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# IAS: fishy funding



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Northern Territory.

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Sonia Kurrara at Danggu, Geikie Gorge, with artwork *Noonkanbah Highway 2018*. Picture courtesy Mangkaja Arts Resource Agency

## Desert, river, sea: Portraits of the Kimberley



SONIA Kurrara's new artwork depicts a moment when colonisation impacted on her directly. It shows the sandy billabong country along the Fitzroy River being overtaken by pastoral stations and is one

of the works commissioned for exhibition *Desert River Sea: Portraits of the Kimberley* at the Art Gallery of Western Australia (AGWA).

Working on cowhide for the first time, Kurrara is one of a number of artists commissioned to create new work for Mangkaja Arts Resource Agency that

focus on station stories from artists' personal and collective memories.

The collection features painted animal hides, bush-dyed textiles and repurposed ready-made objects.

Other commissioned artists who worked on cowhides for the first time are Tommy Ngarralja May, John Prince

Siddon, Johnny Nargoodah and Mervyn Street, whose works on leather depict the impact of station life on Aboriginal people in the Kimberley, including a station scene carved with a head shaver.

*Desert River Sea: Portraits of the Kimberley* opens as part of the Perth Festival on February 9 next year.



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# MY FAMILY Craig Everett (Palawa/Pakana/Tasmania)



This is a picture of me with my boys – Cassius, Mitchem, Mathius, CJ (Craig Junior), Akillies, me and Hadies. My two and a half year old daughter Tanganutra was not there that day. My whole life is about family, they have made me what I am. Before I had children I never thought I'd become the person I am. They make me strive to be better and better.

Mitchem is my eldest, he just turned 18, he was born when I was 20.

Being a father, I'm making sure they don't make the same mistakes I made as a young fella. I tell them everything, I don't let them think I'm the perfect Dad, I tell them I've made a lot of mistakes, that way they understand mistakes are made, but it's about how we learn from them and understand life.

The boys and I love spending time together – camping, fishing, making tools, spearing stuff – fish and kangaroos. And we dance together. We are well known for our traditional dance and perform at most of Tasmania's festivals and lots of big events now days.

We are passionate about our culture, we practice it all the time. Dancing with my boys and sharing that with our people, and them joining us, and the rest of the community, it makes me so proud.

I always think about our old people looking down and them being proud of us. The biggest thing about

that is identity as Tasmanian Aboriginal people.

My father died before I turned one. I got that passion from my grandfather, Melvin Everett - he gave me that cultural side and I learnt lots from different people in our community and from the mainland.

The more involved in culture I was, and the more I understood it, I became better as a father, as a person, and as a man. Some people dream of having a big house or lots of stuff, my biggest dream is for my grandchild to be able to say that they learnt their culture from their father and their grandfather.

When I hear that said on the mainland there is so much pride in that sentence. Our culture hasn't been passed on the same way, because the British segregated young people from our old people so they couldn't pass culture on. We lost a lot of culture, we had to not only revive it, but search for it and bring all those little bits of knowledge together. I believe we are stronger now in our culture and identity than we were twenty years ago, now we speak our language, and dance our dances, and that is our identity.

And when I hear a Tasmanian Aboriginal child say they are taught from their father and their grandfather – there is no English word to explain how powerful that feels or means.

– As told to Jillian Mundy

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# OUR CHILDREN



Delegates discuss priorities at the Inaugural National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) Youth Conference. See pages 29-31 for story and photos.

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# Bangarra Dance Theatre shares culture in Japan



Picture courtesy Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



**BANGARRA Dance Theatre** is currently in Japan for the second leg of a specially curated program of live performances,

workshops, and cultural exchange opportunities.

Having travelled across India to perform in New Delhi, Bangalore, and Mumbai, the company has now arrived in Japan for two performances at Saitama Arts Theatre.

Bangarra artistic director Stephen Page said the tour enabled different

cultures to share stories.

“Our work in cultural exchange enables the company to practice cultural reciprocity, through the sharing of knowledge and stories, and by learning from different Indigenous groups around the world,” he said.

“It’s about our cultural values systems and our relationship with land and people and religion, and the spirituality processes behind that... there’s a wonderful sense of sharing those same types of principles, cultural principles – and our heritage too.”

# Don't fund Adani: TOs



**WANGAN and Jagalingou Traditional Owners Council** representatives travelled to Seoul last week to urge

South Korean investment banks not to fund the Adani coal project on their country. Council spokesperson Adrian Burragubba said, in the past week, three investment banks have ruled out finance in response to W&J's tour.

“Whoever assists Adani financially at this crucial time will become complicit in a grave breach of our rights, and the destruction of our lands and waters and sacred places,” he said. “They are also exposing themselves to financial risk because success in our Federal Court appeal due next year would

deliver great uncertainty to investors. We will tell Korean financiers that we have never given our free, prior and informed consent for our rights to be extinguished, or for the development of the Carmichael mine on our traditional lands – a development that would destroy large parts of our ancestral homelands to which our law and culture is deeply connected.”

Indian mining giant Adani is proposing to build the Carmichael coal, railway and port project, which would be Australia's largest thermal coal mine in the north Galilee Basin, approximately 160km north-west of Clermont, linked by a new 388 km rail line to a new terminal at Abbot Point Port near Bowen.

But they need an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) to

proceed.

The W&J Traditional Owners Council is challenging the Indian mining company's claim that they have a valid ILUA, saying that the authorisation meeting Adani is relying on was stacked with people who were not authentic members of the W&J native title claim group. In August, the Council lost a Federal Court case against the ILUA. They have lodged an appeal to the full bench of the Federal Court. W&J Traditional Owner Murrawah Johnson, who also made the trip, said the development of the Carmichael Coal Mine and Rail Project without consent would be a violation human rights.

“No financial institution in its right mind should back this unethical and destructive new coal mine,” she said.



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# Shut Don Dale, say advocates

By RUDI MAXWELL



ALMOST one year after the royal commission recommended closure of the Don Dale youth detention centre in the Northern Territory, the centre was declared a crime scene.

Police were called after inmates set fire to parts of the facility.

At least 15 police cars, including tactical response vehicles, as well as firefighters and ambulances, rushed to the centre about 6.45pm last Tuesday amid reports of a disturbance.

About three hours later flames and thick smoke could be seen billowing from the facility.

Just after midnight, about 12 detainees were spotted being taken from the centre in police vehicles after police handed the facility back to the government department overseeing the centre.

It's believed the disturbance began after an inmate took keys from a staff member and began opening cell doors.

Some inmates were able to access power tools and began cutting through a fence, the ABC reported.

## Need to be heard

Former Don Dale inmate Dylan Voller – who was violently abused when he was in the centre – said the voices of the children needed to be heard.

"I know that this is a cry for help from the kids locked away. Kids don't act up for nothing – they act up when they are scared and they can't be heard," he said. "Kids should be given what I was denied – the opportunity to grow up supported and with freedom."

After the fire broke out more than 20 children were moved to the Darwin police watch house – in holding cells specifically designed for adults to be detained before going to court. Most of the children are awaiting a trial and have not yet been convicted.

Last year's royal commission made 226 recommendations, including closing Don Dale, all of which were accepted by the NT Government.

The Federal Government has come under fire for refusing to commit funds to implement the

## Federal Court action seeks compensation for abuse



**THE Northern Territory Government has been ordered to hand over documents to two former Don Dale youth detention centre inmates who allege they were abused.**

**The Federal Court last week ordered the government share documents relating to appointments of certain staff at the centre between 2011 and 2016.**

**It also struck out parts of Dylan Jenkins and Aaron Hyde's claim, in a case that has been before the courts for almost two years.**

**In remaining parts, it is alleged the men were subjected to abusive treatment including being threatened, roughly treated, bashed, handcuffed or inappropriately held in isolation.**

**The class action covers abuse committed between 2006 and 2017 in seven Northern Territory youth detention centres, including Don Dale.**

**The applicants claim that the mistreatment arose out of racial discrimination because about 90% of detainees were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.**

**The action, brought by Maurice Blackburn Lawyers, has been joined by more than 30 youths, but compensation is being sought for all young people mistreated in detention.**

**The Northern Territory government earlier this year faced criticism for the slow progress of the case, with several legal issues arising since it was filed in December 2016.**

recommendations and handballing responsibility to the NT.

Shahleena Musk, senior lawyer at the Human Rights Law Centre, said that the Gunner Government has been all words, yet little action.

"The Gunner Government cannot just sit on its hands. The notorious iron gates of Don Dale should be closed for good," she said. "The future of youth justice in the Northern Territory must be in supporting children to thrive, with their families and in their communities."

"These children have been through a lot – they have been locked in isolation, tear gassed, and denied their basic rights."

"Forcing them to move from one unsafe facility to another is not the answer. Children on remand should be with their families or in therapeutic alternatives, like bail hostels or treatment facilities – not holed up in a police cell."

Amnesty International's Indigenous Rights Adviser, Rodney Dillon, said both Don Dale and the Alice Springs youth detention facilities were at capacity.

"There have been reports for months that the conditions at Don Dale are no better than they were before the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory

made its damning findings," he said.

"Don Dale is an old prison that wasn't considered acceptable for adults, and is clearly not acceptable for children. There are issues around the training and numbers of staff. Lock-down is being used more frequently, and there are concerns

## "I know that this is a cry for help from the kids locked away."

about the ongoing use of isolation units.

"We keep getting told that things are improving at Don Dale – we are either being lied to, or authorities don't actually understand what is going on there."

"The government is saying that the doors of a new Don Dale will be opened in 2021, but that's far too long for these children to wait. The NT Government needs to act now to address the underlying issues that lead to children being locked up."

"Indigenous leaders in the NT already have the solutions. These incidents will keep happening unless the Government begins working in partnership with Indigenous communities, and funding Indigenous-led programs that support children to thrive in their communities, so they don't end

up in detention in the first place."

Mr Dillon said the NT Government should raise the minimum age that children can be locked up from 10 to 14 immediately.

"We know that kids locked up before the age of 14 are three times more likely to reoffend," he said. "Those 10-13 year olds currently in prison must also be placed in intervention programs that address the underlying issues which lead to offending behaviours."

"Nearly 80% of kids in NT prisons haven't even been sentenced yet. We have to get kids on remand out of prison and into bail accommodation that keeps them out of the criminalising environment of prison."

On Sunday, the NT Government advised that the children had been sent back to Don Dale.

NT deputy chief minister Nicole Manison said a cohort of five "very difficult individuals" needed new complex arrangements.

"These four to five did not behave in an acceptable manner the other night and led the issues at Don Dale so we are looking at appropriate management plans around them," she said.

"We are looking at whereabouts in Don Dale they can be housed ... different staffing programs."

"There is also a cohort there making a real effort to become better people."

NT ministers have blamed detainees for the violence and the fact the Don Dale centre they inherited when elected is not "fit for purpose" but will be replaced by a yet-to-be-built facility.

The NT government has committed \$229 million to implementing recommendations.

Community and Public Sector Union NT secretary Kay Densley said youth justice officers complain there are not enough consequences for bad behaviour such as the removal of privileges or a high security unit that no longer existed.

Ms Manison said the Territory Families department would assess whether it needed to change its procedures but there would be consequences for detainees as police investigated the incident.

## Death trap

Criminal Lawyers Association NT president Marty Aust said Don Dale was a "death trap" that the youths should not be returning to.

The detainees that had not participated in the riot were afraid of the violent ringleaders identified by authorities, he said, and parents had a right to expect the NT government would provide a safe facility where detainees could not climb on roofs or light fires.

"The CLANT has grave concerns about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child being complied with ... do we need someone to die, whether its a worker or a child?" Mr Aust said.

A protest in Alice Springs organised by the Strong Grandmothers of the Central Desert Region and Shut Youth Prisons groups said on Friday detainees should instead be released and "returned to country" to do local programs with Aboriginal Elders.

"There are concerns that children are injured and have not received medical attention," they said.

"There are programs such as Bush Mob that have capacity to take those vulnerable children in – those children must be bailed to a program that can care for them."

"Ongoing, there are communities on homelands that want to create programs for young people to heal on country." – With AAP





A greater bilby.

# Doing the bilby blitz



ABORIGINAL rangers have used traditional tracking methods and new technology to conduct important research into the endangered bilby.

Northern Territory Central Land Council spokesperson Peter Donohoe said rangers from 11 different groups from the NT and Western Australia joined together for the first national bilby blitz.

The cross border blitz, around the Easter period, collected base line data about the last remaining bilby habitats.

And using Tracks, an app designed by the CLC and the CSIRO, the rangers were able to record the data in Warumungu or Warlpiri language.

Indigenous rangers found signs of bilbies where they expected them to be surviving and there appear to be reasonable numbers of them.

"This suggests there are healthy breeding populations in these last refuges, which are mostly on Aboriginal land," Mr Donohoe said.

"Indigenous rangers from 11 groups in the Northern Territory and Western Australia found bilby tracks, scats and burrows in 58 of the 249 areas they surveyed with the new tri-lingual Tracks app.

"The app allowed the rangers to record it in a standardised way in two of their first languages, allowing the results to be compared with future surveys."

The 249 two hectare areas, known as track plots, which were scoured by rangers for signs of the threatened marsupial, were in places where bilbies were expected to be found, where they had been recorded in the past, or where there was the greatest chance of finding them.

The rangers found signs of new bilby populations at Kiwirrkurra in Western Australia and the northern



Night vision image of the bilby recently spotted north of Tennant Creek.

Tanami in the Northern Territory.

The only area where the rangers didn't find any bilby signs, even though some had been sighted there recently, was east of Barrow Creek.

"The rangers found old burrows but no fresh evidence, so more surveys will be needed," Mr Donohoe said.

They also recorded signs of the bilby's main predators, cats and foxes.

The findings are raising questions about which feral animal poses a greater threat to bilbies.

"Rangers found cat signs in 111 of the 249 track plots, including where many signs of bilbies were also found," Mr Donohoe said.

"This means that bilbies can survive living side by side with cats, but we don't know how many cats is too many."

Rangers found evidence of foxes in only 50 of the track plots, however, where there were foxes there were fewer or no signs of bilbies, particularly in areas without recent bilby records.

"We found more evidence of bilbies in the areas where there were cats," he said.

"Perhaps that means that foxes



CLC ranger Gladys Brown found the burrow.

have a greater impact on bilby numbers than cats and that a single fox is one too many.

"We need to do more research about the dynamics of feral hunters, their relation with the dingo, and their combined impacts on the bilby."

The base line data from the surveys will inform the Commonwealth's soon-to-be released bilby recovery plan.

"It's the first time a Commonwealth threatened species recovery plan has been developed with the assistance of an Aboriginal subcommittee and rangers on that committee have had substantial



CLC rangers Helen Wilson and Dione Kelly, from Lajamanu, with a stuffed bilby at the launch of the bilby blitz.



Rangers get a tracking master class from Arrernte Elder Veronica Dobson. Pictures courtesy CLC.



CLC rangers Helen Wilson and Gladys Brown practise using the Tracks app.

input," Mr Donohoe said.

He said the bilby blitz data will help land managers and ecologists to detect local changes in biodiversity, as well as monitor broader impacts of feral species and climate change across Australia's desert regions.

"They will also help our rangers to better manage the country for bilbies through the use of fire and the control of feral animals," he said.

Additional surveys the rangers carried out since the bilby blitz have already borne fruit.

"Recently they captured a male bilby on a sensor camera north of

Tennant Creek," Mr Donohoe said.

"There were also signs of what rangers believe were two females. That's excellent news."

The program is part of a comprehensive threatened species data collection, storage and management system, linked to the CSIRO's *Atlas of Living Australia*.

As the last bilby refuges today are on Aboriginal land between Central Australia and the Indian Ocean, Aboriginal ranger groups are vital for the survival of the species.

The federal government funded the bilby blitz through the Indigenous Desert Alliance.



# Students find the Dreamtime in tech



A GROUP of young, talented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander schoolchildren has used software programs Minecraft and MS Paint to help tell Sydney Dreamtime stories through augmented reality.

Microsoft says it wants to expand the project nationally after the Sydney primary school students met with Dharawal Elders and turned the Dreamtime stories about animals and humans into an education tool.

The students used various programs including Minecraft to create learning cards and augmented reality software that can be used to teach other students.

Augmented reality superimposes a computer-generated image on real world objects and is used in popular social media platform Snapchat.

"One of the really important learnings for us has been that it's only through a collaboration between industry and government and then schools that we really start to see impacts," Microsoft Australia managing director Steven Worrall said.

The program involving 20 students from five southwest Sydney schools was supported by the NSW education department and start-up Indigital, which uses mixed and augmented reality to translate and preserve ancient cultures.

Indigital was founded by Indigenous woman Mikaela Jade in Kakadu – a story all too rare in Australia's male-dominated information and communications technology industry.

Mr Worrall said the school project went



Mia Leech Morrison, from Rosemeadow Public School, is one of a group of Indigenous students using software to tell traditional stories.

some way to helping find new pathways for more people – specifically women and girls – into the technology space.

"(It's) also to make sure we have more

Indigenous people, people with disabilities, and people in regional centres working in IT," he said.

He said the project also brought to life

Microsoft's reconciliation action plan, which seeks to empower Indigenous youth with tech skills and enable Indigenous innovation. – AAP

# Scullion under fire for redirecting IAS funds

By DARREN COYNE



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion is being accused of skulduggery after

giving almost half a million dollars to fishing and cattlemen's groups from the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS), including to the Northern Territory Seafood Council, a group that Senator Scullion chaired before entering politics.

Further fuelling the outrage, Senator Scullion told a Senate Estimates hearing that the money would be used to support cases against native title claims in the NT.

NT Labor Senator Malarndirri McCarthy said the Minister was using the IAS as a personal slush fund.

"Minister Scullion needs to explain why money that is specifically for closing the gap and advancing the lives of First Nations People has been given to non-Indigenous organisations to argue they would suffer detriment from land claims," she said.

Senator Scullion told the committee that the funds were distributed to speed up the native title process but critics see otherwise, arguing the funds should not have come from the IAS, a fund meant to advance Aboriginal communities, but rather from the Attorney General's office.

Northern Land Council

chairman Joe Morrison said it was a 'poor look' that public money meant for Aboriginal people was being used by third parties opposed to land claims.

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Jackie Huggins said that the funding allocations had revealed what had been suspected for a long time.

"We have had long-standing concerns that funds allocated by the federal parliament specifically to benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are often siphoned off by administrative authorities and do not reach their target and this proves that our concerns need to be addressed," she said.

"The funds – amounting to \$500,000, that need to be used for uplifting our peoples in remote communities – have been given to the NT Seafood Council \$150,000, NT Amateur Fishermen's Association \$170,000 and NT Cattlemen's Association \$165,000.

"Senator Scullion has highlighted that these funds could be used towards legal fees to argue the negative impacts by the land right claims.

"Everywhere I have been around the country, it's brought up all the time how difficult it is to get IAS funding, for even small community groups, for things like women's health, diabetes education, or night patrols, mothers and babies programs," Dr Huggins said.

"The IAS was set up for the



Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion.

purpose of improving outcomes and social participation for our people and I don't see how these grants align with that."

Even the recipients were not happy to be caught up in the controversy.

Both the NT Seafood Council – which Senator Scullion chaired prior to entering politics – and the NT Cattlemen's Association, told the Koori Mail they were approached by the government to apply for the funds, and not necessarily for the purpose the Minister told the hearing.

NT Seafood Council chief executive Katherine Winchester denied the funds from the IAS would be used to fight land claims while NT Cattlemen's Association chief executive Ashley Manicaros said the money, which had not yet been received, was expected to be

used for cross-cultural training.

"We deliver a number of projects. Real jobs for Indigenous land corporations and this cross cultural training is effectively complementary to that," Mr Manicaros said.

Mr Manicaros said part of the funding would be used for education purposes, to understand the history of land claims, and the other component would be used to educate members about possible impacts of land claims.

Ms Winchester said the terms of the Seafood Council's approved funding had not yet been finalised.

"We understand why the Northern Land Council has condemned the IAS funds being used for legal aid to fight land claims and why the broader community are disgusted at such a concept, as it is not what the IAS has been set up to do," she said.

"Our application for funding from the IAS has not been to fight land claims, rather to deliver a step forward that brings fishers and traditional owners together to aid seafood industry development.

"Outcomes of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (Cwth) and the 2008 Blue Mud Bay High Court decision have resulted in recognition of traditional owners' ability to control access to intertidal waters overlying Aboriginal land. We recognise we no longer have a right to access fishing grounds impacted by the decision and we have to work closely with traditional owners."

Congress co-chair Rod Little said the government was turning a blind eye to the plight of Aboriginal people.

"The government has again let our most vulnerable families and communities down; the reality is that successive governments' failures continue to drive our people further into poverty and deny the next generations a better future," he said.

Labor Senator Malarndirri McCarthy was particularly scathing in her assessment of the fund allocation, saying it was time the Prime Minister showed some interest in how his Indigenous affairs minister was spending public money.

Senator McCarthy said the lobby groups should have been going to the attorney-general's department for legal funds.

Senator Scullion denied the funding allocation had been a misuse of the IAS fund.

He maintained it was in Aboriginal people's financial interests to assist the lobby groups who might not have the resources to pay for lawyers and clear up a backlog of delayed land claims.

If title is granted over sea country, for instance, commercial fishing operators would pay money to Aboriginal people to access it.

"I make no apologies for my commitment to progress all outstanding claims to ensure we can grant all remaining parcels of Aboriginal land that are appropriate to," Senator Scullion said.



# Proposed adoption law changes spark rallies in NSW



Greens MP David Shoebridge.



LAST week the NSW Greens and Labor parties held a joint rally outside Parliament House in Sydney to protest the Berejiklian Government's proposal for new guardianship and adoption laws.

The rally was attended by advocates and survivors of past forced adoption practices, including Grandmothers Against Removals (GMAR).

Family and Community Services Minister Pru Goward announced that the NSW Government will impose new guardianship and adoption orders with a two year maximum timeframe for restoration.

Those against the proposal say that it would see Aboriginal children – who make up more than 30% of children in out of home care in NSW – separated from their families and culture.

Currently, children in out of home care who are not able to be looked after by a family member are placed in foster homes while a decision is made about whether they can return to their parents. At present there is no timeframe or limit, so parents can have multiple opportunities to apply to have their children restored.



Auntie Glendra Stubbs and Greens MP David Shoebridge.

Greens MP David Shoebridge said the proposed changes were unfair.

"Families who are dealing with systemic poverty, homelessness, who may have some drug addiction on top of that, the idea that they'll be able to achieve stability in home within two years is fanciful," he said. "What we're going to see is hundreds, if not

thousands, of kids permanently removed from their families."

Grandmothers Against Removals (GMAR) founder Auntie Hazel Collins said the two-year limit for restoration ignored the long waiting lists to access family support services.

"It is also a maximum time limit, meaning the decision can be made much sooner by a system that routinely writes off capable parents," she said.

Shadow Family and Community Services Minister Tania Mihailuk said the focus of the NSW Government should be on early intervention and supporting vulnerable families before they reach crisis point.

"We're dealing with incredibly vulnerable and complex families and having an arbitrary figure of two years is not achievable and sets these families up to fail," she said. "Cutting off children from their parents and family permanently is a serious decision that will have life-long detrimental impacts. Nobody wants to see children languishing in care but nor do we want a whole new Stolen Generation."

"I have deep reservations about how achievable this two year timeframe is when there are now 65,000 vulnerable children yet to be assessed by a

caseworker and a further 18,000 children currently in care.

"We are dealing with children's lives and this Minister is focused on hollow announcements."

"These draconian laws are a last ditch attempt by Minister Goward to cement a legacy for herself at the expense of vulnerable children."

"The Berjiklian Government is not prepared to put any resources into these new changes making it sheer impossible for vulnerable families to meet this arbitrary timeframe."

GMAR said the amendments also include restrictions on parental applications to vary court orders.

"These applications are already inaccessible to the vast majority of parents due to the lack of legal and social service support available," they said.

"Further, they include new guardianship orders that can be made without court orders, if there is parental consent. This decreases safeguards designed to protect children's interests by removing judicial oversight and further increasing the power imbalance between parents and child protection services."

Mr Shoebridge said the NSW Government was refusing to

learn from mistakes of the past.

"Ten years ago was the Apology to the Stolen Generations, five years ago was the apology for Forced Adoptions, last month to survivors of institutional abuse, yet the NSW Government plans to push through laws that would see a whole generation of vulnerable, often Aboriginal, children forcibly adopted and taken from their families without the consent of their parents," he said.

Auntie Hazel said the Government's language recalls justifications for the Stolen Generations and Forgotten Australians policies.

"If children are removed under these changes parents can kiss them goodbye. There's no way they'll be getting them back," she said. "The children will be rushed into guardianship or adoption without any chance for parents to protect their children from having their family torn apart. Not only do these amendments highlight the ongoing genocide of Aboriginal people, but they will also affect families across the board. Non-Aboriginal people need to step up and fight for their kids too."

Another rally is planned for today, November 14.

## The new panel

Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council announces new advisors



QUEENSLAND Attorney-General Yvette D'Ath has announced the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel for the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council (QSAC).

Mrs D'Ath said the eight-person panel would provide expert advice to QSAC as it works to understand and address the over-representation of Indigenous people in Queensland's criminal justice system.

"The Council will now be able to give a stronger voice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in regards to how sentencing operates, along with a better sense of how Indigenous communities are affected by

current responses, and insight into what changes might be made to improve outcomes," she said.

The advisory panel members are: Laurie Bateman – former Police Liaison Officer for the Queensland Police Service (QPS) in Cunnamulla and currently a police recruit at the Townsville Police Academy.

Dr Janet Hammill – coordinator of the Collaboration for Alcohol Related Development Disorders at the University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research, and Senior Researcher at Synapse.

Raymond Harrison – Youth Support Worker in the Crucial Connections (Reconnect) Program at Sisters Inside.

Melissa Lucashenko – Founding member of Sisters

Inside and award-winning author. Boneta-Marie Mabo - Youth programs manager, Sisters Inside and artist.

Rebecca McKenzie – Court coordinator, Brisbane Murri Court, and member of Brisbane Murri Elders Community Justice Group.

Stephen Tillett – Acting Senior Sergeant, Queensland Police Service and project manager, Cairns Safer Streets.

Graham White – Director of Sector Engagement and Communications at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service, Brisbane.

The Advisory Panel will be Chaired by QSAC Council member Bevan Costello, a Waka Waka man, deputy principal of Cherbourg State School and chair of the Barambah Justice Group.



# Rally calls for full inquiry on waste

**SA**  
ADNYAMATHANHA man Dwayne Coulthard addressed a protesting crowd of 1500 people outside

Adelaide's Parliament House earlier this month saying "no radioactive waste dump on Adnyamathanha country in the Flinders Ranges".

"We have had enough of being ignored," Mr Coulthard said. "No waste dump in Kimba. This process by the federal government is cultural genocide."

The Don't Dump on SA – We Still Say No to Nuclear Waste rally was held to send a message to the Federal Government to abandon the current site waste dump selection process – and also to the SA Government to uphold state legislation that makes radioactive waste facilities illegal.

Currently, a ballot to gauge public opinion is on hold due to the court injunction sought by the



Dwayne Coulthard speaks at the No To Nuclear Waste rally.

Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation (BDAC).

Mara Bonacci, from the rally organising group said "we want the government to

take all sites in SA off the table and to hold a full independent inquiry into the best way to manage our most dangerous waste".

"The government must

stop targeting remote and regional areas and give Aboriginal people a right of veto for proposals that threaten their country and culture," Ms Bonacci said.

People travelled to the rally from the affected communities of Kimba on the Eyre Peninsula and the Flinders Ranges, and joined other South

Australians concerned about the issue.

Eyre Peninsula resident Anna Taylor addressed the crowd, saying "why would you put radioactive waste in the middle of our food bowl when only 4% of our country is productive land?"

Dr Margie Beavis from the Medical Association for Prevention of War said government scare-mongering was linking the practice of nuclear medicine to its waste dump plans.

"Nuclear medicine has not been hindered by the absence of a national dump nor will it be helped by the establishment of a dump," Dr Beavis said.

President of SA Unions Jamie Newlyn said Federal Resources Minister Matt Canavan recently identified Whyalla, Port Pirie and Port Lincoln as areas where nuclear waste could be shipped in.

"Those port communities in that logistics chain were all stunned by that announcement," Mr Newlyn said.

# Thank you for putting up with the invasion: Abbott

**SA**  
ON a three-day trip to the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in remote South Australia, Special envoy on Indigenous Affairs Tony Abbott

emphasised his belief in the importance of educating Aboriginal children in English, thanked school children for putting up with 'the invasion' and said he was considering recommending putting police officers in schools.

"It's by no means unusual to have a very strong relationship between the police and some secondary schools and I think that can be a very valuable thing to have," he

said. "Each school is unique. We need to find systems which can accommodate the uniqueness of schools and communities."

"But certainly if we're talking about secondary schools in troubled communities, I think some close linkage between the local police and the school is often good for the police and for the schools."

Anangu people gave Mr Abbott a traditional welcome in Pukatja, his last stop on the tour. He shook hands, visited classrooms and spoke with students then made a tactless remark.

"Thank you for putting up with the invasion," he said.

He also said he believed Indigenous

students must be educated in English.

"I certainly got the impression that the Elders here are very keen to see their children attend school," Mr Abbott told NITV. "But obviously it's important that when they're at school they get a good education not just in their local culture, the Anangu culture, but also in English."

"In the end, when you come out of school, you've got to be able to read and write in English and I think that's the big challenge. That's what I'll be making recommendations to the government about in the next few weeks."

A remote school attendance strategy has been in place since 2014, when Mr Abbott

was prime minister. He concedes attendance has not improved dramatically since but says there has been success in some places and he would like to see the program continue. Mr Abbott said he had no doubt more funding was part of the answer.

"I don't think it's the whole answer by any means but certainly more funding – particularly where communities want to step up and make more of an effort themselves – is going to be important."

When Mr Abbott was prime minister, his government cut half a billion dollars from Indigenous programs. – *With AAP*

● See cartoon on page 24 for more views on Tony Abbott as envoy.



## Reconciliation Small Grants Program

Grants of up to \$2500 are available to support local and regional National Reconciliation Week events across Queensland.

Applications close Friday 7 December 2018.

[www.datsip.qld.gov.au/recgrants](http://www.datsip.qld.gov.au/recgrants)



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# Secret Jungle Love embraces a BlakOut



The Merindas will headline Jungle Love Festival's BlakOut.



This month *Jungle Love Festival* will head to a secret location in Queensland's Sunshine Coast Hinterland for music, visual and dramatic arts.

The lineup features more than 100 artists and musicians, including a special Indigenous BlakOut festival-wide takeover, headlined by RnB queens the Merindas.

The BlakOut, which will see only Indigenous acts featured across all spaces and stages of the festival for one hour, has been curated by Digi Youth Arts artistic director Alethea Beetson.

Alongside the Merindas, there will also be performances from DJ Baby Mama, visual artists Dylan Mooney and Kane Brunjes and roving performers from Digi Youth Arts.

The Digi Youth Arts program will include panel discussions, spoken word performances, an Indigenous market stall, in partnership with BlakLash projects, and a live mural.

Ms Beetson said every festival in the country happens on Indigenous land, and including the BlakOut and the Digi Youth Arts program on the *Jungle Love Festival* lineup is the first step.

"It's going to be an ongoing process," the Kabi Kabi and Wiradjuri woman told the *Koori Mail*.

"I'm aware of the issues surrounding siloing First Nations artists as well as the need to develop wider audiences for Indigenous content.

"I was inspired by the *Original People's Party* at the Australian Performing Arts Market this year. They had four hours handed over to First Nations artists.

"I thought how cool it was to have a party that's just us, and what would it look like in a festival setting."

*Jungle Love Festival* organisers also worked closely with young artists from Digi Youth Arts to shape the Indigenous programming.

Ms Beetson said it's incredibly important for youth to be involved in developing the program for a festival that celebrates youth.

She said these are the first steps in meaningful inclusion of Indigenous artists and hopes it continues into the future of this festival and others.

"It's exciting to see what happens if we give young people the space and control to come up with new ideas," she said.

"The BlakOut would be a cool thing to see at other festivals too. But it's also got to be understood that it can't just be the BlakOut, otherwise we risk falling into that tokenistic trap.

"The Indigenous programming has to go beyond just having one hour that's all Indigenous artists."

For information or tickets visit [www.junglelovesfestival.com.au](http://www.junglelovesfestival.com.au)



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# Racist post is unacceptable



QUEENSLAND Environment Minister Leeanne Enoch, a Quandamooka woman, has called for Fraser Coast Councillor James Hansen to resign after making racist comments about her on Facebook.

Mr Hansen ridiculed Ms Enoch's claim to be Aboriginal in a comment which has since been deleted.

"Apparently she's supposed to be black David, looks as white as you and I," he wrote.

Ms Enoch took to her own social media saying Councillor Hansen's comments were "absolutely appalling" and "nothing less than racist".

"All people, wherever they come from and whatever their background, deserve to be treated with dignity and respect," she said.

"It is unacceptable that a person's race, their appearance, their cultural connections should be questioned as part of an entirely unrelated topic of discussion.

"It is also extremely concerning that the comments have been made by an elected councillor because they do not reflect the wider community.

"When people in the public eye make comments like this, it gives the perception that this kind of language and behaviour is acceptable.

"But it's not. As a society, we need to call out racism whenever we see it, and ensure that these sorts of comments are not tolerated in our community."

The Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) backed Ms Enoch, calling for an apology from Mr Hansen.

QYAC chief executive Cameron Costello said the Quandamooka people are very proud of Ms Enoch.

He said such ignorance from an elected official is appalling.

"Exactly this type of slight was found to be unlawful racial discrimination in the Andrew Bolt case, and highly offensive to reasonable Aboriginal



Queensland minister Leeanne Enoch.

people," he said.

"Leeanne Enoch is a direct descendant of one of the 12 Apical Ancestor groups recognised by the Federal Court of Australia who comprise the Quandamooka people.

"Her family's Aboriginal connection is indisputable, after seven extensive genealogy reports over 16 years of negotiations for the determination of our native title area.

"We call on [Mr Hansen] to immediately and and unreservedly apologise to Ms Enoch and all First Nations people for his inappropriate and divisive comments."

Mr Hansen said the comment had been "taken the wrong way" but has written to Ms Enoch, offering an apology.

"I meant no ill intent by it," Mr Hansen said.

"I wish I never made it and have written to the minister, offering my sincere apologies for hurt I may have caused her.

"I'm always happy to learn more. That's what life is all about I reckon."



# Redfern PO to house new cultural hub



REDFERN Post Office is going to be transformed into a local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural hub.

Millie Ingram, former co-chair of the City of Sydney's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel, said Redfern has always been recognised, nationwide, as the epicentre of the Aboriginal rights struggle.

"The Aboriginal people need to always have a visible presence in Redfern," she said.

"Our history should be on display for all people to learn and know about Aboriginal Australia and its history, before and after 1788.

"A modern keeping place would serve this purpose."

Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore said the community had long advocated for a dedicated First Nations space.

"We've been searching for an appropriate property for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural space for some time and I'm pleased we've secured such an iconic landmark in Redfern," she said.

"We recognise the unique status of Aboriginal and Torres



Rhonda Dixon-Grosvenor, Clover Moore, Delilah MacGillivray and Millie Ingram gather at Redfern Post Office.

Strait Islander people as custodians who have nurtured this land for tens of thousands of years and who have an immutable connection to our country and our city."

The 136-year-old Redfern Post Office is a two-storey Victorian Italianate building with a four-storey corner clock tower. The heritage-listed building is located on the corner of

Redfern and George streets.

The current tenants will remain in the building until mid to late 2019.

The cultural hub will be a centrepiece of the city's Eora

Journey, a long-term project that celebrates the living cultures of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Sydney.

"Our broader community emphatically told us that they want to know more about the Aboriginal owners of our city, who survived the years of first contact, and whose descendants live here today," Ms Moore said.

"In the Gadigal language, Eora means 'the people', so Eora Journey is 'the people's journey' – a visionary series of projects that demonstrates our strong commitment to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Sydney and their stories."

The Eora Journey includes seven major public art projects overseen by curatorial advisor Hetti Perkins.

Three public art projects have already been delivered; *Welcome to Redfern* by Reko Rennie and young Aboriginal artists in Redfern; *born in darkness before dawn* by Nicole Foreshew, on the side of the Australian Museum; and *YININMADYEMI Thou didst let fall* by Tony Albert in Hyde Park.

Plans for the fourth project, *bara*, by Judy Watson, were announced earlier this year.

# Hanson claims land rights are discriminatory



QUEENSLAND One Nation Senator Pauline Hanson has come under fire for claiming

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations are "milking" land rights claims.

Senator Hanson says she gets upset when Australia is referred to as Aboriginal land, arguing she "didn't steal it" and it is something that happened in the past.

"I get really upset when people say we have no connection with the land, that this is Aboriginal land, that we stole it. Well, I didn't steal it," she told *Sky News*.

"This is what's happened in the past, as happened throughout the world with many countries.

"I see people that have jumped onto the bandwagon, the Aboriginal industry, to milk it for what it's worth, that's what I get annoyed about."

Senator Hanson also called for "equality" so that Australians get government assistance based completely on individual needs, with cultural background not considered.

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Rod Little told *SBS News* that Senator Hanson was "playing politics and trying to establish a divide".

"This steers people away from the facts ... It feels like going back to the 90s when there was an atmosphere of fear (of land rights claims)."

**"I get really upset when people say we have no connection with the land, that this is Aboriginal land, that we stole it. Well, I didn't steal it."**

Mr Little said it was "pathetic" to talk about how she didn't steal the land herself and that it was "unhelpful" for discussion around the topic of land rights.

Last month Senator Hanson moved a motion in the Upper

House declaring that "it is okay to be white", a phrase commonly used by white supremacists.

When moving the motion Senator Hanson claimed there had been a "rise in anti-white racism".

The Government, including Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, initially voted for the motion, but after being attacked by Labor and the Greens on the vote, Senate leader Mathias Cormann blamed an 'administrative error', and the next day the Coalition moved for a second vote during which all Coalition senators voted against the motion.

Senator Scullion later apologised, saying in a statement that he deplored any and all forms of racism.

"I am sorry for any suggestion that I, my colleagues or the government supports any form of racism and I categorically reject any implication contained in yesterday's motion that downplays racism and historic injustices against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians," he said.



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## End of year checklist for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations

Now that the 2017-18 financial year has closed it's time to prepare your reports and hold your annual general meeting (AGM).

*Do it now. Don't be late!*



Call and hold AGM

*Due between 1 July and 30 November*



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*Due between 1 July and 31 December*

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Lodge your reports at **online.oric.gov.au**

The Registrar may take action against any corporation that does not report by 31 December 2018. Under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* the maximum penalty to corporations for each report not lodged is \$22,500.

## NEED HELP?

If you need help filling in your reports, are not sure what to lodge or you need extra time, contact the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC).

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Dusty Feet Mob performing at the Wirangu Reconciliation Monument in Elliston.

Wirangu Elders Veda Betts and Peter Miller at the opening of the Elliston Coastal Trail and reconciliation ceremony.

## Trail opens with spirit of reconciliation



THE Elliston Coastal Trail, on the west of South Australia's coast, has been officially opened with a reconciliation ceremony at the nearby Wirangu memorial dedicated to the victims of the 1849 Waterloo Bay massacre. The Elliston Coastal Trail spans 13.6 km along the

spectacular cliff top coastline between Little Bay Surf Break and Cape Finniss.

Wirangu Elder and Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management (AW NRM) board member Peter Miller joined the commemorations.

"My wife and I went to the monument early in the morning, before people started coming, while it was quiet," he said.

"It was very emotional thinking about what happened at the cliffs but also that it was finally being recognised in this way."

Mr Miller said he was proud to have witnessed this day where, in the spirit and true meaning of reconciliation, many sad and painful feelings could begin to heal.

He said the only way for reconciliation to succeed in the

future is through true recognition of the past.

About 200 people visited the Wirangu Reconciliation Monument.

They were treated to a performance from the young Aboriginal dance troupe the *Dusty Feet Mob*. The dancers also held workshops for local youths to enjoy.

The original designs for the

Wirangu monument were drawn by 'Penong' (Vernon) Miller and etched onto the sculpture.

Helpers from the Elliston Men's Shed and CWA assisted with catering.

The celebration day was funded by the District Council of Elliston, the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board, Country Arts SA and Regional Arts Australia.

## Council wants Day Patrols in Alice Springs



Tangentyere Council has welcomed the Northern Territory Government's focus on improving community safety and urged the Chief Minister to widen his attention to issues south of Palmerston.

Last month the NT Government announced that it would work with the Larrakia Nation to conduct more day patrols, which return people to country or, if needed, take them to rehabilitation support such as the Sobering Up Shelter.

Tangentyere Council chief executive Walter Shaw said the Government's plan to tackle antisocial behaviour in Darwin, the Northern Suburbs and Palmerston recognised the value of investing in community safety initiatives and urged similar investment into Alice Springs.

"Town campers have been putting forward suggestions to improve community safety for many

years, but they seem to fall on deaf ears," he said.

"It's great to see the Government recognise that community-led patrolling works, with their investment in the Larrakia patrols.

"Tangentyere reintroduced a successful Day Patrol over the 2017-18 summer holiday period, enhancing community safety in and around the CBD.

"We worked with Government agencies and the NT Police to design and implement the Day Patrol service, which operated Tuesday to Saturday and complemented the long established Tangentyere Night Patrol service.

"Day Patrol is a proven way to get people home safely and to stop them from being an unnecessary burden on our police.

"Despite the agreed success of the summer Day Patrols, we were told by the NT Government they had no money to introduce a more permanent service to Alice Springs."

Mr Shaw said Tangentyere

Council continued to initiate and operate innovative community safety approaches and programs.

These include developing community action plans to facilitate the development of sustainable community safety strategies in the camps; operating successful night patrol services; the ISP program focused on minimising alcohol-related harm; the work of the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group; men's behaviour change; and the 4 Corners Men's Group.

"Like all residents of Alice Springs, the majority of Town Campers just want to live in safety and security with their family and neighbours, with some autonomy over their lives," Mr Shaw said.

"Tangentyere still stands ready to work with Government to improve community safety for the entire Alice Springs community.

"Committing to day patrols in Alice Springs is a step on the path in working together to improve our town."

## Concern raised over fairness of superannuation



ALLOWING Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to access superannuation early goes against the principles of the super system, the prime minister's department says.

But the department also says super funds should be more culturally aware about the needs and life expectancy of Indigenous people.

The banking royal commission asked for submissions on a range of issues, including whether First Australians should be allowed to access superannuation earlier due to lower life expectancy.

"PM&C cautions against measures that would reduce the preservation age for a particular group in the Australian community as it runs counter to the universal aspect of the superannuation system," the prime minister's departmental submission said.

"Fundamental to improving superannuation services and access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is increasing the superannuation sector's awareness of the range (of) culturally appropriate considerations regarding the administration and release of funds."

National Australia Bank supports further consideration of whether life expectancy should be considered in determining when Indigenous people can access super.

"This issue goes to the very crux of the potential disadvantages faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in respect of their superannuation," NAB's submission said.

ANZ also supports taking life expectancy into account, but said the law would need to be changed in order for that to happen.

Indigenous people are also disproportionately affected by a lack of flexibility in superannuation laws, which make it hard for trustees to distribute funds differently based on an individual or group's life expectancy.

The Australian Securities and Investment Commission said there was a valid life expectancy argument, but that it could result in Indigenous people winding up with a lower balance overall.

"Were the preservation age to be lowered for Indigenous members, this would result in Indigenous members not receiving the benefit of the largest growth phase of a superannuation account," it wrote.



# Foster carers making the difference



HOME for children in foster care can take on many forms, some less traditional than others. For one

young boy who regularly spent nights in a hotel room due to a lack of carers, the stability of foster care has made an incredible difference.

This young boy is now being cared for by two Aboriginal men on a property in Western NSW.

The two men, Kodi, 37, and his partner 44 year-old Gary, say they had often contemplated fostering as both have experience working in the community services sector and were aware of the need for more carers.

Through their connections they heard of the plight of a young boy and gave further thought to the decision to become foster parents with Uniting Care.

Kodi is the first to be up front about his initial reluctance.

"We didn't want to further disadvantage a child through any stigma of having two dads," Kodi said.

However, the opposite has proven to be the case for their young charge who sees it as an advantage to have two male



Kodi and Gary with their foster child.

role models in his life where previously there were none.

"Gary and I talked about it and while we had always

considered becoming carers, we had never acted on it. We went through the assessment process and it's the best

decision we made," he said.

"It was initially meant to be an emergency care placement, but we all connected so it just

made sense to continue as a long-term option."

Kodi and Gary have now been carers for three years, providing the boy with his most secure placement yet.

The three of them live on a 50 acre property which they share with three dogs, seven horses and 30 head of sheep.

"And between us all we share three different faiths and still manage to live in harmony," Kodi said.

Kodi is Catholic, Gary is a Jehovah Witness and, in line with the wishes of his family, their non-Aboriginal foster son is being raised as a Seventh Day Adventist.

"At the end of the day, what really matters is that kids have a consistent, safe and secure place to call home," Kodi said.

"Sure, it can be challenging at times, but it is also incredibly rewarding and there is always plenty of support if we need it."

The rewards of foster care are the subject of an information session to be held in Dubbo on November 20 at 12pm.

People interested in finding out more about becoming a foster carer should contact the Uniting Carer Recruitment Team in Dubbo on 6885 5010 or visit [uniting.org/fostercare](http://uniting.org/fostercare).

# New research reconsiders Ancestors' migration route



A LARGELY unstudied chain of tropical islands has been identified as the most likely route for people to have reached Australia tens of thousands of years ago.

The research could launch a new wave of archaeological expeditions to prove the ancestors of Aboriginal people spread through northern Indonesian islands thousands of years before they landed in Australia.

Between 50,000 and 70,000 years ago New Guinea and Australia were joined by land, with sea levels 25 to 50 metres below where they are today.

Many of the islands of Southeast Asia including Malaysia, Sumatra, Java and

Borneo were also joined.

Researchers have long agreed with the conclusions of Joseph Birdsell who, in the 1970s, drew a northern and southern route through the ancient archipelagos.

High-profile archaeological discoveries along Birdsell's southern route, such as the Flores Man, cemented it as fertile territory for digs and research.

But the problem with that southern route, Australian National University PhD student Shimona Kealy says, is that the finds there are thousands of years younger than the evidence of humans being in Australia.

"At the moment the discoveries in New Guinea and the Northern Territory are older than what we have been finding in the islands," she said.

"Unless they were dropped here by aliens we're missing something."

Ms Kealy's team used a computer model to examine sea visibility, access to fresh water, the difficulty of terrain, sea conditions and maritime technology – and it refused to select the southern route as the best option.

Instead, the computer repeatedly insisted on Birdsell's northern path through modern Sulawesi and a chain of islands that link up with modern West Papua.

People living in the region at that time, Ms Kealy said, would have fished in the calm waters between the islands, drifting between them in search of better catches.

"I came to this with that Eurocentric view that ocean travel is scary, that the seas run to the end of the Earth and you'd

have to be half mad to do these journeys," she said.

"But travelling around these islands even today you are almost always in sight of land. It wasn't an endless space, it was dotted with islands which fishermen would shelter in during storms or settle with their families."

This island-hopping eventually led people to Australia via New Guinea, Ms Kealy's research concludes.

It suggests the southern route through Timor and across sea to the northwest coast of Australia is less likely.

Many of the sparsely populated, heavily forested islands on the northern route have not been examined for ancient human remains. – AAP

# Major Sumner is endorsed by SA Greens for election



NGARRINDJERI Elder Major 'Moogy' Sumner has been endorsed by the South Australian

Greens to join Senator Sarah Hanson-Young on the senate ticket for the next federal election.

Uncle Moogy stood unsuccessfully for the Greens in the recent by-election for the Lower House seat of Mayo.

"If we look after our earth it will look after us. We need more voices in Canberra standing up



Major 'Moogy' Sumner.

for our waterways, who aren't corrupted by big corporate irrigators or mining companies," he said.

"If we don't look after our environment, we will have nothing left to leave future generations."

"It means taking action on climate change and ensuring the Murray gets the water it needs to survive."

"It is an honour to stand with the Greens again. South Australians have an opportunity to send a strong message to Canberra at the next election by voting 1 Green."

"We will always fight for caring for our community, and country."



## Experience Monash this December!

The Yulendj Indigenous Engagement Unit at Monash University invites you to participate in the Experience Monash Indigenous Summer Camp from 4 - 8 December, 2018 at the Clayton campus!

The 2018 Summer camp provides Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Years 10 - 12 (16 years and over) with a real experience of university life at Monash. Students will stay at Monash's Residential Services, be given a tour of the Clayton, Peninsula and Caulfield campuses, and participate in a number of hands-on activities from different study disciplines. There will also be cultural, team-building and leadership exercises. This is also a great opportunity to connect with mob from all around the country who have similar interests and goals.

To apply visit <https://www.monash.edu/indigenous-australians/programs/summer-camp> and please email [yulendj@monash.edu](mailto:yulendj@monash.edu) with any questions.



# Art exhibit honours Gurindji activism



A PIVOTAL moment in Australia's social and political history features in the Charles Darwin University (CDU) Art Gallery's latest exhibition.

*Still in my mind: Gurindji location, experience and* *visuality* is an exhibition that considers the ongoing impact of the 1966 Wave Hill Walk-off, an event that saw 200 Aboriginal stockmen, station workers, and their families follow the lead of Gurindji Elder Vincent Lingiari and strike in protest over poor wages and conditions.

Curated by Gurindji descendant and participating artist Brenda Croft, the exhibition features a range of media including photographs, digital platforms and archives, Gurindji history paintings, and an experimental video installation.

Ms Croft, who is associate professor of Indigenous art history and curatorship at the Australian National University, said CDU was the second venue to stage the exhibition, which is on a national tour.

"The exhibition is an outcome

Gurindji men at Wattie Creek, 1967.



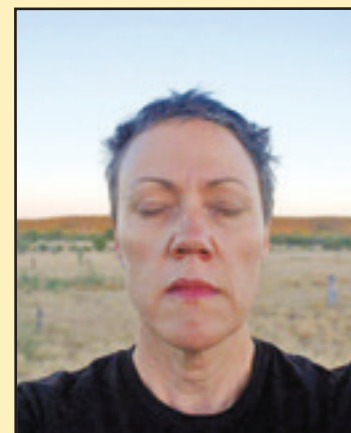
of my doctoral research over the past seven years," she said.

"The subject of the exhibition marks a significant moment in the history of Indigenous

activism in Australia that paved the way for a number of important events that contributed to greater recognition and empowerment.

"For me, Darwin is the key venue on the national tour because I have close family connections there."

An exhibition catalogue and



Brenda Croft.

other books on Gurindji history and culture will also be available for purchase, including the newly-published *Songs from the Stations*, which tells the story about the long distances that songs - called Wajarra - travelled.

The CDU Art Gallery is open Wednesday to Friday 10am-4pm, and Saturday 10am-2pm, and is located on the ground floor of Building Orange 12, University Drive South, Casuarina campus.

The exhibition runs until February 16, 2019.

# Health stats mixed



MOST young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people believe they are in good or excellent health and three in four of them are happy at least most of the time, a new report shows.

But the mortality rate for Indigenous young people is twice as high as it is for other young Australians, according to the paper from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

The report has brought together data on health and wellbeing outcomes for Indigenous people aged between 10 and 24.

The majority of the group (63%) rated their own health as either excellent or very good.

Another quarter reported that their health was good (27%), while one in 10 rated their

health as fair or poor.

When asked to rate their own happiness, 76% of those aged 15 to 24 said they were happy all or most of the time over a four week period.

About a fifth were happy some of the time (18%), while just one in 20 were happy a little or none of the time (6%).

More than two-thirds of Indigenous young people said they were involved in cultural activities in the year prior to being surveyed, with 53% identifying with a clan, tribal or language group.

The number of Indigenous people aged 15 to 24 who smoke daily has also fallen, from 45% in 2002 to 31% in 2014-15.

But the report shows there are still notable disparities in some health outcomes for Indigenous young people and other Australian young people, including the

mortality rate.

For Indigenous youth aged 10 to 24, the death rate fell from 70 deaths per 100,000 in 2005 to 67 in 2015.

But that is still more than double the rate of 27 deaths per 100,000 for other young people.

"Many of the deaths of young Indigenous people are avoidable," the report says.

"This includes suicides, transport accidents and assaults, which were the main causes of deaths for this age group."

The rate of high to very high psychological distress, which measures anxiety and depressive symptoms experienced over the past four weeks, was also higher among some Indigenous young people.

A third (33%) of Indigenous people aged 18 to 24 experienced high or very high levels

of psychological distress, compared with 13% of other people.

Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt said the report showed the efforts of First Nations communities, and government and other organisations, are paying off.

But the report has raised challenges, he said, including 42% of young Indigenous people not being engaged in work, education or training.

"Clearly there is much work to do to strengthen prevention and early intervention initiatives that will help build strong families and communities," he said.

There were 242,000 Indigenous people aged 10 to 24 in Australia in 2016, accounting for one in 20 young people in the nation.

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Tennyson Strong and his wife Ashley Strong.

# Mentors take SCU awards



**TENNYSON** Strong has won the 2018 *Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples* Alumnus of the Year Award at the Southern Cross University (SCU) Alumni of the Year Awards.

The Jukembal, Gumbagirri and Bundjalung man is now an intensive family preservation worker at the Family Support Network in Lismore.

Mr Strong said he enjoys giving back to the community and also volunteers at local

Indigenous events.

Mr Strong said he was overwhelmed to have won the *Gnibi Alumnus of the Year Award*.

"I didn't think I'd get it, there were too many big names there," he said. "There were lots of prestigious people."

"I'm really honoured to know that they think so highly of me at Gnibi."

"The award has definitely encouraged me to keep up my vision of helping kids connect to culture."

"I think new opportunities will also open up from this. It's a

prestigious award to be given."

Indigenous lawyer Joanna Byrne joined Mr Strong in the Alumni of the Year ranks, winning the 2018 *School of Law and Justice* category.

Ms Byrne graduated in 2017 and is now a solicitor in Tasmania, where she also mentors Indigenous law students.

"It is an honour to receive the award, which, to me, is an acknowledgement that I am going in the right direction with my career and volunteer work," she said.

"As a mature age student

who studied online I was told by many people I'd never find graduate employment or achieve my goals, but I believe women in every profession need to know what they want and chase their dreams even if they're knocked back and told they can't do it, because at the end of the day they can."

"While it can be hard to juggle family and work, it's not impossible if you have good time management and good mentors."

"Mentoring is so important. I could not have got through my degree without a mentor."

## New project to create housing and jobs



**AROUND** a dozen jobs will be created during the construction of a subdivision at Galiwin'ku, on Elcho Island in north-east Arnhem Land.

The 24-lot area will be used for housing as part of the Territory Labor Government's \$1.1 billion remote housing program, *Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes*.

The tender was awarded to DCT Australia and the Territory-based company plans to recruit locals through the Arnhem Land Progress Association's Bukmak Constructions and other Aboriginal organisations.

Work on the subdivision is expected to commence next month.

## Call for submissions to Native Title law changes



**THE** Federal Government is calling for submissions to proposed changes to Native Title legislation. The Government says the amendments contained in the exposure drafts are intended to improve the native title system by:

- streamlining claims resolution and agreement-making processes;
- supporting the capacity of native title claimants through greater flexibility around internal decision-making;
- increasing the transparency and accountability of prescribed bodies corporate (the corporations set up to manage native title) to the native title holders;
- improving pathways for dispute resolution following a determination of native title; and
- ensuring the validity of section 31 agreements in light of the Full Federal Court of Australia's decision in *McGlade v Native Title Registrar & Ors* [2017] FCAFC 10.

A consultation paper sets out the policy objectives of the proposed reforms and provides detailed guidance on the amendments. More information on the reforms process, including the exposure drafts, is available on the Attorney-General's Department website and on [indigenous.gov.au](http://indigenous.gov.au).

Submissions close on December 10.

## One Mile Jetty Bronze



**THE** Western Australian Government will fund a bronze sculpture to acknowledge the centennial anniversary of the last person to be repatriated from the Lock Hospitals, off the coast of Carnarvon.

The bronze sculpture - titled *Don't Look at the Islands* - is being commissioned by Smith Sculptors and will be installed at the One Mile Jetty, the same point from which Aboriginal detainees were removed from their mainland home and transported to Bernier and Dorre islands, many never to return.

The Lock Hospitals operated from 1908 to 1918 and were an example of medical incarceration. Aboriginal prisoner patients, said to have the non-specific diagnosis of venereal disease, were forcibly removed from country and transported to the islands to be treated. It was estimated that more than 200 people died on the islands, their remains left in unmarked areas.

A *Path of Pain* commemorative event will be held at Carnarvon's One Mile Jetty on January 9, 2019 ahead of a commemorative cultural ceremony to mark this significant milestone for the Aboriginal community. The State Government will contribute \$140,000 to the sculpture, with the Shire of Carnarvon committing a further \$25,000.

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# Business as usual now for housing services



THE special administration of Kempsey's Many Rivers Regional Housing Management Services Aboriginal Corporation has ended.

Acting registrar of Indigenous Corporations Mike Fordham said a special administrator was appointed in April, after an examination identified serious issues with Many Rivers' governance. The appointment had also been requested by former directors.

"The former directors were concerned that Many Rivers was being improperly managed and that its essential services were being disrupted," Mr Fordham said.

The special administrator worked closely with senior staff and the Aboriginal Housing Office to turn Many Rivers around. During the special administration, the organisation was restructured, new staff recruited and a committed, strong new board of directors appointed. In addition, the corporation won a tender for \$70,000 to upgrade its outdated IT framework.

As a result of these efforts, Mr Fordham regards Many Rivers as well-placed for the future.

"Many Rivers plays a critical role for Aboriginal people in the Macleay Valley, and it's now in a strong position to accommodate thousands of community members into the future," he said.

Located in Kempsey, north-east NSW, since 2008, Many Rivers aims to provide quality affordable housing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and manages more than 500 rental properties, primarily in the Macleay Valley.

The Registrar's office will monitor the corporation over the next 12 months and offer governance training for the corporation's new directors.



# Winda showcases our films



AUSTRALIAN Indigenous film festival Winda will this year see the majority of films it brings to the screen being made by Australian Indigenous people.

Now in its third year, Winda focuses on Indigenous film and filmmakers from across Australia and the world, giving a platform to Indigenous storytellers and celebrating the growth of the Indigenous filmmaking industry.

The festival will open with the Australian premiere of Canadian film *Falls Around Her*, written and directed by and starring First Nations Canadian women. Actor Tantoo Cardinal plays Mary Birchbark, a legendary singer who returns to the vast wilderness of her reserve to

reconnect with the land and her community. The festival showcases 25 languages and Indigenous voices from Australia, Canada, America, New Zealand, Greenland, Norway, Venezuela, Peru and India. Winda Film Festival artistic director and Yaegl woman Pauline Clague said that Indigenous women are well represented this year.

"We have seen some strong female directors and roles coming out of the current crop of films from Indigenous people from around the world," she said. "Having this diversity of perspectives is so important to our storytelling."

Festival executive director and Guna, Gunditjmara and Goreng Goreng woman Medika Thorpe said the festival keeps expanding year to year.

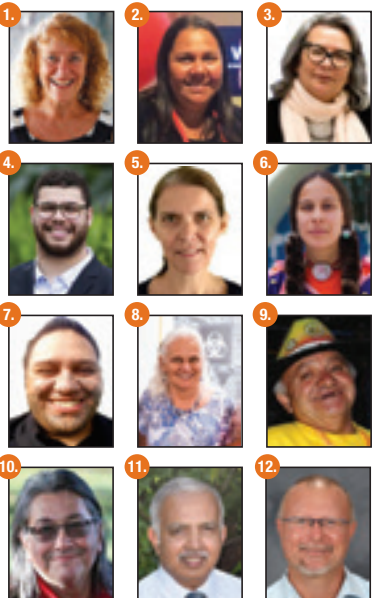
"This year we have a record number of 21 Australian premieres," she said. "That's an outstanding statistic that shows that Indigenous films by Indigenous filmmakers are continuously growing and we are excited to be showing these films to Australian viewers."

The festival will also showcase four short films from the Native Slam III filmmaking challenge where filmmakers team up and create a film in 72 hours that is then screened at the Maoriland Film Festival, NZ. The films are: *Ara Marumar, Chicken and Bingo, Te Kaitiaki* and *Taonga*.

The festival runs November 22-25 at Event Cinemas, George Street, Sydney. To buy tickets, visit [windafilmfest.com/tickets/](http://windafilmfest.com/tickets/)

## Some Invited Speakers:

1. Susan Stanford of WA Individualised Services (WAIS)
2. Evelyn Mackay of WA Individualised Services (WAIS)
3. Denyse Wilcox of IDEA Specialist Services IHC New Zealand (International Guest Speaker)
4. Senator Jordan Steele-John
5. Heidi Sturk, Deputy Director of Queensland University of Technology's Centre for Children's Health Research
6. Dr. Michelle M. Jacob (Yakama Nation), PhD (International Guest Speaker)
7. Taki Peeke of Specialist Services IHC New Zealand (International Guest Speaker)
8. Aunty Beverley Johnson of Brisbane Murri Elders Community Justice Group
9. Johnny Huckle, Entertainer, singer, musician
10. Dr. Joseph Stone, Clinical Psychologist (International Guest Speaker)
11. Carlton Meyn, CEO of BUSHkids
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# Eagle Arts to finally close

By KEIRA JENKINS



AFTER a long-running dispute between Eagle Arts and Vocational College and the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), the alternative high school has been shut down.

The school has been facing closure since July last year after NESA expressed concern about the school's compliance to the state's staff, curriculum, premises and child protection protocols.

In a statement NESA said "the areas of non-compliance are critical areas of operation and cause concern for the safety, welfare and education of children at the school".

But Eagle Arts principal Gab

McIntosh said she will not give up the fight for her school, which has a high proportion of Aboriginal students.

"NESA needs to be dragged over the hot coals for what they've done to us," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"We want an independent investigation into this whole debacle.

"We will continue to try to run programs for our students."

Before the school's closure Ms McIntosh filed a complaint about NESA to the NSW anti-discrimination board, but Ms McIntosh said she can no longer afford to proceed with the complaint.

"I've got no money left for that," she said.

"All that we can do is keep fighting but you can see what we're up against – discrimination at the hands

of NESA.

"I never said the school was perfect but I said that we needed to sit round and talk about how we could do better.

"NESA refused any mediation. They refused to come to the table on that."

Now Ms McIntosh is running in next year's state election as an independent in the seat of Penrith.

She is joined by Indigenous independent candidates Owen Whyman in Barwon, Vicki Stoker in Murray, and Brad Hardman in Terrigal, who are all campaigning to save the school.

Ms McIntosh said this was the best way to actively continue to fight for her school.

"We'll fight where it matters, at the ballot box," she said.

"We may not do so well but we have to try."



The Rule family.



## The Rules for role models



WESTERN Australian mum Daniella Rule is raising her nine daughters alone after the sudden death of her husband. The Rule family's story is the centrepiece of the new season of *Family Rules*, screening on NITV from November 14.

*Family Rules* season two will air weekly on Wednesdays at 8.30pm, and will be available for catch up on SBS On Demand.

The second season will feature triumphs and challenges for the Rule women as they navigate adolescence, young adult life and parenthood.

The first season of *Family Rules* introduced viewers to Daniella, a resilient super-mum raising her nine daughters alone after the sudden death of her husband.

The up close and personal series, based in Western Australia, provides an exclusive look

into a contemporary Aboriginal family tackling identity, culture and healing, all while facing life's daily dilemmas.

Season two will follow Daniella and the Rule sisters Hannah, Jessica, Aleisha, Sharna, Kelly and Kiara, with elder sisters Shenika and Angela always on hand to give advice on their sisters' endless exploits.

Each of the six half-hour episodes gives insight into a member of the family and their life choices, such as buying a home, choosing a career and becoming a parent. Daniella's journey to be the best mum possible for her family, is the thread that brings her daughters' stories, and the series, together.

NITV channel manager Tanya Orman said "the Rule women are fabulous, fun and incredibly strong, and are great role models for the next generation."



BRUCE Beattie, former chief executive of Coolgaree Aboriginal Corporation (Coolgaree) on Palm

Island, has been fined for misusing his position.

Mr Beattie was fined \$3000 and issued a reparation order of \$3000 to the Commonwealth for dishonestly using his position to gain a financial advantage for himself.

Mr Beattie pleaded guilty in the Perth Magistrates Court.

On November 6, 2014, Mr Beattie attended a charity event on Magnetic Island in Queensland, where he bid for and won tickets to the *Clipsal 500* motorsport event being held in Adelaide in 2015. Mr Beattie used the corporation's credit card to buy the tickets, even though the charity event and purchases were not linked to the corporation's business and did not further its objectives.

Coolgaree incorporated in 1997 and operated on Palm Island, Queensland. It provided an employment and training program for local Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people, and ran a general store and bakery.

In March 2015 the corporation placed itself under voluntary administration to deal with financial distress. Shortly after, in April 2015, the corporation moved to appoint a liquidator and finally deregistered in September 2017.

The charge against Mr Beattie was originally filed in the Townsville Magistrates Court. After Mr Beattie moved from Queensland to Western Australia, proceedings were filed in Perth.

The Court noted that Mr Beattie was well remunerated in his position as chief executive, with a salary of around \$110,000 per annum, and trusted with a credit card that had a reasonably high credit limit. It was also noted that there had been no voluntary repayment by Mr Beattie of the cost of the tickets for the *Clipsal 500* event.

The acting registrar Mr Mike Fordham stated that "Mr Beattie purchased these tickets with full knowledge that the corporation was in financial difficulty. The message here is that moving thousands of kilometres across the country will not deter us from holding offenders accountable".

## PLAN A

A couple of drinks  
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And a couple more.  
Oops, probably over,  
but the cops are never  
on the back road,  
so I'll go that way.  
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and I'm over. And I'm in court.  
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Indigenous Medical Scholarship 2019

Applications are now being sought for the 2019 Australian Medical Association (AMA) Indigenous Medical Scholarship. Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background.

Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time at an Australian medical school and at least in their first year of medicine. Preference will be given to applicants who do not already hold any other scholarship or bursary.

The Scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of a selection panel appointed by the AMA. The value of the Scholarship for 2019 will be \$10,000 per annum. This amount will be paid in a lump sum for each year of study.

The duration of the Scholarship will be for the full course of a medical degree, however this is subject to review.

Applications close 31 January 2019.

To receive further information on how to apply, please contact Sandra Riley, Administration Officer, AMA on (02) 6270 5400 or email indigenousscholarship@ama.com.au. An application package can be also downloaded from the AMA website [www.ama.com.au/indigenous-medical-scholarship-2019](http://www.ama.com.au/indigenous-medical-scholarship-2019).

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From left, Wayne Blair, director Imogen Thomas, Mary Waites, Georgia Blizzard, Letisha Boney, Rob Carlton and introducing Rhae-Kye Waites (front) with Cora the dog.

## Emu Runner hits the screen



**EMU Runner** – a movie about a young Indigenous girl who finds solace in the company of a wild emu has come to Australian screens.

*Emu Runner* is the feature debut from director Imogen Thomas, who wrote the film in consultation with Ngemba woman Frayne Barker, from Brewarrina NSW, where the film is set and shot.

The film tells the story of nine-year-old Gem Daniels (played by Rhae-Kye Waites). As she copes with her mother's unexpected death, Gem finds solace in the company of a wild emu, unwittingly connecting with her mother's traditional totem animal.

Gem is a child full of wonder and intrigue, anchored by the deep cultural roots of her Ngemba people and country.

Told from Gem's perspective, the

heart-warming story plays out against the pressing issues and challenges that come from living in an isolated community.

Actor and director Wayne Blair (*Redfern Now*, *The Sapphires*), who plays the role of Gem's father Jay Jay, said his experience working on *Emu Runner* was "exceptional".

"There was a real sense of family as we forged together to create this story," he said. "It was my first time in Brewarrina and the community support was wonderful."

*Emu Runner* had its world premiere at Toronto International Film Festival earlier this year.

Ms Thomas said *Emu Runner* is a film made with and for the Brewarrina community.

"Many hands and a lot of hard work have been involved in the creation of *Emu Runner*," she said. "The process of making the film has been equally

important as the end result and we were delighted to have this opportunity to share this story with the world."

Ms Barker said she was pleased to have her culture portrayed in a movie.

"It's opened the door to communication again," she said. "I gave a lot of feedback to Imogen of what I felt as an Aboriginal person and how this story would fit with our culture. It's bringing everyone together in a positive way which, I think, is beautiful."

Brewarrina is a small town in northwestern NSW and the traditional land of the Ngemba, Murrawarri, Ualari, Weilwan and Baranbinja people. Brewarrina community facilitator Mary Waites said *Emu Runner* tells Brewarrina's story.

"The Ngemba people are very spiritual people; very connected to the land," she said. "I believe it's time for healing and I believe that *Emu Runner* will play a part in that."

## Barang opens the way for reform



**BARANG** Regional Alliance on the NSW central coast has marked its collaboration with government partners with a two-day cultural immersion workshop, in a bid to increase understanding of Aboriginal ways of knowing and doing.

Representatives from 10 Commonwealth and state government departments and Central Coast Council joined local Aboriginal organisations, youth and community members at a gathering, hosted by Barang Regional Alliance at Kariong and Wyong.

Barang Regional Alliance chair Kate Kelleher said the gathering represented a significant moment, in which government partners learned about Aboriginal ways of learning and doing.

"This is the first step in our working together to reform the way we do business, a way that puts the community's voice, needs and solutions



Members of the Barang Regional Alliance.

first," she said.

"The deeper cultural understandings and bonds made will be taken forward into formal community-led partnership table meetings to negotiate empowered youth-focussed structural reform and re-investment opportunities, which will be formalised through a multi-party agreement."

The proposed formal negotiations between Barang and governments will see the bodies collaborate to enact Barang's regional reform agenda, and will aim to give

the local Aboriginal community a say.

To support the community-led reforms, Barang Regional Alliance has announced its call to the central coast Aboriginal community to register Expressions of Interest to participate in Joint Decision Making Community Panels that will be involved in these reforms.

Participation on these panels will provide an opportunity for the Aboriginal community to guide the improvement of services being delivered by identifying and

rewarding programs and service providers which genuinely build long-term, sustainable community empowerment.

Ms Kelleher said all Aboriginal community members currently living and/or working on the central coast, Darkinjung Country, who have an understanding of and connection to the local community and its needs are invited to submit their expression of interest to participate in the Joint Decision Making Community Panels.



# Time Out is time well spent



MALLEE District Aboriginal Services' Men's *Time Out* program has grown remarkably in the past 12 months, going from a handful of participants to regular attendance of up to 20 men.

**Pictured: One of the main instigators of the *Healing and Recovery Program*, Mallee District Aboriginal Services client Shaun Blackman (right), with Robinvale Cemetery Trust's Brian Handreck.**

It's not only the number of men attending that's creating interest, but also the quality of their interactions and activities.

Program participants in Robinvale, north west Victoria, recently initiated a *Healing and Recovery program* at the Robinvale Cemetery. The men's family violence caseworker Joseph Asirifi, said he was thrilled at the men's initiative, which is also giving back to the community.

"It was an idea of the group for us to go and clean and tidy the cemetery, with the main

aim to help the men to culturally, spiritually and emotionally connect to ancestors at the cemetery," he said.

"They made the suggestion after talking about the value of maintaining links with ancestors and for healing."

Seven of the group, aged between 20 and 50, took part in the cemetery cleanup.

It was the first event of its kind, but Mr Asirifi is hoping it will be a regular activity for the men's group, who meet weekly for a yarn and breakfast.

## Aged care to assist remote communities



AGED care providers can apply for funding under a new grant round designed to increase the number of home care places in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Aged Care Minister Ken Wyatt said the expanded National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care (NATSIFAC) program will help more than 900 additional First Nations people in remote Australia to have access to residential and home aged care services close to family, home or country.

"The program funds service providers to provide flexible, culturally-appropriate aged care to older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people close to home and community," he said. "Service providers can deliver a mix of residential and home care services in accordance with the needs of the community."

The program is being expanded progressively over the next four years.

"Home care enables senior Australians receiving aged care to live independently in their own homes and familiar surroundings for as long as possible," Mr Wyatt said.

"This initiative is about flexibility and stability. It is improving access to aged care for older people living in remote and very remote locations, and enables more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to receive culturally-safe aged care services close to family, home or country, rather than having to relocate hundreds of kilometres away.

"At the same time, it helps build the viability of remote aged care providers through funding certainty."

Applicants can apply for new or additional home care places under the NATSIFAC program or approved providers can apply to convert their existing Home Care Packages, administered under the Aged Care Act 1997, to home care places under the NATSIFAC program.

Applications close on November 26. For details, visit [grantconnect](http://grantconnect)

## Funding to support disadvantaged youth



THE Andrews Labor Government is partnering with some of Victoria's leading social service providers to deliver more support for vulnerable children and young people disengaging from education, training and employment.

As part of its \$30 million Partnerships Addressing Disadvantage initiative, the Government has selected Berry Street and the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA), as well as Melbourne City Mission (MCM), to further develop their innovative proposals.

Berry Street and VACCA's proposal aims to improve outcomes for primary school students by providing schools with culturally-informed training, courses and strategies to engage vulnerable students.

It will also provide intensive wrap-around support for vulnerable children and their families, with students that identify as Aboriginal expected to make up 25% of the program.

MCM's proposal would provide coordinated support services around individual needs within a flexible learning environment, to help young people with mental health conditions who are not engaged in education.

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## Danny Eastwood's view



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### Eddie 'Super' Walsh

**Born and living on Palm Island. He is Councillor on the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council. His nickname is Super.**

**Favourite Bush Tucker?**  
Possum stewed or roasted.

**Favourite Non Indigenous Food?**  
KFC Chicken.

**Favourite Drink?**  
Sarsaparilla soft drink. I don't drink alcohol.

**Favourite Music?**  
Beatles Music, Best song *Imagine* by John Lennon.

**Favourite Sport?**  
Rugby League but also cricket as the Christian names of my sons are the same as famous international cricketers.

**Favourite Read?**  
The book *Drum* which I first read 40 years ago.

**Favourite Holiday Destination?**  
Broome in WA.

**Favourite Movie?**  
*Love Story* which I took my wife to see a long time ago.

**What Do You Like in Life?**  
Being happy and laughing. I am now aged 65.

**What Don't you like in Life?**  
Racism against anybody.

**What person would you like most to meet or have met?**  
Yothu Yindi but he died before I could.

**Which people would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
My family and mates here on Palm Island.

**Who/what inspires you?**  
My wife Colyn died in May last year but she still inspires me.

**What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?**  
It is up to us to better ourselves. I always tell my kids and grandkids the importance of a good education.

## Quote



**"I know that this is a cry for help from the kids locked away. Kids don't act up for nothing – they act up when they are scared and they can't be heard ... Kids should be given what I was denied – the opportunity to grow up supported and with freedom."**

● See Page 5

## Unquote

## Keep our money where it's needed

Scullion must go. He is not fit to be the Minister for Indigenous Affairs. In 2016 Northern Land Council chief executive Joe Morrison said he didn't think Scullion was up to the job. "This minister takes our breath away," Morrison told that year's native title conference.

And with the recent revelations that Indigenous Advancement Strategy money has been given to the NT Cattlemen's Association, Seafood Council and Amateur Fishing Association, it's time that the Coalition take Indigenous affairs seriously.

The Coalition under Tony Abbott introduced the IAS and cut half a billion dollars in funding to Indigenous programs. But they can find hundreds of thousands of dollars for lobby groups.

And Senator Scullion is a previous chair of one of those groups, the NT Seafood Council.

At the very least it looks bad.

We've done story after story over the previous five years about how much harm the IAS has done to Indigenous community programs.

Last year the Australian National Audit Office said the IAS was "poorly implemented, suffered from rushed planning, did not prioritise the needs of Indigenous communities, had insufficient monitoring and planning mechanisms, unclear guidelines and did not keep records of key decisions".

Senator Scullion dismissed most of



## OUR SAY

the Audit Office's findings.

That – coupled with the latests revelations – takes our breath away.

It's time that the Northern Territory Government listens to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and advocates and removes kids from Don Dale. It's a former adult prison that is not fit to house children.

And, as Amnesty Indigenous rights adviser and palawa Elder Rod Dillon said, locking up kids as young as 10 vastly increases the chances that they'll be locked up as adults.

The way to solve 'problem kids' isn't to keep locking them up and making them suffer – it's to address the underlying causes of poverty and disadvantage.

It's to give them access to culture. Bush Mob and other similar programs where Elders take kids and teach them on Country have a far better chance of changing things for the better long term.

And if the Federal Government is throwing hundreds of thousands of IAS money at lobby groups, why doesn't it invest a similar amount in justice reinvestment programs, which have been shown to keep kids out of jail?

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# Lidia has a strategy for a better world

By ALISTER MCKEICH



IT has been a whirlwind 12 months for Lidia Thorpe. From rallies on the steps of parliament house, to behind-the-scenes paperwork of policy development, the Greens member for Northcote has taken it all in her stride.

Now, the first Aboriginal woman to be elected to Victorian state parliament faces another challenge, with an upcoming election on November 24.

If she is nervous, Lidia does not show it. "I've been born and bred in politics. But I didn't know it was politics. It was just maintaining our survival."

Lidia pauses from the busy hum of her Northcote office to reflect on what brought her to this point.

"It was conversations in the loungeroom with black activists, all my life. It's all I've ever known. It wasn't until last year that I decided 'Why not, I'm going to give this a crack.' And I did.

"I feel my ancestors have a lot to do with what happened."

Despite Lidia's relaxed nature, she admits there have been many challenges since being elected, from learning the day-to-day parliamentary processes, and getting used to the slow pace of politics.

"I like to get things done. I'm a doer. Parliamentary procedures need to reflect

the people we serve."

In keeping with that sentiment, Lidia has been advocating to make Parliament House more welcoming to Aboriginal people.

This has included a proposal to have an Aboriginal liaison in parliament, to incorporate Aboriginal languages, and to create a dedicated ceremonial space.

Lidia believes that there needs to be more involvement of Aboriginal communities in politics.

One of the advantages of her presence in parliament, she says, is when politicians start talking about Aboriginal topics, "they've got an Aboriginal person staring them in the face. They can't get away with what they used to be able to."

Her example has inspired the younger generation to enter politics. Lidia's office receives a lot of correspondence from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents, young people and children who wish to follow in her footsteps.

"Across the country I've had so many young people reach out to me and say that they are proud and it has given them hope. I've had parents contact me and say that their daughters want to be like me. They connect with me because of where I come from and what I say that's what a lot of Aboriginal people relate to.

**"We need real people in these positions, we need people with lived experiences to speak from the heart..."**

"If I am re-elected I want to do more in that space. I want to create opportunities for young people, particularly young women, to participate at this level and have a voice."

The public position comes with big responsibilities, especially for an Aboriginal woman who is very much an active and outspoken community member.

"As an Aboriginal woman, as a mother, grandmother, sister, aunty, cousin and

community member, there are other responsibilities that come with that. Because you are speaking up for your people, then your people rely on you, and they have expectations of you, which can be quite overwhelming."

Lidia cites her Nan, Aunty and mother as her role models, and says that it is their work in the community over many decades that inspires her.

And there is no shortage of work to be done if re-elected in November.

One of Lidia's main goals is to forge a treaty process that "empowers and benefits every nation in this country, one that we have full determining rights to, one that doesn't breach any human rights, and one that we can economically prosper from, and one that protects our environment from further destruction and protects the land, and salvages what we've got left."

As well as her work on the ongoing Victorian treaty process, Lidia is also calling for a truth and justice commission and a truth-telling museum of Aboriginal histories.

She also says there needs to be redress for the Stolen Generations, which she says should include a \$200,000 payment to each Stolen Generations member in Victoria as well as keeping places and aged care services.

Lidia also says that climate change is a key issue, and hopes that Aboriginal communities will lead action on this.

"Aboriginal communities really need to get on board with what's happening with climate change. We need to inform ourselves on how that affects our culture, and our land, and our connections. It's very serious. This is going to happen to our children, and our songlines and our mother earth need us to get on board, we need to lead this and save the planet."

Whether or not Lidia is re-elected in November, she maintains her approach to politics, and says she will not change her style of advocacy, which reflects her experiences as an Aboriginal community member.

"Keeping it real and not forgetting where you come from, and hold true to your values. I'd rather give it up than lose that. We need real people in these positions, we need people with lived experiences to speak from the heart; who know the pain, and the journey to be part of the solution."





Artists from the Babbarra Women's Centre, in Arnhem Land, show their textiles.



Cara Kirkwood and Terazita Turner Young at the Art Fair. Picture: Nat Rogers



# Tarnanthi is growing



WHEN the Tarnanthi Art Fair finished this year, it broke all previous records.

This year, the art fair generated over \$900,000 in art sales and attracted 5,682 visitors – an increase of 81% from 2017.

Held at the Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute in Adelaide, the Tarnanthi Art Fair is a key source of income for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Now in its third year, the fair provides a unique opportunity to view and purchase works of art direct from Indigenous artists and art centres.

With 10 new art centres participating and a showcase of more

than 200 artists from 30 art centres from across the country, Art Gallery of South Australia director Rhana Devenport said the success of the fair reflects the excitement and vitality of Indigenous art today.

"Tarnanthi showcases artists and communities and offers exceptional opportunities to share art, culture and ideas," she said.

Works of art are still available for sale at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, including work by South Australian artists presented by Ku Arts.

Tarnanthi is presented in partnership with BHP and with the support of the South Australian Government.

The Tarnanthi Art Fair returns next year on October 18 to 20.



The art fair generated more than \$900,000 in sales this year. Picture: John Montesi



Renowned textile artist Janet Marawarr. Picture: Nat Rogers



More than 200 First Nations artists presented their work at the Tarnanthi Art Fair. Picture: Nat Rogers





## Treat everyone with respect

Growing up, I had very little respect for anyone, even myself. I was angry and confused, and this led me down a self-destructive path in my life in which I hurt myself and those around me.

I had no parents or role models to teach me what respect was, or to show me what a healthy relationship between a man and a woman was.

So I went along with things and I mirrored the disrespectful attitudes and behaviours of those who were around me at the time.

If I could speak to my 15-year-old self, I would say 'Don't be afraid to treat people with love and respect. Learning how to respect people, both men and women, is going to help you grow up to be a strong man.'

'Don't be afraid to feel things, to have emotions. Being a man isn't about being tough, never crying and all of those sorts of things we've heard for so long. Being a man is about making those around you – your family and your community – stronger.'

We've all heard sayings like 'Don't cry like a girl' or 'Man up' and many of us have repeated them without a second thought – even me, because it's become such a common turn of phrase.

Today, it's one of my most hated sayings. We may not mean it, but what young people might learn is that women are lesser than men, or weaker somehow; that boys should resist experiencing and showing normal and healthy emotions.

As you get older, you'll do your best to never repeat these sayings again. Over the course of your life you will change. You'll meet different people and each person will show you new things. You'll become more aware of the positive and negative influences around you. You will leave things behind, things that were wrong, that hurt you and hurt others around you, like disrespect. This is OK, this is part of our growth as human beings.



Jeremy Donovan and his son. *Picture: Andrew Rosenfeldt*

We're always learning, and sometimes we need to face challenges to come out the other side wiser, stronger and healthier.

It will then be up to you to take the things you've learned and pass them on to the younger people around you. This is part of our culture.

As unlikely as it must feel to you right now, one day you will have your own kids who will depend entirely upon you, look up to you, listen to you and learn from you. You will strive to be a positive role model for them.

This will be the most important and

rewarding thing you will do in your lifetime.

Addressing and changing disrespectful attitudes towards women starts with all of us.

**Jeremy Donovan,**  
Father and cultural mentor, is part of the  
**Stop it at the Start Campaign**  
– a national campaign aimed at  
reducing violence against women and  
children.

To find out more, visit  
[respect.gov.au/resources/atsi-resources](http://respect.gov.au/resources/atsi-resources)

## POETRY



### Australia's Indigenous Youth

Indigenous youth need  
A voice that is strong,  
The elders from the past  
In their hearts they belong.

Trying to make their way  
In the land of the free,  
Being proud in our  
community  
For all of us to see.

But it is hard to be strong  
When you are up against  
the past,  
Our Indigenous youth it's  
time,  
Your time at last.

by Mark Riordan  
from the book *Indigenous  
Australia – Book Ten*  
Artwork by Beau Keeble

### Criminal Hearts

Criminal Hearts  
Dotted Paintings  
And Great Works Of Art  
The Toil And Labour Of  
Aboriginal Hearts  
In The Hands Of The White  
Man, His Pockets Are Lined  
With Bundles Of Cash  
From The Black Man's  
Spine  
Working All Day  
In The Hot Desert Sun  
The Big Profits Are Taken,  
But The Natives Have None  
It's Rations For Slaves  
And The Abuse Goes On  
Our Captors Are Happy With  
Their Victory Song  
Robbing The Poor  
With Cheap Labour Per Day  
The Indigenous Still Hungry  
With The Crumbs They Are  
Paid  
The Tears Of Pain  
Just Roll Down Their Eyes  
While The Captains And  
Colonels Are Wearing  
Disguise  
Possessing The Dark Spirits  
Of The Monsters Back Then  
They're Acting Like Humans,  
But Their Cover's Been  
Seen  
Natives Feed Their  
Addictions With Their Little  
Pay  
Now Tell Me My Friends,  
What Do You Have To Say?

By Abi DRabi

## Obituary – A Tribute

There's a word used with such constant pride by Indigenous people on North Stradbroke Island that it speaks volumes about the community's regard for Aboriginal rights activists, both now and in the past.

Recently a splendid memorial service was held in Dunwich to mark the passing of Donna Marie Elizabeth Ruska, who, throughout her life, was persistent in her call for all to "get up, stand up for our rights".

She became a warrior for truth and justice, and a valued comrade of better-known Aboriginal agitators and activists.

But most of all, Auntie Donna never wavered or let up – she was the epitome of 'staunch'.

She told my children, among others, they were "custodians of the land Minjerribah" and she stayed with us until they understood what that meant. In her earlier years, Donna and the late Vivian Ruska worked as

"pseudo secretary" for Brisbane solicitor Paul Richards. "These were people I could trust," he said, adding that they were also "staunch".

A picture, they say, is worth a thousand words, but no picture could describe Auntie Donna's funeral service, march, burial and wake, which brought the town of Dunwich to a halt.

She was rocked across the bay one last time aboard the Stradbroke barge, lamented and

crooned by three Indigenous dance troupes and visitors from throughout the mainland.

The island's truly vibrant Indigenous culture was on display, in something of a "thank you" to this remarkable woman, always and forever staunch.

Donna passed away on October 10, at her home on North Stradbroke Island, after a lengthy illness.

By Ann Cooms

## KEEPING YOUR SAY SHORT AND SWEET

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# A tribute to Kevin

By JAMES LEFTWICH

Philip Kevin Gresham Leftwich, who preferred the name of Kevin, was a well-respected man who had a 20-year career in the Royal Australian Army.

Born at Cairns Base Hospital on October 21, 1935, to Victor (Butchulla) and Julia nee Nunn (Kuku Langi), he was the youngest of nine siblings. Kevin passed away, aged 80, at Mary Potter Age Care Home, Cairns, on November 30, 2015.

He and Mum knew each other since they were 13. Dad was a cane cutter then moving on to stockman work in his teens" his youngest son James said. He was remembered on Remembrance Day for his down-to-earth personality, his yarns and an Army career in which he saw active duty in Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Borneo. Upon Kevin's return to Australia, he also had postings in Adelaide, Sydney and Brisbane such as the Wacol Army Base and duties at the University of Queensland.

I believe that Dad joined the army mainly for the security of an income for the family.

His Statement Of Service record shows that, after finishing National Service in 1955, he joined the Citizen Military Forces before signing up to the Australian Regular Army, all within a matter of five months. He remained in service until his acceptance of a Regular Retirement discharge in August 1975. Despite a distinguished and



sometimes specialised career he never accepted an offer of promotion to an Officer and declined a posting in West Germany.

Dad discussed at length with me a "Special Air Service" Regiment combat operation behind enemy lines in Borneo. He also told me he spent a night of playing English Billiards with Prince Richard, the Duke of Gloucester. Dad said he and the Duke of Gloucester became quick friends after a few games and cups of Royal Scotch.

"The Duke, well he's just down to earth person and by the end of the night the Duke gave me two cases of raw scotch as a gift," he told me.

After an Army career spanning 20 years, Kevin kept in touch with many of his Army friends. Post Army, Kevin continued to work in various government positions upon return to his home town of Cairns. He held administrative positions at Queerah Explosive Magazine south of Cairns, Douglas House assisting alcohol rehabilitation in Indigenous peoples and aerial Manager of the North Queensland Aboriginal Development Commission

(NQADC) which he worked there from 1981 to 1991. Kevin's position at the NQADC was to approve and allocate spending of \$50 million of federal funding granted annually to Indigenous communities and missions. He used to travel to Indigenous communities, mainly north through the Cape. After Kevin's retirement in 1991, he had a heart attack and stroke in November 1999 and resided at Mary Potter Age Care Home, bedridden until his passing in November 2015.

Dad would tell stories of good times and adventures also including stories of having to kill others in the line of duty. I can say he did regret killing people. He had tears and much guilt for some, but he always said to me 'James, if I did not do what I had to do, you would not be here today'. My father is that he was always proud to be Australian Aboriginal and of his heritage. I consider my father to be always a hardworking man with a very high level of intelligence who would never give up until the job was done. Towards others he was fair, helpful and loving. If you would respected Dad, he would respect you.

I am proud and honoured to share my father's story with the consent of my family. I have shared some of my father's service history and there are few reasons I have done so. But for me the most important reason is that I truly and simply believed that one day, I'm sure my father would have like his story to be told to others.



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# Justice needs us all to act

In the endless battle between good and evil, it is seldom numbers that determine the outcome.

Many times throughout history the side representing truth and justice has beaten overwhelming odds. The pain and trauma of our most vulnerable continues, not due to bad financial planning, or mental health or substance issues, but instead hurt continues because good people are not willing to stand up and fight for what is right.

Perpetrators, together with those who support institutionalised abuse, depend on bystanders to do nothing as victims of poverty, racism and isolation continue to pile up.

So much is made of mental health issues for the victim, the dispossessed, the poor and those incarcerated within their own poverty, but nothing is made of the abuse of power. Surely, just as there is transgenerational trauma, then there must also be a transgenerational predatory culture.

Within such a cycle of abuse, it is the bystander, however, who remains the very hinge, holding the key to a free and tolerant civilisation. A society that, instead of persecution and intolerance, supports and nurtures those most in need through a life long journey of healing and education allowing them to reach their potential rather than punish them.

We don't usually think of history



## Woolombi Waters

as being shaped by silence, but, as Irish philosopher Edmund Burke said, 'The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing'.

Only recently Australia's then Federal Education Minister Simon Birmingham personally intervened to stop \$4.2 million in already approved grants for research projects in the humanities and arts. This action led to new Education Minister Dan Tehan deciding that Australian Research Council grant applications need to be assessed 'in the national interest' before

approval. The minister defended his abuse of power in a tweet, a disturbing exercise in itself becoming commonplace among ultra-conservative Western leaders.

Australian Nobel laureate, professor Peter Doherty, was quick to condemn the decision.

"Research has to be in the national interest? What does that mean? If it's not in the interests of the coal and gas industry, it's not in the national interest?" he tweeted in reply.

As old white men appear to run the country and the world, what happened to democracy you may ask? The Labor party has condemned the behaviour of Tehan, Birmingham and the rest of the Liberal-National government as "knuckle-dragging philistines" for their academic interference. But Labor remains silent on other hostile, vindictive, authoritarianism manifested in the government's behaviour, particularly when it comes to Blackfellas, refugees and, as professor Peter Doherty suggested, coal and gas poisoning our sacred lands and waters.

It has never been more important to be investing in our humanities. At the same time the news broke of the government's intervention in research the world was in shock, mourning the actions of yet another white supremacist Christian, 46 year old Robert Bowers, who went on a killing

spree in a Pittsburgh Synagogue.

The killer was a lowly educated angry whiteman, who had made his racist hate known publicly via social media unchecked by a government concerned with building walls to keep out people of colour. In this climate we need a deeper understanding of the histories of cultural exchange, engagement and conflict between different parts of our communities and the world.

What we don't need is ultra-conservatives who question race and identity politics so crucial in understanding ourselves by playing the white victims 'censored' in a world they run and influence the most. It is this kind of white fragility and victimhood that has given rise to white supremacist Christians as the greatest perpetrators of mass killings on the planet. To tamper with research grants on humanities and the arts within such an environment sends a terrible message to the world.

It also enables a minister to reject proposals focused on areas of scientific research such as climate change, and or genetic research in support of ideologies.

We need to acknowledge that a significant portion of the public no longer believe in the economic value of higher education, that as a return on investment, trades and job placement in service industries have become greater priority.

It was John Howard and the

rebirth of ultra-right conservatism that gave birth to stories about university graduates not living successful lives but instead living in their parents' basement, or who have taken out staggering levels of debt unable to repay their HECs.

At the same time conservative governments since have increased dramatically the total amount of money needed for a degree, and the news coverage of this burden reinforces the view that the rapidly rising cost of higher education, together with poor job prospects, has reduced the economic return within higher education.

The priority on trades and the mining industry becomes the focus of a government responsible for dumbing down an entire nation. No coincidence that 'One Nation' has risen as a political force and ultra-conservatism is on the rise in such an environment.

In an era when the proliferation of information sources has made it easy for people to receive only "news" that confirms their own views, we who believe in truth and integrity have struggled to convince the public that not all facts are created equal.

Higher education, truth and justice depends on the support of everyone from across society and across the political spectrum and right now – we simply don't have it.

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



# Straight Talk calls us to speak up



2016 Straight Talk Summit delegates in Canberra. Picture: Jillian Mundy

By KEIRA JENKINS



MORE than 70 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women from around the country are heading to Canberra this month for Oxfam Australia's annual Straight Talk National Summit.

Women from each state and territory will gather from November 26-29 and will have the opportunity to learn about the political process, share their stories and build skills to create change in their communities.

Kuluwa and Arrente woman Gabrielle Hill said she's excited for the summit, to have the

opportunity to speak with politicians and to meet Indigenous women from all over the country.

"I've dealt a bit with politicians in my work with the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA)," she told the *Koori Mail*. "This will be a fantastic opportunity to speak with politicians and to feel like we're really being heard and listened to."

"I'm also excited to meet other Indigenous women who have all come together to create some change."

Straight Talk participants will attend the summit's opening ceremony at Parliament House, which will be co-hosted by Foreign Affairs Minister Marise Payne, Labor Senator Penny

Wong and Greens Senator Rachel Siewart.

They will also have the opportunity to meet with politicians at Parliament House, attend Question Time, take part in a Senate role play and hear from Indigenous MPs and Senators Linda Burney, Malarndirri McCarthy, Patrick Dodson, and Ken Wyatt.

Participants will also hear from Minnesota's College of Scholastica's inaugural fellow for Inclusive Excellence for Native American Affairs Karen Driver.

Ms Hill said she's excited for these opportunities but also to bring grassroots knowledge and experience to Parliament House.

"I've always believed that

everything starts at the grassroots," she said.

"I hate sitting behind a desk. I like to get out and talk to people on the ground, who are working at the grassroots level."

"There's a lot of politicians, who are making the rules, but don't understand what it's really like."

"I know what it's like to get the electricity bill and have to choose between paying that or buying bread and milk that week, or having \$5 left in the account at the end of the week."

"I want to bring that message, that there is still inequality in this country we call 'lucky'."

Ms Hill said Straight Talk is an 'awesome start' to enact change

in the country, because it focuses on empowering Indigenous women.

"Empowering the individual and leave them feeling like they can make a change, that's something important," she said.

"Sometimes we start to feel like our issues don't matter or we don't feel like we're not being listened to. But Straight Talk invites women on the ground level to come and speak up. Hopefully someone is going to pay attention."

"To have this opportunity to talk to politicians, I think it will inspire lots of women."

● Keira Jenkins will be one of the participants in this year's Straight Talk.

# Rangers already at work at new Hervey Bay base



HERVEY Bay is home to the new Butchulla Land and Sea Ranger base, and newly appointed rangers are already hard at work on Country, protecting and managing cultural heritage values, including burial sites, artefact sites, and sacred areas.

Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation secretary Christine Royan said the four new ranger positions based in Hervey Bay were the start of 'closing the gap' in their community.

"I'm incredibly proud to be a part of this moment in time for our people, we're thankful

for the Land and Sea Ranger program to assist Butchulla to manage traditional Country, preserve history and revitalise culture," Ms Royan said.

The new base was recently opened by Queensland Environment Minister Leeane Enoch, who said the new rangers would be working across Butchulla country including K'gari (Fraser Island), the Great Sandy Strait, and Fraser Coast Regional Council and Gympie Regional Council areas.

"The new base means the Butchulla rangers will be able to work more effectively on country, delivering better cultural and

environmental outcomes," she said.

"The Land and Sea Rangers work closely with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services and other groups to rehabilitate land and water systems and restore natural landscapes, implement programs to control weeds and pests and help manage marine conservation and habitats."

In April, funding for 22 new ranger positions across seven communities, including K'gari, was announced by the Queensland Government.

"The Queensland Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program is important to local

Indigenous communities and generates significant cultural outcomes," Ms Enoch said. "They also assist other traditional owners in natural resource management, and participate in boat patrols, marine conservation and habitat management including cleaning up shorelines and maintaining healthy waterways and sea grass."

Ms Enoch said the ranger program also allows the Government to partner with Indigenous communities to provide job and training opportunities and support the Butchulla people's desire to manage their own country.



The Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre will hold its

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# Native seed farm set to rehabilitate



A NEW Indigenous-owned and operated native seed farm project is on the way to supplying the mining industry's need for land rehabilitation in post-mining areas.

The seed farm, located on Geoff Wedlock Innovation Park, is a joint project between Curtin University, land restoration groups and Midwest Employment and Economic Development Aboriginal Corporation (MEEDAC).

The seed farm is on property operated by MEEDAC and provided by mining company Karara Mining near Morawa, Western Australia.

Project leader Professor Kingsley Dixon from Curtin University's School of Molecular and Life Sciences, said there were concerns about the sustainability of native seed collection in the face of increasing seed demand for restoration programs across Australia.

"Native seed supply in Australia is almost 99% from wild collected

sources," Professor Dixon said. "The mining industry alone is unable to meet all of its seed demands from current wild sources due to the unreliability of supply due to climate change, land degradation and the loss of suitable seed collecting areas through past clearing."

"This initial planting at the new farm will supply important keystone species used in post-mining restoration, which is unable to be sourced in the quantity and quality to ensure suitable restoration after mining."

There are plans to expand the seed farm to include up to 20 important plant species needed in rehabilitation programs and the farm will employ local Indigenous people in all phases from the planting, management, harvesting and processing of seed ready for sowing into mine-sites.

MEEDAC business development manager Milton Milloy said it was the first native seed farm of its type in Australia.

"This project will provide long-term employment and connect people to country with a productive and enduring

business model," Mr Milloy said.

Professor Dixon said one of the species planted at the farm – the 'cancer bush' – was well known in Indigenous cultures as a potent medicinal plant with proven anti-viral and anti-bacterial properties.

"Tea made from the leaves of the plant is worth up to \$20 dollars per teapot bag," he said.

"Current wild supply cannot meet demand for this plant so the seed farm has the potential to provide a long-term, high quality product in addition to seed for restoration programs."

The stock at the farm will develop its first seed crop in two years with more plantings to occur over the next 18 months.

It is planned that the model developed at the seed farm will be a template to be rolled out for other indigenous communities around Australia. Involved in the set up of the farm were a team of scientists from Curtin University's ARC Centre for Mine Site Restoration (CMSR), as well as Greening Australia, Green Values Australia and MEEDAC.



A native seed farm in Western Australia is helping supply trees for rehabilitating land.

## Tarissa is named 2018 Youth Worker of the Year



A BROKEN HILL youth worker who pulls out all the stops to help young Aboriginal people in every way possible has been named this year's Youth Worker of the Year at the 2018 NSW Youth Work Awards in Sydney.

Tarissa Staker has been working at Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation for nine years and helped to establish Maari Ma's Youth Health service three years ago.

She was selected Youth Worker of the Year from 32 nominations.

The NSW Youth Work Awards celebrate the exceptional work of youth services and youth workers across the state, honouring individuals and services who go above and beyond to help create a society where all young people can feel supported, valued and engaged.

Maari Ma chief executive Bob Davis said it has been an exceptional achievement for Tarissa.

"Tarissa started with us in administration and worked her way up to becoming an Aboriginal health worker through our training program," Mr Davis said.

"She embodies all that the awards acknowledge and honor, and we are all very proud of her and for the work that she does with our young people."

"Tarissa has that rare ability to have a rapport with any



Hesta's Elaine Lawler with NSW Youth Worker of the Year Tarissa Staker from Maari Ma.

young person she works with and encourages them to be confident and positive, showing care to them every day.

"She works with them with sincerity and honesty encouraging them to have health checks, helping them to keep safe and she makes it her job to ensure there are no barriers to them accessing services and achieving the best they can be."

"Tarissa is an exceptional

role model within our community and contributes a significant amount of her own personal time to help kids in any way she can."

"She is also a strong advocate for young people with their schools, and government and non government agencies."

"It is our health workers who make our services work and Tarissa has done Maari Ma and our community very proud."

## Claim win in Central Desert WA

### Lappi Lappi and Ngulupi peoples celebrate



THE Lappi Lappi and Ngulupi peoples are celebrating the recognition of their native title over the Central Desert region of Western Australia.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion welcomed the historic determination and congratulated the area's traditional owners on gaining legal acknowledgement of the land.

The determination area covers approximately 6,072 square kilometres of land and waters and is situated on the Western Australia and Northern Territory border.

Part of the Balwina Aboriginal Reserve and part of the Central Australia Aboriginal Reserve are based on the land.

"This determination justly recognises the native title right and interests of the Lappi Lappi and Ngulupi people," Senator Scullion said.

"They own this land – they always have and they always will. Today's determination confirms what they

have always known."

The Lappi Lappi and Ngulupi claim was the last remaining determination in the northern part of WA's Central Desert region.

"The Lappi Lappi and Ngulupi people waited patiently for their moment and it has arrived," Senator Scullion said. "This is a major milestone and I would like to congratulate all those who have helped make it a reality. The traditional owners are free to use and enjoy the area to the exclusion of all others."

Across Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have had native title claims finalised over approximately 40% of land.

Senator Scullion said the Federal Government was committed to seeing all outstanding claims resolved as soon as possible.

He said the Commonwealth Government is also investing more than \$20 million to build capacity in Prescribed Bodies Corporate so that native title holders can realise the economic, cultural and social aspirations for their land.



# Art showcases a conventional RAP



International Convention Centre Sydney team members with artist Jeffrey Samuels and Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council chief executive Nathan Moran.



SYDNEY-based artist Jeffrey Samuels has created an artwork for the International Convention Centre Sydney (ICC Sydney) which is now proudly displayed across the precinct and celebrates the centre's first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

His commissioned work *Gadigal, Acknowledgement Respect* tells the story of how Australia's First People are connected to this part of Sydney Harbour.

Mr Samuels is a founding co-member of Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Cooperative and his artwork acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation, depicting flora, shells and animals of significance around the Sydney harbour foreshore – including

the whale, a totem of the Gadigal.

As the first convention centre in Australia to launch a RAP, ICC Sydney chief executive Geoff Donaghy said the milestone follows a two-year journey since opening to embed recognition of Indigenous heritage and culture across the business, increase employment opportunities and ensure a culturally safe place to work and visit.

"As a gateway to Sydney and Australia, we recognise that we have a unique ability and responsibility to ensure the 1.3 million people that arrive at ICC Sydney interact with First Nations culture," he said. "We are committed to celebrating and acknowledging the cultures and heritage of Australia's First People."

Mr Donaghy said ICC Sydney is working

with First Nations businesses and communities through its supply chains, community networks and client stakeholder engagement "to build greater engagement with, and acknowledgement of, Australia's First Nations, including the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation – the custodians of the land on which ICC Sydney is located and operates".

"Some of the highlights for us have included pre-employment programs for hospitality students with Eora College, engaging with Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council to connect events with Welcome to Country and other cultural services and now, celebrating the captivating artwork by Jeffrey Samuels to signify to our visitors that they're on Gadigal land," he said.

Elements of Mr Samuels's artwork are now displayed prominently across all main entry points of the venue to officially welcome visitors.

The venue has developed its RAP using Reconciliation Australia's guidelines under the Innovate template and endeavours to demonstrate its commitment and respect for First Nations communities across Sydney; deepen relationships and understanding of First Nations culture; create a workplace that is welcoming to all people and fosters increased engagement and participation for First Nations employees; and promote ICC Sydney as a venue of choice for cultural celebrations.

The RAP has been endorsed by Reconciliation Australia as well as the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council.

## QLD household goods leaser given penalties



A COMPANY that mainly leases household goods to people on low incomes has paid \$257,500 in penalties after the corporate watchdog found it had not met its responsible lending obligations. The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) said Local Appliance Rentals failed to take reasonable steps to verify the financial situations of its customers, many of whom live in remote Indigenous communities and are on welfare.

The Queensland-headquartered company operates its franchise nationally including the Tiwi Islands, Katherine, Broome and Thursday Island, where there are limited options for buying household goods.

ASIC said the company had also inadvertently received excess payments from customers, charged late fees greater than the amounts set out in the lease agreement and failed to adequately supervise its franchisees. A court-enforceable undertaking required the company to remediate customers, give charity The Smith Family a payment of \$100,000 and pay \$157,500 of infringement notices.

"Low-income consumers often have little flexibility in their spending and may have to go without essential items or default on other financial commitments, including rent and utility bills, due to responsible lending failures by firms," ASIC said.



QUEENSLAND Housing Minister Mick de Brenni said the Palaszczuk Government has officially begun the development of its strategy to improve housing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Mr de Brenni said First Nations Housing advisor Mick Gooda would work with the government to consult with communities around the state to find out "what needs to be done to provide better housing options".

He said meetings would be held across Queensland before the end of the year – including in Mount Isa, Townsville, Palm Island, Cairns, Yarrabah, Rockhampton, Woorebinda and Brisbane. These meetings follow preliminary discussions last month in Hope Vale and the Torres Strait.

"We know that to ensure the best outcomes for remote communities we need to work with them, not simply do things to

them," Mr de Brenni said.

"This is especially important as we are approaching a crisis in remote housing brought on by the Federal LNP's disgraceful decision to axe funding for building new housing in Queensland's remote indigenous communities.

"I have appointed Mick Gooda to lead the development of a new partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and he will work with us to shape our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan, which is one of the key actions identified in our Queensland Housing Strategy 2017-2027."

Mr de Brenni said providing suitable housing made "all the difference in improving life chances".

"You can't start closing the gap on employment, health and education without a roof over your head – it's as simple as that," he said. "Yet Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to be over-represented in overcrowding and homelessness. I think it's a real test for this Prime

Minister, who is on one of his very rare visits because he says he wants to listen to Queenslanders, which is a nice change.

"But is the ScoMo Express just a quest for votes to save his own job, or does he genuinely intend to represent all Australians, especially first Australians?"

"The Palaszczuk Government is determined to address these challenges and that's why we recently announced an additional \$40 million, bringing our direct investment to \$185 million this year to support a housing construction program in 2019 to help mitigate the worst impacts of the Commonwealth's decision to cut funding.

"We continue to stand ready to accept any assistance in Closing the Gap from the Commonwealth should the Prime Minister overturn Malcolm Turnbull's decision to turn his back on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders."

Mr Gooda said he would work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, individuals, Elders and non-government organisations to ensure the Action

Plan "truly reflects the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders".

"I believe that it's a fundamental right for every Queensland, and equally a right for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to have safe, secure and stable housing," he said.

"I will be talking to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and the Department of Housing and Public Works on developing a shared commitment on housing."

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan will be launched next year.

The consultation period will run through to early December 2018 and will involve discussions and workshops with key stakeholders including traditional owners, private and social housing tenants, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mayors and Councils, Indigenous organisations and Government agencies. Visit [qld.gov.au/betterhousingfutures](http://qld.gov.au/betterhousingfutures) to see a copy of the brochure and to have your say.

# Housing action plan is underway in Qld



# Healing fields offer ancient wisdom



UNCLE Magpie's vision to create a modern cultural gathering place in Byron Bay came true.

The Wooyung site (commonly known as North Byron Parklands) is a sacred site for his people and one now designed to host annual festivals like Splendour in the Grass and Falls Festival on Bundjalung Country in north-east NSW.

Now for the first time, a new event called Fields Of Healing will come to the site on November 24 and 25.

At the event, 14 Indigenous Elders, speakers and musicians from across the world will gather.

Fields Of Healing was initiated by the Australian based Unity Earth.

Unity Earth executive director Ben Bowler is the son of Jim Bowler, the archaeologist who discovered the oldest human remains of an indigenous Australian, Mungo Man. When asked about his motivation for convening this inaugural gathering, Ben said that it was like a mystical calling.

"We felt drawn to the Byron Bay area, we just felt like something had to happen there. So we made the trip up and met with several local Elders on country, including Uncle Magpie.

Minyungbal Yugambah song man Uncle Magpie Yerrubilgin.



"As our conversations progressed we learnt that Uncle Magpie had a vision, which he documented five years earlier, to create a cultural gathering on the Wooyung site.

"He had envisioned drawing Indigenous Elders from across the world to create a cultural celebration of ancient wisdom that featured a host of guest speakers, traditional arts,

sacred rituals, music, dance and healing spaces." The event has been described as many things: a cultural gathering, a movement, a convergence, but ultimately –

it's a coming together of humanity aimed at dissolving the barriers of race and religion – a peaceful uprising of unity. Tickets are available at [fieldsofhealing.com.au](http://fieldsofhealing.com.au).

# Alert raised for reef bleaching



CORAL reef bleaching has become a major concern for the Torres Strait region, according to a recent forecast by the US

National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The NOAA report states that by March next year the entire Great Barrier Reef has a 60% chance of being subject to "bleaching alert level one", where bleaching is likely.

This follows a marine heatwave in 2016-17 that impacted coral reefs around the world and led to mass coral bleaching across the central and western Torres Strait.

It is understood the coral reefs in the eastern Torres Strait escaped bleaching due to the deeper water and the upwelling of cooler water off the continental shelf.

The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chair Napau Pedro Stephen said, while they are still unsure about the impacts of the coral bleaching on Torres Strait fisheries, the very warm water did impact the tropical rock lobster fishery in the 2016-17 season.

"The Torres Strait is on the front line of climate impacts, including sea level rise on low-lying communities and the impacts of climate change on the region's very significant marine environment and fisheries," Mr Stephen said.



Coral bleaching on the Great Barrier Reef. Picture: Australian Institute of Marine Science

"The TSRA is concerned that not enough is being done to tackle the issue of climate change nationally and internationally.

"Currently the world is still on track to far exceed 1.5 degree of warming, which is the level at which most of the world's coral reefs are likely to die.

"Another heatwave over the coming summer would significantly slow down the recovery of bleached reefs in our region.

"TSRA is working with the CSIRO, the Australian Fisheries

Management Authority and the Australian Institute of Marine Science to better understand the implications for climate change on the region's fisheries and to consider adaptation measures to help reduce these impacts.

"Unless there are urgent and significant steps taken by all levels of government locally and internationally to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, regions such as the Torres Strait will face an increasingly difficult and uncertain future."

# Home upgrades now complete



THE Aboriginal community of Tjuntjuntjara, 690 kilometres north-east of Kalgoorlie in

Western Australia, now has improved facilities and a 40% boost of available bedrooms for residents.

Tjuntjuntjara is home to the Spinifex people. Although it has an official population of about 160 people, it also serves as a cultural hub and its population can treble during peak periods for lore and other gatherings in the region.

The building work to address overcrowding issues saw contractors complete work on four new and 18 rebuilt homes – construction that saw the addition of extra bedrooms to existing homes, enclosure of external ablution areas and the installation of flushing toilets.

Security and amenities were also improved as part of the renewal program which saw the number of bedrooms in the community rise from 62 to 87, and an improvement in living conditions.

The WA Department of Communities, which managed the construction contract, undertook extensive community consultation to determine preferred housing designs.

The construction contract –

designed to encourage and support Aboriginal employment opportunities – was awarded to PINDAN and site works began in December last year.

Severe weather events that cut off access to the community earlier this year delayed completion.

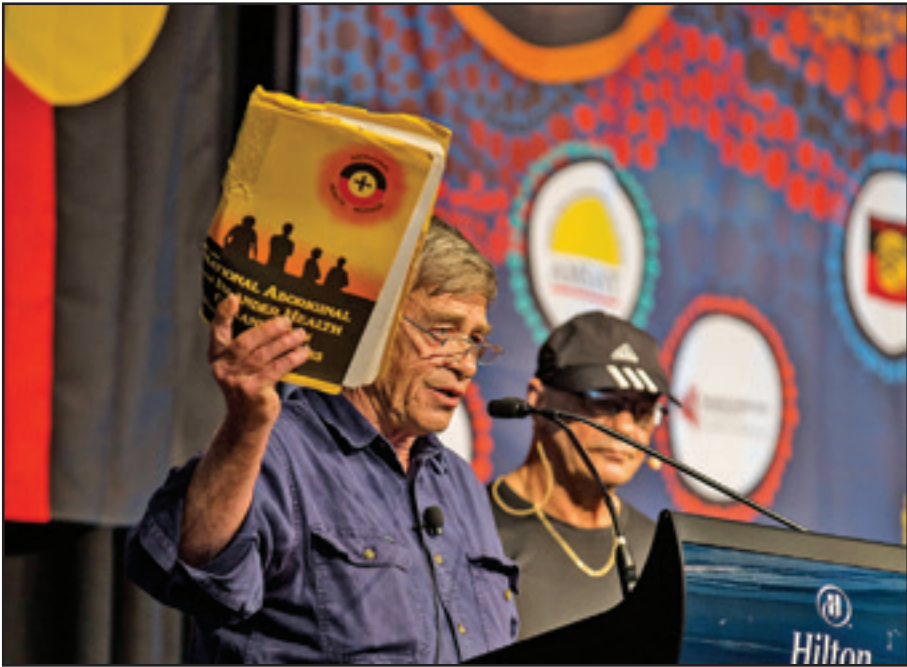
The department also formed contracts directly with local Aboriginal businesses and corporations to provide design and consultancy services, access to local fuel and accommodation management services.

The program of works required the temporary relocation of 14 households to a camp-style facility designed by the Paupiyala Tjarutja Aboriginal Corporation (PTAC). The community will retain the facility to accommodate visitors during lore time.

The rebuild and construction of the 22 homes was funded under the 2016-18 National Partnership on Remote Housing (NPRH) agreement at a cost of \$8.8 million.

Significant upgrades to essential services infrastructure, estimated to cost up to \$15 million, are also underway and will include improvements to the supply and quality of drinking water, a common effluent scheme, and improved power generation and distribution.





John Tregenza spoke of the history and politics of Aboriginal community controlled health organisations.



The NACCHO 2018 Conference was off to a burning start with a welcome to country from Nunukul-Yuggera dancers and included a demonstration of fire making.

# Future leaders inspired to take control of health

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THIS year's National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) Conference

in Brisbane, earlier this month, themed 'Investing in What Works – Aboriginal Community Controlled Health', was the organisation's biggest gathering ever.

With 539 delegates, 40 trade tables and 98 speakers, the conference week was packed with events, speeches, meetings, information sessions and several launches of reports and health initiatives.

A one-day inaugural NACCHO Youth Conference kicked off the week, with a line-up of inspirational speakers, round table discussions and an online survey. NACCHO inspired future leaders and collected information to inform future policy.

The NACCHO Annual Report and NACCHO Strategic Directions 2018-2023 were released at the conference.

## Young Australians

Federal Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt released the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's (AIHW's) report on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Adolescent and Youth Health and Wellbeing 2018, which he said found a majority of the 242,000 young First Australians, or 63%, assessed their health as either excellent or very good, 61% had a connection to country and 69% were involved in cultural events in the previous 12 months (see story, page 14).

"As the oldest continuous culture, we know that maintaining our connections to country and our cultural



Resigning NACCHO chair John Singer, Minister for Indigenous Health Ken Wyatt and NACCHO acting chair Donnella Mills at the conference following the launch of the report on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Adolescent and Youth Health and Wellbeing 2018.

traditions is a key to our health and wellbeing. Education is another important factor in our ability to live well and reach our full potential," he said.

First Nations surgeon and public health expert Dr Nadine Caron, from Canada, challenged delegates to aim higher, eliminating the health gap between Indigenous and other people.

## Fighting disease

Paediatric Professor Jonathon Carapetis from END RHD spoke of the burden of Rheumatic Heart Disease being equivalent to that of breast cancer. He said the disease – almost unheard of in affluent communities – was almost an exclusively Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disease in Australia, resulting

from poor living conditions. Carapetis said it is a preventable disease and a vaccine is being researched. Currently 99% of funding goes to treatment, he called on the conference to advocate for prevention programs and research.

"If there's a country in the world that should be able to get rid of this disease – it's this country," he said.

Medical director of Nganampa Health Council (APY Lands) Professor Paul Torzillo, spoke about the connection between health and housing.

He said there was a lack of understanding among policy makers as to what is required to ensure healthy housing and there needed to be a push for the Commonwealth and State

Government Housing Agreements to be renewed and funding for sustainable long-term maintenance programs in communities.

Northern Territory Labor MP Warren Snowden also addressed the conference.

## Health success

He praised the success of Aboriginal medical services, saying they were some of the best primary health care services in the country.

He said Labor was committed to investing in things that work – such as the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health's model of preventive care through active promotion.

Snowden said if elected, Labor would commit to an Indigenous health care model

that was co-designed with Indigenous people.

Aboriginal 'foot soldier' John Tregenza presented a history of NACCHO and its predecessor, the National Aboriginal and Islander Health Organisation (NAIHO) to remind people of how Aboriginal community control came about.

Tregenza said the previous generation, who established Aboriginal community controlled health services and NAIHO, was concerned that the role of Aboriginal community control and the policies concerning health in Australia were being eroded with the power going back to government and mainstream decision making.

"It puts us back to where we were 50 years ago," he said.

"The reason we fought for community control was because government was ignorant of issues and incompetent in delivering services.

## Control

"That control is a basic human right."

The day before the NACCHO AGM, NACCHO chair John Singer resigned. Adrian Carson and Kieran Chilcott from Queensland; and John Mitchell and Rod Jackson from Victoria retired from the NACCHO board.

At the AGM, four new members were appointed: from Queensland, Gail Wason, CEO of Mulungu Primary Health Care Service in Mareeba and Gary White, chairman of Goondir Health Service in Dalby and from Victoria, Michael Graham, CEO of the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service and Karen Heap, CEO of Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative.

When the new Board met for the first time after the AGM, it fully endorsed deputy chair Donnella Mills act in the role of Chairperson as set out in the NACCHO constitution.





Trent Adams from Goolburri Aboriginal Health Advancement Company Limited at the Inaugural NACCHO Youth Conference 2018 in Brisbane.



Canadian First Nations surgeon and public health expert Dr Nadine Caron asks if we should aim to decrease the gap or eliminate the gap in her opening address.



NACCHO deputy chief executive Dawn Casey explained to delegates that you can make a positive difference through all roles in the health sector.



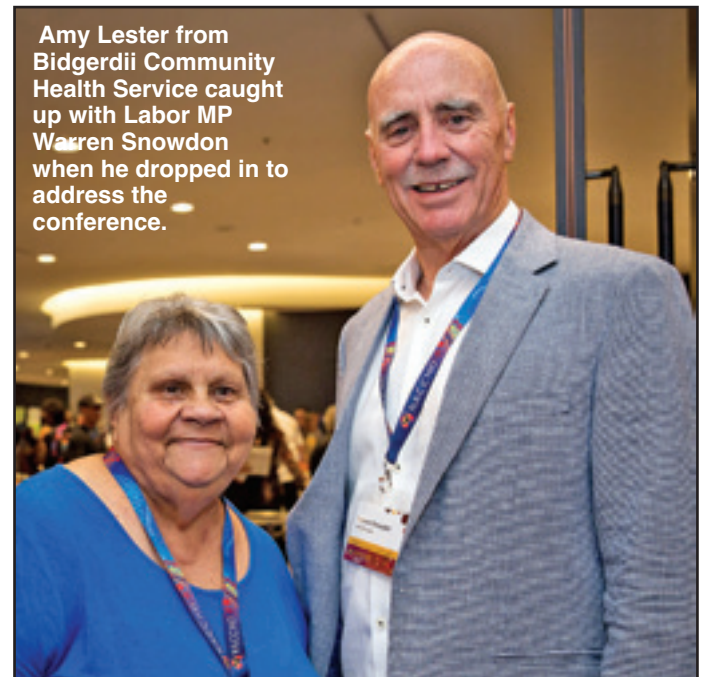
Sherry Lawton, Gail Wason, Shinda Woosut who won Best Female vocalist, Di Jans and Fallon Patolo, all from Queensland, enjoying the Karaoke Challenge Cup 2018.



Blackdrum productions and Male Kiai Mura Buai performed at the opening of the conference.



Lachlan Rodenburg, Ronda Clarke and Des Martin from the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia, with the Mappa concept which was presented to the conference - a free-to-use online mapping tool that works to help people and communities to better access health services as close as possible to family, home and country. A controlled live trial has commenced within the Pilbara and Kimberley (WA) in conjunction with Royal Perth Hospital. Feedback from the trial has been that it provides a bridge for the cultural and geographic divides between patients and health professionals in remote communities. AHCWA is seeking further funding to progress development of the platform.



Amy Lester from Bidjerrdii Community Health Service caught up with Labor MP Warren Snowdon when he dropped in to address the conference.



Dennis Kerr, Lyn Shipway, Maureen Myers, Raelene Gray and David Collins from Yulu-Burri-Ba Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health.



Sophie Lindsay, Shaylee Thurston, Selena Kelly and Killum Rabbal from Goondir Health Services in Queensland at the conference.



In true black fella gather style, family connections were made. At the coffee machine, having spotted conference name tags, Mary Guthrie from Lowitja Institute and Phil Duncan from MSD discovered their connection through an 'apical' ancestor, and started planning on getting their families together.



Jamie Newman from the Orange Aboriginal Medical Service and Sheila Drew from Condobolin Aboriginal Health.

There is no doubting that the Aboriginal health sector's gain is the music industry's loss. In the conference's key social event – a karaoke competition – team NSW are pictured in their bid for the Karaoke Challenge Cup. Unfortunately for them, Victoria took out the cup.



Blackdrum productions and Male Kiai Mura Buai.



From Yalata, SA, Maureen Smart, Matthew Henry Whiskey (from APY Lands), Dora Quém and Sharon Bryant.



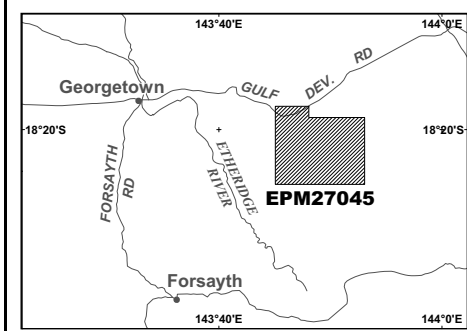
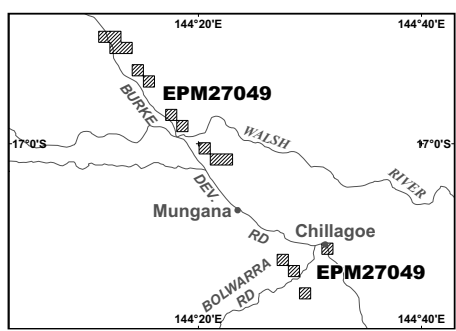
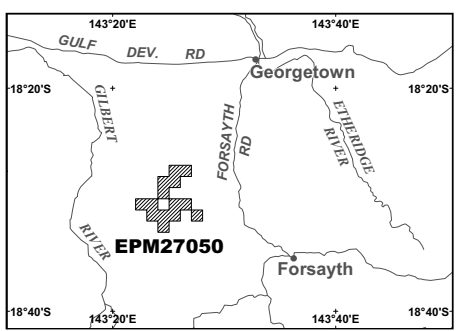
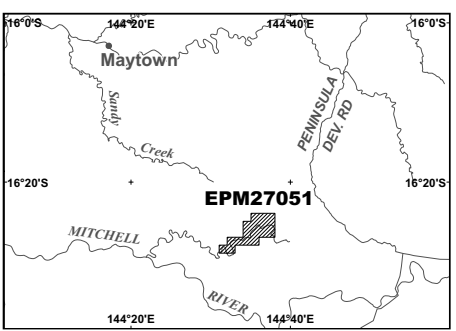
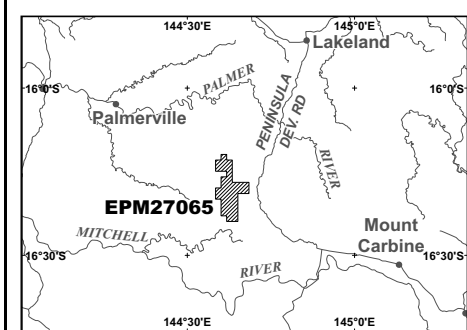
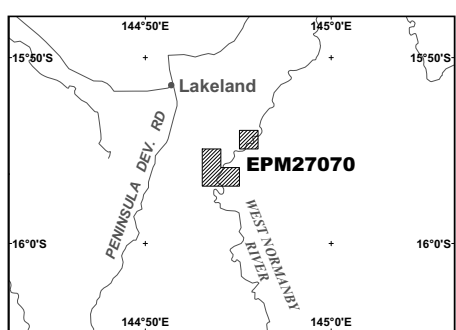
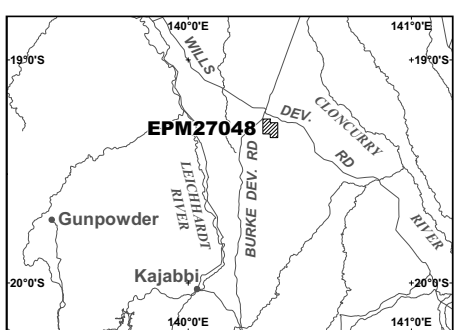
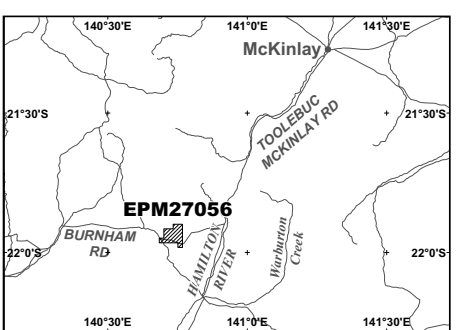
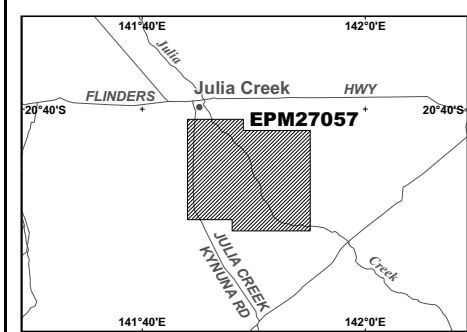
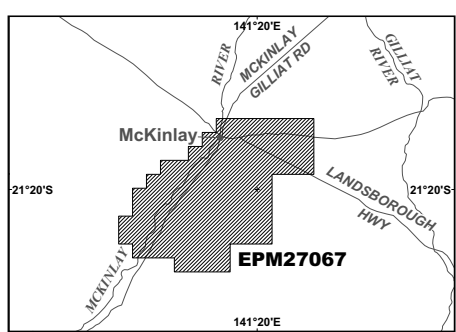
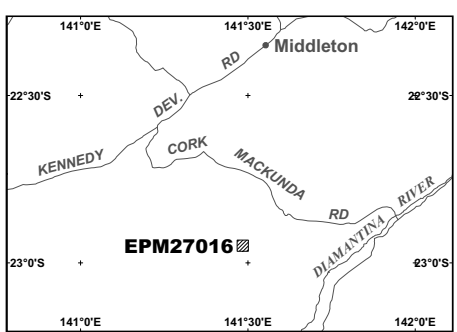
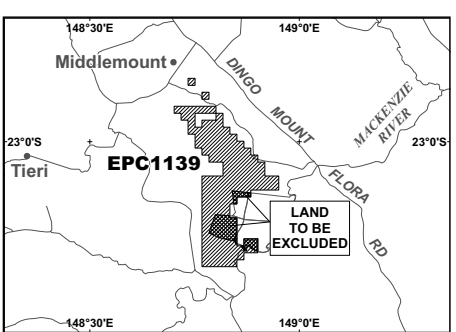
Brian Peacock and Pania Tahu from the Australian Digital Health Agency.



# NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS AND NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADDITION OF EXCLUDED LAND INTO AN EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR COAL

## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant or proposed renewal of Exploration Permits for Minerals as shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and of the proposed addition of excluded land under section 176A of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) (Excluded Land) to Exploration Permit Coal 889.

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| <p>Exploration Permit 27045 sought by Consolidated Tin Mines Limited, ACN 126 634 606, over an area of 51 sub-blocks (166 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 30 km East of Georgetown, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.</p>                | <p>Exploration Permit 27049 sought by Auctus Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 136 606 338, over an area of 15 sub-blocks (49 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately in Mungana, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.</p>                           | <p>Exploration Permit 27050 sought by STJ Property Holdings Pty Ltd, ACN 623 534 369, over an area of 14 sub-blocks (45 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 22 km North West of Forsyth, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.</p>                 | <p>Exploration Permit 27051 sought by Edward John Saxby, over an area of 17 sub-blocks (56 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 52 km South East of Maytown, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>Exploration Permit 27065 sought by Dennis Ronald Fitzgerald, over an area of 36 sub-blocks (118 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 58 km North West of Mount Carbine, in the localities of the Mareeba Shire Council and the Cook Shire Council.</p>  | <p>Exploration Permit 27070 sought by Graham Edward Elmes, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 9 km South East of Lakeland, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.</p>                                   | <p>Exploration Permit 27048 sought by Cloncurry Industrial Minerals Pty Ltd, ACN 609 084 022, over an area of 16 sub-blocks (52 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 85 km North North East of Kajibbi, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.</p>  | <p>Exploration Permit 27056 sought by Sandfire Resources NL, ACN 105 154 185, over an area of 16 sub-blocks (51 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 92 km South South West of McKinlay, in the locality of the Cloncurry Shire Council.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>Exploration Permit 27057 sought by QEM Limited, ACN 167 966 770, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (320 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 14 km South East of Julia Creek, in the locality of the McKinlay Shire Council.</p>                          | <p>Exploration Permit 27067 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 97 sub-blocks (309 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 5 km South of McKinlay, in the locality of the McKinlay Shire Council.</p>  | <p>Exploration Permit 27016 sought by Rodney Gross, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 66 km South of Middleton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.</p>                                                        | <p>Proposed addition of Excluded Land into Exploration Permit 1139 sought by Caml Resources Pty Ltd (60%) ACN 080 649 029, Foxleigh Coal Pty Ltd (30%) ACN 125 986 549 and Nippon Steel &amp; Sumitomo Metal Australia Pty Ltd (10%) ACN 001 445 049, over an area of 143 sub-blocks (451 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 34 km South South East of Middlemount, in the localities of the Central Highlands Regional Council and Isaac Regional Council.</p>  |

**Nature of Act(s):** The grant or renewal of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 5, June 2018. The grant of an application to add Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for coal subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant an application to add Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 5, June 2018.

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# Who is the most ambitious?

Jirra Harvey. Picture: Myf Garven



**ABORIGINAL** and Torres Strait Islander business owners are among the most ambitious business owners in Australia.

The finding is based on research by EY Sweeney for the CGU Ambition Index – where more than 2000 Australians, including 1000 business owners and 50 Indigenous business owners were surveyed.

The findings show that not only are Indigenous business owners more likely than others to have high ambitions for their business, they are more likely to view success as contributing to their community and also more likely to be inspired by the success of others.

Founder of Kalinya Communications Jirra Harvey started her marketing company business to promote Aboriginal knowledge and entrepreneurship and to share positive stories of Indigenous resilience

and ambition.

Her advice to others who have the dream of owning their own business is to “know yourself and what you want, because working manic 15-hour days won’t do anything if you don’t know where you are going or why you want to go there”.

Of the 50 Indigenous business owners surveyed in the Ambition Index, 90% view success as contributing to their community and 92% are inspired by each other’s success.

Indigenous business owners surveyed also have higher expectations for the level of ambition in their business, with more than three in four saying their business should be extremely ambitious (79% compared to 61% on average). It was also found that 86% of those surveyed said that others have been very supportive when they have spoken about their ambitions (compared to 71% on average).



# Hemp makes work better



Wortkoorl Workwear co-owners Charley Caruso, Sophia Narrier, Della Rae Morrison and staff member Michelle Lockyer.



By KEIRA JENKINS

**SOPHIA** Narrier, Della Rae Morrison, Charley Caruso and Jennie Olszewski

wanted to do something different to make workwear better.

So the Western Australian-based team started their business Wortkoorl Workwear, and their first product is due on the market next month.

Ms Olszewski said the high-visibility work shirt they’ve designed is more comfortable to wear and more environmentally-friendly to make than cotton high-visibility clothing, because their product is made from hemp.

“We wanted to produce something that’s environmentally conscious,” she told the *Koori Mail*. “Hemp doesn’t require pesticides to grow. It’s carbon

negative when it’s growing, so that means it stores more carbon than is put into the atmosphere, and that’s just at the farming stages.

“The actual hemp material is also exciting. It’s comfortable, it’s breathable, and it’s lighter and stronger than cotton – it’s actually one of the few wearable materials that’s stronger when it gets wet. Hemp also has anti-radiation properties so we’re looking at some potential uses for it, considering that.”

Wortkoorl means ‘moving forward together’ and the business’ goal is to create a hemp growing and manufacturing industry in Western Australia, which will create employment avenues, particularly for Indigenous people.

“The business is all female owned and majority Indigenous owned so we’re passionate about

female employment and Indigenous employment,” Ms Olszewski said.

“We wanted to get into an industry that was just starting out and see where we could take it.

“Initially we were in medicinal cannabis, we had a cream ready to go, but because it’s such a new industry there was a lot of red tape so we decided to go into hemp clothing instead.”

But Ms Olszewski said if the opportunity opened up Wortkoorl would transition into medicinal cannabis again.

“It’d be an easy jump to medicinal cannabis once it’s a more established industry and there’s more infrastructure to support it,” she said. “We’ve got a healing focus in our business. What we’re doing now with the hemp workwear we see as healing the land and our environment.”



Back, from left, Phillemon Mosby, Thowa Whap and Naseli Hankin. Front, from left, Frank Faud, Nellie Passi, Norah Sailor, and Iris Billy.

# Forum casts the tourism net wider



**THURSDAY** Island played host to a Tourism Tropical North Queensland Forum recently.

The forum provided people interested in entering the tourism sector with an opportunity to create networks, share their ideas and look at ways to enhance the tourism industry within the region.

Torres Strait community tourism co-ordinator Ashleigh Bartley presented at the forum, talking about mentoring the event co-ordinators and tourism officers at the Torres Shire Council, Torres Strait Island Regional Council and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council.

As part of the forum, the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) economic development program launched the third phase of its Regional Economic Investment Strategy (REIS) – the Tourism Business Growth Package (BGP).

TSRA chair Napau Pedro Stephen said delivering strategic, informed and targeted assistance to businesses in the Torres Strait region is a key priority for the organisation.

“The BGP is intended to support

Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal entrepreneurs or businesses in the region to start or grow a commercially viable business,” he said. “It’s an area that’s one of the most exciting but also requires a different level of assistance than fisheries and arts and culture – however if developed correctly will become a major economic driving force for the region.

“This targeted package is designed to support Torres Strait businesses that rely on tourism as their primary source of value and includes those seeking to build a business based on selling goods and services to international and domestic tourists who are in the Torres Strait Region on day or overnight trips.”

The seven tourism industries targeted include accommodation, travel, transport, retail goods, food services, visitor information services and materials, and museums and galleries.

The tourism BGP will target people who travel to the Torres Strait Region for leisure, those visiting friends and relatives, and people travelling to the region for work-related purposes such as conferences, business meetings, stakeholder consultations, and seminars.





Top, from left: Fiona Wirrer-George, Rita Pryce, Riley Jeffery, Mark Sheppard, Merindi Schrieber and Yvette Walker. Bottom, from left: Nadine McDonald-Dowd and Leonard Donahue. Picture: Paul Furse

## Mark dares to dream



DARING to dream of a new production, Mark Sheppard is developing a new creative work.

Mr Sheppard, an actor with Jute Theatre, was joined by a cast of creative professionals in Cairns recently for a five-day creative development for his new work, *Synaesthesia Pt 2* (working title).

Mr Sheppard is an experienced clown who has worked with Circus Oz. He took the creative development team, including work experience student Riley Jeffery, through a clowning

workshop as part of the program – with everyone succeeding to find their own brand of inner-playfulness.

Mr Sheppard's play will form part of Jute Theatre's Dare to Dream touring series for 2020 that follows in the ground-breaking footsteps of *Proppa Solid* and *Bukal*.

With support from the Tim Fairfax Family Foundation, Dare to Dream is an initiative launched in 2017 which uses theatre as a platform to boost cultural engagement and confidence in Queensland's Far Northern regional and remote Indigenous communities.



From left, Brett Adlington, Mark Cora, Julie Sturgess, Michael Philp, Sarah Bolt, Peter Wood and Page MP Kevin Hogan.

## Bundjalung artists set for development



BUNDJALUNG Country in northern NSW will see a breath of life breathed into its culture thanks to a new project by Arts

Northern Rivers.

Art on Bundjalung Country is an Indigenous arts project which has received state government grant funding to address issues facing Indigenous artists in the region.

Arts Northern Rivers' executive director Peter Wood said "at the heart of this project is a desire to address particular issues including access to peer delivered skills and professional development initiatives, as well as opportunities to have work exhibited".

"A feature of the project is bringing Aboriginal people together to connect socially, foster participation and cultural exchange and build the capacity, health and

wellbeing of emerging Aboriginal artists through various art forms," he said.

The project will be delivered in Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Tweed Shire and Richmond Valley.

The gatherings will be driven by local artists who will act as mentors and workshop facilitators, taking responsibility for the design and delivery of each workshop series.

The outcome of Art on Bundjalung Country will be a new Indigenous art market held in Lismore next year.

"The \$45,000 grant from the Department for Communications and the Arts' Indigenous Languages and Arts program will allow us to address both of these gaps and provide employment and skills development opportunities for Aboriginal artists across the region – with a market opportunity to maximise sales and income generation," Mr Wood said.

## Art tour comes home to Alice



THE sacred stories, law and history of Anangu culture are on show through intricate wood carvings and artefacts in *Punuku Tjukurpa* – a touring exhibition now in its final show at Araluen Arts Centre in Alice Springs.

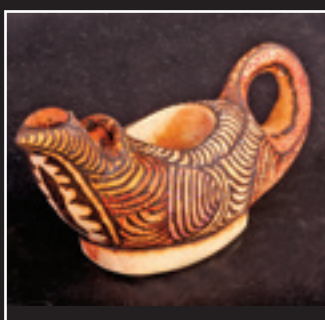
Maruku Arts artist Niningka Lewis said "it is good that our carvings should go out to the world for all to see".

"This is a good thing," she said. "People can see and understand how things are made and that we have a lot of memories (in our collection)."

*Punuku Tjukurpa* includes 88 punu (wood carvings), sculptural works, 2D pieces and specially produced audio and video footage.

Pieces in *Punuku Tjukurpa* include works made by three generations of artists for whom the tradition of wood carving and painting has been passed down.

Artists have shared the teaching of stories that



Teapot by Niningka Lewis, 2013. Picture courtesy of Artback NT

inform the intricate designs and markings incorporated in the objects.

There's also a bespoke mobile app on offer with the exhibition, giving a walking tour and educational activities, as well as audio descriptions of selected objects for the sight impaired.

It's the first touring exhibition of artwork from Maruku Arts, based at Mutitjulu, near Uluru.

The exhibition is presented by Artback NT, Maruku Arts and the Department of Tourism and Culture's Araluen Arts Centre.

## Koorie art show shares the joy



BRUNSWICK West based multi-disciplinary artist Taylah Cole has recently

released a mini-fashion line – and her entry into the Koorie Art Show this year is an opportunity to see where her art can take her.

Ms Cole said it's the contacts she can make in the show and the chance to collaborate with other artists that most excites her.

This year, a record number of nearly 200 entries from 115 artists have been received for the Koorie Art Show, from across regional Victoria to central Melbourne.

The annual show, presented by the Koorie Heritage Trust, is an open-entry, non-acquisitive awards exhibition and presents the works of emerging to senior, and



Winner of the Koorie Art Show 2017 3D Award: *Emu Feathered Necklace and Parrot Feather Necklace* (in a set) by Marilyne Nicholls.

Victorian based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.

Each artist brings their unique vision and the works reflect contemporary and traditional styles and mediums, including painting, photography, sculpture, fibre and digital mixed media works.

For Horsham-based senior artist Gail Harradine, the Koorie Art

Show provides her with the opportunity to connect to culture and country and share this joy through her art with a wider audience.

Koorie Heritage Trust chief executive Tom Mosby said the show has been a spring-board for national recognition for Koorie artists.

"Many of the artists find gallery representations, and go on to present solo

shows throughout Australia and to have their work in national collections, both private and public," he said.

All works are available for sale to the public.

The Koorie Art Show opens December 8 and runs until Sunday 24 February 24 at the Koorie Heritage Trust. Entry is free. For information, visit [korieheritagetrust.com.au](http://korieheritagetrust.com.au)



# Joel recreates Wiradjuri rituals

By KEIRA JENKINS



**WIRADJURI** dancer Joel Bray will perform his new work *Dharawungara* for Next Move 11, a show running until November

17 at the Chunky Move studios in Brisbane. Dance theatre company Chunky Move commissioned Mr Bray to write the new work for the Next Move program.

Mr Bray said Next Move, which has been running for 11 years is a platform for emerging choreographers to make new work.

"I've had this idea in the back of my mind for a while," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"I was googling one night and thinking about ceremony and dance. I don't know any Wiradjuri dances and I had this yearning to be able to do my own dances.

"I don't know anyone who does know Wiradjuri dances. I know there are people who still have that knowledge and still do them but we haven't crossed paths yet."

During his web browsing Mr Bray found a journal entry, written in 1907, describing in detail the Wiradjuri ceremony of burbung. This description formed the basis of his work *Dharawungara*, which

reimagines the theatre as a ceremonial ground.

"It was written by a whitefella, he wouldn't have understood what he was seeing," Mr Bray said.

"He describes the ceremony but he wouldn't have known what it was for. The old people wouldn't have told him everything.

"So the work is about this impossibility. In a way, I'm using the opportunity of having a theatre space to breathe life into something I've only got on paper."

Wiradjuri songwoman Naretha Williams will join Mr Bray on stage, as they question the connection between rites of passage, healing and wholeness.

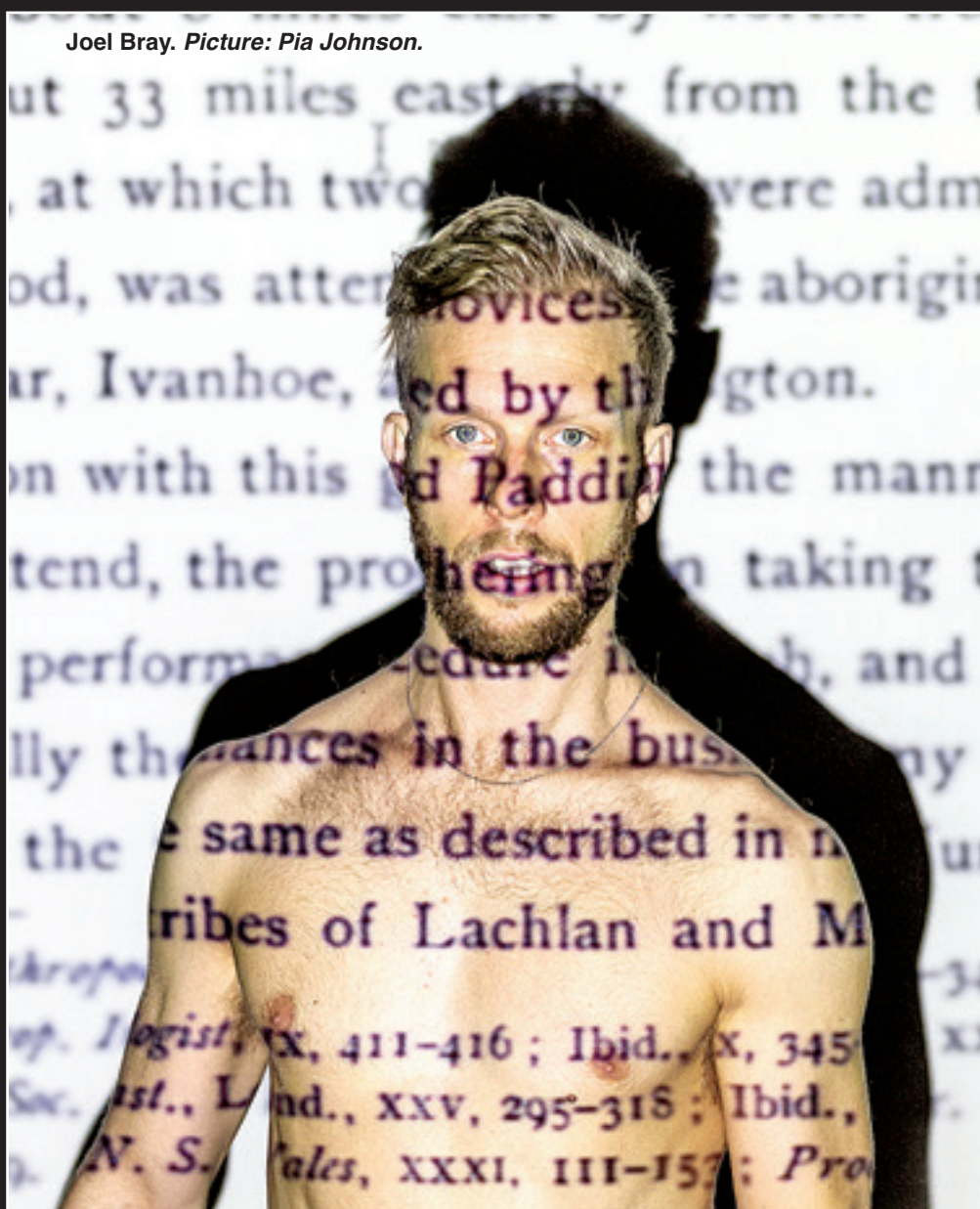
"The performance is my attempt at this ritual, using the contemporary knowledge and tools that I have," Mr Bray said. "Naretha will make sounds out of what we have to go with the ritual. I think for me it was important to have another Wiradjuri person working on this.

"I didn't want to reveal anything that I shouldn't or that was sacred or secret. I wouldn't want to do anything my Elders wouldn't want me to do.

"Naretha was a good peer to have to talk those things through with when we were making this."

For more information, visit [www.chunkymove.com](http://www.chunkymove.com)

Joel Bray. Picture: Pia Johnson.



# FIFO play looks at WA mining



A PLAY exploring the impact of mining on two Indigenous families will pull no punches when it hits the stage at

Yellamundie National First Peoples Playwriting Festival.

*FIFO – Fit In Or F..k Off!* is a drama written by emerging playwright Melody Dia, one of the participants in Goolarri Media's Indigenous Writers Program in Broome.

Ms Dia's tense, but darkly comic, play will be performed in January next year by Indigenous Theatre Company Mooghalin Performing Arts at Carriageworks as part of Sydney Festival's Blak Out Artistic program.

Ms Dia said it was a privilege "to get to hear some of the best actors in the country read my work".

"Opportunities like this are a real boost, especially when we live far from cities where theatre works are generally created," she said. "That people want to put stories from this part of the world in front of a national audience is deeply satisfying and vindicates me as a writer."

The play has attracted director Rachael Maza, who will direct the workshop in Sydney and is hoping to direct its premiere production in Broome and Perth in 2020.

"Initiatives like Goolarri Writers Program are vital in helping us as Indigenous people 're-Right' our



Rachael Maza, Melody Dia and Dot West.

stories by creating the narrative we want to create about ourselves, instead of others doing it for us or about us," Ms Maza said.

Goolarri Writers Program director Dot West said she was thrilled "that the time we have invested in skilling up professional performance writers is now paying off".

"With two plays in development and several new film projects, we are helping send new Indigenous stories out to the rest of Australia and the world," she said. "Broome stories are unique – that has been noted time and time again, and the rest of the country is sitting up and taking notice. It's important that we build the capacity and skills of our new and emerging writers to create stories from inside our own communities

and remain in charge of the artistic process from start to finish."

Goolarri Indigenous Writers Program began in 2014 with support from Australia Council for the Arts, Country Arts WA and peak playwriting body Playwriting Australia. It was initiated by local creatives wanting to develop their own story projects without having to leave their home town and community.

Led by facilitators screenwriter Dot West and playwright Mari Lourey, the program has provided tutelage and support for new Indigenous writers, and conducted masterclasses with leading industry professionals from around the country. There are currently six projects in the production pipeline.

# National museum looking for intern



IF you are looking for a life-changing experience, then consider applying for the National Museum of Australia's

international Indigenous fellowships program.

The Encounters Fellowships 2019 program will offer six cultural workers the opportunity for a journey of professional development through placements with the National Museum and partner cultural institutions in Canberra, Sydney and the United Kingdom.

The program is aimed at Indigenous people from remote and regional communities working in the cultural, creative and heritage sectors. Encounters Fellowships manager Carly Davenport Acker said the program is tailored to each individual, with a 12 weeks' stipend paid over an eight-month period and travel costs will also be covered.

After the inaugural program ran in 2016, six cultural workers gained behind-the-scenes access to cultural heritage materials held by numerous cultural organisations in Canberra and the United Kingdom.

Fellows gained experience in the processes and practices of curatorial and exhibition development, conservation and preservation, education and digital media programs, and arts

studio practice.

In addition to a residency at the National Museum, fellows embarked on cultural study tours to institutions including the British Museum and The Prince's Foundation School of Traditional Arts.

Ms Acker said the program is a bridge between Indigenous Australian cultural workers and leading Australian and international cultural institutions and staff, "enabling a truly local to global exchange".

"The fellowships program's in-depth and hands-on engagement is both professionally and personally transformative, equipping fellows with new knowledge, networks and skills they can apply in their own community organisation or enterprise," she said.

The National Museum developed the program following recommendations from community consultation conducted for the 2016 Encounters exhibition of Indigenous artefacts from the British Museum.

Applicants must have prior and/or current experience in cultural work or the creative industries, or demonstrate involvement in their community's cultural heritage.

To apply, visit the National Museum's website [nma.gov.au/fellowships](http://nma.gov.au/fellowships) or email [encounters.fellowships@nma.gov.au](mailto:encounters.fellowships@nma.gov.au)



# Medicinal plants are under the microscope



A NEW \$1.01 million research project aims to explore the development of a sustainable agribusiness model for traditional Australian medicinal plants growing in Northern Australia.

The project, which is a partnership between Menzies School of Health Research, Traditional Homeland Enterprises (THE), Integria Healthcare and the University of Queensland (UQ), has received more than \$300,000 of funding from the Cooperative Research Centre for Developing Northern Australia (CRCNA).

The Traditional Australian Medicinal Plants Agribusiness collaboration will bring together research and industry experience, focusing on traditional medicinal plants as an important biological cultural and economic resource.

Menzies research fellow Greg Leach said the project originated from requests by the Menzies Indigenous Reference Group, seeking more research to be done on indigenous medicinal plants.

"The reference group asked for the research to show that their traditional knowledge is valid," Dr Leach told the *Koori Mail*. "Plus, using western science to find what the active ingredients in the plants are and how much you need for it to be effective helps if you want to market a product."

"It gives evidence based in western science about what Indigenous knowledge is telling us."

The long-term goal of the project is the development of a local industry with opportunities in Indigenous workforce development, sustainable regional development in Northern Australia and potential export of Australian medicinal products.

Dr Leach said the research is only in very early stages but there is the potential for business enterprise stemming from the project.

"Some of the things we're looking at are mixing traditional medicine and western medicine," he said. "We want to find if there's any dangers associated with this. We're hoping to find some plants that would be useful in business enterprise."

"There's the potential to find plants that can be harvested and developed into health care products. That's a real business opportunity that could be based on-country for northern Australian communities."

Dr Leach said that in addition to laboratory work, there are opportunities to explore and preserve Indigenous knowledge of traditional medicinal plants and their use.

He said the initial phase of the research also includes opportunities for young Indigenous scientists, with two trainees, Taylah Church and Raelene Collins, already working on the project.

"We're also looking for a post-graduate student to join the project, so a Masters or PhD student who's interested in the research," Dr Leach said.

For more information visit [menzies.edu.au](http://menzies.edu.au)



Trainees Taylah Church and Raelene Collins in the lab.

## Dying to Live looks at the gift of organ transplants

By KEIRA JENKINS



HENRY Archoo is a Bardi man, living on country in the Kimberley, Western Australia.

He's blind in one eye and virtually blind in the other. And he's waiting for a corneal transplant. His wife, Barbara Archoo can't walk and directs Mr Archoo as he pushes her wheelchair. She is his eyes and he is her feet.

The couple feature in a new documentary, *Dying to Live*, which follows the stories of six Australian families on both side of the organ transplant 'equation'. Filmmaker Richard Todd said the film shows the stories of the people who are waiting for organ transplants and the loved ones of those who have donated their organs.

"It shows what it's like for the families of the people who've given the gift of life to someone else," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"We tried to show what it's like for people before their transplant and after as well as telling the donor stories."

Mr Todd said when he met Henry Archoo he could barely see a foot in front of him.

"I'd connected with the Lions Eye Institute that takes a bus to remote communities in Western Australia, and that's how I met Henry," Mr Todd said. "I'd been bugging them to see if there was someone who needed a corneal transplant and I got this call about someone in Halls Creek, and that was Henry."

Mr Archoo had his transplant operation, and the documentary



"She is his eyes and he is her feet."

Henry and Barbara Archoo.

crew followed up with him.

Mr Todd said having the operation has changed Mr Archoo's life for the better, and that's shown in the documentary.

"Henry and his wife are the loveliest people," Mr Todd said.

"But Barbara had to bark directions at him, he couldn't see where to go and end up in a ditch, he couldn't open a door without

fumbling for a handle, he struggled to find his post box at the post office. He's never going to be able to have 20/20 vision, but just being able to see a metre ahead of him makes such a difference."

*Dying to Live* will screen at events hosted by local people and organisations.

To find or host a screening, visit [dyingtolive.com.au](http://dyingtolive.com.au)

## Govt funds more care for dialysis



FIRST Nations people receiving lifesaving renal dialysis in remote areas, may soon see improvements in the critical care they require.

The Federal Government has rolled out another \$34.8 million over four years to fund end-stage kidney disease treatment.

The rollout promises to support more dialysis on country and in remote locations, with the service to be provided by registered nurses, Aboriginal health workers or Indigenous health practitioners.

Organisations providing the service will receive \$592 per individual dialysis treatment.

Tragically, First Nations people have substantially higher rates of end-stage kidney disease, but are much less likely to receive kidney transplants.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are 7.3 times more likely to experience the burden of chronic kidney disease than other Australians.

Of the almost 2000 First Australians registered for ongoing kidney replacement therapy as at

December 2016, only 13% had received transplants.

By comparison, of the other Australians undergoing treatment for end-stage kidney disease, almost half had received kidney transplants.

The new investment in dialysis services is one of almost 200 amended or restructured Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items available.

Earlier in 2018, the Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ) led a review into the hurdles, service gaps and practical challenges faced by Indigenous patients receiving treatment for renal disease.

The government funded project wanted to identify barriers faced by people in need of kidney donations to help ensure equity of access to lifesaving and life-changing transplants.

Other measures underway to improve renal care include the expansion of Purple House's renal clinics in Central Australia and to increase the number of remote dialysis machines from 36 to 54.

This will increase the remote patient group from around 250 to more than 400.



# Foundation looks to the heart of the matter



**HANGING** out the washing is harder for Eddie Masina than it would be for most men his age.

At 38, he's had six open heart surgeries to treat the condition he suffers as a result of contracting rheumatic fever as a child.

"I find that it's a bit of a struggle just to do basic stuff," he said from Townsville.

"Just going up and down stairs, trying to bring the groceries up, from downstairs to upstairs, even hanging clothes on the line."

Although conditions like rheumatic heart disease and their daily impacts don't discriminate, research has found Indigenous people are more often affected by health problems than other Australians.

They die from heart disease at more than double, and in some areas triple, the rate of the rest of

the community.

In 33 of 47 Australian regions, Indigenous people are also hospitalised for heart issues at rates above the national average, according to data released by the Heart Foundation.

## Heart failure

In the Northern Territory, Indigenous women are admitted to hospital with heart failure at six times the rate of other women.

Heart Foundation equity manager Jane Potter says Australia can't afford to be complacent about the health of its first peoples.

"Heart disease is responsible for around one quarter of the gap in life expectancy compared to non-Indigenous Australians," she said.

"If people are living in the same region, with the same level of access to services, then we've got to ask the question: Why are the health outcomes so different?"

She said a historical

distrust of mainstream health services can prevent some indigenous people seeking help.

But Heart Foundation Aboriginal engagement manager Corey Turner says there are also bigger issues at play.

"It is no coincidence that many of the regions with the highest hospitalisations rates also have lower rates of literacy and employment, as well as housing issues," he said.

"It's hard to prioritise your health when there are so many other hardships."

Mr Masina says he's noticed a difference in how some of his older relatives interact with medical professionals.

"There is that gap ... between older generations of Indigenous patients and the doctors," he said.

He believes having more people act as liaisons between some older indigenous people could prove helpful. — AAP

**"It is no coincidence that many of the regions with the highest hospitalisation rates also have lower rates of literacy and employment, as well as housing issues."**



Federal Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt and Eddie Masina in 2016.

# Marlene stops smoking by looking at her stress



**GOING** cold turkey when she stopped smoking worked for health worker, mother and grandmother Marlene Bennett.

Ms Bennett, an advanced health worker in the Homelessness Health Outreach Team at the North West Hospital and Health Service, started smoking later in life than most – in her early 40s – following a traumatic incident.

"I can pinpoint the time exactly," Ms Bennett said. "After the trauma I remember asking for a smoke. The next day I asked someone to buy me a packet."

In two days she went through the 30 cigarettes and was hooked. She'd never been a drinker but she took up smoking. Smoking was her self-medication, and the only way she knew to cope with stress and trauma.

"I had no support back then," she said.

In her late 40s she gave up, cold turkey, but 18 months later, something else happened in her family and she went back to the cigarettes.

"I was working in health in the Northern Territory and had a high level of responsibility, so there was stress at work," she said.

"Then my son's family was in trouble with a lot of trauma, drinking and domestic violence, and that went on for 15 years. It was so stressful; I was worried sick for my son and his children, and the only outlet for me was to smoke."

So, what caused her to quit in July this year?

**"Smoking isn't going to help with the stresses in life."**



Marlene Bennett with her Lifetime Achievement awards from North West HHS NAIDOC and YPA Community Services.

"I just thought, 'I'm over this'. I hate the taste of the smokes, the cost of them," she said. "My thinking process is not as sharp; my mouth's like an ashtray when I wake up in the morning and it made me short of breath."

But the big lightbulb moment for her was the realisation that stress was causing her to smoke and she had to deal with that.

"I realised I was using smoking as a crutch when I had to deal with the issue that was causing me the angst and stress in my

life," Ms Bennett said. "And that was my family and their problems."

She laid down some boundaries for her family members.

"Don't come here to me if you're angry and upset, downloading all your monkeys onto my back," she told her family members, banning them from her yard if they came in with alcohol or drugs in their systems or with an angry attitude.

As a wife, mother and grandmother, she said she felt like a cup that had been

emptied. "The mother of a family has to be everything, but I decided to stand up for me, to reclaim who I was," Ms Bennett said.

It wasn't easy, resisting appeals for help, for money.

"Nobody likes the word 'no'.

"But you sometimes have to practise tough love to turn your family around.

"Only I could stop smoking, but I had to deal with the stress to do that. And I stopped just like that."

Now Ms Bennett feels stronger, happier and healthier every day. Some family members have noticed the change in her and are following her example, dealing with their problems instead of self-medicating with drugs and alcohol.

An award-winning health worker, Ms Bennett also shares her experience with her clients, who are dealing with the stressors of homelessness, alcohol and other drugs.

"I'm so proud I've given up smoking and I've had a few bombshells in the months since I've quit, but I just deal with them," she said.

Now in her 60s, Ms Bennett said she's looking forward to a long and healthy life ahead.

"My father lived until he was 101, both my grandfathers lived till they were 98," she said. "I'm just beginning the middle stage of my life, and I'm feeling pretty good."

The North West HHS tobacco cessation campaign Increasing Your Opportunities will run on November 15 at Mount Isa Hospital and is aimed at encouraging staff and members of the community to reduce to quit smoking.



# Study looks to plug gaps



**MAYI Kuwayu** – the largest health and wellbeing study of Indigenous adults in Australia is underway – and your stories are needed.

The Australian National University (ANU) Mayi Kuwayu study team is urging all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to participate, and have their say in future health policy.

Associate Professor Ray Lovett from the ANU College of Health and Medicine is leading study.

“We are trying to plug gaps in data and change the mistaken narrative that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is the cause of ill health,” he said.

The study will be the first of its kind to capture cultural data on what makes Indigenous

people strong.

Researchers will collect data on historical policy impacts such as the Stolen Generations and exposure to racism.

“It is important because past policies likely contribute to intergenerational health and wellbeing outcomes for our mob,” Prof Lovett said.

“Governments and statistical agencies are very reluctant to collect and report information on that.

“The main reason for doing this study is to highlight how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity, cultural participation and knowledge, is linked to better health outcomes.

“For many Indigenous people this concept is intuitive. We know if we maintain a connection to our country, to our languages, to strong family and kinship networks that it is good

for us, but we need the data.” Prof Lovett said working on the study is personal.

“I’m a product of the Stolen Generations – my grandmother was taken. This has had traumatic impacts within my own extended family,” he said.

The new research aims to provide added perspectives on the reasons for inequity of health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

“My hope is that we see a day where Indigenous health and wellbeing policy focuses on connecting and reconnecting people to their country, or to cultural knowledge, because of the wellbeing benefits that would bring,” Prof Lovett said.

Participants can tell their story online at [mkstudy.com.au](http://mkstudy.com.au) or call 1800 531 600.



Associate Professor Ray Lovett.

## Students follow the dream to Sydney



**YEAR 11** student Rebekah Delaney is excited she’s been

accepted into the University of Sydney’s Wingara Mura-Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program.

The Sevenoaks Senior College student has been participating in the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation’s Follow The Dream program – a national academic enrichment program for Aboriginal students that provides specialist tutoring, mentoring, career advice and pastoral support.

Ms Delaney said the University of Sydney is her future university of choice.

“This program will be a wonderful opportunity for me to gain firsthand information about the courses, meet staff and current students, and get a feel for university life,” she said.

“It’s fantastic that the Follow The Dream program helps us take part in exciting trips like these.”

Ms Delaney is one of 16 Kalgoorlie, Alice Springs and Perth students in the Follow The Dream program who were chosen through a nationally competitive selection process. Each student



Students on Sydney Summer School 2018.

will now fly to Sydney for a week-long residential program that includes both academic and personal preparation for higher education.

They will stay at the University of Sydney campus and meet current university students who previously took part in the summer program.

Bertha Moore, a Year 9 Swan View high school student is also looking forward to seeing what’s on offer for Aboriginal students.

“I am interested in health courses as I plan to be a

physiotherapist,” she said. “I am happy, excited and nervous as this will be my first time on a plane, my first time leaving the state and the first time I have been selected for a university residential program.”

Depending on their future aspirations, students can choose to be involved in learning streams such as architecture, visual arts, design and planning, education, social work, health science, nursing, medicine, music, natural science and engineering.



IT’s agreed – Aboriginal teachers who can teach in local languages are essential for remote Indigenous education.

A study led by Dr John Guenther of the Batchelor Institute gathered responses from more than 770 local Aboriginal education leaders, non-local leaders and Aboriginal community members. While each group had different priorities, all agreed that multi-lingual, local teachers were essential.

Dr Guenther said bilingual or first language education has not been prioritised by governments in recent years and one of the main challenges for education systems wanting to pursue first language teaching is finding enough qualified teachers.

“This is why having a well-trained local workforce is so important—local educators not only speak local languages but they know their community,” he said.

The study also showed that Aboriginal education leaders and community members agreed on the importance of identity, parent and community involvement, and language, land and culture.

“They thought it was important to be ‘strong in both worlds’ – to both deepen connections to local culture and succeed in Australia’s wider education system,” Dr Guenther said.

“One local Aboriginal leader said ‘we believe that our children are happier learning first in their own language – they have more confidence in learning, in

themselves and they learn more effectively’.”

Community members also had priorities which were not high on the list of important concerns for either non-local leaders or remote Aboriginal leaders, such as academic outcomes, health and wellbeing and relationships.

“Many education leaders at red dirt schools are doing a great job,

**“They thought it was important to be ‘strong in both worlds’ – to both deepen connections to local culture and succeed in Australia’s wider education system.”**

but are placed in a difficult position” Dr Guenther said. “The study evidence may suggest that system priorities about what matters and what communities think matters are largely mutually exclusive with very little overlap.

“Local Aboriginal leaders may act as a bridge or a broker between the two, but there is only so much they can do.”

Dr Guenther said state and federal policy documents widely present community engagement as important for remote Indigenous education “but the study showed that non-local leaders’ priorities rarely aligned with those of remote Aboriginal communities”.

Dr Guenther said this was due

to the demands placed on them by the education system.

“These non-local leaders grappled with tension between the desires of local communities and the issues they had to report on to education authorities,” he said.

“However, non-local leaders who have grown up with urban expectations of schooling, will be more comfortable working with a system they know well.

“The tension is more acute for local Aboriginal school leaders, who are caught in the middle between these two worlds.”

Dr Guenther and the study’s co-author, Dr Sam Osborne of the University of South Australia are now calling for action on the need for first language local Aboriginal educators in schools.

“On the one hand, they can (and do) deliver better outcomes for attendance and academic achievement, and on the other they are a vital source for building aspiration and cultural and educational capacity within communities,” Dr Osborne said.

The authors also suggest several accountability measures that could help bring community and policy priorities closer to alignment, such as employment of local staff, local involvement in school councils and community involvement in schools.

Education leaders in the study included principals, assistant principals, regional directors, union leaders, and bureaucrats with leadership roles in education. Non-local leaders included both Aboriginal and other respondents from outside the remote context.



# Tracey's lifetime is standing out



NJAMAL woman Dr Tracy Westerman has received the Lifetime Achievement Award at Curtin University's 2018 Alumni Achievement Awards.

Dr Westerman is from the Pilbara region and was the first Aboriginal person to complete a combined Master/PhD in Clinical Psychology at Curtin University.

She has dedicated two decades of her life to reducing the high rates of mental illness among Indigenous people.

Without government funding, Dr Westerman founded Indigenous Psychological Services in 1998 to help Aboriginal people. She has trained more than 22,000 clinicians in culturally appropriate psychological approaches, delivered national and international keynote addresses, and acted as an expert witness in parliamentary inquiries.

She was also the 2018 Western Australian of the Year.

The Alumni Achievement Awards

recognise graduates who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments and an exceptional standard of excellence in their field of endeavour.

Curtin University Vice-Chancellor Professor Deborah Terry said the Lifetime Achievement Award is the most prestigious of all the Alumni Achievement Awards.

The award recognises a graduate who, over the course of their lifetime, has built an outstanding reputation based on exceptional contributions to their field of endeavour and/or the community, and inspired others to strive for excellence.

"The Alumni Achievement Awards acknowledge the very best of Curtin's graduates who have enriched the lives and welfare of others through their commitment to making a better future for local and global communities," Professor Terry said.

"The positive impact this year's highly accomplished winners are making in science, health, business, engineering and the arts is truly inspirational."



Dr Tracy Westerman.



Professor Karen Nelson and Professor Gary Thomas congratulate Lillian Burke.

## Curtin honours Aunty Lillian for years of service



AUNTY Lillian Burke, Elder and community leader from Gympie, has been named an Honorary Senior Fellow of the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Aunty Lillian is president of Cooloola Aboriginal Service and the award recognises her efforts to actively promote the benefits of further education to Gympie's Indigenous community.

Over the past decade, she has worked with Aboriginal youth and volunteered with up to 100 advisory boards, committees and consultancy groups on a range of Indigenous issues, including Fraser Island's Indigenous Advisory Committee.

Her inspiring work as a community leader has earned her several accolades, including a Volunteering Queensland Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering Award.

A descendant of the Butchulla people with links to Kabi Kabi people, Aunty Lillian experienced a childhood of extreme disadvantage as part of the Stolen Generations.

She was born in Cherbourg, a small town located 250km north-west of Brisbane, and has lived in Gympie since 1999.

USC Vice-Chancellor Professor Greg Hill said Aunty Lillian was a valued and greatly respected friend and supporter of USC's Gympie campus.

"Aunty Lillian is a worthy recipient of the honorary award of Senior Fellow in recognition of her significant contribution to encouraging Indigenous participation in higher education within the Gympie region," he said.



MOVING away from your home, family and culture can be incredibly difficult.

But for Commonwealth Department of Human Services Abstudy travel officer Emily Strok, it meant a world of new opportunities.

Coming from the remote community of Thursday Island in the Torres Strait, Ms Strok's mother made the choice to send her daughter to boarding school in Queensland.

She was able to do this with the help of Abstudy – a means tested government payment that helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a portion of the costs of studying or an apprenticeship.

"Mum was a single parent working two jobs and raising five children," Emily Strok said. "Abstudy helped to relieve financial stress, and contributed towards our tuition, boarding fees and travel expenses."

After graduating high school and completing a qualification in travel retail sales, Ms Strok joined the Department of Human Services through its Indigenous apprenticeships program.

"It was always my dream to work in travel in some



Emily Strok

way," she said. "The Indigenous apprenticeships program was a great way to get a foot in the door with government employment."

"After successfully completing the year-long development program, I moved into the Abstudy travel team."

Emily has now been in the role for six years, where she makes travel arrangements for current Abstudy boarding school and university students.

"It means they can be with their family and maintain their culture, but also seize the once in a

lifetime opportunity to get an amazing education that might not be available locally," she said.

"I remember flying home myself to spend time with my family, and it's great to help other Indigenous kids to do this too."

"I love my job and working with students as I can help people like me to get the education that they can't get in their own communities."

While Ms Strok manages travel arrangements, Abstudy payments for tuition and boarding go directly to the school.

# Abstudy gets our students moving

Althea Collins is an enrolment officer and manages Abstudy payments for Mount St Bernard College, a boarding school with a high number of students from remote Indigenous communities.

"We have students attend from all over Cape York, to the Torres Strait, Gulf Country and Northern Territory," she said.

"I remember one student who came from Coconut Island in the Torres Strait who attended for her whole five years of secondary education."

"When she finished Year 12, she went on to Cairns to undertake further education and now lives back home in the Torres Strait where she works for the local council. The students and their families are very brave to be able to look into the future and send their kids away at a young age to get a better education."

For parents intending to enrol their children in boarding school next year, Ms Collins says that claiming before December will give them the best chance of having payments in place for the new school year.

"The earlier you can submit your claim, the better," she said.

For more information about Abstudy, visit [humanservices.gov.au/ABSTUDY](http://humanservices.gov.au/ABSTUDY)



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. Call 1800 242 636.

## Victoria

**Until November 25:** JOSH X MUIR. A solo exhibition by Josh Muir – contemporary artist with a distinctive street art aesthetic. Exhibition at the Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square.

**November 17:** Kids Art Workshop with Taungurung/Wurundjeri artist Cassie Leatham. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust. Free Entry. Details: koorieheritagetrust.com.au

**November 17:** Black Gully Festival. Free event for the community. Held behind NERAM in Armidale. Details: neram.com.au/black-gully-festival-2018/

**November 18:** Professional development workshop on how to run a workshop. Free Event held at the Koorie Heritage Trust. Details: koorieheritagetrust.com.au

**November 18-25:** Baker Boy performs with Dallas Woods and Vince the Kid. Extra shows in Castlemaine and Melbourne.

**November 20-December 1:** *Yenbena Lotjpa: Ancestors speak out.* Solo art exhibition by Lee Darroch, at Forty-five Downstairs, 45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

**December 1:** A Very Koorie Krismas. Free live music and workshops with a special appearance by Koorie Klaus at 3pm. At Upper Federation Square, Melbourne, 11am-4pm. Details: koorieheritagetrust.com.au

**December 5-6:** National Reconciliation Action Plan Conference with academics, practitioners, not-for-profits and community members. At Moondani Toombadool Centre, Swinburne University of Technology. Details/Register: swinburne.edu.au/rap-conference

**December 8-February 24:** Koorie Art Show. Open-entry exhibition of art works of emerging to senior Koorie and Victorian artists. Details: koorieheritagetrust.com.au

**Until December 9:** *Jonathan Jones: guwinynguliya yirgabiya ngay yuwin.gu gulbalangidyal ngunhi* (they made a solitude and called it peace). Exhibition of video works and installations by artist Jonathan Jones. At Bathurst Regional Art Gallery.

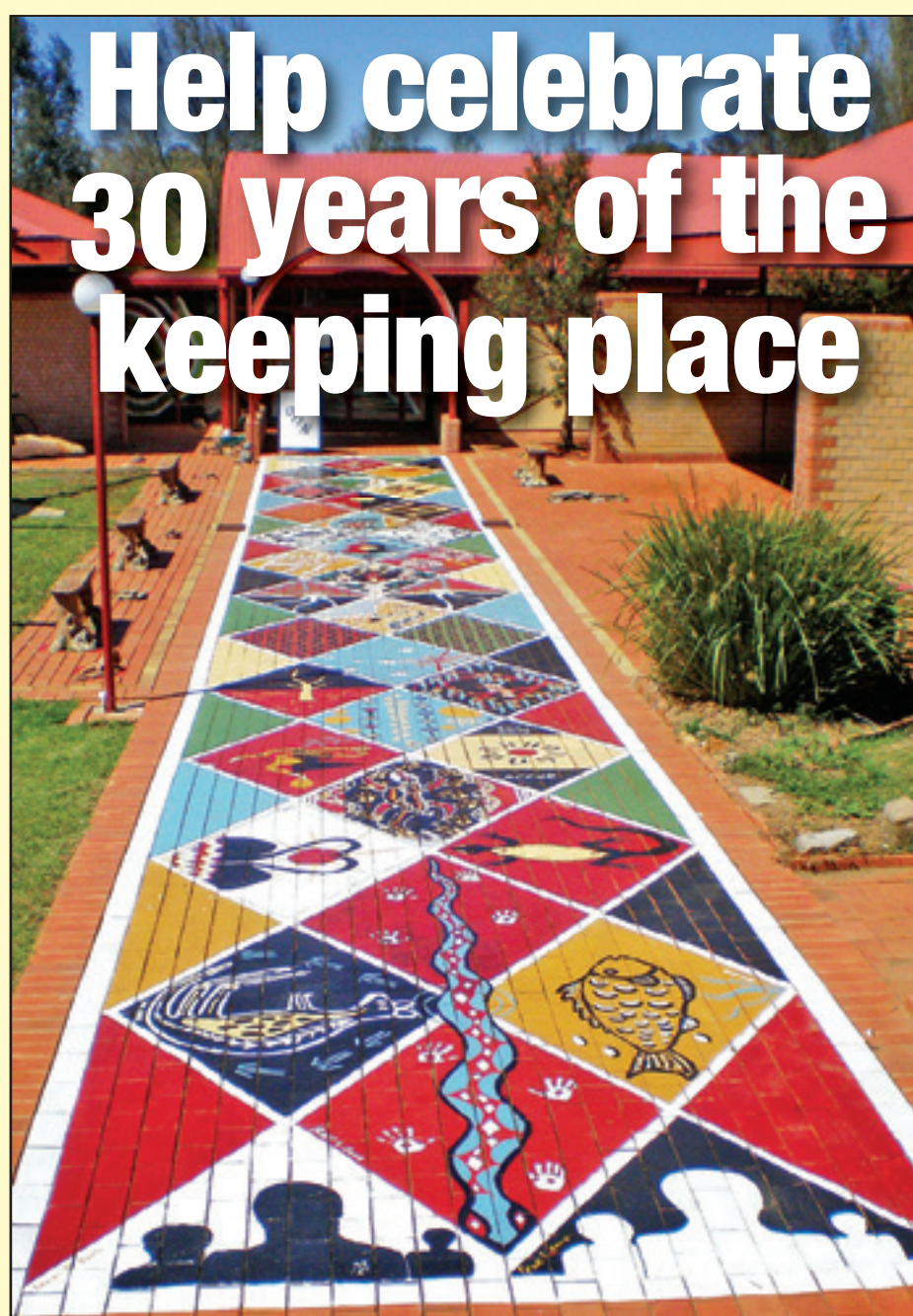
## NSW-ACT

**October 31:** Bundjalung Warriors Football Club Launch. Unveil the playing string for the tournament. At Lismore Southern Cross University from 4pm. Details/RSVP: bundjalungw@gmail.com

**Until November 29:** Public consultation meetings on the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Commitment to Aboriginal Education draft Initiatives. Meetings in Blacktown, Bexley, Gosford, Wagga Wagga, Merimbula and Coffs Harbour. Info: educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/porta/nesa/about/who-we-are/our-story/nesa-commitment-to-aboriginal-education

**November 14:** Mount Druitt Community Diabetes Forum for people at high-risk of diabetes, or have diabetes. At Rooty Hill RSL Club, Waratah Room from 5:30-8pm. Details/RSVP: (02) 8670 0082.

**November 14:** Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative members art exhibition. At 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt. RSVP/Details: eventbrite.com.au/e/boomallis-annual-members-exhibition-tickets-52073092020



# Help celebrate 30 years of the keeping place



IT'S been 30 years since the Armidale and Region Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place was built and has been working with the local community.

Now, everyone is invited to celebrate the milestone with a day of music and cultural activities. On Saturday, November 17 at 12pm, celebrations begin with a smoking ceremony, flag-raising and traditional Aboriginal dance and didgeridoo playing.

Throughout the day will be artisan markets, food stalls, a children's carnival with treasure hunt, basket weaving demonstrations and workshops about painting by Nick Levy and music production by Nate Weatherall.

**November 16-19:** Spotify Sound Up Bootcamp – four-day residential podcasting workshop in Sydney. Registration closes October 29.

**November 17:** Ensemble Theatre reads *The Fever and The Fret* – a play by Jub Clerc. Booking/Details: ensemble.com.au

**November 17-December 9:** *Awavena* exhibition at Carriageworks, Redfern. New Virtual Reality (VR) work by artist and director Lynette Wallworth.

**November 22:** Building the Aboriginal Disability Service Workshop at the CEX Club in Coffs Harbour from 8.30am-5pm. Cost applies. Build skills in areas of governance, best practice, coordination and planning management systems to grow business. Details: fpdncoffs.eventbrite.com.au

**November 22-24:** *Storyplace.* Dance choreography celebrating the Indigenous female creative force in our landscape today. At Carriageworks, Eveleigh, Sydney.

**November 22-25:** Winda Film Festival. Indigenous films from all over the world. Held in Sydney, Details: windafilmfest.com

The Anaiwan Language Revival Program will run a 30 minute language lab. There will also be Aboriginal dreamtime story-telling and a footy passing challenge, by the Narwan Rugby League Club players.

Dennis Pitt, Terra Firma and other local musicians will be performing at a concert.

Four art exhibitions will be opened at 4.30pm – *Celebration of Heritage: New England Aboriginal Art Award*, *Karrali Sweet Black Baby*, *Aboriginal Families of Armidale* photos and an exhibition of scarred and significant trees.

A newly constructed second gallery will be opened and the new publication *30th anniversary: A Celebration of Heritage will be launched.* The event will be held at 128 Kentucky St, Armidale.

**November 23-25:** Sovereign Union Gathering of Nations. Yarn about Sovereignty v Native Title, Declarations of Independence, and Rights & Wrongs. Held at Yarramundi Cultural Centre, 245 Lady Denman Drive, Canberra. Details: sovereignunion.mobi

**November 24-25:** Fields of Healing. Cultural event with Indigenous elders, speakers and musicians from across the world. Held in Byron Bay. Details/Tickets: fieldsofhealing.com.au

**November 26-29:** Healing Our Spirit Worldwide – a global gathering of Indigenous people at the International Convention Centre, Sydney. Cost applies. Details: hosw.com/

**November 26-30:** Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language Summer School, at Australian National University, Acton. Dual focus on technology and community engagement. Details: dynamicsoflanguage.edu.au/education-and-outreach/train-with-us/summer-school-2018/

**November 29-30:** Midnight Feast's Fireside. The first ever Miss First Nation Josie Baker at The Studio, Sydney Opera

House. Details/Tickets: sydneyoperahouse.com/events/whats-on/theatre/2018/fireside-tickets.html

**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-2018

**December 20:** First Nations Concert Series at Sydney Opera House with DOBBY, Tasman Keith & MC Hau Latukefu. Tix: sydneyoperahouse.com/events/whats-on.filter.First%20Nations.html

**January 11:** *The Ropes: Amrita Hepi X Adrian Piper.* Exhibition of commissioned and large-scale projections of video work. At Cement Fondu, 36 Gosbell Street, Paddington. Details: cementfondu.org/

**February 27-28:** National Aboriginal Wellbeing Conference. Exploring the opportunities mainstream services have to apply culturally inclusive practices for Aboriginal peoples and families. At Opal Cove, Coffs Harbour. Details: aboriginalwellbeingconference.com

## Queensland

**Ongoing:** *The Albert Namatjira Story*, a display featuring early works by Albert Namatjira. At Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, daily from 10am-5pm. Free. Details: www.qagoma.qld.com.au

**November 14:** QTIC Tourism Indigenous Employment Forum. 9am at Home of the Arts, 135 Bundall Rd, Surfers Paradise. Details: qtic.com.au/events/event-anonymous/?id=78fd1f82-3a86-e811-a840-000d3ae0a6cf

**November 16:** *Goobalathaldin Dick Roughsey: Stories of this Land.* Retrospective exhibition celebrating the work and life of Goobalathaldin Dick Roughsey. Held at the Cairns Art Gallery, Cairns. Details: cairnsartgallery.com.au

**November 16:** Bond University Indigenous Gala. Tickets: eventbrite.com.au/e/bond-university-indigenous-gala-2018-november-16-tickets-48266424174

## Western Australia

**November 16:** Community Forum on Murujuga Rock Art Strategy. Join and engage with the work underway to protect the petroglyphs (rock art) on Murujuga. Held at Welcome Lotteries House, Karratha. Details: murujugarockart.eventbrite.com.au

**February 9:** *Desert River: Portraits of the Kimberley.* Exhibition by Daniel Walbidi to launch AGWA's 2019 program.

At the Art Gallery of WA. Details: artgallery.wa.gov.au

## South Australia

**Until November 17:** Spirit Festival. South Australia's premier Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts and Culture Festival. Details: spiritfest.com.au

**December 5-7:** The National Child Protection Summit, at Pullman Hotel, Adelaide. Event discusses challenges and practical solutions for Child Protection systems. Details: kwy.org.au

## NT

**Until November 28:** *Isaac Cherel.* An exhibition of an emerging artist. Isaac paints his country, particularly the flora and fauna from the river and flood areas. Held at Mangkaja Arts, Fitzroy Crossing.

**April 9-11:** Join the conversation about remote dialysis, community-led healthcare and keeping culture strong. At Purple House, Alice Springs. Details: shareatale@purplehouse.org.au



# Employment

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Northern Territory Workforce Training Minister  
Selena Uibo and Anthony Guy.



## Guy takes the helm



A YOUNG Tiwi Islander has skippered his first fishing charter boat, after being the first person to complete a new pilot program creating jobs for Aboriginal school leavers.

Anthony Guy, 18, took up a full-time position with Tiwi Island Adventures in February.

"Probably the best thing is showing the guests where my country is, a bit of reef, turtles, where I always go hunting," he said.

"If I didn't get a job here, I would probably go in to Darwin to find another

job but I grew up here, and now, doing this, I reckon I'll stay here for my whole life."

Mr Guy began with the *Tiwi Junior Guide Program* while still at school – the gateway program trains young fishing guides to work in their traditional waters, alongside guests visiting the Melville Island Lodge for chartered fishing trips.

After finishing school he went on to train with Tiwi Island Adventures and earned his qualification as an accredited maritime coxswain authority.

Last month, Anthony qualified to operate charter boats for their fishing

tours, a qualification that enables him to charter vessels in all Australian waters.

The program is a partnership between fishing company Tiwi Island Adventures and Tiwi College to create employment pathways for young Aboriginal people on the islands.

The Northern Territory Government provided a \$35,000 grant to Tiwi Island Adventures to support this program.

Tiwi Islands Adventures general manager Garry Cross said the support from the Territory Government enabled him to employ Mr Guy full-time to continue his training.

"The licence now enables him to

operate as a guide or a skipper of a vessel anywhere in Australia," Mr Cross said.

"Tiwi Island Adventures would not have been in a position to engage Anthony in Full time employment without the support of the Northern Territory Government."

Workforce Training Minister Selena Uibo said the funding was part of the Territory Government's Aboriginal Employment Program (AEP).

"A diverse and skilled workforce is not just good for Territorian workers, but for our employers, our industries and the Territory economy as a whole," she said.

## Your guide to employment

Welcome to the **Koori Mail's** Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff Chris or Stuart a call on (02) 66 222 666, email [advertising@koorimail.com](mailto:advertising@koorimail.com) or see our website – [www.koorimail.com](http://www.koorimail.com)

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## NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

### Senior Finance Officer

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Salary \$92,470 plus 9.5% super and other benefits

#### The Opportunity

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council has vacancy for a Senior Finance Officer at our Southern Zone Office located at Fyshwick, ACT.

The position offer an attractive remuneration package and an extensive range of benefits and conditions including access to salary packaging options. This together with working in a dynamic progressive organisation offering a rewarding challenging career and great potential for development and advancement provides a unique opportunity.

This position's responsibilities include the development and maintenance of comprehensive financial systems and procedures; evaluating and monitoring the financial performance of Local Aboriginal Land Councils and the timely preparation of concise and accurate financial reports. The successful applicant will need to have appropriate tertiary qualifications and or experience.

The successful applicants for this position will also need the capacity to interpret and implement legislation; effective

communication skills; and possess a sound understanding of Aboriginal issues and a willingness to travel within the region.

#### About us

As the State's peak representative body in Aboriginal Affairs, the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community. NSWALC is a not for profit organisation.

More information about NSW Aboriginal Land Council can be found at [www.alc.org.au](http://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 People & Workplace by email: [recruitment@alc.org.au](mailto:recruitment@alc.org.au) or on (02) 9689 4516

**Applications close:** 9.00 a.m. Monday 19 November 2018 and can be forwarded to [recruitment@alc.org.au](mailto:recruitment@alc.org.au)

**Job Status:** Temporary position for twelve (12) months



YERIN  
Aboriginal Health  
Services Limited

## Permanent Full Time Aboriginal Permanency Support Manager (PSP)

#### Overview of Position

Yerin is seeking a suitability qualified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander individual who will manage the Permanency Support Program (OOHC) team and work with other service providers to ensure high quality service. This role will see you working as part of a team and at times in isolation.

The successful applicant will have Tertiary Qualifications in Community Services or equivalent and a minimum 2 years' experience managing Permanency Support Programs (OOHC), Current working with Children's Check and current NSW Drivers Licence and undergo a National Criminal History Check.

You'll also have access to salary sacrificing options up to \$15,950 to increase the value of your take home pay.

All applicants MUST obtain an application pack and complete all information contained in the pack, prior to lodging your application for the position. DO NOT APPLY VIA SEEK

**This is an identified Position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.**

For a confidential discussion about the position please contact Belinda Field, CEO Ph: 02 43511040.

To obtain an application pack – contact Jo Stevens E: [recruitment@yerin.org.au](mailto:recruitment@yerin.org.au) or Ph: 02 43511040.

**Job Applications close 5pm 29th of November 2018**



Aboriginal  
Affairs



## Senior Project Officer – Aboriginal Affairs

- Identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only
- Clerk Grade 9/10
- Ongoing
- Position number and location: 178666 – Newcastle

**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

As part of the Sydney – Newcastle Regional Team, the Senior Project Officer works across government agencies to facilitate partnerships to address Aboriginal Affairs priorities and broker solutions to matters requiring cross-agency collaboration with, and for Aboriginal communities within the Region. The role assumes a leadership role for the Aboriginal community self-governance and economic development, improves information flows, and works collaboratively to build capacity amongst Aboriginal governance bodies and achieve better outcomes.

To be successful in this role, you will be an experienced senior project officer with extensive experience in negotiation, community engagement and conflict management.

### 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](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au)**  
**No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.**

**Note:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

#### Pre-screening questions:

1. Explain your experience working with Aboriginal people and/or Aboriginal communities. What have you learnt and how would you apply these learnings to this role? (300 words)
2. This role often requires managing relationships with a number of stakeholders, whose own priorities and expectations may not coincide with your own priorities. Please provide an example of where you have had to influence others to achieve your outcome and keep the integrity of the interpersonal relations intact. (300 words)

#### Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality (i.e. for identified roles).
- Current Driver's License and willingness to undertake regional travel.
- 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: 28 November 2018**

For enquiries about this role, contact Megan Ely (02) 8362 6672

**Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and refer to the following keyword 178666**

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## Aboriginal Sector Support & Development Worker

Full time

#### Purpose of role

ACSA is funded by the Commonwealth government to provide support and development activities to Aboriginal and non Aboriginal community aged care services under the Commonwealth Home Support Program.

You will work with CHSP providers in Sydney's inner west and south eastern suburbs to build organisation capacity and enhance access to quality services for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples.

As part of the Workforce & Industry Development (WID) team you will be based at the Rhodes office and report to the Senior Sector Support and Development Officer.

#### You will need:

- Proven experience managing/co-ordinating a CHSP or Home Care program
- Demonstrated success working alongside community aged care providers to achieve quality outcomes for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples

- Understanding of the aged care reforms and impact on CHSP providers
- To be self-motivated with a positive attitude
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Proficient in the Microsoft Office suite
- Current driver's license and have access to a vehicle for occasional work use

The position is an identified Aboriginal position. Aboriginality is a genuine qualification authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination ACT 1977

This position will be contracted to 30 June 2020.

Remuneration package includes a salary sacrifice arrangement.

For further information contact  
Chris Spackman 0409 127 151

#### To apply

Address your application letter addressing the above criteria and including your CV to [chris.spackman@acsa.asn.au](mailto:chris.spackman@acsa.asn.au)

**Applications close 30th November.**



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
SYDNEY

## Academic Director, National Centre for Cultural Competence

Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Indigenous Strategy & Services  
Reference no. 2099/1018F

#### About the opportunity

The University of Sydney is Australia's premier University with an outstanding global reputation for academic and research excellence, and employs over 7600 permanent staff supporting over 60,000 students. The University was established to provide the opportunity for all regardless of race, religion or social class to undertake university studies and has established strategies to expand its service in support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander higher education.

The National Centre for Cultural Competence (NCCC) sits within the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services) portfolio and was established with the vision to 'Inform, shape and promote local, national and global cultural competence narratives, action and capability.'

The NCCC aims to develop and integrate cultural competence through innovative learning, teaching, research and engagement. The NCCC's mission is to be a major contributor – through collaboration and partnerships with diverse individuals, communities and organisations – at the interface between cultural competence and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The NCCC is seeking to appoint an Academic Director, at the level of Associate Professor or Professor, to lead a team of interdisciplinary academic and professional staff. The Academic Director will implement comprehensive strategies to establish the NCCC as an internationally recognised thought leading centre of excellence for research, education and community engagement related to the understanding, management, teaching and translation of cultural competence. The position will foster a collaborative environment that effectively promotes and engages the academic community in multidisciplinary strategic partnerships.

#### About us

Since our inception 160 years ago, the University of Sydney has led to improve the world around us. We believe in education for all and that effective leadership makes lives better. These same values are reflected in our approach to diversity and inclusion, and underpin our long-term strategy for growth.

We are undergoing significant transformative change which brings opportunity for innovation, progressive thinking, breaking with convention, challenging the status quo, and improving the world around us.

#### Term and remuneration

The successful applicant will be offered a full-time fixed term position for a period of 5 years, subject to the completion of a satisfactory probation and confirmation period for new appointees. The successful candidate will be offered an attractive remuneration package.

#### How to apply

All applications must be submitted via the University of Sydney careers website. For more information on the position and how to apply, visit [sydney.edu.au/recruitment](http://sydney.edu.au/recruitment) and search by the reference number 2099/1018F.

**Closing date: 11.30pm (AEDT) Wednesday 5 December 2018**

The University of Sydney is committed to diversity and social inclusion. Applications from people of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; equity target groups including women, people with disabilities, people who identify as LGBTIQ; and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, are encouraged.

The University reserves the right not to proceed with any appointment.

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## Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APO NT)

**An alliance of the Central and Northern Land  
Councils and Aboriginal Medical Services  
Alliance Northern Territory**

### Senior Project Officer Managed Alcohol Programs

**Location: Darwin or Alice Springs**

The Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APO NT) is seeking a Senior Project Officer to conduct a feasibility study of Managed Alcohol Programs (MAP) in the NT over a 9 month period.

The successful applicant will work closely with a Project Steering Committee to consult and make recommendations about an appropriate service model for the NT to provide culturally appropriate, safe MAP services to severely marginalised and high-risk people with alcohol addiction.

We are seeking a motivated and independent worker with relevant qualifications and experience, and effective interpersonal skills, including proven ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people.

Please note: **THIS IS A RE-ADVERTISEMENT. PREVIOUS APPLICANTS NEED NOT RE-APPLY. YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSTING.**

#### Contract Type

Full Time (9 month position)

#### Salary

Salary package up to **\*\$114,976 based on the successful applicant's experience and qualifications. (\*Total salary package equals base salary plus leave loading, district allowance & superannuation). Generous salary packaging is also available.**

#### How to apply

Download a copy of the Position Description and selection criteria from [www.amsant.org.au](http://www.amsant.org.au) or email [hr@amsant.org.au](mailto:hr@amsant.org.au) for a copy. Your application must address the selection criteria and include your CV, a cover letter and two referee's details. Email applications to [hr@amsant.org.au](mailto:hr@amsant.org.au)

For further information  
Contact Human Resources on **08 8944 6666**

**Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are  
strongly encouraged to apply**

**Application closing: COB Monday, 19th Nov 2018**

## ILLAWARRA ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE

### Health Services Team (HST) Manager

**Full time position  
38 hours per week  
Attractive hourly rate with Salary Packaging available**

The Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service is a Community Controlled Organisation, which prides itself on providing Illawarra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with high quality, appropriate, efficient and effective primary health care and related services.

We are looking for a HST Manager to join our team and to uphold our Organisations Vision. The successful applicant will be a confident and experienced Manager with an inclusive Management style. They will be able to utilise their exceptional organisational skills and take responsibility for the key performance areas that make the Health Services Team successful.

The HST Manager will report to the Deputy CEO and will be responsible for:

- Ensuring operational best practice
- Staff Management of a diverse team which includes Doctors, Nurses, Aboriginal Health Workers, Reception
- Operational compliance

The position will be full time; 38 hours per week, with these hours being between 8:30am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday and negotiated with the successful applicant.

#### Essential Criteria:

- Identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Clinical qualifications and experience
- Minimum 3yrs experience in a management or leadership role
- Strong leadership skills with a demonstrated ability to effectively manage a team
- Proven experience managing staff performance
- Experience implementing and measuring KPIs
- Commitment to Continuous Quality Improvement
- Knowledge of current issues with regard to Aboriginal Health
- High level time management skills with the ability to meet changing demands
- Current Driver's Licence

Experience implementing health promotion and/or programs is desirable.

*The Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service considers that being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under S14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act NSW 1977.*

**To apply for this position, please email a cover letter, as well as Selection Criteria statement and Resume to [klawlor@illawarraams.com.au](mailto:klawlor@illawarraams.com.au).**

**Applications close 5pm Friday 30th November 2018**

Applications received after the closing date or that do not address the criteria will not be considered.

A Criminal History Check will be conducted on successful applicant.

[www.csiro.au](http://www.csiro.au)



## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST INDIGENOUS GIRLS' STEM ACADEMY STEERING COMMITTEE

- **Are you passionate about STEM education?**
- **Do you want to help oversee a new program supporting high achieving female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students?**

The Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet has provided funding for the next 10 years to enable CSIRO, in partnership with CareerTrackers, to establish an Indigenous Girls' STEM Academy for high achieving female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. CSIRO is seeking expressions of interest from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders to join the Steering Committee for the Academy. The Steering Committee will ensure effective oversight of the project, providing advice to guide and monitor the project. This will help to ensure that Key Performance Indicators are delivered, key governance arrangements are appropriate, and strategic intent, partnerships and sustainability goals are met. The Steering Committee will also ensure the Academy is recalibrated over time to meet the needs of future workforce and industry.

CSIRO is seeking applications for membership from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders with experience in:

- STEM education; and
- STEM employment.

Each Steering Committee member will be required to attend two meetings per year. Members will be paid sitting fees for participation on the Steering Committee in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal and support will be provided for travel and accommodation expenses.

#### How to apply

Please complete the Expression of Interest form and upload a current CV at <https://www.csiro.au/en/Education/Programs/EOI-Indigenous-STEM-academy-steering-committee> by **5pm 30 November 2018**.

Incomplete or late Expression of Interest forms will not be accepted.

A separate Expression of Interest process is open for the Indigenous Girls' STEM Academy Advisory Group.

For further information please contact:

Elle Shepherd  
03 9545 2071  
[elle.shepherd@csiro.au](mailto:elle.shepherd@csiro.au)

Paula Locke  
02 6276 6977  
[paula.locke@csiro.au](mailto:paula.locke@csiro.au)



**Aboriginal  
Ability Links NSW  
Broken Hill**

**3 x Full Time (35hrs/week) Positions generous**

### Ability Links NSW – NDIA Linker

**Generous leave entitlements + Salary Sacrifice arrangements available**

NDIA Linkers are employed under the conditions of the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010.

Broken Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council, Aboriginal Ability Links NSW, has vacancies for 3 full time Aboriginal NDIA Linker positions to join our team, based in Broken Hill until 30 June 2019. Continued employment is subject to work performance. Travel is a requirement of the position to deliver the Aboriginal NDIA Linkers support program to NSW in Far West Region communities.

The position as a NDIA Linkers will work within the NDIA district area with community to assist people with disability, their families and carers to be valued and active members of their community.

NDIA Linkers will develop key working relationships with Local Area Coordinators (LAC), NDIA staff and Early Childhood Early Intervention transition partners (ECEI) to assist with a holistic approach to the transition of local communities to the NDIS.

Linkers will provide a locally based first point of contact designed to improve access to, and engagement in, local community, mainstream services and NDIS where necessary. Linkers will be part of developing and hosting Community engagement actives to promote community access to NDIS.

#### Selection Criteria

The ideal candidate will have:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Part 2, division 2, Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*,
- Demonstrated ability to work with people with disabilities, their families and carers to plan for their future,
- Demonstrated ability to work alongside communities and mainstream services.
- Highly developed communication, interpersonal and negotiation skills, the ability to communicate with confidentiality and sensitivity,
- A strong understanding of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS),
- Ability to set goals, manage a variety of tasks and achieve positive outcomes,
- Demonstrated commitment to teamwork and willingness to work flexibly to meet deadlines,
- Ability to travel in response to organisational needs and willingness to undertake ongoing travel and overnight stays as required,
- Computer literacy and Current NSW Driver's Licence,
- A satisfactory Police clearance and current NSW Working with Children Check

#### Ability Links is looking for someone who:

- Is well presented, hardworking and organised,
- possesses the ability to multi task and work well under pressure, and
- willingness to work flexible hours and in a range of locations across our regional area if required.

*This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Part 2, division 2, Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.*

To apply for a position, applicants must submit a cover letter, a statement addressing each of the selection criteria and resume addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer  
PO Box 392  
Broken Hill NSW 2880

Applications submitted without addressing the selection criteria will NOT be considered.

Completed Applications can be emailed to Cory Paulson: [cory.bhlaic@inet.net.au](mailto:cory.bhlaic@inet.net.au)

**Applications close at 5pm 20th November 2018**

**Please note:** Only short listed candidates will be contacted for interviews following the closing date.



## Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

- Part time ongoing appointment – 2.5 days per week (0.5 FTE)
- Position number and location: 174278 – Broken Hill

Total remuneration package valued to: \$85,757 pa pro-rata (salary \$70,652 to \$77,363 pa pro-rata including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading).

#### About the role

The role works as part of a team to develop partnerships and understanding between the Aboriginal community and the Department of Education at all levels, thereby helping to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal school students.

#### How to apply

Please apply online and attach a cover letter (max. 2 pages) and your resume (max. 5 pages) in either Word or PDF format. Please address the essential requirements below. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the role description, so please develop your application with this in mind.

**Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.**

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education, 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 [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check). In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

**Note:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Notes:** Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent, identify as being Aboriginal and be accepted in the community as such. Applicants who have not previously identified for the purposes of employment with the Department are required to provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality from a recognised incorporated Aboriginal Community organisation endorsed with common seal and a certified statutory declaration as defined in the NSW Department of Education Confirmation of Aboriginality Guidelines

#### Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal Education policies.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

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#### Applications Close: 28 November 2018

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Allan Hall on (02) 6841 3852.

**Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search Job Reference Number 174278**





## 2019/2020 Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program – School Based Traineeship

- Department of Family & Community Services
- Temporary part-time (7 hpw) role
- Location: Queanbeyan
- Salary range: \$13,762 to \$15,177 plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

This role provides a range of administrative and routine clerical services to support the achievement of the business unit's outcomes.

The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program - Schools Based Traineeship is an initiative of the NSW Government, Department of Industry, Aboriginal Services to encourage job opportunities and career development for Aboriginal people in the public sector.

The Traineeship will be established under the provisions of the Apprenticeship and Traineeship Act 2001 and targets Aboriginal School Students who are in years 10 or 11 who wish to gain a Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification while still at school and can contribute towards the HSC

**Apply Now!**

**Applications Close: 25 November 2018 at 11.59 pm (AEST)**

For more information on the role please contact Jennifer Walker on (02) 6229 7282.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search Job Title or Reference Number 00006LO9

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### Children, Youth and Families Child and Youth Protection Services Practice and Performance, Cultural Services Team

## Family Group Conference Facilitator

**Administrative Services Officer Class 6**  
**Salary Range: \$79,824 - \$91,356 (PN: 25211)**

**Details:** Child and Youth Protection Services (CYPS) are seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to undertake the role of Family Group Conference Facilitator. Family Group Conferencing aims to improve outcomes for families and reduce the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care. Family Group Conferencing provides families and extended family with a role in decision making about their children, developing effective family plans to keep their children safe. The position is responsible for the management and facilitation of Family Group Conferences and works in collaboration with children, young people, their families, CYPS Case Managers and relevant agencies. The position requires people with a demonstrated ability to work collaboratively in engaging with the community, a high level of cultural awareness, and relevant skills in facilitation and negotiation of complex meetings. The role works within the legislative provisions of the *Children and Young People Act 2008* and other relevant legislation to ensure outcomes are determined in the best interest of children and young people.

**Eligibility/Other Requirements:** This is a designated position in accordance with s42, *Discrimination Act 1991* and is only open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage is considered essential and therefore a Confirmation of Aboriginality may be requested. Experience in facilitation of groups/Mediation i.e. training, chairing meetings, group counselling sessions; proficiency in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture; at least three years practice experience working with children, young people and their carers or families; a current Driver's licence. Desirable qualifications and experience: Diploma or relevant tertiary qualifications in Human Services or Community Services is highly desirable. Prior to commencing this role, a current registration issued under the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011* is required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable People registration refer to - [https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/1804](https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804)

**Contact Officer:** Jane Adams (02) 6207 3421 [cypsrecruitment@act.gov.au](mailto:cypsrecruitment@act.gov.au)

**Applications Close:** 22 November 2018

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## Senior Governance Role in National NFP, with special contribution to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander activities

Mission Australia is a non-denominational Christian charity that has been helping vulnerable Australians move towards independence for more than 155 years. Mission Australia's vision for reconciliation is that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of this country will be restored to a place of equity, dignity and respect.

### Reconciliation Action Plan

Our Reconciliation Action Plan articulates our strategy on how Mission Australia will contribute to reducing the gap in living standards between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australians. Over 20% of clients participating in services delivered by Mission Australia identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders.

In support of Mission Australia's Reconciliation Action Plan, we are actively seeking to appoint to our senior governance bodies a person with extensive Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander experience and who supports our Founding Purpose. Depending on your background and your capacity to attend Mission Australia meetings and to engage with Mission Australia staff, we are seeking to appoint you to a role on one of the Board committees, or to the Mission Australia Board. In such a role, you will have a special opportunity to contribute to the work and life of Mission Australia, and to the people throughout Australia who we serve.

### Cultural Knowledge and Capability

Your experience with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities along with your ability to network and build strong community partnerships will be essential to your success in this role. Being a board or committee member can be challenging at times, but it is also very rewarding to serve Mission Australia and help it achieve its Founding Purpose: Inspired by Jesus Christ, Mission Australia exists to meet human need and to spread the knowledge of the love of God. Expressions of interest from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged.

### Board Experience and Learnings

Ideally to be successful in this role, experience operating at a Board or senior level and contributing to the shaping of organisational strategy, in particular with a focus on cultural knowledge is preferred and would be advantageous. Additionally, you will have a strong interest in community and social outcomes, identify with our Founding Purpose, and aspire to work for a Christian, purpose driven and values led organisation. In order to support potential applicants, the Mission Australia Board has committed to ensuring that potential candidates with relevant experience who fit the criteria, but who have not held senior governance roles in the past, will be given full training, guidance, support and mentoring.

**To apply for this role please submit your cover letter and resume to Ms Mandy Varley at [varleym@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:varleym@missionaustralia.com.au).**

**Mission Australia board and committee members are volunteers. Only necessary travel expenses are reimbursed.**

**Please note applications close Wednesday 28th November and confidential enquiries can be directed to Mandy Varley on 0455 071 717.**

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The Australian Indigenous Governance Institute (AIGI) is an Indigenous-led national centre specialising in governance knowledge and excellence. AIGI support the economic, social and cultural aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples by connecting them with world-class governance practice, research, thought leadership and educational resources.

AIGI is an independent institute located within the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at the Australian National University.

Further information regarding the roles, including selection criteria can be downloaded from our website [www.aigi.com.au](http://www.aigi.com.au)

## Research and Project Officer

**\$85000 to \$90000 pa gross (inclusive of superannuation)**  
**Australian Indigenous Governance Institute, Canberra**  
**2 years contract (potential for ongoing)**

### Key Responsibilities

- Support and undertake research under limited supervision either as a member of a team, or where appropriate, independently;
- Draft conference proposals and contribute to the production of conference and seminar papers and publications;
- Assist in research undertaken at AIGI including the development of literature reviews and discussion papers on emerging topics that can be uploaded to the AIGI website on a regular basis;
- Support AIGI's advocacy strategy, identifying opportunities for AIGI input and submission including to government and other enquiries;
- Undertake professional development activities including, attendance at conferences and seminars relevant to the strategic objectives of AIGI;
- Occasional administrative functions primarily connected with current AIGI research and projects;
- Serve on internal committees and become familiar with the processes of research, project management, budget and grant development;

## Training and Development Officer

**\$85000 to \$90000 pa gross (inclusive of superannuation)**  
**Australian Indigenous Governance Institute, Canberra**  
**2 years contract (potential for ongoing)**

### Key Responsibilities

- Oversee AIGI's training and development program including responding to training and consultancy requests; and, manage and develop an annual training and development schedule / calendar;
- Design and expand AIGI's training and development programs based on the needs of the organisation, including online toolkit and governance workshops;
- Coordinate training and development workshops, including resources, logistical planning and all training support requirements and general administrative tasks;
- Ensure all training and development workshops are adequately resourced and evaluated;
- Develop and engage appropriate and experienced consultants to facilitate AIGI's training and development program; and, negotiate AIGI consultancy contracts.

### Desirable

- Training and Assessment qualification

**Applications should be addressed to:** [aigi@anu.edu.au](mailto:aigi@anu.edu.au)

### Closing date:

- December 7, 2018.
- To commence in February 2019

### Applications must include:

- A cover letter outlining why you are applying for this position
- A Max 3 page pitch outlining your skills, experience and qualifications (using Selection criteria as a guide)
- Resume

For further information please contact Michelle Deshong, CEO, Australian Indigenous Governance Institute on at [aigi@anu.edu.au](mailto:aigi@anu.edu.au) or 0436 193 662.





Northern Rivers Women's Domestic Violence Court  
Advocacy Services

## Aboriginal Specialist Worker

Intake and referral/court advocacy

12 months fixed term contract - 35 hours per week  
(negotiable)

Lismore Northern NSW

The Aboriginal Specialist Worker provides support, advocacy, information and referrals to women who are experiencing domestic and family violence. Salary range \$71,207 to \$77,211 plus super, leave loading and PBI salary sacrifice scheme. Phone: (02) 6621 1007 for a job kit or email [centremanager@northernriversclc.org.au](mailto:centremanager@northernriversclc.org.au)

Closing date: Wednesday 28th November at 4pm.

The Service has an exemption under s 31 and s 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* to employ Aboriginal women in this role. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement.



## Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician

Department: Sydney Local Health District  
Aboriginal Mental Health Unit (Registered Nurse, Psychologist, Welfare Officer, Occupational Therapist, Social Worker Level 1/2, Aboriginal Health Worker)  
Permanent Part-Time 20 hours per week based at Camperdown  
Enquiries Rachael Mulley on (02) 9515 9000

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Closing Date:**  
**30 November 2018**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [healthnsw.gov.referrals.selectminds.com](http://healthnsw.gov.referrals.selectminds.com) and search Job Reference Number REQ68638.

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## Project Officer – Aboriginal Affairs

- Identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only
- Clerk Grade 7/8
- 1x Temporary full-time appointment up to 28 June 2019 and 1x Ongoing full time appointment
- Position numbers and location: 178642 (Temporary) and 178646 (Ongoing) - Coffs Harbour

**Total remuneration package:** \$116,302 Package includes salary (\$94,782 – \$104,918), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

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### About the role

As part of a team, the Regional Project Officer facilitates partnerships between Aboriginal community governance bodies, government agencies, and the private sectors, to achieve common goals that support social, economic and cultural development of Aboriginal communities. The role supports Aboriginal community self-governance and economic development, and works collaboratively to improve information flows, implement projects and build capacity amongst Aboriginal governance bodies to achieve better outcomes, whole ensuring culturally appropriate engagement with all members of the local communities.

To be successful in this role, you will be an experienced project officer with extensive experience in negotiation, community engagement and conflict management.

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**Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via [iworkfor.nsw](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov)**  
**No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.**

**Note:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

### Pre-screening questions:

1. Explain your experience working with Aboriginal people and/or Aboriginal communities. What have you learnt and how would you apply these learnings to this role? (300 words)
2. This role often requires managing relationships with a number of stakeholders, whose own priorities and expectations may not coincide with your own priorities. Please provide an example of where you have had to influence others to achieve your outcome and keep the integrity of the interpersonal relations intact. (300 words)

### Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality (i.e. for identified roles).
- Current Driver's License and willingness to undertake regional travel.
- 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: 28 November 2018**

For enquiries about this role, contact Kristy Swain (02) 5622 8867.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and refer to the following keywords 178642 or 178646

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**OORALA**  
Aboriginal Centre

### Associate Director

Oorala Aboriginal Centre

Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Identified

- 5 Year Fixed-term Contract
- 17% employer superannuation. Salary packaging options are available.
- Relocation assistance provided
- Applicants must have full time work rights for the term of the contract.

The Associate Director reports to the Director of Oorala and provides leadership to the Student Services team, Community Engagement team and the Oorala office staff, including budgeting and financial expenditure. The Associate Director is responsible for Oorala and University-related statutory and compliance obligations; conceptualising and developing high quality student support and community engagement programs; driving continuous improvement processes; and fostering and maintaining relationships within the University, Oorala funding providers and local Aboriginal communities.

This role requires a relevant postgraduate qualification and extensive experience in the development and management of education support services. The ability to lead, manage and coordinate a broad range of operations functions is essential. The successful applicant must have: high level interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to liaise and influence at all levels; high level consultative, conciliation, negotiation and conflict resolution skills; and the ability to motivate, lead and develop people. The successful applicant will have a high level of analytical and conceptual skills and capacity to manage workloads across different teams with competing deadlines.

To demonstrate your suitability for this role, please respond to the selection criteria, contained in the position statement, in your application.

<http://www.une.edu.au/jobs-at-une>

Closing Date: 3 December 2018

Reference No: 218260



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Aboriginal  
Ability Links NSW  
Broken Hill

1x Full Time (35hrs/week)

## Aboriginal Ability Links Manager

Generous leave entitlements + Salary Sacrifice arrangements available

The Manager will be employed under the conditions of the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010.

Broken Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council, Aboriginal Ability Links NSW, has a vacancy for 1 full time Aboriginal Ability Links Manager position to join our team, based in Broken Hill until 30 June 2019. Employment is subject to ongoing satisfactory work performance. Travel is a requirement of the position to deliver the Aboriginal Ability Links NSW in Western Region communities.

The position will be responsible for managing delegated operational aspects of the BHLALC Ability Links Program, to deliver an effective service that provides optimal outcomes for Ability Links participants, pursuing business development opportunities, government tenders and funding sources to expand the service of the Broken Hill LALC Ability Links Program; monitor the overall budget performance of Ability Links and advise the CEO on monthly expenditure reviews; provide leadership and management support, advice, coaching, mentoring, motivation, and individual performance monitoring and development; and provide management support to BHLALC Ability Links staff/personnel, to ensure that high quality service and consistent practice is providing opportunities for people with a disability and their families/carers.

### Selection Criteria

The ideal candidate will have:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Part 2, division 2, Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*,
- Tertiary qualifications and/or relevant senior operational experience in social or community services sector
- Demonstrated leadership and people management capabilities with experience in human and community services sector
- Demonstrated experience in writing successful funding/grant applications
- Commitment to a collaborative approach and demonstrated success in managing and strengthening relationships
- Highly developed communication, interpersonal and negotiation skills, and the ability to communicate with confidentiality and sensitivity,
- Advanced computer skills and Current NSW Driver's Licence,
- A satisfactory Police clearance and current NSW Working with Children Check

### Ability Links is looking for someone who:

- Has experience in working in a not for profit or disability sector,
- Is a high level thinker and can communicate with stakeholders at a high level,
- Has experience in project and contract management,
- Possesses the ability to multi task and work well under pressure, and
- willingness to work flexible hours and in a range of locations across a regional area if required.

*This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Part 2, division 2, Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.*

To apply for a position, applicants must submit a cover letter, a statement addressing each of the selection criteria and resume addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer  
PO Box 392  
Broken Hill NSW 2880

Applications submitted without addressing the selection criteria will NOT be considered.

Completed Applications can be emailed to Cory Paulson: [cory.bhlalc@iinet.net.au](mailto:cory.bhlalc@iinet.net.au)

**Applications close at 5pm 20th November 2018**

**Please note:** Only short listed candidates will be contacted for interviews following the closing date.

**For all your advertising needs**  
**email: [advertising@koorimail.com](mailto:advertising@koorimail.com)**  
**or call 02 6622 2666**



## Volunteer Liaison Officer

**Salary:** PSGO CSA GA 2017, Level 6, \$100,966 to \$111,590  
**Position No:** PN006573 & PN006574 Work Type: Permanent - Full Time  
**Division:** Non-Operational  
**Location:** Cockburn Central  
**Closing Date:** 2018-11-08 4:00 PM

**Do you have experience in the provision of strategic advice, issues management and volunteer relations?**

**Do you achieve high quality outcomes within tight timeframes?**

An opportunity exists for two motivated and experienced individuals to work as integral members in the Office of the Commissioner to facilitate and support relationships with emergency services volunteers, volunteer associations, advisory committees and other key stakeholders.

The successful applicants will have good written and verbal skills, and experience in providing effective resolutions to complex issues as they arise. They will have a proven track record in issues management and be confident in providing expert advice to senior management when required.

In this role, you will identify risks and opportunities, and work closely with the Office of the Commissioner to manage client expectations. Having a practical outlook and the ability to be unfailingly positive and calm under pressure will also be essential.

In return, you'll get to work in a great team, making a difference to the community and helping save lives during an emergency.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS POSITION AND HOW TO APPLY, SEE OUR AD ON THE KOORI MAIL WEBSITE LISTED UNDER JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS**

## OORALA Aboriginal Centre

### Student Services Manager - HEO 8

*Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Identified*

- Continuing full-time
- \$94,416 - \$109,572 per annum (HEO 8)
- Plus 17% employer superannuation.
- Relocation assistance provided

The Student Services Manager is responsible for managing a range of support services designed to achieve more equitable outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in UNE courses. We are currently seeking an enthusiastic and qualified person to both lead the student service team and be responsible for ongoing relationships with the other UNE student service teams and programs. The Manager will work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people supporting their transition to University whilst supporting the delivery of quality higher education to students.

This role requires a relevant postgraduate qualification or progress towards a postgraduate qualification and extensive relevant experience; or an equivalent combination of relevant experience and/or education/training. The ability to lead and manage a diverse team, together with the ability to prioritise and delegate work, and excellent communication and interpersonal skills is essential. The successful applicant will have a flexible attitude to work, demonstrating initiative and the ability to embrace change in response to new initiatives, strategic direction or other requirements.

To demonstrate your suitability for this role, please respond to the selection criteria, contained in the position statement, in your application. <http://www.une.edu.au/jobs-at-une>

**Closing Date:** 2 December 2018

**Reference No:** 218252



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## Indigenous Ranger Program

The La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council (**La Perouse LALC**) is seeking applications from people interested in our newly established Indigenous Rangers Program for Botany Bay.

The following positions are available:

**Indigenous Rangers x 2**

**Indigenous Rangers (Trainee) x 2**

The primary objectives of the Indigenous Rangers Program is to:

- generate economic and social benefits, including through the effective and sustainable management of land and sea;
- focus on marine mammal and cultural area protection as well as tourism support services in a quickly developing urban area; and
- improve watercraft and marine safety and work with existing stakeholders in the Botany Bay area.

All applicants must obtain a recruitment package containing the position description and selection criteria for the above mentioned positions.

To obtain a recruitment package or for enquiries regarding this position, please contact:

Ash Walker  
Phone: (02) 9311 4282  
Email: [awalker@laperouse.org.au](mailto:awalker@laperouse.org.au)

**Applications close: 5 December 2018**

[Aboriginal people from the La Perouse Aboriginal Community are encouraged to apply].

I can help to create positive health outcomes through my work. I can work and live within my own community and be part of these changes, celebrating new initiatives and success stories. What motivates me is being part of an innovative culture and a friendly team, where I feel supported and can challenge myself to develop new skills and capabilities.

## Aboriginal Health Practitioner Aboriginal Clinical Health Worker Trainee

Northern Adelaide Local Health Network  
Watto Purrunga Aboriginal Health Service  
Job Ref: 677190

[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers)  
1300 882 992

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community and make  
positive changes for  
Aboriginal people



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## 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](mailto:recruitment@hartservices.org.au) for an application manual**

**Applications close 5 pm 3 December 2018**

## Project Officer (Facilitator) Trauma Informed Care

**Location Darwin**

AMSANT's Public Health Unit team is currently seeking a Project Officer (Facilitator) with experience working with Aboriginal Primary Health Care in the NT.

The aim of this position is to enhance trauma informed care understanding by delivering workshops to ACCHSs as well as supporting the process of sustainably embedding Trauma Informed Care approaches.

The successful applicant will be joining an experienced and dynamic team and organisation that is supporting a growing community controlled sector in the NT.

You will be a motivated individual with a high level of knowledge of Aboriginal culture and an understanding of Aboriginal Community Control in the context of health care. Travel to communities on a monthly basis will be required.

### Contract Type

0.6 Full Time Equivalent up to 31st December 2019

### Salary

Salary package up to **\*\$102,355 FTE based on the successful applicant's experience and qualifications.** (\*Total salary package equals base salary plus leave loading & superannuation). Generous salary packaging is also available.

### How to apply

Download a copy of the Position Description and selection criteria from [www.amsant.org.au](http://www.amsant.org.au) or email [hr@amsant.org.au](mailto:hr@amsant.org.au) for a copy. Your application must address the selection criteria and include your CV, a cover letter and two referee's details. Email applications to [hr@amsant.org.au](mailto:hr@amsant.org.au)



**For further information**  
Contact Human Resources  
on **08 8944 6666**

**This is an Aboriginal  
& Torres Strait Islander  
identified position.**

**Application closing date: COB Mon, 19th Nov 2018**



## General Adminstrative Support Officer

- NSW Police Force - Aboriginal Targeted Role
- Central West Police District, Orange
- Clerk Grade 1/2
- Ongoing Full-Time

For further assistance in completing your application please contact the **Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit** on (02) 8835 9021 or via email: [hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au)

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**Applications Close:**  
**Sunday 25 November 2018**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Tegan Gardiner - District Manager on (02) 6363 6301.

**For the targeted questions, a downloadable role description, and information package and to apply, please go to *I Work for NSW* ([iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au)) and search for Requisition Number 00006M63**

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## NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

**Director, Eastern Zone – Identified,**  
Gosford Location, Salary \$144,970 plus 9.5% super and other benefits

**Director, Northern Zone – Identified,**  
Coffs Harbour Location, Salary \$153,220 plus 9.5% super and other benefits

**Director, Western Zone – Identified,**  
Dubbo Location, Salary \$147,328 plus 9.5% super and other benefits

### The Opportunity

Zone Directors, NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) play a pivotal role in providing guidance and assistance to Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) and in implementing the policies of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council for the benefit of members of the Land Council Network of New South Wales.

Zone Directors are responsible for, among other things, ensuring the effective and efficient administration of LALC real property and other assets. The occupants will perform the role of financial adviser and problem solver for LALCs within their Zone, strategic adviser to LALCs and to NSWALC, office manager, negotiator and conciliator.

**To be successful in this role, the Director, will need to have:**

- Aboriginality - this is an identified position under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Demonstrated experience in the interpretation and implementation of legislation preferably relating to Aboriginal people.
- Extensive knowledge and experience in financial management.
- High level management experience within a policy and program delivery environment.
- High level dispute resolution skills.
- Sound written and oral communication skills to enable effective communication.

### About us

As the State's peak representative body in Aboriginal Affairs, the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community. NSWALC is a not for profit organisation.

More information about NSW Aboriginal Land Council can be found at [www.alc.org.au](http://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 People & Workplace by email: [recruitment@alc.org.au](mailto:recruitment@alc.org.au) or on (02) 9689 4516

**Applications close:** 9:00 a.m. Monday 19 November 2018 and can be forwarded to [recruitment@alc.org.au](mailto:recruitment@alc.org.au)

**Job Status:** Contract up to three (3) years





## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

**Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre, Taree NSW**  
**Attractive executive salary plus car & benefits**  
**Aboriginal health & well-being services**  
**Commercial & strategic leadership**

Biripi seeks to appoint a new Chief Executive Officer, reporting to the Board, to strengthen the leadership, clinical service delivery, commercial management, financial performance and strategic development of this multi-disciplinary organisation.

Applicant skills and experience sought include:

- Five years' experience in a senior management capacity in community clinical health, ideally with an Aboriginal medical or health service organisation.
- Strong commercial skills, including grant and operations management, budgeting and financial reporting.
- Success in relationship development with peak bodies, funding agencies, service regulators, strategic partners and community bodies.
- Strategic approach with the vision to develop the organisation's capability as an Aboriginal community-controlled health organisation.
- Proven leadership, team building, mentoring, motivation and management skills.
- Tertiary qualifications in clinical, business, finance or community services disciplines.

*Applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged.*

Applications in the form of a brief resume and cover letter to [response@kmsearch.com.au](mailto:response@kmsearch.com.au) please, quoting ref #3968. Suitable candidates will be supplied with a candidate brief and invited to submit responses to selection criteria later in the recruitment process.

For more information, contact Keith Mackay of KMSearch on 07 3289 6071 for a confidential discussion.

**Applications close 23 November 2018.**



## Manager Community Development

### The Opportunity

The Manager – Community Development is to promote the services of Darkinjung by working closely with both internal and external stakeholders.

You will primarily be responsible for the implementation and evaluation of our community engagement activities, which include direct member benefits, membership, community meetings, public gatherings and events, and various regional Aboriginal employment strategies.

### About Darkinjung

Darkinjung is located on the Central Coast of NSW. Our boundaries stretch from Catherine Hill Bay to the North, Hawkesbury River to the South, Pacific Ocean to the East & Watagan Mountains to the West.

Our vision is to engage & provide a strong economic & social environment for our community that builds & strengthens our cultural values & identity.

### Your responsibilities will also include:

- Implement meetings, surveys and other ways for communicating with Members about Darkinjung and its initiatives
- Implement Darkinjung's Community Participation and Wellbeing business strategy
- Schedule, implement new community-based programs, partnerships and other engagement initiatives
- Identify, initiate and deepen relationships with stakeholders
- Attend community and committee meetings

### To be successful in this role, you will (selection criteria):

- Identify as an Aboriginal person
- Exceptional ability to engage and communicate to groups of people, tailoring communication to suit a specific target group or age range
- Demonstrated understanding of the challenges and experiences of Aboriginal people
- Broad knowledge of the range of services available to Aboriginal people on the Central Coast of NSW
- Highly developed computer skills including MS Office applications
- Advance skills in MS Office applications

### Other work related requirements:

- Excellent organisation and time management skills with the ability to prioritise and manage multiple competing work tasks and deliver to agreed deadlines
- A current manual drivers licence, & be able to drive a 4WD vehicle
- A current first aid certificate
- A current WWCC number
- A NSW Police Check will be required for the successful applicant.

### How to apply

Request a copy of the employment pack [recruitment@dlalc.org.au](mailto:recruitment@dlalc.org.au)

### Applications closing date

Friday 23rd November 2018 @ 5.00pm



## Aboriginal Targeted – Graduate Program – Solicitor – Legal Officer I-III – State-wide (Temporary)

- 2 x Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identified placements
- Package up to \$123K
- Gain valuable experience

We are looking for bright, hardworking newly admitted solicitors to join our two-year rotational Graduate Program working as a legal practitioner in two practice areas in our Criminal, Family and Civil Law Divisions.

**Applications Close:  
25 November 2018 (11:59pm)**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Emma Langton on (02) 9219 5938.

**Applications must be lodged electronically.  
Please go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search  
Job Reference Number 00006LMA.**

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## WAMBA WAMBA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Wamba Wamba Local Aboriginal Land Council (WWLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in undertaking the challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the WWLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have a knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Mr Kerry George, by email: [Kerry.George@alc.org.au](mailto:Kerry.George@alc.org.au) or on (02) 61243556.

Applications can be forwarded to [Kerry.George@alc.org.au](mailto:Kerry.George@alc.org.au) or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Mr Kerry George  
NSW Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 619  
Queanbeyan, NSW 2620

**Applications close Friday 7 December 2018**

**Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.**



Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Inc. (VACCHO) is the peak body for the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people living in Victoria and are a centre of expertise, policy advice, training, innovation and leadership.

VACCHO's members have a proud history as sustainable, grassroots organisations that assist in building community capacity for self-determination and who provide support and services to approximately 25,000 Aboriginal people across the state.

By advocating and championing community control and health equality for Aboriginal communities, VACCHO are continually improving their cultural footprint in ensuring that each Aboriginal community has its own community-based, locally owned, culturally appropriate and adequately resourced primary health care facility.

## Chief Operating Officer (3-year contract)

Working closely with the CEO, you will lead change management and drive operational effectiveness across VACCHO and be responsible for ensuring all programs and services meet contractual obligations, whilst continuing to build successful sector relationships.

You will be expected to:

- Translate strategic business planning into operational practice and lead organisational change
- Manage the project management office and oversee the delivery of all programs and services
- Develop operational budget and oversee financial deliverables
- Ensure governance standards are met and manage secretariat support to the board

You will possess exceptional leadership skills and be familiar with program delivery models, ideally within an Aboriginal community controlled organisation or within the health, welfare or community sector. You will have sound business and commercial acumen and high level of conceptual, operational planning and analytical skills. **Ref: 3551**

**Bring your experience and initiative to an organisation that is committed to adding value and championing health equality to Aboriginal communities. Please contact Emma Naglieri on 03 8319 4080 or forward your resume and covering letter to [cv@ngorecruitment.com](mailto:cv@ngorecruitment.com) quoting the relevant reference number.**



## Policy Officer

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power and business plays fair

There is a significant gap in legal assistance to Victorian Aboriginal Communities who have consumer, credit and debt issues. As part of our response to this, Consumer Action Law Centre is undertaking a 12 month joint project with the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service (VALS) to service the legal assistance gap, identify and drive systemic advocacy and reform issues impacting on the Victorian Aboriginal Communities.

This one year, fixed-term position will involve the Policy Officer working collaboratively with CALC and VALS: in particular, CALC's Koori Engagement Manager and a VALS lawyer.

The Policy and Campaigns team uses the experiences of our clients as evidence to show the need for systemic change, and engages with government, regulators, media, industry and community to advocate for enforcement action, law reform and sound policy for low income and vulnerable consumers.

*This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (mandatory requirement).*

**Please submit your application by Monday 3rd December.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS POSITION AND HOW TO APPLY  
SEE OUR AD ON THE KOORI MAIL WEBSITE LISTED UNDER  
JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS**



## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST INDIGENOUS GIRLS' STEM ACADEMY ADVISORY GROUP

- **Are you passionate about STEM education?**
- **Do you want to help shape a new program supporting high achieving female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students?**

The Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet has provided funding for the next 10 years to enable CSIRO, in partnership with CareerTrackers, to establish an Indigenous Girls' STEM Academy for high achieving female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. CSIRO is seeking expressions of interest from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to join the Advisory Group for the Academy. The Advisory Group's purpose is to test and challenge activities and ideas that will bring depth to the Academy and contribute to positive outcomes for the students, and ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives and knowledge are embedded in the design and delivery of the Academy.

CSIRO is seeking applications for membership from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly women, with experience in:

- STEM education/academia;
- Higher education;
- STEM careers; and
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.

Each Advisory Group member will be required to attend one meeting per year. Members will be paid sitting fees for participation on the Advisory Group in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal and support will be provided for travel and accommodation expenses.

### How to apply

Please complete the Expression of Interest form and upload a current CV at <https://www.csiro.au/en/Education/Programs/EOI-Indigenous-STEM-academy-advisory-group> by **5pm 30 November 2018**.

Incomplete or late Expression of Interest forms will not be accepted.

A separate Expression of Interest process is open for the Indigenous Girls' STEM Academy Steering Committee.

For further information please contact:

Elle Shepherd  
03 9545 2071  
[elle.shepherd@csiro.au](mailto:elle.shepherd@csiro.au)

Paula Locke  
02 6276 6977  
[paula.locke@csiro.au](mailto:paula.locke@csiro.au)







## Reception/Administration Officer Housing Finance Officer Housing Services Officer

Many Rivers Regional Housing is a leading not-for-profit provider of Community Housing Services across north eastern NSW and southern QLD, supporting more than 500 properties and property management needs for tenants. We work to the highest ethical standards to consistently produce high quality, best practice outcomes for tenants, their families, and our stakeholders. Our people are the key to the success of our exceptional, client focused services.

We have several positions available and to thrive in these roles, you will be culturally sensitive with compassion, empathy and a genuine interest in meeting the needs of Aboriginal people and communities.

Many Rivers Regional Housing considers that being Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977(NSW)

**To find our more please contact Cherie Summers on 6562 2576. All applications must be emailed to [cherie@mrrahms.com.au](mailto:cherie@mrrahms.com.au)**

**The closing date for this role is midnight Sunday 25th November 2018**



**Charles Sturt  
University**

## Indigenous Engagement and Research Associate

(Identified Indigenous Australian position)

**Location:** Albury-Wodonga, Dubbo, Orange, Wagga Wagga

- **Be part of a growing team at Three Rivers UDRH**
- **An opportunity for someone who is passionate about growing a future Indigenous Health Workforce**
- **Work with a committed and integrated team**

The Indigenous Research and Engagement Associate will join the research team at the Three Rivers University Department of Rural Health (UDRH). In this role they will support research conducted by Three Rivers' staff to achieve these commitments in practice and produce high quality research focusing on three key themes:

- Pathways into health professions education for Aboriginal people
- Factors for progress and success for Aboriginal people in health professions education
- Retaining and progressing careers of Aboriginal people in health professions

The successful applicant does not need to have prior experience in conducting research, however, they should have a strong interest in developing research skills. Suitable opportunities for professional development and research capacity building can be provided.

**Closing Date: 11pm, 22 November 2018.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS POSITION SEE  
OUR AD ON THE KOORI MAIL WEBSITE UNDER  
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**Health**  
Justice Health &  
Forensic Mental Health Network

## Aboriginal Health Worker Integrated Care Services

**Department:** Justice Health & FMHN

**Salary:** \$52,898 - \$77,909 pa

**Location:** Various locations

**Employment Status:** Permanent Full-Time

**Enquiries:** [Shahana.ali@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Shahana.ali@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au)

**This is a dedicated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants must be able to prove Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act. JH&FMHN deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginal status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or prior to commencement of the position.**

**Closing Date:  
21 November 2018**

**Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [healthnsw.gov.referrals.selectminds.com](http://healthnsw.gov.referrals.selectminds.com) and search Job Reference Number REQ75409**

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## JAANYMILI BAWRUNGA

### PROJECT OFFICER | EXPRESSSIONAL OF INTEREST

Jaanyмили Bawrunга Group was established in 2016 to represent the Bowraville community's preferred outcomes of government service delivery and to provide a reference point for Government agencies to consult with on the needs and co-design of programs and targeted projects. We are the primary intermediary and advisory body for Government and the Bowraville Community and maintain its connection with the broader Nambucca Valley community. It will be Governments' and the Community's identified contact point for consultation and negotiation on issues and programs pertinent to the Bowraville community.

Jaanyмили Bawrunга are currently calling for Expression of Interest to join the team as the Project Officer. Main purpose of the position:

- To manage and coordinate business of Jaanyмили Bawrunга to be the primary intermediary and advisory body for Government and the Bowraville Community and maintain a connection for Bowraville with the broader Nambucca Valley community.
- Develop a skills training program that aligns with Solution Brokerage Response Plan.

The position is full-time at 38 hours per week, for 3 years and is Aboriginal Identified.

**Applications Close 20 November 2018.**

For more information or the EOI pack:  
Please contact Melissa Fitzgerald - [Melissa.Fitzgerald@livebetter.org.au](mailto:Melissa.Fitzgerald@livebetter.org.au)

## KOORI EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS



### Youth Justice - Aboriginal Liaison Officer

- **Work with Aboriginal children and young people in custody providing cultural support and programs to the children, young people, family and community**
- **Full time, ongoing opportunity based in the Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct**
- **Salary range: \$66,699 – \$76,702 plus superannuation**
- **Become a member of the department's Aboriginal Employee Network**
- **Annual access to NAIDOC, ceremonial and cultural leave**

As an Aboriginal Liaison Officer (ALO) you will be responsible for engaging and actively working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Aboriginal) children and young people in custody. ALOs provide culturally specific support and programs to children and young people, family and community.

**To be successful in this role, you will have demonstrated:**

- knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Aboriginal Community, both society and culture and the issues impacting on it
- ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with members of the Victorian Aboriginal community

A full and current Victorian driver's licence is also required.

This is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010*. **Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.**

For more information, contact the Aboriginal Employment Team on (03) 8684 1751 or at [aboriginal.employment@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:aboriginal.employment@justice.vic.gov.au)

**To apply online, please visit [youthjusticejobs.vic.gov.au](http://youthjusticejobs.vic.gov.au) by 25 November 2018**

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**Department of  
Primary Industries**

## Senior Manager, Marine Estate (Aboriginal Culture) Clerk Grade 9/10

### Summary:

We have an exciting opportunity for you to engage with Aboriginal communities in the management of Sea Country to reduce threats and risks to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

### Overview:

- **Location negotiable in Wollongong, Port Stephens, Coffs Harbour or Wollongbar**
- **Salary range from \$108,044 - \$119,061+ super**
- **Temporary (fixed term) role until 30 June 2020**
- **Utilise your connection to NSW Sea Country and local communities to ensure Aboriginal values are maintained**

### What you will be doing

You will be joining the Aquatic Environment Branch of the **DPI Fisheries** specifically focusing on the Marine Estate.

As the Senior Manager, Marine Estate (Aboriginal Culture) you will lead the implementation of the Aboriginal cultural initiative of the **Marine Estate Management Strategy** in the management of Sea Country to reduce threats and risks to Aboriginal cultural values.

### Working as a Senior Manager, Marine Estate (Aboriginal Culture) you will:

- Lead the implementation of the Aboriginal cultural initiative of the Marine Estate Management Strategy including the establishment and implementation of a framework to ensure effective and appropriate Aboriginal involvement in Sea Country management
- Increase the capacity of Aboriginal people to participate in Sea Country management, planning and monitoring
- Provide advice and analysis to DPI Fisheries Senior Management regarding policy, legislation and initiatives that affect Aboriginal cultural values
- Work closely with DPI Fisheries staff to facilitate input by Aboriginal communities on issues, policy positions and management plans
- Manage the budget, project and planning cycle to ensure project outcomes are achieved on time, on budget and within agreed scope
- Encourage change in workforce culture to build relationships between internal and external stakeholders as they relate to Aboriginal cultural issues.

### What you need to be successful as a Senior Manager, Marine Estate (Aboriginal Culture):

- Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and accepted in the community as such. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *Anti-discrimination Act 1997*
- Demonstrated experience working with Aboriginal people, government organisations and communities with the ability to communicate across cultures
- Knowledge, respect and understanding of Aboriginal culture and marine estate issues.
- Current NSW Driver Licence
- Ability to manage new staff to achieve outcomes within tight time frames
- Ability to work in a culturally appropriate manner whilst negotiating complex issues with government agencies, stakeholders and community groups

If you are passionate about the management of Sea Country and have the skills and experience we are looking for, then we want to hear from you. To apply please attach a current resume plus a cover letter which demonstrates how your previous experience would be suitable and of benefit to this role.

**Additional Information:** Applications must be lodged electronically. A recruitment pool may be created for ongoing and temporary roles of the same role or role type that may become available for filling over the next twelve months.

*The NSW Department of Industry is committed to ensuring the sector reflects the NSW community it serves. We promote a flexible and inclusive workplace where staff have access to opportunities and resources at all levels, enabling our team to drive innovation, productivity and the delivery of high-quality services. We welcome and encourage applications from people across our diverse community. We believe everyone has the right to feel safe, respected, valued and heard regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background or disability.*

**Closing Date: Applications must be submitted electronically by 11.55pm 28 November 2018.**

For further information about the role and your application please contact Peter Gallagher on 0408 499 071 or [peter.gallagher@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:peter.gallagher@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

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## NON-EXECUTIVE BOARD DIRECTORS



### Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre, Taree NSW Aboriginal health & well-being services

Biripi, currently under special administration, initially seeks to appoint part-time professional advisory group members for the period of the special administration. 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.

Expressions of interest are invited from experienced executives motivated to contribute and participate in the strategy, leadership and commercial oversight of Biripi in its important role in improving the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the region.

Prior board experience is preferred and persons with experience and/or interest in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health

are encouraged to apply. Applications from individuals with finance, legal, clinical, business 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.

Corporation directorships are unpaid, with expenses provided.

*Applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged.*

Please send expressions of interest in the form of a brief resume and/or cover letter by email to: [response@kmsearch.com.au](mailto:response@kmsearch.com.au) quoting ref #3972.

For more information, contact Keith Mackay of KMSearch on 07 3289 6071

**Applications close 23 November 2018.**



## INDIGENOUS YOUTH WORKER (MALE)

**0.6EFT - Fixed Term 12 months**

Job Reference No: VAC0525

- Flexibility of working days/hours
- Access to learning and development opportunities
- 2 types of Salary Packaging Available

An opportunity has become available to work and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth in the local Inner South area. This role will engage with local youth to improve their overall health and wellbeing, strengthen cultural identity and relationships with family and community.

**To be suitable for the role you will possess the following:**

- Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background
- This is an identified Indigenous position (must state in CV/Cover Letter)
- Have a good understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and society
- Have good time management skills
- Preferably previous experience in a similar role
- Ability to work effectively with specialist and mainstream health and welfare services
- Have an existing Victorian Drivers Licence

### Who We Are

Star Health works in partnership with people and communities to promote and improve equity, health and wellbeing by delivering innovative client-directed services that take into account the context of the individual and the community, and championing prevention and change to address the structural reasons for health inequity.

Applicants must complete our application form directly via our website <http://www.starhealth.org.au/careers/current-vacancies/> For further information about the role, please contact Alison Craigie-Parsons on 03 9525 1300 or email: [ACraigie-Parsons@starhealth.org.au](mailto:ACraigie-Parsons@starhealth.org.au)

**Closing Date: Friday 23rd November, 2018 @ 5pm**

Star Health is an equal opportunity employer and encourages people with disabilities and individuals of diverse backgrounds including those from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse and LGBTI+ communities to apply.



## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Identified position)

- Leadership role
- Strong strategic and business improvement focus
- Advanced advocacy and campaigning skills

For over 45 years, ALS has been providing culturally appropriate legal services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, women and children in NSW and ACT.

Today, we are an established Aboriginal controlled community organisation with 22 offices and over 200 staff working in urban, regional and remote NSW and ACT towards improving justice outcomes for Aboriginal people, community legal education, custody notification services, prisoner Through-Care and Tenancy Advocacy Services.

The CEO will lead the organisation through a dynamic organisational change process with an eye on new business opportunities while maximising frontline service delivery and outcomes in consultation with Aboriginal communities.

The successful applicant will have a strong track record in executive management roles including government and non-government sectors, with high performance in strategic planning, change management, political advocacy and campaigning, organisational governance and sound financial management. An ability to effectively communicate with a wide range of agencies, services, sectors and communities utilising advanced interpersonal, negotiation and advocacy skills is essential to the position.

With the support of the Board, the CEO will cement ALS as a preeminent, peak, not-for-profit organisation. Prior involvement in the charity and community sector desirable.

A competitive remuneration package will be offered together with the support of a dedicated Board and staff. The position is based in Sydney.

All enquiries to Vikki McDonald who will provide information package including selection criteria. Phone 02 9213 4100 or email [vikki@alsnswact.org.au](mailto:vikki@alsnswact.org.au)

**Application closing date midnight Thursday, 20 November 2018**

*This role is an Aboriginal identified position as authorised by s14d of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.*



Aboriginal Affairs



## Project Officer – Aboriginal Affairs

- Identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only
- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Temporary full-time appointment up to 28 June 2019
- Position number and location: 196839 - Mascot

**Total remuneration package:** \$116,302 Package includes salary (\$94,782 - \$104,918), 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

As part of the Sydney – Newcastle Regional Team, the Regional Project Officer works across government agencies to facilitate partnerships to address Aboriginal Affairs priorities and broker solutions to matters requiring cross-agency collaboration with, and for Aboriginal communities within the Region. The role assumes a leadership role for the Aboriginal community self-governance and economic development, improves information flows, and works collaboratively to build capacity amongst Aboriginal governance bodies and achieve better outcomes.

To be successful in this role, you will be an experienced project officer with extensive experience in negotiation, community engagement and conflict management.

### 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](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au). No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.**

**Note:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

### Pre-screening questions:

1. Explain your experience working with Aboriginal people and/or Aboriginal communities. What have you learnt and how would you apply these learnings to this role? (300 words)
2. This role often requires managing relationships with a number of stakeholders, whose own priorities and expectations may not coincide with your own priorities. Please provide an example of where you have had to influence others to achieve your outcome and keep the integrity of the interpersonal relations intact. (300 words)

### Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality (i.e. for identified roles).
- Current Driver's License and willingness to undertake regional travel.
- 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: 28 November 2018**

For enquiries about this role, contact Megan Ely (02) 8362 6672

**Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and refer to the following keyword 196839**



## Customer Service Representative

- NSW Police Force
- 2 Aboriginal Targeted Roles
- Infolink Unit, Policelink, Communications & Security Command, Parramatta
- Clerk Grade 1/2
- Ongoing Full-Time

For further assistance in completing your application please contact the **Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit** on (02) 8835 9021 or via email: [hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications Close:  
Tuesday 20 November 2018**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Jennifer Evans – Information Team Leader on (02) 8835 7740.

**For the targeted questions, a downloadable role description, and information package and to apply, please go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00006LMM**

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## HEAD ELECTRICIAN

(full time, one-year contract)

Bangarra Dance Theatre is looking for an experienced **Head Electrician** to join our team.

Reporting directly to the Director, Technical & Production, the Head Electrician is responsible for planning and implementing all electrical/technical requirements relating to the presentation and operation of Bangarra's performances throughout Australia and internationally.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates are encouraged to apply.*

For more information and to apply please visit our website: [www.bangarra.com.au/about/work-with-us](http://www.bangarra.com.au/about/work-with-us)

**Applications close:** Monday 26 November 2018 at 12 noon



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## Podiatrist Level 1/2

Department: Hunter New England LHD  
Tamworth Community Health Service  
Enquiries: Louise Maye (02) 4985 3187  
Reference Number: REQ75431  
**Closing Date: 21 November 2018**

**This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.**

## Aboriginal Health Worker

Department: Hunter New England LHD  
Greater Newcastle Sector - Wallsend Campus, Port Stephens  
Enquiries: Leonie Garvey (02) 49246 414  
Reference Number: REQ75845  
**Closing Date: 27 November 2018**

**This position is identified for Aboriginal people and exemption is claimed under 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria. Applicants must be female. This is a genuine qualification under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.**

**Closing Date: See above**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [healthnsw.gov.referrals.selectminds.com](http://healthnsw.gov.referrals.selectminds.com) and search Job Reference Number REQ75845.

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## General Adminstrative Support Officer

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Targeted Role
- Sydney City Police Area Command, Sydney CBD
- Clerk Grade 1/2
- Ongoing Full-Time

For further assistance in completing your application please contact the **Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit** on (02) 8835 9021 or via email: [hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications Close: Sunday 25 November 2018**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Jacqueline Goulding - Area Manager on (02) 9265 6420.

**For the targeted questions, a downloadable role description, and information package and to apply, please go to *I Work for NSW* ([iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au)) and search for Requisition Number 00006LM3**

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## ACT Government

Community Services

### Children, Youth and Families

### Child and Youth Protection Services

## Family Group Conference Facilitator

### Health Professional Level 3

**Salary Range:** \$87,257 - \$91,942 (up to \$96,502 on achieving a personal upgrade) (PN: 07366)

Child and Youth Protection Services (CYPS) are seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to undertake the role of Family Group Conference Facilitator. Family Group Conferencing aims to improve outcomes for families and reduce the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in care. Family Group Conferencing provides families and extended family with a role in decision making about their children, developing effective family plans to keep their children safe. The position is responsible for the management and facilitation of Family Group Conferences and works in collaboration with children, young people, their families, CYPS Case Managers and relevant agencies. The position requires people with a demonstrated ability to work collaboratively in engaging with the community, a high level of cultural awareness, and relevant skills in facilitation and negotiation of complex meetings. The role works within the legislative provisions of the *Children and Young People Act 2008* and other relevant legislation to ensure outcomes are determined in the best interest of children and young people. This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Identified position.

**Eligibility/Other Requirements:** Essential: Relevant tertiary qualifications e.g. in Social Work, Psychology, Social Welfare, Social Science or related discipline; experience in facilitation of groups/ Mediation i.e. training, chairing meetings, group counselling sessions. Proficiency in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture; at least three years practice experience working with children, young people and their carers or families; and a current driver's licence. Diploma or relevant tertiary qualifications in human services or community services is highly desirable. Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011* is required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable People registration refer to - [https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/1804](https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804)

**Note:** This is a designated position in accordance with *s42, Discrimination Act 1991* and is only open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage is considered essential and therefore a Confirmation of Aboriginality may be requested. Educational, suitability and professional qualification checks may be carried out prior to employment.

**Contact Officer:** Jane Adams (02) 6207 3421 [cypsrecruitment@act.gov.au](mailto:cypsrecruitment@act.gov.au)

**Applications Close:** 22 November 2018

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## Department of Planning and Environment

### Exploration Licence Application No.5727 (Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

**Description of area that may be affected by the grant of an Exploration Licence on land where native title may continue to exist.**

An area of about 68 units situated approximately 25.5 kilometres west north west of the town of Narooma, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

**Description of the nature of the act**

The grant of an Exploration Licence under the *Mining Act 1992* (NSW).

Cornfields Pty Limited (ACN 613 956 406) is the applicant for Exploration Licence No.5727 (Act 1992) which, if granted would authorise the prospecting for Group 1 minerals for a term of 5 years.

**Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done**

**Minister for Resources**, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

**How further information about the act can be obtained**

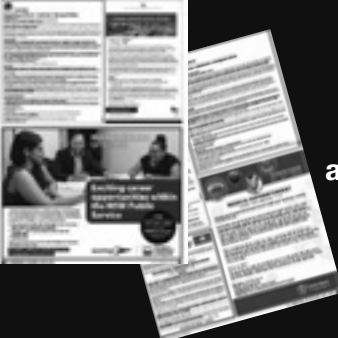
Further information may be obtained from Resource Operations, NSW Department of Planning and Environment on (02) 4063 6600.

**Notification Day**

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Act 1993 (Cth) the notification day is 29 November 2018. 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 this notice.



Further information may be obtained from Department of Planning and Environment (02) 4063 6600.



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## Renotification of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 28 November 2018



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal

This application is a 'non-claimant' application, an application made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

**PLEASE NOTE:** A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 27 February 2019. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before 27 February 2019, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street, BRISBANE, QLD, 4003, on or before 27 February 2019. After 27 February 2019, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

**Important note:** This application is being renotified due to the tenure reference in the notice published on 29 November 2017 being incorrect.



**Applicant's name:** Gilbert Dean Arnaboldi v State of Queensland  
**Federal Court File No:** QUD586/2017

**Non-native title interest:** The Applicant is the Registered Lessee of Title references 17663163 and PH 2/4201; which consists of five lots on plans: Lot 26 on CP MX3; Lot 17 on CP EV19; Lot 18 on CP EV19; Lot 19 on CP EV19; & Lot 2 on CP CNA21 (Rolling term leases).

**Order sought by Applicant:** The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

**Description:** The application area covers about 187 sq km situated north of the Capricorn Highway approximately 60 km east of Barcaldine.

**Link to map:** <https://bit.ly/2zG61fH>

**Relevant LGA:** Barcaldine Regional Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Donna Drew on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

## Notice of applications for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 28 November 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 A30, Perth, WA, 6837 on or before 27 February 2019. After 27 February 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:** John Thomas Oxenham & Ors and State of Western Australia (Malgana 2)

**Federal Court File No:** WAD339/2018

**Date filed:** 30 July 2018

**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 approximately 513 sq km and is located approximately 93 km south of Denham and 115 km north west of Kalbarri.

**Link to map:** <https://bit.ly/2KF5DPj>

**Relevant LGA:** Shire of Shark Bay.



**Application name:** John Thomas Oxenham & Ors and State of Western Australia (Malgana 3)

**Federal Court File No:** WAD402/2018

**Date filed:** 7 September 2018

**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 about 10.2 ha and is located 23 km southwest of Denham, at Wilya Mia on the western side of Heirisson Prong, in the vicinity of Useless Inlet within the Shark Bay Marine Park.

**Link to map:** <https://bit.ly/2QAZffl>

**Relevant LGA:** Shire of Shark Bay.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Claire Smith on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

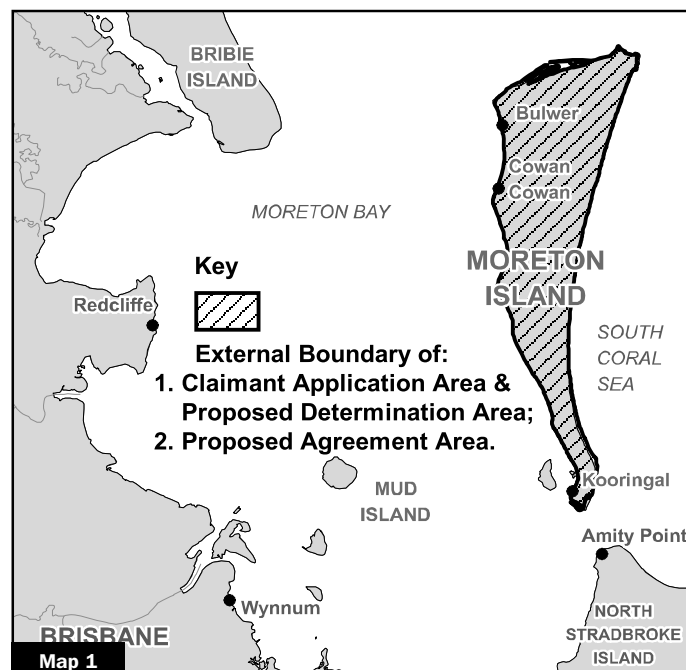
## PUBLIC NOTICE

### QUANDAMOOKA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETINGS

The **Quandamooka People** have made an application to the Federal Court of Australia (QUD601/2014 Quandamooka People #4) seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) ("NTA") over Moreton Island (Mulgumpin) (the "**Quandamooka Claimant Application**"). The **Quandamooka Claimant Application** covers all claimable lands and waters on Moreton Island to the high water mark (as depicted in **Map 1**). The **Quandamooka People** are described as the biological descendants of the following people:

- |                                          |                                                                   |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| i. Nellie / Lilly Kidgeree;              | viii. Juno (Gonzales);                                            |
| ii. Mary Indoole Compignie;              | ix. Liza Jungerboi (mother of Rose Martin nee Bain);              |
| iii. Elizabeth Ruska;                    | x. Tommy Nuggin (Gendarieba);                                     |
| iv. Charlie Moreton (Dandruba);          | xi. Tilly (mother of Tommy Dalton, Richard Dalton and Henry Lea); |
| v. Sidney Rollands (Kingal / Winyeeaba); | xii. Kindarra,                                                    |
| vi. Lillian Lyons (Dungoo);              |                                                                   |
| vii. King Billy Toompani;                |                                                                   |

who identify as and are accepted by other Quandamooka People as Quandamooka People according to Quandamooka traditional law and custom ("**native title claim group**").



### AUTHORISATION MEETING #1 – TO AUTHORISE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE QUANDAMOOKA CLAIMANT APPLICATION & PROPOSED CONSENT DETERMINATION

This **Public Notice** invites all members of the **Quandamooka People** (as described above) to attend an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

**Date:** Saturday, 1 December 2018

**Venue:** Dunwich Community Hall, Dunwich, North Stradbroke Island, Queensland, 4183

**Time:** Meeting commences at 9:30am (Registration opens at 8:00am)

The **purposes of Authorisation Meeting #1** are for the Quandamooka People to:

1. authorise amendments to the Quandamooka Claimant Application, including by way of reductions to the area of land or waters within the external boundary of the application, so as to ensure that the application is consistent with agreed positions on tenure and extinguishment and can be in proper, final form before the Court in readiness for the proposed consent determination hearing of the matter; and
2. consider and endorse the section 87/87A agreement and consent determination orders proposed for filing in the Quandamooka People #4 proceedings.

### Registering for Authorisation Meeting #1

All members of the Quandamooka People are invited to attend this critical meeting. To register to attend Authorisation Meeting #1, please call QSNTS Community Relations Officer, Richard Sporne, on free call 1800 663 693, or (07) 4921 1090 (charged call).

### AUTHORISATION MEETING #2 – TO AUTHORISE A PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT

As part of the resolution of the Quandamooka Claimant Application, a Tenure Resolution Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) ("**Tenure Resolution ILUA**") pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA is proposed to be made between the Applicant, Quandamooka Yoolooburabee Aboriginal Corporation and the State of Queensland. This **Public Notice** invites all members of the **Quandamooka People** (as described above) to attend an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

**Date:** Sunday, 2 December 2018

**Venue:** Dunwich Community Hall, Dunwich, North Stradbroke Island, Queensland, 4183

**Time:** Meeting commences at 9:30am (Registration opens at 8:00am)

The **purpose of Authorisation Meeting #2** is for the Quandamooka People to consider and authorise the making of the proposed Tenure Resolution ILUA, aimed at settling and resolving tenure issues within the Proposed Agreement Area and which provides for:

- (a) consents to and validation of agreed acts to the extent that they are future acts;
- (b) the surrender of native title in some areas; and
- (c) limitations on the ability to exercise some native title rights,

in exchange for various forms of compensation and other native title benefits to the Quandamooka People, including joint management roles in relation to various areas.

The areas subject to the proposed Tenure Resolution ILUA ("**Proposed Agreement Area**") fall within the external boundary of the lands and waters depicted on **Map 1**. Precise area details will be provided at Authorisation Meeting #2.

It is necessary that the Tenure Resolution ILUA be authorised in accordance with the requirements of s 251A of the NTA by all persons who hold or may hold native title in the Proposed Agreement Area (whether or not they are members of the native title claim group in the Quandamooka Claimant Application).

### Registering for Authorisation Meeting #2

All members of the Quandamooka People are invited to contact QSNTS Community Relations Officer, Richard Sporne, on free call 1800 663 693, or (07) 4921 1090 (charged call), to register their intention to attend Authorisation Meeting #2.

Any person who claims to hold native title over the Proposed Agreement Area, other than as a member of the Quandamooka native title claim group, should also contact Community Relations Officer, Richard Sporne, on free call 1800 663 693, or (07) 4921 1090 (charged call).

### INFORMATION SESSIONS

In order to fully inform the Quandamooka People about matters to be discussed and decided at the authorisation meetings notified above, all Quandamooka People are invited to attend information sessions to be held at the times and locations below:

#### Information Session #1 – Manly West

**Date:** Saturday, 17 November 2018

**Venue:** Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, 92 Wondall Road, Manly West, Queensland, 4179

**Time: Part A (amendments to claim):** 10:00am – 12:30pm

**Part B (ILUA):** 1:00pm – 3:30pm

#### Information Session #2 – North Stradbroke Island

**Date:** Saturday, 24 November 2018

**Venue:** Dunwich Community Hall, Dunwich, North Stradbroke Island, Queensland, 4183

**Time: Part A (amendments to claim):** 10:00am – 12:30pm

**Part B (ILUA):** 1:00pm – 3:30pm

To register your intention to attend the Information Sessions above, please contact QSNTS Community Relations Officer, Richard Sporne, on free call 1800 663 693.

QSNTS regrets that it is unable to provide accommodation costs or transport to/from the Authorisation Meetings and Information Sessions. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to attendees.





**WATERNSW**

**PAMBULA LAKE TRIBUTARIES WATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **ALLAN VESTERGAARD, GORDON & DIANNE CLARE, HAROLD ELLIS and BRUCE GRANT** to authorise a 50mm pump on Lot 9 DP 247347 to irrigate Lot 7 DP247347, Lot 8 DP247347, Lot 9 DP247347 & Lot 61 DP1075924, Parish Yowaka, County Auckland. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or Customer.Helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A015408)

Any queries should be directed to 1300 662 077 or the above email. Salim Vhora, Manager Dealings, Verification and Water Regulation Coastal. BLZ154645

**WATERNSW**

**LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **JODEN & VANESSA WALLACE** for a bore on Lot 88 DP 750883 (Boyd/Eulo), 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@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice.

The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A015419)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South. BLZ154511

**WATERNSW**

**MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE**

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **VINCENZO BUCELLO** for a 450mm portable pump on Lot 67 DP 750908 & Lot 113 DP 750908, for irrigation purposes on Lot 67 DP 750908, Lot 109 DP 750908 & Lot 110 DP 750908, and for environmental rehabilitation purposes on Lot 6 DP 750908 & Lot 156 DP 750908 (Boyd/Waddi). Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A015504)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South. BLZ155086



## 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 | 04/2573                      | IRONRINGER (TARRAJI) PTY LTD                               | 5BL       | 104km NE'ly of Derby                 | Lat: 16° 55' S Long: 124° 31' E | DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE                |
| Exploration Licence | 09/2328                      | INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE SERVICES PTY LTD                    | 9BL       | 135km SW'ly of Paraburdoo            | Lat: 24° 10' S Long: 116° 52' E | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE                      |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1661                      | EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD                         | 2BL       | 12km E'ly of Coolgardie              | Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 121° 17' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1664                      | SLATER, Anthony Warren                                     | 2BL       | 15km S'ly of Kalgoorlie              | Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 121° 25' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1671                      | CARMICHAEL PROSPECTING COMPANY PTY LIMITED                 | 7BL       | 17km E'ly of Coolgardie              | Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 20' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2766                      | FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD                                      | 53BL      | 128km NW'ly of Rawlinna              | Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 124° 13' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                   |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2767                      | FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD                                      | 12BL      | 126km NW'ly of Rawlinna              | Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 124° 6' E  | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                   |
| Exploration Licence | 30/497                       | MLG OZ PTY LTD                                             | 2BL       | 49km SW'ly of Menzies                | Lat: 30° 2' S Long: 120° 44' E  | MENZIES SHIRE                             |
| Exploration Licence | 30/498                       | MLG OZ PTY LTD                                             | 1BL       | 51km SW'ly of Menzies                | Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 120° 45' E  | MENZIES SHIRE                             |
| Exploration Licence | 36/943                       | ECHO RESOURCES LIMITED                                     | 60BL      | 53km NE'ly of Leinster               | Lat: 27° 29' S Long: 120° 54' E | LEONORA SHIRE                             |
| Exploration Licence | 37/1360                      | WILDPATCH ENTERPRISES PTY LTD                              | 8BL       | 85km NE'ly of Leinster               | Lat: 27° 29' S Long: 121° 24' E | LEONORA SHIRE                             |
| Exploration Licence | 38/3340                      | GREAT BOULDER RESOURCES LTD                                | 14BL      | 42km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 27° 48' S Long: 123° 16' E | LAVERTON SHIRE                            |
| Exploration Licence | 38/3345                      | JONES, Simon Neil David                                    | 18BL      | 51km N'ly of Laverton                | Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 122° 20' E | LAVERTON SHIRE                            |
| Exploration Licence | 38/3352                      | WILDPATCH ENTERPRISES PTY LTD                              | 21BL      | 122km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 26° 58' S Long: 123° 21' E | LAVERTON SHIRE                            |
| Exploration Licence | 39/2063                      | FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD                                      | 125BL     | 171km NW'ly of Rawlinna              | Lat: 29° 50' S Long: 124° 6' E  | MENZIES SHIRE                             |
| Exploration Licence | 39/2091                      | MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey                                 | 20BL      | 45km SE'ly of Leonora                | Lat: 29° 3' S Long: 121° 45' E  | LEONORA SHIRE                             |
| Exploration Licence | 39/2097-8                    | FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD                                      | 143BL     | 168km NW'ly of Rawlinna              | Lat: 30° 6' S Long: 123° 50' E  | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE    |
| Exploration Licence | 40/379                       | LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert                                     | 36BL      | 26km SE'ly of Leonora                | Lat: 29° 6' S Long: 121° 27' E  | LEONORA SHIRE                             |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4987                      | ATLAS IRON LIMITED                                         | 35BL      | 55km NW'ly of Marble Bar             | Lat: 20° 52' S Long: 119° 19' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                        |
| Exploration Licence | 45/5269                      | LIMTD PILBARA PTY LTD                                      | 1BL       | 19km SE'ly of Shay Gap               | Lat: 20° 40' S Long: 120° 13' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                        |
| Exploration Licence | 45/5284                      | MARIA RESOURCES PTY LTD                                    | 4BL       | 67km E'ly of Marble Bar              | Lat: 21° 5' S Long: 120° 23' E  | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                        |
| Exploration Licence | 45/5301                      | WILGUS INVESTMENTS PTY LTD                                 | 35BL      | 86km SE'ly of Shay Gap               | Lat: 21° 4' S Long: 120° 42' E  | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                        |
| Exploration Licence | 45/5315                      | TERRITORY PROSPECTING PTY LTD                              | 7BL       | 82km W'ly of Nullagine               | Lat: 21° 54' S Long: 119° 19' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                        |
| Exploration Licence | 45/5322                      | ATLAS IRON LIMITED                                         | 3BL       | 56km NW'ly of Nullagine              | Lat: 21° 40' S Long: 119° 37' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                        |
| Exploration Licence | 45/5324                      | MACARTHUR LITHIUM PTY LTD                                  | 4BL       | 73km W'ly of Marble Bar              | Lat: 21° 35' S Long: 119° 12' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                        |
| Exploration Licence | 46/1262                      | PILBARA GOLDFIELDS PTY LTD                                 | 18BL      | 37km W'ly of Nullagine               | Lat: 21° 50' S Long: 119° 45' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                        |
| Exploration Licence | 47/3963                      | KARRATHA GOLD PTY LTD                                      | 1BL       | 86km SW'ly of Port Hedland           | Lat: 20° 59' S Long: 118° 12' E | KARRATHA CITY, PORT HEDLAND TOWN          |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1900                      | JONES, Simon Neil David                                    | 20BL      | 103km NW'ly of Meekatharra           | Lat: 25° 46' S Long: 118° 0' E  | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                         |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1901                      | DESERT METALS LIMITED                                      | 27BL      | 120km NW'ly of Meekatharra           | Lat: 25° 57' S Long: 117° 31' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                         |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1903                      | GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED                          | 70BL      | 71km E'ly of Meekatharra             | Lat: 26° 31' S Long: 119° 12' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                         |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1905                      | ZEBINA MINERALS PTY LTD                                    | 48BL      | 13km NE'ly of Meekatharra            | Lat: 26° 32' S Long: 118° 36' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                         |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3650                      | DESERT METALS LIMITED                                      | 16BL      | 190km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction      | Lat: 25° 30' S Long: 117° 2' E  | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE                      |
| Exploration Licence | 53/2047                      | WILDPATCH ENTERPRISES PTY LTD                              | 5BL       | 71km SE'ly of Wiluna                 | Lat: 27° 5' S Long: 121° 18' E  | WILUNA SHIRE                              |
| Exploration Licence | 57/1102                      | SANDSTONE OPERATIONS PTY LTD                               | 30BL      | 22km S'ly of Sandstone               | Lat: 28° 11' S Long: 119° 14' E | SANDSTONE SHIRE                           |
| Exploration Licence | 57/1105                      | GUS RESOURCES PTY LTD                                      | 25BL      | 71km N'ly of Sandstone               | Lat: 27° 21' S Long: 119° 27' E | SANDSTONE SHIRE                           |
| Exploration Licence | 69/3581                      | GOLDTARGET EXPLORATION PTY LTD                             | 50BL      | 220km N'ly of Rawlinna               | Lat: 29° 3' S Long: 125° 15' E  | LAVERTON SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE             |
| Exploration Licence | 70/5142                      | AUSGOLD EXPLORATION PTY LTD                                | 61BL      | 12km NW'ly of Katanning              | Lat: 33° 36' S Long: 117° 29' E | KATANNING SHIRE, WOODANILLING SHIRE       |
| Exploration Licence | 70/5156                      | GALAHAD RESOURCES PTY LTD                                  | 16BL      | 37km E'ly of Morawa                  | Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 116° 22' E | PERENJORI SHIRE                           |
| Exploration Licence | 70/5198                      | LITHIUM AUSTRALIA NL                                       | 11BL      | 20km S'ly of Toodyay                 | Lat: 31° 43' S Long: 116° 23' E | NORTHAM SHIRE, TOODYAY SHIRE              |
| Exploration Licence | 70/5207                      | GALAHAD RESOURCES PTY LTD                                  | 126BL     | 28km NW'ly of Mount Barker           | Lat: 34° 28' S Long: 117° 25' E | CRANBROOK SHIRE, PLANTAGENET SHIRE        |
| Exploration Licence | 70/5208                      | GALAHAD RESOURCES PTY LTD                                  | 172BL     | 49km W'ly of Mount Baker             | Lat: 34° 32' S Long: 117° 8' E  | PLANTAGENET SHIRE                         |
| Exploration Licence | 70/5209                      | DORAL MINERAL SANDS PTY LTD                                | 34BL      | 13km NE'ly of Pinjarra               | Lat: 32° 33' S Long: 115° 58' E | MURRAY SHIRE, SERPENTINE-JARRAHDALE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 70/5211                      | YARALLA RESOURCES PTY LTD                                  | 14BL      | 32km NW'ly of Three Springs          | Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 115° 35' E | MINGENEW SHIRE                            |
| Exploration Licence | 74/637                       | BM GEOLOGICAL SERVICES PTY LTD                             | 7BL       | 19km SE'ly of Ravensthorpe           | Lat: 33° 43' S Long: 120° 11' E | RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE                        |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2570                      | ARROW (STRICKLAND) PTY LTD                                 | 31BL      | 120km N'ly of Koolyanobbing          | Lat: 29° 44' S Long: 119° 35' E | MENZIES SHIRE                             |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2571                      | ROUGE RESOURCES PTY LTD                                    | 52BL      | 62km S'ly of Southern Cross          | Lat: 31° 47' S Long: 119° 17' E | YILGARN SHIRE                             |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6203                      | LLOYD GEORGE HOLDINGS PTY LTD                              | 4.38HA    | 21km SW'ly of Coolgardie             | Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 120° 58' E  | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6227                      | WOLSKI, Zygmund                                            | 25.19HA   | 8km NE'ly of Coolgardie              | Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 121° 12' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6243                      | COOKE, Jessica May                                         | 119.67HA  | 42km SW'ly of Coolgardie             | Lat: 31° 9' S Long: 120° 47' E  | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6249                      | LYSANDER RESOURCES PTY LTD                                 | 1.75HA    | 35km NW'ly of Coolgardie             | Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 120° 54' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6250                      | FOCUS OPERATIONS PTY LTD                                   | 64.76HA   | 7km S'ly of Coolgardie               | Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 121° 9' E   | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6251                      | FOCUS OPERATIONS PTY LTD                                   | 0.73HA    | 5km S'ly of Coolgardie               | Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 10' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6252                      | FOCUS OPERATIONS PTY LTD                                   | 0.24HA    | 4km SE'ly of Coolgardie              | Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 11' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6253                      | FOCUS OPERATIONS PTY LTD                                   | 0.88HA    | 2km S'ly of Coolgardie               | Lat: 30° 58' S Long: 121° 10' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6254                      | FOCUS OPERATIONS PTY LTD                                   | 51.97HA   | 3km N'ly of Coolgardie               | Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 121° 9' E  | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6255                      | FOCUS OPERATIONS PTY LTD                                   | 9.45HA    | 6km S'ly of Coolgardie               | Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 121° 9' E   | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6256                      | FOCUS OPERATIONS PTY LTD                                   | 177.04HA  | 4km N'ly of Coolgardie               | Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 121° 9' E  | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6257                      | FOCUS OPERATIONS PTY LTD                                   | 0.22HA    | 5km SE'ly of Coolgardie              | Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 11' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6258-S                    | BROSINAN, Allan Neville                                    | 10.22HA   | 22km SW'ly of Coolgardie             | Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 120° 57' E  | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6309                      | STROWGER, Michael Ronald<br>STACEY, Steele Joseph Marshall | 181.69HA  | 18km SW'ly of Kambalda               | Lat: 31° 19' S Long: 121° 32' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6311                      | LYONS, David Charles                                       | 1.51HA    | 45km SW'ly of Coolgardie             | Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 120° 43' E  | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 16/3116                      | OWEN, Tristan David                                        | 7.78HA    | 48km NW'ly of Coolgardie             | Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 120° 52' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 16/3117                      | OWEN, Tristan David                                        | 197.84HA  | 46km NW'ly of Coolgardie             | Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 120° 50' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 25/2391                      | HASS, Neil William                                         | 42.84HA   | 55km E'ly of Kambalda                | Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 122° 12' E  | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                   |
| Prospecting Licence | 25/2544                      | KATAHANAS, John                                            | 114.94HA  | 27km E'ly of Kalgoorlie              | Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 44' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                   |
| Prospecting Licence | 29/2446                      | HASS, Neil William                                         | 45.12HA   | 12km SE'ly of Menzies                | Lat: 29° 46' S Long: 121° 6' E  | MENZIES SHIRE                             |
| Prospecting Licence | 29/2483                      | HASS, Neil William                                         | 10.25HA   | 9km S'ly of Menzies                  | Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 121° 4' E  | MENZIES SHIRE                             |
| Prospecting Licence | 36/1881                      | TYRANNA RESOURCES LIMITED                                  | 41.76HA   | 45km SE'ly of Leinster               | Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 121° 3' E  | LEONORA SHIRE                             |
| Prospecting Licence | 37/9065                      | GALEA, Michael                                             | 140.33HA  | 11km SE'ly of Leonora                | Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 121° 25' E | LEONORA SHIRE                             |
| Prospecting Licence | 37/9182-9202                 | ZANIL PTY LTD                                              | 4014.85HA | 20km E'ly of Leonora                 | Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 121° 31' E | LEONORA SHIRE                             |
| Prospecting Licence | 37/9203                      | DRILLGOLD PTY LTD                                          |           |                                      |                                 |                                           |
| Prospecting Licence | 37/9203                      | MATTHEWS, June Titithuia                                   | 86.49HA   | 7km S'ly of Leonora                  | Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 121° 20' E | LEONORA SHIRE                             |
| Prospecting Licence | 39/6005, 39/6010 & 39/6012-3 | DIRECT EXPLORATION PTY LTD                                 | 770.51HA  | 33km W'ly of Laverton                | Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 122° 4' E  | LAVERTON SHIRE                            |
| Prospecting Licence | 39/6014-9                    | DIRECT EXPLORATION PTY LTD                                 | 1140.17HA | 42km SW'ly of Laverton               | Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 122° 1' E  | LAVERTON SHIRE                            |
| Prospecting Licence | 39/6027                      | DIRECT EXPLORATION PTY LTD                                 | 106.60HA  | 38km SW'ly of Laverton               | Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 122° 6' E  | LAVERTON SHIRE                            |
| Prospecting Licence | 39/6029-30                   | DIRECT EXPLORATION PTY LTD                                 | 292.34HA  | 41km SW'ly of Laverton               | Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 1' E  | LAVERTON SHIRE                            |
| Prospecting Licence | 39/6032                      | NWEST LIMITED                                              | 11.80HA   | 48km E'ly of Leonora                 | Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 121° 48' E | LEONORA SHIRE                             |
| Prospecting Licence | 39/6036                      | SARACEN GOLD MINES PTY LIMITED                             | 7.89HA    | 64km SE'ly of Laverton               | Lat: 29° 11' S Long: 122° 17' E | LEONORA SHIRE                             |
| Prospecting Licence | 40/1480                      | MALATESTA, Nathan Kim                                      | 163.50HA  | 52km S'ly of Leonora                 | Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 121° 28' E | MENZIES SHIRE                             |
| Prospecting Licence | 45/3063-S                    | MCCUTCHEON, Gary John                                      | 8.17HA    | 35km NE'ly of Marble Bar             | Lat: 20° 56' S Long: 119° 58' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                        |
| Prospecting Licence | 46/1945-S                    | PERKIN, David Alan                                         | 10.01HA   | 50km SE'ly of Nullagine              | Lat: 21° 43' S Long: 120° 33' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                        |
| Prospecting Licence | 51/3048-S                    | CAMPBELL, Ernest Edward                                    | 9.38HA    | 51km SW'ly of Meekatharra            | Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 118° 11' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                         |
| Prospecting Licence | 51/3078-S                    | HODDER, David Kenneth<br>HODDER, Pamela Ann                | 6.50HA    | 24km SE'ly of Meekatharra            | Lat: 26° 46' S Long: 118° 36' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                         |
| Prospecting Licence | 51/3081                      | BOX, Philip Arthur                                         | 17.71HA   | 53km SW'ly of Meekatharra            | Lat: 26° 59' S Long: 118° 12' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                         |
| Prospecting Licence | 51/3082                      | BLACK RAVEN MINING PTY LTD                                 | 127.70HA  | 51km W'ly of Meekatharra             | Lat: 26° 26' S Long: 118° 0' E  | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                         |
| Prospecting Licence | 51/3086                      | HODDER, David Kenneth                                      | 8.99HA    | 23km SE'ly of Meekatharra            | Lat: 26° 46' S Long: 118° 35' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                         |
| Prospecting Licence | 77/4519-22                   | MCCLAREN, Kym Anthony                                      | 603.10HA  | 27km NW'ly of Bullfinch              | Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 118° 58' E | YILGARN SHIRE                             |
| Retention Licence   | 77/4                         | POLARIS METALS PTY LTD                                     | 811.69HA  | 63km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing          | Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 119° 54' 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 retention licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 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: 14 November 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 **14 February 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. 14 March 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 km<sup>2</sup>

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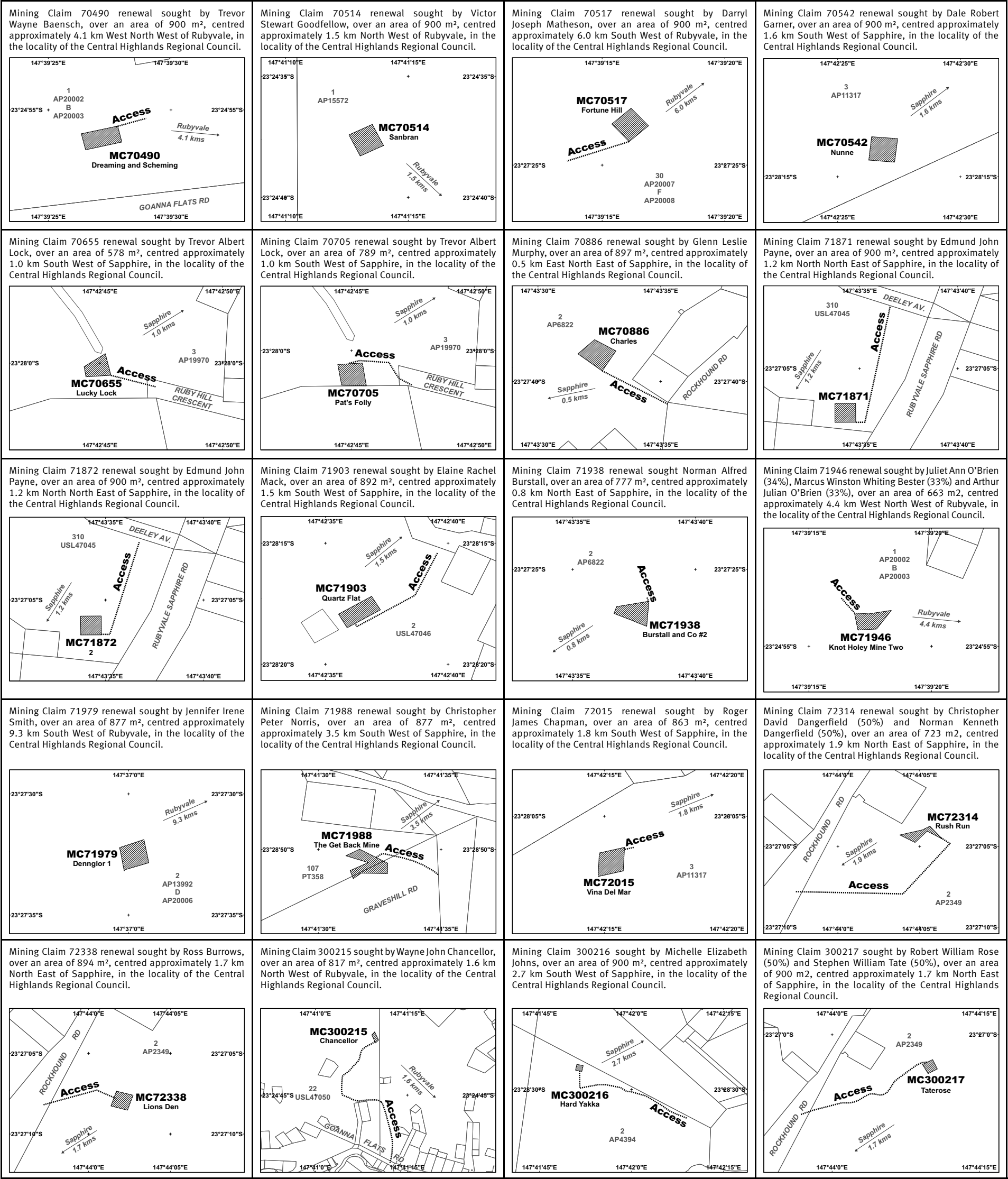
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# NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL AND GRANT OF MINING CLAIMS

## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of MC70490, MC70514, MC70517, MC70542, MC70655, MC70705, MC70886, MC71871, MC71872, MC71903, MC71938, MC71946, MC71979, MC71988, MC72015, MC72314 and MC72338 and grant of MC300215, MC300216 and MC300217, shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).



**Nature of Act(s):** The renewal or grant of Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Claims be renewed or granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Renewals or Applications may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Senior Mining Registrar, Small Scale Mining Hub, State Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Queensland 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Claims. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501..

**Notification Day: 5 December 2018**





# Jawai scores place in Boomers

By CHRIS PIKE

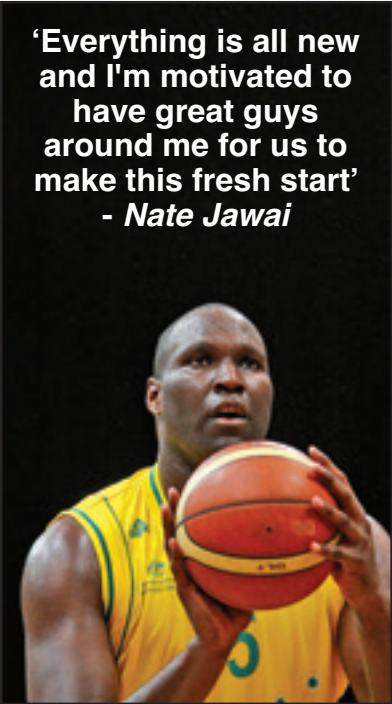


NATE Jawai's resurgence into a force in the National Basketball League (NBL) with the Cairns Taipans has been rewarded with the big man being named again in the Australian Boomers squad. Jawai has had a tough couple of years in Cairns since winning his first NBL championship with the Perth Wildcats with injury limiting his ability to get on the court, and to be the dominant force he once was. But this off-season he

worked hard to get in great shape, shake off the knee, foot and shoulder problems that had plagued him and he was as motivated as ever entering the new season. He has been able to back that up on the court too for the Taipans showing that he is fit, hungry and still an unstoppable force near the basket. That has seen him named in the Boomers squad for upcoming World Cup Asian Qualifying matches in Melbourne against Iran on November 30 and Qatar on December 3. It's a good reward for Jawai who has put in the hard yards to get back to being a difference

maker in the NBL this season. He didn't find it hard for motivation with the likes of Andrew Bogut entering the league with the Sydney Kings and with the team assembled around him in Cairns. "Obviously Bogut is back so the league has got a little stronger and I think our frontcourt is right up there, and is pretty good. We've got Rob (Loe) who can shoot the three, Waxy (Lucas Walker) can knock that down and is very athletic and a great rebounder and hardnosed player," Jawai said. "He proved himself at Perth and hopefully he'll have the opportunity to be a starter and help us in that department. Then

there's Al (Loughton) obviously who can shoot the ball and we have me inside. "That should help me because I haven't been double-teamed as much after not playing really in two years, so I have to come out and prove myself that I can attract a double-team. "Everything is all new and I'm motivated to have great guys around me for us to make this fresh start." While based on what he's producing this season back on the NBL floor suggests there's plenty of time left in Jawai's playing career, he has never forgotten where he's come from. Jawai grew up in Bamaga and continues to keep an eye on his old home town and it will always be where he calls home.



**'Everything is all new and I'm motivated to have great guys around me for us to make this fresh start' - Nate Jawai**

He remains committed to helping out a community that does have its troubles while he's playing, and will give back even further to Bamaga once he does stop playing professional basketball. "Bamaga is my family home and I love it, but the abuse of alcohol and drugs has gotten worse. School attendance is down. It's not the kids' fault. They are drawn to the same mistakes their parents made," Jawai said. "While the problems are greater now, so are the opportunities. I see so much potential in the kids up there. I want to be a role model, to show them that you can still make something of yourself while growing up in that environment. "I am a lead ambassador for the Taipans Indigenous Programme. I work with Kerry Williams and the

program uses a number of initiatives to promote participation, health and wellbeing across Indigenous communities right throughout the area. "I'm looking forward to doing more well past my playing days. The Taipans are putting some things in place for me after basketball, working in those communities. "More than anything, I want to help Bamaga. Sport is such a powerful tool. There is an organised rugby league competition at home now, and maybe basketball can one day give a kid from Bamaga the incredible opportunities that it gave me. That would make me so proud."



## 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  | 16/563  | FRY, Barry George                           | 35.74HA  | 58km NW'ly of Coolgardie | Lat: 30° 28' S<br>Long: 120° 54' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Mining Lease  | 37/1334 | NIWEST LIMITED                              | 381.29HA | 46km NE'ly of Leonora    | Lat: 28° 39' S<br>Long: 121° 43' E | LEONORA SHIRE    |
| Mining Lease  | 77/532  | CLEMENT, Robert John<br>SMITH, Ronald James | 37.71HA  | 41km N'ly of Merredin    | Lat: 31° 6' S<br>Long: 118° 18' E  | NUNGARIN 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: 14 November 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 **14 February 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. 14 March 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 a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the state of New South Wales

**Notification day: 28 November 2018**

This application is a 'non-claimant' application, an application made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

**PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 27 February 2019.** Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before **27 February 2019**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17 Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 27 February 2019**. After **27 February 2019**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



**Applicant's name:** Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council  
**Federal Court File No:** NSD1852/2018  
**Non-native title interest:** Freehold title in certificates of title folios 7003/DP1021290; 7300/DP1146063; 1/DP1176068; 2/DP1176071; 172/DP1181197; 7302/DP1195700; 1,2,5,7-12/DP1230083; 538/DP48818; 98,127,159/DP755221; 164,349/DP755234; 472/DP755251; 140-141,147,164/DP755261; 7004/DP93003 and 7002/DP94101.  
**Order sought by Applicant:** The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

**Description:** The application area consists of 28 lots covering approx. 13 sq km within a radius of 35 km in a generally westerly direction from The Entrance.  
**Link to map:** <https://bit.ly/2Rd0gdV>  
**Relevant LGA:** Central Coast Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Suzanne Lukosius on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).



## Department of Planning and Environment

### Exploration Licence No 8486 & 8693 (Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*.

**Description of area that may be affected by the consent to prospect**

EL 8486 - An area of about 48 units situated approximately 32 kilometres north west of the town of Young, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

EL 8693 - An area of about 11 units situated approximately 25 kilometres west north west of the town of Young in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

**Description of the nature of the act**

FUA Resources Pty Ltd (ACN 613 591 012) is the holder of Exploration Licence No's 8486 & 8693 (Act 1992) for Group 1 minerals. The licence's contain a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

**Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done**

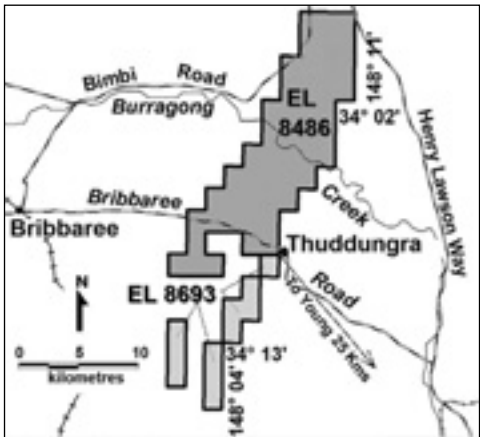
**Minister for Resources**, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

**How further information about the act can be obtained**

Further information may be obtained from Resource Operations, NSW Department of Planning and Environment on (02) 4063 6600.

**Notification Day**

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* the notification day is 29 November 2018. 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 this notice.



Further information may be obtained from Department of Planning and Environment (02) 4063 6600.



# Sturt scores Pearce in recruiting coup



Midfielder Daniel Pearce will continue his career in the SANFL in 2019.

By PETER ARGENT



IN a recruiting coup for the Sturt Football Club, skilled midfielder Daniel Pearce will continue his career in the SANFL in 2019.

Currently aged 32 (he will turn 33 in April 2019) Pearce had an outstanding AFL career with both Port Adelaide and Fremantle playing upwards of 100 games with both clubs and finished in his career this year with a total of 258 games and a host of accolades.

Originally from Fitzroy, then the Meningie Bears and also playing junior football with Edwardstown, Pearce played underage football for Sturt and also represented South Australia in basketball as a point guard, along with playing state under 18s football.

After being overlooked in the 2005 AFL draft he was collected as a rookie and made his AFL debut in round 18 of the 2005 season against the Kangaroos at Manuka Oval.

The following year Pearce won the AFL Rising Star Award and played International Rules against Ireland and also won the Gavin Wanganeen Medal for the best up and coming footballer at the Power in the year this award was inaugurated.

One of the first players to use the free agency period and classed as a restricted free agent Pearce transferred to Fremantle in October 2012.

He only added three games at AFL to take his tally with the Dockers to 104, but was consistent for the Peel Thunder in the WAFL competition, averaging 29 disposals per match across 16 games at that level.

Chris Trapp, the Sturt Football Manager, said it was always great to have a Sturt junior come back to the

football club.  
“In all our discussions with Daniel he explained he has been excited to return to Unley and the Double Blues,” Trapp continued.  
“What Daniel brings, along with his leadership and experience, is the ability to give us exciting outside run, adding to the dynamic of our group in the middle.  
“He is also capable of moving up forward and being a significant goal kicker for us.”

### Ultra-fit

Ultra-fit and having lost none of his pace, he is expected to have a dynamic impact in the SANFL next year.

Daniel Pearce told the Koori Mail he was excited about returning to SANFL football in 2019.

“I still have that everyday drive - my body and head still want to go out and compete - I don't know how long it will take, but I certainly haven't finished yet,” Pearce explained.

“I was always keen to have a year back at Sturt.

“It's not specifically about winning a flag and while we missed the ultimate glory in 2007 with Port (Adelaide) and 2014 with the Dockers, I was lucky enough to play in the 2017 Peel Thunder title in the WAFL.

“Our family will move back to Adelaide in December.

“My wife Tara is a teacher and our children Kyla (10), and Jordan (8), will finish their school year in Perth.

“It is an exciting time and we also have a third child on the way as Tara is 22 weeks pregnant currently.”

Pearce has also taken up a role as SA/WA Manager with Something Wild, an Indigenous foods company based in Adelaide, owned by Daniel Motlop.

## Top coach

AT the prestigious SANFL coaches awards night held on Friday November 2 in the Magarey Room at Adelaide Oval, coaches from all around the state were rewarded for their dedication to their role of nurturing football talent.

Craig Woods from the APY Lands was amongst the coaches honoured.

He collected the Don McSweeney Cup 2018 Coach of the Year accolade for his work for the APY Lands taking them to victory in the match at Adelaide Oval



mid-season. The late Don McSweeney, an icon of west coast football, played a major round to giving indigenous footballers from this remote part of Australia the opportunity to display their unique football skills on Adelaide Oval.



### 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          |
|-----------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 29/640          | MT IDA GOLD PTY LTD          | 531265   | 49.27HA  | 87km NW'ly of Menzies | Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 120° 29' E  | MENZIES SHIRE  |
| 29/640          | MT IDA GOLD PTY LTD          | 531266   | 100.18HA | 87km NW'ly of Menzies | Lat: 29° 10' S Long: 120° 29' E | MENZIES SHIRE  |
| 39/1866         | MONUMENT EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 540120   | 117.61HA | 48km W'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 57' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| 39/1866         | MONUMENT EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 540121   | 64.06HA  | 48km W'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 121° 58' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| 39/1866         | MONUMENT EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 540122   | 180.16HA | 48km W'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 58' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| 39/1866         | MONUMENT EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 540123   | 38.41HA  | 48km W'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 37' S Long: 121° 56' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| 39/2024         | MONUMENT EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 540117   | 81.67HA  | 43km W'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 57' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| 39/2024         | MONUMENT EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 540118   | 1.42HA   | 43km W'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 58' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| 39/2024         | MONUMENT EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 540119   | 13.87HA  | 43km W'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 56' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day: 14 November 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 **14 February 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. 14 March 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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# Plenty of pride on the line for runners



THEY came from all over Australia, six men and five women with one single purpose – to run across the finish line of the New York City Marathon. And on Sunday, November 4, the 11 outstanding runners of the Indigenous Marathon Project proved their mettle in a field of more than 50,000 competitors.

In perfect running conditions, in front of hundreds of thousands of spectators that lined the streets of New York City's five boroughs, all 11 runners completed the course. The race was the culmination of six months of training and commitment for the squad, many of whom have come from non-running backgrounds, and some of Australia's most remote areas.

For Michaela Skuthorpe of Brewarrina, the crowd, which she likened to a "big street party", was a welcome distraction for the first 30km before hitting the wall "once I felt the onset of pain I started to freak out", Ms Skuthorpe said, "but I loved everyone singing out my name".

For Damien Crispin of Broome, despite being the first IMP Graduate to cross the finish line, it

## The 2018 squad's results

**Otis Carter, Port Lincoln, SA 5:36:43, Jessica Bartholomew, Inglewood, Qld 5:25:55, Damien Crispin, Broome, WA 3:46:40, Debra Hegarty, Gordonvale, Qld 5:46:02, John Hill, Dubbo, NSW 5:10:31 Rachael Howard, Thornton, NSW 3:48:32, Cyrus Morseu, Badu Island, Qld 5:22:28, Michaela Skuthorpe, Brewarrina, NSW 5:30:23, Torey Rickerby, Perth, WA 3:57:30, Rikki Wilson, Adelaide, SA 5:34:34, Jikola Whyman, Melbourne, Vic 5:06:40**

wasn't all smooth sailing.

"All sorts of emotions were coming to me" explained Mr Crispin, but when things really started to hurt it would be family and community back home that would provide a strong focus for him to dig deep.

"I thought about my kids for the last 5kms, actually they got me through the whole way".

The first IMP female to cross the line was Rachael Howard of Thornton, who described the experience as "unreal" explained "coming up to the 400m to go, I

can't even describe the feeling and my legs couldn't carry me quick enough to get there, it was such an overwhelming sense of pride and achievement" said Ms Howard. "I was just thinking about my purpose and also thinking all the grads (previous 75 IMP Graduates) before us, no-one has ever not finished and this is what we've been training for – this is the victory lap".

It has been a remarkable year for the entire squad, who embraced the project with determination and fortitude,

juggling marathon training with work and family commitments in just six months.

Indigenous Marathon Foundation director and former world champion runner Rob de Castella said he was thrilled with the effort the 2018 squad had put into their time with IMP.

"I'm so very proud of these young Indigenous leaders," Mr de Castella said. "Not only did they run great and smash out their very first marathon on one of the toughest and definitely biggest marathons, but they have spoken

and conducted themselves in a way that brings credit to themselves, their families and the previous 75 IMP Graduates. The future is exciting for these new 11 Graduates and I'm really looking forward to working with them.

"And they're so committed now to making a difference for other Indigenous people."

Head coach Adrian Dodson-Shaw, a 2014 graduate of the IMP, said watching each member of the squad run over the finish line was an emotional experience.

"We selected these men and women for IMP because we saw in them the qualities of strength and resilience and the ability to lead by example," Mr Dodson-Shaw said.

"I'm so proud of everyone's effort, it has been a privilege watching them grow the last couple of months of their IMP journey.

"The marathon was their reward for the effort they put in because they all earned it. To have another 11 inspirational and amazing graduates, bringing our total to 86, is exciting as we head towards 100 (graduates). I look forward to what the future holds for them all and for being there to support them".



# Indigenous athletes complete New York marathon



Damien Crispin, Broome, WA.



Rachael Howard, Thornton, NSW.



Jikola Whyman, Melbourne, Vic.



Otis Carter, Port Lincoln, SA.



Michaela Skuthorpe, Brewarrina, NSW.



John Hill, Dubbo, NSW.



Cyrus Morseu, Badu Island, Qld.



Jessica Bartholomew, Inglewood, Qld.



Rikki Wilson, Adelaide, SA.



Debra Hegarty, Gordonvale, Qld.



Torey Rickerby, Perth, WA.





Holly Summers and Ryan James.

## Leaders in action

Ryan James was always a leader of the future. It comes as no surprise that he has progressed to captain the Titans NRL team.

Importantly, Ryan realised that leadership did not finish on field and he combined his rugby league commitments with study and is well on the way to completing his second degree.

Importantly, he wanted to give back to the community and it came as no surprise to those who knew of his commitment to mob and charities that he was named the NRL Ken Stephen Medal winner for his service.

His commitment and impact were there to see when he took time from his break to attend the 'Deadly Futures' program where he had the opportunity to spend time with program graduate Holly Summers talking to the participants. Holly's personal story is just as inspiring as Ryan's.

She has just been announced as School Captain at Pacific Pines High School and she displayed great confidence in speaking to the group as well as media.

Holly would be the first to admit that this would not have been imaginable a couple of years ago when she was battling personal mental health issues.

A story that she is willing to share in the hope that it will help others.

With the support of her family and what she described as the 'vital' help of Shelley Keegan, Indigenous Liaison at her school, she decided to work on the 'long road to recovery'.

An important part of that journey was strengthening her connection to culture and she was nominated through the Titans to attend the NRL's Indigenous Youth Summit.

As well as school Holly is now working with the Animal Welfare League and is completing her Certificate III in Animal Studies with a view to studying marine biology at University.

It was appropriate that the Deadly Futures program was held at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and that she gained an insight into how Ryan combined his football and community commitments with his university studies.

"The whole experience has made me think what legacy I want to leave behind," Holly said.

"Connecting with my culture and identifying with my heritage has given me confidence and the ability to accept and learn.

"I also understand the importance of accessing the help that is available to you to deal with the issues you have in life," she continued.

"The experience at the Youth Summit and with Deadly Futures has been like being a part of a family.

"We still keep in contact through Group Chat and the whole experience has helped me personally," Holly continued.

Although her own personal struggles were difficult, she believes that they have "helped me become the person I am."

### RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

"It has helped me see the good in others and it makes me compelled to help people," Holly concluded.

Her talk to the Deadly Choices group left Ryan James in awe.

"Holly was amazing," Ryan said. "She spoke with such confidence it is easy to see why she is school captain!

"You could see the whole group react to her story and she was so open and authentic.

"She showed everybody – including myself – that you can be a leader and a role model in your own community no matter what your age."

Ryan certainly practises what he teaches in that regard and some of my best memories of travelling with him on trips to remote communities like Mornington Island.

The Bilambil junior spreads his time across many different community projects but he has a special passion for his time spent as a Starlight Foundation ambassador, at his junior club or old Primary School or any Indigenous program the Titans align themselves to. He is always the first to put his hand up to help.

"It is good to give back, especially to where you have come from," Ryan says.

"Bilambil is not a big town and only a couple of players from the area have made first grade, so to help them out and hopefully be some sort of inspiration to the kids there; it's great.

"So, if I can bring some joy to kids who are just like I was there, it gives me a lot of joy too.

"Playing professional footy is a pretty easy job really. We are in a privileged position – you play footy for a living.

"I never lose sight of that, and if I can use my profile to help others, I'm privileged to be able to do that."

Ryan has a connection with the Starlight Foundation which came from an experience which is typical of the Titans skipper.

When the family of wheelchair-bound 13-year-old Harrison Wheatley came to the perimeter fence after a match asking if James could look up at Harrison, who couldn't get to him, and wave.

Ryan did more than that. He jumped the fence, went to Harrison, gave him his boots he'd just worn, and posed for a photo with him.

When Ryan found Harrison had had a cervical spine disorder since he was a toddler but was going to walk Brisbane's City2South fun run with assistance, he sprang into action.

He had been considering cutting his long locks for his upcoming wedding, so it was arranged to seek sponsors and all funds went to Harrison's fund-raising for the Starlight Foundation.

"When you have children of your own and you do things for the Starlight Foundation and see kids who are pretty sick, you are extremely thankful that your own kids are healthy and realise how lucky you are," Ryan concluded.

I am proud of Ryan and all that he has achieved. I am equally proud of Holly.

They are both leaders in action.



Perth Lynx player Maddie Allen.

## Allen's move west continues to pay dividends

By CHRIS PIKE



THE Perth Lynx have started the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) season on fire and

a big part of that has been the defensive work of Maddie Allen, who continues to thrive since relocating to Western Australia.

Allen might not be the most offensively dynamic player in the WNBL, but she doesn't need to be on a Perth team with plenty of weapons to put the ball in the hoop.

But what she does provide is a significant defensive presence with her height and length making her already the league's leading shot blocker and best rebounding per minute player across the competition as she enjoys the best season of her professional career to date.

She is doing it in a team that sits on top of the WNBL table as well having won five consecutive matches since a disappointing loss first up at home to the Adelaide Lightning.

It's certainly a star-studded Lynx line-up that Allen is part of, led by imports Asia Taylor and Brittany McPhee, along with the newly nationalised Ali Schwagmeyer and then talented and experienced Kayla Steindl, Toni Farnworth, Katie-Lee Ebzery and Lauren Mansfield.

That is a group of players

that deserves to be considered a definite championship threat and what Allen provides defensively is certainly a big part of what the Lynx do.

She might not be playing near the most minutes on the team and might not see the ball in her hands a lot on the offensive end, but defensively she is proving one of the most effective players in the WNBL.

Allen is leading the league in shot blocking at two per game while averaging 3.8 rebounds and she is doing that on limited minutes. Her efficiency at the offensive end has been remarkable too with her shooting at 78 per cent from the field as she does a lot of her work close to the basket.

All of last season with the Canberra Capitals, Allen only managed to score three points and attempt two shots, dish out three assists, collect two rebounds and didn't block a single shot.

But once she signed with the Lynx for the 2018-19 season the club saw her playing a key role in their team and it's paying off to date, and she couldn't be happier to just go out there and do what she does best.

"It's a nice thing to have those tools to play defence like I do that's for sure, I love it. The game is changing but traditionally people my size don't have a lot of movement. I take shots when they're open but we have plenty of

scorers. I don't need to be a scorer," Allen said.

"I'm just more comfortable being a role player and knowing what my job is. I've never been an offensively minded player but getting the timing right is important with my defence which is what I'm in this team to provide.

"I was a very foul-prone junior player so learning to read the offence instead of blindly swinging my arms and legs has helped. I can't really jump and I'm not super strong so my game is all about timing."

Allen had been playing her state league basketball in Queensland up until 2018, when she decided to make the move to WA to play with the Rockingham Flames under Lynx assistant coach Ryan Petrik.

It was a move that paid dividends, not only in terms of seeing her land a contract with the Lynx and now be having the best season of her WNBL career, but because of the impact she had in Rockingham.

Allen ended up a dominant presence in the WA State Basketball League leading the competition with 11.8 rebounds per game along with scoring well at 12.8 points.

Her shot blocking was phenomenal too with Allen setting a new league record with 69 for the season, including a record game-high of eight against the Perth Redbacks.



# Rankine is aiming for number one

By PETER ARGENT



SOME 20 years ago, Des Headland in the 1998 AFL draft was the only Indigenous player

so far to collect the ultimate prize on AFL draft night, the number one draft selection. The Western Australian was secured by the Brisbane Lions and went on to have 166 AFL games in a career from 1999 to 2010 and was a member of the Lions 2002 premiership triumph.

This year Indigenous small forward from West Adelaide, Izak Rankine, is seen to be one of three chief candidates for this honour, along with Victorian Country midfielder Sam Walsh and fellow Henley High School student, marking forward Jack Lukosius

Rankine has declared he would like to be number one draft selection, confirming it was his dream growing up

"Now I'm in the mix I hope it might happen," Rankine said. "Everyone should shoot for the stars and I know what it would mean to Indigenous people if I went at number one."

"Coming from my background it would mean a lot because football and our culture have a strong connection."

"To be the number one draft pick would only help me become an even stronger role model for the Indigenous kids coming through."

"Wherever I will be selected, it is important I honour my people."

"From what I'm hearing it's between the three of us and it would be great if one of the SA boys get taken first, whether it's me or Jack (Lukosius)."

"We've all spoken to Carlton so we will just see what happens."

Long term SANFL Talent manager Brenton Phillips said that over his tenure there have been three outstanding Indigenous talents that have come through the SANFL underage programs: the recently retired Danyle Pearce, new Hawthorn recruit Chad Wingard and 2018 number one draft prospect Izak Rankine.

"At a comparative age I believe Izak would be just in front of Chad," Phillips said.

"Each produced special performances for the South



Small forward from West Adelaide, Izak Rankine, in action.

Australian Under 18s side.

"Both are simply outstanding talents and Izak has all the attributes to handle the extra pressure that being a number one draft pick entails."

"He has all the tools and in the right side would be a match winner very early in his career."

So far Izak has proven himself at all levels of the game on his way to his entrance into the AFL, having played SANFL league football since he was 16, in 2016.

"I still stand by what I said 12 months ago - that Izak could have comfortably walked into an AFL program at the start of this season," Phillips continued.

"In the end it doesn't matter what number you are selected at - as long as you make it onto an AFL list - it's about how many AFL games

you play and how many AFL premierships you enjoy."

Rankine, who wore a black, yellow and red wristband through the last two rounds of the Under 18s National Championship, described his Aboriginal heritage as an important part of him.

He is Adelaide born and a member of the Ngarrindjeri community, and his father Ron, his first hero, hails from the small South East village of Raukkan situated on the south-eastern shore of Lake Alexandrina, on the Coorong.

The AFL draft changes this year, as the first round will be selected at Marvel (Etihad) Stadium on Thursday, November 22, with live trading on the night.

The remainder of the draft will be completed on Friday November 23 including the rookie draft.



Jarrod Cameron is hoping for exciting news.

## The next generation

Jarrod Cameron is part of the West Coast Next Generation Academy and he is one step away from an AFL career after the Eagles nominated the livewire forward as their Academy pick in the draft.

The younger brother of Brisbane Lion Charlie Cameron played well for WA in the under 18 championships and has shown his wares making his senior WAFL debut in round 18.

Eagles recruiting manager Rohan O'Brien said the club would now wait to see where a bid is made on the exciting talent.

"We've nominated Jarrod. We'll make that assessment on the night, and when I say that, we've clearly already made an assessment that we're happy to nominate Jarrod and now it's about maybe where a bid comes for him," O'Brien said.

"He's done some good things this year with his footy. We largely left him alone really to play at Swan Districts and with the WA state team. He's had a little bit of involvement with us."

West Coast legend Peter Sumich urged his former club to take a punt on Jarrod earlier at this year's under-18 championships.

Sumich, in his second season as WA coach, said the teenager had worked hard to get his chance.

"We made him earn it," Sumich said. "I didn't think his form was great and we told him that. We were up front. He was virtually the last one picked."

"We always had our eyes on him because he was in the U18 squad last year, but we just wanted to make sure he deserved his spot."

"As a rookie or a real late pick, he's there," Sumich said.

"It's easy for me to say have a punt on him, but if he's there with your last rookie pick, if I was West Coast, I'd be taking him."

"If you look at his brother, he probably matured a little bit later, and I think Jarrod's still got a lot of maturity in him. You might see that in another two years' time."

Jarrod actually grew up playing rugby league and following the Brisbane Broncos, without having any interest in football until he didn't have an alternative.

That moment arrived after his family moved from Queensland to Western Australia and when he started boarding at Perth's prestigious Aquinas College at the age of 15. It didn't take Jarrod long to excel.

"I played rugby league for most of my junior career until I was about 15. I didn't play footy until Year 10 for Aquinas," Jarrod said.

"They didn't do rugby league at Aquinas, they only did union and I don't like union. So I thought I'd give footy a try."

He gets advice from his brother when needed but mostly they avoid talking about footy.

### Magic's Moments



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

"We don't speak about footy too much at all, we try and avoid that chat, but he's always there when I need him. We usually chat about anything but footy," he said.

When Jarrod spent a fortnight training with West Coast at the start of the year, not many could have predicted Adam Simpson's men would go all the way. Liam Ryan and Lewis Jetta took him under their wing and whet his

appetite for bigger and better things.

"I did two weeks of the pre-season there and stayed with Liam Duggan. He had a big impact on me and we still chat quite a bit."

"Liam Ryan and Lewis Jetta - the indigenous boys - were great, too."

"It was pretty cool to train with them all year and then see them win a premiership. That was pretty exciting."

Charlie, who is six years older than Jarrod, has quickly become one of the game's most watchable footballers.

Claimed as a rookie by Adelaide, he played an integral part in its road to the 2017 Grand Final, before being granted a trade to Brisbane later that year.

Having seen his brother live through that experience has made Jarrod listen to Charlie's advice when given.

"He's just said to not take it for granted and make the most of it," Jarrod said.

"He said to not let it catch up on you, with the media stuff. But that hasn't bothered me. He's been a good role model for me," he said.

Charlie proved the perfect person to inspire him.

"With our backgrounds, going from rugby league to footy, I've basically tried to model my game on his and how he goes about it," Jarrod said.

"We didn't play much footy as kids. We played a few games together in the backyard, where he probably got the best of me, so I wouldn't mind playing against him again."

"I suppose there would be a bit of a rivalry there. If I ever played against him in the AFL, I'd probably have a good crack at him."

But it was an Eagles coach in former 332-game player Drew Petrie who taught him the most.

"It was pretty eye-opening with how they go about it and their professionalism," Jarrod said.

"Compared to WAFL footy, they just speak different languages. It was a bit weird in there. I learnt a lot, especially with guys like Drew Petrie and being able to work with him."

"We'd do gym sessions together and we'd go to team meetings. You'd see how they'd go about it, then I was training one-on-one with Drew."

"It was great working with him and with his knowledge. He just told me to embrace it when I was in there and to try and make the most of it."

Jarrod has obviously heeded the advice as he is close to becoming truly one of the next generation.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



# Kulpiyam win at Mackay



The winning Kulpiyam side.

By ALF WILSON



**BADU Island side**  
Kulpiyam won the grand final of the Mackay Indigenous Allblacks rugby league carnival beating Coastal Balaz,

which included new Cowboys signing Ben Barba.

Kulpiyam defeated Coastal Balaz 30-10 in what was a high quality decider before a big crowd on October 28.

Thirteen mens, five ladies sides as well as under 17 boys and girls competitions were held on four international standard fields over two days at the Mackay Junior Rugby League grounds.

Kulpiyam won two of their three qualifying round games and their only loss was to local Mackay side GH United which included NRL player Josh Hoffman.

South Sydney, Queensland State of Origin and Test outside back Dane Gagai ran the water for GH United.

Kulpiyam gained sweet revenge on GH United which they beat 14-12 in a quarter final eliminating one of the favourites from the competition.

In what was arguably the most exciting match of the carnival, Kulpiyam beat Hunters from Mackay in an exciting semi final after the scores were deadlocked 12-all at fulltime.

Under carnival rules Kulpiyam won the match for scoring the first try.

Townsville side Coastal Balaz beat

Palm Island 12-6 in the other semi final to earn their spot in the decider.

Kulpiyam earned \$20,000 prizemoney and halfback Maipale Morseu continued his stellar form and was named player of the carnival.

Maipale was also player of the carnival when his team Wagadagam Storm beat Mulga in the final of TIs Zenadth Kes carnival in mid October.

A week before Maipale captained Skytrans Wenlock River Stallions which won the Arthur Beetson Murri Knockout carnival in Townsville.

For Kulpiyam, veteran Townsville player Roy Baira was named best forward of the carnival and other good performers were fullback Yamba Bowie and former NRL star Chris Sandow who lined up at five eighth.

Former Dally M Medal winner Barba, of Boigu Island descent, was a member of the Cronulla Sharks 2016 NRL premiership side before moving to England where he shone in the Superleague.

Barba commenced pre season training with the Cowboys in Townsville on November 5.

Carnival organizer Neil Seden said that Barba was a role model for youngsters. Another NRL rising star Albert Kelly lined up for Kanak Kebile at the Mackay event.

There was also a plate division in the mens comp for the teams which didn't reach the quarter finals and BLV Memorial defeated Nogoa Natives in the final.



Best forward of the carnival Roy Baira.

## Full Points Tables after qualifying rounds.

**Men:** Hunters 15p (+74f/ag) 1, Palm Island 15p (+36p) 2, Coastal Balaz Tsv 14.5p (+66) 3, GH United 14.5p (+42) 4, Kulpiyam Badu Island Torres Strait 9.5p (36+) 5, Kanak Kebile 9.5p (-18) 6, Magpies United 8.5p 7, CQ Connections 5p 8, BLV Memorial 5p 9, Nogoa Natives 4p 10, Bowen Stingers 4p 11, Tsv Walkabouts 5p 12, Carltons 0p 13.

**Ladies:** Diamonds 15p 1, BLV Memorial 10.5p 2, Bowen Stingettes 9.5p 3, Nogoa Natives 9.5p 4, Sirens .5p 5.

**Boys:** Magpies United 13p 1, WhichWay Croc Way 11p 2, GH United 10p 3, NQ United 10p 4, Cherbourg Hornets 5.5p 5, Tsv Walkabouts 5.5p 6, Yarrabah Seahawks 5.5p 7, Nogoa Natives .5p 8.

**Girls:** Sapphires 9.5p 1, Magpies United 8p 2, WhichWay Croc Way 4p 3, Nogoa United 3.5p 4, Lawtos Legends 1p 5.



Kulpiyam coach Jimmy Ahmat, player of the carnival Maipale Morseu and team official Jermaine Reuben.

# Diamonds shine to take home the prize



IN the ladies decider the classy Diamonds 34 d BLV Memorial 0 to win \$5000.

Diamonds coach Julie Nielsen said the best back award went to Courtney Robinson, best forward Courtney Yasserie, Best and Fairest Katie Green, Most Versatile Trish Dougan and Player of the Carnival Sarah Field.

Field also won the player of the carnival in the ladies division of the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Knockout carnival in Townsville in early October when starring for winners Emus Girls.

Champion Brisbane Broncos NRL Womens Competition player and Dally M Medalist Brittany Breayley also was in the Diamonds team.

Magpies United won the boys under 17 grand final from Cherbourg United. Sapphires took out the girls under 17 division trophy from Magpies United.

Mr Seden said the alcohol, drug and smoke free event proved very popular.

"Lots of families were there including visitors from out of town. The under 17 boys and girls competitions were well received. This was our third carnival and it will be even bigger next year," he said.



# Murri Knockout to return south in 2019

By ALF WILSON



QUEENSLAND'S biggest Allblacks rugby league carnival the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Knockout looks set to return to Redcliffe next year after being held at Townsville in early October.

This was the first time the QRL sanctioned carnival had been held outside southern Queensland and Foundation officials indicated during the Townsville event it would return south in 2019.

QRL Northern Division Divisional Manager Scott

Nosworthy also was of that opinion. "More than likely it will be in the south east next year," Mr Nosworthy told the Koori Mail on November 5.

Foundation members praised the running of the Townsville carnival which was co-hosted by Bindal Sharks and held at the Townsville Sports Reserve from October 5 to 7.

A total of 25 men's, 10 women's, four under 12 and 10 under 15 junior division teams competed in Townsville.

Wenlock River beat Mackay Stallions in the men's grand final and Rockhampton side Emus Girls beat Flora Sandilands

memorial in the ladies decider.

Edward Monaei, Chairman of the Queensland Rugby League Indigenous Advisory Council was glowing in his praise about the organization of the carnival.

## Fantastic carnival

"This has been a fantastic carnival and to see the amount of talent coming out of the region is enormous. It gives me goose bumps to see the potential here and also great to see so many Deadly elders," Mr Monaei said.

Brad Beetson, a son of the late and great Arthur Beetson, said the carnival was also about improving the health of Indigenous people

with all players required to have checkups.

"This is a wonderful facility in the back drop of Castle Hill," Mr Beetson said.

However organizers are open minded about running the carnival in North or Central Queensland in future years. Cairns, Mackay and Rockhampton have been touted as possible venues as these would have the infrastructure and accommodation required.

The first Murri Knockout carnival was held at Mudgeraba on the Gold Coast, was moved to Ipswich in 2012 and it became more accessible to remote communities and the support grew

dramatically.

In 2014, the Foundation moved to Redcliffe for many reasons, including honouring the QRL's retirement of Arthur Beetson's famous Number 11, which saw a further increase in participation in the Carnival.

There has been a number of direct and indirect outcomes across health, education and employment by holding the Murri Carnival, and having access to over 30,000 Indigenous people at the same place at the same time.

These include health checks, AEC enrolments and employment and education opportunities and awareness.

# Should NRL players be allowed to play at community level?

By ALF WILSON



NRL players being recruited by Queensland Allblacks carnival teams is a very controversial issue with opinion often divided on the subject.

It came to prominence when organizers of the Dan Ropeyarn Memorial carnival at Bamaga from October 25 to 27 opted to ban current NRL and Queensland Intrust Super Cup players from competing.

"We tried to keep it grass roots and possible for any team to win, not just the best connected," a carnival spokesman said.

Former NRL and Queensland State of Origin back Dane Nielsen lined up for Wagadagam Storm at Bamaga but in previous years then current players had been part of some teams.

At TI's Zenadth Kes carnival two weeks before, NRL players were allowed.

A solid team effort led Wagadagam Storm to a 28-20 win over a star studded Mulga in the grand final.

Mulga included current NRL players in Edrick Lee, his cousin Brenko Lee, Travis Waddell and ex Parramatta and South Sydney back Chris Sandow.

At the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Knockout in Townsville in early October, teams were allowed only two NRL players.

The Matty Bowen Invitational

side included Parramatta Eels stars Bevan French and Will Smith and reached the quarter finals.

Most of the NRL players who line up at Allblacks carnival after the season has finished in the world's best rugby league competition, have descendants from a Torres Strait Island or Aboriginal community.

They are proud to represent their community and it gives them a chance to catch up with family and friends at carnivals.

Those who are for having the NRL footballers say they add to the standard of competition and are role models for youngsters watching the matches live.

Of course appearances by these elite players also often ensure some more paying spectators.

Prizemoney at most carnivals these days is juicy and the better the team the higher prospect of collecting.

However those against reckon these carnivals are for community footballers.

I know of many long time carnival teams which have a policy of never recruiting an NRL player.

One side in particular has been contesting Townsville's Bindal carnival for 30 years and has always stuck with locals.

There is also a TS Island team which enters selected Allblacks carnival and has the same policy.

One respected TS league identity told me last week that NRL players lining up at carnivals would always have it in the back of their mind they may get injured.

These players are paid handsomely and generally start NRL pre-season training in early November so they wouldn't want to front up injured.

I remember at a carnival seven years ago when a star NRL player of TS descent lined up for a family team from a major north Queensland city on day one.

He didn't play for the remainder of the carnival after receiving a call from his NRL coach advising him not to.

The Koori Knockout in NSW each year has scores of NRL players who line up in some of the 50 plus men's sides.

This is a subject which like politics ensures lots of conversation amongst football followers.



NRL player Chris Sandow playing in the Murri Knockout in 2012. Picture Alf Wilson.





Winners: Injinoo Crocs.

# Injinoo Crocs take title for third time in a row

By ALF WILSON



INJINOO Crocs won their third Northern Peninsula Area Dan Ropeyarn Memorial Rugby League carnival in a row beating arch rivals Bamaga Roos 36-16 in the October 25 grand final.

Ten sides battled it out over three days at Bamaga's Yusia Ginai Memorial Oval and it was Injinoo Crocs which won the juicy \$25,000 prize.

The carnival attracted many of the best players from the NPA,

Torres Strait, Cape York with some from Cairns and Townsville.

For the first time, organisers ruled that teams could not include any current NRL or Queensland Intrust Super Cup players.

In the grand final, played under lights, star Injinoo Crocs fullback Hezron Murgha shone, scoring two tries.

Injinoo Crocs also had the services of quality footballer Noel Underwood who has tasted success at many carnivals.

The Crocs were coached by Barry Nona and Gabriel Bowie.

For Bamaga Roos, good players were Joey Laifoo, Matty

Bon, Tui Lowah, Denzel Whap and Gabes Bon.

In the earlier semi finals, Injinoo Crocs 24 d Alau Eagles 10 and Bamaga Roos 12 d Thupmul United 10.

In the quarter finals Thupmul United 48 d Old Mapoon Descendents 6, Bamaga Roos 28 d Lockhart River Scorpions 16, Alau Eagles 18 d Wagadagam Storm 6 and Injinoo Crocs 20 d Dhoeyim Brothers 16.

Wagadagam Storm, which won the recent Zenadth Kes carnival on TI, has the services of former Cronulla Sharks, Melbourne Storm, New Zealand Warriors, St

George Dragons and South Sydney back Dane Nielsen of Darnley descent.

Nielsen also played three State of Origin matches for Queensland in 2011 and '12.

Each side played four qualifying round matches over the first two days after which the points table was: Alau Eagles 15p, Bamaga Roos 13.5p, Thupmul United 13.5p, Injinoo Crocs 11p, Dhoeyim Brothers 11p, Old Mapoon Descendents 11p, Lockhart River Scorpions 8.5p, Wagadagam Storm 8p, Surumau Gladiators 5p, West Coast Mariners 1.5p.

Individual Players Awards: Best Forward and Player of the Carnival: Daniel Mooka, Best Back: Kevin Tamwoy, Player of the Final: Windsor Bowie, Rookie of the Carnival: Sterling Nona, Veteran of the Carnival: Jason Nixon, Best & Fairest: George Kepa, Golden Boot Award: Brendan Magala, Most Tries: Matt Gibuma.

There was also a volleyball carnival and the winning team was Mawan (1) and the runners up Sundown Sisters.

The fastest woman in the sprint was Ruth Neliman and the fastest man Paul Bond.



Best and Fairest for the carnival George Kepa with Celia Ropeyarn.



Runners up: The Bamaga Roos.





Action from the Marpoon Descendents and Wagadagam Storm clash.



Thupmul United and the Bamaga Roos met in the semi-finals.



The festival also featured a volley ball competition, which was won by the Mawan team, pictured below.



Alau Eagles met the Injinoo Crocs in the semi-final.



There was plenty of action when Marpoon Descendents and Wagadagam Storm met.



A Thupmul United player makes a break. Pictures by Roger Bartlett.

# Rugby League results from festival at Bamaga

Bamaga Northern Cape York Area: NPA Dan Ropeyarn Cup (10 men's teams) -

**Grand Final:** Injinoo Crocs 36 (H Murgha 2, W Adidi, J Mosby, R Solomon, W Bowie, T Woosup 1 tries, G Eseli 3, P Ropeyarn 1 goals) d Bamaga Roos 16 (J Gebadi, F Korabi, G Bon 1 tries, B Magala 2 goals).

**Semi Finals:** Injinoo Crocs 24 (W Pablo 2, J Mosby, T Woosup 1 tries, W Pablo 4 goals) d Alau Eagles 10 (E Anau, D Mooka 1 tries, D Mooka 1 goal), Bamaga Roos 12 (T Whap, T Koraba 1 tries, B Magala 2 goals) d Thupmul United 10 (S Nona, M Nona 1

tries, S Nona 1 goal).

**Quarter Finals:** Thupmul United 48 (S Faud 2, S Mills, P Baira, M Baira, F Peters, B Yoelu 1 tries, L Enosa 1 tries, S Nona 8 goals) d Old Mapoon Descendents 6 (A Bond 1 try, A Tamwoy 1 goal), Bamaga Roos 28 (B Magala, F Koraba, D Whap, I Matasia, D Nona 1 tries, B Magala 4 goals) d Lockhart River Scorpions 16 (I Rokeby, G Gible, J Tamwoy 1 tries, I Rokeby 2 goals), Alau Eagles 18 (J Wosomo, D Yoelu, C Toby 1 tries, D Mooka 3 goals) d Wagadagam Storm 6 (P Eseli 1 try, D Kris 1 goal), Injinoo Crocs 20 (L Bond 2,

G Eseli, R Solomon 1 tries, W Pablo 2 goals) d Dhoeyim Brothers 16 (J Mara, I Anau, N Gibuma 1 tries, E Daniel 2 goals).

## Qualifying Matches

Rnd 1: Alau Eagles 16 d Bamaga Roos 6, Lockhart River Scorpions 16 v Injinoo Crocs 16, Old Mapoon Descendents 20 d West Coast Mariners 16, Dhoeyim Brothers 14 d Wagadagam Storm 8, Thupmul United 14 d Surumau Gladiators 4, Rnd 2: Alau Eagles 10 d Lockhart River Scorpions 6, Injinoo Crocs 30 d Old Mapoon Descendents 16, Wagadagam Storm 20 d West Coast Mariners 6, Bamaga Roos 16 d Surumau

Gladiators 12, Thupmul United 24 d Dhoeyim Brothers 18, Points after day one: Alau Eagles 9p, Thupmul United 8.5p, Injinoo Crocs 7.5p, Wagadagam Storm 5.5p, Dhoeyim Brothers 5.5p, Bamaga Roos 4.5p, Old Mapoon 4.5p, Lockhart Scorpion 3.5p, Surumau Gladiators 1p, West Coast Mariners 0.5p.

Rnd 3: Wagadagam Storm 30 Injinoo Crocs 0, Old Mapoon Descendents 28 d Alau Eagles 22, Bamaga Roos 32 d Lockhart River Scorpions 12, Surumau Gladiators 18 d Dhoeyim Brothers 12, Thupmul United 24 d West Coast Mariners 8.

Rnd 4: Old Mapoon Descendents 6 v Wagadagam Storm 6, Dhoeyim Brothers 16 d Injinoo Crocs 6, Alau Eagles 34 d Surumau Gladiators 16, Lockhart River Scorpions 20 d Thupmul United 0, Bamaga Roos 18 d West Coast Mariners 12.

Ladder after four qualifying rounds: Points after day one: Alau Eagles 15p, Bamaga Roos 13.5p, Thupmul United 13.5p, Injinoo Crocs 11p, Dhoeyim Brothers 11p, Old Mapoon Descendents 11p, Lockhart River Scorpions 8.5p, Wagadagam Storm 8p, Surumau Gladiators 5p, West Coast Mariners 1.5p.





Ashleigh Barty on her way to winning in China. Picture: AAP

# Barty's Elite win



A CAREER-HIGH ranking and an all-important top-16 seeding at January's

Australian Open look on the cards for Ashleigh Barty after winning the WTA Elite Trophy at Zhuhai in China.

Barty powered to a 6-3 6-4 win recently over local hope Qiang Wang in 82 minutes to claim her second title of a consistent year.

With it comes a projected rise to No.15 in the world when the WTA rankings are released on Monday, positioning her well to avoid higher-ranked players until at least the fourth round at Melbourne Park.

Barty burst out of the blocks against Wang to take a 4-0 lead but, just as it looked like the opening set was over, the Chinese took advantage of some sloppy service games from her opponent to get back to 4-3.



Ashleigh Barty is ranked number 15 in the world following her win. AAP

But the Australian broke once more and served out the set. Wang looked well-positioned to get back into the match but couldn't fashion a break against Barty and ultimately paid for her missed chances in the seventh game.

A slew of unforced errors handed her opponent the only break of the set and Barty eventually closed out the match on serve with a well-placed backhand smash. "It's been a great finish in China this week," said Barty, who

completes her season in the best possible way.

"It's been a phenomenal year and I'm looking forward to a bit of holiday and then getting ready for the Australian summer."

Barty had her share of luck to even make the tournament

decider after losing her opening-round robin-match in straight sets to Aryna Sabalenka.

The Queenslander defeated Caroline Garcia in her second match; the Frenchwoman then going on to beat Sabalenka in their clash to allow Barty to sneak into the semi-finals.

She took full advantage - taking down world No.14 and defending champion Julia Goerges in the semi-final before beating Wang in the decider, collecting \$828,000 for her week's work.

The win caps another strong year for Barty who had started 2017 ranked 325 in the world after a two-year sabbatical from the game and spending time playing cricket.

It is her third WTA singles title, adding to her breakthrough 2017 trophy at the Malaysian Open and this year's grasscourt win in Nottingham. -AAP



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