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Patrick carves out his passion



WATI man Patrick Ikaringanyi Ferguson, who lives in Adelaide, makes spears, shields, fighting clubs, boomerangs and coolamons, using the knowledge passed down to him from his grandmother Mabel, when he was young.

“Wood carving is my first passion and brings me back out to country,” Ferguson told the *Koori Mail*.

“I love the tradition of carving, and keeping it alive in our culture is very important to me.

“It is also cathartic when you’re involved in making a traditional item, which connects me with my people.”

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Our kids in care



FORMER Australian of the Year Professor Fiona Stanley has called on governments across the country to take urgent action to address the underlying causes of the growing rate of Aboriginal

children being taken into care.

Professor Stanley was a member of a research team that reviewed national data following anecdotal reports from the Aboriginal community that child protection authorities had increased the removal of Aboriginal infants from their families in recent

years. She said the impacts of the Stolen Generations were still present three generations down the track – and the numbers of Aboriginal children being taken into care would only continue to get worse unless urgent action was taken to break the cycle of trauma.

Co-author Professor Rhonda

Marriott, from Murdoch University, said the findings showed little had been learned from previous inquiries, all of which had made recommendations – largely unheeded – aimed at healing intergenerational trauma.

“It’s a travesty that we have got to this point and people still aren’t

asking the questions as to why and how should we be doing things differently,” Professor Marriott said.

The research came as a separate report showed the number of Indigenous children receiving child protection services continues to rise.

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MY FAMILY Marcus Jennings (Palawa from Hobart)



MELLISA and I will have been together 10 years this August. We are one big blended family. We're very loving and tight knit, and we've got a fair mob between us.

This is a photo of us at the Preminghana camp: Brittany and her boyfriend Trey McConnon, Kaitlin, Nicole, Summer, Mellisa with George, and me (Marcus) with Allirah.

It's the third one we've come to. Missing from the photo are Brayden and Billy. They didn't come this year.

We do a lot of camps by ourselves too, usually on hand-back land – Preminghana, Risdon Cove and Putalina – or at Mellisa's brother's.

It's about healing the land and healing ourselves at the same time – healing from everyday depression. It's a natural detox from past drug use.

I don't find that there's any place in suburbia for us, not once you see the difference to your family when you're out here on country. There's nothing to

do sitting around the suburbs. We've been trying to move out into the scrub the last few years.

Last year we went camping every weekend for 12 months. I feel a lot better for it.

It's all about getting the kids back out there and getting them to learn the things I never did and teaching myself at the same time. Doing a few burns, cleaning up country – we've cleaned up the old gully and back creek at Risdon Cove. A couple more years and we'll have it running again. We make tools, clap sticks and waddies, get the proper bush tucker and try to live off the land as much as we can.

We'll be grandparents by the end of this year. We're not getting any younger. It's another reason to stay out on country, keep cleaned up and keep positive, so I can get him or her out here and do the same thing, and pass that knowledge on and keep culture strong.

– As told to Jillian Mundy

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OUR CHILDREN



Drama presentation by Watarrka Primary School students and Poetry in Action. The Watarrka traditional owners have combined their rent income from the Kings Canyon National Park with private donations to build a new classroom at Lila Station to let their children continue studying at the Watarrka school until Year 10. Read more on page 5.

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RAAF Indigenous Liaison Officers: Tjapukai Shaw, David Williams, Aimee McCartney, Katie Taylor (Lowrey), Matthew Roberts and Grace Casey-Maughan.

RAAF graduates set to spread their wings



By JILLIAN MUNDY

THE Royal Australian Air Force is set to propel its commitment to embracing cultural diversity with the recent graduation of six proud young Indigenous liaison officers.

The newly commissioned officers will be building relationships between local Indigenous communities where

bases are situated and the air force, promoting Indigenous recruitment, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs within the force.

The Indigenous liaison officers completed 17 weeks of military management, leadership, military law, air power, ground defence, security, military skills and air force values and ethics training, predominantly on the East Sale base, which is so big it has its

own postcode. They are all now commissioned officers with the RAAF, prepared for warfare and humanitarian support.

In four years the Australian defence forces have more than doubled their Indigenous recruitment. Last year 8.8 per cent of their recruits were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

They owe it to the likes of Warrant

Officer Class 2 Shane Cox (Army) who is one of 13 specialist Indigenous recruiters in the defence forces and who was recognised as the Australian HR Institute 2018 Diversity Champion.

Another six Indigenous liaison officers have recently started training – the plan is to have one on each of the 17 air force bases across Australia.

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Unions target CDP

By CHRISTINE HOWES



WHOLE families breached for participating in cultural business, real jobs replaced by 'modern day slave labour', workplace health and safety issues, bullying and double dipping are just a few of the Community Development Program (CDP) horror stories First Nation Workers' Alliance members and educators are dealing with on a daily basis.

Several members of the Australian Council of Unions (ACTU) Indigenous Committee working on the front lines of remote regions across the Western Australia, the Northern Territory and South Australia have committed to change and, with an election looming, they have the Morrison government firmly in their sights.

Last month a report from the department of Prime Minister and Cabinet found that about 60% of CDP – the Government's controversial remote work-for-the-dole scheme – participants had recorded at least one suspension from their Centrelink payment and about a third had received a financial penalty during any three-month period.

More than 80% of CDP participants are Indigenous.

Wayne Kurnorth is an



Wayne Kurnorth, Corey Ah Chee and Liam Bedford.

organiser for United Voice (originally the North Australian Workers' Union) in Darwin, who says his job takes him through a lot of Aboriginal townships where CDP is run.

"I basically try to communicate with the mobs out on communities about what's going on and why we need to try and fight this," he said.

"CDP is modern day slave labour and people are getting cut off from financial assistance – being punished – for not showing up to participate in activities for cultural reasons, for up to eight weeks at a time.

"That creates a ripple effect. If someone gets penalised, they rely on their families to help them out and up to two thirds of the family might get penalised."

Australian Services Union organiser Corey Ah Chee is based in Adelaide and said there was a sense of frustration across the APY lands he visits as part of his work.

"There are stories of people leaving the APY lands, leaving their homelands, and going down to places like Port Augusta," he said.

"And sometimes they have families there who can support them and sometimes they don't, so maybe they'll end up living on the streets because they think that's better than where they've come from."

Australian Manufacturing Workers Union (AMWU) organiser Liam Bedford works across the Kimberley in WA.

"In my role as an educator I try to get them to understand the system, how the CDP actually works and what doesn't work, and how workers are getting exploited," he said.

"And they know that – most people know that they're not getting a fair go when it comes to working and contractors coming in and that sort of stuff.

"So I try to talk to them about how they can change things because I see they are scared of change.

"They've seen change happen all the time so they're wondering, 'If I do this what's going to happen next? Am I going to get paid? Is this going to happen? We're going to get moved to another community or out of the community.'

"So a lot of them try not to stir the pot."

Mr Ah Chee said one of the things they could do was join the FNWA.

"We have had a bit of a take up from our union members, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal as well, wanting to join because of the whole 'fair day's pay for a fair day's work' idea," he said.

"And as workers, we identify with that and people are joining."

Mr Kurnorth said the feedback he had was the communities had been waiting a long time for something like the FNWA.

"So a lot of people just join up,

a lot of CDP participants as well, because then they know there's some sort of support base for them," he said.

He said they had been lobbying the Opposition, who have pledged to abolish CDP. The Greens are in favour of ending the program.

"So we've been working really hard over the past couple of years to get our ministers, especially our Indigenous ministers, to step up to this plate, and they have," he said.

He said they met with Linda Burney last week in Cairns where the Federal Opposition MP signed a pledge to encourage people to vote and end CDP.

Last month Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion announced some changes to CDP – but critics say it's far too little, too late.

Senator Scullion said the changes will be part of the first phase of CDP reforms, which aim to increase CDP participants' attendance and reduce penalties.

He said 1000 subsidised jobs for CDP participants would be available from this month.

"These 1000 new jobs will be available throughout remote Australia," Senator Scullion said.

"There will also be a focus on supporting Indigenous businesses, as these subsidies will help those businesses operating in remote Australia to expand and hire new staff."



Yalata children Lashanti Maher, Lyndsay Norris, Lionel Stewart, Valerie Stewart, Zakiel Coleman-Edwards and Charles Stewart are with footy legend Eddie Betts.

Betts inspires the next AFL generation

By PETER ARGENT



EDDIE Betts proved yet again that his skill in engaging with the next generation is a key behind the success of taking the AFL game on the road to rural locations during the pre-season. Among the healthy crowd of

nearly 5,500 patrons at Port Pirie, considering the extreme heat, was a cohort of students from the Yalata Anangu School, eight hours drive west, some 200 kilometres west from the town of Ceduna on the Great Australian Bight. "It was great day for the Yalata Anangu School students visiting Port Pirie for the Crows versus Power JLT Series game," Tony

Roberts, the Principal at Yalata Anangu School, said. "Students on their way to the Wiltja Boarding School in Adelaide and a group of high attenders were very excited at his opportunity to see their role models at work. Both the Adelaide and the Port Power Football Club have dedicated Indigenous players who devote considerable

time and energy to help engage and motivate students in remote Indigenous communities. "Despite playing in extreme heat, players from both teams made time to meet and greet the students after the game to cap off a memorable day for all concerned. For stars like Eddie Betts and Sam Powell-Pepper to take the time to rub shoulders with

remote students, gives these kids a great sense of self-worth and pride. "It was a great effort for school staff to give up their weekend to make the trip possible and well worth braving the heat to see the excitement and enjoyment on the faces of our Yalata students." ● Read our AFL player profiles on pages 54-55.

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Conan comes to see Sydney



AMERICAN television host Conan O'Brien brought a little bit of Hollywood to Redfern last month during a visit to interview Aboriginal performer Briggs.

Documentary

Conan visited the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence to film an episode of his Netflix documentary, *Conan Without Borders*.

The visit began with a smoking ceremony led by Uncle Graham King, which was live-streamed to fans around the world.

Uncle Graham asked those gathered to share a personal story of gratitude before placing gum leaves on the fire.

Following the smoking ceremony Indigenous Digital Excellence facilitator Abigail David took Conan to the IDX offices and used the AIATSIS Map of Indigenous Australia to explain the different nations and languages across Australia.

Interviewing Briggs

Conan and Briggs then got down to the business of filming the interview, exploring Briggs' work as a rapper, writer, actor,



Conan O'Brien places gum leaves on the ceremonial fire in Redfern, accompanied by Aboriginal rap performer Briggs.

and activist, as well as current issues in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

NCIE chief executive Clare McHugh presented Conan with a Jarin Street Aboriginal print yoga mat, and a pair of Aboriginal flag budgie smugglers.

"It was very exciting to have Briggs, Conan and his team on site at the NCIE. Conan's team were not only respectful and engaged and fun to deal with

but also very much into learning and understanding everything here today," Ms McHugh said.

"Thrilled"

"We were thrilled to help provide a cultural ceremony and really appreciated Conan's respect and interest in learning about our mobs."

Conan Without Borders: Australia is due out on Netflix in April.

Rates rising of children in care



THE rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children receiving child protection services

across the nation has continued to rise at a higher level than for other children, according to a new report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

And, a separate piece of research by academics, including Telethon Kids Institute patron and former Australian of the Year Professor Fiona Stanley, confirming Aboriginal children are now 10 times more likely than other children to be placed in out-of-home care, has prompted researchers to call for urgent action to prevent further intergenerational trauma.

The AIHW report Child Protection Australia 2017-18, presents statistics on state and territory child protection and family support services.

It showed that the number of Indigenous children – who were already massively overrepresented in child protection figures – receiving child protection services rose from 140 to 164 per 1000 between 2013/14 and 2017/18.

The rate for other children

over the same time frame was from 19 to 20, meaning that Indigenous children are eight times more likely to be subject to children protection.

David Braddock, head of the Child Welfare Unit at the AIHW, said Indigenous children were also six times more likely than other children to be the subject of a substantiation – where an investigation has concluded that there is sufficient reason to believe the child has been, is being, or is likely to be abused, neglected, or otherwise harmed.

Overwhelmingly, the most common substantiation was emotional abuse, followed by neglect.

“A range of factors could be contributing to the rising rate of children receiving protection services,” Mr Braddock said. “Increased public awareness and reporting, legislative changes and inquiries into the child protection processes all play a part, as well as potential rises in the rate of child abuse and neglect.”

Tim Ireland, chief executive of AbSec, the peak body for Indigenous children in NSW, acknowledged that fewer Aboriginal children in that state entered care in 2017/18 compared to the previous year.

Around 15,765 – or about 1

in 6 – Aboriginal children in NSW received child protection services in 2017-18. In the same period 817 Aboriginal children entered out-of-home care – a decrease of 261 from the previous year.

“However the gap between Aboriginal and other children continues to widen,” he said. “Governments need a clear focus on Aboriginal children and families to make sure they are not left behind.”

“It’s time for governments to make a change and commit to Aboriginal-led solutions which we know achieve the best possible outcomes for Aboriginal children, families and communities. Only then will we close this gap.”

The other study, which was published in the journal *Child Abuse & Neglect*, reviewed national data following anecdotal reports from the Aboriginal community that child protection authorities had increased the removal of Aboriginal infants from their families in recent years.

They found the number of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care increased 21% from 2012-2017, while the number of Aboriginal infants in out-of-home care increased by 17% between 2013 and 2016.

Professor Stanley said the

impacts of the Stolen Generations were still present three generations down the track – and the numbers of Aboriginal children being taken into care would only continue to get worse unless urgent action was taken to break the cycle of trauma.

Co-author Professor Rhonda Marriott, pro vice-chancellor Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership and research director of Ngangk Yira, Murdoch University Research Centre for Aboriginal Health, said the findings showed little had been learned from previous inquiries and royal commissions, all of which had made recommendations – largely unheeded – aimed at healing the epidemic of intergenerational trauma.

“It’s a travesty that we have got to this point and people still aren’t asking the questions as to why and how should we be doing things differently,” Professor Marriott said.

Key risk factors leading to child or infant removal from Aboriginal families in particular included substance use, mental health issues – well-recognised legacies of the intergenerational trauma brought about by the forced removal of children in the past.

Guests given inferior rooms: investigation



FOLLOWING an ABC investigation showing that Aboriginal guests at the Ibis Styles Oasis hotel in Alice Springs were purposely put in inferior rooms, the hotel chain Accor says it has opened an internal probe.

In a statement on Sunday, Accor said they had appointed an interim manager while they investigated the ABC’s report.

A whistleblower told the ABC that the hotel’s management had sent an email directing staff to put Aboriginal guests into inferior rooms.

“Because they appeared Aboriginal, they were being given worse rooms that you wouldn’t put anyone else into at all,” the whistleblower said.

Accor said they were “issuing a formal communication to all employees reiterating our anti-discrimination expectations”.

“Local anti-discrimination training next week with every team member at the hotel will reinforce our ongoing expectation to treat others with dignity and respect and so every guest is made to feel welcome,” the statement said.

Global hotel chain Accor is the biggest hotelier in Australia and the story about the Ibis Styles in Alice Springs segregating guests was picked up internationally, including by the BBC in the UK, in New Zealand, Asia and by CNN in America.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said discriminating against Aboriginal guests was “completely unacceptable”.

“I call on anybody who believes they may have been subject to this racist conduct, or if you know somebody that may have been subject to this conduct, to contact either my office or the office of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner,” he said.

New classroom keeps the kids at home



THE kids in Watarrka won’t get homesick like they do when they have to go away to school in cities any more.

Traditional owner Sadie Williams from the Watarrka (Kings Canyon) National Park in the Northern Territory said a new secondary classroom just built at Lilla outstation will let kids stay living with their families in surrounding outstations while they study.

The Watarrka traditional owners have combined their rent income from the park with private donations to build the new classroom to let their children continue studying at the Watarrka school until Year 10.

An open-plan classroom, computer room and teachers office have been built with the \$320,000 investment.

“We have fought hard over many years for our primary school to stay open so that our kids can get a good bilingual and bicultural education on country,” Ms Williams said.

“We put some of our own money to build a high school out bush for our children so kids won’t get homesick. It makes our kids feel happy and safe living at home with their families and going to high school.

“Education is very important to us and we know that keeping our kids at home for as long as



Vivienne Swan said, “I like living with my family and it makes me happy to go to school with my friends in my community.”

possible will give them a better chance to succeed in life.”

The traditional owners invested \$135,000 of their collective rent income in the project, while the not-for-profit Watarrka Foundation raised the balance from a variety of sources over an 18-month period.

Central Land Council (CLC) chief executive Joe Martin-Jard said their community development program supported the traditional owners to plan and monitor the construction project in partnership with the foundation.

“These community-driven initiatives are more likely to help close the education gap than top-down government programs because the children’s families



Watarrka Primary School students and families smoking the Watarrka Foundation donors during the smoking ceremony.

are engaged and are using their own income,” he said.

The investment in the secondary classroom project builds on their earlier decisions to spend more than \$180,000 for education support projects for the Watarrka outstations and their school.

Watarrka Foundation chair Paul Jensen said the right to access an education in your home environment is an accepted human right.

“We are proud of having contributed towards providing this to the families in Watarrka,” he said.

Christine Munro, a teacher at the Watarrka school and a member of the foundation’s advisory group, provided on-site support to the secondary classroom project.

Before the project, she had to teach up to 25 students of all ages in one small classroom.

“Having an additional

classroom has enabled us to separate the students into age groups and give them each more focused attention, which is helping them to learn faster,” she said.

“The kids love the space and volunteered an entire Saturday to help shift, carry and organise our learning materials.

“Just knowing the world out there cares about their education is making a difference.

“It’s a joy to teach smiling children.”

Voting is deadly!

By CHRISTINE HOWES



IT'S not just about enrolling to vote; it's about actually turning up on the day and casting your vote, ACTU

Indigenous officer Lara Watson says.

Lara is also involved in the First Nation Workers' Alliance (FNWA), which has campaigned heavily on conditions for Community Development Program (CDP) – the Federal Government's controversial work for the dole scheme – workers.

"We know that we have got a commitment from Labor and a commitment from the Greens to abolish CDP," she said.

"But for us to see a change in government it is quite critical that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people enrol to vote, not only CDP workers or remote communities, but everyone.

"This is an issue we critically need to win and the only way that we are going to do that is if we have a change in government."

Ms Watson and the ACTU Indigenous committee felt so strongly about the 'Voting is Deadly' campaign, they took time out from a recent meeting in Cairns to spend half a day campaigning in a local shopping centre.

Independent Education Union delegate Maxine Brahim, from Perth, WA, said people fought hard for the right to vote.

"You need to vote to make a change," she said.

"Aboriginal people have to stand up and be counted in this country."

Ms Watson said Australian Electoral Commission figures show that only 58% of Indigenous people are enrolled to vote.

But, she said, it gets worse.

"Through that research we also know of those enrolled, only around 25 to 30% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people actually turn out to vote," she said.

"And we are three times more likely to put in an informal vote.

"So we absolutely need our mob to turn out on the day."

Ms Graham said she and her family, especially her mother, had campaigned for the recognition voting gave Aboriginal people as citizens.

"They were issued cards to be able to go into the town and citizenship rights cards but my mum refused to get one because she was not going to lose her identity as an Aboriginal person," Ms Graham said.

"Her thing was Australia needed to recognise the people of this country.

"So she campaigned. The whole family campaigned.

"Then we had our voting rights put into place, so, to me, if you don't vote, you shouldn't criticise the system or the government – voting is your voice."

Federal education officer for the Australian Education Union Darcel Russell, based in Melbourne, said voting is about exercising rights that Indigenous people had fought for so long.

"Voting is about harnessing our power to change the government and to change the things that we don't like about the Government," she said.

"And, you know, some of them might say we don't have the power but in some places if every Aboriginal person turned out to



Indigenous campaign officer Margaret Malezer with Robyn and Peter Addo and Cairns local organiser Wayne Costello.



Lara Watson and Jenuwarrie.

vote, we could actually change the government.

"That would mean we could vote for policies that were fairer for us, we could vote to abolish CDP, we could vote for fair funding for public schools and we could vote to make life better for ourselves and our communities and our people."

Ms Watson said the FNWA had taken up CDP issues and the Voting is Deadly campaigns as a pivot for change.

"We've probably visited maybe just under half of the region that CDP operates, and we've come across some really sad and horrendous stories," she said.

"Whole families are getting breached for sorry business, private companies and businesses are exploiting our workers, and there are workplace health and safety issues."

She said because CDP workers were under the Social Security legislation the language was different.

"They are participants, not workers, and they're doing activities, not jobs, so they have the capacity to get away with these things," she said.

"It means there's no industrial tool that CDP workers can access such as the Fair Work Commission, which was Fair Work Australia, or the Australian industrial relations tribunal."

She said the stories were consistent.

"We hear throughout the Northern Territory, Western Australia, APY Lands and far north Queensland that significant cultural protocols such as sorry business are not being considered viable enough example to miss an activity," she said.

"People – sometimes whole families – are being breached for eight weeks.



Deadly First Nation Workers' Alliance campaigner Lara Watson.



At Raintrees Shopping Centre were ACTU Indigenous Committee members Stephen Walsh (Vic), Wayne Kurnorth (NT), Darcel Russell (Vic), Corey Ah Chee (SA), chair Jo Kerr (NSW), Liam Bedford (WA), Maxine Brahim (WA), Wayne Costelloe (Qld) and Lara Watson (Qld).

"These are communities where employment is extremely scarce and operating under this very punitive and racist program which, instead of creating job opportunities in remote communities, is taking the job opportunities away."

Ms Watson said despite being aware of some resistance to the idea of enrolling it was important the power of voting was not underestimated.

She said it was no good thinking 'my vote doesn't count' because it does.

"One vote can actually see a change in government," she said.

"If we look at seats like Leichhardt, Herbert, Solomon and Lingiari, where there is a large population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, we actually have the power to change government and while we are not overly fussed on the Western system that governs us, it does govern us.

"So, if we want to make change, we have to be a part of the system, we have to get in there, we have to understand how voting works and we have to be empowered to vote.

"We have that capacity to change government and if we were

all enrolled to vote and we all actually voted, we could use the power we have.

"We can then lobby candidates and members of Parliament on all levels of government to roll out the change that we want to see happen whether that's around education, CDP, health or any of the major issues we know are in our community.

"We actually have the capacity to change policy, so we need people to get out and enrol to vote if they are not enrolled, and we need people to turn out on the day and vote."

Patrick's rasp keeps tradition alive

By PETER ARGENT



INITIATED Wati man Patrick Ikaringanyi Ferguson is a traditional woodcarver and artist, who had these skills passed down to him from his grandmother Mabel, when he was young.

Born in in the NSW rural city of Broken Hill and raised in Tibbooburra in the north-west corner of NSW, Ferguson has an interesting and diverse life.

After losing his mother at 11, he spent time of boarding school in Forbes before working in mustering and stock camps through the Northern Territory, Queensland and South Australia.

Reignited passion

Forced to move to Adelaide due to his son's illness 14 years ago, Ferguson reignited his passion for traditional Aboriginal wood carved art, producing spears, shields, fighting clubs, boomerangs and coolamons. He has even branched out into making jewellery, like rings, ear-rings and necklaces, along with trophy bases.

"Wood carving is my first passion and brings me back out to country," Ferguson told the *Koori Mail*.

"During the time when we had to move down here to Adelaide for my son's treatment, I saw a fallen tree in a nearby park.

"I went to Bunnings, brought an axe and a rasp – and started producing traditional items."

The quality, finish, presentation and beauty of Ferguson work is clear to see.

"I associate myself with senior people to learn from our Elders – advice my grandmother also gave me," he said. "This work also connects me with the family heritage on both sides through the APY lands, the Flinders Rangers and Coopers Creek.

"I love the tradition of carving, and keeping it alive in our culture is very important to me.

"I have a strong connection with my father Lee Brady, which is also pivotal.

"It is also cathartic when you're involved in making a traditional

item, which connects me with my people."

Ferguson had one of his coolamons (carrying vessels) used when former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, who has a large personal collection of Aboriginal artefacts, had the 2016 Redfern Statement carried into Federal Parliament.

Over the past couple of seasons Port Adelaide Football Club has purchased a number of traditional gifts from Ferguson to give to their opposing clubs as a part of the AFL Indigenous rounds.

He has also created trophies for the Port Adelaide Indigenous Academy award winners.

In 2017 Ferguson collected the highly touted Don Dunstan Foundation "Our Mob" Emerging Artist Prize.

Now in his mid 40s, Ferguson said he's proud of his culture and his connection to punu (wood), explaining it is a real love and spiritual obligation to his people.

Ferguson also mentors and runs workshops.

With his connection to Port Adelaide and Paul Vandenberg, the directors of Aboriginal programs at the Power, he was asked to the AFL All-stars Aboriginal summit.

He helped each club produce a boomerang and also travelled to Narungga (Point Pierce) on the Yorke Peninsula to do a spear making demonstration.

AFL boomerangs

"With Michael O'Brien, a former Port Adelaide and Sturt footballer, we travelled up north to cut the wood for 25 boomerangs for the AFL Aboriginal All Stars summit," Ferguson explained.

"It is also an important to give non-Aboriginal people an understanding.

"I was really pleased Jackson Trengove came across from the Western Bulldogs – the boomerang he made will be the first piece of Indigenous carved art in the club.

"Patty Ryder from Port Adelaide had a real connection with the making of the boomerang."

Ferguson's artistic links continues through his daughter Rene, who is a traditional dot painter.



Above: Patrick Ikaringanyi in his workshop. Left: Patrick's jewellery and boomerangs carved from wood.

Mother appeals for justice

David Dungay's mother pleads for someone to be accountable for her son's death in Long Bay Prison



THE mother of an Aboriginal man who died in custody while being

restrained by five corrective services officers has made an emotional appeal for justice.

David Dungay Junior died in Sydney's Long Bay Prison Hospital on December 29, 2015, after the officers forcibly transferred the diabetic man to a camera-monitored cell.

The 26-year-old diabetic had refused to stop eating a packet of crackers.

Guards rushed his cell and held him down while medical staff gave him a strong sedative.

Footage shown during the

early days of the inquest showed Mr Dungay calling out "I can't breathe" a dozen times before going into cardiac arrest and dying.

His mother Leetona was the last to speak at an inquest which began in July last year but was suspended until starting up again on March 4 this year.

She spoke about her son's childhood and described him as growing into a lovely young man, while admitting that he had made some bad mistakes.

"But he did his time and paid his debt. He was so close to being free," she said.

She questioned why the cell was raided when earlier evidence had indicated that he posed no immediate risk

when he was eating the crackers.

"No mother should ever have to feel the pain of burying a son and watching him die begging to breathe," she said. The whole world has seen the footage of David begging for life and saying he can't breathe to his last gasp. One minute my beautiful son was alive and healthy. The next he was dead."

Ms Dungay pleaded for someone to be held accountable for her son's death. "I'm looking at all you men and women in the courtroom and asking you for someone to be held accountable for my son's homicide."

Corrective Services NSW Assistant Commissioner

Kevin Corcoran apologised to the family on the final day of the inquest.

"Corrective Services should have had procedures in place to ensure that we worked more closely with staff from Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network to recognise the risk factors for positional asphyxia," he said.

"Corrective Services did not train our correctional officers to exhaust all the escalation techniques prior to entering cell 71.

"We recognise that Mr Dungay's death has deeply affected the family and that the pain they have experienced from his passing will continue well into the future."

Last Thursday, two expert

witnesses told the court that Mr Dungay most likely died from an exacerbation of pre-existing heart problems while being restrained.

Professor Mark Adams, a cardiologist from Swinburne University, said under questioning on Thursday that Mr Dungay's psychiatric medication, his diabetes, and other health factors could have triggered an irreversible heart attack.

Adams explained that when Mr Dungay was telling guards he could not breathe, he was most likely experiencing a heart arrhythmia, which led to a type of fast heart rate caused by improper electrical activity in the heart, which ultimately led to death.

Kendall Bailey, the

forensic pathologist who conducted the post-mortem, agreed that Mr Dungay died from some form of cardiac arrhythmia, but said she could not scientifically demonstrate a single cause of death, because there were too many factors at play.

"I do not doubt that the mechanism of death is a cardiac arrhythmia, but I can't tell you what the reason for the arrhythmia is."

Mr Dungay died just weeks before he was due to be released. He had been convicted of robbery in company with wounding, aggravated attempted sexual intercourse and assault occasioning actual bodily harm. Deputy Coroner Derek Lee will hand down his findings on August 23.



Album takes a prize



AN album completed by Gurrumul just weeks before he died has won the Australian Music Prize.

The 2018 release, *Djarimirri (Child of the Rainbow)*, was chosen by a panel of 21 judges from a shortlist of eight other albums.

It was judged to be the most important album of the year and won a \$30,000 prize from PPCA, a non-profit organisation that provides licences to Australian businesses to play recorded music in public.

The album, which was Gurrumul's fourth, took out four ARIA awards and won many other accolades in 2018.

Judges said the album, which took four years to make, stands as a masterpiece from one of Australia's most important artists.

The album presents traditional songs and harmonised chants from his traditional Yolngu life with dynamic and hypnotic orchestral arrangements.

Family waiting for an answer

By DARREN COYNE



FORTY-seven days and counting.

As of Thursday last week, Victorian police investigating the death of Jesse Edwards in Swan Hill on January 19 appear no closer to making an arrest.

And family of the 20-year-old 'gentle giant' are asking why. Mr Edwards allegedly died from serious head injuries outside a nightclub following what police described as a brawl.

His uncle, Geoffrey Maher, is not accepting that description. "When I asked the detective investigating why it was taking so long when they managed to arrest an Aboriginal man within days after the death of a white woman around the same time in Melbourne he said, 'It's two different things ... one's a barroom brawl,'" Mr Maher said, referring to the murder of Israeli student Aiiia Maasarwe.

"I said, 'Why is it a brawl when it's one Aboriginal guy and a heap of white guys beating him to death?'"

"There were no other Aboriginal people outside because they were locked up in the nightclub."

Mr Maher told the *Koori Mail* previously that his nephew had been trying to help a young

woman who was being assaulted by a man.

"Someone who was there told me that the bloke king hit him and then he was held down by (another person) while he was kicked to death," Mr Maher said.

Mr Maher said the body of his nephew was left outside the nightclub for almost 12 hours before homicide detectives arrived from Melbourne.

He said it took the ambulance 50 minutes to arrive but by that time Mr Edwards was dead.

Mr Maher is questioning why police allegedly only took CCTV footage from nearby council-operated cameras.

"It amazes me why it has taken so long when there were 18 sets of surveillance cameras in the area and the detective told me they only took the council camera footage," he said.

"It feels like a cover-up. The local police even said they (the family) might not like the answer they are going to get."

Mr Maher also alleges that shortly after the death, local police warned a man who may have been involved that he should get out of town.

He also said that some Aboriginal people who were there on the night were fearful to come forward because one of the people allegedly involved was a high-profile business person.

"People need to come out and say it to police because people

like him should be locked up," Mr Maher said.

The *Koori Mail* attempted to speak with the detective in charge of the case but was told all enquiries should be made through the police media unit.

When contacted last Friday asking for an update, police media re-issued a statement saying "homicide squad detectives are continuing their investigations into the death ... investigations are ongoing and active with a number of people being spoken to by police. While there isn't any further update at this time, police are still appealing for anyone with information to come forward and call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000."

Mr Maher said the lengthy investigation was taking its toll on Jesse's family and friends.

"Because of his death some of the young people are doing it tough ... cutting themselves and wishing they were dead. They need answers."

He believes the lengthy investigation is the result of entrenched racism.

"This has happened to every Aboriginal person in this situation. There are cases going back 30 to 40 years and there's still no justice," he said.

Meanwhile, Mr Maher and his wife Maria have applied for documents so that they can speak at any future coronial inquiry into Jesse Edward's death.

Women's voices set to be an active part of positive change



THE Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices) project is set to continue the national conversation with First Nations

women and girls.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar has welcomed new Federal Government funding of \$1.7 million to support the second stage of the project.

"During 2018, we had the privilege of meeting with 2,294 women and girls in 50 locations across the country, to hear about their strengths, challenges and ideas for change," Ms Oscar said.

"A consistent theme from the discussions was that positive change needs to be specific to local communities and that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls want to be an active part of that change."

"Stage Two will focus on how First Nations women and girls will use our final report and its recommendations as a tool for continuing their incredible work within their communities."

"We want to build on the existing strengths of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls, so that they can work with their communities to lead and negotiate community-led solutions in partnership with government and non-government partners."

"We also need to focus on building the capacity of those partners to provide enabling and



June Oscar

supportive environments for community-led design, implementation and evaluation of programs."

Ms Oscar has been invited to provide an additional proposal to the Federal Government for funding to hold a National Summit in 2020.

The National Summit would bring together representatives from the Commonwealth, states and territories and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak bodies to work with First Nations women and girls.

Ms Oscar's Wiyi Yani U Thangani Report will be published in mid-2019.

● June Oscar on International Women's Day, page 24

NLC agrees to audit of its finances



A NORTHERN Territory Northern Land Council (NLC) member has warned its current turmoil is damaging the organisation's reputation as an important authority that makes decisions about the lives of Aboriginal people.

The NLC resolved to have its finances examined in an audit amid allegations of the misuse of funds after the powerful Aboriginal organisation held two days of tense meetings last week.

Council member James Sing says many of the 83 members are worried about the alleged misuse by the leadership of public money that was supposed to help Aboriginal people and the effects of the bad publicity.

He accused interim chief executive Jak Ah Kit of bullying other members to the point where they could not ask questions and left the meeting in anger on Friday.

"This is a sad day for Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory. We want to make a difference and show them (the public) that we are competent in making our own decisions," Mr Sing said.

"We, as a land council and members, need to demonstrate that with the responsibility placed upon the members and the wider use of public monies that we are accountable."

The NLC's nine-member executive or board – which is the subject of the allegations – and interim chief executive Jack Ah Kit had been resisting the meeting ordered by Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion.

Among the issues is that the NLC has leased its Darwin headquarters since 2007 from its own subsidiary the Aboriginal Investment Group for \$1 million a year, compared to a market valuation that it should pay \$685,000 to \$710,000.

Also to be looked at will be a \$4 million grant given to the NLC-owned Aboriginal Investment Group and numerous other loans between its entities whose board members are all land council executive members.

The NLC also provided loans totalling \$345,000 to a company whose owner was an executive member.

Mr Ah Kit said the conflict of interest claims and allegations about governance and spending were wrong but welcomed the audit.

He has blamed a poor culture among "highly paid" staff for the NLC's problems and not the board. – AAP



Imarnie Fatnowna: "I plan on coming to university and hope to complete a degree in science."

Scholarships help students like Imarnie achieve their dreams



BEING able to afford to complete high school gave scholarship recipient Imarnie Fatnowna the motivation to achieve her goals. The Ipswich teenager was the recipient of a

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) scholarship last year and, this year, she took to the stage and emceed the scholarship ceremony for this year's recipients.

"This scholarship has benefited me because not only has it given me the motivation to achieve my goals, but to make sure I honour the sacrifices made by our Elders and ancestors, who helped pave the way for young people like me to have a brighter future," Imarnie said.

The 16-year-old Ipswich Girls' Grammar School Year 12 student has big plans after she graduates from high school.

"I plan on coming to university and hope

to complete a degree in science," she said. "Right now, though, I'm excited about finishing my last year of school and looking forward to the future."

More than 200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from 33 schools across the regions of Ipswich, Brisbane and Logan were awarded scholarships from QATSIF before a packed University of Southern Queensland (USQ) auditorium.

USQ Professor Lindy-Anne Abawi officially welcomed students, their families, teachers, local Elders and community members to the university.

"USQ is proud to support this event and QATSIF to enhance the great work they do to create a better future for thousands of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Professor Abawi said. "These scholarships will give students the best shot to finish school and the choice of continuing to tertiary education to pursue a career that they love."

The QATSIF scholarships are funded by interest from unclaimed Stolen Wages money and are used to assist students in their senior years of school.

The foundation's 10th round of scholarships is the largest in its history with a further 1416 students being offered scholarships in 2019.

QATSIF board member Kellie McDonald said the foundation had awarded about 8700 scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students over the past decade.

"For some students, these scholarships help ease the financial pressure so they can concentrate on their studies, for others it is great recognition of their leadership and academic achievements," Ms McDonald said.

"Today's scholarship recipients should be extremely proud of what they have accomplished, and I wish them all the best for their future."

Cell death examined



A NSW Police officer accused of failing to follow protocols that could have prevented an Aboriginal woman's

death in custody claims he didn't think he had to physically check on the welfare of vulnerable prisoners.

Acting Sergeant Gregory Hosie was the Maitland police station custody manager the morning Rebecca Maher, 36, was found dead in her holding cell. He told an inquest in Newcastle last Thursday that he'd either monitor prisoners on CCTV footage in his office or peer into their cell through a perspex screen.

"At the time I thought that was an OK method," Sgt Hosie said when questioned by counsel assisting the coroner David Buchanan. "I now know it wasn't. It was just what I've always done,

either looking at the monitor or physically sighting them in the cell."

Dr John Vine, an emergency care specialist, had earlier told the inquest he believed police failed in their duty of care for the seriously intoxicated Aboriginal woman in July 2016.

"Somebody needed to go to her cell on a regular basis to interact with her to see what she was doing," Dr Vine said.

"She didn't move at all from the moment she lay down. That tells me she was unconscious almost immediately. If she doesn't respond or responds inadequately, then there's a big concern."

Sgt Hosie told investigators he checked on the Wiradjuri woman's condition seven times between 1.39am and 5.17am but did not enter her cell. Officers wrongly believed Ms Maher had HIV.

An autopsy revealed Ms Maher died from mixed drug toxicity after taking a combination of methadone and benzodiazepines leading to respiratory failure. She had not been drinking.

Acting state coroner Teresa O'Sullivan is investigating the circumstances surrounding Ms Maher's death after she was detained by police for being intoxicated.

Mr Buchanan said the inquest would investigate the custody management record created for Ms Maher and the way police assessed risks to her health.

A code of practice for police looking after people in custody states that they have to "wake, speak to and assess the sobriety of people intoxicated by drugs or alcohol at least every 30 minutes ... during the first two or three hours of detention ... Do all assessments in person, and not

by video." However, Sgt Hosie told the court he did not remember seeing a copy of the code during the three months he was custody manager before Ms Maher's death.

He also admitted never thinking about contacting Ms Maher's family to come and pick her up.

Sgt Hosie at 5.51am knocked on the cell door a number of times but there was no response.

A minute later he entered the cell but did not touch Ms Maher. He then left the cell and returned another minute later wearing gloves.

Mr Buchanan said Ms Maher's face and hands were blue when Sgt Hosie shook her but she did not respond. He then ran out of the cell and returned with a defibrillator but did not know how to use it.

Police called triple zero at

5.54am but paramedics could resuscitate her.

Ms Maher was detained after she was found stumbling along Wollombi Road in Cessnock into oncoming traffic with her boyfriend after 1am.

Sergeant Nathan Brooks told investigators police detained her because there were doubts she lived at the address she'd given.

Police also assumed no responsible person would be there to look after her.

Mr Buchanan said Ms Maher was not searched before being placed in the cell because officers feared contracting HIV or hepatitis C. Ms Maher was well known to police but the wrong information had been recorded about her medical background stating she had HIV or hepatitis C.

Two bottles of benzodiazepines were later found in the left leg of Ms Maher's pants. – AAP



Left: Crosses were unveiled as a memorial for the two brothers and for another Indigenous boy who lost his life many years ago . Above: Family and friends gathered on the river bank to throw a flower into the water.

Young brothers honoured in cultural memorial ceremony

By ALF WILSON



HUNDREDS of people attended a special cultural memorial ceremony on March 3 in honour of Aboriginal brothers Jhulio Sariago, 3, and Barak Austral, 5, who tragically drowned in Townsville's Ross River.

The brothers were reported missing on the evening of February 25, resulting in a massive search by authorities and community members.

Their bodies were found early the next morning and in the following days many placed flowers at the spot on the river bank.

The boys slipped away from a home in suburban Cranbrook and walked 300 metres to the river, where they liked to swim.

They were found in a deep, cut away part of the river, which has been left badly scarred after record floods earlier this year.

Friends and strangers have given more than \$9000 so the bodies can be returned to their home city of Darwin.

The special service was held in Cranbrook Park near the river banks, just metres from where the tragedy occurred.

Professor Gracelyn Smallwood was MC at the ceremony.



Alfred Smallwood and Ashley Saltner lead a smoking ceremony.

"The family of the brothers have been overwhelmed by community support. There has been a steady stream of family, friends and community members offering their condolences to the family which wants to extend their sincere thanks to every member of the community," Professor Smallwood said.

At the ceremony, the Wulgurukaba Walkabout Dancers performed and a smoking ceremony was led by Alfred Smallwood and Ashley Saltner.

The boys' fathers Barak Austral, who had travelled from Darwin, and Nathan Sariago spoke at the ceremony along with other family members.



Florence Onus and Josephine Smallwood.

However the boys' mother Leeann Eatts was too distraught to speak and her words were read by Florence Onus.

Crosses on the river banks were unveiled along with a third for another Indigenous boy who lost his life many years ago.

Family members led by Ms Eatts and followed by several hundred people threw flowers into the river.

Professor Smallwood said she hoped the Townsville City Council would approve permanent monuments on the river bank.

A funeral for the boys is expected to be held in Darwin. A report is being prepared for the Coroner.



Environment,
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Appointments to the Boards of Victoria's Water Corporations and Catchment Management Authorities

Have you considered being on a Victorian water or catchment board?

The Victorian Government is committed to increasing diversity in water sector leadership. With the terms of 71 existing water corporation directors, including 13 chairpersons and 44 existing catchment management authority directors, including 4 chairpersons expiring on 30 September 2019, the Minister for Water, the Hon Lisa Neville MP, is inviting expressions of interest in these positions.

Applications are encouraged from Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

If you have experience in one or more of the following areas, consider contributing your skills on a water corporation or catchment management authority board:

Water Corporation board:

- Financial and commercial management
- Community engagement
- Land and water management
- Climate change
- Strategy and business management
- Infrastructure and project management
- Corporate governance

Catchment Management Authority board:

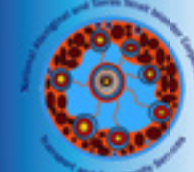
- Land management
- Water resources management and the water industry
- Waterway management
- Environment or natural resources management
- Primary industry
- Strategic or business planning
- Financial management
- Community engagement
- Public administration and corporate governance

Applicants are required to apply online via the Get On Board website – getonboard.vic.gov.au (search under vacancies). Here you will find further information regarding the recruitment process, the positions and information on the Victorian water sector.

We welcome applicants from a diverse range of backgrounds and will provide reasonable adjustments for persons with a disability. If you need assistance or adjustments to fully participate in the application or interview process, please contact the department on the details below.

Applicants with further enquiries or those with difficulties in accessing the documents should contact the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning on 03 9637 8218 or water.governance@delwp.vic.gov.au

Applications close Monday, 1 April 2019.



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Quality mystery returning to our screens



SCREEN Australia has announced production funding for a second season of the ABC's hit drama series *Mystery Road*.

Mystery Road season two will be a six-part series for ABC that follows Detective Jay Swan (Aaron Pedersen), who returns to solve a grisly murder in a coastal town whose laid back demeanour harbours dark secrets.

Bunya Productions' Greer Simpkin and David Jowsey will again produce the series with Ivan Sen on board as executive producer.

In the new series, Jay's investigation will lead him into a shadow world of carpetbaggers and smugglers, of lore and deep lore, pushing him to his very limits and forcing him face to face with his greatest enemy.

This project was funded through Screen Australia's Indigenous department and financed with support from Create NSW.



Aaron Pedersen as Detective Jay Swan in *Mystery Road*. Picture: John Platt

NT housing disgrace



ABORIGINAL residents from a remote community have won compensation after suing the Northern Territory Government over the state of their houses.

The case could lead to many millions of dollars more in taxpayer funds going to claims if some of the NT's other communities also sue.

The Eastern Arrernte people of Santa Teresa near Alice Springs sued on the basis that their homes were uninhabitable due to neglect.

The NT's Housing Department failed to action more than 600 urgent repairs in often overcrowded houses, the class action said.

One of the worst proven cases involved resident Jasmine

Cavanagh having a blocked toilet and leaking shower for 269 days, during which time sewage water leaked through her family's home.

Enid and Gerald Young's household did not have an air conditioner for at least 540 days, in a region where heat is extreme.

Alice Springs had 16 days in a row above 42 degrees in January.

The Government countersued for unpaid rental debts and was at one stage claiming \$2 million, or an average \$21,000 for each of Santa Teresa's households.

However, the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NTCAT) ruled that the Government had breached its tenancy agreement and failed its legal obligations to provide safe, healthy and habitable public

housing in remote communities.

Four households were examined but the compensation will apply to all 70 Santa Teresa households that were part of the class action, with rough estimates of about \$350,000 in taxpayer funds to be paid.

NTCAT tribunal member Les McCrimmon also ruled that NT Housing had no evidence to prove its counterclaim about the specific amounts of unpaid rent it claimed it was owed by tenants.

The residents' lawyer Dan Kelly was highly critical of the Government, accusing it of not even maintaining a rental register – which was “extraordinary” – to prove those debts, and acting like a “law unto themselves”.

“They need to act, comply with

the residential tenancy act doing repairs and maintenance in a timely fashion; not sign up vulnerable people to a whole bunch of agreements, not taking care to make sure they do understand,” he said.

There are about 70 remote Aboriginal communities in the Territory that would also be entitled to compensation, he said, exposing the Government financially to those with similar issues.

Lou Dargan, head of strategic litigation at litigation funder *Grata*, warned they would work with Australian Lawyers for Remote Aboriginal Rights to investigate the potential for similar action in other communities.

The department would not comment, while Housing Minister

Gerry McCarthy blamed the previous Country Liberal Government, which was in power when the class action started in 2016.

“The Territory Labor Government acknowledges the historic underfunding of remote housing and went into the election with a 10-year, \$1.1 billion plan to reduce overcrowding and improve housing in remote communities,” he said.

The Commonwealth has committed \$550 million, but a spat has broken out over that money between Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and the Territory government. – AAP

● **Scullion creates uncertainty over promised housing funding.** See page 19.



Australian Government
Department of the Environment and Energy

New threat abatement plans

Two new threat abatement plans have been made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. These plans establish a framework to guide and coordinate Australia's response to the threats of marine debris and *Phytophthora dieback*.

The *Threat Abatement Plan for the impacts of marine debris on the vertebrate wildlife of Australia's coasts and oceans (2018)*, made by the Assistant Minister for the Environment, commenced on 21 July 2018.

The *Threat abatement plan for disease in natural ecosystems caused by Phytophthora cinnamomi (2018)*, made by the Minister for the Environment, commenced on 22 February 2019.

Both plans are available at: www.environment.gov.au/approved-taps. For further information or to request hard copies, please email ciu@environment.gov.au or telephone 1800 803 772.

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OurSPACE – A new program for children in foster care and kinship care

OurSPACE is a new program that provides support to children in foster and kinship care, and those who care for them. It is run by the Australian Childhood Foundation and funded by the NSW Government. It offers counselling and support to children who are affected by trauma and their carers. It helps children stay with their carers for as long as they need to.

OurSPACE supports children and families from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island backgrounds in ways that integrate culturally strong practices with trauma healing approaches that build connection to family, country and community. OurSPACE works in partnership with Ngaoara. Ngaoara is committed to supporting Aboriginal families to come together to meet the needs of some of our most vulnerable children.

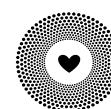
OurSPACE supports children under the age of 15 years in foster care or kinship care who have experienced two changes to their living arrangements in the previous six months. Our counsellors work with everyone involved with children including the important people in their lives such as their family, extended family and teachers.

OurSPACE recognises that with support, children can, and do, recover from the harmful effects of trauma. In order for children to heal, they need the adults around them to understand and respond to them in kind and gentle ways. OurSPACE helps to create a team who support carers to look after children in their care.

OurSPACE is offered across NSW at no cost to carers and children.

The service is delivered on an outreach basis where we can come to you, at times that make the most sense for you and your family.

You can contact OurSPACE on 1300 381 581.



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Expressions of Interest Invited

Forest Stewardship Council Australia Indigenous Working Group

The Forest Stewardship Council Australia (FSCA) is seeking Indigenous leaders to join an Indigenous Working Group (IWG).

We have extended the deadline for EOI's to 25 March.

The Working Group will assist FSCA to increase opportunities and engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Peoples (A&TSI) in all aspects of FSC forest management and supply chain in Australia. Working Group members will be remunerated a daily rate for engagement.

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is an international, independent, not-for-profit, membership-based organization. Founded in 1993, the mission of FSC is to promote environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable management of the world's forests.

Forests are important to the livelihood, culture and spirituality of Indigenous Peoples, and provide a critical source of income for many communities. Indigenous Traditional Owners have a unique, inherent right to be involved in decision-making about forests and plantations in their traditional Country. The broader Indigenous community, which includes Traditional Owners, have social, economic, health and environmental interests affected by the management of forests and plantations.

FSC Australia recognises that it must engage with Traditional Owner groups and Indigenous communities to establish if and how they would like to be involved in FSCA operations.

Membership on the IWG provides an opportunity to participate in projects that enhance Indigenous Australian's engagement with the forestry sector. Closing date for applications is March 15, 2019

For more information and to review the terms of reference visit: <https://au.fsc.org/en-au/newsroom/id/378> or email info@au.fsc.org.

Please send expressions of interest to info@au.fsc.org by March 25, 2019.



Dingo shown to be native



LEADING researchers have confirmed what Aboriginal people have been saying for decades: that the dingo is actually a unique, Australian species in its own right and not a breed of wild dog.

These latest findings provide further evidence of specific characteristics that differentiate dingoes from domestic dogs, feral dogs, and other wild canids such as wolves.

The finding that a dingo is not a dog comes after the Western Australia Government contemplated declaring the dingo as 'non-fauna', which would have provided more freedoms for landowners to kill them without a licence.

Co-author of the study Professor Corey Bradshaw of Flinders University said the classification of dingoes has serious consequences for the fragile ecosystems they inhabit, and state governments are required to develop and implement management strategies for species considered native fauna.

"In fact, dingoes play a vital ecological role in Australia by outcompeting and displacing noxious introduced predators like feral cats and foxes," Prof Bradshaw said. "When dingoes are left alone, there are fewer feral predators eating native marsupials, birds and lizards."

"Dingoes can also increase profits for cattle graziers, because they target and eat kangaroos that otherwise compete with cattle for grass in semi-arid pasture lands."

Lead author, Dr Bradley Smith from Central Queensland University, said the scientific status of the dingo is contentious, resulting in inconsistency in government policy.

"Further evidence in support of dingoes being considered a 'wild type', capable of surviving in the absence of human intervention and under natural selection, is demonstrated by the consistent return of dog-dingo hybrids to a dingo-

like canid throughout the Australian mainland and on several islands," Dr Smith said.

"We have presented scientifically valid arguments to support the ongoing recognition of the dingo as a distinct species (*Canis dingo*), as was originally proposed by Meyer in 1793."

Dr Smith said little evidence exists to support the notion that any canid species are interchangeable with dingoes, despite the fact that most canids can successfully interbreed.

"There is no historical evidence of domestication once the dingo arrived in Australia, and the degree of domestication prior to arrival is uncertain and likely to be low, certainly compared to modern domestic dogs," Dr Smith said.

"We show that dingoes have survived in Australia for thousands of years, subject to the rigours of natural selection, thriving in all terrestrial habitats, and largely in the absence of human intervention or aid."

"The dingo is without doubt a native Australian species", Prof Bradshaw said.

"The Aboriginal-dingo relationship more broadly, as well as instances where dingoes lived in close contact with humans, fail to meet the criteria for domestication."

The researchers backed up previous findings that, although the relationship between some dingoes and Aboriginal people appears to meet the 'cultural criteria' for domestication (where an animal becomes incorporated into the social structure of a human community and is an object of ownership, inheritance, purchase, or exchange), it does not meet the 'biological criteria' (where there has been natural selection in response to the human community and environment, and artificial selection for economic, cultural, and aesthetic reasons).

"That is, there is no conclusive evidence that there was any active or inadvertent selective breeding of dingoes," Prof Bradshaw said.

Two dingoes killed on Fraser



HUMANE Society International (HSI) said they are disappointed that the

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service killed two dingoes in response to tourists being bitten on K'gari (Fraser Island) recently.

HSI programs head Evan Quartermain called on visitors to heed warnings and asked the Queensland Government to rule out any further lethal action.

"These unnecessary killings turned an effective and reasonable response of increased ranger patrols and education into one that was overzealous," he said.

"People who travel to Fraser Island are made fully aware of the risks associated with dingo presence and how to stay out of harm's way."

"Being safe on Fraser Island doesn't come down to how many dingoes there are, but how people behave around

them. They're a large part of what makes this World Heritage site so unique, and should not be subject to retribution killings which do nothing to improve public safety."

The Fraser Island dingoes are one of the last remaining 'pure' dingo populations and every animal is important to their long term sustainability.

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Yirramboi looks to the future



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programmed
more than 100
events for Melbourne's

First Peoples arts and cultural
festival, including an array of
music, dance, theatre,
exhibitions, markets, fashion
parades and symposiums.

Ms Martin, a Boon Wurrung
woman, said 'Yirramboi' means
'tomorrow' in the shared local
languages of the Boon Wurrung
and Woi Wurrung peoples, and
the festival is all about what's
next.

"Yirramboi celebrates over
two thousand generations of
continuous cultural practice and
knowledge – this festival is a
celebration of us, for everyone,"
she said. "The program invites
positive, two-way conversation
and aims to inspire a shared
vision for tomorrow. While the
cultures belong to First Peoples,
it is our shared history and
Yirramboi is an absolutely
magnificent opportunity for all to
engage with our diverse cultures,
learn and celebrate together."

Emerging Taungurung
curator Kate ten Buuren will take
over Arts Centre Melbourne's
Hamer Hall with *dis rupt*, a four-
hour long blaktivation of the
space by young local First
Nations practitioners. In
an afternoon of live music,
performance and visual arts this



Yirramboi Festival creative director Caroline Martin. Picture: Steven Rhall

new work, which has been made
specifically for the venue,
responds to the stories of the
land on which the Hall rests, the
Birrarung and its waterways.

Yirramboi has commissioned
four emerging and mid-career
First Nations practitioners based
in Victoria to develop and
showcase their work, known as
the *KIN Commissions* (KIN – the
Knowledge Industry Network).

Two of these world premiere

performances include Joel
Bray's *Daddy*, presented with
Arts House, a saccharine and at
times sinister examination of the
colonial condition, his
relationship with his father and
queer adulthood; and Jack
Sheppard's *The Honouring*
presented at La Mama; a new
physical theatre piece with
puppetry that is developed
around themes of suicide and
its knock-on effects on First

Nations communities.

2019 has been declared the
International Year of Indigenous
Languages and, in honour of this,
the Victorian Aboriginal
Corporation for Languages
(VACL) will present a number of
forums and workshops titled:
'WURRUNG – Our Language,
Our Mother Tongue'. The forums
will be facilitated by qualified
Victorian linguists Lee Healy
and Harley Dunolly-Lee.

The workshops are an
exploration of how the revival of
First Nations languages is critical
to cultural strengthening, health
and wellbeing and educational
opportunities and reconciliation.

Yirramboi has teamed up with
the Melbourne Recital Centre to
present the works of two First
Nations musicians.

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Kaumakaiwa Kanaka'ole is a
global touring and recording artist
whose genre-crossing work
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marial dance and ancient hula)
the singer composes mele oli
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performances for classical dance
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Known for her work with the
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ACT agreement recognises self-determination must be the guiding principle to close the gap



CANBERRA's Indigenous community and the ACT Government have a new 10-year agreement outlining how they will work together to meet the social, cultural and economic needs of Indigenous people.

The ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2019-2028 was formally signed recently, setting the long-term direction in Indigenous Affairs in the ACT.

Wiradjuri woman and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body chair Katrina Fanning said the agreement builds on the previous 2015-2018 agreement.

"We have the opportunity in the ACT to lead the nation in closing the gap in life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and collectively we are committed to this," she said.

"This agreement reflects what our community knows to be true, that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led decision making is the key to closing the gap."

The agreement was signed by Ms Fanning, along with Aboriginal and



ACT Elected Body chair Katrina Fanning, Chief Minister Andrew Barr, Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith and Public Service head Kathy Leigh.

Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith, ACT Public Service head Kathy Leigh and Chief Minister Andrew Barr, in the presence of

government and community members.

The Agreement commits the ACT Government and community partners to self-determination as the guiding

principle in the delivery of programs and services. Its focus is working in partnership with the Indigenous community to address matters that are important to them.

The four core focus areas of the agreement are: children and young people, cultural integrity, inclusive community and community leadership. Other significant focus areas cover connecting the community, lifelong learning, economic participation, health and wellbeing, housing and justice.

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Rachel Stephen-Smith thanked the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body for its deep engagement with the community over the last year in workshops and consultations to set the priorities in this agreement.

"Over the life of the agreement we will be reporting regularly on progress and working with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community on new programs and challenges," she said.

The agreement artwork, *Strength in Community*, was commissioned from Canberra artist Leah Brideson and was on display for the first time at the signing event.

Extinction threat fires court battle to stop uranium mine



TRADITIONAL owners and the Conservation Council of Western Australia (CCWA) are continuing their fight against a proposed uranium mine, fearing unique subterranean fauna in the project area will be made extinct if it proceeds.

Former state environment minister Albert Jacob gave the green light to Cameco's Yeelirrie mine proposal in January 2017, just 16 days before the pre-election caretaker mode began.

Together with members of the Tjiwarl native title group, CCWA challenged the approval in the Supreme Court but lost, and have

now taken their battle to the Court of Appeal.

CCWA director Piers Verstegen said the previous government was desperate to lock in a uranium project before it lost power, going against the advice of the Environmental Protection Authority, which was concerned about the impact of mining on

subterranean fauna.

"Stygofauna might be a relatively obscure species.

"In fact, these particular species of stygofauna were not known to science until the proponent started exploring for uranium in that area," Mr Verstegen said.

"But the legal precedent here

has much broader implications.

"We're certainly very keen to be upholding environmental laws ... which were never intended to be used by a minister or a government to approve the extinction of species."

The matter was heard last week. A decision will be handed down at a later date. —AAP



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NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Sarah Mitchell said the Accord with the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Regional Alliances (NCARA) reflects a joint commitment to work together to support and improve outcomes for Aboriginal people.

"The Accord aims to bring the groups together to positively address issues faced by Aboriginal young people and Aboriginal

A LANDMARK agreement has been signed between regional Aboriginal Alliances and the NSW

children," Ms Mitchell said.

Ms Mitchell said the NCARA Accord, negotiated with the chairs of the eight Regional Alliances, represents the first multiregional agreement under Local Decision Making.

Chairperson of the NSW Coalition of Regional Aboriginal Alliances Des Jones welcomed the agreement.

"Aboriginal community voices are finally being heard and valued by the NSW Government," he said.

Ms Mitchell commended the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Regional Alliances for identifying two priority areas to work in

partnership with the NSW Government: reducing the numbers of Aboriginal young people in detention; and improving outcomes for Aboriginal children in the first five years of their lives.

"Through this Accord, the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Regional Alliances and the NSW Government are seeking to ensure that the voices of Aboriginal communities are heard in the design, delivery and implementation of services and projects," Ms Mitchell said.

Chairs of the eight NSW Regional Alliances with NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Sarah Mitchell, fourth from left.



Grant to support recreational fishing



The grant will help create jobs in the remote community and support the growth of the recreational fishing sector.

Urapunga lies at the junction of the Wilton and Roper Rivers in Southern Arnhem Land, an area popular with recreational fishers. The new campsite will include powered and unpowered sites, ablution blocks, boat hire, outdoor kitchens and tours.

The grant will be used to install facilities such as fish cleaning stations, designated camping for fishers, an upgraded boat ramp, undercover gas barbecues and solar-powered lighting bollards.

Urapunga Aboriginal Corporation director James Woods said the grant means indigenous members of the community will have the opportunity to seek employment within the prospective tourism venture that the Corporation is presently undertaking.

URAPUNGA Aboriginal Corporation has received a \$100,000 Recreational Fishing Grant from the Territory Labor Government to install fishing facilities at a campsite the Corporation is developing at Urapunga.

Man arrested over child sexual assault



Police responded to a call early Thursday, February 21, about an attempted assault on a child, believed to be a seven-year-old girl who screamed, which alerted nearby residents.

The child was taken to Royal Darwin Hospital to be assessed.

Police were seen doorknocking homes in Bagot and established a crime scene in an empty lot.

Territory Families is working with police on the investigation as part of the Child Abuse Taskforce. —AAP

A MAN has been arrested over the alleged sexual assault of a child in an Aboriginal community in Darwin. The 31-year-old man is being questioned about the alleged indecent dealing of a child under the age of 10 that occurred in Bagot at about 4am on Thursday last week.

Fake art and craft threatening culture



The Indigenous affairs committee has recommended the Indigenous art code receives more funding to crack down on dodgy practices and that First Nations art centres be better resourced.

"These imitation products have a profound and harmful effect on First Nations peoples and do not teach or inform the buyer about indigenous heritage," committee chair and Liberal MP Ann Sudmalis said.

"It is an ethical and moral demand that we assist this guardianship into the future."

A STAGGERING 80% of all Indigenous art and craft items sold in Australia have shown to be fake. The parliamentary inquiry looking into the art market found the "inauthentic items have no connection to First Nations peoples and are often cheaply made imports".



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New facility for Saibai community



Torres Strait Regional Authority chair Napau Pedro Stephen.



THE Saibai community in the Torres Strait will soon see a \$13 million Community Safety and Security Facility. The facility, funded by the Federal Government, will be the first multi-agency facility to be constructed in the Torres Strait.

It follows the registration of the Saibai Regional Infrastructure Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) late last year, which was developed as a template to be used by all communities in the region.

As the Native Title Representative Body (NTRB) for the Torres Strait, the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) has been working with the Saibai Mura Buway

(Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC, and clan Elders to negotiate the ILUA with the Queensland Government and the Torres Strait Island Regional Council.

TSRA chair Napau Pedro Stephen said the regional infrastructure template will streamline the process for native title approvals.

"There are real benefits for communities to adopt this streamlined process," Mr Stephen said.

"It reduces both the time and cost of reaching agreements for infrastructure construction and delivers compensation and benefits to communities in a much faster time."

When constructed, the facility will

be a base for federal and state policing, community safety, security and community agencies. The facility will include offices, interview rooms, information technology, a communications room and employee accommodation.

The Queensland Government is responsible for overseeing construction and the ongoing management of the facility.

Torres Strait Islander businesses will be involved in the construction of the new facility and traditional owners have contributed to the design of the building to ensure it complies with the culture of the Saibai people.

Construction of the facility is expected to be completed by February 2020.

New head for CLC



KAMILAROI man Joe Martin-Jard will become the Central Land Council's first chief executive officer in 2019, taking over from retiring CLC director David Ross.

Mr Martin-Jard is a senior federal public servant who was born and raised in the Northern Territory.

Based in Alice Springs as the regional manager in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, he will become only the fourth administrative head of the CLC in more than four decades.

CLC chair Francis Kelly said the board was happy to welcome Mr Martin-Jard.

"He has a good sense of humour, shares our values and is someone we can all work with," he said. "He's got what it takes to succeed in one of the most challenging and rewarding jobs in Aboriginal affairs."

Mr Martin-Jard's most recent focus as a public servant has been on Aboriginal employment, economic development and community services.

He also brings experience from the private and non-government sectors to the new role having held leadership positions in Darwin's Danila Dilba Health Service and the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT. He also managed a Top End labour hire company.

CLC constituents in the Barkly remember Mr Martin-Jard as ATSI's regional manager in Tennant Creek, where he oversaw major housing and infrastructure projects between 2001 and 2004 that created jobs and business opportunities for locals.

The appointment concludes a national search for a successor for Mr Ross, who has led the land council since 1989, interrupted by a few years as ATSI's commissioner and executive chair of the Indigenous Land Corporation.

Troubled waters



MANY Rivers Regional Housing Management Services Aboriginal Corporation (Many Rivers) is again under special administration until May 2019.

Many Rivers' main business activity is to provide an affordable housing service to Aboriginal and Torres Strait people throughout the Macleay Valley, NSW.

The corporation was previously placed under special administration from April to November 2018 and underwent significant transformation to address a range of governance concerns.

Strong governance and risk management rely on robust and effective working relationships between the separate groups within a corporation.

Unfortunately Many Rivers is experiencing some turbulence among the key groups and its key stakeholders have raised serious concerns about governance and ongoing stability.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Selwyn Button – supported by the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office – has appointed Peter McQuoid of PDM Consultancy as special administrator.

"When corporations are recovering from a challenging experience or significant change it can take some time to stabilise governance and operations," Mr Button said. "This is one of the reasons my office continues to monitor corporations after a special administration ends."

"The provision of affordable housing for Indigenous people across the Macleay Valley is an essential service for the local community. Without strong governance and sound decision-making processes occurring in local housing corporations, there is a real risk that these services will be lost to local people."

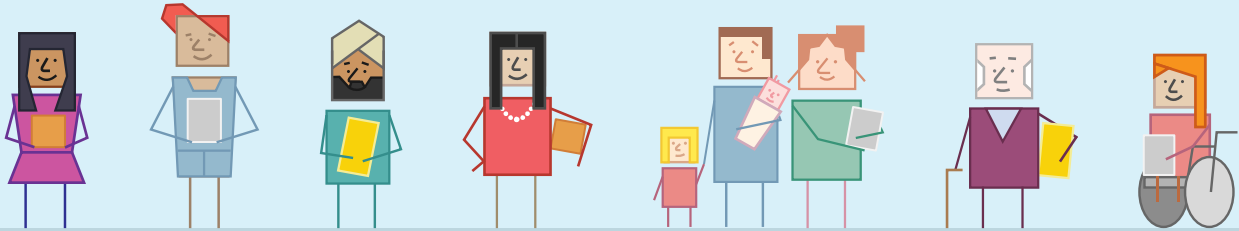
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Scullion 'mucking around' on housing funding crisis



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion has been accused of "mucking around" by withholding the rollout of \$550 million in federal funds for housing in remote indigenous communities.

Senator Scullion last week said he was considering other options rather than just handing the money over, because the Northern Territory Government had not kept its promise of last April to match the \$550 million housing spend over a decade in its budget.

The NT Government is dealing with a budget crisis, including record deficit and debt levels and is borrowing to cover daily operations.

The Federal Government agreed in April to give the Northern Territory \$550 million over five years for remote housing, which would be matched by the NT Government but negotiations have broken down.

The NT Government's Housing Department was found last week to have breached its tenancy agreement, when Aboriginal residents from the remote Santa Teresa community won compensation after suing over the squalid state of their houses, in which repairs were not dealt with.

However the issues dated back to previous CLP and Labor governments.

NT Attorney-General Natasha Fyles said, if Senator Scullion was concerned about how the federal money would be spent, he could put parameters in place to ensure it was accounted for.

"We know that in the Northern Territory to overcome particularly Indigenous



Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion in the Senate.

disadvantage we need to address housing," Ms Fyles said.

"When people don't have secure safe housing, it has such a flow-on impact: they can't attend school, they clog up our health system.

"So we need the federal government and we need Senator Scullion to step up, to stop mucking around and to sign off on the remote housing deal so that we can continue the work that we've put in place through Territory government funds to solve these long-term issues."

Ms Fyles was speaking outside John Stokes Square, a Darwin public housing area notorious for antisocial behaviour which will be bulldozed in May to make way for new public housing and a 24-hour police station.

More than 30 residents will be forced out of their homes to new housing.

Senator Scullion has accused the NT Government of letting Aboriginal communities down by squandering federal money meant for housing and said he was in discussions with Aboriginal land councils about making them responsible instead.

"Do we have another approach? We have the capacity to have a partnership with another group and that is certainly possible. It is a live option," he said.

Last week, NT Central Land Council (CLC) chair Francis Kelly welcomed a Federal Government boost of \$300,000 for remote housing.

Mr Kelly said the money would be used to ensure that Aboriginal people in the centre have a strong voice on housing matters, and to develop a new approach to housing services in remote communities, in partnership with both levels of government.

"Instead of talking about us and around us, government should be talking to us," he said. "For more than ten years we have been calling for a new approach where Aboriginal people themselves are at the table providing advice on the design and implementation of a new housing system for remote communities."

Mr Kelly said the role of both the Commonwealth and Territory governments was important in housing for remote communities, but if Aboriginal people are not fully involved in the design and delivery of the system that provides that housing then it will fail as it has done for more than a decade.

"We seek a partnership that respects the interests and contributions of all parties," he said.

"We are very concerned that negotiations between the Commonwealth and Territory in relation to the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing, that seemed to be moving positively in 2018, appear to have reached an impasse." – With AAP



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Steve evokes old lore for healing the spirit

By CHRISTINE HOWES



A MAN whose great grandmother was taken away at the age of eight says he has been remembering the past – before he was born – all his life and has taught traditional healing practices to more than 1,200 students in 42 countries around the world.

Steve Richards, now 73 years old, was awarded the 2005 Life Award, Certificate of Commendation, by Suicide Prevention Australia, nominated for the Human Rights Medal Award in 2005 and 2006, and was nominated for Australian of the year in 2007, as acknowledgement of the results of his work.

He is the founder of Dreamtime Healing and is still teaching using what is called Holographic Kinetics (HK).

"We need to understand these old ways, and we need to understand the cause and effect of what we're dealing with," Steve said.

"This has not been dealt with anywhere.

"We've had one of the top private prisons contact us recently. They want us to put a program together for the Aboriginal men in some of the prison system because they know I'm getting results, which we do."

He said the history of Aboriginal people in Australia was carried by all Aboriginal people.

"Usually what would take place is that the father would teach his son, that son would teach his son, that son would teach his son, and sometimes the grandfather incarnate down in the grandson with the same knowledge coming through time of the old ways," he said.

Universal knowledge

"The word 'lore' is really universal knowledge and the universe is intelligent.

"What took place was honestly how to communicate to the universe and live by those laws, and that's what we knew.

"What we found with the Stolen Generations was they took away this knowledge because it was no longer passed from father to son down through time.

"And we find that they've deprogrammed and reprogrammed them by telling them they were into black magic and witchcraft and evil things, which they weren't.

"Our aim is to see this back in our societies, back in our communities because it's lost knowledge."

Steve said the results were starting to become known and the organisation was starting to work in communities.



Dreamtime Healing Holographic Kinetics practitioners Kalka Mitchell, Steve Richards, Sid Domick and Lesley Acres.

"We've had many people coming, individual Aboriginal people coming and being trained, but we wanted to get back into communities," he said.

Community work

"We want to get the young people trained to understand the old ways or else it's forgotten.

"I've been in high security prisons for people mentally insane, voices in their heads. I go in there, bring the forces up in there so we can unfold time and space and release those spirits, so there's no more voices.

"Now we know that kids taking drugs and alcohol open wormholes to other dimensions.

"There's those other forces in there that can take over the vehicle. And again, we bring them up, we have them talk out of the body.

"Some don't want to leave, but the fact is we have ways of making them leave by understanding how this universe works and how we're part of the universe.

"We've been working in prisons with some of the most violent men in the prison system.

"A two-year-old, mother and father were drug addicts – they knew nothing but violence all their life. They were stuck in that dimension.

"We unfold time and space, and put them outside time and

you can't believe how humbled and grateful these men are.

"Our system today is a failure because our mental health workers have been trained under a Western system.

"It's a failure. It doesn't work.

They're not getting results and they're not getting results because the most important ingredient is missing, and it was stated in the royal commission, and that is how important the spirit is to the life of Aboriginal people."

Dream Time Healing practitioner and Kalkadoon man Kalka Mitchell said he was invited to Cherbourg to work with chronically sick and overweight people for three months.

"In that time, I took 180 kilograms off 12 people," he said.

"There was one lady, a diabetic of 21 years insulin dependence who, just through the healing alone without the weight loss, she's no longer diabetic, no longer insulin dependent.

"There were people on mental illness medications as well, and the doctors themselves actually said they were amazed. It also left a rippling effect, where the whole community was actually doing a food plan and going shopping and even the gym memberships had picked up as well, so we left a good little mark there for them to continue their journey."

Practitioner Sid Domick said gaining more culture and law had been important to him.

"But at the same time, working in communities and seeing the issues and the traumas that still exist and create the problems in community, and knowing what Steve's done in the past, is where I think HK can make a huge difference," he said.

"And then you also see all these great projects that are going in the community to build capacity in the community but they're not going back and addressing the cause or effect and that's exactly what we do here with HK and what Steve has exposed the communities to.

"And as you heard from Kalka, it's the same. If you don't go back and clear the traumas, well, you won't get, you won't reach, full potential in those areas."

Lesley Acres, also a practitioner, said she had lost weight, and was keeping it off, as a result of working with Dreamtime Healing.

"Since losing my mother at an early age I had diabetes, high blood pressure and a heart condition," she said.

"I also saw my father lose his battle to cancer at the age of 13 and I have seen my family and my communities being affected by what's happened in

this country. And through that I have found Steve Richards and Dream Time Healing using polygraphic Kinetics and had a healing that actually assisted me to clear the 24 years of grief that I was carrying around for my mother.

"So having eradicated medications, giving up alcohol and also drugs as a part of self medicating, have I been able to not only lose weight but keep it off successfully.

Steve's life-purpose

"So after working in Indigenous affairs for the past 26 years and seeing these issues not being addressed correctly, I have now found the reason why and I want to be a part of that.

"My purpose now is to go out and heal our people and help them remember who they were."

Mr Richards said they wanted to see a lot of young people trained in the old ways of understanding so they can be in those communities of the future and turn around issues and problems with that knowledge.

"We really need people trained in every community, to be able to turn around the problems in those communities," he said.

"The Western way's a failure and we need to go back to the old ways, and that's what we've been doing."

m a r d i g r a s

Mardi Gras hoorah



AN Aboriginal smoking ceremony formally welcomed this year's Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras parade, before the colourful floats and marchers headed down Oxford St.

The First Nations float again led the parade, followed by a contingent of those who were at the first Mardi Gras in 1978, the 78ers.

The dykes on bikes then revved up the crowd, with 100 motorcycles roaring down Oxford Street, warming the pavement for the floats to follow.

First Nations drag queens were among the first to greet the crowd and were followed by LGBTQI representatives from hundreds of corporate, sporting, government and charity groups.

Under the theme "fearless", the 2019 parade featured 12,500 people on 200 floats.

This year's Mardi Gras festival included Koori Gras, a series of events featuring local, interstate and international First Nations queer artists, thinkers and communities, presented by Moogahlin Performing Arts in association with Carriageworks.

And last year's finalists in the Miss First Nation pageant – which was won by Kamilaroi drag queen Lasey Dunaman – performed in a special show in Redfern.



Picture: Jeffrey Feng Photography



'Pride in self'.



Jake Simon. Picture: Getty



Always will be. The First Nations float.



Nova Gina poses before the parade. Picture: Getty



The crowd watches as the First Nations float turns into Flinders St at Taylor Square.



Marchers fly the flags in the parade.



First Nations marchers.



Were you excluded from dance?

Hey Aunties and Uncles,
Were you excluded from a place where people dance? A dance hall, club or place where people dance?
Or did you ever hear of The Rivoli, a venue in Parramatta Sydney around the 50s-70s? Did you attend or were you not allowed in?
I want to hear your stories.
If you've got a yarn you'd like to share email or call Wakka Wakka Kombumerri Choreographer Katina Olsen
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Rally to stop the ship landing

May I suggest, in response to Scott Morrison's bizarre obsession with a "re-enactment" of the Endeavour's "circumnavigation" – and the obscene waste of money involved – that First

Nations people and other altruistic and erudite Australians rally at all proposed landing sites to prevent the ship's berthing?
Peter Mudd, East Lismore, NSW

Safe gambling program needs to grow bigger

I was at the Wellbeing Conference in Coffs Harbour a few weeks ago and was fortunate to meet an inspirational wonderful Waradjuri man Ash Gordon. He runs the NSW state Safe Gambling program, the only one of its kind in Australia. His work in communities is amazing, as he pushes for recognition of problem gambling in Aboriginal communities throughout NSW and Australia.

Ashley is funded to work in NSW in 30 communities in the southern half of the state and the remaining 20 communities are given to a provider in Northern NSW, which does not work outside of their home town.

It's a shame as Ash's message about gambling needs a unified and committed approach in communities. However, that's typical of non-Aboriginal services receiving Aboriginal funding and using it for other programs

I am from the Nambucca region and we need Ashley and his amazing program in this region. I salute Ashley and his commitment to a problem that is crippling our communities and causing irreparable harm.

I hope he will be recognised in the NAIDOC national or state awards and also that the Government continues to fund his solo struggle in communities.

Laurie Donovan
Nambucca, NSW

POETRY

The National Tantrum

Can anybody fathom
Why this country has an anthem
That embodies not a history that is true?
It should be rather gracious
Yet the current one is racist
Leaves you feeling
underwhelmed and blue

Does anybody feel
That this song has no appeal
And the words so hard for
children to pronounce?
The expressions so outdated
And is rhythmically deflated
A song that we are longing to
renounce

Can anyone explain
Why a song composed in vain
Is imposed on us in such a way
divisive?
An anthem ethnocentric
And the melody eccentric
An imperialistic tantrum that's
abrasive

Does anybody know
The verses they don't show
Phrases like 'Britannia rules the
wave'?
Fit for a buffoon
With its uninspiring tune
Highlights how colonials behave

Can anybody see
That it's meaningless to be
Singing something so
unrealistic?
To say we're 'young' is bold
At sixty thousand years old
And claiming to be 'free' is
egotistic

Can anyone ignore
The reasons we abhor
The implication to 'rejoice' in
Federation?
We cannot waste a breath
On a song based on the death
Of the culture of a pre-existing
nation

Does anybody cringe
At the lyrics that infringe
On the rights of our ancestral
domicile?
The claims to 'share' our plains
Founded on illicit gains
Exemplifies imperialistic vile

Can someone please compose
A new catchy friendly prose
That will inspire and be far more
preferential?
We need a better song
Where every mob will sing
along
In a way that is uniting and
respectful

By N. Lawrence

Show us Aboriginal history

I am writing to you not as a Koori person. But as someone who has a long interest in Aboriginal history and culture. And as one who admires the achievements of people here in East Gippsland and in south-western Victoria, the latter being an area that, hopefully, will be added to the World Heritage list later this year.

I am writing, particularly, to support Dr Bhathal's claim that there should be a Museum of the First Peoples of Australia (*Koori Mail*, February 27). I think there are many non-Koori people, like me, who would welcome its establishment. In my view, it would open up an enormous opportunity for Aboriginal people to celebrate their long, extraordinary history. And for the whole Australian community to share in that celebration. It would also require non-Aboriginal people to recognise and accept responsibility for the injustices committed upon the First Australians over such a long time. And I think the time is right for these injustices to be confronted.

We have, in Bairnsdale's Keeping Place, an example of how an authentic museum can broaden people's education in a particular area. And, surely, a centre that explores the history of peoples from all over the country would serve a much bigger audience.

Dr Bhathal offers a most compelling case for the setting up of the museum. And I think that the climate now, within the broad

Where is the museum for the First Peoples?

UNLIKE African-Americans, who have recently received their own museum at the gateway to the prestigious Smithsonian museums in Washington, and the First Nations people of America, who have their own Museum of the American Indian, we still have to see a stand-alone Museum of Aboriginal History, Politics, Art, Music and Culture that tells the collective history of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the history of Australia through Aboriginal eyes and not the eyes of Anglo-Australians and others.



Dr Ragbir Bhathal

Few people are aware of the fact that Truganini spent 20 years of her life imprisoned on Flinders Island in her own country.

In both the National Museum of Australia and the Australian Museum in Sydney, Mabou, our great freedom fighter who overthrew the concept that Australia was terra nullius (no man's land), has less than a square metre of display space devoted to him. In fact, at the Australian Museum a small display space with about 100 words tells us about his great achievement. Unaipon, Australia's Leonardo da Vinci, hardly gets enough space to tell us about his great works. We are not told that well known

or taken away from the Aboriginal people are still held in the museums in Europe and Britain. Any self-respecting nation and their cultural institutions should return the artefacts to the First Peoples of Australia.

Museums are important institutions in any civilised and cultured society. They can no longer be considered as just repositories of ancient artefacts. They have to be places for social change. They need to interpret the changes that have taken place and are taking place in 21st century societies, especially in societies that were once colonised by European powers beginning from the 18th century.

community, is such that it would be readily accepted.

The ABC, SBS and NITV have played a central role, I think, in broadening education. Also, your excellent publication, the *Koori Mail*, is playing a valuable part in acquainting people, Koori and non-Koori, with events,

problems and achievements within Aboriginal communities. I hope that the Federal Government will heed Dr Bhathal's well reasoned argument and work enthusiastically to bring about the museum's construction.

Bill Cotter
Bairnsdale, Vic

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Women charge for change

This is an edited version of Bunuba woman and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar's speech at the No Woman Left Behind Conference in Darwin on International Women's Day.

YANINGI warangira ngindaji yuwa muwayi ingirranggu, Larrikia yani U. Balangarri wadjirragali jarra ningi – gamali ngindaji yau muwayi nyirrami ngarri thangani. Yaningi miya ngindaji Muwayi ingga winyira ngarragi thangani. Yathawarra, wilalararra jalangurru ngarri guda.

I acknowledge the Larrikia people of the land we gather on today, and pay my respects to your Elders past, present and emerging.

And on this special day, I acknowledge our ancestral mothers – the first women of this land.

Well, hello all you wonderful women, my Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sisters, my Indigenous sisters from across the globe and my non-Indigenous sisters.

Happy International Women's Day 2019!

I've got to tell you it is so good to be back up north with you all on this important day! It feels very special to be involved in the embracing spirit of this conference so close to home. To know that whatever journey we are on, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, we are all on it together. Walking beside each other, no one in front, and no one behind. Today, we celebrate our sisterhood! We affirm what it is to be women in Australia, including all our young women and girls, in all our incredible diversity.

In opening I spoke to you in my first language Bunuba. I learnt my language from my mother and my grandmother.

The charge for change

As the first woman to be the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, I stand here and speak with their spirits and those of my ancestors and the voices of fiercely intelligent, strong and caring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who are leading the charge for change today.

You'll see the faces of many of these women behind me. They've been part of a national engagement project which I'll come to later. I brought them with me, because none of them should be left behind.

After 20 years of the position of the Social Justice Commissioner existing it was about time a woman got the top job! My male predecessors were wonderful, but we need women to speak to and with women to assert our needs and fully realise our unique rights. That is how we begin to achieve equality. Still, having women in significant positions is only where change begins, it is not the end. Mistakes are made when we think these short-term gains is where equality is won. To reach equality, we need deep generational shifts to take hold. Structures need to be broken down and rebuilt so our societal institutions and organisations reflect our rights, values and aspirations as women.

To do that we need many women like myself in these roles, in these conference spaces, in every institution and organisation, at every decision-making table.



June Oscar with other attendees at the No Woman Left Behind Conference in Darwin on International Women's Day.

We need our voices – our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experiences and expertise – to be present in the democratic life of this nation. I always say that I am not a lawyer, a doctor, or a bureaucrat. What I am is a Bunuba woman with a well of knowledge and expertise. I have worked in community, I've sat on countless boards, and I've fought for social justice at the coalface – for our rights to land, for our women to access legal supports, and for our Elders to live on our country. At the same time, I know my language, I maintain and uphold my cultural obligations, I know my country and the intimate interactions of all things on it, the humans, the animals and plants.

I, like all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, come from a deep lineage of ancestral strength and power as the oldest continuous living civilization on earth. Our expertise that cannot be taught in a textbook brings exceptional intercultural knowledge to work spaces, communities and broader Australian society. Now that is something for us all to celebrate!

This conference – 'No woman left behind' – is living its name. It has defied conference convention and has made this space of thought, discussion and action accessible to all. Congratulations to the organisers and thank you for making sure all our voices are in the room!

Many voices speaking together

To really celebrate International Woman's Day, we must tell the complete story of what it is to be a woman in this nation. That demands that there are many voices, from many backgrounds, in the same space, speaking together. At its heart this celebration that triumphs inclusivity and full participation of all our sisters is about achieving gender equality.

Today I want us to really consider what leaving no one behind looks like. I want us to reimagine what equality is and how we get there in Australia.

Let me start by stating that equality is not achieved by the few acting for the many. It is not a trickle-down effect. A movement that leaves any of our women behind, leaves all our women behind.

For a truly visionary and transformative gender equality movement all our women and girls must be included. That was why in 2018 the first thing I did as the Social Justice Commissioner was to say to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls, "Your voice matters, and you have a right to your voice. Let no one ignore or silence you. I want to hear you and I am determined to make what you say count."

Wiyi Yani U Thangani

I launched the Wiyi Yani U Thangani project, meaning Women's Voices in my language Bunuba. My team and I travelled to communities in every state and territory, from the Torres Strait, Tiwi Islands, the Cape and the Kimberley, throughout the Territory and right down to Tasmania. We went with no set agenda, or imposed framework. Our women and girls set the tone and determined the conversation. It has been 32 years since the Women's Business engagements, the first and only time our voices have been heard as a collective.

In 2019, it is time to hear us again. Mid this year, we will hand to Parliament all of what our women and girls have said. All of our strengths, issues, solutions and the future we want, a future self-determined by us.

We have listened to well over 2000 women and girls and it is clear to me women are the pillars of our society, occupying multiple worlds and roles at any one time. We work round the clock to keep our social infrastructure functioning, while doing the day job and maintaining our cultural obligations. Because we work far beyond the standard professions and hours our roles are rarely recognised. Consequently, even when we are working tirelessly, many of us are on low incomes or unemployed, and are subject to punitive legal and welfare structures.

Simply, when we do not fit the box or the definition, our society does not reflect who we are. When our voices are absent, policy and legislation that should support us, is undermining us.

The statistics speak this truth, and they are unacceptable. Too many of us are trapped in poverty. Women have spoken to me about being in cycles of homelessness,

domestic and family violence, unsafe environments of alcohol and drug taking. They talk about how this perpetuates trauma, causes psychological distress and erodes self-worth. In the next breath women and girls have spoken about the revolving door of institutionalisation. A lifetime spent moving from child protection, juvenile detention and adult incarceration. The relationship between these institutions is well evidence and yet the rates of our women's incarceration is the highest in the country, and our children are now 10 times more likely to be removed than other children. Women have said it to me repeatedly, this is another Stolen Generation.

This narrow frame of crisis does not tell our story, it tells a story of a nation that has failed to include us in the decisions that affect our lives. That is why social security frameworks like CDP and ParentsNext are not just incapable of meeting our needs in their current form, they punish us by removing basic rights that should always be guaranteed.

Telling a new story

It is on days like this when we need to start telling a new story, the true story of our womanhood and girlhood. Because it is our stories and lives that hold the solutions.

I have heard firsthand how in the face of overwhelming adversity, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women condemn the structures that produce injustice, and in the same breath speak about how we can rebuild a society that is vibrant, healthy and free from discrimination.

Across Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls are defying the deficit narrative. In speaking their truth, they are also saying, "I am not your stereotype. I am not a sensationalist headline. I am not your negative media story." They are saying, "This is me, and I am strong and powerful in being all of who I am."

In the era of #MeToo and Black Lives Matter we have been united in the universal and intersecting experiences of sexism and racism. Now we need to mobilise around our interconnected sisterhood and our vision for the future. Our girls cannot be exposed to the same injustices we face as women today.

No more discrimination

We have to say "no more", not just to the discrimination of today, but the generational discrimination that hold our girls back from being the woman they want to be and have the right to become.

When we say 'This is me', we affirm our unique selves and varied expertise that comes from all backgrounds and lived experiences. When we say 'This is me', we refuse labels and judgments. We push back against prejudice and oppression for ourselves and all others. Today we celebrate 'me' as much as we do 'us', our common and powerfully diverse sisterhood.

Rethink equality

Let me return to rethinking equality. There are persistent calls that women just need to 'break the glass ceiling' or 'lean in' to get equality. This is good, for some, but again not the many. If we really

want transformative change, it's the structures we have to break down. Everywhere I went with Wiyi Yani U Thangani, women and girls told me that racism, discrimination and marginalisation are entrenched across our institutions, organisations, and public spaces. These are the glass walls that cannot be climbed with a ladder.

That is why, for me, equality is not just about getting to the top, and taking the steps toward a position that has been determined by someone else. Toward a position that makes us into someone else.

Like all of you, I know that change will happen when we put an end to top-down decision making. As if someone else could know our lives better than we do. For a transformative gender equality movement to come alive, we need our women to be making the decisions that determine our futures.

Transformation

Indigenous women and girls are central to this transformation. We want to bring down the glass walls and challenge Western structures which means that we can reconstruct institutions that meet all our women's, families' and communities' needs, and fully realise our rights.

Through Wiyi Yani U Thangani women have spoken about a holistic way of living where education, regional economies, jobs, housing, childcare and mental and physical health are interconnected. They have said how basic rights to shelter, food and safety must be guaranteed. But for these rights to be secured, to have real meaning in our lives now and for the long-term, they must happen alongside a nation that commits to truth-telling, that recognises our culture and heritage and affirms our Indigenous identities, our complete Indigenous womanhood. The women I have spoken to know that we thrive in life, that we are healthy, and engaged when a system recognises our interconnectedness, and does not dismantle us into parts.

Challenge gender ideas

A truly holistic system is a big agenda! I'm sure many of you are thinking, "Is it really possible to dramatically alter the current structures that determine our existence?" For the sake of equality, we can. That is why I want us to challenge our ideas of gender equality, because achieving equality takes vision, and it takes sisterhood, the many acting for us all.

And the time for that vision is now. Things are shifting. Let's be part of a change that's not just going to come, it has arrived.

Together, we can restructure our institutions from the inside and our societal fabric from the ground up, and we can make governments and decision-makers accountable to us.

Today, on International Women's Day we can commit to being on this journey together in a renewed movement of gender equality that aims for transformation.

A movement that is true to its name and refuses to leave anyone behind. A movement that knows that equality means we are all in this together. Today we are shaping the future that we've all been waiting for.

Patrol services set to expand in Tangentyere



NIGHT Patrol services and youth drop-in centres in the Tangentyere area will expand this year thanks to funding from the Northern Territory Government.

NT Families Minister Dale Wakefield announced the funding for the initiatives saying the services are already in operation and making a real difference by providing safe, fun and culturally appropriate spaces and interactions with young people.

"They will be supported by a new Aboriginal-led Youth Outreach Service that draws on the cultural authority of the Tangentyere Council Men's Four Corners Group and Women's Family Safety Group," Ms Wakefield said. "During the summer school holidays the men and women supported a range of front-line activities that

focused on the safety of young people. "This successful trial saw a team of senior, respected Aboriginal outreach workers providing advice and support to youth engagement officers and engaging with Aboriginal youth at events and on the streets.

"Our men and women bring valuable skills to this youth work, speaking the language, having the cultural connections and building the relationships."

Tangentyere Council chief executive Walter Shaw said Tangentyere is very pleased to see this program continue with support from the NT Government as part of a wider initiative to tackle community safety.

"We have led the way in providing youth services in the past and we are confident we fill existing gaps and make a real difference in the lives of at risk young people," Mr Shaw said.



Tangentyere Men's Four Corners Group coordinator Chris Forbes.

Hospital seeks an original artwork



THE Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Foundation is looking for an original public artwork by an Australian First Nations artist or artist collective.

The cultural work is to commemorate the 150th anniversary of RCH in 2020. With the theme of 'Celebrate. Create. Connect.', the RCH150 Aboriginal Art Project will grant the successful applicant \$100,000 to create the work.

Submissions close on March 31 so time is running out. For more information or to apply, visit www.rchfoundation.org.au/aboriginalartproject

PhD scholarship to study infection



IF you are interested in pursuing studies relating to infection and immunity, you can apply for the Doherty Institute's Yiaga Ngarra Scholarship. Doherty Institute director Professor Sharon Lewin

said it's the Institute's first Indigenous health PhD scholarship, and the deadline has been extended until March 29.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for an Indigenous Australian postgraduate student to receive a high quality research experience," she said.

"When the Doherty Institute opened in 2014, Wurundjeri Elder Auntie Joy Murphy Wandin challenged Peter Doherty to improve the health of Aboriginal Australians – the Yiaga Ngarra Scholarship is one step we are taking towards this. The scholarship is open to PhD candidates and includes mentoring and leadership development support from the Melbourne Poche Centre for Indigenous Development.

To apply, visit doherty.edu.au/education/phd/yiaga-ngarra-scholarship

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Students must undertake a 300 to 400 hour student placement to work across service delivery or administration areas of FSN.

The scholarship also includes a \$3,500 cash payment to be used for educational resources, fees, costs or research. Payments will be made direct to cover these costs and no payments to personal accounts will be made.

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Grants are here for reef protection



THE environmental charity controversially handed record funding from the Federal Government is inviting traditional owner groups that hold rights and interests in the Great Barrier Reef to apply for grants which will deliver up to \$1.5 million funding for reef protection projects.

The Great Barrier Reef Foundation (GBRF) was handed a \$444 million grant from the Federal Government last year, despite not applying for it or having an investment plan.

The Great Barrier Reef Traditional Owner grant program is

funded by the partnership between the Australian Government's Reef Trust and the Great Barrier Reef Foundation.

The GBRF established a Traditional Owner Working Group to provide strategic guidance in the co-design and implementation of a Reef Trust Partnership.

GBRF Traditional Owner Working Group chair Larissa Hale said recent events have demonstrated that current approaches alone are not enough to maintain or reverse the decline in reef health.

"Approaches that are founded on traditional knowledge are required to support the health and resilience of the reef," she said.

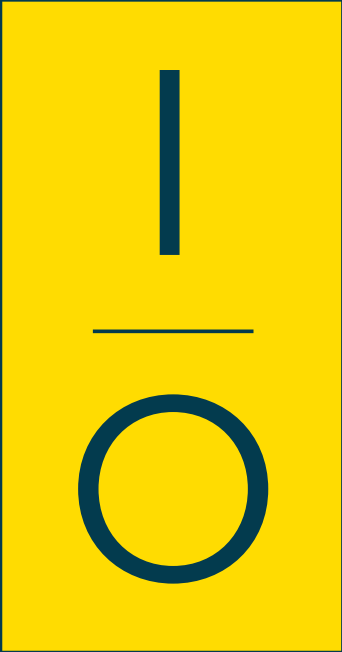
More than 70 traditional owner groups have ongoing connections, rights, interests and aspirations in land and sea country along the length of the Great Barrier Reef.

Under the Reef Trust Partnership, \$12 million will be invested in traditional-owner reef protection. An additional \$30 million will be invested in on-ground and in-water actions from five priority areas under the partnership. Each grant for land and sea country planning and implementation will be valued at up to \$150,000 and junior ranger program grants will be valued at up to \$50,000.

Applications close on March 17. Guidelines for the grant program are available on the GBRF website.



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Nominations are being sought for the Sport and Arts categories of the second round of an initiative launched in 2017 by the Governor of South Australia - the **Governor's Aboriginal Youth Awards**.

Nominees must be Aboriginal, aged between 15 and 29 years, and be based in South Australia.

Nominations close at **5pm on Wednesday 10 April 2019**.

For conditions, criteria and nomination forms please go to <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/governors-aboriginal-youth-awards>

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High-tech centre of excellence gets ready to inspire learning

By DARREN COYNE



A FORMER high school in Western Sydney is being transformed into a high-tech centre of excellence for Aboriginal young people.

Due to be completed in coming months, the centre has been named Kimberwalli, which means ‘many stars’ in the Darug language.

At a recent gathering at Kimberwalli, the head of the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs Jason Ardler signed an agreement with Microsoft and LinkedIn as part of an initiative to support young Aboriginal people transition from school to further education and employment.

The terms of the agreement will see Microsoft and LinkedIn develop digital skills resources for the young students, and also help in the final set-up of the centre’s technology requirements.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Sarah Mitchell said the \$20 million centre would provide students in Western Sydney with great opportunities.

“With inspiration you get aspiration,” she said.

Ms Mitchell said the agreement would give young Aboriginal people access to top-class facilities and training to achieve their goals.

Minister for Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said Microsoft and LinkedIn would also contribute volunteer staff to help those attending Kimberwalli navigate their career paths.

“This agreement focuses on reciprocal knowledge sharing; Microsoft and LinkedIn sharing their knowledge about technology and in-turn gaining a broader insight into the Aboriginal culture and people out here in Western Sydney,” he said.

“Kimberwalli appropriately means ‘many stars’, and I can’t wait to see how this centre will benefit young people in Western Sydney now and in the future.”

Western Sydney has a significant Aboriginal population and is also an area of significant population and economic growth.

Microsoft Philanthropies division head Tianji Dickens said the centre’s goals and aspirations fitted well with the Microsoft charter, which is to ‘empower every person and every organisation on the planet to achieve more’.

During the gathering, project manager Mark West of PSG Holdings – an Indigenous construction and services company – said between 30 and 40% of the work being done on the centre was by Indigenous companies and suppliers.



Mark West, project manager with PSG Holdings, gives a tour of the work being done at the Kimberwalli Centre.



NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Sarah Mitchell has a go at the First Nations Virtual Reality Experience.



Jason Ardler signs an agreement between the Government, Microsoft and LinkedIn, with Tianji Dickens and NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Sarah Mitchell.



Jason Ardler, head of NSW Aboriginal Affairs, with Tianji Dickens of Microsoft’s philanthropic division.



Donna Carroll of Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation and Nicole Winters of FACHS.



Melissa Kaplan, Microsoft digital advisor.



Jodi Shannon, Megan Ely and Mia Ely.



Matilda Harry, Mi-kiasha Masetta and Brooke Trewlynn.

We survive through humour

I AM from Queensland. Unfortunately, from personal experience I know racism well. An early recollection of this was at six years old, my first sporting event at a new school.

I beat the local, white school hero in my opening sprint race. My win wasn't met with congratulation, but instead with shock and tongue-in-cheek commentary about how it wasn't a surprise I won because I was black, and black people run fast. Also, if I ever got in trouble with the cops (inevitability implied) at least I could easily get away. Hilarious!

First Nations people's lives are dominated by white opinion and voices. In this power relation, humour is of central importance. For Aboriginal people, ridicule, denigration and insult delivered under the guise of, or trying to be passed off as, humour is nothing new. Negative stereotypes of First Nations peoples constitute the humour of the dominant culture, which often dehumanises the marginalised "other".

Yet humour is also a way of giving voice to Aboriginal people, of telling the truth. What interests me, makes me laugh the most, and what I believe should be a focus and obligation, is taking the opportunity to educate through humour. Not being scared to tell it like it is.

Still, whatever is usually presented as the "norm" in mainstream society, predominantly in the media, has much influence over what informs perceptions of what is natural and normal. A series of recent events have prompted much commentary about what is and isn't offensive – and to whom – all under the umbrella of humour. And they were laced with attitudes and racial stereotypes that did not bode well for better relations with First Nations peoples.

My first examples are of



Angelina Hurley

cartoons by Mark Knight and the late Bill Leak. I do understand that the definition of a caricature is an exaggerated and skewed depiction of certain characteristics. However, several now notorious examples by Leak were laced with more than just humorous intent. This so-called humour was just a racist set of negative stereotypes concerned with sex, violence and family life. Two stand out: his cartoon that portrayed domestic violence as part of a usual cultural experience for First Nations peoples, and another that painted Aboriginal men as irresponsible alcoholics.

Stereotypes like these also ring true for other people of colour, as we saw with the cartoon by Mark Knight depicting Serena Williams at the US Open. Said Knight: "The cartoon was just about Serena on the day having a tantrum. That's basically it."

Yet from the perspective of peoples of colour, it was obvious that the image was not simply

about Serena having a tantrum.

Not only was there misrepresentation of Serena in the cartoon but also of Naomi Osaka, who is of Japanese and Haitian descent but was depicted as a white woman with blonde hair. The ugly stereotypes represented here for us were rude and lazy.

Given the long careers of both Leak and Knight, it was very hard to believe any rebuttals about their lack of knowledge of the history of their art and denying offensive intent in these depictions. Defences of ignorance and the right to free speech, denials, and claims of being censored by political correctness and reverse racism are disingenuous. To simply respond to the discourse with phrases like "It's political correctness gone mad" immediately attempts to dismantle and dismiss any relevance and truth behind our voices and perspective.

As a humorist and creative artist myself, I understand and accept the comedic rules around no holds barred and truth telling. However, as South African writer Sisonke Msimang said on the ABC's Q&A program last September:

"I also reject the notion that ignorance can presume innocence and that ongoing ignorance and especially denial is a vehicle for purposeful offence."

It wasn't just white cartoonists that took us by surprise last year. International comedian and host of the *Daily Show* Trevor Noah also disappointed us, to say the least. An event highly anticipated by First Nations audiences – his tour of Australia – turned sour very quickly when a YouTube clip of Noah's emerged. It quickly made the rounds through our community, raising a few red flags and a lot of questions. The call went out. Should we be supporting this guy?

The offence lay in the inference of us as Aboriginal women being

inferior, being ugly and repulsive, and only worthy of consideration as objects of sexual satisfaction. I was also personally surprised at Noah's inability to draw parallels between South Africa's apartheid and our White Australia policy – after all, his mother is black.

Noah has built a reputation for using humour to speak against and critically analyse racism. He has a widespread popularity that is explicitly based on anti-racist views. Dr Chelsea Bond and I invited him on our radio show to explain himself. He attempted to – but no apology was forthcoming.

What underlies the representation of Aboriginal peoples in mainstream society is a long history of denial of the norms of the brutality, cruelty and genocide. The term "political correctness" is often used to imply that those who resent this sort of racialised comedy just lack a sense of humour.

But we use humour in a different way. In *Serious Frolic: Essays on Australian Humour*, Professor Lillian Holt provides an overview of what she deems Australian First Nations peoples' uniquely indefinable sense of humour. It is a universal vehicle used by the disadvantaged and marginalised as a means of expression, a tool of healing, survival and diversion from hard times.

Holt cites a scene in Phillip Noyce's *Backroads* (1977), one of the first Australian films to be made with Indigenous collaboration. In it, Bill Hunter's character, Jack, stops to ask directions from a blackfella sitting by the road:

"Hey, Jackie, can I take this road to the pub?"

"You might as well, you white bastard. You took everything else."

A lot of comedy evolves from being a part of an oppressed group and making sense of that. And while you are trying to make sense

of it you have to laugh about it.

Social media has become an important avenue for Indigenous humour. It's a safer, less policed and regulated space in which to speak out than we've historically been used to.

A perfect example of this was the response to the recent *Studio 10* panel in which Kerri-Anne Kennerley forcefully aired her views about First Nations peoples in remote communities. Her claims that those attending a Change the Date rally had probably never even been to the outback or a regional community weren't taken lightly by our people.

What Kerri-Anne and *Studio 10* received in response were not only expert, factually informed, firsthand responses, but also black clap backs (i.e. a quick, witty, critical comeback). The Aboriginal twittersphere was quickly inundated with the hash tag #ThingsKAKdid.

Tweets under #ThingsKAKdid included mock postings of fictional events such as the time KAK went on the Freedom Rides, the time she opened the Aboriginal tent embassy and the time she toured with the Warumpi Band.

One post featured Kerri-Anne's head superimposed onto Gough Whitlam's, handing dirt from the land into the hands of legendary Aboriginal rights activist Vincent Lingiari.

As always in times of hardship, attack and dismissal, we survive and prevail through humour.

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This piece first appeared on *The Conversation*.

Supporting evil is beyond hypocrisy

GEORGE Pell, Australia's highest-ranking Catholic, was found guilty of child sexual abuse. He is a convicted paedophile. But rather than becoming isolated and shamed he found support in some of Australia's most powerful media personalities and politicians.

Such sentiment goes beyond hypocrisy; this is evil.

After years of condemning Aboriginal communities, Andrew Bolt claimed the verdict was a set-up. Miranda Devine said she didn't believe the verdict because of feelings that Pell is "a good bloke".

Tony Abbot called Pell in jail. John Howard wrote a letter of support, adding that his friend's conviction did not "alter my opinion of the Cardinal".

It was demonstrated in the court that Pell's victims went from engaging enthusiastic young men



Woolombi Waters

who participated in extra-curricular activity before the rape to becoming withdrawn, isolated and depressed.

One committed suicide.

Howard was the man, who according to the

Chilcot report (a public inquiry into the role Britain took in the Iraq War), blindly followed the UK and the US into invading Iraq and "committed to the war before all peaceful options had been exhausted".

The legality of that war under international law has often been challenged.

Independent federal MP Andrew Wilkie, who at the time worked with an Australian intelligence agency, also described Howard's government as "purposely misusing intelligence to exaggerate the threat posed by Hussein".

Howard has – as he did in denying Aboriginal genocide and his refusal to apologise to the Stolen Generations – stood firm.

"In the years that have gone by there's been this constant claim that we went to war based on a lie ... there was no lie.

"There were errors in intelligence, but there was

no lie," he has said.

This is simply not true, and yet another reason why so many Aboriginal people are calling for "truth telling" as the only way forward in Australia. As with the great Australian silence, the denial of the Stolen Generations, and claims of Aboriginal paedophile rings in our communities, the pattern of behaviour from such men of privilege, when confronted with truth is to simply lie.

Howard lied to us to justify the invasion of Iraq.

Howard was the driving force behind the NT Intervention, the reasons for which were also demonstrably fraudulent. Explosive allegations by a 'youth worker' who appeared on the ABC claiming paedophile rings in the Northern Territory were trading children as sex slaves, were again nothing but lies. The 'youth worker' actually worked for the Minister for Aboriginal

Affairs. He claimed to have lived in Mutitjulu for nine months. In fact, he had never lived there at all.

The Australian Crime Commission spent 18 months and millions of dollars to conclude that there was "not organised paedophilia in Indigenous communities". The Little Children are Sacred report expressed concern that:

"Aboriginal men have been targeted as if they were the only perpetrators of child sexual abuse in communities. This is inaccurate and has resulted in unfair shaming, and consequent further disempowerment, of Aboriginal men as a whole."

The legacy of the Intervention has been devastating.

The report actually stated that "While the Inquiry found no evidence of any 'paedophile rings' operating in the Northern Territory, there was enough evidence to conclude that a

number of individual non-Aboriginal 'paedophiles' had been infiltrating Aboriginal communities and offending against children."

But these were non-Aboriginal men, connected to powerful mining interests. When the Intervention was launched, no attempt was made to target the non-Aboriginal men in question, let alone their communities.

And don't forget Howard's watering down of Native Title legislation and getting rid of ATSIC.

And now, faced with actual conviction of child abuse, unlike the lies of the NT intervention, Howard, along with many others, made a choice. That when faced with protecting children against one of their own, they chose to defend one of their own – a convicted paedophile over the rights of innocent children.

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

Protestors demand an inquiry into sale



PROTESTERS have vowed to do whatever it takes to stop houses being built on Aboriginal land surrounding one of the first mission sites in Queensland.

They have been trying to stop the development of a 925-lot housing estate around the former Deebling Creek Mission and cemetery near Ipswich.

It is an emotional issue for those who have returned again to stand their ground in Deebling Heights, a day after a least one protester was hauled away by police.

Deebling Creek Mission descendent and protest organiser Wade Thompson said they will do "whatever it takes" to stop the desecration of traditional lands.

"It was one of the first mission sites in Queensland," he said. "It's where my great great grandparents were born and raised. It's where they were buried and got married."

"It's Aboriginal land. It



Protesters make their way back to Deebling Heights.

always has been."

The mission operated between 1887 and 1915 before relocating to nearby Purga.

Mr Thompson said there was anecdotal evidence a group of school

children and their teacher were massacred at Deebling Creek in the late 1890s.

Yuggera woman Karen Coghill says the land is covered by two cultural heritage protection acts

and will seek answers into how it came to be sold off.

"We are demanding an inquiry into all those parties who sanctioned the sale of this land," she said.

"How did land that was allocated to our people

right from the start of the 20th century, now turn around and we're looking at a proposed housing development?"

"Who authorised all this?"

A truckload of camp

equipment taken away was due to be returned to the protesters after a meeting between them and police.

They have also been allowed to access the land again.

Development company Frasers Property Australia has held mediation talks with the Yuggera Ugarapul people and promised no infrastructure would be built on the sacred sites.

But Mr Thompson said the housing estate was not "culturally acceptable" to them.

"There has got to be something more culturally appropriate to do here than just build houses and put up some monument," he said.

"It is a part of our history – white and black history. There are far more valuable educational purposes for this site than what they are proposing."

The group has urged the State Government to buy back the land so they become caretakers.

But a Queensland Government spokesperson said there are no plans to acquire any additional land in the area.

More women in prison sparks call for change



"AUSTRALIAN governments, police and courts are locking up Aboriginal women faster than any other prison population."

These words from Change the Record co-chair Cheryl Axleby emphasise her call for Australian governments to listen to the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women for solutions.

Her call comes in response to a recent ABC *Four Corners* report which showed how Australia is criminalising women more than ever.

"It is horrific that up to 90% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in prison are survivors of violence," Ms Axleby said. "But when women report this violence, they are punished for it."

"This is a failure of governments to prevent violence against Indigenous women and to respond and support healing, recovery and support needs of women survivors."

In the past five years, there has been a 50% increase in women being locked up in Australia's prisons.

There are about 3600 women

in Australian prisons and 34% are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

Aboriginal women are the fastest growing prison population, being 17 times more likely than

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other women to be incarcerated. Many are imprisoned for minor crimes.

Change the Record is a campaign to reduce the number of First Nations people in jail.

National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services convenor and Change the Record member Antionette Braybrook said instead of being treated as a survivor of violence, women are criminalised and punished.

"I think of the cruel injustice of Ms Dhu and Tanya Day," Ms Braybrook said. "One day in prison can cost a woman everything, including her life. Governments must invest in

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations that work with our women to stop violence and address women's trauma."

In 2017, Change the Record and the Human Rights Law Centre called for governments around Australia to change laws that disproportionately and unfairly criminalise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

"Issues such as not being able to pay fines or having a lack of housing have resulted in thousands of women in prison on remand," Ms Braybrook said.

This year, Sisters Inside's #FreeHer campaign has paid 100 Aboriginal women's warrants and freed six women from prison.

Sisters Inside chief executive and Change the Record member Deb Kilroy said, "We have to stop relying on the prison industry as a default response for governments to address the social issues in our community."

"While we live in a capitalist framework, we are always going to have the imprisonment of marginalised, disadvantaged women due to poverty, homelessness, mental health issues, drug and alcohol issues," she said.



Doctor Faye is named NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year



DR Faye McMillan has been named the NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year for her work as a health professional.

Dr McMillan is a Wiradjuri woman and grew up in central west NSW at Trangie.

She is a founding member of Indigenous Allied Health Australia, and was a board member from 2009 to 2017, and chairperson from 2010 to 2016.

She was also an inaugural winner of an Atlantic Fellowship after developing an app to support people experiencing mental health concerns.

Dr McMillan is the director of the Djirruwang Program at Charles Sturt University, and has a Bachelor of Health Sciences (Mental Health).

She also holds a doctorate in health science, a master of Indigenous health studies, a bachelor of pharmacy, and was Australia's first registered Aboriginal pharmacist.

She graduated with a certificate in Indigenous Governance from the University of Arizona and is currently completing an education certificate through Melbourne University.

It's not the first time she has come to the attention of judges, being a finalist in the NSW Woman of the Year awards in two categories last year.

And in 2017 she was named in the Who's Who of Australian Women, and in 2014 was included in the *Australian Financial Review* and Westpac 100 Women of Influence list. She is also a mother to Kye and Ethan.

Our mob are taking off

A flyover during the ceremonial parade at East Sale air force base in Victoria.



By JILLIAN MUNDY



WHILE Aboriginal people have served in the Australian Defence Forces for over a century, and policies were in place for Aboriginal people to adhere to their cultural obligations long before most work places, the culture within the force prevented people from making use of them.

Warrant Officer Donald Taylor, a Kalkadoon/Yirranhal man from Mount Isa, has been in the force for 40 years this year and was the first Aboriginal man to be employed as a warrant officer.

He explained that respect for Aboriginal culture and cultural obligations only came after broader cultural diversity was embraced.

"In those early days we were entitled to do 'walkabout' leave," he explained.

Returning to country

"You could just simply be absent. Then from that program we went to 'returning to country', to go back and undertake ceremony and be respectful for your culture.

"We had those initiatives, but it wasn't something that was readily received in the broader application – special measures, always that push back, you're getting something that they're not entitled to, that

was a constant pressure.

"We also now have an opportunity to release people to attend sorry business. That's something that has been readily accepted. It's one of things that the broader community of the air force is willing to accept.

"The leverage there is diversity, we are now a multicultural organisation, now being tolerant in acceptance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's cultural beliefs. It's been a great challenge."

Force 'culture'

Despite the existence of the programs, WO Taylor said it took longer for the 'culture' of the force to accept diversity. He gave an example of men wearing beards for cultural practice – something that has only been accepted in the past 12 months.

"We accepted other cultural practices a lot easier than what we would have accepted for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people. It's taken that bit longer."

He sees the term 'returning to country' as significant.

"It has a lot of merit in it and is another step to reconciliation and showing diversity in the air force.

"It's another step of allowing individuals to grow without breaking regulations with the family or with the defence force."

WO Taylor described cultural diversity as a growing space, which needed more conversations

"We want the Indigenous community to be part of our community as well."

Kalkadoon man Warrant Officer Donald Taylor, who has been in the air force for 40 years this year.



and the right people to be persuaded.

He said the new Indigenous Listed Officers (ILOs) would be a bridge between the community and the air force.

"We want the Indigenous community to be part of our community as well. Defence have always seen themselves as a family, for such a long time, now we can extend that."

Zeke Shaw, who travelled from

Dubbo with three of his children to witness his son Tjapukai graduate, believes the representation of Indigenous people in the defence forces is vital.

Raw history

"Australia's got a very raw history in relation to the Australian Government and its treatment of its Indigenous peoples. We understand that and we continue

to live that," he said.

"I think it's about time now they've identified that history needs to be shared and be a history that's real, that's true and that it is understood, and the way to do that is get Indigenous people involved."

He said the position like his son is in enables better communication with the Australian public and people abroad, and to get it right and move forward.



Grace Casey-Maughan with her family on graduation day.



David Williams with family who travelled from Townsville for the occasion: his father David Williams Snr, mother Nicole Leon, partner Selina Dyke, uncle Alan Finn and aunty Shirley Finn, a former Police Liaison Officer.



Graduating Indigenous Liaison Officer Matthew Roberts is pictured at the front during the ceremonial parade at East Sale air force base in Victoria, which featured customs dating from medieval England.

David Williams, the youngest of the ILO group, wants to use his role to inspire other young Indigenous people.

He was inspired to join the force after an Aboriginal police officer visited his high school in Townsville. He has not had the chance to tell him, he can't remember his last name, but his first name is Francis.

"An Aboriginal man that stood up and showed that he could lead and inspire younger people – and he inspired me," David said.

"You don't see too many Aboriginal policeman, especially where I'm from."

He in turn wants to inspire other young people.

"I'm an only child and I look up to my parents and since I've joined the air force they said they look up to me. I've got lots of cousins, lots of nieces and nephews, and I hope to inspire them, and my Aboriginal community back home."

The pathway to the air force for another of the graduates, Katie Taylor (nee Lowrey) was through her love of dogs.

She considered joining the police force but wanted to get some life experience first. Katie said being a security police military working dog handler, which nowadays rolls off the tongue easily, has been the best of both worlds.

"It's been my life for nine years. It's been fantastic. I love it. It's a big family and an opportunity to get out from Tassie and see the world and I have. It's been amazing."

Katie is now looking forward to engaging with local Gunai Kurnai people to teach the air force family about their people,

history, culture and the country, East Sale base is on, as well as continuing to train dogs for security police on bases around Australia.

Director General Defence Force Recruiting Air Commodore Sue McGready said Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had served in the Australian Defence Forces for more than 100 years and have cared for this country for more than 40,000 years.

"The stories and experiences of past and present ADF members are powerful, opening doors to a future workforce. And importantly, they enable continuous improvement, enhancing ADF capability and our community," she said.

Recruiting rate rising

"Recruiting rates have been rising since the introduction of Indigenous Pathway Programs, cultural awareness training, and increased promotion of the breadth of opportunities on offer."

Senior Indigenous Liaison Officer Wing Commander Jonathan Lilley, a Worimi man from Newcastle, who, with WO Taylor, will mentor the new officers, hopes the program will become part of a changed culture in the air force. On the Williams base in Victoria, where he has worked, Aboriginal language, culture and dance are part of military ceremonies.

"(My dream is) that it's business as usual. People will talk about air force and they will say we have jets, we have traffic controllers and we have Indigenous liaison officers. That community engagement will just be part of our culture."



"I'm proud to be an Aboriginal man in uniform."

David Williams



Grace Casey-Maughan, David Williams and Katie Taylor (nee Lowrey).



Tjapukai Shaw on graduation day with his family: On the left are siblings Ngali, Mirriekie and Burren Shaw, and on the right his dad Zeke Shaw.



Senior Indigenous Liaison Officer Wing Commander Jonathan Lilley, with graduating RAAF Indigenous liaison officers: FLTLTs Tjapukai Shaw, David Williams, Aimee McCartney, Katie Taylor (Lowrey), Matthew Roberts, Grace Casey-Maughan and Warrant Officer Donald Taylor.

Museum takes a lead in reconciliation



WALBANGA Wadi Wadi woman and Australian National Maritime Museum councillor Alison Page is proud that the museum has launched its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

"The knowledge held by our First Peoples enriches the national identity, particularly in enhancing the human connection to saltwater and freshwater," Ms Page said.

Working with Reconciliation Australia, the Museum's new RAP was launched by Australian National Maritime Museum chair Peter Dexter and historian and activist Dr Jackie Huggins, who is also co-chair of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

Reconciliation Australia defines and measures reconciliation through five dimensions: race relations, equality and equity, institutional integrity, unity, and historical acceptance.

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Karen Mundine said this RAP framework "provides an opportunity for organisations to engage with these dimensions and to advance reconciliation within their sphere of influence".

"All sections of the community

have a role to play in progressing these dimensions of reconciliation," Ms Mundine said.

"As an Australian leader in maritime history and education, the Australian National Maritime Museum is well placed to drive reconciliation through its various business activities, services and programs."

The new RAP builds on the past achievements of the museum to deliver on its vision for reconciliation as "a nation which understands, values and has deep respect for Indigenous peoples and, especially, their maritime heritages and cultures. We aspire to be an employer of choice and preferred business partner of Indigenous peoples".

The museum's collection has been enriched by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artworks and cultural objects, and its narrative sharing is enhanced by working with strategic partners, grassroots community development and procurement from Indigenous communities and businesses.

The museum is investing in enhancing the quality of information about community and language in the collection and has created an Indigenous Advisory Committee under the museum's new RAP to assist the council.



Karen Mundine, Kevin Sumption, Alison Page, Dr Jackie Huggins and Peter Dexter.



Warraber and Poruma community members and the new IPA Management Plan.

New plan protects our islands



TRADITIONAL owners are celebrating the launch of new plan of management for the Torres Strait's Warraberalgal Porumalgal Indigenous Protected Area (IPA).

The Management Plan for the Warraberalgal Porumalgal IPA has been updated to include two more islands, thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA), traditional owners, Elders, community members and partners.

An Indigenous Protected Area is an area of Indigenous-owned land and/or sea where traditional owners have entered into an agreement (in most cases with the Australian Government) to promote biodiversity and cultural resource conservation.

In 2014, the Warraberalgal Porumalgal IPA was declared by traditional owners from the Torres Strait central islands of Warraber and Poruma. In 2018, it was expanded to include the islands of Uttu and Yarpar within the IPA.

TSRA chair Napau Pedro Stephen said the new management plan reflects the inclusion of these two islands including traditional owner aspirations for the 11 islands, rocks and sandbanks that make up the IPA.

"Indigenous Protected Areas make up part of Australia's National Reserve System, a nationwide network of reserves especially set up to protect examples of Australia's unique landscapes, flora and fauna for current and future generations," Mr Stephen said.

"This new management plan more accurately reflects traditional owner aspirations for the islands by incorporating the vision and quotes in Kulkalgau Ya language, a critically endangered language of the Central Torres Strait Islands.

"The update also includes traditional owner stories, quotes and aspirations, local artworks and images and is dedicated to the Mura Warraberalgal and Porumalgal Elders past, current and future."

A key element of the launch of the new IPA Plan was an invitation

for IPA partners to visit Poruma to celebrate the launch with community members and talk about partnerships going forward and how the islands of the IPA play an integral part in preserving and celebrating Porumalgal and Warraberalgal culture.

Partners of the Warraberalgal Porumalgal IPA include agencies such as Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) and Australian Border Force (ABF).

A meeting was held prior to the plan launch whereby IPA partners and traditional owners of the IPA outlined how they can work collaboratively to address some of the issues that concern the islands of the IPA, including illegal visitation, fisheries management and shipping movements.

The TSRA Rangers from Warraber and Poruma Islands and the traditional owners will partner to implement the Plan of Management priority actions and carry out the conservation activities identified in the plan.



AN Aboriginal boy with cognitive impairments has had a historic win in the Western Australian Supreme Court after appealing his sentence imposed under the state's mandatory three-strikes burglary laws.

The boy, now 13, spent 108 days in Banksia Hill Juvenile Detention Centre, where he suffered harsh conditions and was then handed an intensive youth supervision order, which expires next month.

He appealed, arguing four grounds, including that the sentencing magistrate at Bunbury Children's Court erred in not considering whether he had special circumstances allowing her to use her discretion.

The circumstances included the boy's young age – he was 11 and 12 when he offended – and the fact it was done in the company of older children.

The unplanned crimes were committed during the day at homes where no one was present, he was not the primary offender, did not damage property and cooperated with authorities.

Acting Justice Larissa Strk noted the boy had a severely

disadvantaged background, with his violent father in jail, his mother abusing substances and siblings in detention.

"I accept the existence of special circumstances in this case," she said.

Justice Strk said the offences were serious but the court should have regard to rehabilitating young people, "especially someone so young".

WA Aboriginal Legal Service chief executive Dennis Eggington said the laws were cruel, unfair and harmful, and must be abolished.

The Human Rights Law Centre agreed, adding the age of criminal responsibility should be raised to at least 14.

The group said Aboriginal children in WA were the most imprisoned group of people on earth, constituting 7% of the general population but more than 70% of the youth detention total.

WA is the only Australian state that uses mandatory sentencing laws against children. The Northern Territory previously had similar three-strike laws but repealed them in 2001 after a 15-year-old boy who was mistakenly mandatorily detained took his own life.

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Innovators speed up in the accelerator



FREE mentoring, training, a co-working space and start-up funding is up for grabs for five innovative Indigenous entrepreneurs.

It's part of the new Barayamal Indigenous Accelerator program in Victoria and applications are open from April 8 to June 7.

Barayamal chief executive Dean Foley said an accelerator typically helps startups to gain access to business networks, knowledge, expertise and early-stage funding they need to build successful businesses.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander entrepreneurs can make a valuable contribution to this momentum towards innovation if they build and grow companies with a global impact," Mr Foley said.

Five Indigenous startups will be selected for the accelerator program and receive a funding total of \$50,000 in grants. All startups will also receive support through free co-working space, mentoring and training from industry experts at the Victorian Innovation Hub, Goods Shed North. Over three months, the Indigenous Startups will rapidly grow their businesses and

showcase their success at the culminating demo pitch night.

A two-day Pre-Accelerator will also be held on the March 28-29 at KPMG in Melbourne to provide training and mentoring to kick-start the entrepreneurial journeys of Indigenous Australians.

The Pre-Accelerator also provides further information about the three-month Barayamal Accelerator program so Indigenous startups can start preparing their applications.

Applications for the pre-accelerator close March 22. To apply for any of the programs, visit barayamal.com.au/



Dean Foley.
Picture:
Lauren Trompp



WAITOC chief executive Robert Taylor with Meg and Walter McGuire from Go Cultural, winners of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism category at the 2018 Perth Airport WA Tourism Awards.

Tourism pilot set to take operators international



TAKING Aboriginal tourism experiences into the international arena is one of the goals of the Western Australian Indigenous Tourism Operators Council (WAITOC).

WAITOC has developed a pilot program 'Aboriginal Tourism Export Initiative-Perth 2019' and will offer eight Perth-based Aboriginal tourism operators the opportunity to participate.

With the support of funding from the City of Perth through a \$30,000 Key Sector Development sponsorship, WAITOC wants to develop new and expanded export-ready operations for Aboriginal tourism in the Perth region.

Perth deputy chair of commissioners Gaye McMath said research shows there is a strong desire for more cultural tourism experiences.

Ms McMath said the

2019 program will build on previous Aboriginal tourism business development programs delivered in 2017 and 2018 and create a cluster of robust and passionate Aboriginal businesses within greater Perth.

Previous programs resulted in highly successful mentoring outcomes for participating Aboriginal tourism businesses, with program recipient Go Cultural winning gold in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism category at the 2018 Perth Airport WA Tourism Awards.

WAITOC chief executive Robert Taylor said the work completed by WAITOC and funded by City of Perth, Tourism WA and Indigenous Business Australia over the past two years has been successful in creating new Aboriginal tourism businesses in the Perth CBD.

"And it will help close the gap that currently

exists," he said.

"While there are more than 100 Aboriginal tourism experiences in WA to explore, only 29% of these are working in the international arena.

"This new export-ready program will help increase this number in Perth, where most tourists visit.

"It is an exciting time for the Aboriginal tourism sector to become a key player in the tourism industry – showcasing our unique point of difference to the rest of the world."

Ms McMath said the City of Perth's sponsorship aligned perfectly with priorities in the City's Strategic Community Plan 2029 and the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

"The RAP focuses on creating sustainable business and employment opportunities for Aboriginal people and provides visitors to Perth with the opportunity to participate in a unique cultural experience," she said.



LARRAKIA and Wadjigan woman Carmen Cubillo is one of the people who has been given a home

loan from Indigenous Business Australia (IBA). Her advice to others is "don't get all romanticised about getting the loan".

"The loan is not the issue. It is the everyday costs after getting a loan," she said. "You don't think about it when you're younger; you just kinda think that you'll earn money and it will be fine. But it's not going to be. Whatever you do now with money, affects you for the rest of your life.

"You can see budgets any way you like. But the reality is, if you don't have enough money, you need to reorganise things so you do."

In January 2019, Carmen and her eight-year-old daughter moved into their own home in Darwin – with a pool. She still follows a strict budget and knows that every cent needs to be accounted for.

"It's the best thing that ever happened," she said. "We had our first swim together and she wrapped her arms around me and said, 'We did it Mum, we did it. You and me. This was our dream and we did it together.'

"It just means the world to us just to have our little patch of land. It's not the flashiest house, but it's ours. It's a really emotional journey ... but I put the effort into having a good relationship to money."

According to IBA deputy chief executive Wally Tallis,



Carmen Cubillo and her daughter.

the journey to home ownership isn't easy. It takes planning, budgeting, forward thinking and commitment.

IBA has created a budgeting workshop to support Indigenous people and their families to better understand the financial responsibilities of buying a home and taking control of their money. It's for those interested in applying for their first home loan, or who are interested in learning how to be smarter about their money.

The budgeting workshop covers understanding the customer's money story (beliefs, attitudes and values regarding money), developing a money plan, setting goals, preparing for the costs of home ownership, and providing resources for further advice.

"IBA works hard to ensure our customers are equipped with the skills and processes of owning a home in order to give them the best chance to succeed," Mr Tallis said. "One of the barriers customers identify is financial literacy and budgeting. The lack of intergenerational wealth is a big barrier to home ownership

for many of our mob. If we can get people into their first home and keep them there with the right budgeting behaviours, then it sets them up on a positive path for their future. We know that home ownership can provide social and economic benefits through the security of stable housing. We want to provide people with the tools to assist them to be financially ready before committing to home ownership."

Carmen Cubillo tried three times to get a home loan. On her third attempt in October 2018, Carmen attended one of IBA's new budgeting workshops. When attending the workshop, Carmen thought she knew all she needed after successfully getting herself out of debt.

"I walked in pretty confident," Carmen said. "And walked out with a list of things to help me. I learned all this stuff that really helps me now."

Carmen says that it's important to understand the financial responsibilities of owning your home before putting in an application.

"They gave us the real deal – what it actually costs when you have a house. Plan for this, plan for that and don't leave this to the last minute. The workshop was just really valuable in saying that these are the day to day costs of having your house."

"I moved around a lot when I was little so I always dreamt of having a home ... I had all these goals and one of them was home ownership. I learned not to ever give up on your dreams."

New Cowboys House opens



QUEENSLAND Housing and Public Works Minister Mick de Brenni officially opened the new NRL Cowboys House Girls' Campus in Townsville on International Women's Day, March 8.

The girls' campus opened its doors in January to 30 young women from remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Mr de Brenni said the Palaszczuk Government was making progress on a number of targets to close the gap between Indigenous and other Queenslanders.

"The Girls' Campus gives young women – whose communities offer

less opportunities because of their remoteness – a real chance to achieve their full potential and we are committed to Closing the Gap to make their lives better," he said.

"We know that we are making some inroads to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children but we need to invest further to do better at Closing the Gap.

"Despite the Morrison Government refusing to fund a Girls' House in Townsville, the Palaszczuk Government invested \$12 million to ensure girls have the same education opportunities young men have enjoyed at the Boys' Campus."

Member for Mundingburra

Coralee O'Rourke said the girls at NRL Cowboys House had access to specialised educational support and high-quality amenities to help them succeed in life.

"Their exciting journey has begun – they are enjoying a supportive place to live while having access to education and training while forming friendships and acquiring life skills," she said.

"It's expected to reach the full capacity of 50 students by the start of the 2020 school year."

Member for Cook Cynthia Lui said that while moving to Townsville was a significant change for the girls, she was pleased to hear students had made a great start to their year's schooling.

"The students are so fortunate

to have great support from Cowboys staff, Indigenous community leaders and health professionals during their time here," she said.

Jeff Reibel from the Cowboys Community Foundation said he was delighted to see both campuses operating.

"We're so excited to offer this opportunity for girls to access education and replicate what we achieved for the boys," he said.

Mr Reibel explained that students residing at both campuses come from north Queensland's most remote communities, including the Gulf of Carpentaria, Cape York and the Torres Strait Islands.

"It's because of the trust families

and their communities have placed in NRL Cowboys House to look after their sons and daughters that we're able to achieve all that we have, with the support of the Government," he said.

"The House is a life-changing opportunity and is made possible through the support we receive from our partners and friends of the House, our patrons and supporters, partner schools, ambassadors, volunteers, service providers and our community."

The Palaszczuk Government invested \$12 million towards construction of the House, which supported more than 80 local jobs during its construction, and has also committed \$2.5 million over four years to support its operation.

USQ students connect culture and uni



ENGINEERING student Kerry Gall travelled from Townsville to Toowoomba to attend the University of Southern Queensland's first Cultural Connections orientation program, ahead of starting his online study.

The residential-based orientation program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students is run by Centre for Indigenous Studies, Education and Research (CISER) which conducted a welcome ceremony for students recently.

Mr Gall's journey to tertiary education hasn't been easy – his home was significantly impacted by recent flooding, and close family members had to cope with serious health concerns.

"I really can't thank CISER enough for the warm welcome," he said.

"I wanted to come here for the experience, but they've already provided me with important help – setting me up with a tutor and boosting my motivation and confidence ahead of study."

Students were welcomed to the university by Jarowair Elder Vanessa Fisher

"Know who you are and where you come from," she said. "Keep it in your heart."

CISER Head Professor Tracey Bunda said Cultural Connections aimed to build student networks and knowledge about support and services provided at USQ and build a strong foundation to assist throughout the study journey.

She said it was an opportunity to welcome the newcomers to the CISER family.

"We are dedicated to encouraging and assisting our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through the learning journey," Professor Bunda said.

"Every single member of our team is here to help – from assistance in applying through to graduation.

"Need advice on tutoring assistance, enrolling in courses and submitting assignments? You'll always find a friend here."

The program coincided with the Semester 1 Indigenous Higher Education Pathway Program (IHEPP) Residential, bringing together around 30 students at USQ's Residential Colleges for the two events.

The official welcome was followed by campus tours, a Yarning Circle with Dr Kathryn Gilbey, and workshops on USQ Study Desk, scholarships, library resources and more throughout the week.

In addition to being introduced to USQ, the students gained an insight into local Indigenous heritage through a cultural excursion to key locations such as Duggan Park and Picnic Point to hear about the Battle of One-Tree Hill and Aboriginal warrior Multuggerah.



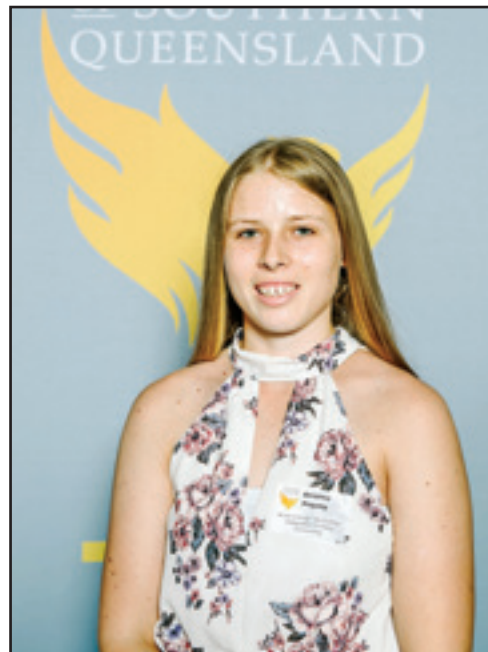
Above: Head of School (Law and Justice) Professor Reid Mortensen, Jarowair Elder Vanessa Fisher, CISER Head Professor Tracey Bunda, and Toowoomba Regional Council Councillor Bill Cahill.



Right: Engineering student Kerry Gall. Pictures: USQ Photography



Students Amie Ott and Jennifer Stanley.



Bree's dreams fly higher with a scholarship

BREE Pogany is set to take her dreams sky high as she begins her Bachelor of Aviation at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) in Springfield.

"I love travelling and flying is something I have always been interested in," she said.

"I want to learn as much as I can about how much goes into becoming a professional pilot."

Bree, who hails from Nanango, is the recipient of the 'Go Further' Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship from Arrow Energy.

Bree said the scholarship – worth up to \$5000 – couldn't have come at a better time.

"When I found out I was receiving the scholarship, I was really excited and relieved," the first-year student said.

"It has provided much-needed financial relief and allowed me to concentrate on preparing for my first semester of university.

"It's an honour to receive this scholarship and will only motivate me to work harder and succeed."

Bree, 17, is the first in her family to attend university and has hopes of a career in aviation, either flying for an airline or joining the Defence Force. She graduated from Nanango State High School last year and moved to Ipswich for study and her football commitments with Western Pride's National Premier League Women's side.

Bowie pushes and doesn't give up



TIMAKOI Bowie hears the words 'Keep going, don't give up' echoing all the way down from the Torres Strait to the Gold Coast.

They drive him forward, even as the goalposts he worked tirelessly towards for almost five years have moved.

Timakoi, 19, is studying towards a Bachelor of Business at Bond University on a Blue Sky Alternative Investments Indigenous Scholarship. Originally from Badu Island, 60km north of Thursday Island, he moved to Cairns at the age of five.

Rugby league was always a passion but Timakoi caught the eye of a rival code after moving to AFL Cape York House, a boarding facility and mentoring program for Indigenous boys while they complete high school in Cairns.

"I got into AFL after a footy camp with the Cape York Crusaders," he said. "I was benched a lot at the start but got better and better and in my first year I ended up being chosen for the Queensland Under 16 AFL team. It was pretty weird going from one sport (rugby league) to the other and then being picked for a state team."

State selection put Timakoi on the Gold Coast Suns' radar but, as he approached Year 12 at St

Andrew's Catholic College in Cairns, he was also thinking about his academic future.

"One of the other boys (from AFL Cape York House) had been to Bond and he had a little chat with me. He said it had a really strong Indigenous program," Timakoi said.

Timakoi enrolled in a Diploma of Business at Bond University College, which put him on a pathway to the bachelor program.

His football career was also on a fast-track. He joined the Suns' Under 18 Academy and was taken under the wing of Suns' star and fellow north Queenslander Jarrod Harbrow.

Timakoi aimed to make the AFL draft at the end of last year – but it was not to be. That's when the words came to him.

"Whenever I go back to Badu my family tells me, 'Keep going, don't give up,'" he said.

"It was disappointing not to make the draft. I'd played for the Suns all year. But that's business. You've just got to move on. I still hope to make it into the AFL as a mature age player."

Timakoi is pushing ahead with his studies and will this year play for the Southport Sharks, which has been a pipeline of talent for the AFL, producing Dayne Beams (Collingwood), Dayne Zorko (Brisbane Lions) and Lachie Weller (Gold Coast Suns).

"Having the support of Blue

Sky Alternative Investments is both comforting and motivating," he said.

"It feels like someone is encouraging me and supporting me, kind of like my parents would.

I've got people standing behind me on my journey."

Timakoi has settled into Gold Coast life – "I like the beaches – no crocodiles!" – but misses diving for crayfish with friends and family on Badu.

He has discovered a passion for marketing and if a career as a professional sportsman does not eventuate, a job in the marketing department of an AFL team would be a goal.

Timakoi is on track to graduate next year and would be the first in his family to hold a university degree – something his mother had hoped to do herself. "She went to uni but she didn't finish because she had me," he said. "So graduating would be like paying her back."



Young people called to apply for youth leadership program



ASPIRING young Indigenous people ready to learn

leadership skills and how to prepare and deliver a community project can now apply to the Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (QIYLP).

If you are 18-25 and identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, you can apply for the six-day residential program in Brisbane on June 29 to July 4.

Queensland Child Safety, Youth and Women's Minister Di Farmer said the QIYLP was a wonderful opportunity for young Indigenous Queenslanders to develop leadership skills, offer professional development and learn about influencing change.

"The young participants will undertake a range of experiences including professional development workshops, mentoring and networking opportunities and attend parliament workshops," she said.

"Every young person who attends a QIYLP is a potential future leader, and

the experience they gain through the program is designed to help them along that journey."

Ms Farmer said there had already been more than 500 young people participate in QIYLP since its inception in 2004, and it was pleasing to see large numbers returning in subsequent years as participant mentors, co-facilitators and lead facilitators.

"It will be an experience you won't forget," she said.

The program is delivered in partnership with Queensland Parliamentary Services, and with sponsorship from Queensland mining company Glencore.

Craig Strudwick from Glencore Coal Assets Australia said the company was proud to invest in young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders.

"We've sponsored QIYLP for 11 years now and every year we are impressed by the talented young people participating in the program," he said.

Applications close on April 15.

For more information, visit www.qld.gov.au/atsi

Top NT teachers take the award



A UNIVERSITY teaching team at Batchelor Institute has won a prestigious prize.

The teaching staff in the Preparation for Tertiary Success Program (PTS) have been awarded a citation for outstanding contribution to student learning as part of the Australian Awards for University Teaching 2018.

Dr Lisa Hall, Catherine Maughan, Angela Harrison, Joanne Forrest and Delean Holtze have been recognised as being among Australia's most exceptional university teachers. The PTS team has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to student learning through their dedication to quality teaching.

The PTS course has been running since 2011. There are few similar bridging programs that have a longstanding successful history in providing methodological approaches to teaching that bridge cultures to enable Indigenous academic success.

The PTS program at Batchelor Institute has undergone a number of revisions in an attempt to create bridges between Indigenous and Eurocentric ways of knowing.

The unique pedagogy and curriculum used in the PTS course offers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students the opportunity to bring their own strength and knowledge into the classroom.



Catherine Maughan, Delean Holtze and Angela Harrison.

Students learn all the necessary skills and strategies required for them to be successfully undertake further tertiary education pathways. They gain insight and academic intelligence to navigate the Western learning environment of higher education while strengthening their own Indigenous identity.

While helping many students to make a successful transition into higher education courses the PTS team has also made a significant contribution to the wider field of enabling education.

The team has developed an impressive research record with publication in numerous national and international peer reviewed journals. The team has represented Batchelor Institute in several national and

international conferences, sharing and promoting the pedagogical work being done in the PTS program. The reputation of Batchelor's PTS program has moved beyond the Australian boundaries with the formation of an international partnership with the University of Lethbridge in Canada.

According to Batchelor Institute, "the innovation is of significance not only to the Institution but also to the Government which is trying to get more Indigenous and Torres Strait Islanders attending tertiary education."

"This program is a model that demonstrates that enrolments, completions and progression can be enhanced for this student cohort to assist them in their successful transition to tertiary education."

Study focuses on scabies



SCABIES – a debilitating skin condition caused by parasites – will be the focus of a research project led by a University of

Canberra team.

The team has received funding for its work in effectively treating the skin condition, which has potentially fatal consequences in rural Aboriginal communities.

Project leader assistant Professor Dr Jackson Thomas said scabies can lead to blood poisoning and subsequently result in kidney disease and rheumatic heart disease.

“Rural Indigenous Australian communities are very vulnerable to scabies, with about seven in 10 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children affected,” Dr Thomas said.

Globally, about 300 million people are affected with the disease at any given time.

The project team has received a Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) Rare Cancers, Rare Diseases and Unmet Need grant of

\$1.3 million for further trials.

The project focuses on a new treatment based on tea tree oil. It kills the parasite and its eggs, and addresses issues which have plagued previous treatment efforts.

“Conventional treatment methods include a thick cream which must be left on for up to 15 hours, then showered off thoroughly,” Dr Thomas said. “This can be challenging in remote settings, which have limited access to water. It can also be uncomfortable to use in tropical regions.”

The other conventional treatment is an oral medication, usually not prescribed to children below five because of the risks it carries – but children from this age group are the ones most usually affected by the disease.

University of Canberra chancellor Professor Tom Calma is a chief investigator for the project, and one of four Aboriginal researchers in the study team.

“The project is a classic example of a perfect connection point between Aboriginal bush



Wurli-Wurlijang Aboriginal health practitioner Maggie Raymond and Professor Jackson Thomas.

medicine and Western medical perspectives,” Prof Calma said.

“Tea tree oil is a traditional ingredient in bush medicine. The treatment thus aligns with

Indigenous healing culture, and is more likely to be accepted by remote Aboriginal communities.”

In 2016 and 2017, the University’s Office of Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Leadership and Strategy (OATSILS) and the Collaborative Indigenous Research Initiative (UC CIRI) provided an initial grant to Dr Thomas to pilot a randomised control trial of Australian tea tree oil for the management of scabies in Indigenous Australian children.

“It is a clear gel, pleasant to use, and it doesn’t leave any residue on the skin,” Dr Thomas said.

Proper usage of any scabies treatment is crucial, so that the parasite does not develop resistance.

“Unlike conventional treatments, our treatment has combined ovicidal, parasitocidal, anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial and anti-pruritic and healing properties – a world first.”

The grant will allow Dr Thomas and his team to recruit 210 patients, in collaboration with their community partner, the Wurli-Wurlijang Aboriginal Community Health Service in Katherine.

The three-year project will map the treatment’s effectiveness, then provide a platform for its roll out.



Professor Jonathon Carapetis, Federal Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt and MCRI Professor Andrew Steer.

Strep A vaccine on the way



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander communities have one of the highest rates of Strep A disease in the world.

Strep A is a highly contagious bacterium that causes around 500,000 deaths every year.

Last week Federal Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt awarded a national consortium a \$35m federal grant for Strep A vaccine research to fast-track a vaccine against Strep A and prevent a potentially fatal heart disease.

Melbourne’s Murdoch Children’s Research

Institute (MCRI) will be a key partner in the consortium and MCRI infectious diseases professor Andrew Steer is a world expert in Strep A.

“Strep A usually begins with a sore throat, but if left untreated it causes the immune system to become overactive, which can result in rheumatic heart disease, where antibodies damage the heart valves,” Prof Steer said.

“Globally, Strep A is almost as deadly as malaria parasites, tuberculosis bacteria and HIV but internationally little has been invested in Strep A research. This funding is very welcome, because with a new vaccine we could stop Strep A

infections in Australia and around the world.”

MCRI will soon begin testing two new vaccines in human volunteers. MCRI has been working with the World Health Organisation to promote development of new vaccine candidates.

“In Australia 94% of rheumatic heart disease occurs among Indigenous Australians,” Prof Steer said. “Globally, rheumatic heart disease affects more than 33 million people, causing about 500,000 deaths. That is why it’s imperative we develop a vaccine.”

Prof Steer said Strep A also caused skin sores, septicemia (blood poisoning) and toxic shock

syndrome. Another partner in the consortium is the Telethon Kids Institute in Perth.

Telethon Kids Institute director Professor Jonathan Carapetis said rheumatic heart disease leads to serious complications such as stroke and premature death in young adults and even adolescents.

“And while the disease is preventable, and treatable when found early, young people continue to die because it’s detected too late,” he said.

Prof Carapetis said developing a Strep A vaccine could have a real impact on closing the gap in Indigenous health in Australia.

Cultural heritage data reporting in hospitals found to be inconsistent



IDENTIFYING a patient’s cultural heritage – nationality, ethnicity or religion – is done inconsistently by doctors when transferring clinical information.

A new study of how medical professionals find and document information in patient care has revealed that the cultural backgrounds of Aboriginal patients were more likely to be mentioned than those of patients from other backgrounds.

The study, published in the *Medical Journal of Australia*, included the covert observation of patient handovers in an acute care unit (ACU), then an analysis of the written hospital electronic medical records (EMRs) for the patients after their discharge to ward-based care.

Lead author in the study Dr David Morgan from Perth’s South Metropolitan Health Service said he and colleagues conducted a four-phase observational study.

“Identifying the cultural heritage of patients is controversial,” the report reads. “While some authors regard it as irrelevant and perhaps subject to prejudice, others advocate collecting the information in order to identify disparities in health care”.

The authors concluded that the “explicit identification by doctors of the cultural heritage of patients was inconsistent and seldom explained” and that “the cultural backgrounds of Aboriginal patients were substantially more likely to be mentioned than those of patients from other backgrounds”.

“Further research and community consultation are needed to understand this practice.”

This is the first study to formally document the frequency of references to a patient’s cultural heritage during medical handover and in the hospital medical records. After adjusting for demographic, socio-economic and medical factors, Aboriginal patients were significantly more likely to be identified than patients from all other ethnic-national backgrounds.

In a post-study survey of the observed ACU doctors, 44 of 75 respondents were aware that Aboriginal heritage was mentioned more frequently than other cultural backgrounds, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients identified more than any other group.

A rationale for identification was documented in 25 of 142 patients (18%) whose ethnic-national background was mentioned either during ACU patient handover or in their EMR.

The Kidney bus is changing lives



FOR dialysis patient Joel Williams, the Big Red Kidney Bus makes a huge difference and helps break up the monotony of dialysis.

"Dialysis is like Groundhog Day," Joel said. "Every session is basically the same, so it's great to have a change. The Big Red Kidney Bus means I can have a break."

The Big Red Kidney Bus is a mobile unit that allows people living with kidney disease to travel away from their home and still receive life-saving haemodialysis treatment.

Kidney disease disproportionately affects Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people with almost 1 in 5 (18%) aged over 18 years having indicators of chronic kidney disease – twice as likely as other Australians.

Kidney failure is when a person's kidneys have stopped working so treatment, such as haemodialysis or a transplant, is needed to sustain life.

On average, haemodialysis patients need to have treatment for at least five hours at a time, three days a week – which can be very restricting as they need to stay close to their dialysis unit. Kidney Health Australia's award-winning Big Red Kidney Bus program operates with clinical partners in Victoria and NSW to provide mobile haemodialysis services in these states, allowing people

on dialysis a chance to have a holiday or visit family and friends and still receive their lifesaving treatment.

The Big Red Kidney Buses are open to all Australians on hospital, satellite or home haemodialysis.

The buses travel to holiday locations for up to six weeks at a time. They are staffed by experienced dialysis nurses and renal technicians from Monash Health in Victoria and Royal North Shore Hospital in NSW. The bus will be travelling to Dubbo, NSW, April 1 to May 4, and will be in Lakes Entrance, Victoria, until April 6. For info, call 1800 454 363, email bigredkidneybus@kidney.org.au or visit www.kidney.org.au/bus



Joel Williams and the Big Red Kidney Bus.

Health research gets a major funding boost



COMMONWEALTH funding of \$125 million over 10 years to boost to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research has been welcomed by Central Australia Academic Health Science Network (CAASHN) John

Paterson.

"This puts Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research into our hands—into the hands of community-controlled health research and delivery," Mr Paterson said.

"In years to come, this will be acknowledged as a major shift in the way in which research is governed, and will set benchmarks in how research is initiated, how it is developed, how it is carried out and how research results are implemented.

"This new decade-long approach will set best practice for the future of Indigenous research across the nation—and as a national program, we will see Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research without borders.

"For the first time, social determinants of health as a key issue in Closing the Gap in health outcomes have been cited. This is a profound acknowledgement of the root causes of so much that faces our people.

"For years so much of research into the health of our people has been carried out by major research institutes and universities. While these groups have increasingly recognised the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander input, this Indigenous Health Research Fund now sets best practice in putting our people at the forefront."

The \$125 million fund will be directed by an Aboriginal task force led by Dr Alex Brown from the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute in Adelaide and Professor Misty Jenkins from the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute in Melbourne with representation from the Indigenous community controlled sector.

Services to end

Derbarl Yerrigan to walk away from residential hospital due to lack of funding



DERBAL Yerrigan Health Service will walk away from operating a residential

hostel that provides accommodation for seriously ill Aboriginal patients after negotiations with the State Government for ongoing funding failed.

Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service chair Jackie Oakley said management had been in discussions with the WA Country Health Service (WACHS) about a range of options for the Elizabeth Hansen Autumn Centre but, after deliberations hit a stalemate, the board made the difficult decision to relinquish control of the operation.

For almost 20 years, Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service has operated the centre in Guildford Road, Bayswater, as a medical hostel, offering housing and support for people travelling to Perth from regional and remote WA for medical care they cannot access in their own communities.

"Sadly, we have been unable to secure appropriate funding from the State Government to continue to operate the Elizabeth Hansen Autumn Centre and have made the tough decision to

relinquish our service role and hand the facility back to the state," Ms Oakley said.

"This decision has not been made lightly, but without a funding commitment of at least \$675,000 a year, which equates to \$85 per person, per night, we cannot

sustain our position as a service provider."

Ms Oakley said the service had been seeking recurrent funding of around \$675,000 a year to keep the service afloat. Instead, WACHS agreed to an exit grant of \$250,000 to cover operating costs until June 30 and to assist in the hand back of the service. WACHS will then assume full responsibility as the service provider.

"We are disappointed that the WA Country Health Service has not seen fit to stump up appropriate funds for Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service to continue as a service provider, but instead attempted to continue drip-feed funding to us for this important service," she said.

"Their heavy-handed 'take it or leave it' trickle funding approach is untenable and does not provide our service, our patients or our staff clarity, equity or long-term security.

"For this reason, we have no option but to step away to ensure the future financial viability of the entire Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service and safeguard the other valuable assets and services we provide to the Noongar community.

"We remain committed to the welfare of patients in our care and will work with

"It has been an absolute abdication of WACHS's responsibility to offer funding that is less than adequate."

WACHS to ensure there is minimal upheaval and distress to residents as Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service transitions out of the centre."

The centre, which has been rented to Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service, offers 32 beds for Aboriginal patients and their carers travelling from regional and remote communities, particularly the Kimberley, Pilbara and Goldfields.

In the past three years, more than 200 people have used the centre. The average length of stay is six to nine months for most patients, with many undergoing renal care and kidney dialysis.

WACHS withdrew recurrent operational funding for the centre three years ago. Since then, Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service has attempted

to self-fund 70% of the centre's operations and recently introduced a nightly gap charge for each client and carer. In November 2018, WACHS provided one-off funding of almost \$80,000 for the centre to cover the cost of six beds for six months. The sum represents 10% of the centre's annual operating costs.

Ms Oakley said Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service management had battled to keep the centre operating for the past three years.

"We have been driven by an overwhelming sense of compassion for these patients," Ms Oakley said. "We made all reasonable attempts to keep the facility open by cutting staff costs associated with, clinical, transport, activities and liaison services.

"It has been an absolute abdication of WACHS's responsibility to offer funding that is less than adequate."

Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service is an Aboriginal community-controlled health service that has provided culturally appropriate health and support services across Perth since 1974. Services include GP clinics, maternal and child health program, dental health, cardiac service, counselling and outreach programs.

Koori Comedy will keep us laughing



KARUWALI Maiawali man and comedian Benny Eggmolesse says he can dodge any thong Mum throws, and duck any jug cord. He'll be channelling his uncle, Charlie Pride, when he emcees at the Canberra Comedy Festival's first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander comedy show – *Koori Comedy*.

He'll be followed onto the stage by local Aboriginal Comedians Cy Fahey, Bill Makin, Jacob Keed and special guest Stephanie Tisdale.

Comedian Cy Fahey is a Djadjawurrung Loddon River man. He says can sing any woman to pick him up from the pub.

Eora man Bill Makin, aka 'the day walker', says he can exist in white and black worlds.

Wiradjuri (Tubba Gah Clan)/ Kamilaroi man Jacob Keed calls himself the Black Harry Potter. He says he may not be a wizard, but he does perform some black magic.

Yidinji woman Steph Tisdale is from the Atherton Tablelands and she likes to claim that "when God said let there be light, Steph said 'say please'."

Koori Comedy promises a proper laugh, holding no punches as it delivers stand-up comedy for our mob by our mob. So, when you book yourself in for a deadly night, bring some non-Indigenous mob too.

Koori Comedy is on March 21 at 9.30pm at Street Theatre, 15 Childers St, Canberra. Tickets cost \$20.



Performing in *Koori Comedy* at the Canberra Comedy Festival are Jacob Keed, Cy Fahey, Bill Makin and Benny Eggmolesse.

Artists go online and find their power in marketing



TORRES Strait artist Laura Mooka was

feeling more empowered about developing her marketing strategies and online presence after attending a two day workshop at the Gab Titui Cultural Centre on Thursday Island.

"My friends and family always tell me to go further, but my own fears hold me back," Ms Mooka said.

Now, with her new Facebook page, Ms Mooka said she is excited to see what happens next.

The marketing strategies workshop was hosted by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) in partnership with Flying Arts.

TSRA chair Napau Pedro Stephen said the workshops provided a practical suite of activities, discussions, research and networking opportunities.

"The activities and discussions utilised in these workshops gave our attendees the opportunity to explore topics such as pricing structures and digital sales channels that

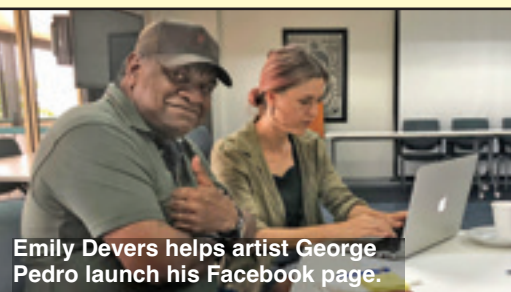


Above: Workshop attendees with facilitator Emily Devers. Back, from left: Kailu George, Brian Pool, George Pedro. Front, from left: Marcella Pauling, Emily Devers, Laura Mooka, Elsie Passi.

would align with their target audiences," Mr Stephen said.

After learning about different online platforms, attendees navigated through the stages of launching their social presence, including the step-by-step process of creating Facebook pages and sharing artwork, in a copyright-protected format.

The event was facilitated by visual artist Emily Devers, who said it had been a wonderful experience running



Emily Devers helps artist George Pedro launch his Facebook page.

the workshop.

"I've met a handful of talented local artists and we've worked together to get their artwork online, so that they can reach a wider audience," Ms Devers said.

Drawing from her background in the commercial art space, Emily shared her experiences and encouraged artists to be confident in their work and pricing.

She also explained how her gallery, the Third Quarter, attracts customers and

engages with long-term buyers via social media.

The local artists who participated developed their artist profiles, launched Facebook pages and defined strategies to sustain and grow their online presence.

Mr Stephen said the event prioritised economic development for the region.

Gab Titui Cultural Centre aims to host more workshops in the near future, on inner and outer island communities.

Makers of film ahoy

Screen Australia calls out to movie creators



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander film making teams are invited to get involved in a new anthology feature film as part of the new *Cook 2020: Our Right of Reply* drama collection.

The year 2020 is the 250th anniversary of James Cook's maiden voyage to the Pacific. For Indigenous people in Australia, New Zealand and across the Pacific, Cook's arrival also signalled the arrival of colonisation.

Screen Australia and New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) will fund four Indigenous teams from both New Zealand and Australia, to each create a short film that will provide an Indigenous perspective on the anniversary.

Screen Australia's head of Indigenous Penny Smallacombe said they "are looking for passionate Indigenous filmmakers who want to collaborate with our Māori and Pasifika storytellers to be a part of this ground breaking creative partnership".

"This initiative presents a shared international opportunity for First Australian creators to re-examine and engage with the effects of colonisation through the perspectives that drama can provide," Ms Smallacombe said.

Applicants can propose a dramatic short that speaks to the theme of cultural survival, but can take any form – from experimental, to comedy, to genre and/or animation. The shorts can be period or present-day stories. The successful screen practitioners must be willing to work with the other successful Australian and New

Zealander applicants to ensure the anthology works as a cohesive eight-piece feature.

Australian applicants need be Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers and directors, or writer/directors; and have already made at least two short dramas of at least seven minutes each – including standalone shorts, online or web series and/or dramatised documentary. Those with extensive documentary directing experience are also encouraged to apply.

Applicants must also be available to travel to a workshop in Sydney from May 13-17 and must be able to prove their ability to deliver the finished short film by November 2019.

NZFC screen executive Karen Te O Kahurangi Waaka-Tibble said, "Tangata whenua of Aotearoa and the Pacific consider the arrival of Cook as the beginning of colonial attitudes that have left significant marks on the land and its people."

"It is essential that these stories are expressed," she said.

New Zealand Film Commission chief executive Annabelle Sheehan said the joint initiative brings together the Indigenous voices of Australia, Māori and the Pacific peoples.

"It can inspire us to rethink the old contours and framings of history," she said.

The initiative has received financial support from Create NSW, and Screen Australia is contributing \$500,000 in production funding. NZFC is committing the same amount in NZD to each of the New Zealand short films.



It's the same but different

Same but Different will be performed as part of Dance Massive, a First Nations dance festival in Melbourne.



FOUR First Nation female artists, each from a different country within Australia, invite you to share in a conversation

that they have been yarning about for years. In *Same but Different*, DubaiKungkaMiyalk brings together Mariaa Randall, Henrietta Baird, Carly Sheppard and Ngioka Bunda-Heath – four contemporary choreographers – who tell stories through dance.

Each of the women has created a work that draws on their individual dance practice – and no two works are the same.

While each artist's style of moving may be different, the women are unified by their common desire to move.

Same but Different places the women and their work side by side to challenge any notion that all Indigenous

contemporary dance is the same.

The show is part of Dance Massive, a First Nations dance festival in Melbourne from March 12-24.

Artists from across Australia invite the audience to pause, be curious, pay attention and step out of their comfort zone.

Organisers said the sixth edition of Dance Massive, contains a program of urgent, thought-provoking work made in direct response to our times.

The 2019 program includes vital questions of identity, equality, environmental collapse, rapid technological growth, a longing for home and so much more.

Same but Different performs on March 13-16 and March 20-23 at 7pm at Meat Market, 5 Blackwood Street, North Melbourne. To book tickets, visit dancemassive.com.au/



BARDI/Jabirr-Jabirr woman Shari Sebbens is ready to talk about cultural identity as she takes up the role of Richard Wherrett Fellow at Sydney Theatre Company (STC).

Shari, who was born and raised in Darwin, has already been working with Sydney Theatre Company as an actor, but now is stepping up into a career pathway opportunity for emerging and developing directors.

"It is an incredible honour to be a part of a company that is shifting and stretching and not shying away from the necessary conversations and actions required for cultural growth," she said.

"I'm thrilled to be a part of that.

"Many of the people I look up to in this industry are Richard Wherrett Fellows and I imagine much of what I love about their work and artistry was nurtured and able to grow in their time at Sydney Theatre Company. This inspires me as I head into an exciting year of development and discovery.

"As an Aboriginal artist, I've been thrilled by the choices they've made in producing Indigenous work. Their investment in my development as a director is also an investment in the future of Indigenous storytelling on our stages.

"It's nice to be a part of a company that understands you cannot talk about Australia's cultural identity without Indigenous people at the table."

Shari is a proud and passionate advocate for Indigenous theatre, especially the development of new and contemporary works.

At 19, Shari was one of 10 young artists chosen for SPARK, the Australia Council for the Arts first theatre mentorship program. In 2006 she was accepted into Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts where she completed the Certificate 3 course in Aboriginal Theatre. At the end of the year she was accepted into NIDA, graduating in 2009.

In 2011 Shari was cast in her first film role of Kay in *The Sapphires*, based on the hit stage-play of the same name. In 2012, she starred in the world premiere of La Boite/Griffin Theatre's production of Rick Viede's *A Hoax*. She played the role of Julia in *Redfern Now* for ABC, and one of the leads in the ABC series *The Gods Of Wheat Street*.

In 2013 Shari was cast as Naomi in Warwick Thornton's feature *The Darkside*, followed by playing Mae in *Radiance* for Belvoir St in 2015. With a wealth of theatre production under her belt, she returned to film with the role of Mother in *Thor: Ragnarok*.

Shari is the 2012 recipient of the Graham Kennedy



Shari Sebbens is Sydney Theatre Company's new Richard Wherrett Fellow.

Logie Award for Outstanding New Talent.

Shari joins other STC resident artists Paige Rattray, Jessica Arthur, Elizabeth Gadsby and Sue Smith. Previous STC Richard Wherrett Fellows are Jessica Arthur, Paige Rattray, Imara Savage, Sarah Giles, Lee Lewis, Wayne Blair and Joseph Couch.

STC artistic director Kip Williams said, through its resident artists program, "STC is committed to providing professional development opportunities for artists, access to key personnel and resources, and encouragement for professional development.

"STC's resident artists also play key roles in the day-to-day artistic life of the company."

Yothu Yindi meets youth



Yothu Yindi & the Treaty Project will play at Yirramboi Festival. Witiyana Marika and Yirrngga Yunupingu perform with Gavin Campbell on pads.



DESCRIBED as a youth driven, blak intervention, performance installation, *dis rupt* is just one of the treats in store for audiences at the Yirramboi Festival in Melbourne on May 4.

At *dis rupt*, young emerging Indigenous artists entertain audiences with song, dance, installation and performance from 4-8pm. *dis rupt* will open up closed doors and bring life to stories that have never been heard in the Arts Centre Melbourne Hamer Hall's foyer spaces.

One the same day, Yothu Yindi & the Treaty Project will make its debut at 8pm in the Hamer Hall, performing new remixes of Yothu Yindi hits with an electronic twist.

Yothu Yindi & The Treaty Project was launched in 2017 to raise awareness for the need for treaty with Australia's First Nations people. The band brings Indigenous music, song and dance into the limelight as powerful tools of protest. In this new formation, founding members Witiyana Marika, Stu Kellaway and Kevin Malngay Yunupingu – are joined onstage by former band members, Kamahi Djordon King and Yolngu singers, Yirrngga Yunupingu and Yimala Gurruwiwi.

The venue rests on the bank of the Birrarung – the River of Mists. The exhibition and its performances asks: How do diasporic First Peoples connect to water? How do young blakfullas imagine the future of their lands?

Yirramboi is Melbourne's biennial First Peoples festival celebrating living cultures and contemporary practices of First Nations creatives. Yirramboi means 'tomorrow' in the shared languages of the Boon Wurrung and Woi Wurrung peoples of the Kulin Nations.

We welcome items for our Calendar of Events. Send them to any of the addresses in the panel on page 23.

Victoria

Until April 22: *Bathi: Baskets from the Arnhem Weavers*, at Tacit Gallery, Collingwood. Woven baskets (bathi) tell the story of people returning to look after country. Details: tacitart.com.au/

Until April 22: *Cleverman: The Exhibition*. Explores the making of Cleverman, including props, costumes and make-up. Held at ACMI, Federation Square, Melbourne from 10am-5pm. acmi.net.au/events/cleverman/

Until April 28: *Undercurrent*. Solo exhibition by Bangarang artist Peta Clancy of photographs exploring a massacre site on Dja Dja Wurrung Country. At the Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne.

Until June 7: Indigenous entrepreneurs can apply for an Indigenous startup of cash and support with Barayamal Accelerator. A two day pre-accelerator is on also March 28-29 in Melbourne. Apply by March 22. Details: barayamal.com.au

March 17: Community Only – Professional Development Workshop. hear from artists in a round table discussion and Q&A on artist marketing, branding and online presence. Get your own professional portrait taken. 10am-1pm. Free at the Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne.

March 18: Cultural Flows conversation about Aboriginal peoples experience in water management. 12.30-1.30pm. Free. Koorie Heritage Trust, Melbourne. Booking: koorieheritagetrust.com.au/event/cultural-flows/

March 14-17: *Le Dernier Appel/The Last Cry*. Examines the way dance has been shaped by colonisation. Held at the Arts House, Meat Market, Melbourne. Bookings: arthouse.com.au

March 14-23: *Same but Different*. DubaiKungkaMiyalk brings together five First Nation female choreographers who tell stories through dance. At the Arts House, Melbourne. Bookings: arthouse.com.au

March 14-24: Melbourne Design Week Indigenous themed exhibitions and presentations. Various locations. Details: ngv.vic.gov.au/melbourne-design-week/

March 19-24: *CO_EX_EN*. Karul Projects' new dance creation by Thomas E.S. Kelly. Held at the Arts House, Meat Market, Melbourne. Bookings: arthouse.com.au

Until March 31: HART Awards nominations are open for local governments and community organisations that are Helping Achieve Reconciliation Together. Details: vlga.org.au/2019-hart-awards-nomination-application

March 21: *Koori Comedy* at Canberra Comedy Festival. At Street Theatre, Chilter St. Cost applies.

Until April 28: *Re / Connecting* solo exhibition by Yorta Yorta artist Moorina Bonini. Based on the artist's interaction with the Lisa Bellair Photographic Collection. At the Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne.

March 23-May 19: *Katie West: Clearing*. Katie West weaves the threads of her practice together—natural dyeing, meditation and the creation of reading and listening spaces. Held at the TarraWarra Museum of Art, Tickets: twma.com.au

March 23-May 19: *Tracey Moffatt: Body Remembers* tells personal history of domestic servitude and the broader experience of colonisation. At TarraWarra Museum of Art. Details: twma.com.au

May 4: *dis rupt* youth performance installation (4-8pm) and Yothu Yindi and the Treaty Project (8pm) at Arts Centre Melbourne's Hamer Hall. Cost applies. Details: artscentremelbourne.com.au



Last year's Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages Forum participants.

Language forum speaks strongly



THE Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages Forum is an opportunity for language workers across Queensland to come together, share our successes and learn from each other – to grow and inspire activities toward a future in which all Queensland languages are spoken strongly and proudly.

Presented by the Queensland Indigenous Languages Advisory Committee, the forum will be held at the Novotel in Cairns on May 7-8.

The forum is being funded by the Indigenous Languages and Arts

program and this year's forum is currently in planning with a number of inspirational presentations and activities locked in.

If you are interested in sharing your language journey, activity or resources at the event please contact Annalee Pope on annaleepope@gmail.com with the details.

For people wishing to stay at the Novotel Cairns, rooms for attendees cost \$169 per night. Conference registration is \$160.00. For more information, visit qilac.org.au/

There are a limited number of free registration spaces available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members.

May 31: The Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service in honour of Aboriginal service men and women in the Australian Defence Force. 11am-12pm, at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne.

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: Lismore women's and men's healing groups. Held at Rekindling the Spirit, Lismore Monday and Wednesday, 11am to 2pm. Details: 02 6622 5534.

March 16: Christine Anu: In Conversation and Song. 7.30pm. At Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, Penrith, Sydney. Cost applies. Bookings: thejoan.com.au

March 20: Free *Utopia* film screening with speakers Muruwari & Budjiti man Bruce Shillingsworth and producer Alec Morgan. Details: amnesty.org.au/events/utopia-film-screening/

March 19-21: Carwoola Elders hold an Elders Gathering at Macquarie Life Church, Cardiff, Newcastle. Phone: Uncle Patrick Locke 0487 099 148 or email carwoola47@gmail.com

Until March 24: *Original Box*. Boomalli's Mardi Gras art exhibition from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQI Artists. At Boomalli, 55-59 Flood St Leichhardt. Details originalbox.eventbrite.com

Until March 30: *Women in Colour* exhibition by women Indigenous artists from urban and remote communities. Celebrating International Women's Day 'better the balance'. At Cooe Art Gallery, Paddington.

Until March 30: *How to Rule the World*. A new political satire from Nakkiah Lui, at the Drama Theatre, Sydney Opera House. Bookings: sydneytheatre.com.au

March 14-April 13: *Anniversary pukulpa. Katu parpakani! (Happy Anniversary. Flying High!)* exhibition of artworks from the APY Art Centre Collective at the APY Gallery, Sydney.

Until April 18: NAIDOC week grants open for applications from community-based organisations.

To apply, visit aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/grants/naidoc-week-grants

April 19-21: Boomerang at Bluesfest 2019. Indigenous Arts & Culture Festival, including Yothu Yindi & The Treaty Project, Baker Boy and more. Held at Byron Bay, Tickets: bluesfest.com.au

March 25-May 27: *One Spirit, One Voice* art exhibition. The knitting nannas against gas join Aboriginal artists to bring awareness and political change from a grass roots level. Official opening 12.30pm at Yarrowarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre.

Queensland

Ongoing: The Albert Namatjira Story. Display features early works by Albert Namatjira. At Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, daily 10am-5pm. Details: qagoma.qld.com.au

Until September 8: *Plantation Voices* free exhibition at State Library of Queensland. Historical papers, items and photos chart paths of South Sea Islanders descendants, used as cheap labour for the Australian sugar and cotton industries.

May 8-10: Indigenous Chronic Diseases Conference. At Pullman Hotel, Cairns. Details: icsconferences.org

May 8-10: 11th National Closing the Gap Indigenous Health Conference. At Pullman Hotel, Cairns. Details: icsconferences.org

May 15-17: 9th National Indigenous Stop Domestic & Family Violence Conference. At Tangalooma Resort, Brisbane. Details: icsconferences.org/

May 20-24: World Indigenous Housing Conference at Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre. Details: 2019wihc.com

May 23: Celebration of World Indigenous Culture with Yothu Yindi and the Treaty Project, Archie Roach, Casey Donovan, Isaiah Firebrace and more. Cost applies. At Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre. Details: www.2019wihc.com

July 12-14: Cairns Indigenous Art Fair. EOIs for performers close March 29. Details: ciaf.com.au

Western Australia

Until April 6: *Danjoo – Interwoven* exhibition. New artworks by 18 Aboriginal artists. Opening 6pm at Midland Junction Arts Centre, Mundaring. Details: mundaringartscentre.com.au

By April 15: Artists are invited to submit design work for the branding and promotion of the World Indigenous Tourism Summit (WITS) next year. Tourism and Indigenous Earth Wisdom. Details: contact Robert Taylor on 0419 921 946, or visit www.waitoc.com

South Australia

Until March 17: *Man with the Iron Neck*. A physical theatre production set in a small town with a tight-knit, AFL-mad community. Held at the Adelaide Festival. Details: adelaidefestival.com.au

NT

Until March 15: Register for Purple House's Share a Tale conference on April 9-11 about about remote dialysis, community-led healthcare and keeping culture strong. At Alice Springs Convention Centre. Details: purplehouse.org.au/share-a-tale

March 30-June 1: Northern Territory Travelling Film Festival. Details: ntravellingfilmfestival.com/films

Until April 22: *Weapons for the Soldier* exhibition examines complex themes of weaponry, warfare and the deep connection and protection of land and Country. APY Art Centre Collective artists at Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs.

April 5-14: Parrtjima – A Festival in Light in Alice Springs. Musical acts, interactive artworks and lighting installations on the 300-million-year-old MacDonnell ranges.

Until April 13: *Shapes of Knowledge* exhibition. Projects from artists and collectives featuring The Mulka Project's digital library.

Held at Monash University Museum of Art (MUMA), Caulfield Campus. Details: monash.edu/muma/

April 26-May 4: Arafura Games in Darwin. Opening celebration with Baker Boy, Shellie Morris, NT Dance Company on April 26 at 6.30pm.

Closing celebration with Skinnyfish Sound System and more on May 4 at 6.30pm.

June 18-20: Lowitja Institute International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference in Darwin Discuss the role of First Nations in leading change and a showcase of Indigenous solutions. Details: conference2019.lowitja.org.au/

July 24-26: 2019 National Indigenous Women's Conference: Empowering Change AND 2019 National Indigenous Men's Conference: Black And Proud. At Double Tree, Alice Springs. Details: icsconferences.org/

September 8: Bush Bands Bash. Bands will be selected to attend mentoring and perform a Alice Springs Telegraph Station. Band applications open in April. Details: musicnt.com.au

WA

Until October 26: *Desert Women Cultural Expression* painting exhibition by Ninuku and Warlukurlangu artists in the Northern Territory. At Earlywork, 330 South Terrace, South Fremantle.

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Mining leads the way with jobs for our mob



THE Queensland resources industry has recommitted to playing its part in creating economic opportunities and jobs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, following the release of the latest Closing the Gap report.

Queensland Resources Council chief executive Ian Macfarlane said economic opportunities for Indigenous Australians are essential to making meaningful strides towards the Closing the Gap targets, and the resources sector had an important role to play.

"The Queensland resources sector is proud of our role in providing employment and economic opportunities to Indigenous Australians," he said.

"The resources sector is one of only two sectors in Queensland with a genuine representation of Indigenous employees. Indigenous people comprise 4% of the state's workforce in resources and Queensland's Indigenous population is 4.1%.

"The only other sector to match this is the public service. Across all industries in Queensland, the representation of Indigenous employees is 2.5%.

"Last year Indigenous employment grew by 11% in the resources sector. The resources sector is committed to doing even more to extend economic opportunities to First Australians, and we hope to see other sectors join us with the same goal.

"In just one example, our member company Santos employs Indigenous Australians at its Cooper Basin operations in south-west Queensland providing employment pathways in remote areas."

Senior Kullilli man Peter White said the resources sector was giving Indigenous people the opportunity to work in a well-paid sector in the Cooper Basin.

"From an economical point of view, oil and gas are about the only jobs out there for the Kullilli people. There is nothing else we can do," Mr White said.

"They've always been very good to work for. They listen to our complaints. They have always been good to us, especially with the cultural heritage work."

Santos managing director and chief executive Kevin Gallagher said the company works closely with traditional owners.

"This creates employment opportunities for up to 80 local Indigenous people, valued at more than \$1 million each year," he said.

Mr Macfarlane said in areas such as the far north region of the state companies such as Rio Tinto and Metro Mining had significant Indigenous participation numbers.

"Rio's commitment to hiring locally was demonstrated with 1,200 people employed at peak construction at its Amrum bauxite project, and since project inception in May 2016, close to 400 Indigenous Australians have been employed by the project. Metro Mining's Indigenous workforce currently sits at 37% of the company's workforce," he said.

"Another milestone is Indigenous women in Queensland's resources sector, who represent 26% of the Indigenous workforce, which is close to twice the non-Indigenous rate."

The Closing the Gap 2018 update reported 6599 Indigenous people were employed by the mining industry, an increase by 250% since 2006.

Ronald Clermont did a traineeship with Rio Tinto.



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Refer birth families to appropriate support services and interviewing and

Discuss issues with families to assess needs and determine a course of action

Provide ongoing case management to children and young people, their carers and birth families

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Applications Close: Sunday, 24 March 2019 at (11.59pm)

We encourage you to contact Marjorie Anderson on (02) 8836 9403 or via email Marjorie.Anderson@facs.nsw.gov.au to discuss the role prior to applying.

**Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to
iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00006VON.**

For support with the application process please contact: Elizabeth Dunstone from Yarn'n on (02) 9319 4000 or via email liz@yarnn.com.au

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Senior Communications Consultant

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**Administrative Officer 6
(Remuneration Package Range \$101,897 - \$113,712)
Communications and Media
Darwin
Fixed vacancy to 29/12/2020**

We are looking for an innovative communications consultant to join a dynamic team focused on promoting excellence in public education in the Northern Territory.

This position will be responsible for communications and media for the Engagement and Partnerships division of the Northern Territory Department of Education with a specific focus on Indigenous education.

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to travel to remote communities and engage with schools, students and their families to celebrate their educational success stories.

Strong stakeholder and community engagement skills coupled with the ability to work independently are desirable attributes for this role.

For further enquiries please contact Hayley Green on 08 8901 4918.

Quote vacancy number: 37214

Closing date: 19/03/2019

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. For a copy of the Job Description and to apply online please visit www.nt.gov.au/jobs

www.nt.gov.au/jobs 1300 659 247

The Northern Territory Government is aiming for an inclusive and diverse workforce. All equal employment (EEO) groups are encouraged to apply.





Project Manager

Desert Pea Media [DPM] is a charitable organisation established in 2002. For over 18 years we have been learning, building relationships and perfecting a process of working with young people in regional Original Nation communities around Australia. DPM focuses on the process of storytelling to empower young people and to create important social and cultural dialogue. Our programs create high quality and relevant music and film media forms – and therefore create real engagement with young people. We work with Elders, young people, community leaders and local service providers to support and inform the conversation, and create meaningful cultural dialogue around local cultural and social issues.

The Project Manager oversees multi-arts community media projects. The candidate works from DPM HQ in pre-production, onsite, and post production phases of project.

Location: Byron Bay, NSW

Work Type: Fixed contract, part-time

Package: \$65k pro rata plus salary packaging benefits

Applications must be lodged by email.

Please go to desertpeamedia.com/project-manager-2019 to view a position description, selection criteria and application protocol.

Closing Date: Friday 22 March, 2019

Enquiries: manager@desertpeamedia.com

www.desertpeamedia.com



Bangarra is hiring!

Bangarra Dance Theatre is looking for a **Development Coordinator** to provide administrative support to the Development team. The role interacts with performers and has a collaborative relationship with the Marketing, Production and wider administrative teams.

The overriding purpose of the Development Coordinator is to facilitate the increase of both the total amount of philanthropic donations and the number of philanthropists who donate to Bangarra Dance Theatre, and to develop strong relationships with donors to ensure high renewal rates, ongoing partnerships and ultimately an increase in contributions to the company.

This is full-time permanent position, based in the company offices at Barangaroo, Sydney.

If you have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and enjoy building and maintaining effective relationships with a multitude of key stakeholders, we would love to hear from you. We strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates to apply.

For more information about the role and to apply, please visit our website: www.bangarra.com.au/about/work-with-us or call us on: 02 9258 5116.

Applications close: Thursday 21 March 2019 at 12noon

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ONGOING VACANCY AVAILABLE

VACANCY NO: 341145

AHP1 (\$63,019 - \$76,961 PER ANNUM)

The Department for Child Protection are currently recruiting for a Aboriginal Family Practitioner (AHP1) in Ceduna

Essential Qualifications:

A degree level qualification in Social Work which gives eligibility for full membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers

Pursuant to Section 56(2) of the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984* only people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent may apply for this role.

Persons of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, who have the appropriate background and skills but do not have the essential qualification, may apply for and be engaged/assigned to the role of Social Worker and will be entitled to apply for any Allied Health Professional roles requiring a qualification in Social Work within the Department for Child Protection (DCP).

For further information about the role and to submit your application please visit:
www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/work-with-us

Enquiries: Kirsty Lawrence, Ph: 08 8626 2444,
Email: Kirsty.Lawrence@sa.gov.au

Applications close: 27/03/2019 11:00 PM



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Aboriginal Allied Health Assistant Trainee

Department: Nepean Blue Mountains LHD
Temporary Full-Time

Trainee Year 10

Salary: \$352.19 - \$655.78 pw

Enquiries: Anthony Flick via email
Anthony.Flick@health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Dates:
18 March 2019

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ94813
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Aboriginal Program Manager

Department: Hunter New England LHD

Population Health Tamworth

Enquiries: Karen Gillham on

Karen.gillham@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

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*.

Closing Date:
31 March 2019

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ58408

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Senior Aboriginal Health Worker

Department: Northern NSW LHD

Lismore, Casino, Ballina

Temporary Full-Time

Hours Per Week: 38

Remuneration: \$80,971 - \$84,112 pa

Enquiries: Lyndal Smith on

Lyndal.Smith@health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date:
20 March 2019

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ93350.

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Aboriginal Identified Professional Legal Placement

- 2 x Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identified placements
- Package up to \$80K (pro-rata)
- Talent Pool
- Various Locations and Legal Practice Areas

We are looking for two bright, hardworking law graduates who are about to embark on their Practical Legal Training to join our Professional Legal Placement Program working in either our Criminal, Family or Civil Law Divisions.

Closing Date: You may apply for this advertisement at any time up to 29 March 2019.

Enquiries: Scott Hawkins on (02) 9219 5109 or Sheena Cabe on (02) 9213 5258.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00006N0X.

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ABORIGINAL PROJECTS OFFICER

REFERENCE NUMBER: 158273



An opportunity is available for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander responsible for achieving key objectives relating to the collaboration of work being conducted jointly between Barwon Health and the West Vic Primary Health Network. In this role you would be required to assist the Barwon Health Aboriginal Health Unit particularly in the areas of the Regional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Eye and Ear Health projects and other projects as required.

For more information or to apply, visit our website
www.barwonhealth.org.au/careers

Closing date: 18th March 2019

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NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Operations Manager - Identified

Northern Office (Coffs Harbour Location)

Salary \$112,215 plus 9.5% super and other benefits

The Opportunity

The Operations Manager is a pivotal position within the Northern Zone Office and reports directly to the Zone Director. The role of the Operations Manager is critical to the successful operation of the Zone and provides timely advice and recommendations to the Executives. The provision of this advice is critical to the decision-making processes of the Zone and to the NSW Aboriginal Land Council specifically.

- Provide high level of support to the Zone Director in the development and implementation of the Zone's Business Plan and in the planning and delivery of services to support the Zone's goals.
- Manage and provide leadership to staff of the organisation to provide the resources, advice and direction needed to achieve the Business Plan, performance standards and objectives as well as respond to emerging issues.

To be successful in this role, the Operations Manager will need to have:

- Aboriginality - this is an identified position under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the cultural practices, values and issues that affect Aboriginal people and communities;
- Proven track record of success in strategic planning and operational management including the supervision of multi-skilled staff;
- Sound understanding of the workings of Government with an ability to develop high quality written advice and reports, in a set format, to drive the decision-making processes at an Executive level;
- Demonstrated high level analytical, problem solving and conceptual skills;
- A current NSW Drivers Licence.

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 the NSW Aboriginal Land Council can be found at www.alc.org.au

How to apply

To apply for the position please obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Role Description and Success Profile by contacting the Judy Cockery by email: recruitment@alc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4516.

Applications close 9.00 a.m. Thursday 21 March 2019 and can be forwarded to recruitment@alc.org.au



Victorian Government graduate program

- 12-month program
- 3 four-month rotations between government departments
- \$57k+ p.a. + 9.5% super
- Guaranteed ongoing work, with promotion and salary increase to \$68k+ p.a. on successful completion of the program.

The Victorian Government graduate program has a dedicated pathway for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants.

The pathway provides support during your time with the program. There is a dedicated pathway manager who will remain in contact with you throughout the application process, your graduate year and beyond.

The pathway provides access to:

- Workshops in cultural identity
- Aboriginal mentors
- Networking opportunities
- Support throughout the application process (if you seek it)

The Victorian Government graduate program is an opportunity to work with purpose for the benefit of the people of Victoria.

Applications close: Sunday 24 March 2019

To apply visit: grads.vic.gov.au

For further information please contact the Victorian Government graduate team on (03) 9651 2247 or via email: vpsgrads@vpssc.vic.gov.au.



Cultural Heritage Assessment

Registration of Interest for Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge
PROJECT: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment at North Shearwater Estate, Tea Gardens.

The purpose of community consultation with Aboriginal people is to assist the proposed applicant in the preparation of an application for an AHIP, if required, and to assist the Director General of the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) in his or her consideration and determination of the application.

This is an invitation for Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in the area of the proposed project to register an interest in a process of community consultation with the proposed applicant regarding the proposed activity.

As per the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Requirements for Proponents (2010), interested parties are advised of the following:

- The proponent must advise Aboriginal people who are registering an interest that their details will be forwarded to OEH and the Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC), unless they specify that they do not want their details released.
- LALCs holding cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places in the proposed project area who wish to register an interest to be involved in consultation must register their interest as an Aboriginal organisation rather than as individuals.
- Where an Aboriginal organisation representing Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge has registered an interest, a contact person for that organisation must be nominated. Aboriginal cultural knowledge holders who have registered an interest may indicate to the proponent they have appointed a representative to act on their behalf. Where this occurs, the registered Aboriginal party must provide written confirmation and contact details of those individuals to act on their behalf.

PROPONENT: B. Lander PO Box 580 Raymond Terrace NSW 2324

Registration from Aboriginal people and/or Aboriginal groups wishing to be consulted must be received by phone, email or in writing no later than: **Wednesday 27th March 2019.**

To register your interest, please contact: **Jake Brown, Archaeologist**

Advitech Environmental, PO Box 207, Mayfield NSW 2304

Email: jake.brown@advitech.com.au or Ph: 04 2155 5894



Careers with Queensland Health

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advanced Health Worker

Renal Department, Integrated Medicine, Emergency, Child and Youth Services - Yarrabah, Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service.

Remuneration value up to \$86 383 p.a., comprising salary between \$68 683 - \$75 711 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (005) (Permanent Full Time. Applications will remain current for 12 months).

Duties / Abilities:

To provide a high standard of renal care and dialysis to clients, including delivering specific health care programs, assessing and treating clients, maintaining health care systems and providing education for client focused end stage kidney disease management and renal replacement therapy in order to contribute to better health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

- Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check'; from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.
- This role is designated as Indigenous Identified. Under s.25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* (Qld), it is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. To allow the panel to confirm that you are eligible to be considered for this Indigenous Identified role, the panel may either:
 - accept your written assertion that you are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; or
 - obtain from you, as part of your formal application, documentary evidence attesting to your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. Full details and a Statutory Declaration is available here: <https://www.forgov.qld.gov.au/documents/guideline/evidence-attribute-aboriginal-and-or-torres-strait-islander-identified-roles>
- It is a condition of employment for the employee in this role to be, and remain, vaccinated against or non-susceptible to the following Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPDs): **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), Varicella (chicken pox) and Pertussis (whooping cough) and Hepatitis B.** Further information: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/dept-of-health/pre-employment/vaccinations/providing-evidence>

Enquiries: Norma Solomon 07 4226 6895

Job Ad Reference: CA303642

Application Kit: www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 22 March 2019

You can apply online at www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job.
A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



Aboriginal Health Worker

Department: Hunter New England LHD

Location: Wallsend

Enquiries: Sarah Neal on (02) 4924 6604 or

Sarah.Neal@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au,

This position is identified for Aboriginal people and exemption is claim under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must be female - under Section 31 (2) (h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date:

31 March 2019

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnsw.gov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ94362.

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Trainee Arts, Culture & Tourism Officer (Identified)

- Two Year Term Contract Traineeship - Full Time
- Obtain the Certificate IV in Arts Administration
- Undertake additional training and workshops

This position is identified for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person only and is in accordance with Section 126 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1997* (NSW).

The cultural and creative industry is one of the most exciting and innovative career choices if you are interested in the community, arts, literacy, social history and events. This traineeship is a great way to receive training while gaining on the job experience and exposure at libraries, art galleries and museums, as well as initiating and planning cultural events.

For full list of duties and criteria for the position, please visit the careers page on our website at www.lakemac.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Monday 25 March 2019

Victoria Aboriginal Child Care Agency Job Opportunity

Join our Team to make a difference to the lives of Aboriginal Children and Families.



The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) is the largest organization of its kind in Australia. VACCA is an Aboriginal community-controlled organization that supports and advocates for the Aboriginal community. Our strength lies with our people. Our team is committed to the organisation's vision and values; advocates for our children and other vulnerable community members; and shows respect for, observance and compliance with Aboriginal cultural protocols, practice and ceremony. Our Aboriginality is what distinguishes us from mainstream services and what enables us to deliver the positive outcomes we achieve for our people.

Join our committed and dynamic team at VACCA

- Senior Case Managers, Programs-Stronger Families, Kinship Care, Wilka Kwe, Location- Dandenong
- Case Advisory Role, Program- Lakidjeka, Location- Geelong, Bairnsdale, Gippsland, Wimmera South West, Werribee, Preston, Chirnside Park and Dandenong

The **Position Description** for this position can be found at <https://vacca.recruitmenthub.com.au/Vacancies/> For more information on opportunities with VACCA, please call at **03 9287 8800.**



Senior Client Relationship Officer - Assets IDENTIFIED (Dubbo - Western NSW)

- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Ongoing Full-Time
- Aboriginal Housing Office
- Dubbo - Western NSW (Substantial Travel Required)

About the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO)

At the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO), our vision is to ensure that every Aboriginal person in NSW has equal access to and choice in, affordable housing.

We're changing the way we do things to deliver better housing solutions to our clients and the community and we need you to help us get there!

Is this you?

You thrive on being busy managing multiple projects, multiple stakeholders in multiple locations that directly benefit Aboriginal families and communities. Communicating effectively at all levels and inspiring collaboration and teamwork to ensure suitable outcomes for clients. You take rational and methodical approaches to problem solving.

About the role:

The role of the Senior Client Relationship Officer - Assets is to provide region based services, project management, assessment and reports on current and prospective assets and property building and refurbishment quality and completion against contract standards to provide clients with appropriate housing.

The position is an **Identified** role.

This is an ongoing role in accordance with the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*.

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality.
- A robust understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes and of the socio-economic position of Aboriginal people within Australian society, and of their impacts in relation to housing.
- A thorough understanding of the Aboriginal political and historical impacts upon policy developments in NSW and nationally in relation to Aboriginal land rights, and Aboriginal land use.
- Qualifications or equivalent experience in a building trade or construction industry.
- Current driver's licence. This role will involve a significant amount of travel. Candidates must be willing to drive, travel and undertake overnight stays.

Applications Close: Sunday, 24 March 2019 at (11.59pm)

We encourage you to contact Lyall Gibbs on 02 6885 7104 or via email lyall.gibbs2@facns.gov.au to discuss the role prior to applying.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00006TGE.

For support with the application process please contact: Elizabeth Dunstone from Yarn'n on (02) 9319 4000 or via email liz@yarnn.com.au

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Extraordinary Senior Community Capacity Officer (Mt Isa)



The role:

This is an exciting new position focused on delivering a Community Strategy and Action Plans for the North West Minerals Province. This is an opportunity to build on the strengths of this region and support these communities to be the very best they can be.

- \$91,634 - \$94,393 (pro-rata)
- 30.4 hours per week (negotiable)
- Fixed term position concluding February 2020.

People from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are highly encouraged to apply.

While the position is based in Mt Isa, you will be supported by an active team in Brisbane.

Benefits:

We offer competitive remuneration including access to tax-effective salary packaging arrangements and supportive flexible work life balance provisions.

Find out more:

The position description and selection criteria can be found on the QCOSS website at www.qcross.org.au or by emailing: jobs@qcross.org.au or alternatively contact Laura Barnes, Snr Manager Policy, Advocacy and Capacity on (07) 3004 6900 or 0412 444 567.

Inspire Us! Apply Now:

Please email your resume and cover letter addressing the selection criteria (no more than 2 pages) as outlined in the position description to jobs@qcross.org.au by 11.59pm on Sunday 24 March.



New Lawyers Program 2019

- Undertake case work and regularly appear in courts and tribunals
- Two designated positions for applicants who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

We are seeking versatile lawyers who embody our values of fairness, care and courage to join our New Lawyers Program (NLP). This is a unique opportunity to learn on the job while being supported through a customised professional development program. You will undertake up to four six-month placements in our offices and program areas throughout Victoria including at least one placement in a regional/rural office.

We invite applicants from diverse backgrounds and work experience who are pursuing a career in social justice, who can work under pressure in often challenging circumstances.

Applications close at midnight on Sunday 17 March 2019.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Graduate Law Program 2020

- Progress your career in social justice and human rights
- Gain valuable experience and mentoring while completing your practical legal training

Our Graduate Program is designed to improve pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander law students seeking a career in social justice and human rights. The program is aimed at law graduates and students who are eligible but are yet to undertake their Practical Legal Training (PLT).

This program will provide you with the opportunity to learn on the job while developing your practical legal skills and knowledge. In addition to earning a full-time salary, successful applicants will have their PLT course fees covered by Victoria Legal Aid.

You will have an interest in criminal, family or civil law, with good interpersonal skills, and the ability to communicate clearly with people from diverse social and cultural backgrounds.

Applications close at midnight on Sunday 31 March 2019.

For further information about these roles, how to apply and employee benefits please visit

www.legalaid.vic.gov.au



Principal Aboriginal Adviser



Health and Human Services

The position plays a key leadership role within the Mallee Area to drive localised strategies to achieve positive outcomes for the Aboriginal communities.

- Status: Fixed term - Full Time until 20/3/2020

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact **Matthew Duggan – Manager Aboriginal Engagement** on 0488 934 293

Job Reference number: **DHHS/NND/553348**

Applications close: **Friday 29 March 2019**

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health and Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

The department is committed to the safety of its clients. The department takes a zero tolerance approach to abuse, including child abuse and abuse of people with disability.

Departmental employees are required to comply with all legal requirements including the Child Safe Standards to keep children safe from harm and abuse.



Aboriginal Affairs



Senior Policy Officer (MAPS) Aboriginal Affairs

- Identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only
- Clerk Grade 9/10
- Temporary Full-time for a period up to 1 March 2020
- Role number and location: 199336 – Sydney (Mascot)

Total remuneration package: \$131,979 Package includes salary (\$108,044 - \$119,061), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Aboriginal Affairs NSW works alongside Aboriginal people and communities to make sure their voices are heard and their interests represented in government. By leading and influencing policy change in government, we support the long-term social, cultural and economic aspirations of Aboriginal people in NSW. Our agency works closely with Aboriginal communities and our staffing reflects the diversity of these communities. Over 50 percent of our staff, including senior leadership, identify as Aboriginal. We are also committed to providing a culturally safe and supportive workplace with flexible working arrangements for all staff.

Aboriginal Affairs is looking for a Senior Policy Officer to work in our Mascot office to support the Manager, Planning and Coordination in managing and overseeing all aspects of the delivery of quality and timely advice to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. This role is an opportunity for a passionate and skilled policy professional with strong coordination skills and a well-developed familiarity with Parliamentary processes to join a high performing policy team in the Strategy and Coordination Directorate within Aboriginal Affairs NSW.

An essential capability for the role will be working across all directorates within Aboriginal Affairs, as well with other Government clusters, to respond to requests from the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and to ensure that the Agency delivers quality and timely policy analysis and advice on a diverse range of complex matters.

To learn more about our work visit www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au

About the role

The Senior Policy Officer supports the Executive team to provide the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs with high quality and accurate advice on a range of complex policy issues, and to ensure the agency maintains its standards of excellence and timeliness. The position has responsibility for the production of Parliamentary advice that supports the Minister to participate in Parliament. The Senior Policy Officer (MAPS) has oversight of the development and implementation of systems to track the Agency's progress against public commitments, Cabinet decisions and recommendations from Parliamentary inquiries and other statutory reviews. As a member of the Strategy and Coordination directorate, you will also be required to prepare high quality strategic advice on a range of issues and maintain a whole of government perspective on the work of Aboriginal Affairs and aspirations and priorities of Aboriginal communities and peoples.

To be successful in this role, you will have strong coordination and communication skills, with the capacity to manage competing deadlines and priorities and write clearly and concisely for a range of audiences. You will understand the importance of promoting consistent messaging across all Parliamentary related advice, linking back to the Agency's new corporate narrative and our research agenda. You will be skilled at working with a range of internal and external stakeholders, and be able to manage multiple competing deadlines. Experience in policy development and analysis is desirable but not essential. People with diverse academic backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

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) in either Word or PDF format 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. Please address any pre-screening questions and any essential requirements. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the role description in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw
No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. This role is responsible for ensuring the Agency consistently responds to requests from the Minister and provides high quality advice. Provide an example of where you have had to work with, and influence, others to fulfil a request for advice in a complex and time sensitive environment, and the strategies you employed to achieve your objective. (400 words maximum)
2. Describe a time where you have had to apply critical thinking skills to a complex policy issue. How did you go about identifying and analysing issues, weighing up alternatives and developing solutions? (400 words maximum)

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications or extensive experience in managing high volume, sensitive information within a complex organisation.
- 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: 20 March 2019

For enquiries about this role, contact Nathan Martin (02) 8362 6614.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and refer to the following keyword 199336.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

Many Rivers Regional Housing
Aboriginal Corporation
Port Macquarie, NSW

\$130k & car & benefits

MRRH seeks to appoint a new CEO, reporting to the board, to strengthen the leadership, operations, financial management and culturally-appropriate service delivery of essential housing services to the community. Applicant skills and experience sought include:

- Five years' senior management experience in Aboriginal community services with an Aboriginal corporation, other NGO or related government agency.
- Success in relationship development with funding agencies, strategic partners and community bodies.
- Strong commercial skills, including operations management, budgeting and financial reporting.
- Strategic approach to develop an organisation's capability through delivering change with proven results.
- Sound leadership, team building, mentoring, motivation and staff engagement skills.
- Tertiary qualifications in 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 please, quoting ref #4066. 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 22 March 2019.



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**

Senior Programs Officer

Web Search Number: 00115522

Level/Salary: HSO Level G7 \$112,592 - \$119,840 p.a. pro rata (inclusive of base salary and 9.5% superannuation) plus generous salary packaging and additional allowances as outlined in the award where appropriate

Work Type: Permanent Full Time, Fixed Term Full Time and Casual with the possibility of extension(s) and/or permanency

Position Profile: The Senior Program Officer, in collaboration with internal and external key stakeholders, initiates the planning, implementation and evaluation of projects and programs with a strategic focus across workforce, cultural security and community engagement within the South Metropolitan Health Service (SMHS). An understanding of data analysis to inform project planning, and the broader health service, will also be a key function of this role.

Selection Criteria: Please see the Job Description Form available online at www.jobs.health.wa.gov.au

For Further Job Related Information: We encourage you to contact Nola Naylor on 08 6152 1178.

Application Instructions: Applicants are requested to apply online at www.jobs.health.wa.gov.au

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information.

Eligibility to Apply: Pursuant of Section 50(d) of the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984*, the occupant of this position must be of Aboriginal descent.

Location: Murdoch

Closing Date: Wednesday, 27 March 2019 at 4:00pm (AWST)

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Director Strategy and Planning

Full time (3 year contract)

We are seeking applications for a key leadership opportunity within our Strategic Development & Advocacy Division. Working closely with the Executive Team and the Board, this role will lead the formation and implementation of strategy across the Council's corporate planning and reporting processes.

To obtain further information about this position, please visit our careers page at <http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers/>

Applications close 20 March 2019 at 11:59pm (AEST)



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Advisors Identified Roles

These roles are based in **Melbourne** and **Perth**.

How to apply

Please go to www.knowmore.org.au or <http://www.ethicaljobs.com.au/> to view the job description and apply for this position.

Inquiries about the role should be directed to Ainsley Jardine-Wilson, **knowmore's** Human Resources Manager, on 02 8267 7400.

Department of Child Safety,
Youth and Women

Indigenous Service Support Officer

**Service Delivery, Region - Moreton & Brisbane North,
Youth Justice Services**

Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women

Salary: \$71 197 - \$78 059 p.a.

Location: Bowen Hills and Kippa Ring

Reference: QLD/304584/19

Key Duties: Youth Justice are seeking two Indigenous Service Support Officers to provide support and intervention to ATSI young people subject to youth justice intervention.

Skills/Abilities: For this position, it is a genuine occupational requirement that it be filled by an ATSI person as permitted and arguable under Sections 25, 104 and 105 of the *QLD Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*.

Enquiries: Nicole Langford (07) 3097 1300

To apply please visit www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 22 March 2019



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Senior Client Relationship Officer – Contracts (Dubbo – Western NSW)

- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Ongoing Full-Time
- Aboriginal Housing Office
- Dubbo – Western NSW (Substantial Travel Required)

About the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO)

At the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO), our vision is to ensure that every Aboriginal person in NSW has equal access to and choice in, affordable housing.

We're changing the way we do things to deliver better housing solutions to our clients and the community and we need you to help us get there!

Is this you?

We are looking for someone who passionate about driving positive outcomes and has exceptional relationship building skills combined with a great eye for details.

Critical to the success of this role is the ability to demonstrate excellence in customer service, have a high degree of resilience and a mature and supportive approach to managing client complaints and concerns. You also have experience in the management of contracts and associated milestones.

About the role:

The role of the Senior Client Relationship Officer - Contracts is to develop active and collaborative working partnerships with Aboriginal Community Housing Providers (ACHP), key government stakeholders, community leaders, NGOs and clients and ensure effective services and programs are provided to Aboriginal communities and clients consistent with contracted standards.

The position is an **Identified** role.

This is an ongoing role in accordance with the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*.

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- A robust understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes and of the socio-economic position of Aboriginal people within Australian society, and of their impacts in relation to housing.
- A thorough understanding of the Aboriginal political and historical impacts upon policy developments in NSW and nationally in relation to Aboriginal land rights, and Aboriginal land use.
- Current driver's licence. This role will involve a significant amount of travel. Candidates must be willing to drive, travel and undertake overnight stays.

Applications Close: Sunday, 24 March 2019 at (11.59pm)

We encourage you to contact Lyall Gibbs on 02 6885 7104 or via email lyall.gibbs2@facns.gov.au to discuss the role prior to applying.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00006TGF.

For support with the application process please contact: Elizabeth Dunstone from Yarn'n on (02) 9319 4000 or via email liz@yarnn.com.au

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Join our committed and dynamic team at VACCA

- Senior Case Managers, Programs-Stronger Families, Kinship Care, Wilka Kwe, Location- Dandenong
- Case Advisory Role, Program- Lakidjeka, Location- Geelong, Bairnsdale, Gippsland, Wimmera South West, Werribee, Preston, Chirnside Park and Dandenong

The **Position Description** for this position can be found at <https://vacca.recruitmenthub.com.au/Vacancies/> For more information on opportunities with VACCA, please call at **03 9287 8800**.



Government of
Western Australia
Department of Justice

Community Corrections Officer (CCO)

Corrective Services

Web Search No: Pool Ref 008631

Level/Salary: Level 4, PSGO CSA GA, \$78,452 - \$82,797 pa

Exciting opportunities available to join a dynamic team in a challenging but rewarding role as a CCO. Your duties will involve case managing offenders, preparing reports for sentencing and releasing authorities, and working alongside other stakeholders in the community for effective outcomes.

Interested and want to know more?

Visit: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information.

For Specific Job Related Information: Please contact Tara Jones on Ph: 9250 9300.

Closing Date: Tuesday, 26 March 2019 at 4.30pm.



Senior Client Service Officer

- Grade: Clerk Grade 5/6
- Salary: \$83,403 pa - \$92,026 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading
- Temporary: Full-time
- Location: Taree

About us

The Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) directly supports approximately 800,000 people every year and reaches a further million people through local community-based programs.

We're changing the way we do things to deliver better housing solutions to our clients and the community and we need you to help us get there!

Is this you?

We are seeking a passionate client focused individual to join our team in providing tenancy and property management services to clients including those with complex needs.

As a Senior Client Service Officer you will be working directly with clients of the Aboriginal Housing Office and their advocates to provide advice and assistance on housing options, you will build and maintain relationships with key stakeholders, provide integrated service delivery for clients, and support team members to optimize business outcomes.

There is one (1) temporary role available for a period of up to five (5) years in accordance with the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*.

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Current Drivers Licence

How to apply

Prior to applying for this role please call Kathy Kirkwood on (02) 4925 6362 to discuss the role.

Please Note: This vacancy is an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander recruitment under Part 5, clause 26 of the *Government Sector Employment (General) Rules 2014*.

Applications **MUST** be submitted online through www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au to be considered. Late applications will not be accepted.

Candidates should read the Role Description and consider the Focus Capabilities and Key Accountabilities when preparing their resume and cover letter.

When applying candidates will need to attach:

- current resume (maximum 5 pages)
- cover letter (maximum 2 pages) responding to their skills and experience as relevant to this role

Part of the assessment process will include additional online capability testing and skills testing in accordance with the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*; therefore you may be contacted to participate.

You may also be asked to complete a Health Declaration Form in later stages of the assessment process.

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Applications Close: Wednesday, 27 March 2019 at (11.59pm)

Candidates requiring support with the application process please contact Liz Dunstone from Yarn'n on (02) 9319 4000 or via email liz@yarnn.com.au

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 00006SVV.

For further information please refer to www.ourmobneedsyou.com.au

Impact and Strategy Manager

- Canberra Location
- Ongoing Full time position



Would you like the opportunity to contribute to a dynamic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation and its growth and sustainability?

Are you passionate about closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage?

If your answers are yes, then ICV has the opportunity for you!

ICV facilitates community development and research activities with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities. We support communities to harness opportunities available to them to overcome social and economic disadvantage through community development and capacity building projects. Reconciliation that occurs through our volunteering and social enterprise initiatives is also an important outcome of our work.

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Primary Objectives:

- Manage strategic projects across the organisation.
- Implement ICV's Monitoring and Evaluation Work Plan.
- Communicate effectively about ICV's impact with a variety of audiences.
- Improve outcomes and reporting by providing learning and development support to ICV's regional teams.
- Engage effectively with and provide support to other business units within ICV.

The successful candidate will require:

- Strong administration and project management experience including the ability to prioritise conflicting needs.
- Demonstrated research and monitoring and evaluation skills. A university degree is preferred but not mandatory.
- Demonstrated high level writing ability and attention to detail.
- Experience with preparing communications including submissions, reporting and print and media communications.
- Experience working within a team and ability to build strong relationships with staff, management and stakeholders.

For a full position description and selection criteria or further information please email Daryl Phillips dphillips@humanresourcescentre.com.au or by calling 0424 705635. You can also visit www.icv.com.au for more information.

Applications must include a CV and a statement addressing the selection criteria and should be sent to dphillips@humanresourcescentre.com.au by 5pm Wednesday 27 March 2019.

ICV aims to be an employer of choice for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Indigenous Australians and culturally and linguistically diverse Australians are encouraged to apply.

ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS

Aboriginal Prison Officer vacancies – Corrections Victoria

We are hiring prison officers to commence at Hopkins Correctional Centre and Langi Kal Kal Prison near Ballarat and Ararat in the Grampians region.

Full time vacancies: \$54,439 - \$69,909 per annum + superannuation

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Also receive penalties for evening, weekend, and public holiday shifts

As a prison officer you will play a vital role in making our state a safe place to live. You will be tasked with securing offenders and assisting in their rehabilitation, helping them return home and contribute positively to their communities.

- Gain access to dedicated personal support from our Aboriginal Employment Team throughout your job application and your career with the department
- Receive eight weeks, paid, full time training
- Become part of the department's 100+ strong, Aboriginal staff network

We invite you to attend our upcoming information session to hear from the General Manager, prison officers and the corrections recruitment team:

Saturday, 23 March at 11.30am in Ballarat.

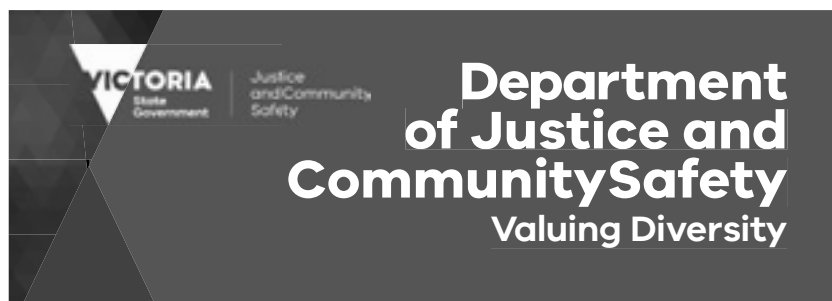
*To register for the info session and to apply go to **www.correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au** click the 'APPLY' tab on the top right hand corner, and search "prison officer" to review the online job advertisement*

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply

Applications close on Monday, 25 March at 11.59pm

For further information, please contact our Aboriginal Employment Team on (03) 8684 1751 or aboriginal.employment@justice.vic.gov.au

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	09/171	SWEETMAN, Joshua Leigh	2.42HA	7km SE'ly of Carnarvon	Lat: 24° 55' S Long: 113° 42' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Mining Lease	12/68	PREMIER COAL LIMITED	10.71HA	16km E'ly of Collie	Lat: 33° 23' S Long: 116° 18' E	COLLIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	16/567	SANDHU, Tanvanth Singh	573.22HA	69km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 120° 45' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	26/846	FEYSVILLE GOLD PTY LTD	532.97HA	24km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 121° 36' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	28/397	ROWE, Stephanie Eva	24.64HA	79km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 122° 14' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	28/398	MAHADY, Stephen John	115.97HA	80km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 122° 16' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	37/1337	PILKINGTON, Anthony Gerald	22.64HA	18km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 121° 30' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1132	BAR TWENTY PTY LTD	342.96HA	81km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 122° 12' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1133	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	431.48HA	39km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 1' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	59/761-G	LITTLE, Terrence Harold	9.98HA	42km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 116° 52' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Mining Lease	74/247	PAXTON ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	45.80HA	10km SE'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 37' S Long: 120° 8' E	RAVENSTHORPE 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: 13 March 2019

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 **13 June 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. 13 July 2019**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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Notice of applications for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 27 March 2019



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, PO Box 13084, George Street, Brisbane QLD 4003 **on or before 26 June 2019**. After **26 June 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: Errol Neal & Ors on behalf of the Djungan People #5 and State of Queensland
Federal Court File No: QUD811/2018
Date filed: 9 November 2018
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has ***accepted*** this application for registration.

Description: The application area covers approx. 199 sq km and is located approx. 18 km west of Mareeba and 19 km north east of Dimbulah.

Link to map: <https://bit.ly/2P8BEIq>
Relevant LGA: Mareeba Shire Council



Application name: Clancy Baker & Ors on behalf of the Muluridji People #3 and State of Queensland
Federal Court File No: QUD824/2018
Date filed: 14 November 2018
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has ***accepted*** this application for registration.

Description: The application area covers approx. 77 sq km and is located approx. 26 km north east of Dimbulah and 17 km north west of Mareeba.

Link to map: <https://bit.ly/2E0euf2>
Relevant LGA: Mareeba Shire Council

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Maree Otto on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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WATERSNSW Sydney Basin-North Coast Groundwater Source

An application for a water supply work approval has been received from **Arthur Delafield and Henry James Mitchell** for a bore on Lot 5 DP 999201 for irrigation purposes. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to PO Box 2157 Dangar NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (Ref: A17087). Any queries please call Robert Cavallaro on 0447 965 240.

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WATERSNSW WYBONG CREEK WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been submitted by **TIMOTHY HAROLD FARROW** for a 80 mm centrifugal pump on Lot 188 DP 750940 for the purpose of irrigation. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 2157 Dangar NSW 2309 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A017170) Any queries please phone 1800 662 077 or email the above. Salim Vhora, Manager Dealings Verification & Water Regulation Coastal.

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NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR Sydney Basin Central Groundwater Source

An application for a new **water supply work and water use approval** has been received from **Goodman Property Services (Australia) Pty Ltd** for ground dewatering for the purpose of road construction, on Lot 11, DP 1178389 Parish of Petersham, County of Cumberland (Ref: A016885). Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, PO Box 2213, DANGAR NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice being published. The objection must include your name, address and specification of the grounds of objection.

Direct any queries to Estelle Avery, Senior Water Regulation Officer, on (02) 4904 2512 or Christopher Jones, Water Regulation Officer, on (02) 9842 8743.

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NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR Coxs River Fractured Rock Groundwater Source

An application for a new **water supply work and water use approval** has been received from **Walker Quarries Pty Ltd** for a pump and bore for the purpose of quarry activities, on Lot 6, DP 872230 Parish of Lidsdale, County of Cook (Ref: A016884).

Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, PO Box 2213, DANGAR NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice being published. The objection must include your name, address and specification of the grounds of objection.

Direct any queries to Estelle Avery, Senior Water Regulation Officer, on (02) 4904 2512.

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NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR Sydney Basin Central Groundwater Source

An application for a new **water supply work and water use approval** has been received from **Goodman Property Services (Australia) Pty Ltd** for ground dewatering for the purpose of construction, on Lot 11, DP 1178389 Parish of Petersham, County of Cumberland (Ref: A016882). Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, PO Box 2213, DANGAR NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice being published. The objection must include your name, address and specification of the grounds of objection.

Direct any queries to Estelle Avery, Senior Water Regulation Officer, on (02) 4904 2512 or Christopher Jones, Water Regulation Officer, on (02) 9842 8743.

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Tracie Scarfone, Water Regulation Manager South.
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Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South.
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Any queries please phone 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the state of New South Wales

Notification day: 27 March 2019



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 26 June 2019. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before **26 June 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 26 June 2019**. After **26 June 2019**, the Federal Court’s permission to become a party is required.



Applicant’s name: House With No Steps ABN 31 001 813 403
Federal Court File No: NSD152/2019
Non-native title interest: The applicant is the Reserve Trust Manager - Reserve 88742
Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area covers approx. 1,500 sq m, being Lot 3 of Section 149 in DP 238985, located on the western side of Grattan Crescent and adjacent to the Garigal National Park in Frenchs Forest.
Link to map: <https://bit.ly/2BJVb7U>
Relevant LGA: Northern Beaches Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Maryanne Harvey on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Notification day: 20 March 2019



NI2019/001 Copmanhurst Projects ILUA

State of New South Wales

Description of the agreement area:

The agreement area covers Lot 409 in DP 48826 and covers approx. 1.6 sq km. It is located approx. 3 km east of Copmanhurst and 16 km north west of Grafton.

Link to map: <https://bit.ly/2GJHOTz>

Relevant LGA: Clarence Valley Council.

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

[7.1 The Native Title Parties consent to the Project Interests, and the undertaking of the Projects and the Project Activities, to the extent they are Future Acts.]

7.2 The Native Title Parties consent to: a) the Project Interests to the extent they affect the Land; and b) the undertaking of the Project Activities and the Projects on the Land.

[7.11 Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply to the grant or undertaking of the Project Interests or the undertaking of the Projects or the Project Activities as listed at Schedule 3.]

[Schedule 3 – Projects and Project Interests]

Projects means: 1. the planning, design, development, and conduct of an operation to extract quarry materials, mineral resources, sand, mineral sands and rare earth minerals, including through quarrying, sand extraction and mining; 2. the planning, design, development and conduct of a training enterprise in conjunction with Grafton TAFE or another training provider to train Aboriginal people in the use of road construction machinery and other related heavy machinery; 3. the planning, design, development and conduct of a site rehabilitation operation; and 4. the planning, design, development, construction and operation of any infrastructure, facilities or activities necessary or desirable for or incidental to any of the 1, 2 or 3 above, including provision of services for sewerage, water and electricity, road access, storage, safety, accommodation, communications and logistics and associated facilities and activities.

Project Interests means: the rights and interests exercisable by the owner of an estate in fee simple and any approvals (or any other rights or interests) that Grafton Ngerrie LALC considers are necessary or desirable for, or incidental to, the undertaking of the projects in the agreement area, or which are sought with the agreement of Grafton Ngerrie LALC, including: 1. all approvals under relevant laws of the State and the Commonwealth; 2. the leasing or licensing by Grafton Ngerrie LALC of any part of the Land to any person or entity for the purposes of the projects; 3. any water licence, dam licence, or any other approval under the Water Management Act 2000 (NSW); 4. any approvals related to or associated with any infrastructure or other facilities including, but not limited to, power lines, water pipelines, buildings and access; and 5. Approvals under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.]

Project Activities means any and all activities directly or indirectly associated with the Projects.

Land means Lot 409 on DP 48826 on Clarence Way at Copmanhurst in the Parish of Copmanhurst, County of Clarence.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Bronwyn Bancroft, Gary Brown, Andrew Donnelly, Leonard Gordon, Kathy Malera-Bandjalan, David Mundine, Terrence Robinson, Tim Torrens, David Walker and Graeme Walker on their own behalf and on behalf of the Western Bundjalung People; and Ngullingah Jugun (Our Country) Aboriginal Corporation
C/- NTSCORP Limited
PO Box 2105
Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

Grafton Ngerrie Local Aboriginal Land Council
C/- Chalk & Behrendt, Lawyers
Level 9, 23 Hunter Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by NTSCORP Limited, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Sydney, NSW, 2000 by 20 June 2019**. Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal. For assistance and further information about this application, call Dianne Drake on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

WATERSNSW MURRUMBIDGEE UNREGULATED AND ALLUVIAL WATER SOURCES 2012 BURKES//BULLENBUNG WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **PHILIP & CHERYL SMITH** for a 1.5ML earthen by-wash dam on Lot 1 DP 879241 (Mitchell/Burrandana) on Joes Creek, for stock and domestic purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A017085)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South.

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WATERSNSW DART BROOK WATER SOURCE

An application to amend a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been submitted by **PACE FARM PTY LTD** for a change of water source on an existing bore on Lot 1 DP 999213 (existing approval was issued in Sydney Basin - North Coast Groundwater Source).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 2157 Dangar NSW 2309 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (Ref: A017160)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Salim Vhora, Dealings, Verification and Water Regulation Manager Coastal.

BLZ162864

WATERSNSW TALBRAGAR ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **GEORGE ALFRED SIMMONS & KATHERINE JEAN SIMMONS** for one additional groundwater bore (30 litres per second) located on Lot 85 DP 754309, Parish of Dunedoo, County of Lincoln, for irrigation on Lots 84, 85 & 86 DP 754309 & Lot 88 DP 754977 (Ref: A017057).

Objections to the granting of the above approvals must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018, DUBBO NSW 2830 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ162837

WATERSNSW KARUAH RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for A WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **OTTAWA & CO HOLDINGS PTY LIMITED** for a 50mm Centrifugal Pump on an existing dam, un-named stream on Lot 114 DP 873949 for the purpose of irrigation.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 2157 Dangar NSW 2309 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice.

The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (Ref: A017133).

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Salim Vhora Manager, Dealings, Verification and Water Regulation Coastal.

BLZ162862

WATERSNSW LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **KEYES AG HOLDINGS PTY LTD** for additional bores on Lot 3 DP 612147, Lot 2 DP 747044 & Lot 1 DP 612147 (Uroly/Boyd), for irrigation purposes. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A016926)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South.

BLZ162041

WATER NSW NEW ENGLAND FOLD BELT COAST GROUNDWATER SOURCE AND BURRENBAR RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **HYDROGARDEN AUSTRALIA PTY LTD** for an 80mm pump on an Unnamed Watercourse and an existing, both within Lot 3 DP 1191598, Parish of Mooball, County of Rous for commercial irrigation purposes on Lot 3 DP 1191598 (1ha herbs, greens and edible flowers) (Application number A016600).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ162863

WATERSNSW LOWER NAMOI FLOODPLAIN (NARRBARI – WEE WAA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN)

An AMENDED APPLICATION TO AMEND FLOOD WORK APPROVAL 90FW833405 has been received from **THOMAS AND TAMAR WILSON** for flood works on Lot 2 DP 560926 Parish of Pian County of Jamison (Application Number: A010586)

Objections to the granting of the above approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW PO Box 1251, Tamworth NSW 2340 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice.

The objection must include your name, address, specify the grounds of objection and state the application number. Any queries please phone 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ162036

WATERSNSW LACHLAN FOLD BELT GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK and USE APPROVAL has been received from: **R J S & J G S DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD** for 3 x bore (1 ML/day per bore) and 1 x Turkeys Nest Dam (capacity 11ML) on Lotsp 95 DP650041, 82 & 84 DP753751, 94, 97 & 104 DP753751, Parish Morven, County Hume for the purpose of irrigation. (Application No. A016094).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 829, Albury NSW 2640, or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South.

BLZ162504

WATERSNSW RICHMOND REGULATED WATER SOURCE

An application to AMEND AN EXISTING WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL (30CA303737) has been received from **WAYNE ANDREW CLARKE, PAUL ANTHONY CLARKE AND VICKI LEIGH GARDNER** for an additional 300mm centrifugal pump on Eden Creek within Lot 2 DP900489, Parish of Bundock, County of Richmond for irrigation of an additional 45ha (pastures) on Lot 2 DP614095 and Lot 1 DP983664 both Parish of Bundock, County of Richmond (A016601).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ162768



Roads and Maritime Services

Aboriginal Heritage New England Highway Muswellbrook Bypass

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for the New England Highway bypass at Muswellbrook to register to be consulted.

Roads and Maritime Services proposes to bypass the New England Highway at Muswellbrook.



The proposal may result in the Roads and Maritime Services:

- Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and/or
- Undertaking investigations in accordance with the *Code of practice for archaeological investigations in NSW 2010*, and/or
- Undertaking an environmental impact assessment under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

To register your interest, please contact:

Deborah Swan
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor
Hunter Region
Locked Bag 2030, Newcastle NSW 2300
mobile: 0427 131 450
email: Muswellbrook.Bypass@rms.nsw.gov.au

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by 3 April 2019.

BLZ162435R



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
27/592	EMPIRE RESOURCES LIMITED	531122	28.80HA	47km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
27/593	EMPIRE RESOURCES LIMITED	531123	80.10HA	48km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 121° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
77/2298-l	MINING PROJECTS MANAGEMENT GROUP PTY LTD	547792	29.71HA	104km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 57' S Long: 119° 6' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 13 March 2019

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 **13 June 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. **13 July 2019**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Notification day: 20 March 2019



National
Native Title
Tribunal



VIZ2018/002 Taungurung Settlement ILUA

State of Victoria

Description of the agreement area:

The agreement covers about 20,210 sq km and extends west from Bright to the Calder Freeway near Kyneton and from the Great Dividing Range north to Euroa, northeast towards Wangaratta and northwest to Rochester

Link to map: <https://bit.ly/2QGis3P>

Relevant LGA: Shires of Alpine, Baw Baw, Campaspe, Macedon Ranges, Mansfield, Mitchell, Mount Alexander, Murrindindi, Strathbogie, Wellington, Yarra Ranges, Benalla Rural City, Greater Bendigo City, Greater Shepparton City, Lake Mountain Alpine Resort (unincorporated), Mount Buller Alpine Resort (unincorporated), Mount Hotham Alpine Resort (unincorporated), Mount Stirling Alpine Resort (unincorporated), Wangaratta Rural City, Whittlesea City

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

[The Taungurung and the State have negotiated and agreed to enter into the Settlement Package.

This package means the agreements entered into by the Parties being this ILUA; the Traditional Owner Land Management Agreement that was entered into under s 82P of the Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 (Vic); the Traditional Owner Land Natural Resource Agreement that was entered into under s 81A of the Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 (Vic); and the Recognition and Settlement Agreement entered into under s 4 of the Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 (Vic).]

[8.2 The Parties consent to the doing of all Future Acts that: (a) are attributable to the State; (b) are done in relation to any land and waters in the ILUA Area; and (c) are done on or after the Effective Date.]

8.3(a) The Taungurung Signatories on behalf of the Taungurung, surrender, and consent to the surrender to the State of any and all Native Title Rights and Interests over areas that are subject to a Future Act that: (i) is a Future Act to which clause 8.2 applies; and (ii) is any of the following acts: (A) the grant of an estate in fee simple (except in relation to a grant of an estate in fee simple to the Corporation); (B) an act that does not fall within clause 8.3(a)(ii)(A) and results in any land in the ILUA Area ceasing to be Public Land.

(b) The Parties intend that the surrender of Native Title under clause 8.3(a) is intended to extinguish the Native Title Rights and Interests.

8.5 Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA [*Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*] (which deals with the right to negotiate) does not apply to Future Acts that fall within clause 8.2 or clause 8.3.

10 The Parties agree to the validating of all Future Acts (other than an Intermediate Period Act) of all classes which:

(a) have already been done in relation to any land and waters in the ILUA Area on or prior to the date of registration of this ILUA; (b) are attributable to the State; and (c) were invalid to any extent because of the provisions of the NTA.

13(a) In relation to the five Crown land sites listed in Schedule 4, the Taungurung Signatories on behalf of the Taungurung People: (i) consent to the proposed sale and any subsequent grant of an estate in fee simple; and (ii) surrender, and consent to the surrender to the State of any and all Native Title Rights and Interests.

(b) The Parties agree that the surrender of Native Title under clause 13(a)(ii) is intended to extinguish the Native Title Rights and Interests.

(d) The Parties agree that any grant of an estate in fee simple referred to in clause 13(a)(i) may occur prior to, on, or after the Effective Date.

[**‘Public Land’** and **‘Traditional Owner Group’** have the same meaning as in s 3 of the Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 (Vic)].

[**‘Taungurung and Taungurung People’** mean the Traditional Owner Group that consists of Aboriginal persons who:

(a) are descended by birth through either parent from Aboriginal ancestors identified as being associated with Taungurung country during the mid-nineteenth century by any or all of birth, place of burial or other connection; and

(b) have activated inherited rights as traditional owners through: (i) self-identifying as a Taungurung person by asserting to be a Taungurung person; and (ii) having an active association with Taungurung country, which is demonstrated by participating in at least one of the following activities: (A) taking an active role in corporate or other entities that represent Taungurung interests; (B) taking part in group activities and events (such as meetings); or (C) participating in the transmission of Taungurung knowledge to younger generations and other traditional owner groups; and

(c) are recognised and accepted by other Taungurung people: (i) as a member of the Taungurung; or (ii) through demonstrating to the satisfaction of a panel of Taungurung people appointed by the full group how they satisfy paragraphs (a) and (b).]

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

State of Victoria

c/- Victorian Government Solicitor's Office

Level 33, 80 Collins Street

Melbourne VIC 3000

Mick Harding and Patsy Smith (Taungurung Signatories); AND

Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (Corporation)

c/- First Nations Legal and Research Services Ltd

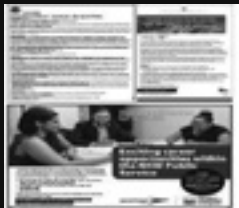
PO Box 431

North Melbourne VIC 3051

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the First Nations Legal and Research Services Ltd, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane, QLD, 4001** by **20 June 2019**. Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal. For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

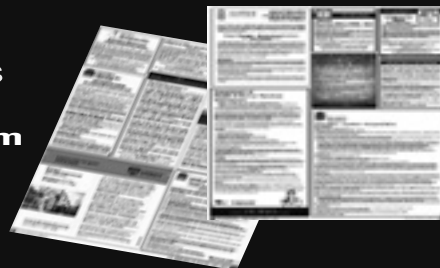


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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mining Leases shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld)

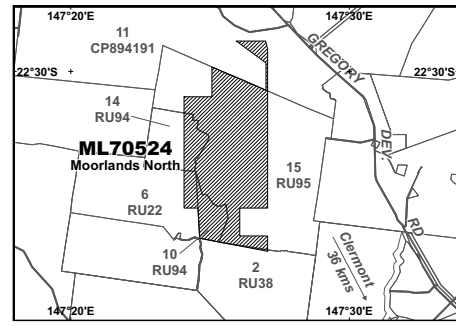
Nature of Act(s): The grant of Mining Leases under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for a term not exceeding thirty five (35) years for ML70524 and ML70526, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding thirty five (35) years and a term not exceeding twenty five (25) years for ML700040, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding twenty five (25) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Leases be granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

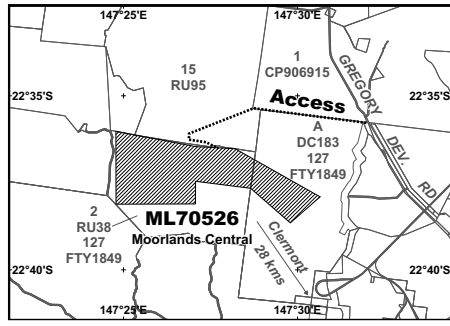
Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

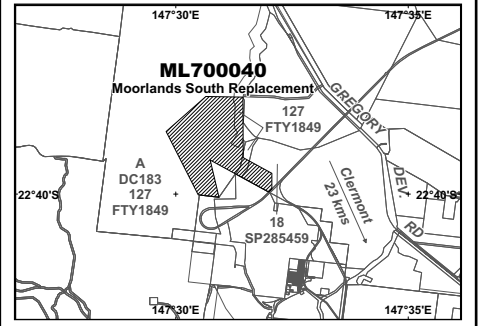
Mining Lease 70524 sought by Hannigan & Associates Pty. Limited (99%) ACN 073 762 106 and Blackwood Coal Pty Ltd (1%) ACN 140 793 988, over an area of 5,070 ha, centred approximately 36 km North North West of Clermont, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



Mining Lease 70526 sought by Hannigan & Associates Pty. Limited (99%) ACN 073 762 106 and Blackwood Coal Pty Ltd (1%) ACN 140 793 988, over an area of 2,413 ha, centred approximately 28 km North North West of Clermont, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



Mining Lease 700040 sought by Hannigan & Associates Pty. Limited (99%) ACN 073 762 106 and Blackwood Coal Pty Ltd (1%) ACN 140 793 988, over an area of 840 ha, centred approximately 23 km North North West of Clermont, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Leases, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease Applications may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Mining Registrar Coal, Building E, 25 Yeppoon Road, Parkhurst, Rockhampton, Queensland, 4702, Telephone: (07) 4936 0166.

Notification Day: 3 April 2019



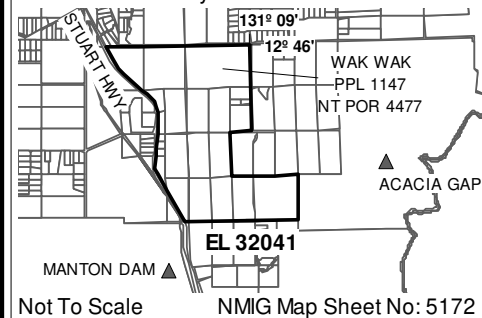
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

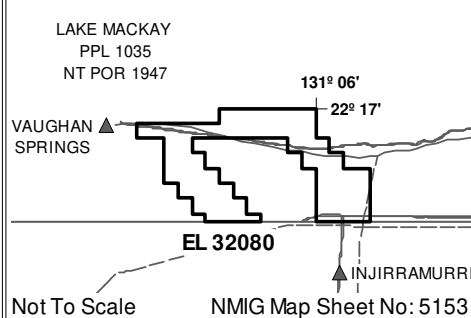
The Honourable Paul Kirby MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry and Resources, C/- Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

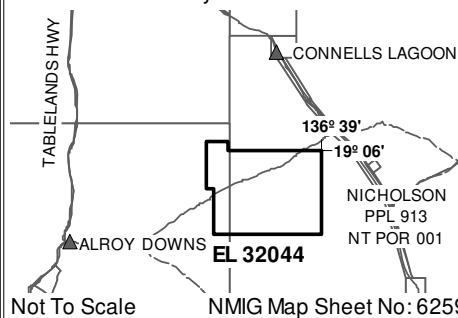
Exploration Licence 32041 sought by ALDEBARAN CONTRACTING PTY LTD, ACN 128 020 299 over an area of 15 Blocks (26 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.



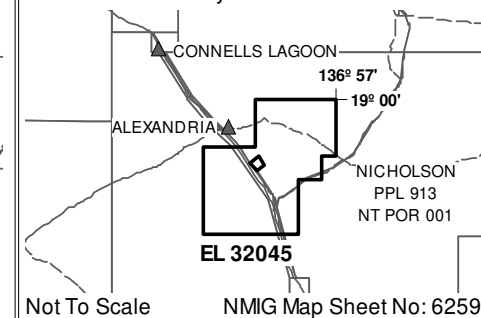
Exploration Licence 32080 sought by ECLIPSE METALS LIMITED, ACN 142 366 541 over an area of 63 Blocks (188 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DOREEN locality.



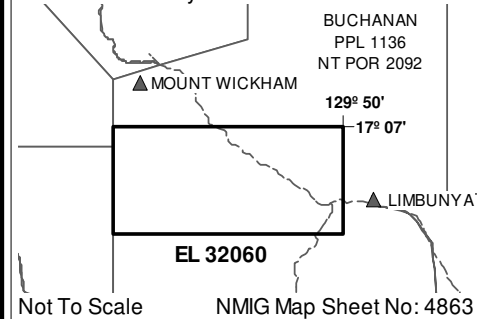
Exploration Licence 32044 sought by MLM DRILLING PTY LTD, ACN 130 013 562 over an area of 173 Blocks (562 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALEXANDRIA locality.



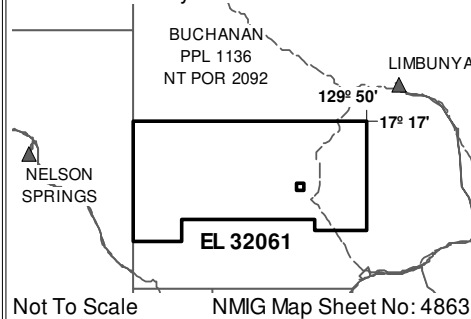
Exploration Licence 32045 sought by MLM DRILLING PTY LTD, ACN 130 013 562 over an area of 223 Blocks (718 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALEXANDRIA locality.



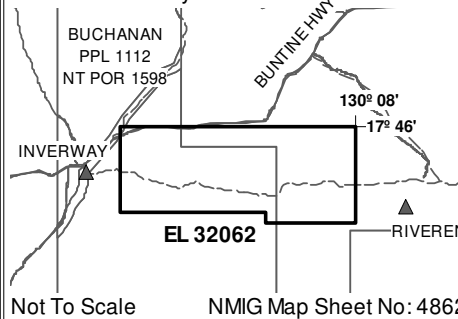
Exploration Licence 32060 sought by TIGER TASMAN MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 162 561 908 over an area of 230 Blocks (745 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LIMBUNYA locality.



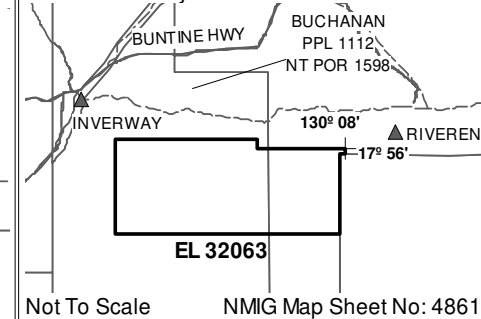
Exploration Licence 32061 sought by TIGER TASMAN MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 162 561 908 over an area of 222 Blocks (717 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LIMBUNYA locality.



Exploration Licence 32062 sought by TIGER TASMAN MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 162 561 908 over an area of 244 Blocks (798 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the INVERWAY locality.



Exploration Licence 32063 sought by TIGER TASMAN MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 162 561 908 over an area of 250 Blocks (801 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NONGRA locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 13 March 2019

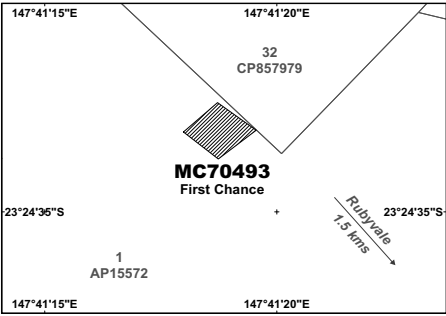
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL AND GRANT OF MINING CLAIMS AND RENEWAL OF MINING LEASES

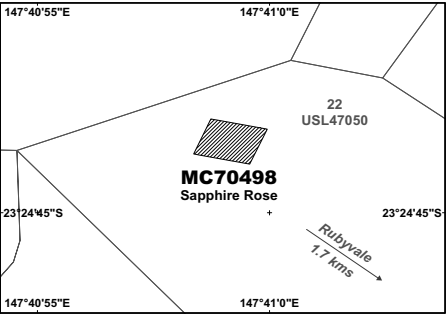
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of MC70493, MC70498, MC70536, MC70683, MC70769, MC70780, MC70796, MC70858, MC70869, MC70876, MC70877, MC72254, MC72295 and MC72298 and grant of MC300228, MC300230, MC300231 and MC300232 and renewal of ML70285 and ML70286, shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

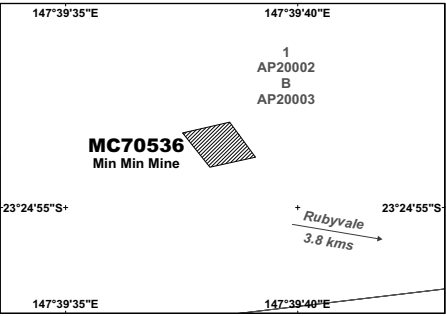
Mining Claim 70493 renewal sought by Jason William Mathewson, over an area of 843 m², centred approximately 1.5 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



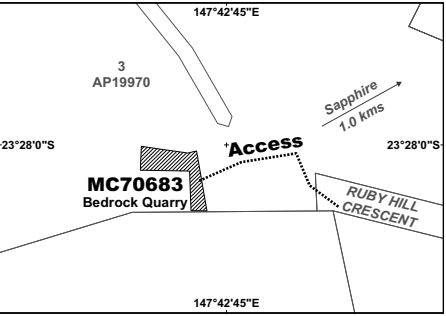
Mining Claim 70498 renewal sought by Denis Charles McPhee, over an area of 880 m², centred approximately 1.7 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



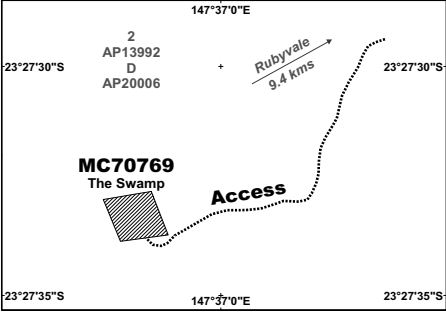
Mining Claim 70536 renewal sought by Raymond John Farrell, over an area of 774 m², centred approximately 3.8 km West North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



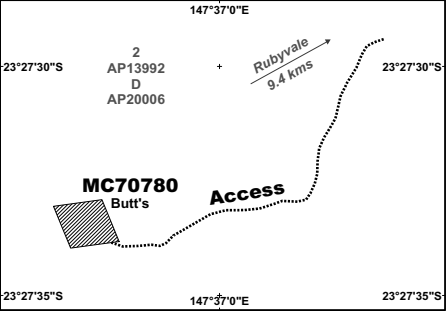
Mining Claim 70683 renewal sought by David John Barney, over an area of 702 m², centred approximately 1.0 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



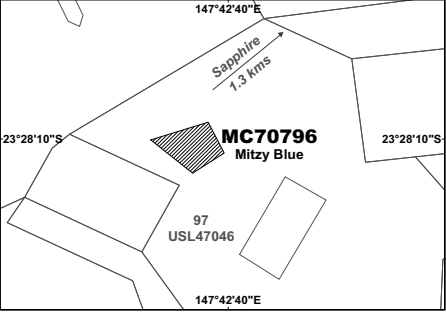
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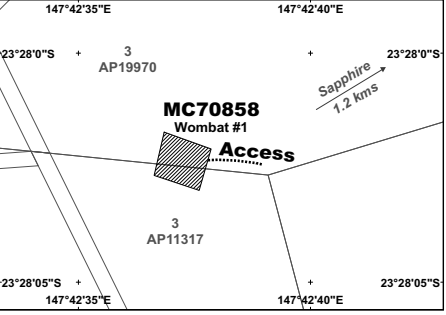
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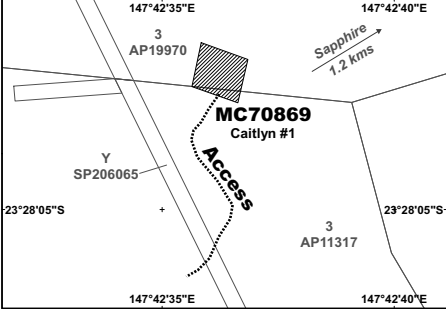
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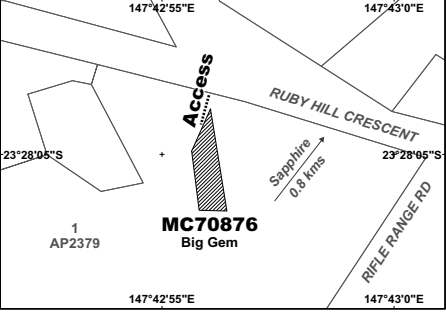
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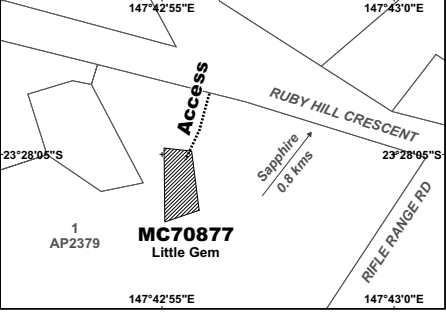
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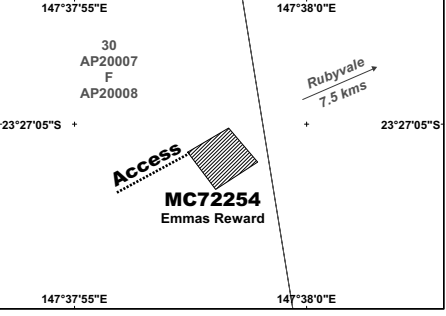
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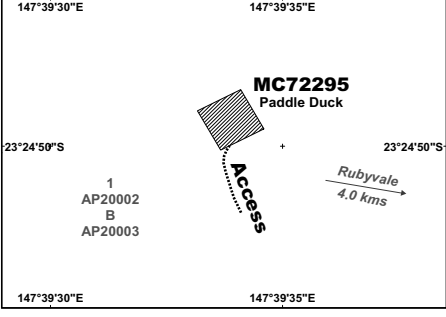
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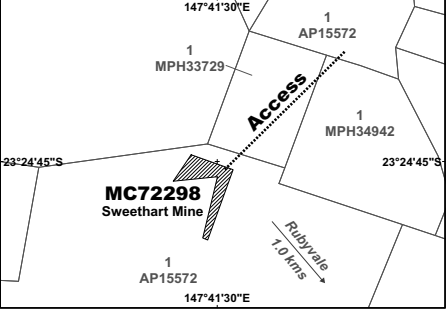
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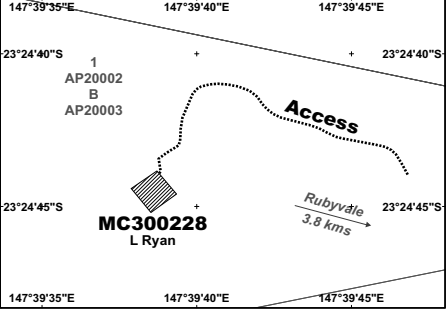
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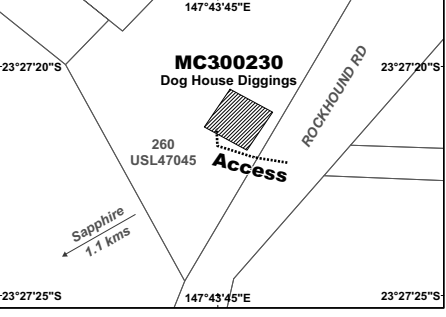
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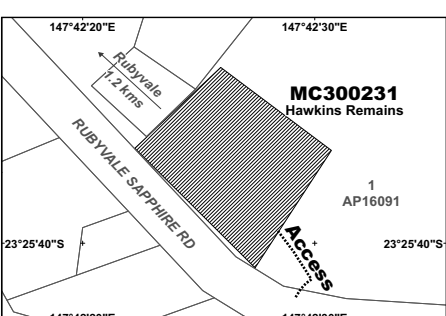
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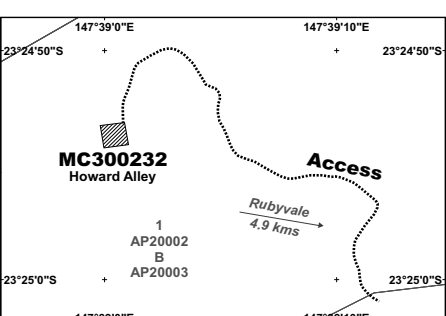
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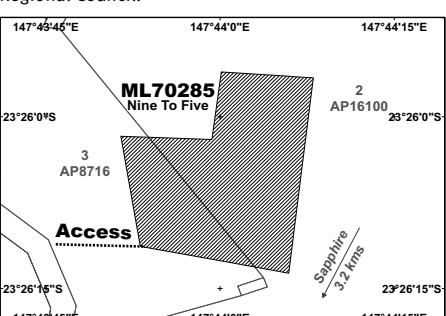
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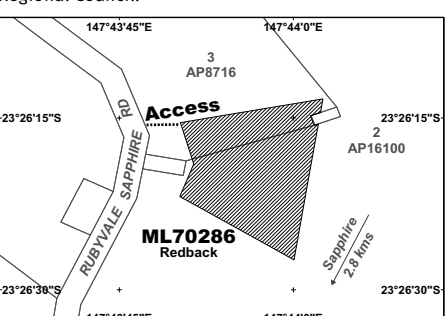
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Nature of Act(s): The renewal or grant of Mining Claims and Mining Leases under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Claims and Mining Leases 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 and Mining Leases, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim and Mining Lease 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 and Mining Leases. 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, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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Notification Day: 3 April 2019



Challenge set for premiers,



Gold Coasts' Jarrod Harbrow.



Adelaide's Eddie Betts.



Wayne Milera (Adelaide) and Paddy Ryder (Port Adelaide).



Gold Coasts' Izak Rankine.



Lewis Jetta celebrates the Eagles' epic 2018 AFL grand final win over Collingwood. Pictures: Getty Images and Peter Argent

Peter Argent takes us through the 83 Indigenous players in the AFL this year, and asks who can win the 2019 flag

Adelaide Crows (6)

Eddie Betts, Ben Davis, Cameron Ellis-Yolmen, Shane McAdam, Wayne Milera, Tyson Stengle

There are big expectations the Crows will bounce back in 2019 after falling out of finals contention last year despite being grand finalists the year before. Elder statesman Eddie Betts will become the latest Indigenous player to reach the 300-game mark early in the season. In the Crows program since 2012, Cameron Ellis-Yolmen has had a big pre-season, as has lead up forward Ben Davis, with both having plenty to prove this year. The smooth-moving Wayne Milera is now a first-choice running defender at the Crows. New recruit Shane McAdam is a chance to break into senior ranks while Tyson Stengle is seen as the heir apparent to Betts as the Crows' premier small forward.

Brisbane Lions (3)

Charlie Cameron, Allen Christensen, Cedric Cox,

The AFL's new 'destination club', Brisbane has recruited strongly and will aim for a top 8 finish. Back from a significant stint on injury Charlie Cameron has all the tools to become a game-breaker for the Lions. The club will be looking at former Cats premiership forward Allen Christensen for a consistent back-up to 2018 while Halls Creek export Cedric Cox should find a regular spot in the senior team in 2019.

Carlton (5)

Jarrold Garlett, Liam Jones, Kym Lebois, Jarrod Pickett, Sam Petrevski-Seton

Still in a heavy development stage the Blues need to get more games into its young players. The two Jarrolds, Garlett and Pickett, need to find continuity this season and cement their place in the Carlton side. Recruited as a forward, Liam Jones has made a good transition to defence. Still in a heavy development stage the Blues need to get more games into young talents Sam Petrevski-Seton and Kim Lebois, a freakish talent from South Australia who is yet to debut.

Collingwood (2)

Travis Varcoe, Daniel Wells

Last year's grand finalists fell short in an epic but have the tools to back up again. Travis Varcoe, a dual premiership player with Geelong, is in his fifth season at Collingwood and plays a vital role for the Magpies in attack. Daniel Wells played just four games in 2018 due to on-going injury issues and must return to his influential best for the 'Pies as they endeavour to take the next big step.

Essendon (4)

Luke Lavender*, Jake Long, Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti, Irving Mosquito

Tiwi Islander Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti has been the 'feelgood' story since he arrived on the AFL scene four

years ago, averaging 22 games each season. Jake Long will look to needs to add to his five senior games after debuting in 2016. Irving Mosquito is a chance in his first season but is expected to start in the VFL. In February, Essendon rookie Luke Lavender has decided to step away from AFL football due to injury.

Fremantle (8)

Harley Bennell, Jason Carter, Joel Hamling, Bradley Hill, Stephen Hill, Brandon Matera, Michael Walters, Nathan Wilson

The Dockers are an unknown quantity heading into 2019, 14th last year with just eight wins. Harley Bennell didn't play a game last year and has yet to overcome recurrent injury issues. Jason Carter is a young talent who is yet to play at the top level. Joel Hamling, a 2016 premiership player and Nathan Wilson are both pillars in the Dockers' defence. The Hill brothers, Stephen and Bradley, missed much of 2018 but fit and firing they are integral to Fremantle's success. Brandon Matera played 18 games last year as a first-choice player, while the mercurial Michael Walters will look to build on a big 2018.

Geelong (7)

Nakia Cockatoo, Jamaine Jones, Tim Kelly, Nathan Kreuger, Quinton Narkle, Brandon Parfitt, Blake Schlenso

A team expected to slide a little this year, nevertheless

Geelong has precocious Indigenous talents on its list. Northern Territorian Nakia Cockatoo, a game-changer, struggled through injury last year and played just two games last year. Fellow Top End talent, the classy Brandon Parfitt signed on and will be at the club until the end of 2020. Tim Kelly, who sought a return to WA in the off-season but was denied, played every game last year and was among the Cats' best. Quinton Narkle and Jamaine Jones both got their first taste of senior football last year and are expected to grow in their respective roles.

Nathan Kruger, who related to Hall of Famer Graham 'Polly' Farmer, and Blake Schlenso, are expected to be development prospects, starting in the VFL.

Gold Coast Suns (5)

Callum Ah Chee, Jarrod Harbrow, Sean Lemmens, Jack Martin, Izak Rankine

2019 will be a year of 'rebirth' for Gold Coast and they set themselves four years to get it right. Callum Ah Chee, a gifted talent, needs to take his game to the next level in his fourth season. Senior figure Jarrod Harbrow will be expected to lead by example, again. Sean Lemmens has started to develop into a consistent first-choice defender, while the talented Jack Martin would be expected to have significant influence in games. Expect Izak Rankine to quickly impact of the top level of the game.



rookies, established stars

GWS Giants (3)

Zac Williams, Jeremy Finlayson, Ian Hill

With a stacked and talented list, the Giants ought to be around the mark at the business end of 2019. After a frustrating 2018 campaign, with the majority on the sidelines with injury, Zac Williams is expected to play an important role in the Giants' defence. Athletic Jeremy Finlayson has all the attributes to be a top level player and now needs to build on his solid performances last year. Ian Hill is a special game breaking talent from WA so expect him to be nurtured through the rigours of the AFL in his first senior season.

Hawthorn (4)

Shaun Burgoyne, Chad Wingard, Jarman Impey, Mathew Walker

Hawthorn have been dealt a major injury blow with the loss of their 2018 Brownlow medalists Tom Mitchell and it has been confirmed the new recruit Chad Wingard will not play in round 1. Jarman Impey has quickly become a key running option for the Hawks in his first season at the club last year – expect this to continue in 2019. The elite Shaun Burgoyne, who played 17 games last year, will be managed if the Hawks are to return to their best. Related to former Carlton star Andrew Walker, medium-forward Mathew Walker is in his first year with the brown and gold.

Melbourne (5)

Toby Bedford, Jeff Garlett, Neville Jetta, Jay Kennedy-Harris, Steven May

Foundation club Melbourne is seen as a real chance of repeating their 2018 top-four finish this year. Elusive forward Jeff Garlett, who played 11 games last year, will be looking for a more consistent season near goal. Defensive stalwart Neville Jetta will be joined in the backline by new recruit Steven May, who will also add size and leadership to the back half. This season is seen a big winter for Jay Kennedy-Harris as he needs to force his way into the side on a more regular basis. First year talent Toby Bedford is a small forward/midfielder who oozes class and speed.

North Melbourne (5)

Paul Ahern, Jed Anderson, Kyron Hayden, Jy Simpkin, Tarryn Thomas

Seen as a big improver with a number of new recruits the Kangaroos had one of the great stories of 2018 when Paul Ahern finally made his senior debut after two knee reconstructions. He played 11 games and will be looking to build on that this year. After coming across from Hawthorn,

Jed Anderson has secured a regular position with the Kangaroos. Elite midfield talent Jy Simpkin played 22 games last year in the second season of AFL football and will further develop this season. Top 10 AFL draft pick, Tasmanian Tarryn Thomas, is expected to play early this year and quickly develop into a key player, and WA export Kyron Hayden has been retained for a second year and will be looking to break in to the senior team.

Port Adelaide (8)

Karl Amon, Tobin Cox, Joel Garner, Aidyn Johnson, Jarrod Lienert, Steven Motlop, Sam Powell-Pepper, Paddy Ryder

It will be an interesting year for the Power after they fell short on their expectations last winter. With the number of personnel changes there will be a reliance on key personnel including running machine, Steven Motlop. Paddy Ryder, who had a few problems with injury but managed himself through 16 games and Sam Powell-Pepper, who was a little flat in his second season after an impressive debut season. One of the great finds in the last part of the season was rookie defender Jarrod Lienert, while Aidyn Johnson and Karl Amon will be looking for more opportunities after each had a handful of games last year. Joel Garner spent last season in the SANFL and will need to force his claims this year. Rookie from rural SA Tobin Cox showed some signs in the under-23 Showdown trial game in his first hit out in the black, white and teal.

Richmond (5)

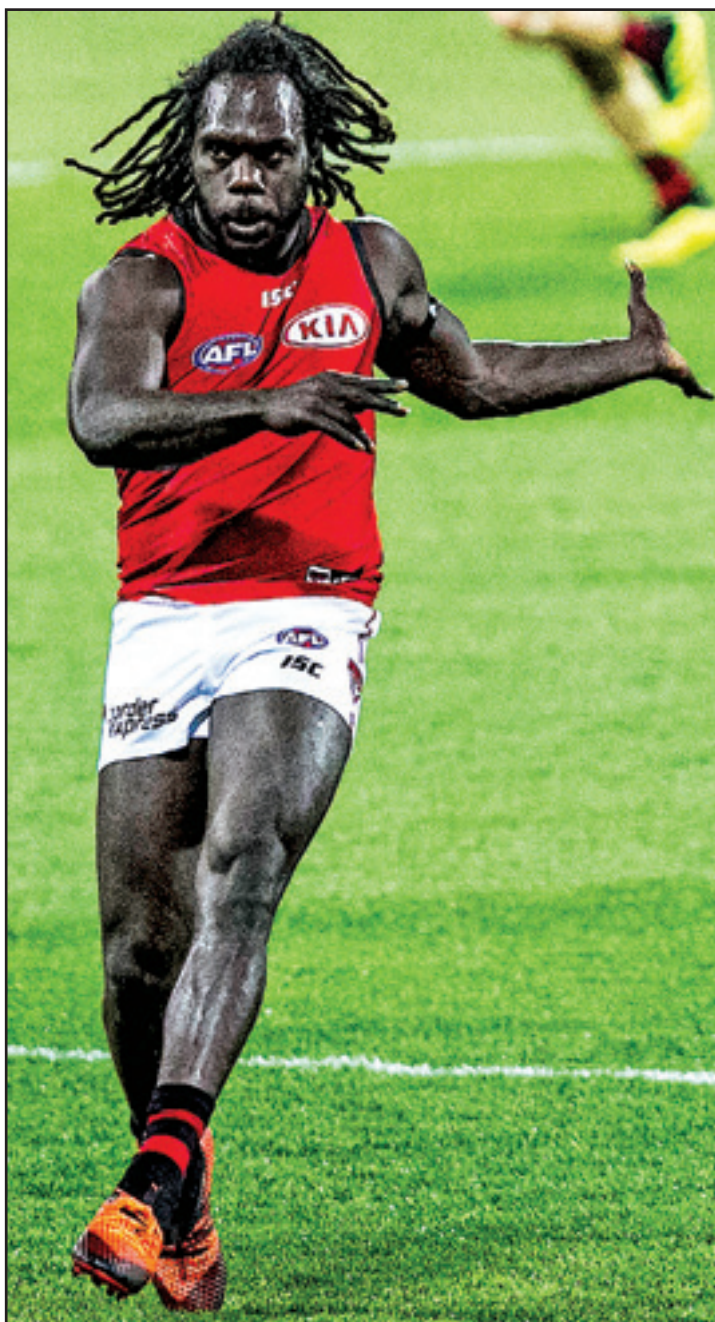
Shai Bolton, Derek Eggmollesse-Smith, Shane Edwards, Daniel Rioli, Sydney Stack

The best side during the 2018 minor rounds, Richmond will be seen as serious contenders for the flag, and with veteran Shane Edwards' maturity and growth, with All-Australian honours last year, he will be a key component in the Tigers' midfield. Daniel Rioli had an injury interrupted 2018 after a very good premiership year in 2017, while Shai Bolton will be looking for more opportunities. Derek Eggmollesse-Smith will be endeavouring to snaffle his first chance at the top level and Sydney Stack was a late addition to the squad, under new recruiting rules, in February this year.

St Kilda (4)

Jade Gresham, Ben Long, Matthew Parker, Robbie Young

One of the teams that will be under the microscope this year will be the Saints. Up-and-



Essendon's Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti, a consistent performer for the Bombers in his short career.

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coming star Jade Gresham is a classic small forward who will be pushed into the middle, while Territory talent Ben Long played 10 games last year and will be looking to become a consistent selection at AFL level. Robbie Young, a premiership player from North Adelaide, and Western Australian Matthew Parker are both mature-age selections and it will be interesting to see if this pair can develop quickly.

Sydney (3)

James Bell, Durak Tucker, Lance Franklin

Sydney has one of the absolute superstars of the game in Lance Franklin on their books. He has now played 290 games and should join the elite group of Aboriginal talents who have played his 300th senior AFL game this year. Versatile talent James Bell is a selection out of the Sydney Academy, and Durak Tucker, picked collected by the Swans despite injuring his ACL at the start of 2018, will develop in their NEAFL.

West Coast (6)

Brendon Ah Chee, Jarrod Cameron, Lewis Jetta, Willie Rioli, Liam Ryan, Francis Watson

It will be fascinating to see how West Coast react after winning the AFL flag last year in thrilling circumstances. Liam Ryan and Willie Rioli (who played 24 games in his first season of AFL football) are genuine stars of the competition. Lewis Jetta, a two-club premiership player, has developed into a senior member of the Eagles outfit, on and of the field. Jarrod Cameron, younger brother of Brisbane forward, Charlie, exhibits many of the same traits, but with an 'X' factor. Francis Watson will be looking for opportunities in his second year at West Coast, and after five seasons at Alberton with Port Adelaide, Brendon Ah Chee is expected to become an integral part of the midfield rotations.

Western Bulldogs (0)



West Coasts' Liam Ryan.



Richmond's Shane Edwards.



Hawthorn's Shaun Burgoyne.



Geelong's Quinton Narkle.





Brisbane Broncos' James Roberts.



The Cowboys' Javid Bowen.



Cronulla's Andrew Fifita.



Penrith's Tyrone Phillips.

Crunch time for a league revival



Jack Wighton has been a solid and consistent performer for the Canberra Raiders. Pictures: Getty Images

Who can stand and deliver in 2019? We take a look at the 62 Indigenous players in the NRL this year

Brisbane Broncos (6) Jack Bird, Troy Dargan, David Fifita, James Roberts, Gehamat Shibasaki, Kotoni Staggs

Jack Bird had a big off-season as he tries to put an unlucky 2018 behind him after his first year at the Broncos was blighted with injury. Troy Dargan, a former Australian Schoolboys and NSW under-20s rep, will be hoping to place pressure on the Broncos' halves and provide a viable play-making option in case of injury. David Fifita showed he belonged in the NRL and is one to watch. James Roberts had another exciting season with his ability to score a try from nothing with his blistering pace, but it was his improvement in his defensive game that he was particularly proud of. Gehamat Shibasaki made his NRL debut late in 2018 and will be looking for more opportunities. Kotoni Staggs scored a try in his first game for the Broncos and his ability to play in both the backs and forwards should bring even more field time.

Canberra Raiders (3) Sebastian Kris, Aidan Sezer, Jack Wighton

Sebastian Kris wants to make an impression at the Raiders as he aims to further develop as a player. Known for his ability with the boot, Aidan Sezer, a two-time All Star, has a career conversion percentage above 80% and has proven himself a reliable option from the tee. Jack Wighton has firmly established himself as first-

choice fullback. Gifted with a good passing game and uncompromising defence, Wighton has consistently been a source of tries for the Raiders as a scorer or in assists. He is an All Stars, NSW Country and the PM's XIII rep player.

Canterbury Bulldogs (4) Adam Elliott, Zac Saddler, Chris Smith, Reimis Smith

Adam Elliott, one of only three Bulldogs players to play every game in 2018, spent 17 of those in the No 13 jersey and scored four tries. Zac Saddler is yet to play NRL, but the rookie from the Riverina is currently signed to the club until the end of this season. Darwin-born Chris Smith offers plenty of depth and competition as part of the club's backrow stocks. Reimis Smith extended his stay at the club until the end of 2020 following an impressive season in which he scored seven tries in 11 games.

Cronulla Sharks (4) Andrew Fifita, Wade Graham, William Kennedy, Braydon Trindall*

Premiership player and All Star Andrew Fifita will lead the front row in 2019. He played for his father's homeland of Tonga in the 2017 World Cup, is a NSW rep, and played six Tests for Australia. Wade Graham played all three Origin matches for NSW in 2017 after debuting for the Blues in 2016 and was then included in the Kangaroos victorious squad for the World Cup. William Kennedy, who came to the Sharks from

Bathurst, is a skilful, ball-playing fullback. He is the son of former Tiger 'Bubba' Kennedy.

Gold Coast Titans (8) Ryan James, Brian Kelly, Brenko Lee, Leilani Latu, Tyrone Peachey, Nathan Peats, Tyrone Roberts, Ashley Taylor

Inspirational skipper Ryan James has suffered a serious injury to his right knee that could see him miss the start of the season. Lismore-born centre Brian Kelly will look to cement a spot in first grade. The talented Brenko Lee will look to cause more havoc for his opposites, now with defence a focus throughout the pre-season. Prop forward Leilani Latu has expressed a desire to be a starting prop, the new recruit looking to make that No 8 jersey his own. Tyrone Peachey's arrival provides plenty of options. The 27-year-old played centre, fullback, five-eighth and off the bench for the Panthers in 2018. Nathan Peats played 20 games for the Titans in 2018 and was unlucky to miss out on Origin selection at hooker. Tyrone Roberts could not be in better form heading into his first game in Titans colours since 2017, having claimed the coveted Preston Campbell Medal for his man-of-the-match performance for the All Stars. Ashley Taylor led the way for the Titans in 2018 with 17 try-assists, but his drive through the 2019 pre-season shows he wants to be better and achieve more at the club and in the game.

Manly Sea Eagles (3) Jade Anderson*, Cade Cust, Joel Thompson

Cade Cust's hard work has seen him rewarded with a full-time contract for 2019. In 2017, Cust played a dominant role in Manly winning the last ever Holden Cup premiership. Cust now joins Jade Anderson, among others, from that premiership-winning squad in the Sea Eagles' NRL squad. Coach Trent Barrett also wanted another enforcer-type in his team and in Joel Thompson he has found that.

Melbourne Storm (3) Josh Addo-Carr, Will Chambers, Scott Drinkwater*

It was a remarkable debut season in purple for Josh Addo-Carr, with 23 tries and as NRL's leading try-scorer. He was one of only two Storm players to feature in every game in 2017, also leading the team for run metres, tackle busts and support runs while producing more line breaks than any other player in the competition. Will Chambers has re-asserted himself as the best centre in the game over the last 12 months. The Australian and Queensland No 3 has made immovable defence a trademark of his game which helped him claim Storm's Best Back award for the first time in his career during a premiership season. Scott Drinkwater has spent the last two years developing his game with the NYC and feeder squads, but has since seriously injured his knee and will be out for 3-4 months.

— Source: NRL.com.au





Newcastle Knights (3) Edrick Lee, Jesse Ramien, Connor Watson

Talented outside back Edrick Lee joined the Knights on a three-year-deal midway through 2018. A versatile player who can cover wing, centre and fullback. The addition of Lee not only provides the Knights with an imposing presence in the backline. Jesse Ramien has set himself some big goals for the 2019 season, with a spot in the Blues' Origin side the big one, but he remains focused on being consistent at club level and has prepared well for the season ahead. Connor Watson joined the Knights last season on a three-year contract but injuries limited his year to 15 appearances, and his versatility makes him a huge threat across the paddock.

NQ Cowboys (4) Carlin Anderson, Javid Bowen, Reuben Cotter, Gideon Gela-Mosby

Carlin Anderson first came to attention when he helped the Ipswich Jets to the 2015 Queensland Cup and NRL State Championship titles but a serious jaw and facial injury had sidelined him for an extended period. Javid Bowen, a nephew of Cowboys legend Matthew Bowen, scored a try against the Dragons in his Cowboys debut. Talented youngster Reuben Cotter will return to action in 2019 after missing the majority of the last three seasons due to consecutive ACL injuries. Torres Strait product Gideon Gela-Mosby, who signed a two-year deal that will keep him at the club until the end of 2019, will be a leading contender for a wing spot this year.

Parramatta Eels (5) Blake Ferguson, Bevan French, Josh Hoffman, Ethan Parry*, Will Smith

New recruit Blake Ferguson brings plenty of talent and experience to the backline – consistency has been his trademark, and tries have come regularly. Bevan French, nephew of former Australian international and Dragon

Nathan Blacklock, signed on until the end of the 2019 season. With close to 200 NRL games under his belt, Josh Hoffman is one of the most experienced current Eels. Traditionally a fullback who can also play five-eighth, centre and wing, 2019 will be his 11th year in the NRL. Fullback and utility Will Smith is set to reach the 50 NRL match milestone in 2019, which will be his sixth season as a NRL footballer. Severe injuries have on a large part

'(Mitchell's) strength and speed are a deadly weapon'

held him back but he's rebounded strongly and gone on to play 27 NRL matches in his first two seasons with the Eels.

Penrith Panthers (3) Tyrell Fuimaono, Brayden McGrady*, Tyrone Phillips

Penrith-born Fuimaono has returned home following two seasons with the Rabbitohs and his versatility makes him a valuable depth signing for the Panthers in 2019. Tyrone Phillips, who joined the Panthers in 2018, scored two tries on club debut against the Cowboys in Bathurst.

South Sydney Rabbitohs (7) Braidon Burns, Josh Cook, Dane Gagai, Greg Inglis, Alex Johnston, Kyle Turner, Cody Walker

Braidon Burns will be fighting for a spot in the centres in 2019. Young hooker Josh Cook, a La Perouse Panther, represented the NSW Indigenous under-16s. In his first season with the club, Dane Gagai proved his value in the centres, on the wing and at fullback. He adds plenty of strike power to the Rabbitohs' backline. Captain Greg Inglis bounced back from an ACL injury in 2017 to lead the club one game short of the grand final last season. Try-scoring

machine Alex Johnston is an attacking threat whether it be at wing or fullback. Now in his sixth season with the club he will be looking to take on a more senior role in the squad. After beginning his career in the back row, Kyle Turner moved into the middle of the field in 2017 with great success and has proved his utility value also playing in the centres on occasion. A proud Indigenous and country man, Turner has represented the Indigenous All

Stars on two occasions. Cody Walker was a late bloomer but has since established himself as one of the best five-eighths in the competition. A proud man from the Yuin and Bundjalung tribes, Walker was captain of the All Stars in February.

St George-Illawarra Dragons (4) Jai Field, Josh Kerr, Jonus Pearson*, Tristan Sailor

Jai Field made his debut for the Dragons in the opening round of the 2017 season and has agreed to terms on a three-year contract extension that will see him remain at the club until at least the end of the 2019 season. Prop Josh Kerr, joined the Dragons ahead of the 2017 season, was previously part of the Melbourne Storm NYC team and was named in the Queensland under-20s team in 2016. Utility Tristan Sailor became an inaugural member of the Dragons' development player squad ahead of the 2018 season. He is a graduate of the Steelers' SG Ball team, and was a nominee for both the Dally M and RLPA NYC Player of the Year in 2017.

Sydney Roosters (4) Josh Curran, Craig Garvey, Bernard Lewis, Latrell Mitchell

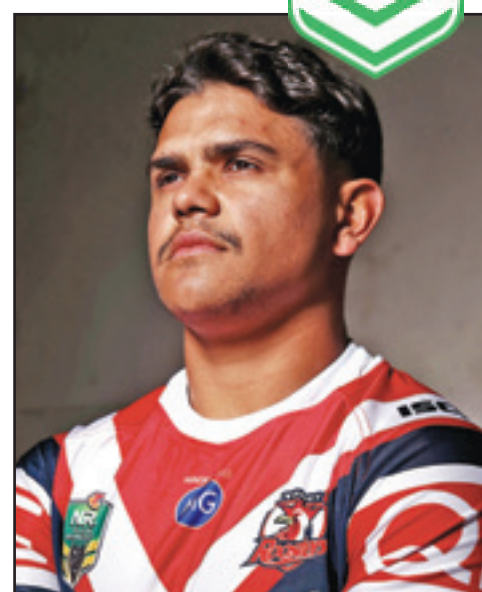
Up-and-comer Josh Curran earned his stripes in his second

pre-season with the first grade squad. The second rower shows plenty of promise and will look to impress the coaching staff in a bid to earn a first grade debut. New recruit Craig Garvey joins the Sydney Roosters in 2019 looking for an opportunity to play first grade. Now at his fourth NRL club since making his debut for the St George Illawarra Dragons in 2013 against the Roosters, Garvey has been training hard since joining the club for the first day of pre-season training late last year. Bernard Lewis is an up-and-coming young winger who is already building a solid resume at the club. It was a 2018 to remember for Latrell Mitchell, and it was awarded with an impressive number of accolades. Not only did he play a huge role in his side's run to the 2018 premiership, but he was called up to debut for both the Blues and Kangaroos. His strength and speed are a deadly weapon for the Roosters and there's still room to move for the always improving gun centre.

Wests Tigers (1) Corey Thompson

Born in Queensland, Thompson moved to Sydney in 2013 to join the Bulldogs. He made his first-grade debut the following year before making the move to Widnes in Super League. There, Thompson scored 27 tries in his opening season (making him the second highest try-scorer in the competition), adding another 14 tries the following year as Widnes finished seventh. Thompson ended his time in Super League with 41 tries in 47 games, moving back to Australia in 2018 to join Wests Tigers. A surprise starter in round 1, the diminutive winger made every a post a winner throughout the year as he excelled in a number of positions – re-signing with the club midway through the year as he finished with nine tries from his 20 games, the most of any player in the team.

NZ Warriors (0) – Source: NRL.com.au



The Roosters' Latrell Mitchell.



Melbourne Storms' Josh Addo-Carr.



South Sydney's Greg Inglis.



Canberra's Aidan Sezer.

Parramatta's Will Smith has overcome severe injuries to establish his place in the Eels' line up. Pictures: Getty Images



The Bunnies under Bennett delivers high expectations

THE Rabbitohs are known for their famous 'Book of Feuds' with the rivalry between Souths and the Roosters one of the fiercest in the game.

It will be interesting to read the new chapter on the Broncos following the most bitter of coaching swaps in the off-season with the arrival of Wayne Bennett adding to the inevitable anticipation around the famous cardinal and myrtle.

While the high expectation is now an annual attitude for South Sydney fans the installation of the legendary coach will intensify the spotlight on him and his star-studded side.

My admiration and personal respect for Wayne is on the record but this could be one of the biggest challenges of his illustrious career.

Last year's revival under Anthony Seibold took the Rabbitohs to within one game of last year's decider. In 2019 the hype and hoopla around Bennett and the foundation club will make the entire season feel like grand final week.

It finished an ugly and dragged-out process and even spanned two continents but the Rabbitohs finally got their man 12 months early with Bennett's arrival exciting those at Redfern.

Rejuvenated Bunnies

Seibold departs having rejuvenated the Bunnies attack, with players reporting that Bennett has tinkered in only the most minute fashion. The team's defence, on the other hand, is another matter. But, if defence is all about attitude, then Wayne is the man for the job. He has a knack of getting the best out of individuals and then applying similar approaches to get the best out of his team.

South Sydney leave Sydney just once before May – a round-5 home game against the Warriors that the club is taking to the Sunshine Coast.

The most anticipated coaching showdown of the year – Bennett and Seibold against their former teams – falls in round 8, before the Bunnies hit the road for Magic Round at Lang Park.

After a couple of seasons coping it from every quarter for their stale, predictable attack, the Rabbitohs' attack improved with no surprise that they relied on their left edge, where Robert Jennings, Cody Walker and co scored 37 tries between them.

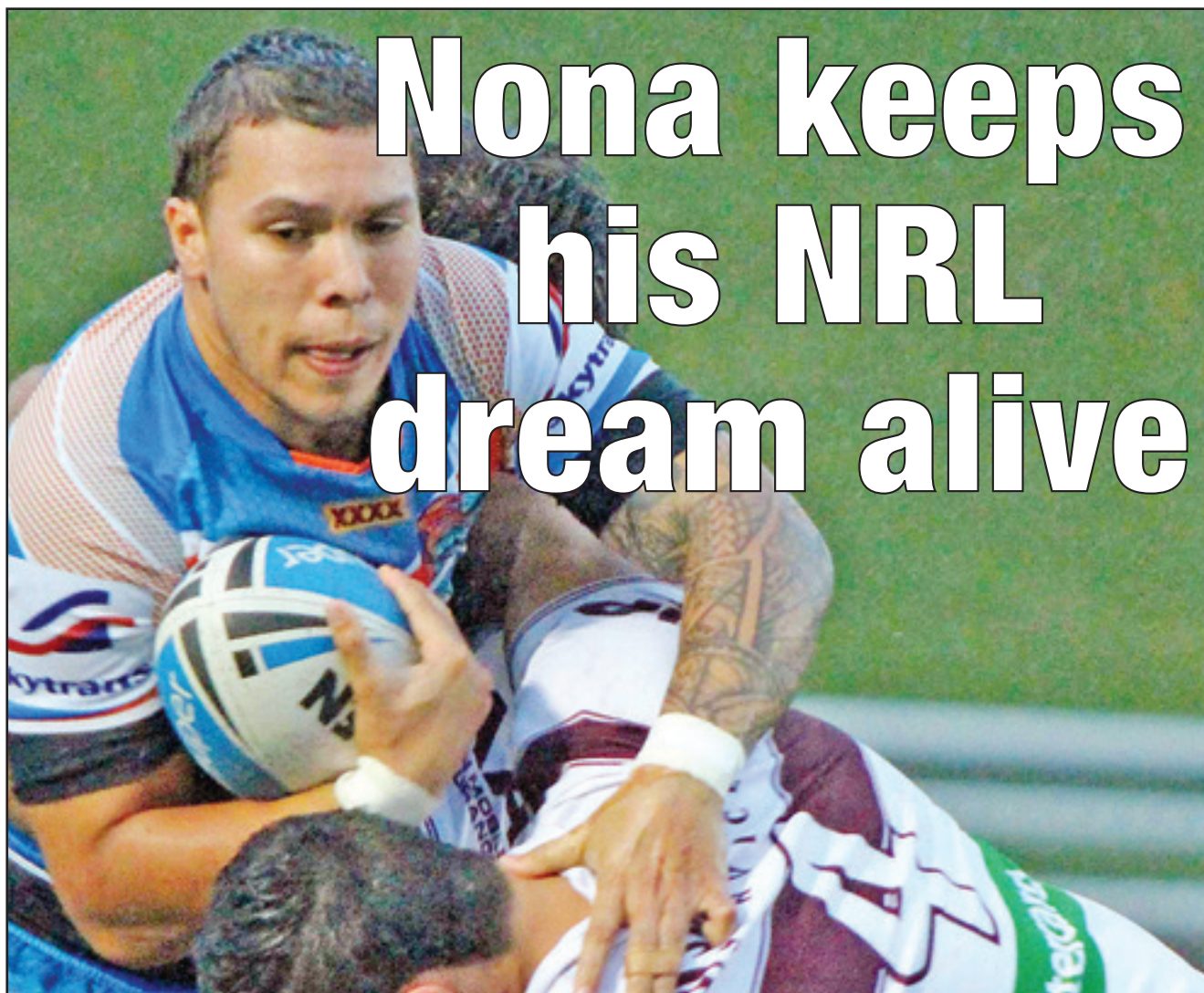
Whether that style of attack changes with Bennett at the helm is anyone's guess but one thing the side will want to maintain is a healthy ray of variety.

The future of Alex Johnston is never too far away from the rumour mill either, while, looking-long term, Greg Inglis' retirement in 18 months' time will make Souths a serious contender for any big name on the market.

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL



Nona keeps his NRL dream alive

Bracing for the challenge, Shaun Nona has signed with Queensland Cup side Townsville Blackhawks.

Halfback joins Townsville Blackhawks in QCup

By ALF WILSON



SHAUN Nona hopes his arrival at the Townsville Blackhawks will keep the dream of playing in the NRL alive, and to give the club another shot at the title.

The Blackhawks ended its 2019 Queensland Cup campaign third.

With coach Aaron Payne, a former NQ Cowboys hooker, at the helm, the club is aiming at nothing short of a premiership in the strong statewide 14-team league.

Nona has been previously contracted to three NRL clubs – Melbourne, Brisbane and the Dragons.

A quality halfback or five-eighth, Nona said he hasn't

given up on his dream of playing in the NRL but that a premiership at the Blackhawks would be his ultimate goal for 2019.

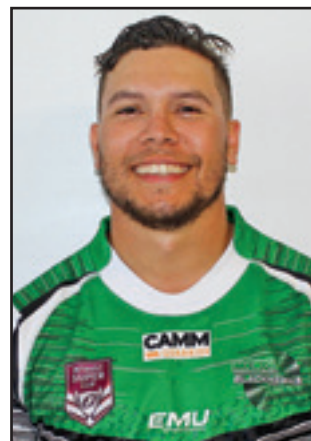
"Playing with NRL clubs has been a great experience for me that I will never forget," he said.

"My first goal is to try and lock down one of the halves positions at the Blackhawks. There are a lot of talented players here and lots of competition and I'm really enjoying being at the club, especially with the new coach Aaron Payne."

"But I still haven't given up on my dream of making a NRL debut."

"I know if I play my best footy, I still might get an opportunity one day."

Nona is one of only a handful of players to have



Shaun Nona. Picture: Blackhawks Media

won NRL State Championship titles with Queensland and NSW clubs, in 2014 (Northern Pride) and 2016 (Illawarra Cutters).

In 2014, he won the Duncan Hall Medal as man

of the match in Northern Pride's Queensland Cup 36-4 grand final win over Easts Tigers.

In 2014 and 2015, Nona played for Queensland Residents (against the NSW Cup teams in curtain-raisers to State of Origin) and was Queensland rep player of the year in 2015.

Last year, he returned to Queensland and played for Wynnum-Manly while contracted with the Broncos.

"My last game for Wynnum in 2018 was against the Blackhawks and after speaking with some of the boys after the game, I knew I wanted to head back north."

"Being closer to family was definitely a drawcard for my decision to move," Nona said.



South Sydney's Alex Johnston. Picture: Getty Images



MELBOURNE'S Scott Drinkwater will miss at least half the season after scans last week confirmed he ruptured his pectoral muscle during the Storm's pre-season loss to North Queensland in Mackay.

Drinkwater, one of three Indigenous players at Melbourne, was in the box seat to fill Billy Slater's vacant No.1 fullback jersey.

Melbourne issued a statement on Monday after scans confirmed the diagnosis and said Drinkwater, 21, would see a surgeon and would be out for at least three months. – AAP



Scott Drinkwater. Picture: Getty

Storm lose Drinkwater

League releases women's schedule



THE NRL will consolidate the growth of women's rugby league after a landmark year.

The NRL's 2019 women's fixture confirms the return of the stand-alone State of Origin NSW-Queensland clash (June 21).

Last year's women's match was hailed a raging success, attracting almost 7000 fans and a television broadcast audience of 700,000.

The NRL has retained the four-team women's NRL premiership – Brisbane, Roosters, Dragons, Warriors – to run in unison with the men's final series, while the Jillaroos have games set aside for the end of the year. All this on top of the women's Indigenous and Maori All Star match in February.

The league also said that any potential expansion of the women's fixture list would be largely dependent on the response of the public.

– AAP



True Blood – Goodes now a Swans Legend



AFL great Adam Goodes has added another honour to his long list of accomplishments by being inducted into the Sydney Swans Hall of Fame as a club legend.

Sydney's all-time games record-holder, with 372 matches over 17 seasons, Goodes retired at the end of the 2015 season.

Goodes was elevated to the status of Bloods Legend at the club's 2019 guernsey presentation and Hall of Fame induction dinner in Sydney last week.

He joins a select group of Sydney legends including Bob Skilton, Bob Pratt, Paul Kelly, Peter Bedford, J. Herbie

Matthews, Ron Clegg and Peter Burns.

Goodes won two Brownlow Medals (2003, 2006), two premierships (2005, 2012), booted 464 goals, won three club best and fairests (2003, 2006, 2011), four All-Australian blazers (2003, 2006, 2009, 2011), the AFL Rising Star award (1999), and was voted best Clubman in 2007.

He represented Australia twice in the International Rules series and as captain once (2001, 2010).

Goodes was named in the 2004 Indigenous Team of the Century, won the Polly Farmer Medal for best player for the 2003 Indigenous All Stars, and was the 2014 Australian of the Year. – With AAP

Adam Goodes, Swans legend. Picture: Getty Images

Leinert happy to discover his roots

By PETER ARGENT



IN what was a tough finish to Port Adelaide's 2018 AFL campaign, there was at least one stand-out performer for the Power and that was emerging defender Jarrod Lienert.

Lienert, from Murray Bridge, made his AFL debut last year against the Giants in round 18 at Adelaide Oval where he totalled 20 possessions and carried himself well.

It was the first of six games he would play in his debut year, ending the season averaging 17 touches per game. A regular spot in the backline beckons for the 24-year-old.

Lienert is a second generation SANFL league footballer, following in his father Brett's footsteps, and he reckons he also received a generous amount of his sports skills from his mother's side of the family.

Ngarrindjeri people

Lienert's Aboriginal roots stem from his maternal grandfather, Lindsay Kestel, who he was close to growing up.

"My grandfather passed away 12 years ago, that's where my Aboriginal heritage comes from, and I had a great relationship with him so I'm certainly very proud to acknowledge my roots," Lienert said.

"It goes back a few generations on my mum's side with the Ngarrindjeri people, through the Wilson family."

Lienert has been welcomed into Port Adelaide's Indigenous brotherhood, and the club has a proud history of nurturing Indigenous talent.

"They've welcomed me during this period of me exploring my heritage and have been really supportive," he said.



Jarrod Lienert is an emerging key defender at Port Adelaide. Picture: Peter Argent

Veteran Harbrow a leader among young Suns



GOLD Coast's Jarrod Harbrow will form a crucial part of the Suns' leadership group in season 2019.

Cairns-born Harbrow, 30, was named in the six-man leadership group last week.

His time at the Gold Coast is marked by several firsts.

Harbrow has been at the

Suns since its inception into the AFL as the league's 17th team in 2011.

He was in the club's first ever team in round 2 of that year.

In round 7, 2016, he became the first Suns

player to play 100 AFL games for the club.

And in round 19, 2018, he became the first Suns player to play 150 games for the club, after which he was awarded him life membership. – with AAP



St Kilda's Robbie Young. Picture: Getty Images

Elder statesmen guide the young

IN recent articles I have talked about the need for the creation of pathways within and beyond the game.

This is a critical issue but it should not detract from all the good in the game with the recent Indigenous All Stars summit being one example of how the game is supporting the next generation of stars.

It is interesting to note, a few weeks after the summit, the feedback from some of the players to see what the impact beyond the images of the boys spearfishing, making boomerangs or simply sitting around a campfire sharing stories.

As simple as some of these activities might appear, it allowed the boys to bond and reinforce that they were among family.

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN
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A tightknit brotherhood

This demonstrates the tightknit brotherhood between those who represent their people with pride each and every week on football grounds and provides a support network that is even stronger than that provided by the clubs.

The summit also helps prepare the young players for what they can expect as they enter life as full-time footballers, and the more experienced among the group are happy to pass on their knowledge and act as a support network to the next generation of stars.

One of the newcomers to the summit was Robbie Young from the Saints.

He felt right at home on the camp, especially when the players jumped on a two-and-a-half hour bus ride to the small town of Point Pearce on the Yorke Peninsula for cultural activities, his homelands.

Indigenous players across the competition are taking steps to stay connected during the year.

Adelaide star Eddie Betts and wife Anna host 'Mob Nights' for the Crows' Indigenous players.

'Brother Boy Catch-ups'

At Melbourne, the Demons' contingent have started what they call 'Brother Boy Catch-ups' once a fortnight. Demons forward Jeff Garlett wants to take the concept further and include Indigenous players from all Melbourne-based clubs.

Melbourne recruit Steven May knows first-hand how important it is to have support networks when players get drafted.

He grew up in Darwin before joining club Gold Coast in 2011, where he spent eight seasons before making the switch to the Demons.

"When you come on these camps, the good thing about them is you feel a bit more connected to your family," May said. "We speak about strategies, and being able to pass on some advice and coping mechanisms in terms of getting homesick, and that sort of stuff."

Richmond's youngest three Indigenous players Sydney Stack, Shai Bolton and Derek Egglestone-Smith also benefitted from the experience.

These youngsters pointed out Lewis and Neville Jetta, Eddie Betts and Shaun Burgoyne as veterans they were grateful to have the opportunity to learn from.

Shai said while he is now used to living away from home, he enjoyed the chance to talk about the challenges he faced. The whole experience was more than a yarn, although the power of sharing stories can never be underestimated.



Jillaroo Caitlin Moran Picture: Getty Images

'Roos to play Tests in The 'Gong



THE Kangaroos will face New Zealand in a trans-Tasman double-header in Wollongong in late October.

The Jillaroos and the Kiwi Ferns will also meet on October 25 as part of a newly constructed international rugby league window.

The Australian men's

team, currently world No 1, suffered a shock loss to New Zealand in their most recent match in Auckland last October.

They will likely get their first chance at revenge during the World Cup 9s in early October, before they resume hostilities in Wollongong.

Just who will captain the Kangaroos, however, remains unclear, with

incumbent Boyd Cordner assuming the role after Greg Inglis was suspended due to a drink-driving charge.

Inglis was appointed skipper just 28 hours before he was charged with drink driving, and was later given an 18-month good behaviour bond.

Inglis has retained the captaincy at South Sydney for the 2019 NRL season.

— AAP

Swift has Freo on the up

By CHRIS PIKE



OLYMPIAN Joel Swift may have ruled himself out of future Australian representative competition but he remains one of the strongest water polo presences in the country.

Swift is leading the way in the pool, taking club side Fremantle to an unbeaten start in the Australian Water Polo League's 2019 season.

Since representing Australia in the pool at the Rio Olympics in 2010, Swift returned to Fremantle following a four-year stint playing professional water polo in Hungary.

A shoulder injury kept him sidelined and then a focus on finishing his studies and moving into full-time work meant that he made the decision to retire from international water polo.

But his passion for the pool remains and he has committed to leading the Fremantle Mariners this year as captain.

The powerful centre-forward is keen to add to the four national league titles he's won with the club.

Swift led the Mariners to a tremendous start to the 2019 season with two wins on the road against Adelaide Jets and a 12-8 derby victory over the UWA Torpedoes in Perth.

Swift said he is enjoying the strong bonds at Fremantle this season.

"It's a bit different this year," he said.

"Some of the older guys have left WAIS to focus on work commitments so have stepped away from international water polo, too.

"I think it's created more of a team atmosphere.

"A lot of the boys have been training with Freo all year and the chemistry and bonds in the team have been really good. I try to lead by example at training and have a good attitude.

"We want our players to enjoy playing and have fun, but not muck around when it's time to work and take things seriously. I'm always happy to share any coaching and tips with the younger guys where I can to help them improve."

10-team leagues

The Australian water polo league has 10 teams in both the men's and women's competition.

It is the highest level of the sport in the country.

The season runs from February to May.

In the men's league there are five Sydney teams – Drummoyne Devils, UNSW Wests Magpies, Sydney University Lions, UTS Balmain Tigers, ACU Cronulla Sharks; one country NSW team – the Hunter Hurricanes; one team from Queensland – Queensland Thunder; one from South Australia – FYFE Adelaide Jets; and two from Western Australia – UWA Torpedoes and Swift's Fremantle Mariners; and in the women's it's the same teams except the UNSW side is the Wests Killer Whales.



Joel Swift, one-time Olympian with the Australian water polo team, now captain of Fremantle in the AWL.

Casey sets Paris Olympics as her goal



Casey Ferguson (above and right) on the rise in junior water polo.



CASEY Ferguson was just four-years-old when her love for water polo began. Now, her passion for the sport could see her become the first Indigenous female to represent Australia.

The proud Kamilaroi teenager and dedicated athlete who lives with her family on the NSW Central Coast has represented state and national teams in water polo in her age group and open women's events. She plays as goalkeeper.

Casey has her eyes firmly set on the 2024 Olympics in Paris.

Casey will represent NSW in Canada, followed by a series of workshops with top water polo trainers and matches in the US.

Casey is thrilled at the possibility of travelling overseas to attend international clinics in July.

She said she will take the chance very seriously and hopes to be a proud ambassador not only for her people but her family and other young aspiring female athletes.

● Anyone wishing to help Casey reach her fundraising goal of \$6600 for the tour can contact Tanya Ferguson at tanyaferguson@bigpond.com



Stars on the rise

Ponter, Prespakis in line for AFLW Rising Star award

By PETER ARGENT



TWO of the 13 Indigenous footballers in the AFLW this season have snared two of the 14 Rising Star nominations available this season.

Maddie Prespakis (Carlton) and Danielle Ponter (Adelaide) each won their nominations for the end-of-season award in rounds 4 and 5 respectively.

With two conferences this season, nominations are given to two players in each after every round.

Prespakis won her nomination on the back of a 20-possession, five-tackle, eight clearances, one-goal game in the Blues' narrow loss, ironically, to Ponter's Adelaide in round 4.

Ponter won hers following a switch from defence to attack against Fremantle, and on her home turf in Darwin, in round 5.

Blues reaping the rewards

Prespakis, 18, is embracing her first season of AFLW and Carlton is reaping the rewards.

"It's obviously been a big challenge. It's a massive step-up even from VFLW," Prespakis said at her nomination.

"Personally, I've loved it and I've loved every challenge. It's always been a dream to play AFL so, now that I'm here, I'm taking it with both hands.

Making her own name

Ponter, 19, is cousin to Hawthorn four-time premiership player Cyril Rioli and niece to Essendon great Michael Long. She is making her own name in football.

"It is one thing to get an AFLW game; it's another thing to play at home in front of your friends and family and have that special support around you," she said.



Main: Adelaide's Danielle Ponter, AFLW Rising Star for round 5. Picture: Peter Argent
Inset: Carlton's Maddie Prespakis, AFLW Rising Star for round 4. Picture: Getty Images



Nightcliff coach Chris Baksh.

Nightcliff in box seat to break 54-year drought

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



NIGHTCLIFF will run out in next week's NTFL Premier League grand final confident it can finally end Top End football's longest premiership drought.

The Tigers, led by Yorta Yorta man Chris Baksh as coach this season, swept aside Tiwi Bombers in the second semifinal two weeks ago.

They now face last year's premiers, Southern Districts, led by Shannon Rusca, after they too

defeated the Tiwis in last week's preliminary final.

The Crocs won last season's thrilling grand final by two points over Darwin Buffaloes, coached by Matt Campbell.

That match was delayed by cyclone damage to the Greater Darwin area and played midweek.

Nightcliff and Southern Districts were the standout teams this season.

The Tigers dropped just three of the 18 home-and-away games while the Crocs just dropped five.

If it's anything like recent Top End grand finals, fans are in for a treat.



Chris Cedar. Picture: Adekponya

All Stars eye Four Nations

From back page

"We've had some consistency with our veteran guys and they've done a great job mentoring the younger players and building the right culture on and off the court.

"The guys selected by the national panel have, for the most part, played together and that familiarity will benefit."

The Four Nations Cup will be the first international competition for the All Stars' women since its 3-0 defeat by New Zealand Maori in 2017.

Baldwin confident

Women's coach Ricky Baldwin is confident he can lead a turnaround.

"I believe we have a talented group of women who'll be fiercely competitive," he said. "It's going to take commitment and hard work, but I think we can go over to NZ and win some games."

Headlining Baldwin's group is former Olympian and Australian Opals star Rohanee Cox, with Vanessa Michael and Nes'eya Williams also from WA.

South Australia is represented by the Fejo sisters – Renai, Tahlia and Jasmin – and Ambah Kowcun.

Fresh from winning silver at the national under-20s, Rebekah Dallinger is the sole representative from NSW.

Victorian-based players Georgia Baldwin and Tanarly Hood round out the team of 10.

The teams will have a two-day training camp in Brisbane prior to departure.

Australian Indigenous All Stars Men

Curt Ah Wang (Cairns, Qld.), Chris Cedar (Mackay, Qld.), Michael Cedar (Logan, Qld.), Tyson Demos (Wollongong, NSW), Tidjane Diop (Gold Coast), Deba George (Albury, NSW), William Hickey (Sydney), JaKobe Hunter (Cairns), Joel Matysek (Cairns), Dion Patten (Melbourne), Verle Williams Jnr. (Brisbane). Coach: Joel Khalu. Asst. coach: Jason Borg. Team manager: Brent Khalu.

Women

Georgia Baldwin (Knox Raiders), Rohanee Cox (Willetton Tigers), Rebekah Dallinger (Northern Suburbs Basketball, NSW), Jasmin Fejo (West Adelaide), Renai Fejo (Langara College, Canada), Tahlia Fejo (West Adelaide), Tanarly Hood (Casey Cavaliers), Ambah Kowcun (Forrestville Eagles), Vanessa Michael (Cockburn Cougars), Ne'seya Williams (Perth Lynx). Coach: Ricky Baldwin. Asst. coach: Rebecca McIntyre. Team manager: Belinda Hayden.

Williams, Simon head to the US as World Cup preps begin



MATILDAS Lydia Williams and Kyah Simon are among a record number of Australians who will turn out in the US-based National Women's Soccer League as the next phase of the national teams' road to the World Cup begins.

At least 13 Matildas have secured playing deals in America for the upcoming season, allowing them to play in the world's best league ahead of June's Women's World Cup.

Six of the nine teams will host Matildas.

American-contracted Matildas will travel to the US

imminently and begin pre-season training ahead of a mid-April season kick-off.

Their next competitive match will be for Australia, in Colorado against the US on April 5.

The Matildas completed a successful Cup of Nations tournament, undefeated in their three games.

Williams almost kept a clean

sheet as shot-stopper, conceding just the one goal.

Simon's recovery is on track.

Nine members of the Cup of Nations squad will be staying in Australia and working within the Future Matildas program and possibly playing in state leagues.

Three Matildas will join European clubs. – With AAP



Queensland Reds' Moses Sorovi touches down in Super Rugby.
Inset: Andy Muirhead of the ACT Brumbies.
Pictures: Getty Images

A flying start and a hard landing in Super Rugby



SUPER Rugby has cemented a comfortable corner in the crowded Australian sporting marketplace.

The international three-conference 15-team club rugby competition encompasses Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Japan and Argentina.

It is the premier world club rugby competition and becoming a viable launchpad into professional football for Indigenous players.

In the 2019 Super Rugby season, there are six Indigenous players across the four Australian clubs, from seasoned Wallabies to those finding their feet.

The season runs from February to July.



NSW Waratah Kurtley Beale.



Melbourne Rebel Robbie Abel.



NSW Waratah Cody Walker.



ACT Brumby Rory Arnold.

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Kerry the key to a Cairns revival

By CHRIS PIKE



KERRY Williams' enormous contribution to Cairns basketball will grow more with his appointment as coach of the Cairns Dolphins women's team for the 2019 QBL season.

Williams will also retain his roles with NBL club Cairns Taipans' Indigenous programs unit and as Basketball Queensland's Far North performance officer.

Williams broke ground as a talented and explosive point-guard for Cairns Taipans in the NBL, leading the way for Indigenous basketballers in the region.

Priority for Williams right now, however, will be to lift



Kerry Williams

the Dolphins up from their ninth-placed finish last season.

Key to developing the Dolphins to a competitive unit this season are two teenagers who many in basketball rate as two of the

most exciting Australian female players – Shaniece Swain and Indiah Bowyer.

The pair are being touted as future Opals.

Shaniece and Indiah will juggle their school commitments with the Dolphins and the under-18 national championships.

Williams rates them highly. "Shaniece is an unbelievable talent and so is Indiah. They'll play big roles for us on this team," he said.

"I think it would be good to come back and help them with their progress in the game."

Post-NBL retirement, Williams remains heavily involved in basketball in the far north of the state.

His work with Indigenous youth is wide and his impact in this space has been immeasurable.



Boland, Vics in touch with final



TRY as he might, Scott Boland could find no way through a stubborn Tasmanian defence as they held on for a draw in their Sheffield Shield clash last week. The Vic paceman Boland dismissed Jordan Silk (41). A win for Victoria would have put them within touching distance of the final, with two further rounds remaining. – With AAP

Perth's Origin the hot ticket in town

By CHRIS PIKE



THE growing legion of Indigenous NRL players in State of Origin football will showcase their talents in front of an expected sell-out crowd in Perth this year.

More than 30,000 tickets for Origin game 2 at the new Perth Stadium have already sold and WA State Government and league officials are quietly confident the 65,000-capacity venue will sell out.

The State Government is expecting up to 20,000 people to travel to Perth for the event, which it said would be worth \$15 million to the WA economy.

The game will be the first rugby league State of Origin match to be

played in Western Australia, and only the 10th time Origin will be played outside its traditional NSW-Queensland borders since its inception in 1980.

Sunday game

And in another departure from tradition, the game will be played on a Sunday, on June 23, four days after the AFL's round 14 West Coast-Essendon match. Origin is traditionally played mid-week, on a Wednesday night.

"We are expecting thousands of fans to make the trip west to be at the game and millions more to watch on television," WA deputy premier Roger Cook said.

"Hosting the game on a Sunday will give interstate fans travelling the chance to spend the weekend in Perth or extend their stay in WA."

The success of the event could be another step towards Perth being part of a potential NRL expansion.

NRLWA will capitalise on the event when WA and Northern Territory play an under-23 curtain-raiser.

The new stadium was christened in round 1 last year when over 38,000 fans saw Melbourne Storm-Canterbury Bulldogs and South Sydney-New Zealand Warriors play a double-header.

South Sydney has played various opponents in Perth for a decade, playing their games at the old Perth Oval, the original ground for the WAFL's East Perth Football Club, which was reconfigured to a rectangular shape for league, union and A-League soccer, and with a capacity of 20,000.

When the big men fly, we join as one

THE 151 Indigenous footballers in the NRL, AFL and Super Rugby this year represent almost every corner of our traditional lands.

The AFL and NRL provide the bulk of those players, 83 and 62 respectively, so it is no wonder that those particular codes are at the forefront of our attention.

Rugby league kicks the premiership season off first, on Thursday night, when Melbourne and Brisbane tackle each other in anger in Melbourne. Round 1 ends seven games later on the Gold Coast on Sunday, with the Titans and Raiders at Robina.

The AFL gets started four days later with the traditional Richmond-Carlton round 1 match at the MCG. And from this point on we footy lovers are in our element for the next six months.

As is tradition in these pages, at this time of year, we profile all the Indigenous players. For lack of resources, however, that was only for the AFL. Happily for our readers and league fans, of which there are many, we've corrected that imbalance. This edition we provide a four-page NRL and AFL 2019 player preview in which we profile the 145 Indigenous players from the 34 clubs across both codes – a handy guide as to who's who and where they're playing and a great resource for the footy fan. We hope we've done it some justice.

So, in 2019, may your team prosper, may your favourite player shine, may your underdog rise, and long may this footy thing continue.

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DARREN MONCRIEFF

Avoca hosts surfing hopefuls



INDIGENOUS Central Coast youth took the surf at Avoca recently as part of a Surfing NSW and Coastalwatch' Indigenous Surf Program..

Held as part of the lead up to the Central Coast Pro, the program gave participants the opportunity

to enjoy a day of water safety, tips on surfing and motivational talks from Indigenous local and current junior dynamo Finn Hill and the team at the Central Coast Surfing Academy.

Member for Terrigal Adam Crouch, who attended the day, was thrilled to see the program roll out.

"In the lead-up to the Central Coast Pro, this is a great opportunity for local Indigenous kids to have a go at surfing the waves of Avoca Beach," he said.

"Avoca Beach is recognised as one of the top surfing breaks in the nation and I'm delighted to be welcoming surfers and fans from across the world to the Central Coast."

The Coastalwatch Indigenous Surfing Program aims to attract large numbers of young Indigenous communities to beaches throughout the state.

The program promotes health, enjoyment and wellbeing through the sport of surfing and ocean safety awareness, bringing positive education to Indigenous communities.



Above: Member for Terrigal Adam Crouch (left), Finn Hill and Surfing NSW's Indigenous Engagement coordinator Mel Leaudais at Avoca. Left: Indigenous Central Coast youth took the water and surf program recently.

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Footy action on the Tiwi Islands.

Superstars earn right to meet Eagles in Tiwi grand final



RANKU Eagles have had a week's rest and will meet a battle-hardened Tapalinga Superstars in this weekend's Tiwi Islands Football League Grand Final.

The Eagles earned a week off after defeating Pumarali Thunder &

Lightning in the second semifinal.

On Saturday, the Superstars added more woe to Thunder & Lightning by defeating them in the preliminary final.

The annual fixture is an open day for visitors, and fans from across the country swell the islands' population to 4-5000.

Koori-Murri clash KOed

By **DARREN MONCRIEFF**



THE annual match between the two best Indigenous rugby league teams in the country will now not go ahead.

The interstate challenge match that's been played each year since 2012 sees the winners of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival play the winners of the Arthur Beetson Foundation Queensland Murri Rugby League Carnival. Both tournaments are played in October each year.

The challenge has been played as a curtain-raiser to the

Annual Indigenous game canned by NRL

Indigenous All Stars or an NRL round 1 match for the past seven years.

This year, that was to be Newcastle All Blacks (NSW) and Wenlock River Stallions (Queensland).

None of that will happen now. The NRL confirmed as much last week.

Mark Deweerd, NRL senior manager Indigenous strategy, told *Koori Mail Sport* the league had been unable to find a partner to facilitate the event, but that it was still keen to see the game return next year.

"The game relies on (external)

partners to fund the event," Deweerd said.

"It hasn't been something the NRL has directly funded. We have purely facilitated the event taking place alongside the All Stars.

"We would like to see it return in 2020."

Coaches not happy

Newcastle coach Paul Douglas and Wenlock River coach Kevin Aldridge were informed of the NRL's decision about two weeks ago.

Newcastle broke through for a memorable Knockout 19-18 win over La Perouse in Dubbo, while

Wenlock River won the QMC when they defeated Mackay 26-10 in Townsville.

"I feel for the players. They obviously wanted it," Douglas said.

"We only had four players from the Knockout win unavailable but we were training for it.

"It would have been good to experience it as a player and coach and to have the game played."

Aldridge is equally disappointed.

He said he was told one week before Christmas that the game would be the curtain-raiser to the

NRL's round 1 Gold Coast-Canberra match at Robina.

"I put our side together with two aims – to win the Murri carnival, and the chance to play the Koori team," he said.

"We got the first part done, and then we wanted that once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play on the big stage, against the Kooris.

"The NRL lacked clear communication. Between the QMC and the NRL, no-one gave us a clear understanding as to what was happening."

Aldridge said his club was open to external funding for the game to go ahead.

The Kooris lead the Murris 4-3 in the seven years the challenge match has been played.



Mates Zibeon Fielding, left, from the APY Lands, and Stuart Giles, from Brisbane, ran the Tokyo Marathon.

Bonding over running, and gruelling marathons



TWO men from vastly different worlds teamed up and took on the Tokyo Marathon.

Zibeon Fielding, from Central Australia, and Stuart Giles, from Brisbane, recently bonded over their love of running while preparing for the Boston Marathon.

The friendship blossomed under the banner of the charity founded and run by Australian former marathoner Rob de Castella, the Indigenous Marathon Foundation.

Health practitioner Fielding is from Mimili (pop. 300) on Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands.

Tokyo was Fielding's third major marathon, while for Giles it was his sixth.

In 2016, Fielding was chosen to take part in the Indigenous Marathon Project's New York Marathon. In 2018, Fielding met

Giles, co-founder of Epic Pharmacy and Icon Group, in training for the Boston Marathon, and they hit it off.

Fielding and Giles bonded over Boston, the marathon that would prove to be their toughest yet.

'Bonded as brothers'

"It was the worst weather conditions in the 122-year history of the famous race, with torrential rain, icy wind and freezing conditions generally, and we bonded as brothers," Giles said.

Fielding said his relationship with Giles has taught him to seize the day and be prepared to take on any and every challenge that comes his way.

"For someone like me to have two hugely successful and influential people like Rob and Stuart investing their time and efforts into me makes me feel like I can take on the world and do anything," he said.

Our All Stars eye Four Nations title



AUSTRALIAN Indigenous men's and women's basketball teams have been finalised ahead of the first Four Nations Cup basketball tournament event in New Zealand next month.

The Apunipima Australian Indigenous Basketball All Stars, comprised of the country's foremost men's and women's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander talent, will face Indigenous sides from New Zealand, Hawai'i and Tonga at Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua in Wellington from March 25-30.

Basketball fans will see familiar faces in the men's and women's team with veterans

Deba George, Tyson Demos and Curt Ah Wang joining Cedar brothers, Chris and Michael, in the men's team, and former Olympian Rohanee Cox in the women's team.

Gold Coast Rollers' Tidjane Diop will make his sixth All Stars appearance, and he will be joined by promising up-and-comers JaKobe Hunter, Joel Matysek, Verle Williams and William Hickey.

Following an impressive international debut for the All Stars in last year's Trans-Tasman series, Melbourne-based swingman Dion Patten has earned another call-up. Joel Khalu, coach of the men's squad, said he was confident in his team's abilities.

"What's helped us to be successful over the past four years has been player leadership," he said.

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Joel Khalu



The Australian Indigenous All Stars will unleash Tidjane Diop at the Four Nations Cup in New Zealand next month.
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