/summer-school-2018/

December 5-8: *Dubboo – Life of a Songman*. Celebrating artist David Page. Presented by Bangarra Dance Theatre at Bay 17, Carriageworks, Sydney. Details: bangarra.com.au/whatson/productions/dubboo-o-2018

September 19 & December 20: First Nations Concert Series at Sydney Opera House with DOBBY, Tasman Keith & MC Hau Latukefu. Cost applies. Details: sydneyoperahouse.com/events/whats-on.filter.First%20Nations.html

Queensland

Ongoing: *The Albert Namatjira Story*, a display featuring early works by Albert Namatjira. Held at Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, daily from 10am-5pm. Free. Details: www.qagoma.qld.com.au

Ongoing: *Skylore: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Astronomy*. A new permanent exhibition held at Brisbane Planetarium, Mt Coot-tha. Free and daily.

October 19: Troy Cassar-Daley Solo Acoustic Show. A one-off show at Twin Towns featuring Fanny Lumsden. Cost applies. Details: twintowns.com.au/events/troy-cassar-daley/

November 8-10: Australian Indigenous Football Championships, at Logan, Brisbane. Details: [Facebook.com/AustralianIndigenousFootball](https://facebook.com/AustralianIndigenousFootball)

November 14: QTIC Tourism Indigenous Employment Forum. Start 9am at Home of the Arts, 135 Bundall Rd, Surfers Paradise. Details: qtic.com.au/events/event-anonymous/?id=78fd1f82-3a86-e811-a840-000d3ae0a6cf

Western Australia

Until October 11: *Wonga (conversation)*. An exhibition by Danile Walbidi and Matthew Johnson. Artists celebrating shared values and passions. Held at the Short St. Gallery, Broome. Details: shortstgallery.com

October 11-25: *Great Danes*. Comedian Dane Simpson and musician Rob Edwards. Booking details: <https://www.countryartswa.asn.au/events/great-danes/>

October 12: Yirra Yaakin theatre Company 2019 Season Launch. Held at the Subiaco Arts Centre, Subiaco at 6pm. RSVP/Details: rsvp@yirrayaakin.com.au

October 18: Fast Art Talks. Join us for a relaxed sundowner as we unpack three creative projects celebrating diverse voices in our communities. Held at Kings Street Arts Centre, Perth from 5-7pm. Details: <http://www.canwa.com.au/skills-development/fast-art-talks/>

South Australia

October 11: 13th Annual Wirrripanda Foundation Fundraising Dinner. Live entertainment, auctions and raffles. Cost applies. Details: wf.org.au

Until October 14: *Our Mob 2018 – Art by South Australian Aboriginal Artists*. Free exhibition of art from over 70 artists of ages 8-77. At Festival Theatre Galleries, Adelaide. Details: adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au

November 6: The 5th National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference in Adelaide. Details: nidaconference.com.au

December 5-7: The National Child Protection Summit, Pullman Hotel in Adelaide. Event will discuss challenges and practical solutions for the Child Protection systems. Details: kwy.org.au

NT

Until October 21: *Desert Mob 2018 Exhibition*. Culture, country and contemporary desert life by artists from Desert-member art centres. Held at the Araluen Arts Centre, Araluen. Details: araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au

Until October 7: *Parrtjima – A Festival in Light*. Connect with the culture of the world's oldest people. Details: parrtjima.com.au

Employment

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Zack goes extra mile for dream job



ZACH Miller wants to become a chef and buy his first home after moving from the NSW mid north Coast to central Australia.

Zach is working as a kitchen steward at Sails in the Desert, a restaurant at the Ayers Rock Resort owned by the Indigenous Land Corporation, and he is working hard to gain the skills he needs to begin an apprenticeship.

After attending an information session with Voyages Indigenous Tourism, Zach applied for work with the help of ETC's New Careers for Aboriginal People (NCAP) program.

"I haven't looked back since and I'm determined to change my life for the good," he said.

Zach said he had been unemployed for nearly two years and was applying for any job he could to kick start his career.

"It's been pretty good living out here so far," he said. "It was a bit hard the first month, but once I got used to it and met some new people, it was alright. I've been able to meet people from all around the world here."

"It's great now having a job and earning money. I can buy whatever I want and I'm saving a lot towards my goal of buying a home."

What is Zach's advice for other unemployed people?

"Don't be afraid to apply anywhere, even if its 3000km from home."



Zach Miller is determined to become a chef.

Mining women build online connections

By KEIRA JENKINS



FLORENCE Drummond grew up in the Torres Strait Islands but has lived in Weipa, north

Queensland, for the past five years, working in the mines.

The Meriam/Wuthathi woman said, although she doesn't work on a remote site on a fly-in-fly-out basis, she does feel the loneliness and disconnect that comes from being away from her country and her family.

"Being an Indigenous woman in the mining industry puts you in the minority," Ms Drummond told the *Koori Mail*.

"I have a different dynamic with other Indigenous women than I do with other people. You yarn a bit differently with other Indigenous women."

So Ms Drummond decided she would create a space for Indigenous women to gather online and connect from across the country.

Now her Facebook page '*Indigenous Women in Mining*' has more than 1000 followers.

"Lots of women work remotely so it's a place where we can connect with other Indigenous women," Ms Drummond said.

"There's so many different women from so many different places. I use the page to promote the stories of other Indigenous women in the

mining industry. It's a space where we can get behind other women in the industry. I try to keep the page pretty positive, promoting the good stuff."

"We hear so much bad about our communities that it's important to make sure someone's getting all the good stuff out there."

Ms Drummond said, especially with fly-in-fly-out workers, there are limited opportunities to make friends.

That's where the Facebook page comes in, and Ms Drummond says women are excited about the space to build friendships.

"It's empowering," she said.

"We share stories with each other. It's a great space to showcase Indigenous women

in mining and also to inspire young people.

"Maybe a young Indigenous woman will see someone from their mob and go, 'She's from here and look at her driving that great big machine,' and she'll realise that she can do it too."

Ms Drummond will be speaking at an *Aboriginal Enterprises in Mining, Energy and Exploration* event in Western Australia on October 11 and 12.

The *Indigenous Women in Mining* group will also be holding a networking event in Brisbane on October 24.

For more information regarding these events visit Indigenous Women in Mining's Facebook page.



Florence Drummond

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Administrative Officer

Department: South Western Sydney LHD
(Level 3) Aboriginal Health Unit
Permanent Full-Time
Remuneration: \$58,131 - \$60,045 per annum
Enquiries: Karen Beetson on (02) 8738 6991

In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997.

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles in NSW Health organisations.

For more information, please visit:
www.steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date:
7 October 2018

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- Woor-Dungin leadership role
- 24 hours per week
- Melbourne CBD location



WOOR-DUNGIN
A New Partnership Between Aboriginal Organisations and Philanthropy

About Woor-Dungin

Woor-Dungin is a not-for-profit organisation governed by our members, of which the majority are Aboriginal people. Woor-Dungin means 'share' in the language of the Gunai people of south-eastern Victoria. 'To share' necessitates an openness to learning from and with one another.

Our work supports Aboriginal organisations across metropolitan, regional and rural Victoria to access the resources they require to support the priority issues they have identified in their local communities, and to achieve self-determination. We do this through developing genuine partnerships with a small number of Aboriginal community controlled organisations in Victoria, and assisting them to engage effectively with philanthropic organisations and pro bono service providers, known as the Aboriginal Partnership Program. In turn we assist philanthropic organisations and pro bono service providers to engage with and support Aboriginal communities and issues.

The Opportunity

The Executive Manager will oversee the organisational leadership of Woor-Dungin. A full job description including a breakdown of responsibilities can be obtained by emailing cmomot@woor-dungin.com.au

The position will only be open to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants.

The filling of this position is intended to constitute a special/equal opportunity measure under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth) and section 12 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* (Vic).

For queries about the position, please contact Christa Momot at cmomot@woor-dungin.com.au or 0411 701 288.

Applications close at 10.00am on Monday 5 November 2018.



**NATIONAL
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OF AUSTRALIA**

APS 5, Trove Indigenous Project Officer

- Provide advice to ensure the best experience in Trove for First Nations People of Australasia.
- Work collaboratively with Library staff and external stakeholders, representing Trove and promoting the Library's digital services
- APS 5: \$70,904 - \$75,580 + 15.4% superannuation

The Library is a statutory authority within the Department of Communications and the Arts. Together, we build and steward a collection of more than 10 million physical items and 5 petabytes of digital content.

This position will work within the Trove Outreach team to promote the Library's digital services, especially digitisation, delivery and discovery via Trove. The position has a focus on providing advice to ensure the best experience in Trove for First Nations People of Australasia through close liaison with external partners and colleagues in the Library and through the development and implementation of Indigenous protocols. This position will involve tracking and reporting on work progress using dedicated systems, responding to helpdesk queries and undertaking administrative tasks.

This position is accountable for organising workflow and making independent decisions relating to your agreed area of responsibility and exercising judgment. You will be expected to provide specialist advice and high quality administrative support that is informed and directed by established knowledge in specific areas. You will be able to respond to stakeholders' needs and expectations and cultivate and manage both internal and external relationships of varying complexity.

Indigenous jobseekers are encouraged to apply for this vacancy. This job has some duties that relate to or impact on Indigenous Australian people and/or involve interaction with Indigenous Australian communities or their representatives. The filling of this vacancy is intended to constitute an affirmative measure under section 8(1) of the 'Racial Discrimination Act 1975'. This vacancy is only available to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

For more information please contact Hilary Berthon on **02 6262 1557** or via email hberthon@nla.gov.au

Applications must address the selection criteria and be received via the Library's online recruitment system by **11.30pm (AEST) Sunday, 7 October 2018**.

Further information on the Library can be obtained at www.nla.gov.au. Further details on our conditions of employment can be accessed at www.nla.gov.au/enterprise-agreement.



Human Resources Executive

- HR Executive role with a difference
- Connecting with the Victorian Aboriginal Community to make a difference
- Extremely competitive salary with generous leave entitlements

About the Employer

Our client is a community focused organisation that provides a number of services that advocate for the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people. They pride themselves on the way in which they provide consultative and reputable services throughout the region, in order to see what they advocate for become a reality.

About the Role

Our client is seeking a dynamic, highly experienced, strategic minded HR Manager who thinks outside the square and will find positive solutions to difficult situations and questions. Reporting to the CEO and a member of the Executive Leadership team, you will play a pivotal role in the strategic change management process during a major internal restructure. This is your opportunity to showcase your talent and innovative vision for long term improvement in this community-based organisation, with the ability to provide a positive impact.

Key responsibilities will include but not limited to:

- Creating and implementing strategic plans relating to change management and redesign of structure internally
- Reporting as lead HR advisory to CEO.
- In conjunction with connecting with the community and providing strong HR advice and leadership to the board / members.
- Provide HR expertise across all levels of the organisation
- Support and build the capacity of the other areas of the organisation through example, providing coaching, facilitating workshops and delivering tailored programs
- Ensuring the organisation is complying with relevant HR legislation
- Providing specialist advice and guidance on all people management matters, such as remuneration, dispute resolution, conflicts and other situations between staff, management and unions

To be successful for this role you must have the following:

- Relevant tertiary qualification
- Five years minimum prior experience which encompasses the above-mentioned requirements
- Outgoing, approachable and ready to build relationships
- Proactive and innovative leader with a focus on, and experience in, change management
- Resilient with an ability to coach and empower staff
- Strong understanding of Aboriginal culture
- Superior communication, negotiation and strategic thinking skills
- Confidently able to think outside the box

This is a perfect role for someone who is an experienced HR professional and is looking to work within a community-based organisation and will take this role seriously. Together with a very attractive salary, leave entitlements and salary packaging; this position is an outstanding opportunity to work with a company who is passionate about what they do within the community and for you to make a real difference.

If this excites you and you have all the skills our client is looking for, please apply by forwarding a cover letter and resume in **word** format.

Please note only candidates that meet our client's selection criteria will be contacted.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.

Job ID: MWVHR01

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Event and Project Coordinator

**The LIME Network, Faculty of Medicine,
Dentistry and Health Sciences**

Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply as this position is exempt under the Special Measure Provision, Section 12 (1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2011 (Vic).

This is an exciting opportunity for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to work with the Leaders in Indigenous Medical Education (LIME) Network at the University of Melbourne. In this position you will take a lead in the coordination,

planning and implementation of key projects and events of the LIME Network. These include the LIME Connection international conference, stakeholder meetings, seminars and other events.

**Salary: \$88,171 - \$95,444 p.a. (pro rata)
plus 9.5% superannuation**

Job No: 0046502

For full position information and to apply go to
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Oorala Aboriginal Centre

Lecturer

Reference No: 218204

Closing date: 24 October 2018

For further information and to apply visit:
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Digital Producer

This vacancy is open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, reflecting our commitment to the ABC's Reconciliation Action Plan, ABC Equity and Diversity Plan and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.

- \$74K - \$89K p.a. + choice of 15.4% super
- Sydney Location

ABC Entertainment & Specialist is looking for a Digital Producer to join their Indigenous team. We're looking for an enthusiastic and self-motivated person who can bring a perspective from their culture and who is keen to tell and share stories to our audiences.

Applications close: 12 November 2018

For more details visit abc.net.au/careers

Indigenous Non-Executive Directors

Ngunya Jarjum Aboriginal Child & Family Network Lismore, NSW

Ngunya Jarjum is an Aboriginal Corporation providing culturally-appropriate long-term, short-term, respite and statutory out-of-home care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the Bundjalung Nation. The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) placed Ngunya Jarjum under special administration on 10th September 2018 to initiate and ensure corporate reform. That reform will include a new governance framework and the appointment of a new Board of Directors.

Ngunya Jarjum initially seeks to appoint part-time professional Advisory Group Members from the Bundjalung people. On the completion of the special administration, the Advisory Group Members will be invited to form the new Board as Non-Executive Directors to strengthen the leadership, governance and development of the organisation. Advisory Group appointments will be made in September-October and the Board appointed in November 2018.

Expressions of interest are invited from experienced executives motivated to contribute and participate in the strategy, leadership and commercial oversight of Ngunya Jarjum to improve the safety and care of Aboriginal children.

Prior board experience is preferred and persons with experience and/or interest in helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are encouraged to apply. Applications from individuals with finance, legal, clinical or other professional backgrounds will be highly regarded.

Advisory Group Members will be expected to demonstrate a strong understanding of the role of the board, executive and stakeholder partners in the strategic and commercial oversight of an organisation.

Please send expressions of interest in the form of a brief resume and/or cover letter as soon as possible by email to: response@kmsearch.com.au quoting reference #3938

For more information,
contact Keith Mackay on 07 3289 6071



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Senior Research Officer – Aboriginal Affairs

- Identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only
- Clerk Grade 9/10
- Ongoing
- Position number and location: 178681 – Mascot

Total remuneration package: \$131,979 Package includes salary (\$108,044 – \$119,061), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Aboriginal Affairs works with Aboriginal communities to promote social, economic and cultural well-being through opportunity, choice, healing, responsibility and empowerment. We implement OCHRE (Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility and Empowerment), the NSW Government's community focused plan for Aboriginal affairs, establish partnerships for economic development, support effective Aboriginal governance and strengthen cultural identity and language.

About the role

The Senior Research Officer supports the Manager Research and Evaluation to promote and manage the Agency's research agenda with the aim of transforming the relationship between the NSW government and Aboriginal peoples in NSW. Our research work is supported by an advisory group which brings together academic experts in areas of interest to Aboriginal Affairs. In this role you will;

- develop, conduct or manage primary research to fill gaps in knowledge and gain evidence for policy and strategy
- summarise existing evidence to inform new policies and planning
- evaluate projects and initiatives to ensure they deliver improvements
- analyse data to provide information about Aboriginal peoples and communities.

To be successful in this role, you will enjoy a fast paced and changing environment, be comfortable working in contested areas of practice and be an experienced researcher who has managed and undertaken research projects ideally with Aboriginal communities in NSW.

About Research & Evaluation

Working closely with the Office of the Head of Agency, the Strategy & Coordination Directorate consists of Business Strategy, Planning and Coordination, and Research and Evaluation. The Research and Evaluation Team provides high quality, accountable and ethical research to build an evidence base that reflects the voices and knowledge of Aboriginal peoples and communities in NSW.

Talent Pool

A talent pool may be created through this recruitment process. A talent pool is a group of candidates who have undergone an assessment process and have been identified suitable for this role or similar roles. The talent pool will be valid for a period of 12 months. Being part of a talent pool means that you may be considered for ongoing, temporary or term employment for a range of similar roles. This offers exciting opportunities for you to gain a wide range of experiences to build your public service career.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw
No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Focusing on your experience in project managing a research project, describe a situation where some aspect of the contract was not being met, and how you resolved this. (300 or 400 words).
2. Describe a recent research or evaluation study where you have had a significant role in determining the methodology used. Why did you chose the methodology above others? What challenges did the methodology pose for you and how did you address these? (300 or 400 words).

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Post-graduate degree or equivalent qualification that included a research component (or equivalent knowledge and experience) with demonstrated practical experience in managing complex projects.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with, and understand issues impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Applications Close: 17 October 2018

For enquiries about this role, contact Lou-Anne Lind (02) 8362 6616, M: 0437 170 567, or E: Lou-Anne.Lind@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and refer to the following keyword 178681

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Communications Officer

Part-time (0.8), 12-month position, based in Melbourne
Salary Range \$70,000-\$80,000 pro rata, plus super and salary packaging

SNAICC exists to see all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children grow up healthy, happy and safe. Working with communities to advance the rights of our children, we believe that all children deserve to thrive and fulfil their potential.

As a Communications Officer within the SNAICC team you will showcase the success stories of our members and promote all of the positive outcomes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children achieve when they're connected to culture and community. Speaking to audiences through social media, websites and campaigns you will present SNAICC's understanding and approach to the issues faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children across the country.

Our ideal candidate is a passionate, enthusiastic individual with a strong understanding of our communities and the issues faced by our children and families. We're looking for someone who uses writing as a creative outlet for storytelling, and is willing to use that skill to fight for a brighter future for our children.

This challenging role includes:

- Writing content for SNAICC's social media, eBulletin and websites, presenting issues as they relate to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
- Developing and delivering marketing strategies for SNAICC's campaigns, including National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, Family Matters, and the SNAICC National Conference
- Preparing official statements and media releases, considering SNAICC's positions and the interests and needs of members, communities and services
- Managing the production of SNAICC publications and promotional tools, from concept through to development and distribution, and maintain SNAICC's websites, social media pages and subscriber lists.

SNAICC strongly encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

Visit our website www.snaicc.org.au/about/employment/ for the position description and how to apply. Initial inquiries to katherine.hinton@snaicc.org.au

Applications close: Sunday 21 October 2018.



Join Australia's leading collecting, research and publishing institution on the cultures and histories of Indigenous Australians.

Over its 50-year history, AIATSIS has evolved into a national authority on Indigenous studies. It is a hub for collaborative, ethical collecting and research and develops Indigenous staff and researchers. AIATSIS Collections are one of the world's leading collections of printed, audio and visual materials on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and societies.

Project Manager (Ethics and Governance)

APS 6 – Ongoing full-time
\$72,056 - \$81,960 pa

Project managers are responsible for coordinating projects or program of work, which may include preparing funding submissions, business and project plans, and reports for research projects, managing the editing and production of publications and information resources, managing a national conference and other events; and co-ordinating AIATSIS engagement with and requests from clients accessing AIATSIS collection for native title purposes.

Project managers may work individually or as part of a small team, will lead projects and be involved in more than one project at any one time. Project managers will manage allocated project resources, develop strategies, solve problems, and evaluate project outcomes. Further, the role may be supervising team members.

Special Measures

This will be filled using the Special Measures provision, which allows for the targeted recruitment of Indigenous Australians into the Australian Public Service. The vacancy is only open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

Closing Date: 5pm Wednesday 17 October 2018

How to apply:

Please consult the AIATSIS website www.aiatsis.gov.au for more information and download the Application Pack. Follow the instructions on the Application Pack and submit your application to recruitment@aiatsis.gov.au by the closing date.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate a high level of cultural proficiency in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and the capacity to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as stakeholders, colleagues and peers.

This is an identified position

The Institute values a skilled and diverse workforce to meet the needs of the organisation in the promotion of knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



General Administrative Support Officer

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Targeted Role
- The Hume Police District - Goulburn
- Clerk Grade 1/2
- Ongoing Full-Time
- I Work for NSW Requisition No: 000061JD

Salary Package: \$75,818. Package includes salary (\$63,199 - \$68,707), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Purpose of the Role:

The General Administrative Support Officer provides the delivery of efficient and effective general administration, clerical support, and receptionist services with a focus on quality services to commands/business units.

This role operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with Flexible Rostering Guidelines. The role will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours on weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.

Job Notes:

Essential requirements for this role:

- Candidate must be an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Hold a current Drivers Licence (clear driving record for 6 months)

For further assistance in completing your application or for information regarding the National Police Check and Security Clearance, please contact the **Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit** on (02) 8835 6257 or (02) 8835 9093 or via email hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au

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Applications Close: Sunday 21 October 2018

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Vicki McEwen - District Manager on (02) 4823 0308.

For the targeted questions, a downloadable role description, and information package and to apply, please go to *I Work for NSW* (<https://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au>) and search for Requisition Number 000061JD

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Senior Client Service Officer

- Homelessness Outreach Support Team (HOST)
- Clerk Grade 5/6
- Job Reference Number: 000613W
- Location: Strawberry Hills
- Salary range: \$83,403 - \$92,026 pa, plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.
- Type of Employment: 3 x Temporary Full-time (Up to 30 June 2022)

About the Opportunity

The Homelessness Outreach Support Team (HOST) is a specialist housing intervention team providing housing assistance and support to people experiencing homelessness and sleeping rough. It delivers intensive and regular homelessness outreach across the FACS District and in the inner city of Sydney in particular, in partnership with homelessness services, local Council, Health and Police.

As a Senior Client Services Officer you will report to the HOST Team Leader. You will have a strong client focus and a commitment to person-centred, culturally sensitive customer service. You will be passionate about making a difference and delivering innovative solutions for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. You will be flexible, willing to work at times that support engagement with people experiencing homelessness and committed to delivering better outcomes for clients.

A Recruitment Pool may be created to fill similar roles for both ongoing and temporary opportunities if and as they arise.

If you are an Aboriginal person or a Torres Strait Islander person you are encouraged to apply.

Essential Requirements

Current driver's license.

Preferred requirements

Demonstrated experience working with people experiencing homelessness.

Applications Close: 12 October 2018 at 11:59pm (AEST)

For more information on the role please contact Michael Morrison on (02) 8303 6394 or email: Michael.Morrison@facs.nsw.gov.au

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Title or Reference Number 000613W

If you experience technical difficulties when submitting your application, please contact 'I Work for NSW' on P: 1800 562 679.

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SHOALCOAST COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE

FULL TIME PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre seeks a full time Principal Solicitor to join our team.

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre is a not for profit, community managed service, funded by the Commonwealth and State Governments to provide accessible, professional legal services to vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla, Bega Valley and South East areas of NSW.

The position is 35 hours per week, paid in accordance with the SCHCADS Modern Award, with attractive benefits and salary packaging available.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the legal practice of the Centre and report to the Management Committee.

The role requires:

- A community-minded solicitor with an unrestricted practicing certificate and experience in general areas of law and supervision and management of a legal team

You will have:

- experience in supervision and management of a legal team
- a strong understanding and commitment to social justice
- a high level of written and oral communication, organisational and management skills
- experience in identifying policy and law reform issues
- skills in service development and promotion, and
- ability to present community legal education to diverse communities

For a copy of the selection package and application requirements, contact Emma Wood emma@shoalcoast.org.au or (02) 4422 9529.

Applications close 5.00pm 31 October 2018



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Archive Information Officer

**APS 5 – Ongoing full-time
\$65,627 - \$70,047 pa**

The Audiovisual Archive Information Officer is a member of the Collection Management and Development area that develops operational policy and practice for the management of the collection. The role undertakes descriptive work to enhance the discoverability of and access to the AIATSIS collection and will also develop an understanding and appreciation of the collection through curatorial and collection management work including collection research and analysis.

Special Measures

This will be filled using the Special Measures provision, which allows for the targeted recruitment of Indigenous Australians into the Australian Public Service. The vacancy is only open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

Closing Date: 5pm Wednesday 17 October 2018

How to apply:

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NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Executive Director, Strategic Resource Management

**Aboriginal Targeted Position
Parramatta location**

Salary \$188,577 (+ 9.5% super) + other benefits

The opportunity

The Executive Director, Strategic Resource Management provides high-level strategic leadership and advice to the Chief Executive Officer on all aspects of the resource management portfolio to support the NSWALC to meet its objectives. It undertakes a critical role in ensuring the successful operation of NSWALC to meet the standards, compliance and expectations of the NSWALC Council and its stakeholders. In this capacity the position holder is a member of the NSWALC Executive Group responsible for advising and contributing to making sound strategic business decisions.

The Executive Director provides leadership in the delivery of services including finance, investment, ICT and Legal Services to the NSWALC Council, the CEO and NSWALC staff.

Commercial Analyst

Parramatta Location

Salary \$139,784 plus 9.5% super + other benefits

The opportunity

The Commercial Analyst assists the Manager, Land & Property in respect to the assessment and approval of all Land Council Land dealing matters involving the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) and 120 LALCs as well as reviewing, assessing, advising and, where appropriate, implementing, all commercial matters of NSWALC.

About us

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is the State's peak representative body in Aboriginal affairs and 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 Recruitment by email: recruitment@alc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4519.

Applications close: 9am Monday 15 October, 2018 and can be forwarded to recruitment@alc.org.au

Job Status: Permanent

Applications from Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged.

Project Officer – Identified

- Clerk Grade 5/6
- Temporary full-time appointment for a period up to: 18 August 2020
- Position number and location: 194746 – Oxford Street, Sydney

Total remuneration package: \$102,011. Package includes salary (\$83,403 – \$92,026), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About the role

The role undertakes a range of project research, analysis, reporting, implementation and administrative activities to support the development and delivery of projects aligned to Directorate priorities.

The role will oversee the development, implementation and management of programs that provide support to Aboriginal children, communities and services.

About the Department of Education

The **NSW Department of Education** provides, funds and regulates education services for NSW students from early childhood to secondary school, delivering world-class education through its public schools and providing funding support to non-government schools. We employ, develop and support teachers, leaders and other staff to deliver the best outcomes for students and to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

Located with the Department of Education (DoE), the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Directorate has an annual budget of over \$400 million, administering several programs and funding streams designed to meet the goals of the National Partnership Agreements on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education and the National Quality Agenda, with a focus on improved participation of children from Aboriginal and low income backgrounds.

As a regulatory authority under the national regulatory arrangements for early childhood education and care, the Directorate regulates approximately 5,500 services across the state. For services regulated under the National Quality Framework, this includes a process of assessment and quality rating by regional staff against the seven quality areas that make up the National Quality Standards.

The Aboriginal Services team develops and implements programs to improve the quality of education being provided to Aboriginal children and supports the sector to positively engage with Aboriginal families and communities. The team currently has a number of programs that are currently being implemented and are also looking at potential future projects.

Key accountabilities

- Work with Aboriginal people, Aboriginal services and communities.
- Undertake basic research and analysis and contribute to completion of projects aligned to Directorate priorities.
- Assist with the implementation of project plans to ensure agreed outcomes are achieved.
- Provide project and operational support, including monitoring and reporting on project plans, milestones and deliverables, to ensure time, cost and quality indicators are in line with approved project plans.
- Update and collate documentation and records to ensure the delivery of projects complies with agreed project management methodology.
- Communicate with relevant stakeholders to provide updates regarding project status and implementation issues.
- Provide a range of secretariat and administrative services, including coordinating committee meetings and preparing papers, to support project delivery.
- Coordinate and facilitate workshops and consultation with Aboriginal communities, organisations and early childhood education services.

Key challenges

- Delivering multiple project activities in line with agreed standards, given tight deadlines and competing demands and priorities.
- Maintaining an up to date knowledge of early childhood education policy and regulatory frameworks.

How to apply

The NSW Department of Education is committed to a diverse and inclusive workforce as an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) employer. We encourage diverse applicants from a range of backgrounds to apply for roles in the department.

To apply, you will need to attach a cover letter (max. 2 pages) and your resume (max. 5 pages) in either Word or PDF format. Please address **any pre-screening questions and any essential requirements**. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the **role description** and demonstrate how you meet the essential requirements in your answer. Please develop your response with this in mind.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

This is a child-related role. If you are the successful candidate you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>.

In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Describe your experience working across multiple stakeholder groups with diverse interests. What issues did you encounter and how did you address them? (300 or 400 words).
2. Outline a situation where you have developed a plan to deliver at task in a tight timeframe. (300 or 400 words).

Note: A recruitment pool may be created through this recruitment process. A recruitment pool is a group of applicants who have been assessed and identified as suitable for this role or similar roles, and who may be considered for a range of similar roles, including temporary, term or ongoing roles, over the next 12 months.

Applications Close: 17 October 2018

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Nat Heath, Assistant Manager Aboriginal Services, Early Childhood Education Department of Education, at (02) 9266 8215 or by email to Nat.Heath@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 194746

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Senior Project Manager - Munarra Centre for Regional Excellence

The Munarra Centre for Regional Excellence (MCRE) in Shepparton will be a national, state-of-the-art centre designed as a hub of connection and transformation for Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people across Australia. Established as a campus for excellence in sports, health sciences and education, MCRE will comprise a complex of academic, community and sporting facilities and will embed Aboriginal culture across all curriculum.

The Senior Project Manager - Munarra Centre for Regional Excellence (MCRE) is responsible for working closely with MCRE project partners (Rumbalara Football and Netball Club, University of Melbourne, Kaiela Institute, Greater Shepparton City Council, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Department of Premier and Cabinet and other external stakeholders to coordinate the planning, development and delivery of the MCRE in Shepparton. The role supports the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Department of Premier and Cabinet. Familiarity with Aboriginal community aspirations and a demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal people is highly desirable for this role.

This role is primarily based in Shepparton however travel to 1 Treasury Place Melbourne may be required.

The closing date for this position is **midnight Sunday 14 October 2018**.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply for this position. This position is only open to applicants with relevant rights to work in Australia.

Please apply go to careers.vic.gov.au and search reference number: **VG/1345942V2**



Receptionist

- Join a not for profit Indigenous training organisation
- A dynamic role to support Indigenous students from across Australia
- Full time role with immediate start conveniently based in Glebe, NSW

Your new company

Tranby National Indigenous Adult Education and Training is a not for profit, Indigenous organisation committed to advancing educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people nationwide. We offer a number of qualifications and opportunities to provide students with new skills, knowledge and experience to empower individuals to positively contribute to their communities and their futures.

Your new role

You will be the first point of contact for all students and staff. You will be giving a great first impression, be enthusiastic and have a "can do" attitude towards anything. Your duties will include; answering the phones, opening and locking up, general administration duties, meeting and greeting all students and visitors. You will also be in charge of word-processing, spreadsheets, and administrative support to the Tranby team.

What you will need to succeed

- Experience in a similar role
- Highly organised
- Positive attitude
- Have the ability to prioritise and work to strict deadlines
- Possess outstanding customer service skills
- Understand and have previous experience working with the Indigenous community

What you need to do now

If you feel that you possess the skills, experience and personal attributes to be successful in this exciting role, we invite you to submit your application. Please include a detailed cover letter along with an up to date resume for consideration to tranbyrecruitment@gmail.com.

In your covering letter please address the following 2 questions;

- 1 How would you relate to the Indigenous students?
- 2 What experience have you had working with the Indigenous community?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Tranby will not work with unsolicited recruitment agencies on this role.

Applications close: Friday 19 October 2018.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

Ngunya Jarjum Aboriginal Child & Family Network Lismore, NSW

**Attractive executive salary plus car & benefits
Out-of-home care**

Ngunya Jarjum is an Aboriginal Corporation providing culturally-appropriate long-term, short-term, respite and statutory out-of-home care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the Bundjalung Nation.

Ngunya Jarjum seeks to appoint a new Chief Executive Officer, reporting to the Board, to strengthen the leadership, compliance, financial performance and strategic development of the organisation.

Ngunya Jarjum operates as a designated agency of the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian (OCG) and the CEO will be required to meet the OCG standards of Principal Officer.

Expressions of interest are invited from experienced executives motivated to improve the safety and care of Aboriginal children and drive the strategic success and future development of Ngunya Jarjum.

Applicant skills and experience required include:

- Five years' experience in a senior management capacity in Aboriginal community services, child protection and out-of-home care.
- Experience in the delivery of community services through government agency, non-government organisation (NGO) and/or not-for-profit bodies.
- Strong commercial management skills, including grant management and financial reporting.
- Experience in relationship development and management with funding bodies, partnership agencies, regulators and community bodies.
- Strategic approach with the vision to develop the organisation's capability as an Aboriginal community-controlled agency securing culture and future for Aboriginal children.
- Proven leadership, team building, mentoring, motivation and management skills.
- Tertiary-level qualifications in Business, Finance or Community Services disciplines.

This is a designated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander appointment. Exemption is claimed under section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Applications in the form of a brief resume and cover letter to response@kmsearch.com.au quoting reference #3937 please. Suitable candidates will be supplied with a Position Description document and invited to submit responses to selection criteria later in the recruitment process.

For more information, contact **Keith Mackay** on 07 3289 6071 for a confidential discussion.

**Applications close
7th October 2018.**

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07 3289 6071



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02 6622 2666

Learner Driver Support Officer

Australian Red Cross considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification of this role under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

- Part time position 30hrs/wk
- Based in Nowra

Minimise the risk of contact with the criminal justice system and/or recidivism for participants for driving and licensing offences.

Be responsible for the development and delivery of service policies, standards and procedures for the effective and efficient day-to-day running of the Learner Driver Program.

You are able to work effectively within the local Aboriginal communities and have an understanding of cultural requirements.

To apply for this position visit

<https://www.redcross.org.au/about-us/careers>
and search for job #510991

For further enquiries please see position description
or contact Alison Murie on 02 4428 4900



Aboriginal Population Health Traineeship

Department: Nepean Blue Mountains LHD
Location: Station Street
Health Manager Level 1
Full-Time Temporary
Salary: \$72,591 – \$97,649 pa
Enquiries: Bradley Forssman (02) 4734 2022

Closing Dates:
11 October 2018

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ64154
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Social Worker Building Strong Foundations

Department: Nepean Blue Mountains LHD
Location: Cranebrook Community Health Centre
Part-Time – Permanent
Social Worker Level 3
Salary: \$97,708 – \$100,979 pa
Enquiries: Joanne Hugging via
Joanne.Hugging@health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Dates:
19 October 2018

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ63773
NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Senior Field Officer (Identified Aboriginal)

- Booligal & Moama
- Grade 1/2
- Vacancy Ref: 000068U3
- Ongoing, Full-Time

Primary Purpose of the role: Undertake works and maintenance programs and co-ordinate and supervise the work of Field Officers and contractors ensuring that work is undertaken efficiently and within budget and set time frames such as assist in the delivery of Region/Area initiatives which enhance and preserve natural and cultural heritage and resources as well as the provision of high quality and safe recreational facilities for the public.

Total Remuneration package: Package includes salary (\$66,349 – \$70,282), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Applications Close: Monday, 8 October 2018 (11.59pm)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Tim O'Kelly on 0400 258 232.

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number: 000068U3

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Aboriginal Affairs



Senior Research Officer – Aboriginal Affairs

- Clerk Grade 9/10
- Ongoing
- Position number and location: 178682 – Mascot

Total remuneration package: \$131,979 Package includes salary (\$108,044 – \$119,061), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Aboriginal Affairs works with Aboriginal communities to promote social, economic and cultural well-being through opportunity, choice, healing, responsibility and empowerment. We implement OCHRE (Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility and Empowerment), the NSW Government's community focused plan for Aboriginal affairs, establish partnerships for economic development, support effective Aboriginal governance and strengthen cultural identity and language.

About the role

The Senior Research Officer supports the Manager Research and Evaluation to promote and manage the Agency's research agenda with the aim of transforming the relationship between the NSW government and Aboriginal peoples in NSW. Our research work is supported by an advisory group which brings together academic experts in areas of interest to Aboriginal Affairs. In this role you will;

- develop, conduct or manage primary research to fill gaps in knowledge and gain evidence for policy and strategy
- summarise existing evidence to inform new policies and planning
- evaluate projects and initiatives to ensure they deliver improvements
- analyse data to provide information about Aboriginal peoples and communities.

To be successful in this role, you will enjoy a fast paced and changing environment, be comfortable working in contested areas of practice and be an experienced researcher who has managed and undertaken research projects ideally with Aboriginal communities in NSW.

About Research & Evaluation

Working closely with the Office of the Head of Agency, the Strategy & Coordination Directorate consists of Business Strategy, Planning and Coordination, and Research and Evaluation. The Research and Evaluation Team provides high quality, accountable and ethical research to build an evidence base that reflects the voices and knowledge of Aboriginal peoples and communities in NSW.

Talent Pool

A talent pool may be created through this recruitment process. A talent pool is a group of candidates who have undergone an assessment process and have been identified suitable for this role or similar roles. The talent pool will be valid for a period of 12 months. Being part of a talent pool means that you may be considered for ongoing, temporary or term employment for a range of similar roles. This offers exciting opportunities for you to gain a wide range of experiences to build your public service career.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw.gov.au
No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Focusing on your experience in project managing a research project, describe a situation where some aspect of the contract was not being met, and how you resolved this. (300 or 400 words).
2. Describe a recent research or evaluation study where you have had a significant role in determining the methodology used. Why did you chose the methodology above others? What challenges did the methodology pose for you and how did you address these? (300 or 400 words).

Essential Requirements:

- Post-graduate degree or equivalent qualification that included a research component (or equivalent knowledge and experience) with demonstrated practical experience in managing complex projects.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with, and understand issues impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Applications Close: 17 October 2018

For enquiries about this role, contact Lou-Anne Lind (02) 8362 6616, M: 0437 170 567, or E: Lou-Anne.Lind@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and refer to the following keyword 178682

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PRODUCTION MANAGER

Background to Position

The Production Manager provides oversight and coordination for planning, scheduling, staffing and budgeting processes associated with Circus Oz show creation, seasons and tours, alongside operations in the Circus Oz Creative Hub. Together with an overall focus on workplace health and safety, this key role manages production and technical requirements for Circus Oz to ensure effective operations, particularly for rehearsals, seasons and shows. Extremely good attention to detail, significant live performance production management experience, and an understanding and passion for the creative process is required, complemented by strong communication skills, a collaborative approach and an ability to stay calm and positive under pressure.

Background to Circus Oz

In 2018 Circus Oz celebrate four extraordinary decades of successfully creating shows, connecting with audiences and touring around Australia and the world to critical acclaim. Founded in 1978, Circus Oz is credited with revitalising a traditional art form through live music, an all-human ensemble, and a creative collaboration of some of Australia's most talented artists in physical theatre, circus, dance, music, and comedy. The company is the only circus in Australia's Major Performing Arts Group and has toured to 28 countries on five continents, performing to over four million people, receiving critical acclaim at home and abroad. In 2018 Circus Oz was recognised with the Drover Award for Tour of the Year.

With a strong focus on social justice and a good time for all, Circus Oz is a not-for-profit organisation and registered charity. Alongside annual international activities and tours of Australian capital cities, regional centres and remote communities, Circus Oz also runs a range of public classes, community workshops and activities for corporate organisations, such as its High Flying Teams program, as well as a number of art form development programs, including the award winning BLAKflip training program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander circus artists, all underpinned by corporate and private partnerships. In 2014, with the assistance of the Victorian Government, Circus Oz moved into its first ever purpose-built home, located in Collingwood.

Application Process

For further information or to submit an application, please contact
Adrien Storey, Administrator, Circus Oz
T: +61 3 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).

Applications should be submitted by 5pm, Tuesday 9 October



Specialist Family Violence Case Manager

- Part Time (0.6 FTE)
- Location: Wathaurong Co-Operative
- Must identify as an Indigenous Australian

The **Specialist Family Violence Case Manager** provides intensive support to women and children in the Colac and surrounding region who are experiencing or have experienced family violence. This role provides a cohesive service approach to addressing the needs of local Aboriginal women and children, (particularly those at higher risk) whilst enhancing access to child and family support, health services and justice services for Aboriginal women.

With degree qualifications in social work, welfare or psychology, you will be able to demonstrate experience in case management, risk assessment and delivery of therapeutic interventions.

If you share our vision for a community free from family violence and sexual assault and are motivated to make a difference, we would like to hear from you.

Please visit our website at www.safvcentre.org.au/careers to view the position description and submission requirements.



Support Facilitator Relapse Prevention Aftercare Service - Grafton (Identified Indigenous Position)

As a RPAS Support Facilitator with us, you will get to actively support people through addictions rehabilitation and relapse prevention utilising a client-led and negotiated action plan.

Selection criteria:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications in community services, welfare/psychology/social work
- Demonstrated experience working in a recovery orientated mental health environment
- Ability to liaise with a broad and diverse range of people including AOD treatment agencies and government and non-government organisations.
- Proven experience in undertaking complex negotiations, resolving conflict, building partnerships and addressing resistance.
- Computer literacy in MS Office
- Current and valid manual Driver's Licence with an ability to undertake regular travel around the Northern Rivers region.

Find out more: For a position description, see <https://www.buttery.org.au/employment-opportunities>
And for any other queries, please contact recruitment@buttery.org.au

To apply: Please write a cover letter using each of the six selection criteria as a heading and write a paragraph under each one addressing it. Then send it with your resume to recruitment@buttery.org.au
Unfortunately, applications that do not address the selection criteria will not be considered.

Applications close: Monday 15th October

The Buttery considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under s.14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).



YORTA YORTA NATION ABORIGINAL CORPORATION COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA PROJECT OFFICER CONTRACT TYPE: 12 Month Fixed Term HOURS: Part time (22.5 hours per week)

We will offer an attractive remuneration package, to be negotiated relevant to the skills and experience of the successful applicant, including:

- Access to a vehicle, phone allowance, superannuation and salary sacrifice options to increase your take-home pay
- The support of a professional and competent team of administrative and managerial staff

The **Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation (YYNAC)** was established in 1998 to represent the descendants of the original Yorta Yorta People. The Yorta Yorta traditional lands covers an area known as the central Murray- Goulburn region in North-Central Victoria and Southern New South Wales.

YYNAC is a not-for-profit organisation working towards a better future for its people through numerous projects and partnerships with local, state, national and international organisations and governments. For more information please visit: www.yynac.com.au

You will build awareness of and support for Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation in keeping our members informed and in growing public support for Yorta Yorta Nation within Australia and Internationally.

About the Opportunity

We are looking for someone to play a critical role in the communicating with our Yorta Yorta Peoples, and in developing our communications strategy, promoting key Yorta Yorta events and supporting partnerships.

We require someone who has experience in Grassroots communications and can support Yorta Yorta Nation deliver our voice to our Yorta Yorta People, partners and supporters. Key to its **delivering is the Project** and event management, website design and upload, print and other digital communications and media.

Ideally you would have either 3 years' experience and/or Tertiary qualifications in communication, marketing, PR and/or media is desirable. Please provide examples or links to prior work in any of these areas and it will be looked upon favourably.

You will work with the Yorta Council of Elders in Shepparton & Barmah to refine and implement the YYNAC public profile, communications and marketing strategy. Your background in digital communications and marketing for advocacy organisations will help you to analyse the effectiveness of YYNAC systems to deliver improved Yorta Yorta Nation and general public's engagement and campaign effectiveness. Your experience with media liaison will help you to develop stories and pitch to media, delivering a higher profile for Yorta Yorta Nation in the media space.

Obtain a detailed position description and the key selection criteria from Laura Stevens, Corporate Services Manager, by emailing finance@yynac.com.au

Applications Close 17/10/2018.

The position is an Aboriginal identified position



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Permanent part time, 48 hour fortnight

Award and Level SCHADS/SACS 4

Salary Packaging available

We are seeking a motivated team member to:

- maintain HART's culturally appropriate transport services
- create access pathways for groups with special needs

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

Email recruitment@hartservices.org.au for an application manual

Applications close 5 pm 22 October 2018



Admin & Marketing Assistant

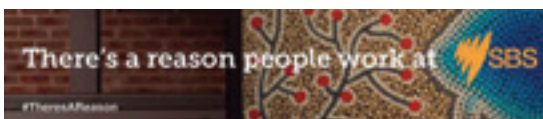
This vacancy is open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, reflecting our commitment to the ABC's Reconciliation Action Plan, ABC Equity and Diversity Plan and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.

- \$58K - \$63K p.a. + choice of 15.4% super
- Sydney CBD location

With sound communication skills, proven ability to establish proactive stakeholder relationships and with a customer-centric approach, bring your admin and marketing skills into a role where you can truly add value and contribute to a great team.

Applications close: 21 October 2018

For more details visit abc.net.au/careers



NITV Graphic Designer

Full Time, Sydney

NITV is currently looking for a Graphic Designer!

NITV is an Indigenous-led organisation that holds a special and unique place in the Australian Media Landscape. The team fosters a collaborative and supportive work environment and is passionate about the growth of Indigenous stories and story tellers. We're now looking for a Graphic Designer to join the team!

As a member of the NITV Creative team, you will be responsible for collaborating and producing digital/graphic/design creative thinking and execution suitable for online in a way that reflects our Charter, Vision and Values.

Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (the filing of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under subsection 8 (1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.)

At SBS, it's not just what you do but how you do it. We're looking for people who share our passion and hold our strong values, diverse workforce and inclusive culture.

Applications close 14th October

For further information about this position see our ad on the Koori Mail website under JOB OPPORTUNITIES.



Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer

Department: Hunter New England

Local Health District

John Hunter Hospital

Enquiries: Fran Hodgson on 0423 820 639

This is an identified Aboriginal Position.

Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent.

Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

**Closing Date:
14 October 2018**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ67722

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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WOLLONGONG
CITY COUNCIL

ENGAGEMENT OFFICER – ABORIGINAL IDENTIFIED POSITION Permanent Full Time

Wollongong City Council offers not only jobs but careers. If you are looking for a career with a variety of opportunities, the chance to make a difference and add value to the community, we have a lot to offer!

We have an exciting opportunity for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community Engagement practitioner to join our award winning Community Engagement team.

Salary: Up to \$95,736 per annum plus super

Enquiries: Alison Bradford on 4227 7622

Closing Date: 12pm Monday 29 October 2018

Wollongong City Council is committed to the principles of employment equity and diversity and encourages applications from people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds in both traditional and non-traditional roles.

How to apply: Visit www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au for job description and selection criteria, which must be addressed.



Churches of Christ in Queensland, Children, Youth & Families Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Officer Identified Fixed term (1 year) opportunities

About the role

In these newly created roles your primary goal will be to support and deliver culturally appropriate engagement practice within all Children, Youth and Families (CYF) programs across the region. You will be responsible for identifying, maintaining and supporting local relationships and partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander including children, young people and families, communities, elders and organisations.

There are multiple roles available across Queensland.

About you

You possess a qualification in child and family welfare, or a behaviour science and/or relevant experience. You have demonstrated effective engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities, coupled with a strong understanding of cultural and societal issues that impact upon them. This is an identified position within Churches of Christ in Queensland. To perform this role it is essential that the person who holds the position be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

About us

We offer over 200 services in more than 100 communities, positively impacting around 45,000 lives each year. Our care services range from children, youth and family services, early intervention and protection, affordable housing, and seniors and support living, making us one of Australia's largest, most diverse not-for-profit organisations.

To apply

Please apply for this position online at www.caringcareers.com.au

For further information please contact Tammy Wallace on 0401 728 821.

Applications will be assessed as they are received



Relationships Australia Canberra & Region (RACR) are seeking applicants for the following position:

Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner (FDRP)

Wagga Wagga Office
Part time (22.5 hours a week)/ Ongoing

\$73,374.33 to \$81,997.35 plus superannuation and PBI tax benefit for full time position.

Relationships Australia is a leading provider of relationship support services for individuals, families and communities. We are a community-based, not-for-profit Australian organisation with no religious affiliations.

The FDRP role is expected to provide information and deliver education and mediation services to couples and families who are separating or who are separated.

Position description with selection criteria is available at www.racr.relationships.org.au/about-us/employment

To apply send your resume with contact details of two work related referees and a cover letter specifically addressing selection criteria to careers@racr.relationships.org.au or post to Post Separation Services (PSS) Manager, 36-40 Gurwood St, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650.

Enquiries to PSS Manager on 02 6923 9100 or careers@racr.relationships.org.au

Closing date: 5pm Monday 15 October 2018



Senior Client Service Officer

- Homelessness Outreach Support Team (HOST)
- Strawberry Hills
- Salary package: \$83,403 - \$92,026 pa, plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Homelessness Outreach Support Team (HOST) is a specialist housing intervention team providing housing assistance and support to people experiencing homelessness and sleeping rough. It delivers intensive and regular homelessness outreach across the FACS District and in the inner city of Sydney in particular, in partnership with homelessness services, local Council, Health and Police.

What's in it for them?

- professional support and training
- flexible working conditions
- great career opportunities
- opportunities for learning and development

If you are an Aboriginal person or a Torres Strait Islander person you are encouraged to apply.

Apply Now!

Applications Close: 12 October 2018 at 11:59pm (AEST)

For more information on the role please contact Michael Morrison on (02) 8303 6394 or email: Michael.Morrison@facs.nsw.gov.au

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Title or Reference Number 000613W

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The Victoria Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) is a state wide Aboriginal child and family welfare community-controlled organisation in Victoria. Established in 1977 VACCA has grown in size and the delivery of services responding to areas of need in the Aboriginal Community. Our purpose is to support culturally strong, safe and thriving Aboriginal communities.

VACCA is excited to be establishing an office in Wangaratta for the Ovens Murray Community and looking to recruit a passionate and committed team of staff. With several positions available across Family Services, Out of Home Care and Management, there is sure to be a role perfect for you.

VACCA provides a positive work culture and environment, flexible working conditions, competitive salaries, salary packaging and professional development opportunities. We invite you to review these opportunities and join the VACCA family today.

Office Manager

Kinship Case Worker

Family Services Worker

Extended Care Case Worker

Senior Program Manager

For more detailed information about VACCA and the positions available please visit our career site:

<https://vacca.recruitmenthub.com.au/Vacancies/>

Email at recruitment@vacca.org or call us at 03 9287 8800.



Ngaanyatjarra Media (Aboriginal Corporation)

We are a vibrant and thriving Indigenous-owned and -governed not-for-profit media organisation supporting 15 remote communities in the Western Desert region of Western Australia. Our location is Wingellina, WA—very close to the borders of the Northern Territory and South Australia.

NG Media aims to improve the lives of our people by providing appropriate media and communication services—and training and opportunities to use media technologies to tell our own stories in our own language.

General Manager

Do you have experience in managing a medium to large not-for-profit organisation, sound governance skills and radio /film/music experience? If so—and you are patient, resilient and able to communicate effectively in a cross-cultural environment—this could be the role for you.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

To request a copy of the applicant job package, email ora@oric.gov.au

For more information about the position, email asstmgr@firstnationmedia.org.au or phone Jennifer on 08 8952 6465.

Applications close: 17 October 2018

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Leaders, Community Engagement

Department of Education

Temporary full-time for a period up to 30 December 2022

Grade: Clerk Grade 5/6

Salary package: \$102,011 pa

Base salary: \$83,403 - \$92,026 pa

Toomelah Public School

Reference Number: 171971

Enquiries: Neil Druce (07) 4676 2223

Taree Public School

Reference Number: 171970

Enquiries: Karen Clark (02) 6552 1233

Senior Leaders, Community Engagement

Department of Education

Temporary full-time for a period up to 30 December 2022

Grade: Clerk Grade 7/8

Salary package: \$116,302 pa

Base salary: \$94,782 - \$104,918 pa

Brewarrina Central School

Reference Number: 171959

Enquiries: Christine Grieves (02) 6839 2186

Boggabilla Central School

Reference Number: 209913

Enquiries: Jennifer Bird (07) 4676 2104

Bourke High School

Reference Number: 171923

Enquiries: Andrew Ryder (02) 6872 2560

Bourke Public School

Reference Number: 171958

Enquiries: Ross Bowey (02) 6872 2051

Coonamble High School

Reference Number: 171962

Enquiries: Dorothea Panaretos (02) 6822 1522

Coonamble Public School

Reference Number: 171963

Enquiries: Annette Thomson (02) 6822 1966

Hillvue Public School

Reference Number: 171964

Enquiries: Theresa Miles (02) 6765 7446

Menindee Central School

Reference Number: 171965

Enquiries: Fiona Kelly (08) 8091 4409

Moree East Public School

Reference Number: 171966

Enquiries: Lorinda Potter (02) 6752 1733

Moree Secondary College

Reference Number: 171967

Enquiries: Peter Sheargold (02) 6752 1999

Taree High School

Reference Number: 171969

Enquiries: Allison Alliston (02) 6552 1166

Walgett Community College

Reference Number: 171972

Enquiries: Chris Shaw (02) 6828 1022

Wilcannia Central School

Reference Number: 171973

Enquiries: Annette Cam (08) 8091 5801

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Applications Close: 24 October 2018

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Numbers above.



Program Manager - Ngarra Jarranounith Place

- Full-time
- Competitive salary around \$100,000
- Based at the Dardi Munwurro office in Preston.
- Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Dardi Munwurro's vision is to build stronger families and safer communities. We do this by delivering a range of healing, behaviour change and family violence programs, to break the cycle of inter-generational trauma in Aboriginal families and communities, by empowering and inspiring individuals to heal the past, acknowledge the present and create a positive vision for the future.

Dardi Munwurro is seeking an experienced Manager to run its Ngarra Jarranounith Place (NJP) program. NJP is a residential men's healing and behaviour change program for Aboriginal men who use or have been convicted of family violence. The focus of the program is:

- Strong Spirit and Strong Culture
- Taking Responsibility
- Healthy Relationships

We are looking for a person with well-developed management skills, practical experience working in men's family violence and behaviour change, and a proven ability to work effectively with Aboriginal men and the Aboriginal community. The role is responsible for managing the program and a small dedicated team.

Corporate Services Coordinator – Dardi Munwurro

- Full-time or part-time
- Competitive salary
- Based at the Dardi Munwurro office in Preston.
- Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

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Dardi Munwurro is seeking an experienced person to develop, implement, manage and continuously improve its corporate support functions and systems, including: document management and control, client records management, fleet management, human resource management, marketing and promotion, website, office administration, partnership support, events management, communications and program support activities.

We are looking for a person who likes working in administrative and systems, to join our small dedicated team.

Please contact Alan Thorpe, Director on 0450 607 078 to obtain a copy of the Position Descriptions.



PROGRAM MANAGER

Full time
\$90,000- \$100,000 (negotiable)

We are looking for an individual who is passionate about their community and empowering people to help transform their lives.

The Torch is seeking applications for a Program Manager to manage the delivery of our Statewide Indigenous Arts in Prison and Community program. This role will manage staff, strategic direction, collation of data, reporting requirements and all other responsibilities associated with implementing this program.

The Torch is seeking a highly motivated individual with strong written and verbal communication skills. This individual will have experience supporting a leading a team of staff.

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.

If you would like to help build alternative pathways for Indigenous offenders and make a positive impact on people's lives then we are interested in hearing from you.

This position is designated as a specific Aboriginal position under section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

For further information on this role and a copy of the position description please contact:

Tel: (03) 9042 1236 or
nerissa.broben@thetorch.org.au

Applications addressing the key selection criteria and your resume should be sent to:

Nerissa Broben, Art Manager
The Torch
nerissa.broben@thetorch.org.au

Applications close on: Sunday 28th October 2018

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- Horticulturalist (Aboriginal identified)

TRAINEESHIPS

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- Information Management
- Geotechnician
- Civil/Parks Labourer

Applications close 12 midday Monday 22 October 2018.

Wollongong City Council is committed to the principles of employment equity and diversity and encourages applications from people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds in both traditional and non-traditional roles.

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Catholic Education Office Diocese of Sandhurst

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EDUCATION (CEO)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced professionals in the Catholic system for the following position:

Applicants must be able to demonstrate a commitment to:

- Catholic Education
- Strong focus on wellbeing and educational outcomes for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students along with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander curriculum for all students
- Culturally respectful relationships with Koorie Education workers, families, local Aboriginal communities and agencies

This position is specifically designated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (A103/2012)

**Closing Date for Applications:
4.00 pm Friday 5 October 2018**

Sandhurst schools are committed to promoting the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children

Application packages are available from www.ceosand.catholic.edu.au under 'Sandhurst Employment'

For further information please contact Rachel Rampling: Human Resources Officer
P: (03) 5443 2377 E: applications@ceosand.catholic.edu.au

Catholic Education Sandhurst is situated in Central and North Eastern Victoria, delivering professional support for our 56 school communities. We are committed to working in partnership with schools, students and families, providing innovation and excellence in education inspired by the Catholic story.



Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

- NSW Police Force
- Richmond Police District, Lismore
- Clerk Grade 3/4
- Ongoing Full-Time
- I Work for NSW Requisition No: 000061GV

Salary Package: \$85,370. Salary: \$70,652 - \$77,363. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to commands in the management of local Aboriginal issues.

They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen cooperation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

Job Notes:

Essential requirements for this role:

- Aboriginality and a sound knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and culture;
- Current Drivers Licence (clear driving record for 6 months); and
- Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance.

The preferred candidate:

- will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration, in accordance with the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*;
- is responsible for applying for their own WWCC (**an employer cannot apply on behalf of a worker**); and
- will be subject to a National Police Check (criminal record check), NSW Police Force Security Clearance check, probity and prior employment checks.

Applications Close: Sunday 14 October 2018

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Sergeant Claudio Toscan on (02) 6626 0576.

For the targeted questions, a downloadable role description, and information package and to apply, please go to *I Work for NSW* (<https://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au>) and search for Requisition Number 000061GV

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NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION MEETING

All people who hold or may hold native title to the land and waters shown in the map below, which includes people who identify as Taungurung, are invited to attend an authorisation meeting as follows:

WHERE: Camp Jungai, 475 Rubicon Road, Rubicon VIC
WHEN: Saturday, 20 October 2018
TIME: 1pm - 5pm

First Nations Legal and Research Services (First Nations) assists Traditional Owners in relation to native title matters across Victoria, including authorisation of native title settlements. First Nations is organising this meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to authorise an indigenous land use agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) as well as a suite of agreements under the Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 (Vic) between the State of Victoria and Taungurung. People who hold or may hold native title in the area shown in the map are invited to attend. If you are unsure whether you hold or may hold native title within the proposed agreement area, please contact First Nations on 1800 791 779.



There will be information sessions throughout September for people who hold or may hold native title in the proposed agreement area. The sessions will be held on:

- **6 October 2018** from 10am-1pm in Broadford and from 3pm-5pm in Yea;
- **7 October 2018** from 10am-1pm in Healesville;
- **11 October 2018** from 5pm-7pm in Melbourne; and
- **13 October 2018** from 10am-1pm in Seymour.

We can also schedule an information session outside of these times for you and/or your family. To do this, or to obtain details about meeting venues for the information sessions above, please contact First Nations on

1800 791 779.

Please contact the Community Liaison Officers at First Nations on 1800 791 779 for further information and to register your attendance. Travel assistance may be available in accordance with First Nations' Travel Allowance Policy. If you require travel assistance, please contact us by **15 October 2018**.

NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION MEETING

All people who hold or may hold native title to the land and waters shown in the map below (including native title consent determinations VID6004/1998 and VID655/2006 and those parts of Lower Glenelg National Park and Discovery Bay Coastal Park within Victoria), which includes people who identify as Gunditjmara and are descendants of the apical ancestors set out below, are invited to attend an authorisation meeting as follows:

WHERE: Lake Condah Mission, 248 Condah Estate Road, Heywood
WHEN: Saturday, 27 October 2018
TIME: 9am – 4pm (morning tea and lunch provided)

First Nations Legal and Research Services (**First Nations**) assists Traditional Owners in relation to native title matters across Victoria, including authorisation of native title settlements. First Nations is organising this meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to authorise an indigenous land use agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) and a suite of agreements under the Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 (Vic) between the State of Victoria and Gunditjmara. The meeting will also authorise signatories to execute these agreements. People who hold or may hold native title in the area shown in the map are invited to attend. If you are unsure whether you hold or may hold native title within the proposed agreement area, please contact First Nations on 1800 791 779.

There will be **information sessions** prior to this meeting for people who hold or may hold native title in the proposed agreement area. These sessions are:

- **Melbourne: Tuesday 23 October 2018** from **12-2pm** and **5-7pm** at First Nations Legal & Research Services, 12-14 Leveson Street, North Melbourne
- **Portland: Friday 26 October 2018** from **12-2pm** and **5-7pm** at DWECH Community Centre, 90 Julia Street, Portland

We can also schedule an information session outside of these times for you and/or your family. To do this please contact First Nations on 1800 791 779.

To register your attendance, and if you require assistance to attend this meeting, please contact Keilani Bin Hitam at First Nations Legal & Research Services on (03) 9321 5300, freecall 1800 791 779 or Keilani.BinHitam@fnlrs.com.au. If you have any questions or require further information about the matters to be discussed at this meeting please contact Ellen Maybery, Lawyer at First Nations Legal & Research Services, on (03) 9321 5317 or ellen.maybery@fnlrs.com.au.



Gunditjmara apical ancestors: Jenny Green (Alberts line), Timothy James Arden & Barbara Winter, Mary, Surname Unknown, Mother of James Egan, Billy & Mary Gorrie, William & Hannah King, James Lancaster, Susannah McDonald (Lovett Line), Mary McKinnon, Eliza Mitchell (Saunders Line), John Henry Rose, James and Mary Sutton, Louisa Taylor, Andrew and Ellen Winter and Lucy Sutton.

WATER NSW LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from: **RAYMOND AND LEANNE SMITH** for a bore on Lot 23 DP 751153, Parish Cadell, County Moira for Irrigation purposes. Objections to granting of this Approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 453, Deniliquin NSW 2710 or email to customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au within 28 days of the date of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection. (A015002)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South.

BLZ152010

WATER NSW LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from: **BENJAMIN JAMES BARBER & CAROLINE LOUISE BARBER** for a bore on Lot 62 DP756305, Parish Narrama, County Townsend for the purpose of irrigation. Objections to granting of this Approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 453, Deniliquin NSW 2710 or email to customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au within 28 days of the date of this notice.

The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection (A15018).
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracie Scarfone, A/Manager Water Regulation South.

BLZ152099

WATERNWS LITTLE NYMBODA WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS & USE APPROVAL under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000 has been received from **PAUL ANTHONY GIBBINS** for a 100mm Centrifugal Pump on Lot 131 DP713144, Parish of Ucombe, County of Fitzroy, for irrigation of 20 hectares. Objections to the granting of this approval must be received in writing to Locked Bag 10 Grafton NSW 2460 or email to customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds for objection. (A014984)

Enquiries may be directed to Water NSW on 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ152234

WATERNWS BELLINGER RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS & USE APPROVAL has been received from **MELINDA FAIRFAX COOK** for a 50mm Centrifugal Pump on Lot 25 DP755551, Parish of Never Never, County of Raleigh, for irrigation of 1 hectare Ref: A014990.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be received in writing to WaterNSW, Locked Bag 10 Grafton NSW 2460 or email to customer.helpdesk@watnsw.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 phone 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ152391

WATERNWS LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **CASELLA WINES PTY LIMITED** for a bore on Lot 110 DP 751689 (Cooper/Colchester), for irrigation purposes. 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@watnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A010172)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South.

BLZ152096

WATERNWS GRADYS CREEK WATER SOURCE

An application for a NEW WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **BRIAN MAXWELL LAMOND AND TRACEY LEIGH LAMOND** for a 100mm pump on Gradys Creek for irrigation of 10 hectares (Lucerne) all within Lot 43 DP755719, Parish of Loadstone, County of Rous (Application number A014962).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or email to customer.helpdesk@watnsw.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.
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ152407

WATERNWS UPPER MACQUARIE ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK & USE APPROVAL has been received from **MARK CARTER PTY LTD** to construct one additional bore (50 L/sec) on Lot 90 of DP 727152, Parish of Benelong, County of Gordon, for the purpose of irrigation. (Ref: A015062).

Objections to the granting of the above approvals must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018, DUBBO NSW 2830 or email to customer.helpdesk@watnsw.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.

Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ152423

WATER NSW STUARTS POINT GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application to amend a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000 has been received from **JEFFREY DAVID CROAD** as follows; In the STUARTS POINT GROUNDWATER SOURCE for an excavation (groundwater) and a 50mm centrifugal pump on Lot 2, DP 260197, Parish Yarrhapinni, County Dudley, for irrigation purposes. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460 or email to customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au within 28 days of the publication of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection. (A014939)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracey Lawson Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ151852

WATERNWS HAWKESBURY AND LOWER NEPEAN RIVERS WATER SOURCE LOWER SOUTH CREEK MANAGEMENT ZONE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **ANDREW HUGH IRWIN** for an existing 100 mm pump on Lot 4 DP264159 to include industrial purposes. Amending 10CA104849

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or Customer.Helpdesk@watnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A014996) Any queries should be directed to 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Salim Vhora, Manager Dealings, Verification and Water Regulation Coastal.

BLZ152002

WATERNWS MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK approval has been received from the **WAH WAH STOCK AND DOMESTIC WATER USERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED** for 4 x existing 150mm submersible pumps on the Murrumbidgee River on Lot 4 DP 363382, Parish Rutherford, County Waradgery.

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@watnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A015000)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Tracie Scarfone, Acting Water Regulation Manager South.

BLZ152180

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR Lower Darling Regulated River Water Source

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **WaterNSW** for a block bank and regulator adjacent to Lot 1040 DP762234, Parish of Merche, County of Wentworth and a block bank and regulator adjacent to Lot 1 DP1112323, Parish of Scott County of Wentworth, (Ref: A014997).

Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call (02) 6841 7420, Jeanette Nestor, Water Regulation Officer.

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WATERNSW
UPPER NAMOI ZONE 6 TRIBUTARIES
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PINE RIDGE ROAD) GROUNDWATER
SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **KARAPITI HOLDINGS PTY LTD** for two (2) New Groundwater Works/Bores on Lot 1 DP700048, County of Buckland, Parish of Borambil/Gunnadilly/Warrah. for existing irrigation area. (Application reference number - A015051).

UPPER NAMOI ZONE 8 MOOKI VALLEY
(QUIRINDI – PINE RIDGE ROAD TO
BREEZA) GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application to AMEND AN EXISTING WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **P R RUTTER** for one (1) additional Groundwater Works/Bores on Lot 401 DP563559, County of Buckland, Parish of Gunnadilly/Wallala, for existing irrigation area. (Application reference number - A014911).

GUNNEDAH – OXLEY BASIN MDB
GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a NEW WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **D & S BALL** for two (2) Groundwater Works/Bores and Irrigation purposes on Lot 1 DP1163783, County of Pottinger, Parish of Kickerbell/Rodd/Yarraman. (Application reference number - A014855).

LAKE GORAN WATER SOURCE

An application to AMEND AN EXISTING WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **G S CLIFT** for additional Works including two 660mm centrifugal pumps on Lot 4 DP114901 and Lot 22 DP755486 and two below ground Diversion Channels one on Lot 22 DP755486 and one on Lot 25 DP755486 and a diversion pipe on Lot 25 DP755486 County of Pottinger, Parish of Clift. (Application reference number - A013729).

Objections to the granting of these approvals must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, P O Box 1251, Tamworth NSW 2340 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice.

The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ152380

WATERNSW
NEW ENGLAND FOLD BELT COAST
GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application to AMEND AN EXISTING WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL (30WA322091) has been received from **BALLINA GOLF CLUB LTD** for four (4) new bores on Lot 3 DP528058, Parish of Ballina, County of Rous for recreation (golf club) purposes. Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW Locked Bag 10 Grafton NSW 2460 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A015021)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Tracey Lawson Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ152290

WATERNSW
ALSTONVILLE AREA WATER SOURCE

An application for a **NEW WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL** has been received from **ANTHONY MICHAEL POWELL** for a 38mm pump on an Unnamed Watercourse for irrigation of 9 hectares (Macadamia nursery and orchard) all within Lot 6 DP252667, Parish of Teven, County of Rous.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A014576)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ152344



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
15/1457	ST IVES GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	538262	79.20HA	16km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 19' S Long: 121° 32' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
31/782	HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED	521823	1.79HA	144km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 1' S Long: 122° 42' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/782	HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED	521824	1.74HA	144km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 1' S Long: 122° 42' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/782	HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED	521825	10.91HA	144km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 1' S Long: 122° 42' E	MENZIES SHIRE
38/2699	DUKETON MINING LTD	536927	96.35HA	73km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 36' S Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 3 October 2018

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **3 January 2019**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 3 February 2019**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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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	04/2560	BEAU RESOURCES PTY LTD	46BL	130km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 17° 11' S Long: 124° 56' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/3010	SKRYNE HILL PTY LTD	10BL	44km W'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 35' S Long: 115° 54' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1507	APOLLO PHOENIX RESOURCES PTY LTD	15BL	9km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 34' S Long: 121° 31' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/946	ZEEDAM ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	5BL	57km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 3' S Long: 117° 29' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	26/212	MILFORD RESOURCES PTY LTD	7BL	26km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2762-3	HAMELIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	140BL	132km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 122° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	38/3341	ROX RESOURCES LIMITED	48BL	115km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 35' S Long: 121° 48' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3346	DELONGVERT, Thierry Pierre	1BL	11km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2094	ANOVA METALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	7BL	76km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 122° 12' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/378	CARMICHAEL PROSPECTING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	22BL	48km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 121° 18' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5252	ATTGOLD PTY LTD	11BL	32km NE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 59' S Long: 119° 59' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5253	ATTGOLD PTY LTD	5BL	42km NE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 56' S Long: 120° 3' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5275	LADYMAN, Geoffrey Ross	1BL	35km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 37' S Long: 118° 33' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	46/1229	YANDAN GOLD MINES PTY LTD	129BL	64km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 27' Long: 120° 11' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1263	BUSHWIN PTY LTD	65BL	64km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 49' S Long: 120° 43' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1279	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	82BL	82km E'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 5' S Long: 120° 28' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1899	AUSTRALIAN VANADIUM LIMITED	16BL	54km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 2' S Long: 118° 43' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3635	PET FC PTY LTD	70BL	118km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 38' S Long: 117° 58' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3644	MINEX (WEST) PTY LTD	119BL	141km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 28' S Long: 117° 32' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2231	GALAHAD RESOURCES PTY LTD	35BL	51km NE'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 28° 7' S Long: 115° 44' E	GERALDTON CITY, MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2339	ENCOUNTER RESOURCES LIMITED	70BL	47km S'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 116° 35' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5015	AUSTRALIAN SILICA QUARTZ PTY LTD	54BL	23km N'ly of Albany	Lat: 34° 48' S Long: 117° 51' E	ALBANY CITY, PLANTAGENET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5108	VAN BEELEN, Richard	1BL	36km W'ly of York	Lat: 31° 54' S Long: 116° 23' E	MUNDARING SHIRE, NORTHAM SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5165	BARREL HOLDINGS PTY LTD	22BL	65km E'ly of Mount Barker	Lat: 34° 32' S Long: 118° 22' E	ALBANY CITY, PLANTAGENET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5187	GEOPOLYMER INDUSTRIES PTY LTD	28BL	34km NW'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 117° 35' E	KOORDA SHIRE, MOUNT MARSHALL SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5191	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	23BL	64km NW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 6' S Long: 119° 40' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5192	IMAGE RESOURCES NL	15BL	54km SW'ly of Moora	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 115° 31' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5193	IMAGE RESOURCES NL	26BL	16km S'ly of Busselton	Lat: 33° 47' S Long: 115° 18' E	AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER SHIRE, BUSSELTON CITY
Exploration Licence	70/5194	CGM (WA) PTY LTD	44BL	43km NE'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 8' S Long: 119° 7' E	KONDININ SHIRE, NAREMBEEN SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5196	CYGNUS GOLD LIMITED	46BL	49km E'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 118° 21' E	MUKINBUDIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5200	ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED	16BL	29km E'ly of Augusta	Lat: 34° 14' S Long: 115° 27' E	NANNUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2509	BANKS, Aaron Peter; KEIL, Michael	4BL	55km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 120° 0' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2510	BANKS, Aaron Peter; KEIL, Michael	25BL	7km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 119° 34' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2550	REVOLUTION MINING PTY LTD	8BL	130km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 38' S Long: 119° 29' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2565	MOUNT HAMPTON GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	32BL	63km SW'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 45' S Long: 119° 3' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2568	NICKGRAPH PTY LTD	43BL	11km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 119° 3' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3127	STONE, Graeme John	9.04HA	29km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3128	STONE, Graeme John	8.13HA	29km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2363	AVILA, Anthony John; WEBB, Allan David	190.34HA	16km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 18' S Long: 117° 48' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5256	CARTER, Kellie Anne	155.06HA	39km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 121° 20' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4386	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	198.19HA	25km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 41' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1325	MAZZA, Felicity	89.30HA	114km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 122° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1326-7	HUNTLEY, Philip	277.83HA	80km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 122° 16' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	37/9162	VOEKS, Karl Orville	110.61HA	30km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 121° 6' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4465	BURTON, Andrew Arthur	1.43HA	84km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 123° 11' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1470-S	SHIPARD, Maida; CHITTLEBOROUGH, Graham John	9.49HA	51km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 22' S Long: 121° 25' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1471-S	SHIPARD, Maida; CHITTLEBOROUGH, Graham John	9.39HA	53km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 22' S Long: 121° 26' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1941	MILLENNIUM MINERALS LIMITED	155.27HA	40km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 50' S Long: 120° 29' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	52/1584	KENT, John Carl; FURNISS, Roderic George; GIBLETT, Maurice Charles	173.96HA	129km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 43' S Long: 119° 21' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1598	NEWMONT BODDINGTON PTY LTD	27.55HA	44km E'ly of Waroona	Lat: 32° 50' S Long: 116° 23' E	BODDINGTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1696-7	GALEA, Michael	17.37HA	14km E'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 19' S Long: 116° 3' E	CHITTERING SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1710	PULLMAN, Johanna Elizabeth	152.03HA	17km SE'ly of Dalwallinu	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 116° 45' E	DALWALLINU SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	74/379	BLACK DRAGON ENERGY (AUS) PTY LTD	164.62HA	88km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 41' S Long: 119° 45' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4514	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	6.25HA	26km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 118° 58' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 3 October 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 **3 January 2019**. 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. 3 February 2019**), 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
YASS CATCHMENT GROUNDWATER
SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL & USE APPROVAL has been received from **SU-MEI CHENG** for a bore on Lot 4 DP 45408 (Hume/Murray), for irrigation purposes. 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. (A014907)
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South.
BLZ151705

WATERSNSW
SOUTHERN RECHARGE
GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK & USE APPROVAL has been received from **TREVOR LACHLAN ROBERTS** to construct one new bore(35 L/sec) on Lot 48 of DP 752566, Parish of Ewenmar, County of Burroway, for the purpose of irrigation.
Objections to the granting of the above approvals must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018, DUBBO NSW 2830 or 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. (A014853)
Any queries please call 1300662077 or email the above.
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.
BLZ151684

WATERSNSW
LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from: **WOODBELL PARK PTY LTD** for a bore on Lot 22 DP1056430, Parish Quiamong, County Townsend for the purpose of irrigation.Objections to granting of this Approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 453, Deniliquin NSW 2710, within 28 days of the date of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection. (A015069)
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracie Scarfone A/Manager Water Regulation South.
BLZ152351

WATER NSW
UPPER MACQUARIE ALLUVIAL
GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **IAN EDWIN WALKER & RODNEY BRUCE WALKER** for 1 ADDITIONAL BORE (60 litres per second) on Lot 158 DP 753233 Parish of Dubbo, County of Gordon.
Objections to the granting of the approval must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018, DUBBO NSW 2830 or 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. (A014931)
Any queries please call 1300-662-077 or email the above.
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.
BLZ151796

WATERSNSW
YASS CATCHMENT GROUNDWATER
SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL & USE APPROVAL has been received from **SHUZI CHEN** for a bore on Lot 1 DP 1232763 (Hume/Murray), for irrigation purposes. 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. (A014977)
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South.
BLZ152008

WATERSNSW
WATER SHARING PLAN FOR THE LOWER LACHLAN
GROUNDWATER SOURCE
LOWER LACHLAN GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **NIGEL & RUTH HELPS** for a Bore (Capacity 16ML/Day) on Lot 1 DP 1131664 for the purpose of Irrigation, Parish Carilla, County Dowling.
Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 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. (A014942)
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracie Scarfone, A/Manager Water Regulation South.
BLZ152230

WATERSNSW
WATER SHARING PLAN FOR THE LOWER LACHLAN
GROUNDWATER SOURCE
LOWER LACHLAN GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **HILLSTON SUN FARM PTY LTD** for a Bore (Less than 1ML/Day) on Lot 101 DP 755189 for the purpose of Commercial, Parish Redbank, County Nicholson.
Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 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. (A014938)
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracie Scarfone, A/Manager Water Regulation South.
BLZ152220

WATERSNSW
MID ORARA RIVER WATER SOURCE AND
CLARENCE MORETON BASIN GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000 has been received from **JUJHAR SINGH KANDOLA and GURDEV KAUR KANDOLA** as follows;

- in the **Mid Orara River Water Source** for a Runoff Harvesting Dam and an 80mm Centrifugal Pump, and an Off-river Storage (Turkey's Nest Dam);
- in the **Clarence Moreton Basin Groundwater Source** for a bore;

all on Lot 77, DP 751368, Parish Dundoo, County Clarence, for irrigation. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered by email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au or in writing to Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460, within 28 days of the publication of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of the objection. (A014408)
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above (in lieu of previous advertisement).
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.
BLZ151844

WATERSNSW
LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SHARING PLAN
LACHLAN REGUATED RIVER WATER SOURCE
THAT PART OF THE WATER SOURCE UPSTREAM OF LAKE
CARGELLIGO WEIR

An application for an AMENDED water supply works and/or water use approval has been received from **IAIN and JENNIFER TYACK** for 2 x 65mm centrifugal pumps (capacity 1ML/day each) on Lots 14 & 15 DP 1242915, Parish Condobolin, County Cunningham
Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 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. (A014949)
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracie Scarfone, A/Manager Water Regulation South or email customer programs: BLZ151858

WATERSNSW
UPPER NAMOI GROUNDWATER SOURCE
ZONE 8 MOOKI VALLEY (QUIRINDI – PINE RIDGE ROAD TO
BREEZA)

An application to amend an existing WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL (90CA807470) has been received from **CRAIG CHARTERS** for a new 350mm inside diameter casing bore on Lot 11 DP 616745 Parish of Gunnadilly, County of Buckland for irrigation purposes (Application Number: A014566).

BUNDOCK CREEK WATER SOURCE
DEADMANS CREEK

An application for a NEW WATER SUPPLY WORK has been received from **COTTON SEED DISTRIBUTORS LIMITED** for one 300mm Centrifugal Pump, one 150mm Centrifugal Pump and one 510mm Axial flow pump on Lot 10 DP 238780 Parish of Mollee, County of White for irrigation purposes (Application Number: A014903).

SOUTHERN RECHARGE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a NEW WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **JOSEPH SMITH AND DEBORAH MICHELL-SMITH** for a new 305mm inside diameter casing bore on Lot 1 DP 1070267 Parish of Narrabri, County of Nandewar for irrigation purposes on Lot 1 DP 1070267 (Application Number: A015063).
Objections to the granting of the above approvals must be registered in writing to WaterNSW PO Box 382, Narrabri NSW 2390 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection and state the application number.
Any queries please phone 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.
BLZ152335



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTh) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	15/1841	STEHN, Anthony Paterson	12.00HA	25km NW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 18' S Long: 121° 25' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1119	KIN MINING NL	147.16HA	59km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 121° 57' E	LAVERTON SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 3 October 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 **3 January 2019**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 3 February 2019**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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Notice of applications for
determination of native title in the
Northern Territory
Notification day: 17 October 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, GPO Box 1806, Darwin, NT, 0801 **on or before 16 January 2019**. After **16 January 2019**, 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: Lisa Mumbin & Ors v Northern Territory of Australia (Katherine # 3)
Federal Court File No: NTD57/2017
Date filed: 24 November 2017
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has ***not accepted*** this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description: The application area covers approx. 62 sq km around and including the township of Katherine.
Link to map: <https://bit.ly/2P6nsKE>
Relevant LGA: Katherine Municipality



Application name: Andrew Reiff & Ors v Northern Territory of Australia (Jinka Jervois Pastoral Leases)
Federal Court File No: NTD16/2018
Date filed: 10 May 2018
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has ***accepted*** this application for registration.

Description: The application area covers about 4910 sq km approx. 190 km north east of Alice Springs.
Link to map: <https://bit.ly/2nG3zha>
Relevant LGA: Central Desert Region

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Dubbo delivers a Knockout gathering



Action shots taken by *Koori Mail* sports editor Darren Moncrieff.





D'Arcy Short hits a double ton.

Short sets a benchmark record in the one day cup



D'ARCY Short, the sixth Indigenous cricketer to represent Australia at the highest level, set a new benchmark in the 50th season of the one-day cup and it is a record that will take some beating.

The 28-year-old, who grew up in Katherine, NT, carted Queensland to all corners of Hurstville Oval and beyond in scoring 257, crashing a barely believable record 23 sixes as Western Australia earned a 116-run win.

The result gives WA four wins from as many starts and locks up their spot in this week's preliminary final.

In many ways the result became secondary as Short's relentless hitting saw the record books rewritten.

There were still seven overs of the innings remaining when Short eclipsed the competition-high 229 not out scored by Tasmania's Ben Dunk four years ago at North Sydney Oval.

Short was eventually stumped to fall just 11 runs shy of Englishman Alistair Brown's one-day record set in 2002 playing for Surrey.

Short's tally of 23 sixes was also a competition high, with the ball having to be retrieved from nearby streets on more than one occasion.

His century came from 83 balls but that was just the beginning with the Northern Territory-born batsman facing only 148 balls for his record score.

"It hasn't really sunk in yet," said Short. "I just kept backing myself."

"I was thinking 400 for the team and whatever came after that (for me) would have been a bonus."

Short only returned to the WA squad last week having bizarrely missed a couple of matches with cuts to his hand inflicted by his dog.

Short hit three successive sixes to reach his double ton and become the fourth Australian male to achieve the feat in limited-overs cricket.

Spinner Mitch Swepson suffered the most with his eight overs going for 97 runs.

But the day was all about Short, who made his ODI debut for Australia just three months ago against England.

"My main goal is to play as much one-day cricket for Australia as possible and to be a consistent performer at that level," he said. "Playing in the (2019) World Cup and being in that squad is the end goal." —AAP

Tshinta on path to bikini catwalk



By DARREN MONCRIEFF



TSHINTA Morris-Fernando is on a quest to push herself beyond what she thought possible, and a spot at the World Beauty Fitness and Fashion contest on the Gold Coast next week represents one part of that journey.

Morris-Fernando is a qualified personal trainer based in Sydney.

The 25-year-old from Dubbo, NSW, said the idea of entering a segment called the Diva Bikini Model on the glamour strip wasn't something she thought she'd ever be doing.

"I never thought in a million years I'd be working in the fitness industry and competing in a bikini body-building competitions, let alone thinking of next year competing overseas," she said.

Never one for contact sport, Morris-Fernando one day got serious about her health.

"Exercising is a way for me to release my energy. Training has helped me so much to cope mentally," she said.

"Competing is a personal challenge for me to have a goal to strive towards and step into the gym with a purpose."

"I've always wanted to compete, and found my passion for fitness and the WBFF combine both glamour and fitness together."

"For me it has never been to place in the top; my outcome has always been to challenge myself mentally."

"I want women, especially women in the Aboriginal community, to know that you can achieve anything you put your mind to and you can live a healthy lifestyle through health and fitness, and have fun while doing it."

For the competition, Morris-Fernando has been on a detailed diet and training regime.

Arnhem Crows win big at Territory titles



THE Arnhem Crows women's softball team have returned home as winners after taking out a division two

title at the Northern Territory softball championships in Darwin last weekend.

The largely Barunga-based side performed consistently throughout the three-day event, going on to secure their division win after defeating St Mary's 6/2 in the final round on Sunday.

Arnhem Crows captain and deputy mayor of Barunga Helen Lee said the women had to dig deep in the sweltering Top End conditions to take home the win.

"It was hard work, but we were very determined to come out on top," she said.



The Arnhem Crows women's softball team – winners at the NT softball championships in Darwin recently.

"Competing at Territory level is difficult in any sport when you're a remote team, so you have to make the most of the opportunity when you have it."

"It was a great competition and we're really excited to have won."

The team was proudly sponsored by a number of local organisations, including Roper Gulf Regional Council and the Barunga Local Authority.

Lee says the support of all sponsors was greatly appreciated in helping the team take part in the competition.

"We couldn't do it without Roper Gulf Regional Council and the funding we got through Council from the Northern Territory Government," she said. "Thanks to everyone who participated in the competition, and to those who supported the team."

Thompson takes Bulldogs on an unbeaten run

By PETER ARGENT



KRISTON Thompson is the South Augusta Bulldogs coach who took his team through the 2018 season undefeated.

The glorious culmination of that season was a dominant 61-point win over Solomontown in the Spencer Gulf Football League Grand Final, 19.10 (124) to 9.9 (63).

In the Bulldogs colours were 10 Aboriginal players, including Madigan Medalist (league best-and-fairest) Aziel Stuart, goal-kicking ace Lionel Brown (92 in the regular season, and five in the semi and grand finals) who averaged an impressive five goals per game in 17 matches this year.

The others were Jarryd Warren, Billy-Joe Russell, Clayton Milera, Kahran McKenzie, Kyle Aitken, Ronald Fuschtei, and best-on-ground in the grand final Gary Warren.

"The Aboriginal component in our team played a key part in our victory," Thompson said.

"Against the Solomontown Cats in the grand final was, in my opinion, their best four-quarter effort for the season. At quarter-time we were up five goals-to-two and our third quarter was outstanding into the breeze. We clicked up a gear in the last quarter and ran out winners by over 10 goals.

"It was a pretty satisfying season.

"Personally, it was my first A-grade premiership and to come back after 18 months on the sidelines recovering from a knee injury added to the result.

"Taking South to this flag, also means the club has won three premierships in a row for the first time in its long history."

The South Augusta Football Club also made a special acknowledgment to their rich Aboriginal history, wearing an Indigenous guernsey during the Spencer Gulf Football League's first-ever Multicultural Round during July.



Kriston Thompson – the coach who took the South Augusta Bulldogs through the 2018 season undefeated.
Pictures: Peter Argent



Michael Clinch

Clinch wins Barossa league's team of the year selection

By PETER ARGENT



MICHAEL Clinch has had a season to remember, one he will never likely forget.

Clinch plays in the Barossa Light and Gawler Football Association, which is about an hour north of Adelaide.

Clinch is a former SANFL player and ran out for both Port Adelaide and North Adelaide.

The strong-bodied Clinch had a significant impact in defence for Willaston this season.

Playing as an intercept marking option, Clinch was in his side's best players in 12 of their 17 games in 2018.

That included a stunning best-on-ground performance in the Donnybrooks' exciting first-semifinal win over reigning premiers, Barossa District. His side finished the season in fourth place.

Their season came to an end in the preliminary final in their nine-point loss to Tanunda.

At the BL&GF medal count, Clinch was rewarded for his strong season and won selection in the association's team of the year, taking his rightful place in defence, in the back pocket.



Steve Rusca

Rusca a bright light in a season of darkness

By PETER ARGENT



STEVE Rusca was a shining light in an otherwise bleak 2018 season with his side, the Mintaro-Manoora Eagles, who play in the North Eastern competition.

Rusca finished third in the league's Mail Medal

count with 19 votes, just four behind the winner who polled 23 votes. This in a team that won just one of their 17 games this season, and polling votes in nine matches.

His personal efforts included an amazing four best-on-ground performances, all in losing games. He also played for SA Country against WA Country.

For his amazing on-field exploits, Rusca was selected in the North Eastern Football League's team of the year, as a ruck-rover.

While not quick, Rusca has tremendous evasive skills, is rarely caught and is noted for his ball-winning abilities, wonderful balance, composure and execution.



Ruckmen for St John's College and Maningrida contest the ball.



Minjilang's Justin Cooper was presented with the MVP award in the men's football by Member for Arnhem Selena Uiibo.



The Maningrida All Stars basketball team linking arms in support of the 'No More' campaign.

Suns and Storm fire up at Jabiru



Defending champions Waruwi Storm continued their winning streak to take out the grand final in the women's basketball.

Competition was intense at Kurrung Sports Carnival



HUNDREDS of sports competitors and fans saw the small island of Waruwi's men's and women's basketball teams make it a double championship weekend at the ninth annual Kurrung Sports Carnival at Jabiru in West Arnhem recently.

The two-day weekend sports carnival is the largest regional sports event in the area and is the highlight event on the West Arnhem sporting calendar.

It is hosted by West Arnhem Regional Council.

The carnival is a basketball and football event and has men's and women's teams from across the West

Arnhem region, representing Minjilang, Maningrida, Gunbalanya, Jabiru, Waruwi, and St Johns College.

The Waruwi Storm upset defending champs and hometown heroes Jabiru in the men's division basketball grand final 14-8, while the island's women's team won their seventh consecutive title after defeating St Johns College, 11-4.

In the football, Minjilang rose above 19 other teams to claim the Kurrung title, their second in a row, defeating Gunbalanya in the grand final, 21-7.

The carnival is the sporting component of the annual Mahbiil Festival in Jabiru – a celebration of culture, art, music and food.

The 'No More' campaign was a

welcome presence throughout the carnival, and players and teams threw their support behind it.

Event coordinator was Seide Ramadani, who said:

"This tournament just gets better and better and the impressive performance of the teams over the weekend shows the hard work they put in to prepare for the competition.

"What's more, the weekend brings the communities together and each year we see such a positive, inspiring display of sporting prowess, new friendships and exemplary sportsmanship, and that is such a big part of the beauty and pride of the Kurrung Sports Carnival story."



Minjilang Suns celebrate their win in the football at the Kurrung Sports Carnival.



Kysaiah "Kozzie" Pickett with the silverware his team Woodville-West Torrens won in the under-18s. Right: North Adelaide's Keanu Miller and Frank Szekely celebrate their reserves flag. Above right: North Adelaide's Robbie Young celebrates his league premiership with his daughter, Nayari. Pictures: Peter Argent

SANFL stars shine

"19" the magic number for North Adelaide in finals series

By PETER ARGENT



ROBBIE Young has become the first North Adelaide Indigenous premiership player in the SANFL after his side won their first flag in 27 years, and their 31st. Young played a key role in the Roosters' 19.10 (124) to 15.15 (105) win over Norwood in front of the biggest crowd at a SANFL Grand Final since 1998, 40,355, at Adelaide Oval.

It was a sweet return for Young who endured the heartbreak of a one-point loss as a Port Adelaide player in last year's decider.

His performances across the final series was, on occasion, mesmerising.

Young built his game around tackling pressure and goals at key moments playing as a small forward. He kicked a goal at 22-minute mark of the first quarter but just as importantly he laid seven tackles. In the preliminary final, he kicked three goals from just eight possessions but, again, was huge

in his defensive pressure.

"From our perspective Robbie's greatest strength is his pressing and tackling," an elated Roosters coach, Josh Carr, said. "It was the reason we brought him across from Port. For us the cream is his goal-kicking."

"He had a very good final series but he'd been delivering that type of form for us for the most of the year. He was a little banged up later in the regular season and we gave him three weeks off to prepare for the finals series."

"Robbie trains the way he plays and has attributes to go to the next level, in my opinion."

North Adelaide survived "19th-mangate" when, for three-and-a-half-minutes they had an extra player on the ground in the final quarter of the preliminary final. It made national news. A tribunal hearing was heard in front of a retired High Court judge on the Monday before the grand final after the South Australian Football Commission failed to make a decision.

In a 'Twilight Zone-esque' end



Norwood's Anthony Wilson.

to it all, the Roosters won the grand final by 19 points.

In an almost identical manner to Young, and in the opposite camp, Anthony Wilson became Norwood's first Indigenous premiership player in 2014, but he had to look on and wonder what could have been on grand final day.

Wilson was also a key component in the Redlegs' outstanding second semifinal victory over the Woodville-West Torrens.

The game-changer in that

match was his blistering speed and kicking four of the Redlegs' nine goals. This inspiring effort included a pair of majors in the tense last term.

Wilson slotted through a pair of goals and had 16 touches on grand final day but was largely held quiet by his Roosters opponents.

Roosters in reserve

KENO Miller and Frank Szekely added a double for North Adelaide when the reserves side defeated Norwood by 24 points, 16.8 (104) to 12.8 (80).

Miller, who played league football during the year, had 19 disposals and kicked two goals while Szekely had 17 touches and kicked one goal.

Anthony Wilson's brother, Luke, also for Norwood, was one of his side's better players, finishing with 22 touches.

'Kozzie' wins in 18s

WOODVILLE-West Torrens and Kysaiah Pickett won a thriller in the under-18s grand final, winning by five points over South

Adelaide, 13.11 (89) to 12.12 (84).

In a match with several shifts in momentum, the Eagles recaptured the lead deep in the last quarter to win.

Pickett kicked a goal from one of his 12 possessions for the Eagles, while South Adelaide's Hayden Sampson was high among their best players and possession-winners in the Panthers' heartbreaking loss.

Future looks bright

THE third SANFL under-17s Futures pre-grand final included five Indigenous prospects.

These were North Adelaide's Tyrann Hill, Sturt's Anzac Lochowiak, Glenelg's Terrance Wilfred and best-on-ground, and doubling up, Kysaiah Pickett, with a contender for mark of the year.

Trent Burgoyne performed the running duties because of injury and former Hawthorn footballer Harry Miller was among the coaching staff.

And top five AFL draft prospect Izak Rankine won the half-time sprint for a second successive year.



Will Chambers celebrates a try.

Centre of attention

WHILE most of the media attention in the lead up to the grand final focused on Billy Slater and Cooper Cronk, there was another intriguing battle being played out between arguably the two best centres in the game in Will Chambers and Latrell Mitchell.

The result of the game will be known by the time this article goes to print but this individual battle could well be critical in deciding the premiers.

There are a number of factors that make this one of the central clashes in the game.

It is not only a case of the old bull facing the challenge of the young bull, but it is also a clash of personalities and styles.

Latrell had to face the anxious wait of watching the preliminary final on the sideline, worrying he had let his teammates down after copping a one-week ban for a crusher tackle on Cronulla's Josh Dugan.

The helpless experience taught Mitchell a lesson he'll never forget.

"I never want to go back there again. I want to keep all of that stuff out of my game and keep playing footy," said the 21-year-old representative star.

"It's not even for myself. It's for my teammates. I don't want to let them down and put them through that."

He spent the night in the sheds with his teammates and after the win, was so elated he left early to go home and start grand final preparations.

Latrell was looking forward to reigniting his rivalry with Chambers — the pair brutally clashed in opposite colours during this year's State of Origin.

Mitchell got the best of Chambers in the Origin arena — verbal stoushes and all — but says the Melbourne star is the best in the game.

"He's probably one of the best centres in the game and has been for a long time, but to come up against him in the big dance is pretty exciting," he said.

"He'd have to be the toughest I've played. Everyone else I've done a good job on them. Chambers has done what he's done for the past few years so it's going to be tough."

"He's just been around as long as he has and experienced what he has, but we just have to keep in mind that I know he's the old dog but he's ready to come out and play some footy and I'm there to do the same," Latrell concluded.

For his part Will played down the rivalry but that doesn't mean he's forgotten he has a score to settle with the young NSW star.

The battle between Mitchell and Chambers was one of the highlights of the Origin series, beginning with June's opener in Melbourne.

Chambers baited his opposition

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centre at every opportunity and Mitchell responded with his actions. He even admitted it had spurred him on.

In the first two games with the series on the line, Mitchell busted through 18 tackles and scored two tries. Importantly, while Chambers had 11 misses in defence, Mitchell had none.

"I haven't got the wood over him yet," Chambers said.

"We've played each other about four times already this year and we are playing each other for the fifth."

The showdown between the pair on the Storm's right edge will be crucial.

This year's decider features the two best defensive teams in the competition, and Mitchell is the Roosters' Ferrari sitting in the garage.

Chambers is aware Mitchell is the kind of X-factor that can decide the title but is not fazed by the challenge.

"He is a big boy and he is hard to handle," Chambers said.

"I know they will be getting him the ball and I will have to be on my game defensively."

"It is another tough night and it will be a tough challenge ... I am looking forward to it. I know he will be up for it. He is a big-game player."

What Chambers wouldn't discuss though is the on-field sledging.

Asked if he would try to get under Mitchell's skin again, he responded bluntly: "I don't want to talk about that, mate."

Nor is Chambers fussed by his own reputation. Banned two times this year for crusher tackles and once for dangerous contact on Damien Cook in Origin, Chambers did not believe he had to change his game or owed the Storm anything come the back end of the season.

While popular among his teammates, Chambers is aware of what it's done to his image off the field.

"It's the media and however I'm portrayed, I'm portrayed," he said.

"I'd like to think I'm a loving, caring father and a great friend to the boys at the club."

"That's footy. That's life. I live in front of these cameras and that's our life printed in media."

"It's pretty easy to be a keyboard warrior. People don't really say stuff to your face. It's easy to print it in a newspaper, but they won't come and say it to you. But everyone wants a story. It's pretty funny don't you think?"

The biggest story, however, will be the winners of the game to decide the premiers in what has been the closest competition in memory.

I believe we have ended up with the best two teams playing off for the title. Like most big games the result can hinge on a special play or a special moment.

Don't be surprised if that moment involves Mitchell and Chambers.



Julia Robinson hugs Brisbane Broncos teammate Amelia Kuk after their victory against the Sydney Roosters at Homebush Stadium. Picture: Getty images

Robinson wins premiership with Broncos



JULIA Robinson and the Brisbane Broncos have set a benchmark in the maiden NRLW season that will be hard to match, finishing unbeaten in 2018 with a remarkable 110-30 point differential after claiming the inaugural premiership at the weekend.

The Brisbane team swept Sydney Roosters aside 34-12 at Homebush Stadium to claim the very first women's premiership.

Robinson's Broncos saved their best until last, posting their highest total in the short season, eclipsing their 32-10 against the Warriors. No other team had been able to post more than 30 points this season.

In contrast, the Roosters

scraped through to the grand final on points differential with one win, a 26-0 blitz of St George Illawarra last week.

A key moment in the game came when Roosters winger Taleena Simon kicked the ball out of an opponent's hand after that opponent scored a try, and which led to a penalty try. Later, Simon left the field with an ankle injury. — AAP



Julia Robinson pushes through some solid Rooster defence. Picture: Getty Images



Daniel Mooka: 100 goals, a premiership, and a best-on-ground in the grand final.

Mooka Powers up to a ton and flag

By ALF WILSON



GUN Power forward Daniel Mooka can add 'best-on-ground' in a premiership team to his century of goals this season.

Spearhead Mooka booted seven goals for the Gordonvale-based Pyramid Power when they defeated Port Douglas to claim the Cairns AFL Reserves 2018 flag, 12.12 (84) to 10.7 (67), at Cazaly's Stadium, Cairns.

Mooka was named man of the match and that took his season tally to 112 goals.

Torres Strait Islander Mooka had kicked 93 goals during the regular season to win the competition's leading goalkicker award by one goal. He reached the ton when he kicked eight against the Saints in the final round to take his season tally to 101 before the finals.

The Power's Maree Floyd said other players of Torres Strait descent were key members of the winning grand final side.

"Tommy Mooka, Jamaine Mooka, Joseph Abai, Henry Mareko, Johanathan Toby, Don-Ashton Biehler and Jeffrey Hudson were all part of our team," she said.

"Patti Kris, Daniel Pau and Michael Saveko narrowly missed out on selection but all had valuable parts in getting this team to the grand final."

Mooka, of Mabuiag and Boigu heritage, is also a talented rugby league player, and it's been a busy football season for Mooka, who lives and works in Townsville, as he explains.

"This season, I played rugby league in Townsville for Western Lions and used to travel to Cairns for the Pyramid Power games and most times they were on different weekend

days," he said.

Mooka was spotted by talent scouts from NRL club Sydney Roosters in 2013.

"I was in the Roosters lower grades when Sonny Bill Williams was in their first team," he said.

Mooka last visited the Torres Strait in 2017 but he hopes to revisit after the football season.

"I played at the 2016 Island of Origin Rugby League series on Badu for a Boigu team," he said.

The sharpshooter and strong-marking Pyramid Power forward was among the best-on-ground in the semifinal.



There is a number of Indigenous players with the Power.



Adam Simpson and Nathan Buckley prior to the grand final.

Embracing change

THE 'Big Dance' has been won and, whatever the result, both coaches can look back on a successful season where they have embraced change and brought the teams with them.

It is fair to say that entering this season, neither the Pies or Eagles were considered serious premierships contenders.

Nathan Buckley's men missed the finals in four consecutive seasons, while many predicted Adam Simpson's side to slide down the ladder this year after losing several star players to retirement at the end of last season. However, both clubs defied the odds to make it to the summit match of the 2018 AFL season.

After winning a vote of confidence from the board last August following a dismal 2017 season, Buckley faced some early criticism after the Pies dropped their first two matches of the season against Hawthorn and the GWS Giants, both at the MCG.

But from that point on, they would drop only five more matches on the way to a third-place finish on the ladder – their highest placing since the 2012 season, when they finished fourth in what was Buckley's first year as Pies coach.

I have a lot of admiration for what Buckley has achieved. Nobody ever questioned his passion and drive as the former champion player worked to bring premiership glory back to his beloved Magpies.

Sometimes an unerring commitment to a certain approach is seen to be a strength of a good coach. But Buckley had to take on a broad-ranging set of recommendations from a broad-ranging review, including changes to his approach to the operations of the Club.

His strength of character to be able to embrace this change has been rewarded in lifting the club from 13th place last year to potential premiers has won him the AFL Coaches Association's coach of the year.

Adam Simpson's men entered this year having been convincingly beaten by the Giants in their semifinal last year, after which Matt Priddis, Drew Petrie and Sam Mitchell retired from the game.

Many predicted they would slide down the ladder this season, with Robert Walls even going as far to predict that they'd win the wooden spoon.

Twelve Eagles players returned for a second shot at the big prize, after they were part of the team humiliated by Hawthorn three years ago. But it has been the injection of youth that has been a major factor in Adam Simpson's success.

Willie Rioli and Liam Ryan have been central to that influence and it is a credit to Simpson that he has been able to harness the energy and enthusiasm that comes with youth.

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The energy and exuberance that players like this can bring to a side has to be handled properly and Simpson has obviously found the key to managing this transition of his playing roster.

Simpson was a close runner-up in the Coach of the Year Award which is due recognition for what he and Buckley have achieved.

For his part Buckley tried to put the focus on the organisation rather than himself.

"I think it's an acknowledgement of a pretty strong year by our club and our team," he said.

"I do think it speaks to performance, either above or below expectations, because it's pretty hard to measure the effectiveness of a senior coach from anywhere other than inside the four walls.

"The fact that it comes from the peers, I acknowledge. I think they would understand and pick up and see things that would speak to them maybe a little more specifically than just that performance above expectation."

The strength of that team environment was on display for all to see at the team's last training session when the players gathered around Travis Varcoe when he pulled the group together to speak.

The players fell silent. They knew what Varcoe had been through in the past month with the tragic death of his sister in an accidental head clash playing in her club grand final.

His sister's accident was a rare moment when the word tragedy can be rightly applied in sport.

Varcoe pulled out a photo of his sister. On the back was a message she had written herself and her teammates before their grand final.

"This is our last training session together to get ready for the game but I thought it was perfect. I couldn't have scripted it any better. It's all about training, the way we train is the way we play," he said.

"I just wanted to share that with you because you guys have been massive for me and this is the reason I want to share that."

The players clapped and gathered in around Varcoe who was wearing a Collingwood jumper with the No.1 on the back, his sister's number.

It was a moment that put the result of a football game into an entirely different perspective. The moment spoke to the tightening connection between the players.

They have all spoken at times during the year about having more care for one another, about how they grew the connection to one another in bonds not about employment, but about club and fraternity.

It is a sign of the strength of unity that comes when all members of a club are on the same page.

It is a sign of a club that has embraced change.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Shibasaki starts on the frontfoot

By ALF WILSON



THURSDAY Island's Ryan Shibasaki started his professional boxing career in style with a unanimous points decision over Mark Snook in Townsville.

It was the main bout in a pro-amateur tournament at the Townsville Entertainment Centre on September 8.

"It was over in four rounds and Ryan did well and I believe has already had some offers to fight as a pro down south," promoter Dennis Clancy said.

Included among the 2000-strong audience was a big number of Shibasaki supporters, including some family from the Torres Strait, Cairns and Mackay.

The 30-year-old Shibasaki looked impressive in winning the North Queensland Lightweight professional belt.

Super-fit Shibasaki represented TI's Zenadth Kes Boxing Club and there is now a prospect that a pro-amateur tournament could be held on TI.

In the lead-up to the bout, Shibasaki had travelled down to Townsville twice for several training camps.

In Townsville he trained at the Gulliver Gym of Art of Strength Club with coach Scooter Hooper.

Also on hand there was former pro boxing star Dale Artango who has Moa Island descent.

Clancy said the 'Rite of Passage to Adult' tournament was to show youth in the community how to make something of their lives.

"Ryan is a great role model for young people," he said.

Clancy said he was touched after a recent visit to the Townsville Cleveland Youth Detention Centre.

"I was told 90% of the youths who go into the centre return there and I want to help out through boxing," he said.



Ryan Shibasaki and Mark Snook in battle during their bout. Picture: Alf Wilson



The 2018 Indigenous Marathon Project squad (back row from left) Otis Carter (Port Lincoln, SA), Damien Crispin (Broome, WA), Torey Rickerby (Derby, WA), Loren Fejo (Darwin, NT), Rikki Wilson (Adelaide, SA); (middle, from left) Rachael Howard (Newcastle, NSW), Michaela Skulthorpe (Brewarrina, NSW), Debra Hegarty (Cairns, Qld), Jessica Bartholomew (Ingleside, Qld); (front, from left) John Hill (Dubbo, NSW), Jikola Whyman (Melbourne, Vic.), Cyrus Morseu (Badu Island, Qld).

Desert run a true test of character



THE six men and six women who will form the 2018 Indigenous Marathon Project squad faced their greatest challenge to date: a 30km desert run through Alice Springs.

And in an emotional selection ceremony, 11 of them learnt that their hard work over the past six months has won them a place at the starting line at the New York City Marathon next month.

The squad members have come from a variety of backgrounds and different fitness levels.

First across the finish line was Rachael Howard, who ran most of the way with Charlie Maher, the first Indigenous Australian to complete the NYC Marathon back in 2010.

"I really enjoyed it," she said. "It was tough, but I loved it and running with Charlie was really special."

Howard was also presented with the Nadine Hunt Leadership Award in recognition of her own strong leadership skills.

"It's such an honour," she said. "I've been so nervous. I know I can run but I didn't know if I was going to be the right sort of person to represent IMP in New York. I feel I did everything I could but it was still such a relief to be chosen for New York."

Rikki Wilson said the beauty of the run eclipsed the physical pain of the challenge.

"It was full-on," she said. "I was fine for



Rachael Howard.

the first 20km then the last 7km was really hard. I was sore around the knees, my muscles were tight, I could feel old netball injuries but it was still so breathtaking to watch the sun come up and I really enjoyed the solitude.

"I feel confident about New York now. That 30km showed me the areas I need to work on. I know what to do."

Jikola Whyman had his aunt and grandmother travel up from Echuca, Victoria, to cheer him on.

"It was cruisy for the first 15km, then mentally really hard and the last 5km felt like it went on forever," he said. "I'm feeling strong now and determined to do

everything right with my training and recovery before New York."

Final selection for the New York marathon is determined by those who have shown commitment to their training and who finish the 30km test run, but it also hinges on completion of their education component.

An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health and First Aid course was delivered during camp, to raise awareness of the importance of tracking mental health.

Coach and 2014 IMP graduate Adrian Dodson-Shaw said he was pleased to see the squad's hard work pay off.

"I'm feeling good for the 11 selected to go to New York," he said. "It's a great reward for their efforts. It's been really busy and intense, but the squad have done what's asked of them. They struggled, but got to the end. I'm really excited and looking forward to the next stage."

Darwin woman Loren Fejo, who has battled ill health throughout the training period, will miss New York and instead focus on preparing for the Boston Marathon in April 2019.

Times

Rachael Howard 2:30; Damien Crispin 2:35:33; Torey Rickerby 2:36: 56; Cyrus Morseu 3:20; Jikola Whyman 3:21; John Hill 3:41; Michaela Skulthorpe 3:54; Jessica Bartholomew 4:06; Rikki Wilson 4:21; Otis Carter 4:31:59; Debra Hegarty 4:41; Loren Fejo 6:00

NRL Grand Final
Sydney Roosters 21 def. Melbourne Storm 6

AFL Grand Final
West Coast 11.13 (79) def. Collingwood 11.8 (74)

Koori stars shine bright



Latrell Mitchell scored the first points with a penalty. Then he scores a try.



Lewis Jetta



Liam Ryan



Blake Ferguson gives it his all.



Liam Ryan flies high to take a mark. *Picture: Getty Images*



LIAM Ryan's contested flyer of a mark late in the final quarter in the AFL grand final set in motion West Coast Eagles winning their fourth premiership in a colossal contest in front of more than 100,000 people at the MCG.

The very next day, Sydney Roosters' star Latrell Mitchell scored the first points of the NRL grand final with a penalty goal on his side's way to claiming its 14th premiership in front of more than 80,000 fans at Homebush Stadium.

Ryan, Mitchell, Willie Rioli, Blake Ferguson and Lewis Jetta made for a 'premiership weekend' in both the AFL and NRL for Aboriginal footballers in the big codes.

Mitchell enhanced his status as an emerging star of league with a commanding performance from the centre, while Ferguson was a colossus from the wing.

The Roosters stunned pre-game favourites Melbourne Storm to win 21-6.

West Coast and Collingwood played a game for the ages, two worthy opponents in a contest decided in the final minute – 11.13 (79) to 11.8 (74) – that delivered the Eagles their fourth premiership.



Willie Rioli

All systems go for Dubbo Touch KO



A TOUCH football knockout tournament in Dubbo will have more than \$40,000 in prizemoney, organisers have confirmed.

The National Indigenous Touch Carnival Knockout will take place in the central NSW town over three days, from 14-16 December 2018, at Apex Park.

There will be three senior divisions and three junior divisions.

The event is the second of its kind

and is run by the Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service.

Teams across the divisions will be capped at 32.

Nominations are beginning to roll in, and there will be men's, women's and mixed open teams in the senior division, and under-10s, under-12s and under-14s for boys and girls in the junior divisions.

A maximum total number of players that can play for a team during one competition game is 14.

In the mixed competition, the team will consist of a minimum three female players and a maximum of three male players on the field at any time.

A maximum of six players per team may be on the field at any one time.

Team entry fees are \$750 each for the seniors and \$250 each for the juniors.

The event will have a strong health message, too, with the Quit B Fit – Tackling Indigenous Smoking Program, together with NSW Touch Football, as hosts of the event.



Touch action from last year's event.
Picture: Darkeye Photography



Children are the focus of Shooting Stars, with Fever captain Verity Charles.

Fever skipper to visit Kimberleys



THE West Coast Fever has pencilled in the Kimberley and Narrogin in the Wheatbelt to visit as part of the 'Shooting Stars' netball engagement program next month.

The National Netball League 2018 grand finalists recently visited the Mid West and Gascoyne regions.

The program received funding from the WA State Government and education department to engage with Indigenous young women across the state.

JMF in top 3 at FIFA awards



Kids from Borrooloola train in South Africa in 2014 during the World Cup. Picture: Getty Images



AN Australian first in a prestigious top-three placing for John Moriarty Football (JMF) in the FIFA Diversity Awards in London.

Accepting the finalist's award, JMF co-founder John Moriarty shared his story of the power of football to cut through discrimination and exclusion to enable a different life. The football program named for Moriarty reflects his own journey as the first Aboriginal footballer selected for Australia.

JMF is in its seventh year of continuous delivery in remote communities.

The program brings together 6-16-year-old children through football, promoting education, good health and wellbeing in some of the country's most socially challenged regions. JMF enables families and communities to unlock their children's potential – in life and in sport.

"An important part of our mission is allowing these children to become an individual with a clear vision and aspiration so they can see the future themselves," said John Moriarty.

"The game did so much for me, and I hope football can bring a brighter future to the young players our program works with.

"We are humbled by this international recognition. It is a reflection of the dedication of our coaches, staff, supporters and partners, who deliver the program day in-day out in the bush, and who support our Sydney scholarship holders."

The grassroots program delivers to more than 100 children in the remote NT communities of Borrooloola and Robinson River.

It is set to expand to more locations. A Sydney scholarships program has piloted elite football pathways for five young players since 2015.

Inaugural scholarship holder, 17-year-old Shay Evans, became the first JMF footballer to be selected for Australia when she debuted for the Young Matildas in April 2018.

JMF leadership team member, Fiona Hekking, told the FIFA audience in London that JMF prepares young players in the program to be the best they can possibly be in school, in sport and in life.

"We show them we believe in their unique talents and strengths and support them with our wellbeing methodologies, mentoring and connected relationships," she said.

"We apply our principles equally to our grassroots players, as well as those of our athletes with the potential to represent nationally and internationally.

"The majority of children in our program will use football simply for a healthier physical, social, mental and emotional future."

JMF is showing Australia and the world what Indigenous footballers can achieve in the game, but also what football can do for reconciliation to help level the playing field of Indigenous opportunity.

Described by FIFA as powerful recognition of diversity and anti-discrimination values through football, the FIFA Diversity Award 2018 winner was announced as Kenya's Horn of Africa Development Initiative (HODI). JMF was one of three finalists, the first Australian organisation to achieve the honour. The other was UK/Ireland's Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC).

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Kooris OK to join Murris

By ALF WILSON



ORGANISERS of this weekend's Arthur Beeson Foundation Murri Rugby League Carnival in

Townsville have laid out the welcome mat for Koori players fresh from the Knockout in Dubbo to join any one of the 37 senior men's and women's teams.

Bindal Sharks boss Jenny

Pryor said that NSW players who played in the recent Koori Knockout would be more than welcome to play in Townsville and she expected many to line up – but with one and very important condition.

"The only thing is," she said, "is that they can't be picked in the Queensland Indigenous side to meet a NSW one."

"So as long as they have had their health checks then they're good to go."

The finishing touches are

being put in place for the big event. More than 20,000 spectators are expected to attend the carnival from this Friday to Sunday, October 5-7.

"This is the 33rd year I've been involved in running Allblacks carnivals in Townsville and this truly is an historic event," Pryor said.

"We've provided a channel to give our men and women a chance to realise their full potential."

The 26 senior men's teams

will be joined by 11 senior women's teams along with under-12s and under-15s.

A rule organisers will strictly enforce is that each of the senior men's sides can only have a maximum of two current NRL players.

The event will for the first time host a team from the Northern Territory.

A men's side from Western Australia, organised by Perth-based Nyoongar Wellbeing, had expressed interest in playing but

held off until perhaps next year.

In late news, the Gulf Bulls from Normanton were a late withdrawal due to sorry business.

Talent scouts linked to clubs in the NRL and the Queensland Intrust Super Cup are likely to be keen observers, as will former NRL players.

Fresh from guiding Centrals to a drought-breaking premiership in the Townsville and District Rugby League, former NRL great Matt Bowen will lead a side bearing his name at the carnival.



Picture: Raquel Clarke

Moree Boomerangs 18s – premiers!

IN the last edition of *Koori Mail Sport*, we had a big four-page wrap of the Moree Boomerangs Rugby League Football Club's historic Group 19 'trifecta' – premierships in first-grade,

reserve grade and in the under-18s. In amongst all the excitement of putting it all together, a sharp-eyed reader saw that we overlooked one of the premiership-winning teams from that

amazing day, the under-18 team.

Overlooked no more, for here they are, the Group 19 under-18s premiers for 2018 – the Moree Boomerangs. Congratulations, fellas!

your say

Seeking information on Brisbane Natives, All Blacks league teams

I AM a few months into my PhD in Indigenous Sports History at the University of Queensland and was hoping that some of your readers might be able to assist me with my research project.

I'm currently researching two all-Aboriginal rugby league teams: the Brisbane All Blacks and the Brisbane Natives.

I believe that the Brisbane All Blacks formed in 1945 and were the first Aboriginal rugby league football team in a Queensland state league.

Quandamooka man Uncle Charlie King became president of the Brisbane All Blacks in 1955 and was a driving force behind the Boathouse Dance social scene of the 50s and 60s.

The Brisbane Natives formed in 1974 by men from Cherbourg who managed to raise \$50 between them and entered the Brisbane Metropolitan Rugby League competition.

The Brisbane Natives, who are still active today, have been wildly successful and have won multiple A and B-grade premierships.

Both clubs have a proud record of serving their respective communities; however, their history has not been recorded and gathering research has been quite a slow process so far.

I send you this letter in the hopes that it will resonate with some of your readers. I would

like to invite anyone who was involved with, or who has memory of, these teams to contact me.

I would love to hear their stories!

It has already become clear that this project will draw heavily on oral history and memory, and I endeavour to start interviewing people about their recollections early next year.

I am excited to be working on this project and can't wait to document the history and achievements of these amazing teams!

Catherine Sherwood
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A true measure of greatness

ALL the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players – so we're quoting Shakespeare now.

The 'stage' and 'theatre' of interest here is of the sporting kind.

It's totally cliché but I reckon a good indicator of a player's worth can be measured when it matters the most.

The truly great players are those that will themselves into the contest, who can lift those around them.

Their team might still lose but that singular performance across an entire match cements their legend within the group.

We've seen a fair bit of that this weekend – in Dubbo at the big Koori Knockout, and in both the NRL and AFL grand finals – and we will see it again at the big Murri carnival in Townsville this weekend.

But there are other forms of greatness, too, the type that can't be measured by goals and marks and tackles and tries and metres gained.

I'm going to talk about Travis Varcoe here.

Travis, who plays for Collingwood, has just played in his fourth AFL grand final.

In late August, on the eve of the finals series, his sister died after playing football in Adelaide.

Life is greater than football and sport, but there are no judgements on Travis's course of action following the death of Maggie.

He played in Collingwood's qualifying final match against West Coast in Perth less than a week after she died.

He played on again against the Giants a week after that.

Then, he played in the Magpies' stirring preliminary final against Richmond.

In all those games, he was no mere passenger but was pivotal in key moments for his team.

No doubt, his sister would have wanted nothing more than for her brother to play on, and with his family's blessing. And that's what he did.

I think to play on in the way Travis has and with the scrutiny of the football world on him, not to mention in the cauldron that is finals

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DARREN MONCRIEFF

football, and to play well, reveals someone of enormous mental resilience.

Travis Varcoe has had to channel his thoughts and physical energies toward playing sport at a higher level in the aftermath of a personal tragedy while processing the grief and helplessness of losing his sister. Now that is greatness.

Travis, we salute you, brother!

Dubbo delivers

WHAT an incredible weekend it was in Dubbo if you were lucky enough to attend the big Koori Knockout rugby league carnival.

Last time I went to a Koori Knockout carnival was either in 2004 or 2005, and how things have changed!

There's KO apps, TV cameras, commentators, roving reporters, junior divisions and everything!

One thing that hasn't change, though, is the beautiful brutality of what happens out on the field.

Which brings me to a thought:

Are these carnivals with our people any different to non-KO type footy carnivals?

At the risk of sounding a bit non-PC, I reckon, yeah, there is.

It's like this: When you're playing footy against a team of players you haven't heard of before from a place you've never been to before, you employ your structures and gameplans and rotations and you get the job done.

When you're playing footy against a team with a relation or two in it, from a small town where your Pop might have been born, from a place where you have a familial and cultural connection to, then the contest takes on a greater meaning because there is feeling involved, there is a higher state of emotion in the contest, and in that sweet win or stinging loss.

There's an intangible power in that connection and that is what sets these carnivals apart. And that's what we all felt at the weekend.

Got something to say?
Then say it!
Drop us a line:
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The try that wasn't. This second-half effort by La Perouse was disallowed for a breach seconds earlier. It proved to be a turning point. Pictures: Darren Moncrieff

NAB wins KO in style

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



THE Newcastle All Blacks have ended a run of Knockout near misses after snatching a

thrilling win in the final of the 48th NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival in Dubbo on Monday.

In true Knockout fashion, Newcastle left it to the last minute to seal the win when local hero Scott Briggs drilled a field goal to deliver the All Blacks a long-awaited Knockout title, 19-18 over a brave La Perouse.

It was a Herculean effort to reel in a 18-0 second-half deficit to win in the manner that they did.

'That's one win out of five Knockout finals now, but it was worth the wait'

Newcastle All Blacks, now the best team in Aboriginal rugby league, repaid their long-suffering fans after years of falling at the final hurdle.

Coach Paul Douglas was a relieved man after the game and paid tribute to his team.

"That's one win out of five Knockout finals now, but it was worth the wait," he said.

"It wasn't our plan to leave it late like that but self-belief is a big thing. We had a lot of respect for each other and we

had a good preparation.

"Full credit to 'La-Pa'. They stuck it to us and took their opportunities when they could."

Douglas was ropable at halftime with his side on the backfoot and with no answers to the Panthers' relentless defence and forward push.

"I actually can't tell you what I said to the boys at halftime but they responded in the best way you could want," he said.



Newcastle All Blacks brothers Jacob (left) and Randall Briggs embrace after winning the Knockout final in Dubbo on Monday.