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These brothers blitzed Boomerang at Blues Fest



Brotherhood of the Blues kicked off the Boomerang Festival, on Bundjalung country, at the 30th Byron Bay Blues Fest over the long weekend. The 11-piece band, fronted by three talented young Aboriginal men – John Cieslak, Zac Paden, Luke Murray, pictured here with guitarist Harley Bodenham – played to a massive and receptive crowd. See more pictures and read more about the band and Boomerang Festival in the next edition of the *Koori Mail*. Picture: Jillian Mundy



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MY FAMILY

The Rankmore boys and their dad



THE boys in our family really like doing things together. We're Gamilaraay. I'm Coen Rankmore and I'm on the left in this photograph. The picture was taken at the Yugambeh Museum in Beenleigh during a handback ceremony of didgeridoos that we used during the opening ceremony of the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast.

Dad's name is Anthony (centre) and he works from our home at Ormeau as a data analyst. That's my little brother Heath on the right. He's 14 years old. We also have a younger sister, Violet, who's 7 years old and our mum, Debbie, is a midwife.

As a family we love to wakeboard. The whole family has a go at it. We mostly go out in our boat on the local dams and sometimes go over to Stradbroke Island. Our boat is more of a fishing boat, not so much a ski boat, and it is set up for wakeboarding.

We also like to do road trips. But that's just a boys' thing. The best thing about the road trips is the music. It's hard to make conversation for three to four hours straight on the long road trips, so we listen to music. We all have the same taste – rap. But when we went to Uluru, Dad insisted we put on Midnight Oil. We did that road trip about two years ago, mostly camping on the way.

We also did a road trip to Aurukan in north Queensland. That was a really good way of getting

my hours up for my Ps. I did a lot of driving. I've just graduated from Rivermount College at Yatala where I was school captain, and now I'm working locally at Rocky Point Fish Farm. We harvest the fish, package them and clean their cages. I also get to put on snorkelling gear and swim with the fish to check that everything is okay with them.

Dad and Heath and I like our boy time. The three of us play the didgeridoo. Heath got into it first and he thought it was a really cool thing to learn. He was doing didge lessons once a week with our cousins. Our nan had a didge at her house – it belonged to our granddad – and that's when Heath first really noticed what a cool instrument it was. I got playing. It took me about a year to get how to do the circular breathing. It took Heath about the same time to learn it. He plays at his school for Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country.

Dad had always wanted to play but didn't think he was good at it. But when the Didgeridoo Orchestra was formed he joined and had a lot of time to practise. He started to get good. And Dad and Heath and I got to play in the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games a year ago this month.

– As told to Julie Hunt

● Read more about the Rankmore family and the didge orchestra on page 26.

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OUR CHILDREN



Students from Yulga Jinna in remote Western Australia worked with Youth Focus staff Delroy Bergsma and Robert Binsiar to write the song Yulga Jinna Kid. Story, page 12

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Freda's radical life is loved on film



RADICAL
pacifist and
grumpy 78-
year-old
woman
Alfreda

Glynn is the star of a new documentary *She Who Must Be Obeyed Loved*, which will screen at this year's Sydney Film Festival from June 5-16.

Alfreda is a photographer and co-founder of the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA) and Imparja TV, as well as being a loving mother and grandmother.

The film is directed by Freda's daughter Erica Glynn and it's part biography, social history and detective story. It details the life of a woman born on a remote cattle station north of Alice Springs in 1939, her childhood living under the Aboriginal Protection policies and raising five children on her own.

It also details her radicalisation in the early 70s and how she established CAAMA which was the first to broadcast regular programming in Aboriginal languages on radio. The story looks at how Freda quickly grasped the (then) amazing possibilities of satellite technology and what it could offer to Aboriginal people.

As a result, she and CAAMA took on media



Erica Glynn, Freda Glynn, Tanith Glynn Maloney and Warwick Thornton.

magnate Kerry Packer in what was dubbed the David and Goliath battle of the century to win the Remote Commercial Television station license and establish Imparja TV.

"There are parts to Mum's life story that are typical of so many Aboriginal men and women

of her generation, an absent white father, being reared in a children's home, losing touch with your traditional language and culture," Erica said.

"But there are many parts that are extraordinary: With real foresight, she fought for Aboriginal people to have a voice in media

when health, education and housing issues were viewed as more urgent problems to address.

"Of course it was her role in establishing CAAMA we thought our film would mostly be about.

"But we were wrong. Day one of shoot, Mum made perfectly clear that

CAAMA was boring for her, she'd talked about it a million times, everything had been documented and that what she and everyone else needed to know about was the mystery of her grandmother's death in one of the many massacres in central Australia.

"We had no choice but

to oblige and I am so thankful we did. At Mum's insistence *She Who Must Be Obeyed Loved* became a rich, multifaceted story that spans generations.

"Yes, we touch on dark moments of mum's and our country's history, but the film celebrates resilience, family, life and love."

Family claims a brutal death

Woman's death should be treated as death in custody



THE family of an Aboriginal woman who died recently has claimed she was brutalised by police in her mother's Victoria Park home in Perth just hours before she collapsed in handcuffs.

Cherdeena Wynne, 26, was taken to hospital after the incident involving police on April 4 and died days later.

Her family fronted media last week, saying her death should be treated as a death in custody.

What happened when officers caught up with Ms Wynne inside her mother's home remains a matter of contention.

Her mother, Shirley Wynne, used the terms "excessive force" and "brutality", telling media that police had entered her home at 3.30am on April 4.

In a statement, WA police said they first came into contact with Cherdeena Wynne at around 5.48am.

"Upon seeing police, she was seen to run and was located at a nearby address shortly after," they said. "Her identity was ascertained

and she was then left in the care of a family member."

Shirley Wynne said, however, that the officers kept calling Cherdeena Wynne by another name. Finally, after 20 minutes, she said the officers left the house and Cherdeena Wynne ran into the street. Police encountered her blocks away at 6.50am.

Paramedics also arrived and Ms Wynne was placed in an ambulance but ran when it stopped at traffic lights.

Police were called again, found her "behaving erratically" and handcuffed her "to prevent injury to herself and emergency services".

She was put into an ambulance after police say the 26-year-old mother had harmed herself.

But shortly afterwards, police were called back to assist the ambulance. Police say she was handcuffed to stop her from injuring herself or paramedics.

She collapsed at the scene – and the handcuffs were removed – while she was given CPR.

She was placed in an induced coma at Royal Perth Hospital but died on April 9.

According to the family, doctors

at the hospital said Ms Wynne's injuries included a two-inch gap in her neck vertebrae.

WA Police commissioner Chris Dawson said Ms Wynne died days after interaction with St John ambulance and WA Police.

"That investigation is not being treated as a death in police presence but it is a matter that ultimately will go to the State Coroner," Commissioner Dawson said.

Her mother, Shirley Wynne, and grandmother, Jennifer Clayton, have called for eyewitnesses to come forward.

"It's just not fair," Nanna Jennifer told *NITV News*. "We need to get justice for my granddaughter."

Lawyer George Newhouse, who is representing the family, said the family were "extremely distressed" by Ms Wynne's death.

"They are very concerned about the circumstances surrounding her death and they are desperate to know the truth about what happened to her," he said.

"The family's trauma is compounded because Ms Wynne's father (Wayne Cooper), died in custody 20 years ago."

Coroner delays the decision over inquiry into deaths

By DARREN COYNE



A BRISBANE coroner is yet to announce whether an inquest will be held into the deaths of two young Aboriginal boys just over a year ago in Queensland.

Families of the young men – Jaylen Close and Rayshaun Carr – have demanded an inquest into their deaths following a car accident on April 21, 2018, on the Gore Highway near Goondiwindi.

Family and supporters of Rayshaun Carr marched in Moree on March 15, and now family of Jaylen Close will be marching in Toowoomba on May 4, calling for justice.

Jaylen Close's aunty, Janelle Armstrong, said the march would begin at 10am at Queens Park in Toowoomba, and would end outside the local police station.

"We are asking for an inquest because there are still too many questions to be answered," Ms Armstrong said.

Media reports at the time

said Rayshaun Carr, 17, and Jaylen Close, 16, died after the 'stolen' car they were in veered off the road and rolled a number of times. Jaylen Close was apparently thrown from the vehicle during the accident.

Family members however are questioning the official story, and believe the green Commodore car was being chased by a black car, and that one of the boys, Jaylen, may not have even been in the Commodore when it crashed.

The police report into the incident took almost 10 months to be finalised, leaving families questioning the delay.

A spokesperson for the Brisbane coroner has told the *Koori Mail* that all reports into the deaths have been received.

"The material will now be reviewed before a decision as to whether an inquest is required is made."

"The families of the deceased have been kept up to date as the investigation has proceeded and will be advised of the inquest decision in due course."

It's time to get ready for Dance Rites



FIRST Nations dance groups – get ready to bring your language, dance, skin markings and instruments to the

Sydney Opera House for the 2019 Dance Rites competition on November 23-24.

Registrations are open until September 27 for this annual competition with prize money of \$20,000 for the winning group. Prizes also include \$5000 for the runner up, \$3000 for the best Wild Card dance and \$4000 for the Rites of Passage award. The Opera House will also support the travel expenses of eligible groups.

More than 230 participants from 13 dance groups from all over Australia participated in last year's Dance Rites competition, leading to a finale watched by a capacity crowd on the Opera House Forecourt.

Last year's winning group, Nunukul Yuggera from the Nunukul, Yuggera and Yugumbir nations in Queensland will return to perform as part of the professional program.

Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal Dance Company director Leanne Ruska said it was an exciting time for the dance company.

"We felt so proud and honoured to have represented our people. It gave us the confidence to continue to share our culture with the wider community and young people,"

Jumbaal Dreaming at last year's Dance Rites competition at the Sydney Opera House. Picture: Anna Kucera



she said. "Since winning Dance Rites 2018 we were able to purchase a bus, which helped to establish a cultural program and provide transport to teach and mentor our disadvantaged young people. We also established a

youth dance group called Nunukul Yuggera Jarjums for 3-16 years old who hope to continue our cultural song, dance and language for many generations."

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander communities across Australia who have, or would like to develop, a dance group can enter.

Each contestant group will present three dances: a welcome and farewell dance, one of which

must include a chant in local language, and a third Wild Card dance of the group's choosing.

For more information on how to register, phone Ali Buckley on 0407 535 111 or email dancerrites@gmail.com.

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New coin bears our languages



A NEW 50-cent coin features 14 translations for 'coin' from some of the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages in

Australia.

The design was developed in consultation with Indigenous language groups from around Australia, including the traditional owners of Adelaide, the Kaurna people.

The coin commemorates the United Nations General Assembly's proclamation that 2019 is the International Year of Indigenous Languages. It has been produced by the Royal Australian Mint – and developed in collaboration with the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

AIATSIS chief executive Craig Ritchie, who is also co-chair of the UNESCO International Year of Indigenous Languages Steering Committee, said Indigenous languages carry more meaning than the words themselves.

"So too does currency carry meaning beyond its monetary value," he said. "The release of these coins is another milestone in recognising the diverse cultures that shape our national story of over 60,000 years."

The Mint chief executive Ross



Kaurna man Jack Buckskin welcomes people to country for the launch of the new 50c piece.

MacDiarmid said the mint hopes the coins will "serve as a tangible reminder of the important efforts being undertaken to preserve, protect and revitalise Indigenous languages in Australia".

The second National Indigenous Languages Survey conducted in 2014 by AIATSIS found that languages are central to the identity of Indigenous people and recognised that remaining connected to language strengthens wellbeing and self-esteem in Indigenous communities.

Only 120 Australian Indigenous languages are known to be spoken today, according to the most recent report of the

Second National Indigenous Languages Survey published in 2014. This is in comparison to more than 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages that were in known use at the time of Invasion.

The mint's website, ramint.gov.au, has an interactive picture that explains where the languages are from and has the literal translations.

The coin entered circulation on April 8. For those looking to keep the coin, a frosted uncirculated version is available for \$10, and a fine silver proof version is available by phoning 1300 652 020 or visiting the msint's website.

Ritual Intimacy explores language



BIDJARA artist Christian Thompson will bring an exhibition exploring language and identity to the Monash University Museum of Art (MUMA) in Perth. The exhibition *Christian Thompson: Ritual Intimacy* is a collection of photographic, video and sound-based works, interweaving themes of race and history with the artist's lived experience.

It features a commissioned installation incorporating Bidjara language and invites viewers into an immersive space of wall-to-wall imagery and sound. "Bidjara is officially an endangered language, but my work is motivated by the simple yet profound idea that if even one word of an endangered language is spoken it continues to be a living language," Thompson said.

The new multichannel work develops musical ideas he has previously explored. "It will be a much more ambitious iteration of a song in Bidjara. At one stage I'm singing on one screen and then other versions of me appear singing the melodies," he said.

"I really see it as an opportunity to do something that's more complex musically, more textured sonically – I also want it to be more intricate with my use of language."

Ritual Intimacy is curated by MUMA director Charlotte Day and guest curator Hetti Perkins. Ms Day said that the exhibition was part of MUMA's Australian artist series.

"Christian's exhibition traces a particularly productive period of research and development, from early well-known works such as the *Australian Graffiti* series to more recent experiments with language in sound and song works," she said.

Perkins is the writer and presenter of *art + soul*, the ABC's acclaimed television series about contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art. Thompson was accepted to Oxford University on an inaugural Charlie Perkins Scholarship, set up to honour Hetti Perkins' famous father – a leader, activist and one of the first Aboriginal people to graduate from university.

Perkins says the MUMA exhibition is well-earned recognition for Thompson's work, which she featured in the second series of *art + soul*.

"Christian has spent periods of his adult life, as a practising artist, away from home, but there is a common thread in his work, and it's this connection to home or country," Ms Perkins said.

"In terms of the rituals or rites of the exhibition title, he is constantly reiterating that connection to home – through words, through performance, through his art, through ideas and writing."

"Alongside performance and ritual, Thompson's concept of 'spiritual repatriation' is central to his work."

The exhibition runs from May 17 to July 21, and opens on May 16, from 6-8pm, at the The John Curtin Gallery, MUMA.



Black Gum 2
by Christian Thompson,
from the series
Australian Graffiti.

Jail leads to trauma

By **DARREN COYNE**



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Statistics

History and statistics suggest at least a third of those beds will be occupied by Aboriginal women, the majority with alcohol and drug problems, and almost a third pregnant.

According to the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, 140 Aboriginal women were on remand in NSW in December 2018, with another 175 sentenced – a total of 315 women.

That total compares with the 631 other female prisoners.

Just five years earlier in March 2013, 86 Aboriginal women were on remand, and 122 had been sentenced –

a total of 208 women. At the same time 484 other women were locked up.

With Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people accounting for just 3.3% of the Australian population, the gross overrepresentation of First Nations prisoners is damning.

Figures for Western Australia show that 318 Aboriginal women were in prison at the start of April in 2017.

The latest study into Aboriginal women in prison has highlighted the connection between colonisation and incarceration.

Health and distress

Conducted by a research team headed by the University of Newcastle's Elizabeth Sullivan, the study provides a snapshot of the health and distress of Aboriginal mothers in lock-ups. It relied on interviews with 160 Aboriginal mothers in NSW and WA prisons.

Of the NSW mothers, 83% were locked up for drug-related offences and more than half reported alcohol as a problem in their past.

Frequent brushes with the law were also common; 71% had served time in prison

before and a quarter of the women had been in juvenile detention.

Almost a third of the inmates had been pregnant while in prison and 38% of those women gave birth behind bars in NSW.

Illicit drug use was

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reported by 96% of incarcerated NSW mums and 84% had injected drugs.

"Aboriginal mothers in NSW were characterised by significantly high levels of self-reported distress, and poor mental health status and high levels of mental health diagnoses," the paper says.

NSW mothers had poorer health and higher mental distress than their WA counterparts.

Risk factors including low education, unemployment, cyclic contact with prisons, drugs and alcohol run across most prison demographics and, true to form, were identified in the study.

But the researchers found factors unique to the female Aboriginal cohort as well; cultural and family dislocation in the centuries following Australia's colonisation.

"Almost 60% of Aboriginal mothers in NSW were

separated from their family as children," the paper says.

Dr Sullivan said researchers believe their findings reinforce a long-discussed link between the Stolen Generations and imprisonment.

Stolen Generations

"Aboriginal people removed from their families as children of the Stolen Generations are significantly more likely to have been subjected to childhood sexual assault, to have attempted suicide and be imprisoned on more than five previous occasions," the paper says, citing older studies.

The latest study warns the incarceration of mothers from Stolen Generations families can "perpetuate further intergenerational trauma" as their children, too, grow up in fractured families.

"Children who experience maternal incarceration are significantly more likely to be placed in care and experience poor health outcomes compared to children of mothers with no history of incarceration," the study says.

The mothers' troubled "histories", shaped by the discriminatory policies of the 20th century and systemic disadvantage, are passed on through incarceration, it concludes.

The study found differences in drug and family patterns between the two states and called for regionally tailored programs to help women cope with substance abuse before they reach prison.

Education and employment for Aboriginal mothers could also have benefits for their health, researchers said.

The study was released last Thursday in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health.

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Sisters Inside, has repeatedly warned that the situation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in Queensland, and across Australia, is getting worse.

Sisters Inside chief executive Debbie Kilroy said there were more women in prison than ever before, and it was Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who were the most marginalised, being criminalised at the fastest rate.

Criminalisation

The group maintains that criminalisation is usually the outcome of repeated and intergenerational experiences of violence, poverty, homelessness, child removal and unemployment, resulting in complex health issues and substance use.

"First Nations women and girls are massively over-represented in prison due to the racism at the foundation of systems of social control," the group says.

At June 30, 2018, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners, both men and women, accounted for 28% (or 11,849 prisoners) of the total Australian prisoner population. – *With AAP*

● **Read about the new 'super prison' planned for Grafton on pages 30-31.**

Deb talks life and work



Can you please tell me where you are now and where you are from?

At the moment I am visiting Gunditjmara country in the south-west of Victoria. My family are Yorta Yorta people from both the NSW and Victoria sides of the Dhungala (Murray) River.

How would you describe yourself as an artist?

I am a Yorta Yorta soprano, composer and artistic director of Short Black Opera.

What's been your focus for the day? What's keeping you busy at the moment?

In 2018, I composed a new work in Gunditjmara language – *Eumeralla, a war requiem for peace*. The Eumeralla wars, like all resistance wars, are an important part of our shared history and yet so few people in Australia know about them. This work is designed to help people understand through the powerful medium of music. I am on country to talk about an upcoming performance of this work on June 15 with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. I spent a wonderful day with Aunty Maude and Leigh Boyer from Windamara exploring the lands of the Gunditjmara clans.

Where do you live?

I grew up in the southern suburbs of Sydney but for the past 13 years I have lived and worked with my partner Toni Lalich in Melbourne.

What where you doing 20 years ago?

In 1999 I was commissioned to compose my first major work featuring a traditional language. The text for *Dali Mana Gamarada* was in the Gadigal language of Sydney, and I had the honour of performing this work at the Opening Ceremony of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. At the time I considered myself to be a singer who composes music. Nowadays I am most likely thought of as a composer who sings.

What's one thing that has you upset at the moment?

The misappropriation of Indigenous culture and intellectual property by non-Indigenous arts organisations. This cultural theft was enabled by policies of successive Liberal prime ministers and threatened to weaken our voice. We must not let this happen. We must protect our own cultures.

What would it look like living the dream work/life balance?

I am working on that right now. I have spent the last decade working seven days a week to grow Short Black Opera into a company we can be proud of. But it has come at a cost. Last NYE I made a resolution that I would work towards a better balance and this began with a commitment to return to cooking several nights a week. Cooking is something I have always loved, but have relinquished in the past few years as I attend to the many demands someone in my role faces. Mind you, I am answering these questions at 10 past midnight...

Is there anything you might change in the world or in your direct environment?

Yes. So many things need to be changed. The Australian Government for starters. Let's put Indigenous women in charge.

What/who inspires you?

The generation of young women who are currently in their mid to late 20s have much to offer the world. They give me hope for the future. I am also a fan of June Oscar, Jacinda Ardern and Bruce Pascoe.

How would you describe your current profession/practice to your seven-year-old self?

You will be able to tell your story just the way you want and people will listen. Keep your sense of humour and remember that true friends are precious.

Can you share a little about your professional journey? Was it a series of well planned actioned manoeuvres or was it a case of being in the right place at the right time?

I think a combination of both. I am certain I am where I am meant to be. My ancestors called me home and I am forever grateful that their song lead the way.

What are the top three things you would share about achieving success and pursuing goals?

Be truthful; own your journey. Do the hard work and you will know when you are ready. Be generous, help others whenever you can. Have courage, do not let doubt overcome you and never give in to the weight of low expectations.

Is there anything you would like to share that's relevant to your work – touring dates, performances etc?

I have a lot coming up in the next few months including my fourth appearance at Opera in the Gorge at the annual Karijini Experience in the beautiful Pilbara.



Deborah Cheetham performs at the 2012 Deadly Awards at the Sydney Opera House. Picture: Getty Images

OTHER DATES INCLUDE:

April 19, Karijini National Park WA, Opera in the Gorge

April 23, Tokyo premiere of my new work *Woven Song: My Mother's Country* which is the third of nine international premiers based on tapestries inspired by Indigenous artists.

Tokyo work is by Daisy Andrews.

May 2, Melbourne, YIRRAMBOI Festival Opening Event

May 4, Melbourne YIRRAMBOI Festival, Barring Yanabul with the Dhungala Children's Choir 10am & 1pm, Stairs, State Library Victoria

May 27, Melbourne Recital

Centre, Premiere of my new work for the Merlyn Myer prize, *Song for Dulka Warngiid*.

June 15, Melbourne premiere of *Eumeralla, a war requiem for peace* at Hamer Hall

October 20, Brisbane premiere of *Eumeralla, a war requiem for peace* at QPAC



Lloyd McDermott, centre, with Glen and Gary Ella at the 2013 launch of the Australian Rugby Union's Reconciliation Action Plan.

Lloyd's legacy lives on



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait people from around the country have been mourning the passing of Mununjali and Waka Waka trailblazer Lloyd McDermott.

Lloyd Clive McDermott Mullenjaiwakka (24/11/39-6/4/19) passed away at his Sydney home, aged 79.

Australia's first Aboriginal barrister, McDermott was also the first Aboriginal man to play for the Wallabies, and made a notable stand against apartheid in South Africa by making himself unavailable for the 1963 tour there.

Mr McDermott's daughter Phillipa McDermott told the *Koori Mail* that the family was honoured there were two foundations in her father's name: the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team and the Mullenjaiwakka Trust.

"One is for sport and education, and one for the law," Phillipa said.

"And both aim to open up opportunities for our people to succeed in any of those endeavours."

McDermott was born at Eidsvold, central north Queensland. The son of a farm labourer, his academic and sporting prowess from a young age won him a scholarship to Brisbane's prestigious Anglican Church Grammar School.

A 100-yard and 220-yard sprint champion on the athletics track at 'Churchie', McDermott's flashing speed gave him an affinity with rugby and he played three seasons in the school's first XV. The winger possessed electrifying pace and a blinding swerve and graduated from the GPS



Lloyd McDermott in his rugby playing days.

representative team to play two Tests for Australia, making his debut against the All Blacks in 1962.

McDermott sensationally ended his association with rugby before the 1963 tour to South Africa.

In declaring himself unavailable for the tour, he made his pride in his Aboriginality clear by opting not to play as an 'honorary white', which was the only basis on which he could compete against the all-white Springboks team under the country's apartheid regime.

"Dad and I talked about racism a lot," Phillipa said. "Whether in sport or anywhere else and he told me about having to become an 'honorary white person' to be able to play on that tour of South Africa, which, of course, was impossible for him. He could never have denied his identity because he was so proud of his identity."

"His family had saved every single cent they ever had and other family

members contributed to help get him a start at Churchie, so how could he every deny himself or them or their support? And he never would."

After graduating in law from Queensland University, McDermott worked in the Commonwealth Deputy Crown Solicitor's Office before being admitted as a barrister in 1972.

The NSW Bar Association said McDermott appeared in a number of cases that "were dear to his heart". He was junior counsel to the late Jeff Shaw QC, then attorney general of NSW, in the first determination of native title in NSW (*Buck v Minister for Land and Water Conservation*). He was, for many years, a trustee of the Bar Association's Indigenous Barristers Trust – The Mum Shirl Fund. In 2006, he was given the honour of opening the first National Indigenous Legal Conference, at which time he remarked on the



Lloyd McDermott in his later years.

contrast with when he was the only Aboriginal student at law school. He served as the chairperson of the NSW Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee. In 2016, he was appointed to the Mental Health Review Tribunal, having also served as an acting District Court judge and a part-time commissioner of the Land and Environment Court of NSW.

"He loved the law, he was a bit of a polymath, he had four degrees, including one in science, he spoke two languages fluently and was learning Spanish before he passed and he played guitar and sang," Phillipa said.

"Basically anything he put his mind to, he could do. He loved the law because of what it represented in a kind of intellectual sense, but also because it enabled him to

help our people.

"He did a lot of pro bono work for Blackfellas, worked with legal aid and was briefed by the Aboriginal Legal Service. He knew criminal law was the best way to help our people, because we are so over-represented in the criminal justice system."

Australian Rugby Union chief executive Raelene Castle said the sporting community was "deeply saddened" by his passing.

"However, his impact on the sport will never be lost and his name will never fade. He was an extraordinary man," she said. "Through his exploits on the field and in particular for what he did for First Nations people both during his playing career and beyond, he has enriched the lives of so many and provided inspiration and opportunity for thousands of

Indigenous Australians."

McDermott established the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team with a mission to increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in rugby.

"Lloyd will be sorely missed by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," Gary Ella, former Wallabies centre and president of the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team, said.

"His legacy is not just his work in promoting sport to young people, it is also about equality in opportunities for young people. Lloyd's work has positively influenced thousands of young Indigenous people around Australia."

Last Friday the Queensland Reds Super Rugby team wore black armbands and dedicated their win against the Sharks in Durban, South Africa, to McDermott.

Before the game, staff and players paid tribute to one of the greats.

"Whilst only small in stature, Lloyd was a fierce competitor with lightning speed, a quick wit and larger than life character. Which is probably why he ended up becoming a solicitor, to use his skills and tenacity to fight for others rights, including his own Indigenous people, eventually leading to him becoming the first Aboriginal barrister in Australia."

"He never got the opportunity to play in South Africa, but tonight you get the chance to play for him and embrace the spirit of Mullenjaiwakka as you all run out on the field. Tonight, we play for Lloyd."

Beswick hosts Concerts on Country



MOJO Juju is one of the big acts who will be playing at one of the upcoming Concerts on Country in the Aboriginal community of Beswick in the Northern Territory.

The concert will be part of an inaugural series of Concerts on Country during the dry season, with three weekend events scheduled from May to July.

Joining Mojo Juju will be a super-sistas line-up featuring triple j favourite Kira Puru, and hip hop group Oetha, with Constantina Bush as the concerts' MC

Each event features Indigenous DJs, Beswick's own Wugularr Drifters, workshops, museum tours, art sales, overnight camping, food and barista coffee.

Located 100km from Katherine, Beswick is creating a community festival with a limited number of 200 tickets available.

Hosted by Djilpin Arts, the series of weekends is set to create an intimate environment for crosscultural engagement.

"*Djarmalak; come together* is a homage to our late founding and artistic director Balang T E Lewis, whose vision was a culturally safe place where everyone could come together to learn, share, exchange and enjoy," a Djilpin Arts spokesperson said.

"Culture as identity, art as medicine', was his consistent message to community and visitors alike.

"Cutting-edge Indigenous performance combined with the dynamics and persistence of traditional practice, Djarmalak is a special invitation from the heart of the community and resonates Balang's belief that 'culture is everyone's responsibility'".

The concert dates are May 25, with Kira Puru and Black Crow (a young Wagilak group from Roper River); June 22, with The Merindas and Jimblah; and July 27 with Mojo Juju, Oetha and Lady Lash DJ.

Mojo Juju is performing in the Concerts on Country in Beswick.



120,000-year-old riddle



A SIGNIFICANT site near Warrnambool in Victoria has revealed an ancient riddle of potential human activity dating back 120,000 years.

South-western Victoria has long been the home of the Gunditjmara (or Dhauwurd Wurrung) people, who have famously created and maintained a cultural landscape of eel and fish traps at Budj Bim for thousands of years.

But now, a new 10-year research project into a calcarinite outcrop at the mouth of the Hopkins River – called Moyjil by the Gunditjmara and named Point Ritchie by European settlers – has revealed findings of an unusual deposit of shells and burnt stones

within the remains of this ancient beach.

The research was conducted by a team of geologists, archaeologists and palaeontologists from Deakin, Federation, Monash and Melbourne Universities.

What makes the site so significant is its great age. The dating of the shells, burnt stones and surrounding cemented sands, by a variety of methods, has established that the deposit was formed about 120,000 years ago.

This is roughly twice the presently accepted age of the arrival of people on the Australian continent, based on archaeological evidence.

The Gunditjmara eel and fish traps around Lake Condah (Tae

Rak), used for aquaculture purposes, have been identified as some of the oldest human-made structures in the world, estimated at 6,600 years, and actively being considered for inclusion on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Geologist and member of the Moyjil research team Professor Jim Bowler is questioning whether the calcarinite outcrop was created by humans.

Prof Bowler discovered Australia's oldest human remains at Lake Mungo, a dry lake bed in central NSW, in 1969 and 1974.

The remains of shellfish, crabs and fish with charcoal, blackened stones, and structures resembling fireplaces, is consistent with features of much younger 'kitchen middens' identified by

archaeologists around the Australian coastline.

However, seabirds such as the Pacific Gull are known to create similar shell middens, and wild fires could also have contributed to the presence of charcoal and blackened stones.

Prof Bowler said a high level of proof is required to settle the nature of Moyjil's origins – this will require investment in highly specialised researchers and research techniques.

"Absolute proof of a human origin would be the presence of stone artefacts or human remains, but neither has been found at the Moyjil site so far," he said. "But neither are they found in many of the younger coastal middens in Australia.

"A human site of this antiquity, at the southern edge of the continent, has international implications."

Archaeologist Professor Ian McNiven, another team member, said the team is publishing its results now in order to attract the attention of other researchers with specialist techniques which may be able to conclusively resolve the question of whether or not humans created the deposit.

The study has been overseen by the Moyjil Project Committee comprising the region's traditional owners – Eastern Maar, Gunditjmarring and Kuuyang Maar – as well as government agencies and researchers.

To find out more information about the research, visit www.publish.csiro.au/rs/issue/9309

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

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of the following place on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

Toll Cottage (formerly Rose Cottage), Newcastle

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The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by email, telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place.

For more information: Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/NominationsOfStateHeritageRegister.aspx

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Patrick Dodson and Bill Shorten ponder the upcoming federal election.

Dodson tipped for Ministry



YAWURU man Patrick Dodson will be Bill Shorten's Indigenous Affairs minister if Labor wins power, making him the only First Australian to hold the role.

"It is my sincere hope that all things being equal, if we win an election, Pat Dodson will be a minister in a Labor Government," Mr Shorten said, addressing a community barbecue on Bathurst Island in the Northern Territory last week.

"For the first time ever in the history of this country, we will have a First Australian in charge of Indigenous Affairs in Canberra."

If Mr Shorten is elected on May 18, the Caucus will nominate the MPs and

senators it wants installed in the ministry.

He would then select the portfolios they receive.

Mr Shorten's comments represent a strong message to the caucus about his desire for Senator Dodson to enter cabinet.

"He is my uncle in advising me about how to get the best deal possible for First Australians," Mr Shorten said. "(But) there's plenty of water to go under the bridge."

The Opposition Leader also used his visit to the Tiwi Islands to pledge to give more power to Indigenous communities and organisations, saying "paternalism" and "top down" approaches had failed.

"We want to try something different if we get elected," he said.

"We want to try bottom up control. We want to try the idea of Aboriginal-controlled organisations making decisions."

During the event Mr Shorten sat next to Robert

"It is my sincere hope that all things being equal, if we win an election, Pat Dodson will be a minister in a Labor Government."

Tipungwuti – a Tiwi Islands traditional owner.

Mr Tipungwuti previously played Aussie Rules alongside Senator Pat Dodson for the St Mary's club.

Mr Shorten was treated to a welcome dance ceremony with Tiwi Islanders performing a traditional shark dance, boat dance and ladies' canoe dance.

He also met a group of

Wurrimiyanga women Elders.

Prior to the trip to Tiwi, Mr Shorten visited Darwin to launch a \$115 million Indigenous healthcare package, striking a different

tone to the first week of the campaign.

The Coalition has criticised Labor's climate change policy for using international abatement, and for imposing a cost to the economy over the next 11 years.

"What they want to do is scare Australians and say that it's too hard to take action on climate change," Mr Shorten said.

He quoted Josh

Frydenberg in 2017 saying it didn't matter whether a tonne of carbon was reduced in Australia or another country.

"The Government is now scaring you about policies they used to have and support," Mr Shorten said. "If you don't believe in the science of climate change, no amount of evidence will ever convince you because, fundamentally, it's a stupid position not to take action."

Mr Shorten also hit back at the Coalition over its long-term tax cut plans, which he says give billions of dollars to the top 3% of taxpayers.

The strident tone marked a change in approach from Mr Shorten, who had spent most of the first week focused on rolling out Labor's cancer health policies.

The \$115 million Indigenous healthcare package includes \$29.6 million to reduce youth suicide and poor mental health. An extra \$33 million will go to addressing rheumatic heart disease in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Senator Dodson also said Labor would replace the Government's controversial remote work-for-the-dole scheme, the Community Development Program, because he says it is punishing people into poverty. He flagged a return to the Community Development Employment Projects program "where the community has a say over the work, there's real wages, and it's work – if you work, you get paid, if you don't work, you don't get paid," Senator Dodson said. – AAP

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Ceramic artists carry on tradition



INDIGENOUS artists have been using clay for thousands of years, and some of the first known clay works have been found in Australia.

Contemporary artist Judith Inkamala from Hermannsburg Aboriginal community has been making her ceramic art for more than 30 years.

One of her pieces in the new *Berder. Gaba. Urrknga. Wantja.* ceramic art exhibition depicts an intricate representation of bush medicine.

Ms Inkamala said the medicine is a type of ointment made from camel fat, rubbed on the skin to sooth cuts, bruises and sore muscles.

Ms Inkamala is one of the eight artists from remote Indigenous communities around Australia who are taking part in the exhibition, whose title *Berder. Gaba. Urrknga. Wantja.* uses the closest word for 'clay' from each community.

The works are the result of a new residency program at the Australian National University (ANU).

The residency is run by Joanne Searle of the ANU School of Art and Design Ceramics Workshop.

Ms Searle said the residency allows artists from communities around Australia to share skills and stories.

"These are stories and techniques that have been passed down from generation to generation," Ms Searle said. "Together the artists have travelled more than 18,000 kilometres to be here from some of the most remote parts of Australia.

"It has been great to see the artists discussing ideas and trying out



Judith Inkamala is a ceramic artist from the Hermannsburg Aboriginal community.

new techniques. They are very open to talking about their work and our students have been able to watch and learn from the artists."

The residency program consists of

established and emerging artists from four remote community art centres – Erub Arts of Torres Strait Islands, Gurringun Aboriginal Art Centre of Cardwell in Queensland, Hermannsburg

Potters in the Northern Territory and Ernabella Arts in the far northwest of South Australia.

The exhibition will run until June 1 at the Nishi Gallery.

Inquiry examines ice



A SPECIAL commission into the drug crystal methamphetamine has begun in Sydney, before it

heads to regional NSW, to understand the devastating impact ice has on Australia's most vulnerable.

The special inquiry started with Commissioner Dan Howard calling on members of the public to lodge submissions about their views and experiences with crystal methamphetamine.

Counsel assisting, Sally Dowling SC, opened the hearing with an overview of the chemical and street names for the amphetamine family of drugs

which include ice, speed, base and MDMA.

Aboriginal communities have twice the rate of amphetamine use as the broader community, Ms Dowling said.

Crystal methamphetamine in 2013 became the most prominent form of the drug and that upward trajectory has continued in recent years, she said.

The drug is "highly addictive" and can devastate a person's social, mental and physical wellbeing, Ms Dowling said.

"Chronic use of crystal methamphetamine can cause the collapse of the user's health.

"It is sometimes associated with amphetamine-induced psychosis that, in extreme cases,

may manifest in paranoia and violence and sometimes – tragically – in suicidal behaviour."

The commission will look at the cause of methamphetamine usage but Ms Dowling said much of it appears to be rooted in social disadvantage.

Poverty, unemployment and homelessness – things that lead people to "despair" about their future – are drivers.

The inquiry, set up by the NSW Government in November 2018, will look at the prevalence and impact of the drug and other illicit amphetamine stimulants such as MDMA.

Someone using MDMA at a festival was different to someone with an ice dependency, Ms

Dowling said, but there were patterns indicating who within society might be at risk.

Regional NSW residents, people in the criminal justice system, people with mental health issues, workers in some particular industries, members of ethnic and cultural minorities were all considered at higher risk.

The commissioner said it was clear ice and other illegal drugs were having an "enormous impact" on society, but the responses to the issue also needed to be examined to make sure they weren't making the situation worse.

"We need to consider deep and difficult questions about the efficacy of our policies,"

Professor Howard said.

The inquiry will also look at the barriers for those seeking treatment, which include stigma, language barriers, service availability and location.

The way law enforcement attempts to disrupt the flow of the drugs into the state and the way the court system deals with offenders will also be under the microscope.

Hearings will be held between April and August this year in Sydney and regional areas Lismore, Dubbo, Nowra, East Maitland and Broken Hill.

Submissions open until May 7 with the commission to hand down its findings by the end of 2019.

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Uncertainty over state intent on spent convictions scheme



VICTORIAN Aboriginal groups and supporters are calling on the State Government to support legislation aimed at creating a spent convictions scheme.

Woor-Dungin, which is a coalition of Aboriginal community-controlled organisations and partners, has conducted research that shows Victorian police conduct almost 700,000 criminal record checks each year.

Michael Bell, the convener of Woor-Dungin's criminal record discrimination project, said Aboriginal Victorians continue to experience unnecessary stigma, social

exclusion and harm as a result of the unregulated disclosure of, and inappropriate reliance on, old and irrelevant criminal history.

Mr Bell said Victoria's failure to regulate criminal history makes it the only Australian state or territory that doesn't have a legislated spent convictions scheme.

"Currently, criminal record information is released at the complete discretion of Victoria police. This creates significant uncertainty for Aboriginal community members and limits their job prospects, ability to be kinship carers and engage with their communities."

Mr Bell said such legislation was

critical and long overdue.

"Woor-Dungin and its partners want to see the government establish a spent convictions scheme and equal opportunity laws to ensure that old and irrelevant criminal history is not used unfairly against job seekers in Victoria," he said.

"Despite indicating that it is open to considering reform in this area, the government is yet to respond formally to Woor-Dungin's unanimously endorsed submission to the Aboriginal Justice Forum."

"Employment is a self-determining factor in empowering Aboriginal people to grow and be resilient."

"We hope that the government will respond to this report and help to bring about a fairer system for all people."

"We want to see the introduction of a legislated spent convictions scheme in Victoria, and protection against discrimination in relation to irrelevant criminal history."

Victorian MP Fiona Patten introduced legislation in February but both the Government and opposition parties voted to have the legislation assessed by a committee.

It remains unclear whether the Government will eventually support the legislation, or introduce its own legislation.



Uncle Noel Butler, centre, said it was so incredible at last year's Festival to have so many non-Aboriginal people wanting to taste our traditional foods and hear our stories.

Oyster festival embraces traditional Koori culture



KOORI culture on NSW's far south coast will be a big feature of this year's Narooma Oyster Festival on

Saturday, May 4.

"It was so fantastic for our mob to feel such a significant part of last year's festival," said Cheryl Davison, who was responsible for organising most of the Aboriginal program. "This year will be even bigger."

"Everyone was a bit uncertain at first about talking to festival-goers around the fire pit, cooking seafood their traditional way, often using family recipes."

"It's how we cook when we camp; it's beautiful tucker and our way of getting back to our culture."

"People loved talking with the cooks and tasting what they cooked while the Elders sat around, and with Uncle Noel Butler talking about bush tucker next door, it exceeded everyone's expectations. It gave everyone so much pride."

"This year everyone's ready for it and very excited."

The Oyster Festival celebrates the region's quality produce, especially its oysters, grown in one of the world's most environmentally sustainable oyster growing regions.

"It was great to have so much participation by our mob last year. Families even came from Sydney," said Yuin Elder and educator Noel Butler. "It was so incredible to have so many non-Aboriginal people wanting to taste our traditional foods and hear our stories."

"This year Cheryl has built on what we learned last year and is trying to involve more of our mob."

"I'll MC the cooking and food part and talk about the importance of using our own Australian food for a healthier life."

The fire pit area will be bigger and more organised this year with improved facilities for preparing and serving food and involving more groups. Tasting plates will be sold and may include oysters, bimbals, mullet and damper.

Paul Brown and Veronica

Smith are coordinating the fire pit and young people from Wallaga will work as kitchen hands gaining valuable work experience.

Katungul Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Robert Skeen said they were so proud to be a part of last year's Festival, they had no hesitation in supporting it as a major partner again this year.

"Seeing so many people around the fire pit speaks volumes for having a Koori presence here," he said. "It's a great opportunity for our community to share our stories and highlight our deep connections with the land and sea."

Festival-goers will also be entertained by the Djaadjawan Dancers while the Narama Nangara (meaning 'Narooma oysters') Community Art Tent will showcase local artists.

For full details of the Narooma Oyster Festival, including the music line-up and chef demonstrations, please check the webpage www.naroomaoysterfestival.com and Facebook.

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Kids connect with a song



ABORIGINAL children from a remote community in the Murchison have produced a song about life on the land as part of a new program to better connect young people with mental health support through art and music.

Students at the Yulga Jinna Remote Community School, 900km north-east of Perth, have been working with Youth Focus staff Delroy Bergsma and Robert Binsiar in recent months to write and produce the upbeat song *Yulga Jinna Kid*.

The tune reflects on the favourite pastimes of children living in the community, 170km north of Meekatharra, including “eating kangaroo for dinner”, making cake with an emu egg and “swimming in the river, me and my mob”.

Delroy, a Youth Focus clinical outreach manager, said he and Robert had forged strong connections with the children through music.

The kids’ desire to share the day-to-day happenings in their community led to the lyrics of *Yulga Jinna Kid*.

“We went out to Yulga Jinna hoping to engage with some of the local kids, so I sat down in the middle of the community with my guitar and just started playing,” Delroy said.

“The kids came out of school just as I was singing some pop songs and they came up and started singing along. They said, ‘Let’s sing a song about Yulga Jinna,’ so we made up a couple of



Students from Yulga Jinna worked with Youth Focus staff Delroy Bergsma and Robert Binsiar to write the song *Yulga Jinna Kid*.

lyrics and workshopped it from there.”

The new Youth Focus program, which uses the fundamentals of song, art and traditional Aboriginal culture, works to improve the engagement of young people with mental health support services across the Murchison and Goldfields.

“Music is a powerful outlet from a mental health perspective,”

Delroy said. “This song was born out of a willingness by the young people at Yulga Jinna to share their community with us, but it is also an important tool that helps open up the channels of communication.”

Suicide remains the biggest killer of young Australians. Latest data shows that 51 young people aged between 15 and 24 died by suicide in WA in 2017.

In addition, one in four young

Australians live with a mental health condition, with 75% of mental illnesses first appearing in people under the age of 25.

“We know that young Indigenous people are five times more likely than other people to take their own lives, so we need to start thinking differently about how we start conversations about mental health and wellbeing,” Delroy said.

“If we develop programs together, they will be used and enjoyed by the community, and we’ll be more likely to see some long-term changes.”

Delroy said Robert’s input as the Youth Focus community engagement coordinator was vital to understand the needs of young people, identify those in need of help, and to build strong community relationships.

In the past nine months, Youth Focus has engaged with around 100 young people through its art, song and drumbeat programs.

“We engage in the community through art and music, and by pulling up for a yarn if we see the young kids out and about.

“Once you build trust and a relationship, the kids will reach out and come to see you when they need to,” Robert said.

“Through this engagement, we can start meaningful conversations to help young people and direct them into counselling if they have issues associated with depression, anxiety, self-harm and suicidal ideation.”

The youth program for the Murchison region was initially funded by the WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA), which provided \$345,000 over 18 months. A new partnership with the Royal Flying Doctor Service WA provides support valued at \$206,500 this financial year for Youth Focus to expand outreach services to other nearby towns.

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20-year title milestone



THE Wagiman and Jawoyn Bolmo, Matjba and Wurrkbarbar groups were recognised as the native title

holders of the town of Pine Creek at a dedication ceremony held in the town, 20 years after the first claim was lodged.

More than 160 people gathered at Heritage Park, Pine Creek as Justice White recognised the mostly exclusive native title in and around the town of Pine Creek, covering an area of approximately 12 square km.

It was the first time the Federal Court has sat in Pine Creek.

Northern Land Council chairman Samuel Bush-Blansi congratulated the native title holders. "It has been a long time coming," he said. "This is a great day for the Wagiman and Jawoyn Bolmo, Matjba and Wurrkbarbar people. Thank you to NLC staff and consultants for their hard work especially over the last three years, and in particular NLC lawyer David Spicer-Harden."

George Jabul Huddleston, senior Wagiman traditional owner, and his brothers made some of the first claims to native title over Pine Creek.

"It's a really important thing," he said. "We like to get it back, this country."

"I'm happy. For my mum and



Wagiman and Jawoyn Bolmo, Matjba and Wurrkbarbar traditional owners at Pine Creek.

dad, my brothers I'm happy. Of my four brothers, I am the only one left. I went four times for hearings to give evidence. I am happy to get back the land. I am happy now."

Senior Jawoyn Wurrkbarbar woman Bessie Coleman said, "On behalf of the three clan

groups, Jawoyn Bolmo, Matjba and Wurrkbarbar, and the Wagiman, it took us 20 years, but we finally got it.

"All the years I grew up in this town we had no voice. We finally got there. I learnt a lot from the senior women and men. They started it off. We finished it off."

Jawoyn Elder Mick Markham said the decision would bring certainty for the future of the town.

"Thank you to our Elders who fought this for 20 years," he said. "They started this. And it's a special day of remembrance for them. This determination will free

up a lot of the blocks here. People from the communities can move in and buy a block, and live in this town."

For the claimants and their families, the resolution of their native title claim over Pine Creek is an important milestone for three reasons.

Firstly, it recognises the traditional ownership of the town of Pine Creek by the Wagiman people and the Jawoyn Matjba, Bolmo and Wurrkbarbar through their shared connection to the land.

Secondly, the determination recognises the native title claimants always had, and still have, a special relationship with, and traditional rights in, the land and waters of the claim area.

Thirdly, it provides the native title claimants with an opportunity to have input into any future uses of their country. It is also significant for the children and grandchildren of those persons who will carry this legacy into the future.

Exclusive possession native title is the highest recognition capable under Australian property law, giving Wagiman and Jawoyn Bolmo, Matjba and Wurrkbarbar native title holders the same rights as private land owners. Existing roads and private land will not be affected by the determination.

The first native title claim over Pine Creek was lodged in 1999.

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New record of service



THE oral histories and treasured family photographs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander service men and women create a vivid picture of Indigenous war service in the new book *Our Mob Served: A History of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories of war and defending Australia*.

Our Mob Served, edited by Allison Cadzow and Mary Anne Jebb, is the latest title from the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies' (AIATSIS) publishing arm, Aboriginal Studies Press, and was officially launched last month at the Australian War Memorial.

AIATSIS chief executive Craig Ritchie said the book, a moving tribute to the little-known history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander war time and defence service, is long overdue.

"One of the outcomes of the four year 'Serving Our Country' research project, this book brings to the fore the extent to which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people served our nation," Mr Ritchie said.

"It shares some of the



Mary Anne Jebb, Sue Gordon, Desmond Mayo and Allison Cadzow.

powerful stories heard as the project travelled to many cities and towns around the country recording the experiences of ex-service men and women and their families. The editors have squeezed as many of these generously shared

stories and photographs as they could between the stunning covers."

John Lester's father served in World War II and, upon his return to Australia, fought for equality and citizenship rights with other Aboriginal ex-

servicemen and activists.

In the book John speaks publicly of his concern that the rest of Australia share in these stories:

"On every major war front, we were represented ... And when you consider, at the same

time, our land was being taken, our kids were being stolen. All those sorts of things. Whether it's my father's attitude – 'it was the only job I could get to put food on the table' – regardless of that ... Australia has got an extreme debt to our role in those sorts of battles. And the stories need to be told."

Serving Our Country: A history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the defence of Australia – the research project behind the book – was led by former AIATSIS chairperson and Australian National University Emeritus Professor Mick Dodson.

Project partner organisations include the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Department of Defence, the National Archives of Australia, AIATSIS and the Australian War Memorial.

Our Mob Served: A History of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories of war and defending Australia (\$39.95) is available now from the AIATSIS online shop.

The launch of *Our Mob Served* coincided with the dedication of the *For Our Country* sculpture at the Australian War Memorial.

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Minibus keeps community in touch



A NEW minibus to transport Elders around several north Queensland correctional centres is helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander prisoners stay connected to their communities.

The minibus, funded by Queensland Corrective Services (QCS), is used by the Binga Birry Justice Group to provide regular visits by Elders for prisoners at Capricornia, Townsville and Townsville Women's correctional centres.

Capricornia Correctional Centre general manager Paula May said the visits by the Binga Birry Elders, one of a number of groups to visit



Binga Birry Elders are visiting prisoners in north Queensland.

regularly, were of vital importance to Indigenous prisoners' cultural needs.

"The Elders lead by example,

bring news from home and let the prisoners know that they still belong to their communities," she said.

"It's about giving the prisoners a sense of self-worth and belonging to their community, which helps them deal more successfully with life inside a correctional centre, as well as improve their chances of avoiding reoffending once they are released."

At Capricornia Correctional Centre, the Binga Birry Elders meet with up to 40 prisoners at the centre's dedicated cultural area, which has been up and running for about four years and is decorated with a large Indigenous mural.

The Elders also provide valuable support to the cultural liaison officers and cultural development officers, offering advice on how to best include

cultural appropriateness while maintaining a safe and secure correctional centre.

Ms May said QCS was committed to keeping communities safe through the humane containment of prisoners, supervision and reintegration of offenders into the community and working effectively with prisoners to reduce recidivism.

"Liaison and development officers bring cultural relevance and understanding into their roles to further help preserve culture in their communities," she said.

"We all want the same thing – to keep the community safe in a culturally appropriate way by liaising with staff, Elders, families and community."

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Roads and Maritime Services

Aboriginal Oral History Windsor Bridge Replacement Project

Roads and Maritime Services has been working closely with Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups throughout the project, to protect and preserve the Aboriginal history and culture of the area.

We invite registration from additional Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups, who hold cultural knowledge relevant to relaying Aboriginal cultural values for the Windsor Bridge Oral History Program. The program seeks to create a thorough oral recording of the Aboriginal history of Windsor and surrounds, with a focus on the connection with the Hawkesbury River in the area.

WolfPeak have been engaged to lead the Oral History Program as part of the overall heritage interpretation for the project.

To register your interest, please contact:
Sue Rosen
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LEARNING the basics of road safety, how to avoid crashes and how important it is to wear a helmet were some of the messages given at the Festival of Baiame's Ngunnhu in Brewarrina recently. Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) partnered with Birrang Enterprises to run a bike and scooter safety program, which is being rolled out across NSW. RMS Western Region acting director Peter Stitt said the annual festival provided a welcome opportunity to connect with local communities and share important safety messages. "We're taking this festival, and those

who are travelling from across the state to attend, as an opportunity to promote bike and scooter safety to as many parents and their children that come along," Mr Stitt said. "This is often a concern raised by Aboriginal community leaders who witness absence of helmets worn by kids and dangerous road behaviour in the area." Virginia Keft and her two children travelled from Wollongong to visit family and attend the Birrang session, learning the basics of road safety. "All kids love to do dangerous things, but if we can give them some messages on how to do those risky sorts of activities in a way that's going to keep them safe – it's a really

important thing," Ms Keft said. "At the end of the day, I want my kids to know that it's their responsibility, as well as other people's, to look to making sure everyone is safe. If everyone takes their own responsibility on, then the roads are going to be safer." Birrang facilitator James Moore said Brewarrina is a small, remote community that can often attract an 'out of sight, out of mind' attitude. "It's important to try and capture the younger ones so that they have that awareness as they get older," he said. "We're also having a yarn to the parents, just making sure the kids are wearing the protective gear while they're on their bike."



Virginia Keft and family with Birrang staff members and participants in a recent road safety program at Brewarrina.



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Prison support service under administration



THE Aboriginal Prisoners and Offenders Support Services Aboriginal Corporation (APOSS) has been placed under special administration, at the request of its directors.

Located in Adelaide, APOSS receives government funding to help Indigenous detainees to reintegrate into community after their release from prisons and detention centres.

Caseworkers engage with families, carers, guardians and communities to improve the person's situation and instigate long-term behavioural change.

On March 20, the APOSS chief executive resigned suddenly. At that time, the APOSS board of directors was not operating in quorate.

On April 2, the directors requested the appointment of a special administrator. The directors expressed their concern that without assistance, APOSS would be unable to continue serving its clients.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Selwyn Button said the corporation provides a vital service for Indigenous people in need of a fresh start.

"With no chief executive and only five directors, APOSS have made the right call to seek assistance from my office through a special administration," Mr Button said.

The Registrar has appointed Jack James and Paula Smith from Palisade Business Consulting as the special administrators of APOSS until October 11.



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TRADITIONAL owners fed up with fracking companies undertaking gas exploration without consent

have brought the fight to NT Parliament – a year on from the Gunner Government's controversial decision to allow the controversial mining method in the NT.

Equipped with a mini-bulldozer, the group gave politicians a taste of what it's like to have unwelcome machinery arriving on their country and blast chemicals into rock seams to target oil and gas.

Elliott-region traditional owner Raymond Dixon said the protest highlighted the multi-million dollar public subsidies granted to the fracking industry and called on the next Federal Government to show more respect for Territorians' wishes and ban fracking.

"One year ago today, Chief Minister Gunner betrayed over half the Territory to the fracking industry, despite overwhelming opposition from Territorians everywhere," he said.

"Our people have not given proper consent to these activities, yet fracking companies are out on country now, land clearing, taking



Raymond Dixon and Conrad Rory felt compelled to take action because their lands are impacted by approved fracking exploration licences.

water and preparing sites for fracking.

"We are taking this action today to give the NT Government just a tiny insight into what it sees and feels like when gas giants arrive on country without permission."

Conrad Rory from the Borroloola region said he hoped the protest would draw attention to remote parts of the Territory.

"We are here to demand the Chief Minister shows real leadership for all Territorians and reinstates the moratorium on fracking in the NT," he said.

Protect Country Alliance spokesperson Graeme Sawyer said fracking companies were already getting close to

commencing operations.

"Just last week, Santos made the first new application for shale gas exploration drilling in the NT," he said.

"That's despite the Pepper Inquiry's recommendations not being complete and ignoring the fact that fracking does not have community support across the Territory.

"There are many questions that are still unanswered about how and why the fracking moratorium was overturned.

"The people must be listened to, and we ask that whoever is elected at the May 18 federal election commits to respecting the wishes of Territorians with a ban on fracking in the Territory."



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Climate threatens turtles



MORE female turtles than males are being born as a direct result of increasing temperatures in the Torres Strait.

So the creation of new beach shading projects for selected turtle nesting beaches on Erub and Mer has been welcomed by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA), thanks to National Landcare Program funding.

TSRA chair Napau Pedro Stephen said the Torres Strait is “an extremely important area for turtles nationally and internationally, especially Green, Flatback and Hawksbill turtles”.

“All these species are also of very high cultural value to local communities and this project engages stakeholders in a collaborative effort to reduce the climate risks to the region’s turtles,” Mr Stephen said.

The Beach Shade Tree project



Kevin Mye and Barry Pau discuss plans for turtle nesting at Kemus Beach on Erub Island.

has been developed in response to the impacts of climate change on turtles in the Torres Strait region.

“Climate change also threatens turtles in other ways including erosion of nesting beaches,

drowning of nests, higher hatching death when sand temperatures go above lethal levels, changes to seasonal timing of nesting and hatching, and broader impacts on sea country that impact the fitness

and survivability of turtles,” Mr Stephen said.

Community consultation has provided the TSRA with an opportunity to educate the community on climate change adaptation, by identifying the most suitable use of shade trees to help combat the impacts of rising heat and sea levels on coastal ecosystems, marine life (especially nesting turtles), food production and human wellbeing.

The sex of turtles is determined by the sand temperature of the beaches where they are laid.

Warmer temperatures lead to more females, and with the increase in land and sea temperatures due to climate change there is a concern that fewer and fewer male turtles are being produced.

Increasing the shading of key nesting beaches will hopefully help to keep a more balanced sex ratio of hatchlings.

TSRA land officer George

Saveka has been assisting Mer and Erub Rangers to identify and choose the suitable trees to provide cool shade relief to areas of their local beaches.

Using a range of tree propagation techniques, TSRA rangers are working towards producing tree crops for shade and where possible, fruit trees for sustainable food sources.

On Mer and Erub, rangers working closely with their communities have chosen native tree species and trialled a variety growing practices.

These efforts are now producing plants to grow and support island communities in adapting to climate change.

The Beach Shade Tree project is a collaborative effort between Land and Sea Management Unit teams, the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, Regional Native Title Bodies Corporate, My Pathway, traditional owners and community members.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST THEIR FUTURES MATTER - ABORIGINAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Expressions of Interest are now open!

Who we are

Their Futures Matter (TFM) is a landmark reform of the NSW Government to deliver improved outcomes for vulnerable children, young people and their families. Our vision is a coordinated service system that delivers evidence-based, integrated solutions for children and families and achieves lasting change.

The reform is being delivered by a cross-agency implementation unit, governed by a Board with representatives from the departments of Premier and Cabinet, Treasury, Family and Community Services, Health, Education and Justice.

Calling for nominations

TFM are seeking Expressions of Interest from Aboriginal people residing in NSW, representing their local Aboriginal community, Aboriginal service providers, organisations and senior Aboriginal NSW Government employees, to form an Aboriginal Consultative Committee.

Purpose of the Aboriginal Consultative Committee

- Provide high level timely strategic advice and guidance to TFM and the TFM Board in relation to Aboriginal children, young people, families and communities to ensure that our work is effective and culturally responsive
- Inform the design and delivery of TFM programs and projects to ensure they are meeting the needs of Aboriginal children, young people, families and communities
- Committee will be consulted on matters relating to or impacting on Aboriginal children, young people families and communities

Eligibility

You can apply as a NSW Aboriginal community member, NSW organisation or NSW Government agency representative.

Aboriginal community members will receive remunerations and allowances consistent with the guidelines set out by the *Classification and Remuneration Framework for NSW Government Boards and Committees*.

Aboriginal committee members who are representing their government agency or organisation are not eligible to receive remuneration or sitting fees.

Expression of Interest Closes: 11.59pm on **Sunday 5 May 2019**

For further information and to download the Expression of Interest form please go to <https://www.theirfuturesmatter.nsw.gov.au/aboriginal-consultative-committee>

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further, please contact Terry Jamieson on 02 9377 6051 or email: TFM-ACE@theirfuturesmatter.nsw.gov.au



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Planning, Lands and Heritage**

Proposals for new Aboriginal heritage legislation Have your say

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Ben Wyatt, has released a Discussion Paper that proposes new legislation to protect Aboriginal heritage in Western Australia.

The Discussion Paper responds to what was said in the first round of consultation for the review of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*, which took place last year. Its proposals include:

- changes to how heritage is defined to better reflect a living culture that is central to the wellbeing of Aboriginal people
- a streamlined approvals pathway for land use proposals that avoid or minimise impact on Aboriginal heritage
- establishing Local Aboriginal Heritage Services and an Aboriginal Heritage Council to actively engage Traditional Owners and Knowledge Holders in decision-making for heritage places with which they have a connection.

Aboriginal people and all stakeholders who have an interest in Aboriginal heritage are encouraged to provide feedback on the proposals.

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage is holding community meetings to discuss the proposals with Aboriginal people and seek their feedback.

Public consultation closes on 31 May 2019.

Find out more about the proposals and how you can have your say at www.dplh.wa.gov.au/aha-review

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Expressions of interest Mallee Catchment Management Authority's Aboriginal Reference Group (ARG).



Expressions of interest are now called for people eligible to join the Mallee Catchment Management Authority's Aboriginal Reference Group (ARG).

This group was established to enhance two way communication between the Mallee CMA and Aboriginal stakeholders within the region. The ARG helps to maintain and build links with Aboriginal communities to ensure Natural Resource Management (NRM) outcomes are delivered in a way that benefits the environment whilst respecting and enhancing Aboriginal culture.

The specific role of the ARG is to advise the Mallee CMA on how best to engage with Aboriginal Communities relating to the management of Aboriginal values in the Mallee, which includes:

- Guidance on how to engage with Aboriginal stakeholders to support understanding of the environment;
- Advice regarding emerging Aboriginal stakeholder issues and perspectives relevant to NRM

The committee meets four times each year. Applicants should reside in the Mallee CMA region.

For more information, including access to the application pack, please go to our website www.malleecma.vic.gov.au; contact reception on 03 5051 4377; or email James Kellerman james.kellerman@malleecma.com.au

Applications close 5pm Friday 17 May 2019 and are to be placed in a sealed envelope marked “Confidential - Aboriginal Reference Group” and forwarded to:

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Opportunity to study journalism



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander journalists looking to dive deeper have an opportunity to apply for a scholarship to the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism Summer Investigative Reporting Course in New York City.

The deadline for applications is May 4 and the course runs from July 8-26.

The scholarship will provide economy air fare, accommodation, course fees

and a small contribution to living expenses.

The scholarship is offered through Dart Centre Asia Pacific (DCAP) – a project of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

The first DCAP scholarship holder was Allan Clarke, who used his time at the Investigative Reporting Course to work on his Walkley award winning report on the unsolved death of Gomeroi man Mark Haines.

DCAP will also make permanent a position on its Board of Directors for a First

Nations person. The first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island journalist to hold this position was Danny Teece-Johnson, a Gomeroi NITV journalist. The position is currently held by Rachael Hocking, a Warlpiri presenter and journalist on NITV's *The Point*.

Last year, Dart Centre Asia Pacific facilitated one of the largest gatherings of Indigenous journalists: a three-day retreat in the Blue Mountains focused on Indigenous trauma reporting.

To apply for the scholarship, visit dartcenter.org/resources/



Participants from the Dart Centre's 2018 Indigenous Trauma reporting workshop pose for a group photo.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment – Invitation to Register an Interest

Artefact Heritage on behalf of The Trust Company (Australia) Limited ATF WH Regent Trust is undertaking an Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment of the property known as 90-102 Regent Street, Redfern in advance of proposed redevelopment. Contact details for the proponent are The Trust Company (Australia) Limited ATF WH Regent Trust c/Shawn De Smeth, Urbis via email: sdesmeth@urbis.com.au.

The project will be assessed as a State Significant Development under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The purpose of community consultation is to assist the Director-General of the Department of Planning and Environment in the determination of the project.

The proponent therefore seeks to consult with all Aboriginal groups or individuals who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the Redfern area.

Interested parties should register in writing, providing their name, address, email, phone number and information on their connection to the area.

Please register your interest in the project by **10 May 2019** by contacting:

Jennifer Norfolk, Artefact Heritage
Building B, Level 4, 35 Saunders Street, Pyrmont NSW 2009
02 9518 8411
jennifer.norfolk@artefact.net.au

Please note that the consultation guidelines require us to provide details of the Registered Aboriginal Parties to the Office of Environment and Heritage and Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council. In your response could you please advise if you would not like your details to be provided.

Elizabeth Enterprise Precinct (EEP), Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment – Invitation to Register an Interest

On behalf of Mirvac, Artefact Heritage is undertaking an Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment of Stage 1 of the proposed Elizabeth Enterprise Precinct (EEP) in advance of the proposed bulk earthworks. The EEP Stage 1 site is located at 1669-1723 Elizabeth Drive, Badgerys Creek (Lot 5 DP 860456). The proponent's contact details are:

Russell Hogan
Development Manager
Mircac
Level 28, 200 George Street Sydney NSW 2000
(02) 9080 8154
Russell.Hogan@mircac.com

We are inviting registrations of interest in the project from Aboriginal groups and individuals who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the locality. The purpose of the community consultation is to assist the proponent in the preparation of an application for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit for the proposal. The consultation will also assist the Office of Environment and Heritage in their consideration and determination of the application.

Consultation will also be used to inform on assessment required for further development within stage 1 of the EEP which may be subject to additional development consent processes. Additional consent processes may include State Significant Development under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Please note that the consultation guidelines require us to provide details of the Registered Aboriginal Parties to the Office of Environment and Heritage and Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council. In your response could you please advise if you would not like your details to be provided.

Please register your interest in the project by **10 May 2019** by contacting:

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MOBILE VOTING TEAMS FOR THE FEDERAL ELECTION

A remote voting team from the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) will be visiting soon so voters living in remote communities can vote in the federal election.

If you will not be able to attend one of the locations listed below you should contact the AEC for information on how you can vote.

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	Bullarah	Tuesday 14 May	10am–12pm
CARINDA	Carinda Town Hall	Wednesday 15 May	9.30–11.30am
COOLABAH	Coolabah Community Hall	Monday 06 May	12–3pm
ENNGONIA	Enngonia War Memorial Hall	Wednesday 08 May	9–11am
IVANHOE	Ivanhoe Community Hall	Saturday 18 May	8am–1pm
LOUTH	Louth Tennis Club	Thursday 09 May	1.20–3.20pm
MURRIN BRIDGE	Murrin Bridge Pre-School	Friday 17 May	10am–12pm
NYMAGEE	Nymagee Community Hall	Thursday 16 May	12.15–2.15pm
QUAMBONE	Quambone Town Hall	Wednesday 15 May	2.30–4.30pm
ROWENA	Rowena Public School	Tuesday 14 May	3–5pm
TIBOOBURRA	Tibooburra CWA Room	Tuesday 14 May	1.30–4.30pm
TILPA	Tilpa Community Centre	Friday 10 May	9–11am
WANAARING	Wanaaring & District Soldiers Memorial Hall	Wednesday 15 May	12.30–3.30pm
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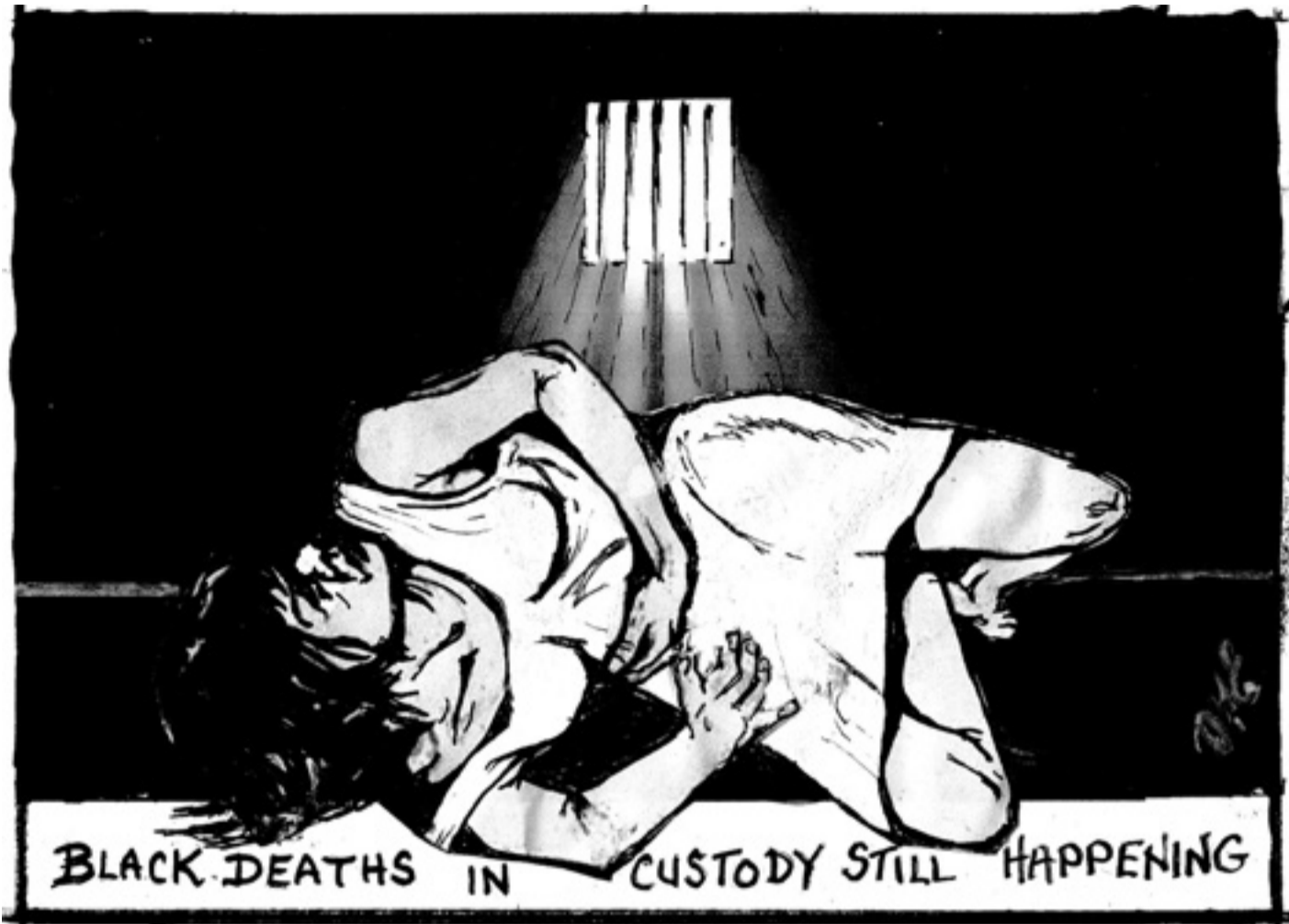
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Cricket.

Favourite read?
Why we weren't told by Henry Reynolds.

Favourite holiday destination?
Tasmania.

Favourite movie?
Saturday Night Fever.

What do you like in life?
Mixing with my mob, meeting people and building new friendships.

What don't you like in life?
Work.

What person would you like most to meet?
Mick Dodson.

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

Who/what inspires you?
My Elders.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?
I would increase the attendance rates of Indigenous men to participate in community meetings. My observation at conferences is that there seems to be a phenomenon that Indigenous men are underrepresented. Therefore the Indigenous community is not fully utilising all its talent in the decision making process about community.

Quote



"This cultural theft was enabled by policies of successive Liberal prime ministers and threatened to weaken our voice. We must not let this happen. We must protect our own cultures."

Deb Cheetham talks about the misappropriation of Indigenous culture and intellectual property by non-Indigenous arts organisations.

● See page 6

Unquote

Locking up our Black mothers

REMEMBER Australia's outrage at the South African apartheid regime? Our country's leaders were vocal and active on the international stage, imposing an oil, trade and arms embargo as well as a sports boycott against South Africa.

Yes, that meant even our cricketers and rugby players stayed away from that vile, racist country.

But let's put apartheid in perspective.

At its height, South Africa was jailing 440 people per 100,000 population. Black people comprised around 94% of those incarcerated, which equates to an imprisonment rate of 612 per 100,000 for black people in 1984. Even after apartheid ended in 1991, the South Africans were jailing black people at a rate of 851 per 100,000 people.

The figures are shocking, right? Racist, without a doubt.

Well actually, compared to Australia's record, South Africa was but a minnow compared to a whale.

Since 1989, the imprisonment rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people has increased 12 times faster than the rate for other Australians. In December 2017 the rate was 2440 prisoners per 100,000 adult Aboriginal people, compared to 216 prisoners per 100,000 other people.

Getting the picture?

For all of the rhetoric around Closing the Gap, Australian governments continue to lock up First Nations people



at rates that make South Africa look like a holiday camp. Compared with Australia, which introduced its first Aboriginal reserves and missions in the 1880s, ratified the White Australia policy in 1901, and began removing Aboriginal children from their parents from 1910, South Africa's racist regime was a mere babe, starting in 1948.

So where is the outrage here? Why do our governments continue to invest in prisons over people? How many studies does it take to convince our country's leaders that jailing Aboriginal people, especially those from the Stolen Generations, at the current rates will ever accomplish anything but grief?

Sadly, it seems the stone throwers in our glass house that is Australia are unable to reflect inwards. They are unable to accept that this prosperous nation is actually preposterous in its hypocrisy.

*"Australians all let us rejoice
For we are young and free
We've golden soil and wealth for toil
Our home is girt by sea"*

Or so the song goes. The reality is that Aboriginal Australia is girt by bars.

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Empowerment is key

By CHRISTINE HOWES



LONG-term health advocate, practitioner and former chief executive of two Yarrabah health services, David Baird,

has found himself back on the frontlines, providing individual support to 10-17 year-olds on bail, for the past three months. And he's loving it.

The 55-year-old started in Yarrabah at Gindaja Treatment and Healing Centre as an alcohol and drugs counsellor in 1993, so in a sense his current position – a dual role between Gindaja and Cairns-based Youth Empowered towards Independence (YETI) – is a coming home for him.

"I spent 10 years at Gindaja, three as a counsellor and seven as a manager/CEO before I went to Gurriny and was CEO there for seven years," he said.

"I was born and bred in Broome, went to school there, and my traditional homeland is One Arm Point North of the Dampier Peninsular West Kimberley, known as Bardi Country.

"On my mother's side I'm Djaru, in the Halls Creek area of Western Australia's East Kimberley Region.

Yarrabah is home

"My brother and sister came to Yarrabah. I have one older brother buried here, and after I was brought over in 1980, I stayed for about a year, then back again, and from 1986 I more or less stayed here permanently, so I've been living here for over 30 years.

"It's home, even though I've got traditional homelands back in the Kimberley. I think I'll stay in Yarrabah for the rest of my days.

"Yarrabah's a beautiful place. "It has – how should I say it? – it has the history of any other Aboriginal community, and it has a Christian history, which is really good.

"Right now, Yarrabah has a number of challenges, but it's moving forward."

He said in January he was elected to be chair of Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services – a highly successful community-owned and run health service – qualifying him to be an active member of Yarrabah's Leaders' Forum (YLF), made up of local chairs and CEOs from local organisations.

"YLF is a really good concept," he said.

"It brings together people with experience, people with knowledge and people with empathy, compassion for our community.

"These people also have courage, and they also know that the kind of conversations or the kind of things we want to say to Government and people who are outside from Yarrabah about how we make Yarrabah a better place by using the people of Yarrabah to make those decisions about Yarrabah.

With all his experience over the past 30 years, David Baird says he is loving the work he is doing now.



David Baird is using his experience and training to support young people facing the legal system for the first time.

"I have skill sets to contribute to addressing social issues still in Yarrabah," he said.

"I have very good, strong connections in the workplace and across my work.

"And it's an area that I love working in.

"I love the challenge of it. I love seeing results that come from it.

"I love talking to people about you know, about whatever they want to talk about.

"And I love giving advice, suggestions. If it works for them, fine. If they take it, fine, you know?

"There's still much to give in the front line, and they need much support.

"And, I might contribute a little, but that's all you need to build on a bigger contribution that everyone's a part of.

"And that's why I'm back here."

He said the team at YETI offered youth bail support, mostly for those who come into the 'system' for the first time.

"I'm referring the system for first offenders who get bail. We look at what sort of support they need socially," he said.

"Trying to get them back into school, find a birth certificate. If they're older kids they need to get on Centrelink, then we can try and get them into a job or training.

"Then there's just individual support like case management support and looking at how we can refer them into other services.

"So we're trying to get them away from offending or the influence or the environment they're in that causes them to go and offend."

He said his background served him well.

Talking and listening

"It's important that I do have an alcohol and drug counselling background. Although we don't do so much counselling in the sense of in-depth psychological

work, it's just being able to talk to them and being aware of behaviours, being aware of what they might have been through – whether they have been part of a child safety, whether they've been part of domestic violence in their family, overcrowding, just neglect in general.

"And being able to talk to their families as well.

"It's probably more difficult talking to their families, because if the parents of a client are caught up in substance abuse or they're caught up in criminal behaviour themselves, to be able to have that conversation is quite difficult.

"So we then focus on the client, the child, the youth who we're working with and maybe if we build them up, we can somehow embed messages in there that they can give to their parents about how they live their lives.

"We can do a whole lot of support with these youths, but then they're going back into the same environment, they're going back in the same household, where there's overcrowding, where there's family violence or there's drinking, partying and all of those things.

"Connecting with them is very difficult because they're so disconnected.

"They'll only allow you so much – 'I want to talk to you about the court. You've got curfew. You've got to appear at court.'

"In the meantime I can help them re-enrol with school. I can help them get a birth certificate if they need it, bank account.

"So they'll let you in for that part, and then the next step is to start talking about behaviours with them.

"They will engage, they will have conversations with you about it, but then at times you can see them switching off.

"And I'm asking myself, 'Is it to do with concentration? Is it to do with where they are at the moment that they're not willing to

change?' So that's part of it, and part of it is lack of understanding because they may only know one type or one way in terms of behaviours in their upbringing."

Different perspective

David recently attended the Third National Social and Emotional Wellbeing Forum in Cairns where, he told the *Koori Mail*, Bundjalung Professor Judy Atkinson was a stand-out presenter for him.

"You hear from the number of speakers and people in the audience speaking about the social issues, and even during morning tea and lunch, talking about the challenges we have and they're very similar.

"I mean, with all these break-and-enters happening as much as the ice epidemic, the struggles with alcohol and drugs, Auntie Judy really put the historical context into a perspective that I've never seen before," he said.

"She compares our struggles with other First Nations people who've had similar oppression or similar historical things happen that cause us all this trauma.

"And we never had healing for it and it's funny, because in Australia, still, the general thought amongst the mainstream is that we're still getting special treatment.

"I love this country. This is our country, and it's not about making people feel guilty if we want to tell the true story of this country; it's about healing for us and moving forward.

"I'm in a better place now than when I was 30 years ago, but I see a lot of people who are not.

"I see a lot of family members who still struggle and you can only relate that back, and people might say, 'Well, that has to do with the upbringing,' and I say, 'Yeah, yeah. It's to do with upbringing.'

"But my upbringing has a historical context. My upbringing has a political context. Yours maybe doesn't have that.

"You know I really loved

Jimmy Barnes' story. He did really well coming from Scotland, as he did, and he's got a brilliant story.

"But the difference between Jimmy's story and our stories is that Jimmy doesn't have a political context.

"He might have a historical context on account of being an immigrant, but he's not out of the constitution.

"He's not out of the flag and he's not out of the anthem, and that's nothing on Jimmy. He's done well.

"We're all sitting somewhere, so it's about the way people view us.

"They view us through the lens of the media. They view us through the lens of Government.

"If we are to tell the true story of this country, then you have to listen.

"You have to sit down and listen to Aboriginal people and then you will begin to see Aboriginal people through the lens of Aboriginal people.

"Aboriginal people on other people, and that's healing. That's healing for Aboriginal people."

Always hopeful

In the meantime, he said, he would never give up on his charges (so to speak).

"I say to these kids, 'You guys are out there. Look at people on the street. Look at where you are,' and I just keep talking, keep pushing, and I always have hope," he said.

"I never give up. I'm always optimistic.

"And I'll never give up on them because I don't give up on me, and other people don't give up on me.

"They need us, and when I say they need us, I'm not saying that from a top-down approach, I'm saying that we have something to give, and they need what we've got.

"I say, 'I drank, I smoked, I changed my life, and now I do this.' I say to them, 'You can do this.'"

Never forget our ANZAC fighters

This Anzac Day, April 25, Kurna woman Katrina Power is asking everyone to remember the sacrifice that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander diggers made to a country that didn't even recognise them as human beings.



By KATRINA POWER



ONLY two Narungga diggers fought in the first World War.

My Great Grandfather Lewis Charles Joseph Power was one of them. The other, his comrade Arthur C Weetra.

Australian war records have long cited our 'Papa Lew Lew' as Private 3858 of the Australian Imperial Forces 32nd Battalion, but the current South Australian Liberal Government continues to ignore the heroics of our Black diggers.

The South Australian Member for Narungga Fraser Ellis – a former lawyer and journalist – remains unrepentant in his decision not to honour the Narungga diggers during his speech to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI at Moonta on Remembrance Day, November 11, 2018.

He was also there to help launch *Pens and Bayonets* a new book by historian Don Longo, designed to mark the end of WWI centenary celebrations.

It features 100 letters "from the trenches" written by WWI soldiers to their loved ones back on home on Yorke Peninsula.

Not a single letter from a Narungga digger is to be found in

that book, which was partly subsidised by the SA and Australian governments.

Applauded as a book that "gives voice to Australia's young soldiers", it also speaks volumes to the living voice of Aboriginal oppression in a nation still unwilling to recognise Indigenous Australians in its own Constitution.

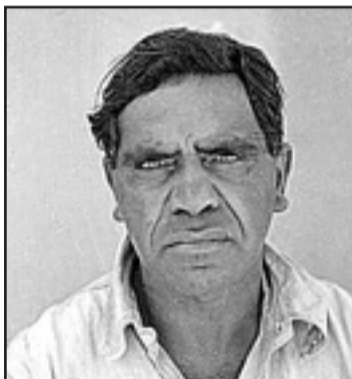
During his speech, the Member for Narungga failed to acknowledge that he was standing on Narungga Country before duly noting the four 'white towns' that surround the Point Pearce Aboriginal community where my Papa Lew Lew has lay buried since 1960.

Born on June 6, 1898, Papa Lew Lew was only 18 when he enlisted on August 9, 1916.

Transported by ship, he landed in Plymouth, England, and sailed for the 'trench fleet' in France on November 24, 1916.

While in France, he sustained gunshot wounds to both knees and a letter from the Australian Imperial Force was forwarded to his mother, Jessie Lindsay, dated March 5, 1918, advising her that her son had been "wounded in action". The nature and extent of his injuries was not reported.

War records indicate that Lewis had been admitted to the First Birmingham War Hospital in England, where he received treatment.



Lewis Charles Joseph Power (1938). Picture: NB Tindale (SA Museum)

It appears that Papa Lew Lew was 'patched up' and sent back to the French trenches on November 4, 1918, where he would remain until being transferred back to England and the ship Valencia bound for Australia on July 20, 1919. He disembarked Melbourne on September 11, 1919. Ten days later he arrived back in Adelaide, where his 'period of enlistment' was officially terminated on October 27, 1919.

Papa Lew Lew, like all the Black diggers who volunteered to fight Australia's freedom, was born under Australia's *Native Flora and Fauna Act* – as was I.

Until 1967, none of our Black Diggers were considered 'human beings' at birth, not considered Australian citizens.

That he took gunshot wounds to the knees for this country's freedom, only to be put in detention on the Point Pearce Mission and never be recognised as a human being in his life, continues to cut deep.

That former enemies of war would be granted automatic Australian citizenship and be given free parcels of land to migrate to Australia post first and second world wars, continues to add salt to Aboriginal people's wounds. Papa Lew Lew would die prematurely, aged only 60, on March 6, 1960.

He died five years before I was born but my mother Alma, his first grandchild, absolutely adored him. She bears his wife's name and today Great Papa Lew Lew and Nanny Alma lie together in a grave marked so proudly with PTE 3858 - AIF - 32nd Battalion.

At the Anzac Day Dawn Service in Adelaide, 2017, I made a deliberate decision to use my Welcome To Country speech to hijack the event to draw Australia's attention to the lack of national recognition for all Black diggers; to truly recognise the goodwill and courage all Aboriginal diggers showed in fighting for a nation that didn't even see them as human.

That year, a Muslim women, Yasmin Abdel-Magied, became the target for white, Australian rage and oppression when she

tweeted: "Lest we forget MANUS. NAURU".

Unlike the privileged Australian migrants who were granted automatic citizenship post war in Papa Lew Lew's day, unlike today's privileged Australian dual citizenship migrants, Aboriginal people have no country to run to when you get treated like a "second class citizen".

Nonetheless, I know my Papa Lew Lew would be proud to know his great-granddaughter's photo was on *The Advertiser's* front page the day after Anzac Day in 2017. I had grown up with stories about my WWI hero – Black Grandfather Digger – and, although I never got to meet him, he remains a giant in our family's eyes.

Imagine my surprise in scouring his war records for the first time, to discover him being officially recorded as being 5 feet 3 and a half (to be exact). I am 5 feet 4 inches, a half inch taller than him.

Like him, I am prepared to challenge the patriarchy to remind it that: Black Diggers Matter.

One can only hope that the Member for Narungga never fails to mention the Narungga diggers on Anzac Day or any Remembrance Day again.

Let's make sure that all is not quiet on the 'Southern Front' again.

Veterans fight for rights



ANZAC Day raises difficult issues for Indigenous Australians. During World War II, many

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were mobilised to contribute to the war effort. Often life in the military was the first time they were treated equally and with respect.

But the war also highlighted the huge discrepancy between the educational and economic opportunities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people compared with other

Australians. Inequity was further emphasised when they returned from the war and did not receive the same benefits as other diggers.

A new book, *Indigenous Peoples and the Second World War*, exposes the importance of the war in setting up the fight for Indigenous rights and changing the lives of Indigenous peoples in Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Canada.

Co-author Associate Professor Noah Riseman of the Australian Catholic University said the Second World War was a

complicated experience for Indigenous Australians, an issue which was rarely acknowledged in Anzac Day commemorations.

"The Second World War offered Indigenous men and women, both in the services and on the home front, a glimpse of equality," she said. "Economic advances, combined with newfound educational and skilled employment opportunities, provided a new way of thinking that was a precursor to the civil rights movements of 1960s-70s."

"On the other hand, that experience showed how unfair their lives were, and

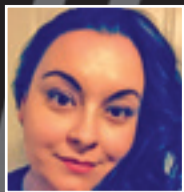
when they came back, Indigenous people didn't get access to the benefits that other returned soldiers did, so in some ways it was positive but in other ways it highlighted their daily discrimination and disadvantage."

The war also showed the different experiences of Indigenous peoples from different settler societies fighting together as allies. Well-known examples of Indigenous involvement in the war include the Maori battalion in the New Zealand army, which was highly respected and gave their members a place in wider

New Zealand society, and the Navajo code talkers from the United States, who played a key role in the war in the Pacific. But the book has uncovered many lesser known stories of Indigenous contribution to the war effort and use of Indigenous knowledge. One example is that the first Japanese prisoners of war captured in both the US and Australia were captured by Indigenous men: a Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian) and Tiwi Islander.

"There is a tremendous irony that the very communities and their cultural and social

characteristics that settler governments had been working to erase through the colonial process were so widely and specifically targeted for the war effort," Associate Professor Riseman said. "It's only in the 21st century that we are really seeing acknowledgement of the role of Indigenous peoples. In Canada, for example, there has been an apology for inequity in veterans benefits and a \$39 million compensation package. In Australia we are starting to see Aboriginal Anzac Day marches, but there is a long way to go."



Change our psyche

REGARDING Jillian Mundy's feature story on the Glover Prize ('Artists confront a violent history', KM, page 25, March 27), it was refreshing to see the Tasmanian landscape portrayed/interpreted in a way that challenges the public psyche. People need to be reminded of the dark side of our historical landscape.

I liked the way Ms Mundy made reference to Batman and Glover's acquisition of Patterdale after the removal of the Palawa. His estate was a gift paid with attempted genocide and violent dispossession. As Ms Mundy mentioned, according to records Glover disliked Batman for his dirty deeds, but did not Glover benefit from such deeds by colonists? And was not Oyster Cove a death camp for those removed so people like Glover could have his estate? It does not surprise me that an offer to give



'Artists confront a violent history', The Koori Mail, March 27, page 25.

Welcome to Country was declined in favour of a hasty Acknowledgement! It also does not surprise me that Rodney Pople's *The Lost Glover* was positioned in an obscure corner for fear of offending a sector of our community.

I've lived in the North Midlands for 25 years. As an Indigenous mainlander, I notice things locals do not. In C'Town I see the the 'old

money' landed gentry have sway in local affairs. The North Midlands Council will avoid upsetting the gentry and the status quo. As a volunteer in a local museum and ex National Trust volunteer, it is discouraged to mention the district's violent past. The convicts and red coat soldiers are portrayed in a rather romantic light. Until a few months ago, large info

panels told the 'story' of Batman in our local museum – he was actually celebrated. I take every opportunity to put the record straight with tourists I meet and refuse to paint a Disneyland picture.

The book *Campbell Town Tasmania* mentions the names of the families who helped organise and participated in the Black Line. Their descendants are still here and are the

ones who the Glover Prize curator and committee do not want to offend. The Glover Prize openly invites Indigenous artists but it seems to me controversy is tolerated but frowned upon. They become anxious if a subject 'offends' the 'old moneyed families'. Just being Aboriginal offends many Australians! It's disturbing and occasionally funny here in C'Town when I witness locals (descendants of servants, shepherds and convicts) go out of their way to please and befriend the gentry.

I liked the way Ms Mundy interwove stories of Batman's deeds and Glover's opinion of him into the story. It gave readers a focal point from which to gain insight into the artworks. Well done to Ms Mundy for writing a meaty piece and I honour the five entrants who chose this topic to paint.

Danny Saunders
Tasmania

POETRY

Lest We Forget The Truth

Lest we forget, I hear them say
Every year on Anzac Day
All the while the blacks forgotten
The heroes who were treated rotten

Where's the logic of a day
For just one war, fought far away
Solely fought to serve the Crown
In a foreign nation's town?

Where's the day to commemorate
The deathly, morbid, dreaded fate
Of this country's rightful guards
Who challenged trespass in their yards?

Where's the mark of national praise
For those protecting tribal ways
The ones who fought with sharpened spear
When Crown began to interfere?

Where's the speeches for the folk
Clamped in iron chains that choke
The ones who rose up to defend
A land where songlines never end?

Where's the moment that we honour
How our forebears dealt with horror
The butchery they had to face
When settlers acted in disgrace?

Where's the hour we solemnise
The fighters summoned to uprising
When clans together forged alliance
To fight against the Crown's defiance?

Where's the date that we remember
Warriors who fought in splendour
Brutal colonist invasion
Of our pre-existing nation?

Where's the grand parade to laud
The lives lost fighting British fraud
The native black camaraderie
Defending native sovereignty?

Is 'Lest we forget' a phrase they use
To just remember who they choose?
How conveniently one forgets
This land's original cadets

Yes, soldiers perished senselessly
In crushing loss at Gallipoli
Lured under flag of red
As British puppets, left for dead

But it pales in comparison
To the Aboriginal garrison
The men and women, tooth and nail
Who battled on an epic scale

So, superseding Anzac day
Lest we forget the truth, I pray
In honour of our kin, our cherished
For the Aboriginals who perished

By N. Lawrence

Don't take our legal services

Dear Attorney-General Christian Porter and Shadow Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus,

We, the undersigned Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations (ACCOs) and supporters of First Nations People, write to express our disappointment with the Government's decision to back out of the Federal Government's almost 50-year long commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (ATSILS) and abandon the Indigenous Legal Assistance Program (ILAP).

While ACCOs are becoming increasingly familiar with governments promising one thing then doing another, this is a surprising and disappointing move. It is surprising because there is an independent report that highlights the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services and of retaining a stand-alone Commonwealth program that supports them (#1 recommendation). The report says that ATSILS are effective,

efficient, culturally safe and the preferred legal services providers of our communities alongside Family Violence Prevention Legal Services.

It is disappointing, not least because the Federal Government has been committed to and responsible for the funding and administration of ATSILS since their inception almost 50 years ago. This began after the 1967 Referendum in recognition of the Commonwealth's special responsibility for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is important to retain this Commonwealth leadership.

The next government must implement the #1 recommendation of the Report and retain the ILAP – the only Commonwealth program to specifically address the disadvantage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the justice system, and which funds the invaluable legal services provided by ATSILS.

Last month, the Government proudly committed to working in genuine partnership with

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on Closing the Gap. Yet this decision to abandon the ILAP will broaden the justice gap.

Our people have the highest incarceration rates in the world. This decision will devastate our communities who access our services and threatens the self-determination and continuation of ATSILS. ATSILS provide much needed legal services, challenge discriminatory laws, develop public policy options, represent families whose loved ones have died in custody, run holistic wrap-around support programs, help victims of crime, keep families together and address the root causes of contact with the justice systems including health, housing, poverty, disability, discrimination and more. ATSILS provide services that literally save lives – like the custody notification services – and are educating the next generation through innovative community legal education initiatives based on local community need.

We acknowledge that as part

of the decision to disband ILAP, the current Government has overturned planned funding cuts to ATSILS and provided some small increases to funding in future years. These great steps are undermined by the decision to get rid of the ILAP.

While ATSILS do not solve all the problems, they are a critical part of the solution. All evidence and research show that working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and ACCOs is the best way forward. The Federal Government should honour its long-standing commitment, keep ILAP and adequately fund ATSILS to close the justice gap.

We call on the next government to urgently overturn this decision to abandon ILAP and instead retain a standalone Commonwealth program that supports the ATSILS and the communities they serve.

Signed by more than 100 First Nations organisations and people. To read support letters and signatories, visit changetherecord.org.au

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The system cannot be used

IN the last edition of *Koori Mail*, I called for a dismantling of the criminal justice system because of the obviously embedded racism into the way it is structured and applied. However, what we need is traction from the public to require this reform. The question is, why do we not already have the traction within the wider community with all of the examples of injustice we can point to?

The answer lies in the underlying racism in Australia and how we, as a First Nations community, are not seen as credible. We are discarded as angry blacks or overly emotional people who don't understand the legal process. The racism in this country has long been denied, but facts are facts and we have too many black families in this country drowning in facts that demonstrate how racist our criminal justice system is.

Despite a royal commission and coronial inquests, we continue to lose black lives. Outside of our communities there is very little outrage and certainly no justice. As we march calling for justice, we as a community are looked upon with disdain for deigning to inconvenience the lives of 'ordinary Australians', but if we have a silent vigil we are completely ignored.

The lives of our brothers and sisters who we have lost in custody, those who we have lost to suicide as a result of the trauma from interaction with Australia's criminal justice system, and the brothers' and sisters' lives who are forever on hold as they fight for justice for their lost loved ones, matter. They all matter and this country needs to stop behaving in a way that



Natalie Cromb

excuses such egregious loss of life and dehumanising treatment.

Our people are dying. Our communities are struggling. Mob continue to do the right thing and give the system the opportunity to administer justice and bring those responsible for the deaths of our brothers and sisters to justice, but, blow after blow, we continue to be knocked down and the message this sends to us is clear: The criminal justice system cannot be used by us, only against us.

We have countless cases to call upon to demonstrate the racism in the system not only of the structures, but of vile individuals. They range from death from beatings to failing to see us as human enough to administer medical care.

Perhaps one of the most chilling is one I remember from when I was 19 years old, in my first year of university and living far from my home community in a city that was so new and isolating to me. I

remember sitting in a café watching everyone go about their days and their lives as though it were an ordinary day, but to me it was not. I had learnt that a man from Palm Island had been beaten to death in police custody.

The fact that this was not national news that everyone knew and there was no outpouring of love and grief with offers of support for the family absolutely crippled me, because it was one of the most defining moments of my Indigeneity. It was a real and tangible example of how real the risk of death is for black people simply for being.

The death of Mulrundji Doomadgee of Palm Island almost 15 years ago continues to affect his family and community not only because of the loss of a family and community member who was loved but because of the trauma of his death and the response to community outrage by the 'authorities.'

Mr Doomadgee was arrested for 'public drunkenness' and died a short time later with injuries so severe, he was compared to plane crash victims. The facts are on the record and undisputed, and yet, despite knowing that in custody a vulnerable man was beaten to such an extent that he lost his life from massive internal bleeding with a ruptured spleen and a liver cleaved in two, his killers have not been brought to justice.

Mr Doomadgee's family and the entire Palm Island community have been fighting for justice within a system so stacked against them and this process has been so callous and obvious in its racism. Sergeant Hurley treated

investigating officers to a barbecue at his home prior to their investigation into Mr Doomadgee's death, and, thereafter, the entire investigation was tainted with the coroner initially stating that the injuries were consistent with Hurley's version of events that Mr Doomadgee had suffered a fall.

Not until the family challenged the impartiality of State Coroner Michael Barnes did he acknowledge it and step down, something he should have done immediately. Deputy State Coroner Christine Clements stepped in to oversee the remainder of the inquest and found that "Hurley lost his temper and fatally assaulted Doomadgee, and recommends Queensland DPP Leanne Clare consider laying criminal charges".

Unfortunately the family's hope for justice following this finding was short lived. They had to endure three coronial inquests which made them relive their trauma, but they did it because they were fighting for justice. However, it was all for nought because despite recommendations justice has not been served.

The prejudice of the Queensland Director of Public Prosecutions was obvious from the initial decision not to prosecute and then reluctant reversal of this decision after pressure from Sir Laurence Street, forcing the decision to press charges. During the trial, the inept and tainted investigation was of great benefit to Sergeant Hurley who was acquitted. This was a tremendous blow given all the evidence supporting conviction.

Subsequently, the decision by the deputy police commissioner that

"there was no need for any disciplinary action against any Queensland police officer" says all that we need to know about Australia's criminal justice system.

It is racist and it is unwilling to change. It is structured in such a way that it is a tool utilised by the power structures within this country to maintain the oppression of the vulnerable and the downtrodden, many of whom belong to the First Nations community.

The absence of significant coverage of Mr Doomadgee's death, but widespread coverage of the 'Palm Island riot' says all that we need to know about mainstream media and the Australia that they serve.

They are comfortable vilifying us and dehumanising us, but will ignore the root cause of the issues that give rise to our anger and sorrow.

Our deaths do not matter, no matter how heinous and brutal, but our actions in response will be subject to the microscope of white privilege where the concept of racism and injustice is not only not conceptually understood but outright denied.

Without a dismantling of the current structures and those who have used them to get away with murder – either through action of omission – being brought to justice, our people will continue dying. Where there is no consequence, there is no change.

The fight continues. Rest in peace in the dreaming my brother. Love to the family and community. Your struggle is ours.

● *Gamilarray woman Natalie Cromb is a writer and activist.*

Education can become our resistance

I WAS recently called into an incident at work where an Aboriginal student posted online via social media comments in regards to a lecture from a colleague at the university that went viral. It reminded me that the unique position we once held as Blackfellas, as Aboriginal, has for many become blurred in that we experience the world from a position that is no longer seen as purely Black or White, Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal.

Personally, I haven't taught Aboriginal studies for many years. I remember making a conscious decision some time ago to become truly independent and not reliant on government funding. I had to remove myself from within the Aboriginal industry. As a consequence I am now Director of Creative and Professional Writing – not Aboriginal studies.

I am not saying that I disagree with identified Aboriginal positions. They are integral to many of our organisations and services, and a way of creating diversity and employment within previously racist institutions. Unfortunately, what we are seeing is that within the many Aboriginal organisations, and government departments,



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which were dependent upon funding to maintain employment opportunities and services integral to the wellbeing of our people, identified Aboriginal funding is now being allocated to mainstream services and organisations and our people are struggling as a result.

We even had the controversy last year that money intended for Aboriginal advancement from Prime Minister and Cabinet had gone towards legal fees for non-Indigenous people opposing native title claims.

This is despite circumstances of extreme

poverty being significantly more prevalent among our mob than non-indigenous groups. Other factors, such as a lack of access to education and social services, inherited from an act of colonisation, are determined and compounded by structural racism and discrimination.

It was within such an environment that I find myself now as a director of a major university who at the same time is Aboriginal, independent from my employment but not my value systems. And it was within this capacity, holding this strange 'in-between space' that I was able to use my position to inform, and contribute towards a future vision for the university, one that supported a fellow Aboriginal student, but at the same time remained loyal to my place of employment.

Such an 'in-between space' is well known to many of our mob and one that can be fraught with many obstacles, moral judgments and personal reflection. At the end of the day discussion had already begun at the highest levels throughout the university in creating a foundation course that truly reflects our history as a civilisation built at least 60 thousand years ago rather

than just the last two hundred years.

It's an important step where currently, as uncles, aunties, fathers, mothers and grandparents outside of the universities and government services, we talk about our identity as story and knowledge related to traditional ceremony and practice as ongoing cultural maintenance over tens of thousands of years old.

But as workers, educators and professionals, the majority of our time is spent discussing the ongoing effects of white culture and genocide — for example, the lack of housing, health and employment issues, the waters crises and youth suicide, incarceration rates and death in custody, all of which is important, but restricts our culture to only the last 200 years and limits our potential within the chains of colonisation.

Truth is the sustainability of Aboriginal sciences and environmental land and water management has become essential conversation in facing the key challenges we face globally. Blackfellas have maintained knowledge within our own philosophies and worldviews from generation to generation over thousands of years. These include knowledgeable practice

through life experience living on country over generations, their responsibilities for management of the environment, the land and waters providing for the needs of their families and country for thousands of years.

I have realised over time that, outside the binary of oppression, we are part of the inheritance of the world we ourselves live in, and we must claim custodianship of our intellectual and material legacy ourselves.

This cannot not be orchestrated or managed by others. There is a sense of urgency in translating our stories into a stored archive, written and recorded into facilities that may function to disseminate this timeless narrative of environmental management, cultural practice and science around the world.

Make no mistake that our Aboriginal knowledge is seen as an essential part of the legacy of this world in determining sustainable land management, water conservation and sciences integral to our survival. As part of this personal journey in finding my independence I have found myself as an applicant within native title and as an elected member of the Northern Basin Aboriginal

Nations where you realise that not only are we fighting for our rights, we have become the voice of reason within the very survival of our planet.

These stories help us endure and make sense of the world we live in.

The collaborative inquiry network of Aboriginal scholars we seek to create, must have as one of its objectives the creation of a framework for the cultural preservation of cultural riches and dissemination of cultural heritage as determined not through government funding, but acknowledged as essential to our very survival, more important than Western farming practices and the addiction to fossil fuels that are currently killing our planet.

This work is strengthened by the global discourse on repatriation of dispersed material to their rightful countries and peoples throughout the colonised world.

Having created our own knowledge centres we can then focus our narrative on the possibility of promoting a support system that validates a common consciousness among our Aboriginal peoples across the world via the use of technology in education.

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

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Roads and Maritime Services has been working closely with Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups throughout the project, to protect and preserve Aboriginal artefacts, history and culture of the area.

We would like to invite registration from additional Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups in Windsor and the Hawkesbury region to participate in developing the heritage interpretation for the project.

We are particularly looking for additional Aboriginal people who have cultural knowledge relevant to Thompson Square and surrounds.

WolfPeak has been engaged to lead the consultation for the heritage interpretation for this project, and we will be holding workshops from late April.

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To register your interest, please contact:

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Roads and Maritime Services

Aboriginal Heritage Henry Lawson Drive – M5 Motorway to Hume Highway

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 proposed Henry Lawson Drive Upgrade – M5 Motorway to Hume Highway to register to be consulted.

Henry Lawson Drive is located within the Canterbury Bankstown LGA. The purpose of the project is to improve travel times, journey time reliability and road safety outcomes for all road users.

Please email henrylawsondrive@rms.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 951 218 to view a map of the study area.

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*.

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To register your interest, please contact:

Lee Davison, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer

Phone: 1800 951 218

Email: henrylawsondrive@rms.nsw.gov.au

Mail: Henry Lawson Drive Project team, Roads and Maritime Services, 27 Argyle Street, Parramatta NSW 2150

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by Wednesday 8 May 2019.



Bulabula Yarga (Four Winds) performers reunite at the handback ceremony along with Elders (front row, standing, left to right), Ted Williams, Ray Levinge, Patricia O'Connor, Allan Lena and Ian Levinge.



Uncle Ted Williams gives each Bulabula Yarga cast member their didgeridoo and Certificate of Authenticity.



Performers playing together again, one year after their Commonwealth Games performance.

Back to glory days for didge orchestra

By JULIA HUNT



FROM a worldwide stage at the Commonwealth Games a year ago, more than 40 members of the Four Winds Didgeridoo

Orchestra took to the podium in the grounds of Yugambeh Museum at Beenleigh on Sunday, April 7, for a handing back ceremony.

In front of a gathering of family and friends, orchestra members were each presented with a didgeridoo used during their performance at the opening ceremony of the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

"It's wonderful reliving the glory days" was how performer and president of the Kombumerri Aboriginal Corporation Chris Levinge described the occasion.

"To see all these smiling faces here today. And to think it was us out there performing with a simple little didge," Chris said.

Chris admits to being excited when the idea was born in 2012 and there were community discussions about using the Games opening ceremony as a backdrop for a gathering of Indigenous men and boys, celebrating with the didgeridoo. The seed was sown for a didgeridoo orchestra to play before tens of thousands of people and millions more on tv.

"It started to get government interest and I thought, 'Gee, I want to be part of this.' I was nowhere near confident to play, so I did some lessons on You Tube. It's such a cool instrument to learn – it's the oldest woodwind instrument in the world," Chris said.

David Rotherham was at the ceremony and looking forward to the handover and receiving what would be his 11th



Uncle Allan Lena with Yugambeh Project officer Paula Nihot.

didgeridoo. He plays didge in a band on the Gold Coast, has a deep respect for culture and believes strongly in the positive meditative effects playing the didge can have.

Projects officer at Yugambeh Paula Nihot, a proud Gamilaraay woman, has been tracking and helping to organise the journey of the orchestra over the past four years – since she applied for what transpired to be the first successful grant to kick off its beginnings.

"The idea was to engage in cultural performance and build satellite orchestras in the lead up to the games. We had no way of guaranteeing anything," Paula told the *Koori Mail*.

But in 2016 the Bulabula Yarga

Didgeridoo Orchestra satellite sites became a reality – East Wind on the Gold Coast and Logan; North Wind led by Tony Lee in Darwin; South Wind led by Jamie Goldsmith in Adelaide; and West Wind led by Phil Walley-Stack in Perth.

Celebrations ensued the following year – after much hard work, the Yugambeh Museum received the news of the Bulabula Yarga segment being officially scheduled into the opening ceremony.

Today, the outcomes are looking extremely positive and ongoing.

"A grant we received last December is enabling us to track the results. We needed to know the motivations of why people joined, whether they used their own didge or not, their positive experiences pre and post games," Paula said.

"So far we've had 44 respondents to our survey, so we're about halfway there. The biggest thing we're finding is about strength – men from the north, south, east and west – coming together as one, united, connected, strong and proud. Being grateful and appreciative was also coming through.

"Opportunities have arisen for many. Some of the young men are now playing the didge at their school; another reported now having the confidence to engage in work; men from North Winds have been invited to open the Arafura Games; and, many ongoing connections and friendships around the country have come out of this.

"There is a power in letting males be males and seeing them learn from each other. A whole range of young fellows learnt the didge in the lead up. They had positive role models and built strong connections with men, having fathers and uncles involved."

Santa Teresa is the tidiest



THE remote Aboriginal community of Santa Teresa in the Northern Territory has been named the

2019 winner of the Australian Sustainable Communities Tidy Town Award.

Proud residents flew to Tasmania to attend the Tidy Towns awards ceremony and receive their awards in the categories of Litter Prevention, Environmental Communication and Engagement, Community Health, Wellbeing and Interest and Young Legends – Group.

Santa Teresa radio broadcaster Phillip Alice said, "We think this is the best place to live in central Australia. We love it here."

Traditional owner Nora Hayes is an assistant teacher at the Ltyentye Apurte Catholic Education Centre who travelled to the ceremony to collect the award in the Litter Prevention category.

"We have done a lot of things at school," she said. "The kids have designed posters that remind everyone to pick up rubbish and how to recycle. We also have regular working bees as part of Eco Schools Program."

The school's deputy principal Justin Colley was recognised when the school's student representative council won the



Traditional owner Nora Hayes with civil workers from MacDonnell Regional Council, Mervyn and Darren Young.

Young Legends category.

Atyenhenge Atherre Aboriginal Corporation (AAAC) won the Community Health, Wellbeing and Interest category through their range of programs, which include a men's shed, hair salon, nutrition and a pregnant women and young mums program.

Winning the Environmental Communication and Engagement award was thanks to MacDonnell Regional Council's spending two years in consultation with community leaders, stakeholders and residents to help young people to understand how their community can be more sustainable and empower them to guide environmental decisions into the future.

"To help make this happen,



Santa Teresa accepts the Australian Sustainable Communities Tidy Towns Award.

Council engaged with ABC children's television creators of *dirtgirl*, *scrapboy* and *Costa the garden gnome* – and acquired their *Get Grubby* program for use in the Council's early learning centres and participating schools," Ms Hayes said.

MacDonnell Regional Council's new waste management facility has been

designed to have the lowest possible impact on the environment and received a Highly Commended award in the Resource Recovery and Waste Management category.

MacDonnell Regional Council chief executive Jeff MacLeod said the town was looking forward to hosting next year's Tidy Towns national finalists in Santa Teresa.

Established as a Catholic Mission in the 1950s, Santa Teresa became home to Aboriginal people from Alice Springs and the mission at the former gold mining town of Arltunga. Known to the local Eastern Arrernte speakers as Ltyentye Apurte (pronounced 'Ginger Porta'), Santa Teresa is today home to about 600 local residents.



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The two women behind the success of the Port Macquarie Elders Olympics, Cynthia O'Brien-Younie and her sister Gloria O'Brien-Rudyk.



UNTIL the Elders Olympics at Port Macquarie, a family gathering for a 60th birthday party was the biggest thing Gloria O'Brien-Rudyk had ever organised.

But that changed when she teamed up with her sister Cynthia O'Brien-Younie and the duo became the driving force behind the highly successful event that drew 1000 people from across NSW for a day of games, fun and friendship.

Looking out on the sea of competitors, carers, spectators and volunteers, Gloria couldn't help feeling proud.

"It also gives me mixed emotions about what we've accomplished," she said.

"I feel so happy. Our ancestors would be so proud, especially our mum. It's a really great vibe.

"Coming together like this. They call it a modern-day corroboree. Meeting old friends

and making new ones, rather than going to a funeral."

And Gloria's very proud of their 'sister act' – their first event management role as a team.

"Slim (Gloria's nickname for her sister), you've gone way and beyond," she said, with high regard of her sister's organisational capabilities. The sisters have always been close.

"Always there to support each other," they said. They are both board members on the Werin Aboriginal Land Council.

Cynthia retired from her profession in October. She is now looking at a business venture putting together and presenting cultural awareness packages.

Gloria is looking forward to some "peace and quiet" and "going back to being a housewife".

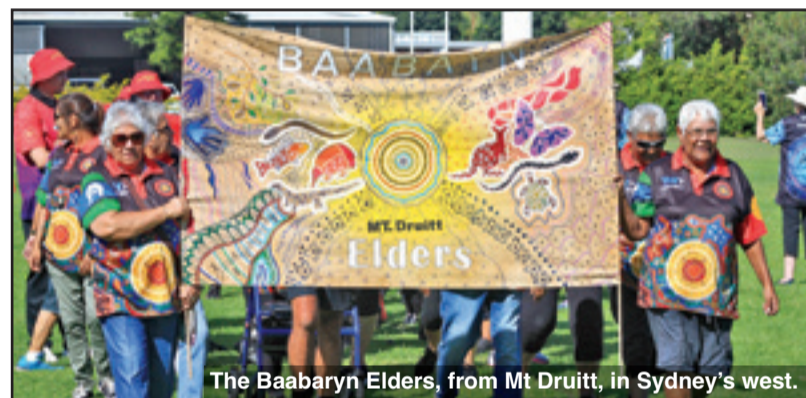
And she'll also go back to Inverell, host of last year's Games, to "have a good look around – something we didn't get to do when we were there last year".



The Gunnedeh Elders were striking with their umbrellas.



The colourful Abcare Dolphins from Coffs Harbour.



The Baabaryn Elders, from Mt Druitt, in Sydney's west.



The Jagun Elders, from Moonee Beach, just north of Coffs Harbour didn't have too far to travel to the Elders Olympics at Port Macquarie.



The Giniyarr Elders, from Mungindi. Their shirt design was judged the best.



The Worimi Elders, from Port Stephens, just north of Newcastle.



The Bundjalung Warriors travelled from north-eastern NSW.



Noelene Ballangarry, from Nambucca Heads, certainly played her part in the Ngambaga Bindarry Girrwa mob winning the Elders Olympics. She was deadly accurate in throwing the football through the wall in one of the disciplines.



Lorna Quinlin, from Bellbrook, near Kempsey, represented the Booroongen Djugun Elders and had a go at testing her skills in the bean bag throwing competition.



Zona Moran, from the Annecto Bunnies (South West Rocks), shoots for a basket.

All fun and games

By JULIA HUNT



THE Elders Olympic Games will be staged at Nambucca Heads next year after the Ngambaga

Bindarry Girrwa Elders took out top spot in a highly successful 2019 Games at Port Macquarie.

The Ngambaga Bindarry Girrwa Elders (Team 2) went on to win gold after placing first in the hockey relay, pass the football and walking relay events. More than 500 competitors took part in the 10th anniversary of the Games, held under sunny skies at Port Macquarie, and watched on by another 500 supporters, carers, volunteers and organisers.

The day kicked off with a colourful march past and banner parade involving 37 teams, with Moree's Mehi Murri Elders taking out the prize for best banner.

Werin Elder Uncle Morrie handcrafted the totems from Biripi Country marking each of the eight games stations.

Games organisers Cynthia O'Brien-Young and her sister



They looked the part and at the end of the day, they proved it, winning the Elders Olympics. They came from the Nambucca Valley.

Gloria O'Brien-Rudyk were ecstatic over the success of the event and the follow-up awards dinner at the Port Macquarie

Panthers Club.

"It has been good for the town and a big boost to the economy. Teams have come from Moree

and Werris Creek in the west, south to Mt Druitt in Sydney and north to Ballina," Cynthia said.

"They ate in cafes and

restaurants and stayed in motels and apartments."

The event was sponsored by the Werin Aboriginal Medical Corporation, supported by the Buripi Land Council and hosted by the Werin Elders Group.

THE RESULTS

Overall: Gold, Ngambaga Bindarry Girrwa Elders (Team 2); silver, Karuah Elders; bronze, Worrimu Wubaray Elders (Team 2)

Stations: Bean bag throw, Karuah Elders; quoits, Muswellbrook Elders; pass the football, Ngambaga Bindarry Girrwa Elders (Team 2); netball hoops, Birpai LALC Elders; ball toss, Muswellbrook Elders; hockey, Ngambaga Bindarry Girrwa Elders (Team 2); egg baton relay, Abcare Dolphins and Muswellbrook Elders; walking relay, Ngambaga Bindarry Girrwa Elders (Team 2).

Team sportspersonship: Wiradjuri United.

Best shirt: Giniyarr Elders Mungindi.



The Bear Eaters, from Inverell, were there to have fun.



The Mehi Murri Elders, from the Moree region. Their banner was judged the best of the Olympics.

Prisons mean business



LOCKING people up in Australia is big business, and one of the biggest players in the grisly game is Serco Asia Pacific, the company contracted to run a jail for 1700 inmates on the outskirts of Grafton. The ‘super-prison’ is expected to be completed mid next year after the 1100-strong workforce completes its construction. Once finished, it will house 400 men in minimum security, plus 1000 men and 300 women in segregated sections of the maximum facility. *Koori Mail* journalist DARREN COYNE visited to find out what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can expect.



AS Queensland's Labor Government rids itself of private prisons, the NSW Government is happy to hand over the keys to the largest prison in the country to a private operator.

Ironically, the keys will be going to a company with roots in the UK, which also runs Australia's controversial off-shore detention centre on Christmas Island and other prisons and immigration facilities.

The new super-prison, located on the outskirts of Grafton in Northern NSW, will eventually house 1700 inmates.

In 2012, the NSW Coalition Government downsized the state-run Grafton Jail, amid widespread community protests.

Serco Asia Pacific was chosen by the Berejiklian Government, as part of a consortium, to construct and run the new prison for a cool \$1.5 billion over the next 20 years.

Serco's tentacles stretch throughout Australia, and the Pacific region.

And while the company is no stranger to controversy, losing a contract in NZ four years ago when a prisoner ‘fight club’ was discovered, and most recently losing a contract in Queensland because of a “high rate of assaults” in private prisons, something which Serco boss Mark Irwin strenuously denies.

Nevertheless, today's reality is that the company expects to welcome its first inmates on July 1, 2020.



Artist's impression of the prison.

“Obviously Corrective Services NSW have the opportunity to review our performance regularly so we must earn the right to continue to operate for that 20-year period,” Mr Irwin said.

Given the re-election of the Berejiklian Coalition Government, at least the first four years of the contract would appear assured.

And wherever there are prisons, history and statistics

suggest Australia has a long-standing tradition of locking up Indigenous people.

Serco's Indigenous engagement manager Andrew Hegedus told the *Koori Mail* that the company was committed to the rehabilitation of Indigenous prisoners.

He spoke of the company's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which outlines “our commitment to reconciliation as an organisation and how we can

influence that process going forward mainly through recruitment, procurement and cultural-competency type training”.

“It's been a good process and the company is committed to positioning itself and working with Aboriginal people Australia-wide,” he said.

“There are 1100 people on site and that is done through John Holland (one of Australia's largest construction companies).

“John Holland is running at about 8% Indigenous employment and that target is one that we've taken on as well.

“We would like if possible to go beyond that as we go into the operations phase, which is the next phase of the project.”

Serco's Asia Pacific chief executive officer Mark Irwin said he was expecting a mixture of “people already in the system, along with people coming into the system”.



Serco's Indigenous Engagement manager Andrew Hegedus and Serco Asia Pacific chief executive Mark Irwin.

"The facility was designed quite fundamentally to support people through a journey of rehabilitation in order to get them ready to reintegrate into society, so we work with the department to see how we can get the appropriate placement to help people through that journey," Mr Irwin said.

"In the design, we have more conventional cell block type accommodation, but we actually support the prisoners through a process where they can end up living in residential units where they are catering, cleaning ... all the things you do in order to reintegrate back into society."

So how many Aboriginal prisoners does Serco expect?

"Ultimately those placement decisions will be made closer to the time of operating and they may vary as we go through but we do expect there to be representation in the cohort that we manage and in fact we look forward to it," Mr Irwin said.

"We've had good success around re-integration and rehabilitation in other facilities we manage, including Acacia prison in WA and we've also run for a long time up until last year the one at Wandoo, which is now converted to a female rehabilitation prison."

Mr Irwin said Serco had "terrific success" reducing re-offending rates among Aboriginal men aged between 18 and 28 years.

"So we are taking all of those learnings and we hope to put it in place here," he said.

Andrew Hegedus explained further.

"Part of the participation plan is engaging with local Elders and service providers to come in as part of the rehabilitation plan to talk to young men and women and be part of that whole rehabilitation and reconnection with culture and country," he said.

Mr Hegedus said it was

"We see connection to country, family, connection to employment, decent accommodation as some of the cornerstones for people to get on that pathway and not to reoffend."

hoped that Aboriginal people from the north coast already in the system might "transition back to this local area".

Connection to mob

"Which gives them a little more connection to their mob and their country and also addresses some of recommendations in the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody," he said.

"Connecting with Elders and service providers locally to come in and work with those inmates will be a good thing."

Mr Irwin said the company was committed to rehabilitation.

"We see connection to country, family, connection to employment, decent accommodation as some of the cornerstones for people to get on that pathway and not to reoffend."

"We don't look at them as individual elements and how do we pull this all together, but in an overall program to help people."

"We've seen the successes when you get those things right. Staffing levels?"

"Our goal is 8% (Aboriginal employment) but we hope to have more."

"Within that, it's important to recognise that there are ten different types of roles within the facility. We've got the custodial staff, case managers, social workers and nurses providing a broader support network ... so the roles are not just for corrections officers, it will be all of those other roles as well."

"We see that, in other parts of the country and experience in NZ, we've been able to bring it to life by having our staff represent those communities."

Speaking of NZ, the *Koori*

Mail pointed out that Serco lost its contract to manage a prison because it was discovered prisoners were operating a 'fight club', and sharing their videos online.

"In 2015 we operated Mount Eden prison there and there were a range of issues that existed there. We addressed those very clearly, very openly and transparently both with the government and the public," Mr Irwin said.

Challenges

"There were challenges there around staffing levels, around how we responded to some of the changes in the cohort. There was a high rate of (staff) turnover and we didn't respond quickly enough."

"We've acknowledged that and we currently run another facility in NZ and have a much

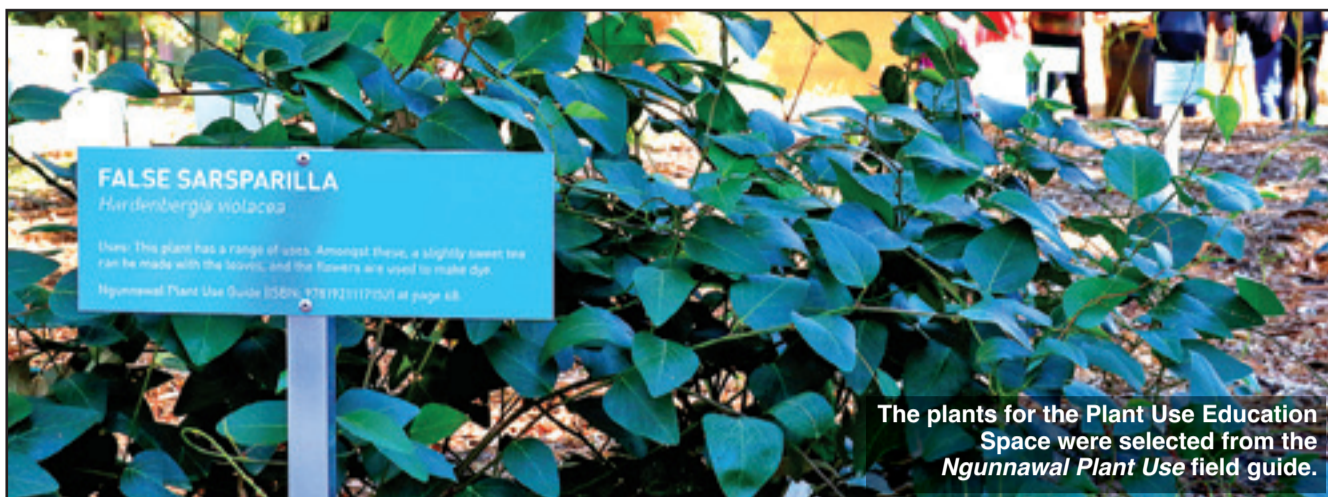
better outcome in that, based on what we committed to, and based on the lessons learned from 2015."

With the average prisoner costing the Government more than \$100,000 a year, the *Koori Mail* asked whether a justice reinvestment approach, as advocated by successive Social Justice Commissioners and advocacy groups such as Sisters Inside, would have better social results than building massive jails.

"Those are decisions for Government, but from a Serco perspective where the decisions have been made by Government for prisons to be established or operated, our focus is to do it right," Mr Irwin said.

"We want to work towards social outcomes, whether in the custodial environment or in the community."

An artist's impression of inside a cell.



The plants for the Plant Use Education Space were selected from the Nggunawal Plant Use field guide.

Native plantings bloom in the teaching gardens



THE native plants of the Nggunawal people will soon be blooming, now the

Nggunawal Plant Use Education Space is open at the University of Canberra.

Adjacent to the university's library, the Nggunawal Plant Use Education Space is home to varieties native to the region.

These have been, and still are, used by the Nggunawal people for a myriad of purposes, from food to tools, weapons and medicine, to fibre and dye.

Among the plants, visitors will find kangaroo grass, which can be used for weaving baskets and fishing nets; kurrajong, which has edible seeds, sap and shoots; and narrow leaf hop bush, which leaves are used to relieve toothache.

The space features signs with both the Nggunawal and the Latin botanical names for each plant, plus a description of

its uses. They were planted according to the *Nggunawal Plant Use* field guide, published by the ACT Government.

University of Canberra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership and Strategy dean Professor Peter Radoll said the space recognises the cultural history of the land and values the ongoing rich cultural legacy of the Nggunawal people.

"Learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures on campus, and within the curriculum, allows students to develop respect for diversity," he said.

University of Canberra vice-chancellor and president Professor Deep Saini said the Space provides a valuable opportunity to increase cultural awareness on campus.

"This ties in to UC's ongoing commitment to providing a culturally safe environment for students, staff and communities through recognition of our First Peoples," he said.



University of Canberra Elder in Residence Aunty Roslyn Brown and University of Canberra vice-chancellor Professor Deep Saini planting a tea tree at the launch of Ngaladjima, the Nggunawal Plant Use Education Space.

300-year-old scar tree to be protected



A 300-year-old scar tree will be protected since plans for the expansion of the Queensland Academy for Science, Mathematics and Technology (QASMT) in Toowong have been revised.

Queensland Education Minister Grace said a three-storey Northern Learning Centre will be built at another site at the academy, outside the tree's protection zone.

Ms Grace said her department had been working closely with the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and the traditional owners, the Turrbal people, to ensure the expansion could still be delivered while respecting the cultural and environmental sensitivities of the site.

"My department takes its role in supporting environmental protection and minimising the impact of our actions on the environment seriously," Ms Grace said.

"Senior officers from my department have had discussions with the Turrbal people and they have agreed with our proposal to adjust the location of the building in order to avoid any impact on the tree. I would like to thank the representatives of the Turrbal people for their willingness to work with the department to find an outcome that is a win for the community and for our students."

Ms Grace said the \$36.3 million Stage Two expansion includes the construction of the Northern Learning Centre and a STEM hub.

"This project will support up to 96 full-time jobs which is a welcome boost to the local economy," she said. "The Northern Learning Centre is expected to be finished in March 2020, featuring 12 classrooms, staff rooms, undercover parking and a courtyard. The centre is expected to accommodate Year 8 and 9 students."

"Meanwhile, construction of the STEM building is expected to be finished in time for day one of the 2020 school year."

Study guarantees a job



TRISTAN Mongoo struggled to break into the mining industry before

he graduated from Fortescue's Vocational Training and Employment Centre (VTEC) training program, but now he's about to enter into a traineeship at Solomon mine in Western Australia.

The VTEC program is based on the idea that after successfully completing training, you are guaranteed a job.

Tristan, along with the 10 other VTEC graduates, will undertake a six-month traineeship at Solomon mine site in roles spanning drill and blast, Ore Processing Facilities (OPF) and production.

"I applied for quite a few

jobs over the last few years and couldn't catch a break. VTEC is a stepping stone for me to get into mining," Tristan said.

Tristan said he was impressed with the wide range of career pathways available at Fortescue – for recent graduates through to emerging leaders.

"Seeing one of the VTEC coordinators step into an acting general manager position recently opened my eyes to the potential career progression opportunities at Fortescue. I'd love to get into a management position one day," Tristan said.

Another VTEC graduate, Vicki Green, left her cleaning job in Halls Creek and moved with her 18-year-old daughter to Karratha to complete the program. She starts her traineeship as a dump truck operator at

Solomon this week.

"The VTEC program has allowed me to find meaningful work and help me make a better life for myself."

"The physical aspect of my previous job wasn't sustainable at my age – I wanted to ease myself off from the physical work and this role is perfect," Vicki said.

Fortescue chief financial officer Ian Wells, who attended one of the graduations, said 836 Aboriginal people have been offered employment since VTEC began in 2006.

"I am always humbled by the personal stories of our VTEC graduates, including their courage and determination to take on new challenges and begin a new career with Fortescue," Mr Wells said.



Fortescue Metals Group (Fortescue) has celebrated the graduation of 12 Vocational Training and Employment Centre (VTEC) students from South Hedland and Roebourne.

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ACU launches into action

A new Reconciliation Action Plan paves the way for greater inclusion

AUSTRALIAN Catholic University (ACU) vice-chancellor Professor Greg Craven has launched ACU's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which is aimed at driving the university's contribution to reconciliation within ACU and in the wider community.

The RAP is a strategic document that provides the university with practical actions to further its role in reconciliation, both within the university and in the wider community.

ACU was one of the first Australian universities to formally support the

reconciliation movement with our Statement of Commitment to Reconciliation, which was launched in 1998.

Last year ACU also took a lead in developing a set of proposals for how our nation's constitution could be amended to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices are represented in Parliament.

Speaking at the launch event at the ACU Mount Saint Mary Campus in Strathfield recently, Prof Craven recalled the university's work in the space of reconciliation.

"Our university's commitment to reconciliation and constitutional recognition

is absolutely vital," Prof Craven said.

Prof Craven said the RAP will help ACU solidify its commitment to involving Indigenous people in the life of the university and to making Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives integral to the university's curriculum.

"It ensures we will continue to provide meaningful opportunities and to encourage greater participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in tertiary education, empowering them to reach their full academic and economic potential," he said.

"And it allows our university to drive a broader change agenda, providing a framework to enable us to play a role in improving the lives and respecting the dignity of Australia's Indigenous people."

ACU Peoples and Equity Pathways director Jane Ceolin said the RAP had been two years in the making and was an important, strategic document for ACU.

"The RAP includes practical actions that will drive our contribution to reconciliation both within ACU and in our engagement with the community," Ms Ceolin said.

Other speakers at the launch event included ACU Indigenous Recruitment and Retention project lead, Doseena Fergie and General Counsel Diane Barker. Reconciliation Australia's CEO Karen Mundine also addressed attendees at the launch event.

The RAP is an overarching document, which also takes into consideration ACU's existing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Employment Strategy and the university's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Strategy.

You can read about the RAP on the ACU website.

Meet the young woman of the west: Matilda Harry

Simple beginnings in Darug land

GROWING up on Darug land in the Hawkesbury — a region nestled at the base of the Blue Mountains north-west from Sydney — Matilda counts herself as lucky to have enjoyed a simple childhood where she had the opportunity to connect with the land, ride horses and be with her friends and family.

It was when Matilda attended Colo High School that she first connected with the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience — an organisation that matches Indigenous high school students with mentors from universities to ensure no Indigenous student is left behind.

"I was so lucky to have such inspiring and supportive mentors from within my mob, my school and through different programs that pushed me to be the best that I can be."

With the support she received, Matilda's involvement in school life grew.

She joined her Student Representative Council and became a peer support leader, Duke of Edinburgh participant, and school captain at Colo High School.

The good and the bad

As pressures in her family grew in the lead up to Year 12, tackling the HSC and life after high school seemed daunting.

Worried as to how she would support herself at university, she applied for as many scholarships as she could and Western Sydney University's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Program, an alternative entry pathway into university in case she didn't get the results she needed.

Through hard work and dedication, Matilda achieved an exceptional ATAR of 95 and was offered a place by Western Sydney University in the Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) Dean's Scholars and the Bachelor of Applied Leadership and Critical Thinking through the university's high-achieving program, The Academy.

She was also awarded the prestigious Vice-Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship in recognition of her academic and community achievements and the Community Scholarship which supports students facing hardship.

"It made me so proud to be the first person in my family to attend university.

"My family were ecstatic to hear of my degree offers and scholarships.

"They could not be prouder

This 20-year-old Aboriginal woman from humble beginnings is leading the way in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education advocacy with the support of her greatest asset — her family.



"Not only did my time with the Anangu community challenge my perspectives and worldviews, but it made me really passionate about advocating for change for our people."

and have always supported me 110%."

The trip of a lifetime

After completing her HSC, Matilda took the trip of a lifetime

with NSW treasurer Dominic Perrottet and other young leaders to visit remote communities in the Northern Territory.

"My first trip to primary schools in Yulara and Docker River really opened my eyes to the inequalities and

disadvantage that many of our mob still face today.

"Not only did my time with the Anangu community challenge my perspectives and worldviews, but it made me really passionate about advocating for change for our people."

Student turned advocate

Matilda returned from the trip with a renewed sense of purpose and found like-minded people to connect with at university.

She also returned to the program that got her through high school, by becoming an Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience mentor.

She also became an ambassador for the Ngarra National Park Aboriginality Program and a volunteer for Anglicare Australia and Riding for the Disabled Australia.

Woman of the West Award

Matilda was named Young Woman of the West in March 2019 and received her award from the Hon Julie Bishop MP at a special ceremony.

"The Women of the West Awards celebrate the achievements of western Sydney's phenomenal women, and it was my greatest privilege to be recognised.

"I can easily say that I would not be where I am today without the sacrifices, support and influence of the passionate and strong women in my life."

"As a young Indigenous woman who is extremely passionate about equitable education and Indigenous affairs, I hope that I too will become an influential female role model for future young women in our area.

"This award means the world to myself, my family and my community."

Words of advice from Matilda

Thinking about life after school, your career and how you can make a difference to your community?

Matilda shares her top tips for students:

- Get involved in everything that you can, whether it be in your school community, your mob or your local community.
- Do not be afraid to ask questions if you don't understand or need extra assistance.
- Find and maintain a balance in your life.
- It is important to have a balance of family time, sport, study, culture and whatever makes you happy.
- Step outside your comfort zone. Do not be afraid or ashamed to put yourself in challenging situations.
- Discover your passions and dream big.

Don't let your fears limit you and remember to learn from both your successes and failures along the way.



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UTS graduates open rooftop farm

YERRABINGIN, a start-up founded by UTS Bachelor of Business Administration (Indigenous) graduates Clarence Slockee and Christian Hampson, has opened Australia's first Indigenous rooftop farm, in conjunction with real estate developer Mirvac.

NSW Governor David Hurley and his wife Linda Hurley attended the event, with ABC TV *Gardening Australia* host Costa Georgiadis officially opening the site.

Native food

Based at South Eveleigh, the farm will grow native food species, utilising innovative engineering, permaculture practice and Indigenous cultural knowledge.

The project aims to teach people about Indigenous culture and environmental knowledge through events and workshops, with the produce sold to local chefs.

"We're hoping this will become the prototype for future projects across the country," said Slockee, a Mindjimbil-Bundjalug man who has a background in Environmental Education and is a regular presenter



Performance at the opening of the Yerrabingin rooftop farm. Picture: Stuart Cohen

on *Gardening Australia*.

Produce from the farm will include saltbush, native mint, finger limes, warrigal greens, wild rosella and native elderberries.

The farm aims to be a complete eco-system, with native bees for pollination and native indigo as a nitrogen-fixer.

"For rooftops, I think often native plants are ideal as they can be very hardy in

places that are very sunny and dry," Slockee said.

Collective voice

"And it's wonderful that it's happening in South Eveleigh around this industrial heritage where so many Aboriginal people worked and is so well known as a place where workers found a collective voice.

"It's good to see the

landscape will now also incorporate elements of the oldest living culture and the oldest tried-and-true methodologies around caring for the environment," he said.

Yerrabingin co-founder Christian Hampson, a Woiwurrung and Maneroo man with an extensive background in cultural heritage management, said, "We are also designing and

constructing a cultural landscape garden as part of the South Eveleigh precinct as well as managing the landscape across the site."

"Our business model is driven by solution design and we are currently contributing an Indigenous design narrative to a number of projects with major commercial partners," he said.

We walk together

Slockee and Hampson were part of the first cohort of UTS Bachelor of Business Administration (Indigenous) students, and developed Yerrabingin, which means 'we walk together', in 2018.

The UTS BBA (Indigenous) program, unique in Australia, is specifically designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professionals wishing to gain a business degree qualification.

The executive-style program, which covers core functions of management and business administration, is taught in residential mode, where students attend classes for three six-day blocks per semester at UTS Business

School's campus right in the heart of Sydney.

Robynne Quiggin, Professor of Practice and Director of Indigenous Strategy at UTS Business School, congratulated Slockee and Hampson for their "inspiring and ambitious project".

"The BBA builds on existing knowledge and experience of Indigenous professionals, and provides our students with the confidence to make a big impact, either in their existing workplace or in launching innovative projects like this."

Commencing in February, each intake into Bachelor of Business Administration (Indigenous) brings together students from as far afield as the far north Queensland, Perth and the NSW South Coast.

Support network

The close-knit cohorts quickly establish a network of support that helps students not only through their studies but with their ongoing professional development.

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From Gadigal country to Venice

Wiradjuri woman and Communications (Digital Social Media) and International Studies student Jessica Cox was a long way from Gadigal country, Sydney for her fourth year at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS).

As part of her Italian major she studied in Venice, Italy for her In-Country Study (ICS). This is where International Studies students spend their fourth year of study at a partner university overseas for a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the language and culture of another country.

To get to university, Jessica went through the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research "Pathways Program" which offers prospective undergraduate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students an opportunity to illustrate their capability for higher education via a testing, assessment and interview process. Selection is also based on factors including previous life, education and work experience.

At Jumbunna, the ATAR is not the primary measure of success. The Pathways Program is inclusive of recent-school leavers (with or without an ATAR); non-school leavers; people with TAFE, College or previous University qualifications.

Through the Pathways process, Jessica was recommended by the team to enter her degree studies through the Insearch Indigenous Scholarship Program. This program covers all the costs of the students' studies and their accommodation and provides a laptop or a tablet. At UTS Insearch, students cover the same course content as other first year UTS students however they have access to ongoing academic support and benefit from smaller class sizes and greater contact with the academics that teach them.

The Jumbunna Insearch pathway is designed to support first year students in all aspects of their transition to university studies. Upon completion of their Insearch studies, students move seamlessly into their second year of their degree studies at UTS, with no HECS debt.



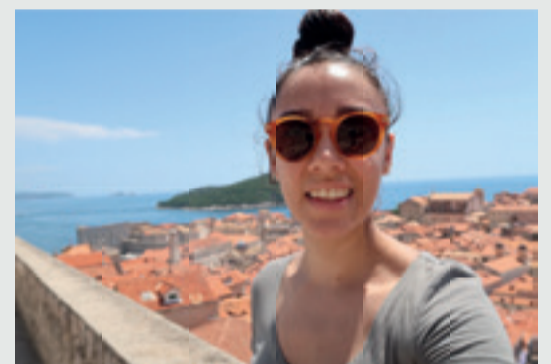
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The support that she received from UTS and Jumbunna helped her to apply to go to Venice, Italy. She had never been to Europe, let alone anywhere in the Northern hemisphere, and this opportunity allowed her to travel more than she ever thought she would.

Jessica loves studying at UTS because "the classes are interactive, it's a great location right in the heart of Sydney and the support I receive from Jumbunna has meant I've created a network of friends outside of my degree. It's a place I can go to if I ever need anything."

She said it was comforting know that there is financial support that students can get, and cost-covered accommodation services available for Indigenous students if they need it.



University can be a daunting experience, but Jessica says the support you receive through Jumbunna really helps the nerves. "Jumbunna has student tutors to help other students taking the same or a similar degree, and a peer support network available, especially for new students. They have them walk around during orientation and the beginning of semester to help new students find classes and they can ask them any questions," she says.

She also said it was reassuring knowing that if students need mental health help, they can speak to someone at Jumbunna and they can help book a counselling appointment or help organise doctors' appointments at the UTS clinic.

Jessica is glad that she chose UTS as her university because the opportunities have been endless and the support unwavering.



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Taylah is a winner

QUT engineering graduate awarded

A QUT aeronautical engineering graduate is among the winners of the third Indigenous STEM Awards, announced this month at a ceremony in Areyonga in the Northern Territory.

Taylah Griffin, winner of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tertiary Student STEM Achievement Award, is a proud Gangalu woman who grew up in Gordonvale in far north Queensland.

She recently graduated from QUT with a Bachelor of Electrical and Aerospace Engineering (Honours) and works for Boeing Defence Australia as a graduate systems engineer.

"My love for both my culture and for STEM are my motivations," Ms Griffin said.

"I'm the first Indigenous person to graduate with honours in electrical and aerospace engineering.

A partnership between the BHP Foundation and CSIRO, the

Indigenous STEM Awards recognise the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander STEM professionals and students as well as schools, teachers and mentors working in Indigenous STEM education.

"The future job market will be led by STEM and, currently, less than 1% of Indigenous students are studying STEM at university.

"If we don't put a spotlight on Indigenous excellence and promote STEM to young Indigenous Australians, then the gap will continue to grow."

The Indigenous STEM Award program is part of the Indigenous STEM Education Project, managed by CSIRO and funded by BHP Foundation.

The project aims to increase participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).



Taylah Griffin, winner of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tertiary Student STEM Achievement Award.

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UNE supports students to succeed

THE Oorala Aboriginal Centre at UNE integrates student support through a range of individualised systems by utilising a dedicated student support team, streamlining scholarship services, a targeted tutorial program and having access to modern study facilities as it continues to create new opportunities for students.

Graduations

The number of Indigenous students studying and graduating at UNE continues to increase. In 2018, UNE graduated 99 students across three graduation ceremonies – our biggest cohort to date.

One such graduate was Wiradjuri woman Kerby Siemsen. Kerby is UNE's first female Indigenous student to graduate with a Bachelor of Medicine from the School of Rural Medicine since the Joint Medical Program was first introduced in 2008.

Kerby's achievement is especially noteworthy as she dropped out of school in Year 11 and worked as a shearer in shearing sheds across the state before completing a tertiary preparation course that enabled her to enrol as a medical student. UNE



Wiradjuri woman and UNE graduate Kerby Siemsen with Elder in residence Colin Ahoy.

offers a variety of preparation courses and entry schemes, TRACKS and Miroma Bunbilla, for Indigenous students. The School of Rural Medicine also runs the Kruki Program for high school students.

Scholarships

Last year a national survey found that one in seven students goes without food and other necessities because they cannot afford them. To make it easier for

students to transition into higher education, the Oorala Aboriginal Centre introduced the Oorala Study Support Scholarships for Undergraduate and Enabling Course Students in 2018.

These scholarships not only assist students in their transition into higher education and financially support them in their studies. They also open doors to study support networks both on and off campus.

These scholarships give

preference to students from regional and remote areas, a demographic that make up over 65% of the Indigenous students enrolled at UNE in 2019. Also included in the scholarships are internet access, book vouchers and laptops (commencing students only).

Sixty scholarships were awarded to Indigenous students in 2018 and it's hoped more scholarships are coming.

In addition, Oorala

annually awards merit prizes to 11 high-achieving Indigenous students: three students from each of the University's faculties and one student each from the TRACKS Tertiary Preparation Program and the Pathway Enabling Course.

Oorala again assisted students to apply for Aurora Foundation Scholarships. The Lorna Earl and William Woodberry (LEWW) scholarship for Indigenous students going into their second year of study at UNE is valued at \$15,000 per year over the degree. Two UNE students were awarded this scholarship in 2019.

Modern facilities

The Oorala Aboriginal Centre also has a newly refurbished study lab for Indigenous students with 24/7 access. The previous study lab was over a decade old and needed extensive work to meet the needs of current students.

Oorala director Greg Davison, said that the nature of study had changed radically in the last decade with the introduction of digital, online learning and that students without reliable access to technology were at a distinct disadvantage.

"We know that having

access to reliable technology and a dedicated space to study is central to our students' success.

"The refurbished study lab allows them to come together, to network, and to meet with their tutors in a culturally safe environment," Mr Davison said.

"The study lab includes the latest technology, is quiet and accessible. It's lighter, brighter ambience and bigger working spaces are exactly what our students requested."

The benefits of the new space include larger workstations that allow for technology such as dual screens, laptop benches with more charging stations, bigger and better lit tutorial rooms and upgraded lockers.

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Graduates dance into culture

NAISDA Dance College's Class of 2018 graduated recently at a graduation ceremony hosted by master of ceremonies, NITV News presenter and journalist, Natalie Ahmat.

Sydney Festival artistic director Wesley Enoch delivered an inspiring and emotional keynote speech in celebration of the impressive talent and dedication of NAISDA's graduating artists as they go on to form Australia's next wave of Indigenous creative and cultural innovators.

NAISDA Dance College chief executive Kim Walker, expressed his pride for NAISDA's graduating class.

"NAISDA's graduation ceremonies are an annual reminder of the significant transformation that our developing artists go through during their time at NAISDA – not just as artists, but as young adults," said Mr Walker.

Two of the graduates, Gusta Mara and Kallum Goolagong, have been accepted into Bangarra Dance Theatre's exclusive Russell Page Graduate Program, where they have joined the ensemble as part



NAISDA Class of 2018 graduates Gusta Mara, Joan Atkinson, Neville Williams Boney, Emily Flannery, Kallum Goolagong, Aroha Pehi and Amy Flannery.

of its 30th anniversary program.

The other talented graduates, Joan Atkinson, Amy Flannery, Emily Flannery, Aroha Pehi and Neville Williams Boney, are already establishing themselves as respected independent artists, having performed with companies including Opera Australia and KARUL Projects, as well as developing their own projects in the short time since leaving NAISDA.

In his opening address, NAISDA chair Sean Gordon acknowledged the graduates' achievements.

"On behalf of NAISDA Dance College, I wish the

class of 2018 the best of luck as they pursue exciting career paths in dance, production, community, education and beyond – it is inspiring to know that our graduates will shape Australia's future performing arts landscape as they carry the NAISDA legacy forward," Mr Gordon said.

With applications to join NAISDA's 2020 intake now open, the college is inviting young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a passion for performance and production to apply for a coveted spot at NAISDA.

NAISDA's training excellence is underpinned by a philosophy of support,



Graduate Gusta Mara (right) joins developing artists performing at the graduation ceremony.

encompassing holistic wellbeing, culturally specific student services as well as a significant scholarship program – The Joanne Harris Scholarship Fund, which offers a range of scholarships and bursaries to help young Indigenous developing artists pursue success.

"Now is an exciting time to be considering studying at NAISDA. We are thrilled to be extending our curriculum in 2020 with the delivery of new career and

training outcomes as part of our expanded framework," Mr Walker said.

NAISDA's cultural and creative learning is informed by partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, cultural tutors, on-country residencies, communities and networks extending across Australia.

"As a cultural learning institute, NAISDA holds a rare place in the performing arts training sector," Mr Walker said.

"At our foundation lies the values that have inherently guided our cultures and peoples for thousands of years.

"Our goal is to provide our developing artists with the skills, opportunities, self-development, affirmation and independence to access the creative expressions and stories of today's Indigenous Australia."

To apply for NAISDA in 2020, visit naisda.com.au/audition-for-naisda



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AFTRS Indigenous

AFTRS Indigenous supports and identifies pathways for talented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices to study a range of disciplines in film, television and radio at all levels across the school. The Indigenous team also provides professional development opportunities for mid-level Indigenous screen and broadcast practitioners.

AFTRS Open Day

Everyone is welcome to

come and visit AFTRS to find out about the courses, meet with AFTRS lecturers and students and check out the film and TV studios. Saturday, August 10, 10am-3pm. Visit the AFTRS website for details.

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Koori Club students with Uncle Bruce at AFTRS O-Week.

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Cinematography, Directing, Documentary, Editing, Music, Screen Design, Sound and Animation & VFX.

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AFTRS Industry Certificates are practical and hands-on courses taught by screen and broadcast professionals.

The curriculum is informed and validated by AFTRS' Industry Advisory Panels and mapped to media industry roles and skills gaps. These courses

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Short courses

If you're just starting out, AFTRS' short-course division has introductory filmmaking, TV, radio and digital short courses for adults throughout the year as well as school-holiday courses for kids and teens.

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Kevin finds a niche in welding

As a young lad growing up beside the beach, Wangkumara man Kevin Dixon loved nothing more than casting his gaze across the ocean and daydreaming about a career on the big ships passing by.

In those days, Kevin called regional New South Wales home and aside from ship-spotting, his weekends were spent on a Cobar mine indulging his other passion – welding.

The Wynnum North stepdad is combining his passion for boats and his long-held desire to be a tradesman thanks to an ambitious East Coast Apprenticeships (ECA) pilot program, Sarina Russo Job Access and the support of a Federal Government incentive.

“I always wanted to do welding and used to go out on weekends to help my mate at a mine in Cobar where he was a welder,” Dixon said.

“I used to watch him and think I’d like to do something like that but I never had the opportunity to do it because back home was a little place and there were limited opportunities.”

Kevin was one four jobseekers Sarina Russo Job Access manager Jodie McClerie recently placed in their dream roles.

“These people will have never have to look for another job – a career in marine welding is a job



Kevin Dixon

for life,” Ms McClerie said.

“It’s a niche industry with an intricate skill set for which the demand is insatiable, and they will be never unemployed again.”

ECA launched the 12-week program in partnership with TAFE Queensland this year to deliver a Certificate II in Engineering Pathways followed by three weeks of an Intensive Aluminum

Weld Program and two weeks industry placement.

Brisbane’s booming marine sector is widely regarded one of the world’s top three preferred refit and repair destinations for superyachts, and expansion has been inhibited only by a shortage of qualified welders.

“There is already strong support from within industry to

secure further programs, and to sponsor graduate welders through Metal Fabrication apprenticeships,” ECA chief executive Alan Sparks said.

Mr Sparks said the jobseekers had diverse backgrounds including Indigenous Australians, six females, former Defence Force members, school leavers and new Australians.

“Some of the participants had welding experience but the program was set up to train someone without experience and elevate them to a very high standard, very quickly.”

Superyacht facts

- Superyachts are defined as luxury vessels greater than 35m long.
- The Australian superyacht industry supports more than 14,500 full-time jobs worth \$1.2 billion in salaries contributing \$190 million annually to the Australian economy.
- Owners are drawn to Queensland by its stunning coastlines and icons such as the Great Barrier Reef, the Whitsundays, far north Queensland and the Gold Coast.
- The core season for activity in Australia is September to March.
- During the 2016-2017 superyacht season, there were about 200 operating in Australian waters, of which about 40-60 were used for charters.



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Art celebrates sacred site

THE Indigenous Sculpture Park in Ballarat has seen the reawakening of a sacred site, thanks to the work of local artist and Wadawurrung traditional owner, Deanne Gilson.

The public artwork — titled *Murup Larr, Ancestral Stones* — is a traditional stone circle located near the site of the last corroboree held in the area in the 1800s.

Deanne, a research student with the Institute of Koorie Education (IKE), was inspired to create this work as a way of continuing knowledge and reaching back into the past.

“I have used the traditional stone circle as a way to connect the past actions of my ancestors to the present time,” Deanne said.

“There used to be a corroboree site and stone circle in Ballarat before white man came to the area. I am putting back what was there and reconnecting to my culture.”

The six-foot tall stones have been engraved with clay plaques which depict symbols meaningful to



Deanne Gilson (second from right) and Wadawurrung dancers perform at the site of her new public artwork. Picture: Tarquam McKenna

Deanne’s practice and research. The research she’s conducted as part of her PhD at IKE enabled her to strengthen the connection between contemporary art and cultural significance.

At the March 23 unveiling of the artwork, the site was commemorated with the performance of the

first corroboree in 200 years. After an extensive application process, Deanne was selected by industry professionals to create this piece by the City of Ballarat.

Along with the space, she was also given a grant to complete the artwork.

Elder in Residence at IKE, Aunty Janis Koolmatrie

said Deanne “is an inspirational artist and scholar”.

“The grant Deanne received from the City of Ballarat was used to provide employment and training for local community people, to assist with the installation of her magnificent sculptures,” she said.

“I have used the traditional stone circle as a way to connect the past actions of my ancestors to the present time.” – Deanne Gilson

In creating this artwork, Deanne knew that she didn’t want to set out to make the “prettiest” artwork or the latest colourful contemporary piece. She simply wanted to create something that was deeply connected to traditional culture.

She wanted to create a space where the legacy of the Wadawurrung people could be celebrated, so that she would have something to pass on to future generations.

The formation of the artwork depicts the beliefs and practices of those who lived on the land before colonisation. The site connects to the ancestors’ beliefs that were based in finding meaning and connection in the stars and cosmology.

Deanne also wanted to demonstrate that these beliefs have endured for generations, and show the

part of her identity that’s unchanged from that of her ancestors.

“I wanted to show that I’m still the same as my ancestors,” she said. “I’m the same, my mother is the same — she believes the same things that they did.”

Deanne says that she hopes all visitors to the park — both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people — experience the site as a place of peace and reflection.

“It’s just for people to really reflect on Aboriginal history and what’s gone on,” she said. “So they can see that we’re still alive, that we survived and that we’re here. It’s about retelling stories and keeping stories alive.”

You can view Deanne’s work in the North Gardens Indigenous Sculpture Park — Corner Zoo Drive and Wendouree Parade, Ballarat, Victoria.

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Ngarara Willim: home away from home

Bianca Fazey

I AM a Noongar woman from Western Australia studying a Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs here at RMIT University. I initially went into this course to further my knowledge and education around addictions and its impact on families. My ultimate goal is to be in a position where I can help people who are struggling with mental health issues, single parents, rural communities and Indigenous people.

It's the fact that I am making a difference no matter how little. Even though it's exhausting studying, working and being a single parent, it's being a single parent to my son that motivates me the most. I want him to stand up in school and say, "My mum helps people."

I want to instil in him that hard work, determination, having goals and believing in yourself means we can break the cycle of living in poverty and relying on Centrelink.

This is also something that I hope to present to those I help and be an inspiration for having battled



Bianca Fazey and April Goldring are RMIT University students who find that the University's Ngarara Willim Centre is a home away from home for Indigenous students.

through mental health issues myself.

I walked into Ngarara Willim after having an extreme panic attack in class last year. My father had just passed. I was struggling with the costs of living and day-care. I remember thinking that everything I was doing was a waste of time and I was putting my son and me into more poverty by trying to study. Ngarara Willim staff

put me in touch with RMIT Connect and the counselling service, both services I still use regularly. I come to Ngarara Willim every day make my coffee and have a chat to other students. For me it's a life saver to be able to have that safe space and be able to knock on the door and chat to staff about anything. This has helped me build my confidence so much. Every time I feel like dropping out or feel like I'm

struggling at home, Ngarara Willim is the place to be.

It's my home away from home, especially when assessments are stacked, and I need to pick my son up from day-care, I can bring him back in and finish studying with him.

April Goldring

I am a Wiradjuri woman from New South Wales, although I grew up in

Mildura, Victoria. I study a Bachelor of Criminology and Psychology. I have many critical motivations for tertiary education and a deep passion for justice. This was sparked in me when I was a young person and has only grown stronger.

Psychology is the study of the human mind and behaviour. Criminology is a behavioural science that actively analyses criminal

behaviours. The study of criminology involves intensively studying criminal behaviour, including the role media platforms and national bodies play in influencing crime and the perception of crime. This is more than I could have imagined. It is an understatement to say I love my degree because there are no words for the feelings I get when I work on my craft. Ngarara Willim is my home away from home when on campus. Ngarara Willim means 'Gathering Place' in Boon Wurrung and Woi Wurrung language. It lives up to its name.

As a student and staff member, I believe RMIT University has done an excellent job in facilitating a safe space that allows students and staff to feel comfortable in their own skin.

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Jack Cooper's keen interest in engineering and technology and his flair for problem solving is taking him places at UTS.



Jack Cooper

Jack takes a path toward technologies

AS a high school student in the town of Grenfell, NSW, Jack Cooper was known for his keen interest in engineering and technology.

Unsure if university and a career path in his chosen field was within reach, he decided to apply for the UTS Galuwa program.

Jack was first introduced to Galuwa through his year advisor, who was also his IT teacher.

Seeing the flair Jack had for problem solving and technology, his teacher felt Jack could benefit from a program that would show him the possibilities university had to offer.

"Once I took a good look at the Galuwa program, I knew it would be an adventure," Jack said.

"I'd get to do lots of new things, get a real glimpse into uni life – plus the whole experience was free!"

After arriving in Sydney, he knew he'd made the right decision to apply.

"All the staff and students

got on well and it was a boost of confidence meeting people who were like-minded. It was great to hear from UTS students and explore the campus and facilities. I'd never seen anything like the UTS Data Arena – it was awesome."

While on campus, the Galuwa students learned about different areas of engineering and information technology through hands-on activities, such as building miniature floating houses, assembling a robotic arm and using a mousetrap to build a race car. The chance to meet with industry partners and go on site visits proved to be another program highlight for Jack.

"Before Galuwa I didn't know about the scholarships that were available, or what kind of internships and Indigenous work programs companies offered. Meeting industry partners helped me believe in the type of career I could achieve.

I also really enjoyed the site visits, such as the TransGrid Substation and the trip to the

ABC Studios. The bus journeys home from the site visits were always good fun as we all had plenty to talk about."

After Galuwa, Jack was interested in coming back to UTS to study – it felt like the right fit for him and there would be plenty of support available through the UTS Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning.

"University was a real possibility and Jumbunna helps you find the information you need.

"They provide lots of support helping you get into UTS and the support continues once you're there."

Jack enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Games Development at UTS, a course he discovered during his time on the Galuwa program.

"The technology sector really appeals to me. You see real problem solving and every day is different.

"Galuwa helped me picture exactly what a career in the IT industry could look like and believe that I could achieve my goals."



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Postgraduate study at ACU

GROWING up in rural Western Australia, the career ambitions of Ruby Warber amounted to finding a job she liked.

"Luckily, I have that now," Ruby said.

Her learning pathway at Australian Catholic University has enabled her to make a meaningful impact in Indigenous health.

After beginning her tertiary education aiming to qualify as a clinician to help close the life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians, Ruby's life took some unanticipated turns.

The Noongar woman's appetite for knowledge, and drive to serve her community, carried her from Western Australia to Melbourne and ultimately London.

She never intended to pursue an academic career, but has completed two masters degrees, a PhD is on the horizon, and she has two prestigious, highly competitive academic scholarships to her name.

She works as a psychologist with the Koori Kids program at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) and has volunteered at

ACU's Jim-baa-yer Indigenous Higher Education Unit.

She has also delivered psycho-educational workshops in a women's prison, and presented sex education programs to high school students.

"I would've always wanted to give back, but this is particularly why I want to work with my own Aboriginal community."

That's an amazing contribution from someone who, like so many young Australians, began her studies pondering what was the right direction.

"Growing up in a rural area, I feel pretty lucky to have achieved the things I have," she said.

"However, I grew up with people who are just as smart and hard-working, and sometimes it can be a bit of luck.

"I would've always wanted to give back, but this is particularly why I want to work with my own Aboriginal community."

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Noongar woman Ruby Warber never intended to pursue an academic career, but now she's giving back to the community, thanks to her studies.



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Students research fishing



THREE schools in Arnhem Land have joined forces with community members and scientists as part of a fish research project sharing Aboriginal and Western knowledge.

The project called 'The Djenj Project: Bininj Fishing Past, Present and Future' will run for 18 months.

Students from Gunbalanya School, Jabiru Area School and Djidbidjibdi College will work with community members, elders, Bininj (Aboriginal) rangers, Balanda (non-Aboriginal) researchers,

teachers, a videographer and a curriculum developer. Gunbalanya School assistant principal Awhina

"Students will help collect fish six times during the project so scientists can study seasonal environmental changes and migration patterns."

Matthews said students will help collect fish six times during the project so scientists can study seasonal environmental changes and migration patterns.

"Specialist Dr Morgan Disspain will hold workshops to teach rangers and Bininj children from the north of Kakadu National Park how to collect scientific information," Mr Matthews said. "This includes fish length,

weight and sex, as well as the capture locations and fishing methods used."

Researchers will then inspect the fish skeletons and otoliths (ear structures) to examine the fish's life,

such as how fast it has grown and the water conditions it has been exposed to.

Talks will also be held with senior elders about traditional fishing practices and how fish stocks and water sources have changed in their lifetimes.

The interviews by students and rangers will allow language and Bininj ecological knowledge to be recorded and passed to the next generation.

Left: A scientist demonstrates a data collection method to students.



Students with their book, *Teeny Weeny Yikiyikini*.

Budding authors publish book

TIWI Islands primary school students are capitalising on the success of their first picture book by printing another.

In 2015, Milikapiti School children worked on a story about a hungry crocodile called *No Way Yirrikipay!*

They've teamed up with the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) again for *Teeny Weeny Yikiyikini* which follows a cockatoo searching for his lost family. Their principal Kathryn Leo said eight students from

Years 3 to 6 took around nine months to produce the book.

"When the book was being developed there were lots of cockatoos in the community, and they were getting into the mango trees," she said. "The children wanted to make a book about some of the birds that live on the Tiwi Islands, and they chose the cockatoo because we have lots of them."

ILF program coordinator Cindy Manfong arranged visits by Indigenous author

and illustrator Greg Dreise who guided the students. Elder Nina Black helped with the language used.

"The Foundation connects our students with children's book authors and illustrators over many years, and this relationship continues to be very strong," Ms Leo said.

"Producing these books gives students an opportunity to reflect on who they are, where they come from, and share a part of their home with others."

On-country learning

CLASS size and location are no barrier when it comes to educating the next generation of scientists, tech experts, engineers and mathematicians.

The remote Areyonga School won the CSIRO's Indigenous STEM Awards School Award category.

Principal Jonathon Fernando said the award is the first major science prize won by the school.

Assistant teacher and former principal Tarna Andrews has taught at the school for nearly four decades.

"When the CSIRO phoned with the news she was so elated she went dancing into the classrooms to tell the students," Mr Fernando said.

The bilingual school and its 32 students were presented with \$10,000 in prize money last month in recognition of their Science Pathways for Indigenous Communities program involvement, which is supported by Aboriginal Elders and Tangentyere Council.

"Students are explicitly taught key scientific concepts in the classroom, and twice each term they go out on country to deepen their understanding and knowledge of traditional views and ways of thinking," Mr Fernando said.

"On one excursion they monitored the health of a waterhole by microscopically examining water animals and bugs, but they also reflected on their culture by sitting at a place where their ancestors had sat and learnt."



Award winning classroom in remote NT.

"The Indigenous STEM education project is a fantastic initiative that allows educators, and even the students, to break away from the 'white fella in a lab coat' stereotype, particularly when it comes to science."

Mr Fernando hopes their achievement will encourage other isolated schools.

"We are extremely humbled to have won this award. Being a remote school makes it even more special and significant."

"I feel our win will inspire other remote schools, who are already doing amazing things in STEM, to try and win the award and build on their programs," he said.

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JCU Winter School is here

THE JCU Winter School program will be run from June 30 to July 5 and is open to Year 10, 11 and 12 Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The Winter School program is the initiative by Professor Martin Nakata, the Pro Vice Chancellor of the Indigenous Education & Research Centre at JCU. The program provides an opportunity for Indigenous students to experience university life and build capacity for tertiary study. The early exposure to university has many positive outcomes that ultimately increase retention of Indigenous students in tertiary studies.

Held over five days, students will take part in academic lectures and tutorials, presentations, study sessions and team-building activities.

Interactivity

The interactive program provides opportunities to meet university staff and students, and form bonds with other Indigenous students in the program. This experience enables students to become familiar with their surroundings and meet the Indigenous support staff, lecturers, tutors and other students.

The program is being held at the James Cook University's Townsville Campus in a safe and friendly environment. Travel costs, meals and accommodation for all participants are covered by the JCU Indigenous Centre. The on-campus accommodation allows for a complete university experience in a supervised and supportive environment.

Students will have the chance to develop an appreciation for a particular area of study, choosing from the following discipline areas: Nursing & Midwifery; Social Work; Engineering & IT; Law & Governance; Indigenous Studies, Biodiversity & Heritage; Medicine; Marine Biology & Aquaculture; Environmental Science & Planning; Allied Health (Physio, OT, Speech, Sport & Exercise Science); Vet & Bio-Med Sciences.

Applications close on May 15. Apply directly to the Indigenous Education and Research Centre at jcu.edu.au/ierc/thinking-about-uni, or call (07)47814676 or email ierc@jcu.edu.au



Top: Girls enjoy sporting activities at JCU Winter School.
Above: JCU Winter School students at lunch with IERC Staff member Eddie Savage.
Below: Professor Nakata with students graduating from the 2018 JCU Winter School.



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Calma reconciles education

WHEN Malera/Bandjalung woman Margaret Williams-Weir walked into the sandstone quadrangle of Queensland University in 1957, she made history as the first Aboriginal person to be accepted into an Australian institution of higher education.

It took more than a century after Australia's first university, the University of Sydney, opened its doors in 1850, for First Nations people to be permitted to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by tertiary qualifications.

Dr Williams-Weir, as she became, ultimately completed her doctorate entitled 'Indigenous Australians and Universities: A Study of Postgraduate Students' Experiences in Learning Research' at the University of New England in 2001, and today, First Nations people are found in every professional cohort in Australia.

Indigenous astrophysicists, health researchers, doctors, dentists, hydrologists, politicians, teachers, engineers, architects and lawyers are all testaments to the capacity for hard work and intellectual rigour needed to excel at university.

Like other Australian institutions, our universities have historically been unwelcoming and even hostile to First Nations people's higher education aspirations.

The 'colour-bar' which kept Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students out of university has now been replaced with an enthusiastic adoption of reconciliation by most Australian higher education institutions and today our universities are actively engaged in recruiting more First Nations students and improving their experiences when they enrol.

Australian universities have strongly grown Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments in recent years with 70% more enrolled today than in 2008. However, there is still a lot of work to be done. Indigenous people comprise 2.7% of Australia's working age population but only 1.6% of university domestic student enrolments – up from 1.2% a decade ago.

The ongoing challenge for universities can also be seen in the low percentage of Indigenous students who complete their bachelor degree; in 2006 this



Tom Calma

stood at only 47.3% compared to 73.9% for other students.

While many First Nations students have flourished at university, racism, homesickness, poor secondary educational opportunities, low expectations and financial constraints have all contributed to others either not enrolling or failing to complete their degree.

Individual universities have responded to this challenge to varying degrees of success by implementing internal policies, plans and programs to lift participation and attainment by Indigenous people, and taking steps to make the university environment a welcoming one.

Many have developed Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs) in conjunction with Reconciliation Australia as part of their efforts. University RAPs support universities to create culturally safe and responsive environments to increase Indigenous enrolment and retention rates. RAPs also aim to increase the knowledge and pride for First Nations cultures and achievements of among all staff and students.

What has been missing until fairly recently is a coherent sector-

wide initiative that binds all universities together with common goals. A strategy launched by the universities' peak body, Universities Australia, in 2017, is designed to fill that gap. Universities Australia's Indigenous Strategy – 2017-2020 intends to "lift participation and extend our

This is despite ample evidence that inclusion of First Nations' perspectives increases the engagement, and retention, of our students and improves overall educational outcomes.

Such perspectives will also provide non-Indigenous staff and students with a more rounded, comprehensive and truthful curriculum and learning environment. For example, Aboriginal knowledge of ecology and astronomy would greatly enhance these two disciplines if applied.

Our people have been calling for more Indigenous historical and cultural perspectives to be included in the educational curriculum but there has been a very slow uptake of 'de-colonising' our education system.

Despite this slow start, RAPs and the Universities Australia strategy are having a positive impact on the experiences of Indigenous students in the tertiary sector.

Research commissioned by Reconciliation Australia shows that the RAP program "is creating opportunities in employment, education and business for Indigenous people and creating positive attitudes and behaviours among the three million people

"Imagine an Australia where every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child has the right and opportunity to realise her or his dream of excellence."

institutional insight and responsiveness".

The Universities Australia strategy is enhanced by Reconciliation Australia's university RAPs which encourage universities to create culturally safe and appropriate learning environments by working with local Indigenous communities to deliver cultural learning to university staff. Currently just over 25% of Australian universities have a RAP and increasing this take-up is a priority for Reconciliation Australia.

RAPs challenge universities to acknowledge the fact that too often they preference colonial-based knowledges and pedagogies and ignore Indigenous peoples' perspectives.

working in organisations with a RAP."

Western Australia's Curtin University began its 'formal' reconciliation journey in 1998 with the signing of a Statement of Reconciliation and Commitment and, 10 years later, became the first Australian teaching and research institution to develop and implement its own RAP.

The University's most recent (2018-2020 Elevate) RAP contains a raft of initiatives including on-country visits for staff and students as part of the Indigenous Cultural Capabilities Framework; a Student Internship Program that provides employment at Curtin for Indigenous students; and a partnership with the Nowanup community to progress a proposed Nowanup Bush Campus.

Opportunities for First Nations students in higher education are not just limited to Australia.

The Charles Perkins Trust and the Roberta Sykes Foundation both offer scholarships to Indigenous students to attend the world's most prestigious universities including Oxford, Cambridge and Harvard. Since 2010, the Charlie Perkins Scholarship Trust has supported 19 scholars, on 22 scholarships to Cambridge and Oxford.

The work of these Foundations and of Reconciliation Australia, Universities Australia and individual universities is making a difference and ensuring that the historical exclusion of Indigenous scholars from higher education is consigned to the past and the full potential of our peoples can be realised.

Imagine a world where all Australian children are respected and offered the absolute best choices in education and future employment. Imagine an Australia where every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child has the right and opportunity to realise her or his dream of excellence.

These imaginings are at the heart of the reconciliation process and Australian universities must work harder to meet the targets set by Universities Australia targets and their individual RAPs.

● Professor Tom Calma is co-chair of Reconciliation Australia and Chancellor of the University of Canberra.

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Mimi spirits are part of the classroom teaching

AT a school about 100kms from Katherine, there's a jungle in the classroom. It's got buffalo horns, pictures of local birds and even a Mimi spirit.

Manyallaluk School built the indoor jungle as part of the Walker Learning Approach, an Australian-designed teaching and learning method.

The strategy was adopted for junior students in 2017 and fosters the academic, social and emotional development by engaging children.

Junior primary teacher Meg Kleinig said the approach encourages children to share and work together, think creatively and use their imaginations.

"The classroom is divided into 10 different areas designed for tinkering, painting, collage, dramatic play, sensory, science, maths, writing, building and construction, and reading," she said.

"Each area is set up in a way which links to what is being explicitly taught during literacy and numeracy time. An added advantage is that this can



Manyallaluk School credits the Walker Learning Approach with producing wonderful results in its junior primary students.

be done in a culturally appropriate way.

"In the past we have had a camping out area where the students would share stories around the campfire. The students would later write down the stories at a level appropriate to their age and level of understanding.

Walker Learning balances explicit teaching with planned play, allowing children to actively investigate a range of life skills and experiences.

"The students love coming to school to learn, and involve

themselves in the refreshment of the 10 learning areas as new interactive environments," Mrs Kleinig said. "The results are incredible. The children using Walker for two years are progressing really well with their reading levels, independent writing ability, and numeracy."

Mrs Kleinig said Manyallaluk parents are proud of the achievements of their children using the Walker Learning Approach and visit the classrooms under the school's open door policy.

High achiever in the family

APROUD Arrernte man was rewarded for his efforts as an Alice Springs teacher at the Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards.

Matthew Axten, 27, took home the NT Government Young Aboriginal Educator Award after being nominated by a colleague at Gillen Primary School.

In 2016, his sister Kate Axten was recognised as the Northern Territory Young Achiever of the Year.

Principal Donna O'Brien said Mr Axten has spent the past five years making positive long-term changes in the lives of his students.

"He provides innovative ideas to make sure students learn behaviours that will help them succeed at school and ensures students receive acknowledgement when they behave correctly.

"Matthew is one of those staff members who is aware when his colleagues are struggling, and will step up to offer a hand.

"He has a great way of looking on the bright side of



Matthew Axten is keen to keep building literacy and numeracy, and community and parent involvement, at the school.

things, and is known for being able to turn a negative discussion around to a positive one."

The award judges praised the sportsman for instilling a culture of respect in his students and recognised him for cultivating "a strong

community of students," Mr Axten believes the award resonates with Aboriginal educators.

"It affirms their position as role models for other Indigenous teachers and students, and symbolises their potential and talents," he said.

Students take horses on the long trail

AFILM of red dust has risen behind students from a remote Northern Territory school taking part in an Anzac Day ride.

The annual expedition includes 13 Ntaria School students from years 10, 11 and 12 riding from the community to the nearest major town.

The team took the first steps of their 125km pilgrimage on April 18.

The students will mark the end of their journey by participating in an Anzac Day remembrance ceremony in

Alice Springs on April 25.

Principal of the remote school, Emma Langton, said the tradition began in 2015.

"The idea for the ride originated with a local descendant of an Australian Light Horse member who wanted to honour the significant contributions made by Aboriginal people in both world wars," she said.

"The tribute reflected by the Anzac Day ride also seemed a natural extension of the strong relationship between the community and horses."

Ms Langton said the ride complements horse-training options in the secondary school curriculum.

"At Ntaria, education about horses addresses a range of topics, including the safe care and husbandry of horses, their behaviour, and the use of horses in agriculture," she said.

Ms Langton said preparation for the annual trip has involved vocational courses and familiarity with skills useful in a camping trip.

"The students have been working towards VET 1 or VET

2 certification in Agrifoods, including units on horse behaviour and safe horse handling," she said.

"But first aid awareness and training, and the organisation of camping gear, have also been needed.

"Students feel a great sense of pride and satisfaction after completing the ride, and they attract great family pride."

The riders will be accompanied by a crew responsible for logistical support, including encamping and decamping, water, the kitchen and horse yards.



Ntaria students and their horses are taking part in an Anzac Day ride as part of their horse-training education.

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The school's mission is also to reduce the health inequities that exist, especially those experienced by Indigenous Australians. Key to this is increasing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical workforce.

The Doctor of Medicine (MD) program is dedicated in producing culturally competent medical professionals to improve culturally safe care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients.

Our program provides students with a cultural immersion experience within local Aboriginal organisations, to start their journey in developing cultural understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within our region.

Recognising that health in regional and rural NSW was being



Gifted artwork to UOW from Coomaditchie Art for Healing Program.

compromised by the lack of training programs specifically designed to produce rurally oriented graduates, UOW set out to fill this gap.

The unique program offered by UOW draws on the experiences and experiments of medical educationalists around the world.

Using this evidence, the curriculum was designed to best prepare students for rural and regional practice, while still aiming

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Graduate Medicine has met this dilemma with the enthusiasm

of our community-based regional academic leaders and team of preceptors to ensure that teaching and clinical experiences match the best available in metropolitan centres. We have also succeeded because of the quality of our students, reflecting the intensive and engaged selection process that aspirant students undergo.

In the first phases of the medical program, students are located in the Wollongong and

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As one of our recent graduates said, "Studying medicine at UOW has, first and foremost taught me the importance of humanity in medicine. Wollongong helped to instill a sense of holistic practice from day one." He also advised future colleagues, "Be accountable for your patients, treat them like they are family."

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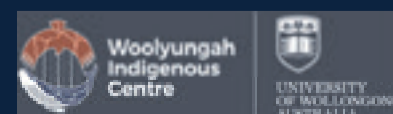
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Nominate educators now

Narragunnawali Awards recognise commitment to reconciliation



NOMINATE a school or an early learning centre for its commitment to reconciliation in education in the Narragunnawali Awards 2019. You have until May 10 to send in nominations to the biennial awards from Reconciliation Australia.

The awards carry prize money of \$10,000 each for the winners in the schools and early learning categories, which can be used for reconciliation initiatives. This also includes a short film showcasing their reconciliation initiatives.

The awards celebrate schools and early learning services that demonstrate dedication and commitment to implementing reconciliation initiatives in the classroom, around the school or service and with the community.

Previous finalists were recognised for building relationships with their local

Indigenous communities, focusing on professional learning and cultural competence for staff, and ensuring that Indigenous perspectives were embedded in the curriculum.

The awards are the only national awards program for reconciliation in the early, primary and secondary education sectors.

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Karen Mundine said that education has always been key to the idea of reconciliation.

"Australians are increasingly supportive of reconciliation and a better deal for First Nations and our schools are critical to further strengthening this support. The earlier we have these conversations the better," she said.

Reconciliation Australia's biennial survey of public attitudes – the Australian Reconciliation Barometer 2018 – showed that 68% of the general community agree,

and 77% of Indigenous respondents agree that education institutions should adopt a leading role in putting measures in place to help improve reconciliation.

To be eligible for an award, schools and early learning services must have commenced or completed a Narragunnawali Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and all nominations must be endorsed by their local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

"The Narragunnawali program has seen over 650 schools and early learning services across the nation commit to developing a RAP to drive positive, whole-scale change in their local educational communities," Ms Mundine said. "Celebrate your successes, challenges and share your reconciliation stories. This is what these awards aim to do."

Nominations can be made at reconciliation.org.au/narragunnawali



Reconciliation Australia chief executive Karen Mundine.



TAFE NSW IPROWD (Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery) students and Tribal Warrior Program Redfern community members.

Warriors are feeling fitter, and proud to join the force



A BOXING session on the Sydney Opera House forecourt brought 100 participants keen to join in on the fitness training exercise. This boxing activity is part of the regular TAFE NSW IPROWD (Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery) program fitness training – preparing students to join the NSW Police Force or other justice and emergency services agencies.

This year, 26 Aboriginal students from across Sydney are undertaking the TAFE NSW IPROWD program.

The program supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to gain the qualifications they need and develop their skills and confidence to succeed in applying for a career with the NSW Police Force.



Students get fit and ready to join the police force.

Since 2008 more than 700 Aboriginal students have enrolled in the program, with many going on to gain employment with NSW Police as sworn and unsworn officers, or working in other government agencies.

The boxing activity was one of the many Tribal Warrior events the Governor of NSW, David Hurley, has attended, offering encouragement, mentorship and showing his dedication to the Indigenous community.

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Native looks beyond the native landscape



"If you pause long enough you will hear the country singing to you." Self-taught photographer

Michael Jalaru Torres draws on his own personal history and stories, as he explores contemporary social and political issues facing Indigenous people in the exhibition *Native*, at Coeee Art Gallery in Sydney.

Much of his work involves conceptual and innovative portraiture and abstract landscape photography. Michael said the portraits taken on country promote positive and individualised representations of Indigenous people.

"It was not until 1967 that Aboriginal Australians were considered citizens of Australia," he said. "The systemic injustice of Australia's past policies and views of being native has been

hidden for generations, but the use of modern storytelling has started to illuminate these stories for a wider audience.

"Hopefully this series, as an abstract slice of what native means as a word, connection and view point, can shift viewers from ignorance to empathy to make change for the future."

Born and raised in Broome, Western Australia, Michael goes by the bush name Jalaru for his creative work. His mob are the Djugun and Yawuru from the Broome region, the Djabirr Djabirr from Northern Broome and the Gooniyandi from the Fitzroy Valley.

Michael said that a native person sees the landscape "talking to us through colours and texture far beyond what the untrained eye can see, through the shift in colours in the sky and water, the contrast from land to sea and the emotional connection to country".

"Being native in the past was a negative experience, with a system that was designed to constantly hold down native people and take away or not recognise our rights and values," he said. "Being native was viewed as being literally part of the landscape, like livestock that was owned and abused. Being native today reflects on the survival and resistance of not only the First Peoples on this land but also the longest living culture on the planet. Culture is in a revival stage and the values of looking after country are mainstream. Native people are at the forefront of protecting land and sea and the native animals that share this land."

Native is part of the Head On Photo Festival 2019. It runs at Coeee Gallery, 326 Oxford St, Paddington from May 4-18.

The exhibition opens on May 4, from 2-5pm



Empowerment by Michael Jalaru Torres.



Eip Karem Beizam dance team performs at the 2018 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair.

TSI dance teams called to apply for Darwin festival performances



DANCE teams from the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area keen to perform at the Darwin Festival and Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair (DAAF) can apply for funding by May 3.

Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair brings together more than 70 Indigenous owned and operated art centres and showcases the work of over 2000 Torres Strait and Aboriginal artists. Held on Larrakia Country, hundreds of art buyers, artists and visitors attend the festival to learn more about Indigenous culture.

The Art Fair runs from August 9-11 and is hosted during the 2019 Darwin Festival from August 8-21. The festival is an 18-day celebration of music, theatre, art and dance hosted in the heart of Darwin. The successful dance team will also have an opportunity to perform at this vibrant festival to showcase Torres

Strait dance. The funding for dance teams is from the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Dance Strategy and delivered through the TSRA Culture, Art and Heritage Program to support the development and promotion of Torres Strait dance.

TSRA chair Napau Pedro Stephen said the successful dance team will receive funding to cover the cost of travelling to Darwin to perform and, while previous experience is favourable, newcomers should not be discouraged.

"Since 2011, the TSRA has supported dance teams through the Dance Strategy initiative to extend their experience at major national and international events, including the Yirramboi Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival, WOMADelaide, and the Henley Festival in the United Kingdom," Mr Stephen said.

For more information, phone Amanda Manuel on 07 4069 0690 or email CAHteam@tsra.gov.au



BIDJARA woman Jessica Wishart will bring the power of her songs to inspire change to National

Reconciliation Week.

Jessica is a rising country, folk and soul star whose songs are inspired by her love of music, family and culture.

Jessica will be joined by Barkindji woman Nancy Bates, Lebanese Australian Emily Davis and European descendant and folk artist Tara Carragher at the Quartet Bar in Adelaide on May 28.

The four singer/songwriters will stand side-by-side to explore what reconciliation means to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and how we can work together to achieve it.

Jessica is passionate about education for Aboriginal young people, believing that education is the key to breaking the cycle of disadvantage that Aboriginal people face.

She has worked in education, helping young Aboriginal people to channel their frustrations and anger into leadership and integrity.

She is a community youth worker in her local area and worked to establish the Cultural Connections Girls Group at Christies Beach, which helps to empower young



Jessica Wishart

girls to reach their full potential and still stay connected to their cultural values and beliefs.

Jessica was named the winner of the Channel 9 Young Aboriginal Achiever Award in 2015 for her community work and leadership.

Jessica's music speaks from deeply held personal beliefs, drawing upon her experiences as an Aboriginal woman, daughter and mother to explore her culture and its

place in community. Just as education provides the tools to articulate frustrations and anger, so does Jessica's music allow for the sharing and discussion of personal issues which resonate in a much wider sphere.

A traditional Kurna Smoking Ceremony will be held before the performance at 6.30pm. For more information, visit Adelaide Festival Centre website.

Great Woman spirit arrives at Vivid



IT'S inspired by the traditional winter season migration by First Nations peoples as they moved to the coast for shelter and food.

The Winter Camp installation at Barangaroo from May 24 to June 15, will be a place to gather, reflect and honour the fact that Sydney stands on the land of the oldest continually living culture.

Winter Camp is part of Vivid Sydney – the largest festival of light, music and ideas in the southern hemisphere.

Centre stage in the Winter Camp will be the glowing six-metre tall puppet spirit Marri Dyin ('Great Woman' in Sydney local language). One of the largest puppets constructed in Australia, she sits in contemplation by the campfire and invites visitors to her winter camp. During evening performances, she will roam the waterfront, accompanied by a school of illuminated fish puppets, led by school children. As she moves through the landscape, she will invite audiences to speak the names and meanings of her surroundings in traditional language, and greet children, sharing a quiet moment of intimacy and contemplation.

Marri Dyin is not a traditional spirit, but is a contemporary concept – an elemental spirit connected to the land. Her existence seeks to

recognise the influence and importance of the First Nations women, including Barangaroo, who lived in Sydney prior to settlement. Marri Dyin represents their strength and spirit, and their role as providers for their people through a connection to the land and its waterways.

A series of workshops will be held in the lead-up to the festival for school children, where they learn the story of Marri Dyin, and puppeteering skills and choreography from Erth puppeteer Scott Wright, so they can puppeteer the school of fish along the waterfront.

Bangarra Dance Theatre's design head Jacob Nash has been consulting on the Winter Camp installation in order to share more of Marri Dyin's stories with the people of Sydney.

"The opportunity to collaborate with Erth and continue to create beautiful contemporary Indigenous images is very inspiring," he said. "Not only do we get to tell stories and create things that have never been seen before, but more importantly we get to share these moments with community and inspire the next generation."

The static installation of Winter Camp show runs Mondays to Wednesdays and performances from 6pm, Thursdays to Sundays. The shows are free and located at Exchange Place and Wulugul Walk, Barangaroo.



Marri Dyin ('Great Woman') is part of Vivid Sydney at Barangaroo.

Migration stories are art



One of Vincent Babia's masks.



THE story of a voluntary mass migration of a community from Saibai Island in the Torres Strait to the mainland after World War II, is explored in a new exhibition at the Cairns Art Gallery by artist Vincent Babia.

Babia is a descendant of the Ait Kodai (Crocodile clan) and Samu (Cassowary clan) from Saibai Island and his family is one of many that relocated from Saibai to mainland Australia in the 1940s and 50s. He is a highly regarded sculptor of ceremonial masks, canoes and drums with works

represented in the National Gallery of Australia.

Through sculptures and vinyl cut prints, Babia's exhibition *Koey Buwai Mab: Migration from Sabai Island to Cape York* traces the stories of Saibai Island culture and the pearl luggers' journeys from the island to the mainland.

Saibai is located in the northwest region of the Torres Strait, approximately five kilometres from the Papua New Guinea coastline. It is a low-lying island made up of mud flats, swamp and mangroves, and prone to severe tidal and monsoonal inundation. Following several king tides in the 1940s that caused



severe flooding, the community decided to move to safe ground at the tip of Cape York Peninsula which had been identified by Saibai Islander soldiers during the war. The Queensland Government agreed to the relocation in recognition of the significant contribution of Torres Strait

Islander communities to the Australian war effort. Two pearl luggers were used to transport the first Islander families from seven clan groups to abandoned Australian Army Defence Barracks at Muttee Heads, on the lands of the Injinoo people in Cape York. By the 1950s, more than 250 Islanders had relocated to the Cape, and the township of Bamaga in the Northern Peninsula Area was established as a permanent refuge.

The exhibition runs from April 26 to June 9 at Cairns Art Gallery. The official opening is April 27 at 2pm and Vincent will talk about works in his exhibition.

Munya explains Dreamtime



IF she had a dollar for every time someone asked what Dreamtime was, Bardi Elder Munya Andrews says she'd be a very rich woman. Ms Andrews, who is a barrister, runs Indigenous cultural awareness training with her partner Carla Rogers at Evolve Communities.

She has now written a book, *Journey into Dreamtime* to help people better understand Aboriginal culture.

"Of all the questions I get asked, the most common are about the meaning of Aboriginal Dreamtime," Ms Andrews said.

"Aboriginal Dreamtime is for everyone, not just Aboriginal



Munya Andrews.

people. It is a spiritual philosophy that has as much to offer humanity as any other – such as Christianity, Buddhism or Hinduism.

"It can help everyone to cope with and master life, like

any other belief system.

Joseph Campbell, who wrote prolifically on world mythology, says religions are like computer software – if you don't understand a religion, it's only because you are not familiar with its programming language.

"My book is about helping people to understand that language by introducing them to Dreamtime concepts, such as sacred sites and songlines.

"I teach people what Dreaming means and what it means to have a particular Dreaming like Kangaroo or Possum Dreaming on both a practical and spiritual level."

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Soon there will be a second Purple Truck visiting remote communities so that people can access dialysis.

A second purple truck hits the road



CENTRAL
Australian health provider Purple House will soon begin operating a second Purple Truck for remote dialysis. Namatjira MP Chansey

Paech announced the government funding at Purple House's Share a Tale event in Alice Springs. The Purple Truck is a self-contained dialysis unit on wheels that has two dialysis chairs and allows patients to

receive treatment on country. Having a second truck will allow Purple House to help more people, in more communities, more often. The NT Government will contribute the truck, while the Australian Government will

contribute the container to house the dialysis machines.. The ongoing operational costs of the second truck will be covered by Purple House. Mr Paech said Purple House and the Purple Truck provide an absolutely essential service for

people requiring renal treatment in the bush. "People living in my electorate will be excited to know that Purple House will be increasing the level of service to remote communities and renal patients," he said.

Free flu shots on offer in SA for young and old



FREE flu vaccines are being rushed out in South Australia in response to the highest number of cases in more than a decade.

The vaccines are offered to children aged under five, people aged over 65 and a number of other groups including pregnant women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people with certain medical conditions.

"Flu is always circulating in the community, but we have seen the highest number of cases for this time of year in more than 10 years, so we have begun distributing vaccines as soon as they have become available," South Australian Health Minister Stephen Wade said. Since January there

have been 4485 confirmed cases of influenza in SA, compared to 1139 at the same time last year.

Mr Wade said under the free program, 90,000 children are eligible to receive the vaccine, which remains the best way to protect them from the disease and limit its spread.

SA Health's director of communicable disease control Louise Flood said it was not possible to predict the severity of a flu season.

"For many, the flu causes moderate symptoms that ease after a few days, but for others it can lead to severe illness and sometimes even death," Dr Flood said.

"I would urge everyone to contact their GP or immunisation provider to get a flu shot, especially those in the high-risk groups."

Vaccine debate heats up online



PROMINENT Aboriginal scholar Marcia Langton has attempted to inject some science into an online discussion about vaccination, which kicked off after retired boxer Anthony Mundine posted an anti-vax rant on Twitter.

Professor Langton holds the Foundation Chair in Australian Indigenous Studies at the Melbourne University Faculty of Medicine.

"The science is in. Everyone must be vaccinated. Measles can kill and cause lifetime disabilities," she wrote.

Anthony Mundine has now admitted he was "too fired up" when he encouraged parents not to vaccinate their kids.

The former boxer posted a controversial anti-vaccination rant on Twitter, telling his followers "don't vaccine (sic) your kids period!"

"The government bully you into vaccine! Do your research on the s***," he wrote.

"All I'm saying is research and check what they giving you or ya baby!"

"When they start mixing it like a cocktail that's where it's going wrong!"

The comments came a month after a study found no link between autism and the mumps, measles and rubella vaccine.

But after he was condemned by hundreds online, including prominent Australians, he toned down his message.

"I probably was too fired up when I posted that first post. All parents ultimately want what is best for their kids!" he wrote.

"Like I said in my last post, do your own research! Where there is risk, there must always be choice! I AM FOR informed consent and freedom of choice when it comes to all medical procedures."

The Australian Academy of Science responded to Mundine's latest comments with a link to a video titled "Immunisation saves lives".

The non profit organisation said they aimed to support people to make good health decisions based on science.

Mundine's first comments were criticised by paralympian

and disability advocate Kurt Fearnley for promoting apathy over diseases that should be feared.

"You got many mates with Polio? I do. A heap. From countries that didn't have the luxury of vaccinations you peanut," the paralympic champion wrote.

Fearnley said it was "bad faith" for anti-vaxxers to say do your research when medical professionals had already done so.

"So do your research. Consult your GP. Not Dr Google."

Anti-vaxxers have long claimed the MMR vaccine can cause autism, but researchers who studied more than half-a-million babies born in Denmark over 11 years found there is absolutely no association in a study released in March.

The Federal Government has launched a television advertising blitz to counter the misinformation spread by anti-vaccination campaigners.

The Federal Government has committed an extra \$12 million to reinforce the health benefits of the nation's immunisation program.

-AAP

Our Black Olive is ready to cook



BUNDJALUNG man and celebrity chef Mark Olive (aka Black Olive) will cook up a storm in Mount Isa during the North West Health Expo.

Born in Wollongong, Mark grew up in the NSW Northern Rivers region. He became interested in cooking as a child, after watching his mother and aunties prepare meals. He trained under a European chef and has worked in a variety of kitchen environments from theatres, universities and à la carte restaurants around the world, as well as cooking in the bush, and in the earth.

He has also hosted cooking, lifestyle and travel shows on television such as *The Chefs Line*, *On Country Kitchen* and his *Outback Café* series screening all around the world.

Black Olive will be on site for appearances both days of the Health Expo, along with a host of exhibitors, demonstrations

and interactive activities.

Professor Sabina Knight, director of major partner in the North West Health Expo, the Centre for Rural and Remote Health, said it was exciting to have Mark Olive back in the region for the health expo.

"Mark was a celebrity guest at the first health expo we held in 2014, and it's wonderful to welcome him back," she said.

"He is Australia's most celebrated and renowned Indigenous chef and he has a real ability to connect with our community here in the North West. In addition, he promotes healthy cooking, healthy living and fuses native Indigenous Australian bush tucker with contemporary cooking style to present something quite unique."

As an extra this year, Black Olive will be sharing his knowledge of Indigenous herbs and spices from his Indigenous Spice Box.

Entry is free to the Expo, which runs on August 30, from 12-6pm, and August 31, from 10-1pm, at the Mount Isa Civic Centre.



Chef Mark Olive.

Artists called to enter art with a story for a local health service



ARE you an artist or designer from the Bundjalung, Githabul, or Yaegl people? Or know someone who is?

The Northern NSW Local Health District Aboriginal Health Unit is looking for an original piece of work and story that depicts the theme of 'working together to improve Aboriginal health and wellbeing' and the closing date for entries is April 26.

Aboriginal Health Unit associate director Kirsty Glanville said the competition was an opportunity to connect with local communities and find a design that represents the local region for everyone.

"The artwork we're looking for will help raise the profile of our unit and the services we provide to our Aboriginal communities throughout the lands of the Bundjalung, Githabul and Yaegl people," she said.

"It will be something we're proud to have on our shirts, for example, and something the Aboriginal community will recognise and trust when they see our health services."

The prize for the winning artist is \$5000. Submissions must be original and include a title, description, or story relating to the theme.

For more information, contact Laurel Rogers at laurel.rogers@health.nsw.gov.au or 6620 7557.

Hospital looks to closing the gap



CLOSING the Gap Day was celebrated at Randwick Hospital's Campus when visitors, patients and staff

gathered to acknowledge the successes achieved in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health to date – and to highlight the ongoing needs to reduce the gaps in life expectancy and health outcomes

The event provided an opportunity for local health service providers, hospital staff and the community to connect with one another, participate in a traditional smoking ceremony and watch a performance by Aboriginal community members.

HIV & Related Programs Aboriginal sexual education officer Kevin Heath was Master of Ceremonies and introduced Uncle Peter McKenzie, who opened the event with a Welcome to Country.

Prince of Wales Hospital general manager Tobi Wilson welcomed attendees by highlighting the motivation behind the Closing the Gap Day ceremony.

"It is very important that we recognise today the ongoing life expectancy difference between our Indigenous and non-Indigenous population," he said.



Les Daniel conducts a traditional smoking ceremony at the Closing the Gap Day.

"We will continue to strive to close that gap. This is a huge focus for us and for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who use our service."

Prince of Wales Hospital Aboriginal hospital liaison officer

Aunty Linda Boney recounted a story about the challenges and the successes of a recent patient who travelled from a remote Aboriginal community in Arnhem Land to access the health service. The story highlighted the

vital role of the Aboriginal liaison officer, and the work they do to support Aboriginal patients and their families in accessing health services.

Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation founding chief



Mary-Jane Page (Timbery) from the *Because Of Her We Can!* photo exhibition.

executive Associate Professor Lulu Zalapa spoke about the launch of a new Aboriginal art space at Prince of Wales Hospital, located on level two of the Campus Centre. The exhibition, titled *Because Of Her We Can!*, showcases stories and images of local female Aboriginal Elders.

"The exhibition helps us reflect on the lives of our local Aboriginal female Elders, who are often the unsung heroes of our community," she said. "These women have led change through their professional achievements, through advocacy and activism and also in their roles as Elders, grandmothers, mothers, daughters and aunts."

Tourism boost comes to Murujuga



THE Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC) said a funding boost from the Western Australian Government would help it pursue its tourism plans for Murujuga in the Pilbara.

The Government has announced it will provide \$1.3 million to progress the development of a tourism precinct at Conzinc Bay in the Murujuga National Park.

The precinct will include the Murujuga Living Knowledge Centre (MLKC), campground, day-use facilities, jetty, access road and related services.

The project will focus on sharing information about the local Aboriginal culture including its collection of rock art, which is the largest and most diverse in the world.

MAC chief executive Peter Jeffries said the funding would assist the corporation to move forward with the project.

"The Murujuga Living Knowledge Centre and

tourism precinct is a ground-breaking project that represents a huge opportunity for our people to share their culture, land and stories with the world," he said.

"This funding will help us to realise our tourism dream for Murujuga; to celebrate our unique culture and natural environment, raise the bar for Aboriginal tourism across the region, and support our current bid for World Heritage Listing.

"The project will also provide employment opportunities for our people to work on country, strengthening their links to their culture."

Mr Jeffries said the new funding would be used to complete a Detailed Business Case and to undertake the planning and preliminary design phase of the project.

The latest funding announcement is in addition to the State Government's previous commitment of \$8 million and contributions from other funding partners like the City of Karratha.



Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Peter Jeffries, WA Premier Mark McGowan, Karratha MP Kevin Michael and the MAC rangers.

ARDS Aboriginal Corporation has signed an agreement with the NT Government to deliver cultural training.



Yolngu and Balanda to gain understanding



WHEN government workers come to Yolngu communities, there can often be misunderstanding between locals and visitors. So, a new program bringing appropriate cultural competency training to government staff in North East Arnhem Land could mark a new way of the future.

It is the first time the Northern Territory Government has signed a contract with an organisation to provide cultural competency training for all government staff in the area.

ARDS Aboriginal Corporation, which also runs Yolngu Radio, has worked with Yolngu and Balanda (European) people for over 40 years, helping to build understanding across cultures, so it is the ideal organisation to deliver the training.

Marrangu senior Elder and ARDS vice chair Gawura Wanambi believes that the new training contract between ARDS and the NT Government will be beneficial for both Yolngu people and the Government.

"There is a lot of confusion in Yolngu communities because many government workers come here thinking they know how to talk with us

because they had cultural competency training in Darwin or Alice Springs," Gawura said. "But Yolngu people and North East Arnhem Land are very different to Larrakia people and Darwin or central Australian Aboriginal people and Alice Springs. The differences in languages and culture and history have led to very different outlooks."

Gawura said the agreement provides ongoing jobs for Yolngu people and gives ARDS the chance to invest in a business and reduce their reliance on Government funding. He believes the biggest benefit of the training will be the better communication between Yolngu and Balanda.

"Often government workers speak like Balanda talking to Balanda, which is good for them but difficult for many Yolngu to understand. We realise that many Balanda don't understand some Yolngu Matha words or terms, so we use English when dealing with Balanda," Gawura said.

"Balanda must use plain English when dealing with us, and this training will help government people do that.

"In the future we will know that every government person that talks to us will have the same knowledge of our communities and culture and we can work together better."



MORE than 2,500 people from across Australia and the globe will gather for Australia's largest Indigenous business event, Supply Nation's Connect 2019 on May 8-9 at Sydney's International Convention Centre.

And those who attend the red-carpet Gala Supplier Diversity Awards Dinner will be treated to a special performance by pop star Jessica Mauboy.

Over 400 international and local delegates will gather for the event's knowledge forum, with a theme of 'the power of an idea', and almost 200 Indigenous businesses will showcase their products to more than 1500 buyers at the Indigenous Business Tradeshaw.

According to Supply Nation chief executive Laura Berry, the event showcases the increasing maturity, growth and achievements of the Indigenous business sector.

"Connect will bring together some of the pioneers of supplier diversity, together with some of our newest business voices to create a space where the Australian supplier diversity community can learn, grow and connect," Ms Berry said.

"Recent results from the Federal Government's Indigenous Procurement Policy



Supply Nation chief executive Laura Berry and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion at Connect 2018.

illustrate that the Indigenous business sector is growing exponentially year on year – and we're definitely seeing that at Supply Nation with the rapid growth in the number of Indigenous businesses listed on our directory, and in the record numbers of corporate and government members that work with us."

On the final night of the event, the supplier diversity community will gather to celebrate the achievements of the sector at the red-carpet Gala Awards Dinner, where the winners of the Supplier Diversity Awards will be announced. Finalists represent a cross-section of more than 1900 Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander businesses now listed on Indigenous Business Direct (Supply Nation's database) and of Supply Nation's membership of over 425 corporate, government and not-for-profit organisations.

From the most successful organisations to the individuals who are exceeding expectations and creating change through their powerful ideas and business acumen, the Supplier Diversity Awards are the highest recognition of achievement in Australian supplier diversity.

"Every successful business, partnership or start-up was sparked by an idea – so it will be exciting to see who takes home an award from each category," Ms Berry said.

We welcome items for our Calendar of Events. Send them to any of the addresses in the panel on page 23.

National

Until May 2: Auditions for Bran Nue Dae 30th anniversary tour will be held in Sydney and Melbourne. Details: brannuedaemusical.com.au

April 28: Will Australia Ever Have a Black Prime Minister? Factual program on ABC TV at 7.40pm.

Until May 7: Applications for the Indigenous Apprentices Program (IAP) to start a career in the public service. Details: humanservices.gov.au/IAP

Until May 10: Young people can enter their artwork for the exhibition at Sealife Melbourne Aquarium. Email a copy of your artwork to experiences@melbourneaquarium.com.au

Victoria

April 26-29: BIRRARANGGA Film Festival showcase of Indigenous filmmakers. At ACMI, Melbourne. Details: acmi.net.au

Until May 12: *Reimagining Culture: Contemporary connections to Country* exhibition by Maree Clarke at Mildura Arts Centre.

May 2-12: Yirramboi Festival in Melbourne. Details: yirramboi.net.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.

May 4: *insideOUT* solo exhibition by Peter Waples-Crowe acknowledges LGBTQIA+ First Nations people. At Koorie Heritage Trust, Melbourne.

May 4-July 28: *Koorroyarr* exhibition by Gunditjmara Keerray Woorroong sisters, Kelsey and Tarryn Love. At Koorie Heritage Trust, Melbourne.

Until May 19: Film screenings *Mystery Road* May 5 and *Radiance* May 19 at Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Melbourne. Details: acmi.net.au

Until May 19: *Katie West: Clearing.* Exhibition at TarraWarra Museum of Art, Tickets: twma.com.au

Until May 19: *Tracey Moffatt: Body Remembers* exhibition. At TarraWarra Museum of Art. Details: twma.com.au

May 1 and 23: *Bayi Gardiya (Singing Desert)* debut VR work by artist Dr Christian Thompson. Artists talk at 10am-5pm on May 23. Free screening on May 1. Details: acmi.net.au

May 31: Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service in honour of Aboriginal service men and women., 11am-12pm, at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne.

Until June 9: *Silent Witness: A Window to the Past* exhibition of scar tree photographs with a soundscape at Birrarung Gallery, Melbourne Museum

NSW-ACT

April 25: Lest We Forget the Frontier Conflicts march. 9.30am start from west end of Anzac Parade, cnr Constitution Ave, Reid, Canberra.

Until April 26: Bundjalung, Githabul, or Yaegl designer wanted to create an original artwork. \$5000 prize money. Details: Laurel on 6620 7557.

Until April 27: *A Little Piece of Ash* play by Megan Wilding based on her own experience of grief and letting go. At the Kings Cross Theatre, Sydney.

Tides tell river's stories



THE Derbarl Yerrigan (Swan River) winds through our past, present and future as a different

experience for all the people who live, work or play around it.

This concept is explored in a new exhibition *Tides: Paintings of Derbarl Yerrigan Swan River*, which combines artist Alan Muller's paintings with Nyoongar works from the City of Perth's Cultural Collection.

The exhibition is part of the Australian Heritage Festival, and presents moments in Perth's past to spark curiosity and conversation.

This is Mr Muller's fifth exhibition which acknowledges Whadjuk traditional owners of the Perth coastal plain.

"Rivers are life," Mr Muller said. "These paintings reimagine the physical, historic and spiritual heart of Perth – Derbarl Yerrigan Swan River – as the river and land of the Whadjuk Nyoongar people before the 1829 foundation of



Mooro Katta after Garling 1827 by Alan Muller.

Perth and English settlement.

"My paintings depict the river and surrounding landscapes as Whadjuk country before English settlement and tell an ancient story of the Whadjuk people who managed the Perth coastal plain like a vast estate over many thousands of years."

The exhibition will feature

First Contact, a work on paper by Nyoongar printmaker Laurel Nannup, depicting the arrival of Europeans to Australia.

"Seeing the boats arriving, the Nyoongar people would have thought it was the ancestors coming from the sea back to shore," Ms Nannup said.

Local Nyoongar artist Deborah Bonar will also have her work *Maali* displayed in the exhibition as part of the City's Cultural Collections.

The exhibition runs until June 21 at Council House, Ground Floor.

For information, visitperth.com.au

Until April 28: *Barbara and the Camp Dogs.* At Upstairs Theatre, Belvoir St Theatre. Details: belvoir.com.au

May 8-9: Supply Nation's Connect 2019 event for Indigenous businesses Knowledge forum, business trade show and gala awards night. Details: supplynationconnect.com.au

Until May 11: Female Anangu artists exhibition Iritinguru munu kuwari kutu, Anangu walka wiru mantanguru pakani! From a long time ago till now, at APY Gallery in Sydney.

May 12: Blak Markets Mothers Day Festival at Bare Island, La Perouse, 9.30am-3pm.

Until May 27: *One Spirit, One Voice* art exhibition at Yarrowarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre.

Until June 2: *Warriors for the Environment* exhibition. At Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, Leichhardt.

May 4: Christianity and Treaty: perspectives on covenant, ancestral lands and treaty conference. At St Johns Anglican Church, Glebe, Sydney, 9am-2pm. Details: 0400 951 455.

May 4-18: *Native* photographic exhibition by Michael Jalaru Torres at Coeee Art Gallery in Paddington.

May 4-26: *Winyanboga Yurringa*, by Yorta Yorta/Kurnai playwright, Andrea James, at Belvoir Theatre, Sydney.

May 6: 'Bunnal-A Place of Heart'. Free cultural program for people 12-25 years. Learn skills in photography, writing film making and art. 3-5pm at RYSS Wyoming.

May 12: Fashion Parade, lunch and opening of Cultural Connections Aboriginal Art Exhibition. 12-1.30pm at Gawura Gallery, Glen Innes. Details: info@gawuragallery.com

May 16: Free panel discussion on strip searches in NSW by Redfern Legal Centre, at Redfern Town Hall, 6-7pm. Book your spot at bit.ly/stripsearchNSW

May 18: The Kinship Festival for members of the Indigenous community and service providers. 10am- 3pm in Knox Park Murwillumbah. Details: 02 6672 3003.

May 15-25: *Dreamland*, physical theatre production from NORPA. Be transported through waves of settlement – from the Big Scrub, to hippies and tree-changers. At Bangalow A&I Hall. Details norpa.org.au

May 27: Reconciliation in the Park. Free performances, workshops and storytelling at Glebe Park in Sydney, from 10am to 2pm.

June 1: Sell your work at the Art On Bundjalung Market at The Quad in Lismore. Artists can book a stall by May 20. at artonbundjalungcountry.com

May 24-February 8: *Saltwater Freshwater Aboriginal Art Award* touring exhibition to Port Macquarie and Corindi Beach. Details: saltwaterfreshwater.com.au/

May 30-June 1: *Burrbgaja Yalirra (Dancing Forwards)*, a triple bill of solo performance works from Marrugeku artistic directors. Held at Carriageworks, Sydney.

May 4-June 30: *RocoColonial* exhibition of painting, sculpture, design and fashion at Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Gymea.

Queensland

Until June 1: *Tomorrow's Traditions* exhibition showcases the evolution of Aboriginal song and dance. At Tony Gould Gallery, QPAC, Queensland Cultural Centre, South Bank, Brisbane.

May 8-10: Indigenous Chronic Diseases Conference AND 11th National Closing the Gap Indigenous Health Conference, in Cairns. Details: icsconferences.org

May 15-17: National Indigenous Stop Domestic & Family Violence Conference. At Tangalooma Resort, Brisbane. Details: <https://www.icsconferences.org/>

May 20-24: World Indigenous Housing Conference at Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre. Details: www.2019wihc.com

May 23: Celebration of World Indigenous Culture with Archie Roach, Casey Donovan, Isaiah Firebrace and more. Cost applies. At Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre. Details: www.2019wihc.com

May 18-June 4: Djuki Mala tour Queensland. Details: djukimala.com.

June 14: BHDC Reconciliation Golf Day at Windaroo Lakes Golf Club. Contact BHDC on 07 3807 0901 or admin@bhdc.org.au to register.

July 11: Ipswich NAIDOC Family and Cultural Celebration, 10am–2pm at Briggs Road Sporting Complex, Flinders View.

July 12-14: Cairns Indigenous Art Fair. Details: ciaf.com.au

Western Australia

May 16 & 19: *Ritual Intimacy* exhibition by Christian Thompson, opening 6-8pm May 16. Artist talk May 19, 2-3.30pm at John Curtin Gallery Building 200A, Curtin University.

South Australia

Until June 16: *Yurtu Ardla* exhibition of wood carving from Adnyamathanha and Nukunu people. At South Australian Museum, Adelaide.

NT

April 26-May 4: Arafura Games in Darwin.

Until June 1: Northern Territory Travelling Film Festival. Details: nttravellingfilmfestival.com/films

June 7-9: Barunga Festival of Indigenous art, sport, cultural and music, held 80 kms southeast of Katherine.

By June 11: Enter your band in the Bush Bands Bash to attend mentoring sessions and perform at the Bash at Alice Springs Telegraph Station. Details: musicnt.com.au

WA

Until June 1: *Revealed* exhibition: New and emerging Aboriginal artists, at Fremantle Arts Centre, Fremantle.

April 30-May 2: Starting Ground workshop in Kalgoorlie offers free skills development for Aboriginal musicians. Details: (02) 9935 7874 / mhutchings@apra.com.au

May 14-16: Transport Dreaming Conference – Defining the Journey (NDIS and aged care). Details: natsic.com.au

Employment

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Roadwork spend means more work for our mob



ROADS and Maritime Services NSW has more than doubled its target for spending on Aboriginal employment on the realignment of the Newell Highway.

Alistair Lunn, Roads and Maritime's director Western Region, said 4% of this major project's spend was invested in Aboriginal participation at Trewilga in the central west.

"The benefit of having spent over \$1 million on local Aboriginal employment is felt by the whole community. It contributes to a long-term skilled workforce and a continued partnership in western NSW," Alistair said.

Rob Riley and Ben Gunn, both Aboriginal small business owners, said their businesses had benefited from the project.

Managing director of Indigenous Concepts and Networking (ICaN) Rob Riley is a Tubba-gah man from the Wiradjuri Nation.

Rob said he supplied plants from his nursery to the Trewilga project, with proceeds going towards funding local programs.

"ICaN runs a long term unemployment program as well as school programs with a holistic approach, starting with identity, culture and leading into healthy lifestyle with in class support," he said. "We put steps in place to help the person on the job – certain steps around mentoring, employment strategies and cultural awareness training. We help support people if something is going on at home as well."

"All our programs are self-funded through sales from our native nursery."

Ben Gunn is a Wiradjuri man born in Forbes who works with his father at Workcontrol, a traffic management and labour hire company.

Ben is currently the director of



Wiradjuri man and director of Workcontrol Ben Gunn, with his traffic control utes.

Workcontrol and started a partnership with Roads and Maritime four years ago on the projects at Kelso and Hartley Valley and more recently, at Trewilga.

"We complete 80% of Roads and Maritime work orders in western NSW," Ben said.

"We provide training and engagement for Aboriginal staff on these major projects, including local community

engagement for work opportunities.

"To say I am proud of what we offer as a business to our local Aboriginal communities is an understatement. My only hope is that we are able to provide more employment opportunities in the future."

Ben is also pleased about the retention rate of Aboriginal staff in his company, with more than 85% either still employed or pursuing

other avenues on their employment journeys.

There are Workcontrol employees throughout the central west of NSW which includes depots at Forbes, Bathurst, Orange and Dubbo.

The NSW Government provided \$36 million to realign a section of the Newell Highway at Trewilga.

The Newell Highway is a link between the borders of Victoria

and Queensland.

Freight movements make up 31% of traffic on this section of the highway, with the majority being 26-metre B-doubles.

The volume of heavy vehicle traffic is expected to increase annually.

After the realignment of the Newell Highway at Trewilga, the posted speed limit has been raised from 100 km/h to 110 km/h to match the rest of the highway.

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Chief Executive Officer (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Identified) Location – Canberra, ACT

The Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association Ltd is the national body representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors and medical students. Our purpose is to contribute to equitable health and life outcomes, and the cultural wellbeing of Indigenous people, by reaching population parity of Indigenous medical students and doctors, and supporting a culturally safe healthcare system. As a peak organisation, we are represented on over 45 committees nationally and collaborate with a range of key stakeholders and affiliated organisations.

We are seeking a proactive and progressive **Chief Executive Officer** to respectfully and professionally assist this strongly culturally-based membership association grow and evolve. This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Identified position.

About the role

The CEO leads the evolution and implementation of the strategic plan and identifies opportunities to promote and enhance the objectives of AIDA.

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Community Mental Health Professional – Glen Innes

Department: Hunter New England LHD
Location: Glen Innes Community Health Service
Enquiries: Elizabeth Kemp, (02) 6776 9907 or
Elizabeth.Louise.Kemp@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

There is currently a position available, located within the supportive environment of Glen Innes Health Service.

You will be part of a team that supports community members who present with mental health issues and you will also receive support from the broader Mental Health Team in Armidale.

This position is available to Occupational Therapists, Psychologists, Registered Nurses, Social Workers or Aboriginal Counsellors.

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria. For information on Confirmation of Aboriginality Requirements click here. In the event there are no suitable Aboriginal applicants, then applications from non-Aboriginal applicants will be considered.

Closing Date: 28 April 2019

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ96079

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Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation located in Bendigo, offering a range of health and social services to community across Dja Dja Wurrung country.

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Identified Position

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(Full Time) 12 month contract

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(Full Time)

Case Support Administration Worker
(Full Time)

Case Manager
(Full Time)

Senior Case Manager
(Full Time)

Team Leader
(Full Time)

Applicants MUST address the key selection criteria listed on our website.

For more information about the above positions please refer to the **position description** listed on our website, www.bdac.com.au/jobs or contact the BDAC Human Resource Team on **03 5442 4947** or recruitment@bdac.com.au

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Field Officer Enhanced Bushfire Management Program (Aboriginal Identified)

- **Field Officer Grade 1-4** (This role is for those with competencies at the Grade 3 level or above within the FO 1-4 classification)
- **Ongoing, Full-Time**
- **Reference: 00006MGQ**
- **Location: Griffith**

Primary Purpose of the role: As part of the Enhanced Bushfire and Management Program (EBMP) field team, the role is primarily involved in bushfire fuel reduction activities, by both mechanical means and prescribed fire and, during periods of high bushfire activity, may be required to participate in bushfire suppression or other bushfire response functions. The roles also undertakes maintenance and improvements to park infrastructure (facilities and grounds) including buildings, roads, fire trails and fencing in accordance with EBMP Programs and facilitate visitor relations and law enforcement activities as required.

Total Remuneration package: Package includes salary (\$60,945 - \$64,906), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Applications Close: Wednesday
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If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Sheila Lee on 0409 073 810 or Ken Denton on 0417 778 823.

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Job Reference Number 00006MGQ.**

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Principal Consultant Diversity and Inclusion

**Permanent full time position
Eight Mile Plains**

Purpose of the Role

- As Principal Consultant Diversity and Inclusion, and working collaboratively with internal and external stakeholders and representative groups, you will be responsible for leading the implementation of Metro South Health's Pathway's to Inclusion: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Strategy, and other programs of work that support and promote inclusion and diversity across the health service.
- Undertake high level liaison, consultation and collaboration with internal and external stakeholders, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations, to ensure the delivery of outcomes relevant to Pathways to Inclusion and broader health service priorities.
- Provide high level advice to Executive and Senior Management, staff and key stakeholders on workforce diversity issues that may impact health service workforce planning, and delivery of services to meet strategic and operational direction and priorities.
- Establish relationships, and collaborate, with educational institutions, job placement providers, training providers, local community organisations, and State and Commonwealth agencies to identify and implement employment programs across the health service.

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Enquiries: Dave Waters (07) 3069 4776
Closing date: Friday, 10 May 2019

For more information and details on how to apply for this position please view the role description on our website <https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-MS05308513>



Academic Literacy & Learning Advisor, Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education

This is an identified position and applicants must be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Person. Being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Person is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised under Section 14(D) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW. Applicants must provide their confirmation of identity documentation in their online application at the time of application, as per the requirement of Clause 107 of Western Sydney University' Recruitment and Selection Policy. Any application that is not fully completed at this time cannot be considered in the Recruitment and Selection process. Please view the policy:

<http://policies.uws.edu.au/view.current.php?id=00195>

Western Sydney University is a modern, forward-thinking, research-led university, located at the heart of Australia's fastest growing and economically significant Western Sydney region. Boasting 10 campuses - many in CBD locations - and more than 170,000 alumni, 44,000 students and 3000 staff, the University has 10 Schools with an array of well-designed programs and courses carefully structured to meet the demands of future industry. The University is ranked in the top two per cent of Universities worldwide and as a research leader, 80 per cent of the University's assessed research is rated at 'World Standard' or above.

Located in the midst of Australia's largest urban Aboriginal community, Western Sydney University is committed to the advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education as a key to national Reconciliation. While responsibility for the delivery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education is shared across the University, the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education ('Badanami') plays a pivotal role in partnering with Schools to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students' successful transition to University, and in enhancing the quality of their learning experiences and outcomes in culturally appropriate ways.

The Badanami Centre is a multi-campus service providing support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students across all Western Sydney University campuses.

An opportunity exists for an Academic Literacy and Learning Advisor to join the team.

The successful applicant will hold a key role in supporting the values and commitments of the Securing Success: 2015-2020 Strategic Plan in the area of academic literacy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. You will require skills in identifying strategies for improving the assessment and delivery of curriculum, and other initiatives, to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students' academic literacy needs.

The major responsibilities of the role will be to:

1. Ensure efficient and effective operation of the tutorial assistance program, including completion of Educational Assessments for student applicants, matching of Tutors to applicants, responding to enquiries from students and Tutors participating in the program, and collecting and collating program data for reporting purposes;
2. Contribute to the delivery of academic literacy support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the Schools and across all Western Sydney University campuses;
3. Provide advice to the Centre and to Schools to support and assist in strategic initiatives in the area of academic literacy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students; and,
4. Liaise with Deans, Directors and senior management to identify strategies for providing academic literacy support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students across year levels.

You will be expected to work closely with colleagues within the Centre and with other Student Support Service staff across the University, to provide support and assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the use of online systems and processes to enhance their capacity to self- manage and self-inform.

This position is a full-time, ongoing position working across Kingswood (0.4 FTE), Hawkesbury (0.2 FTE) and Parramatta South (0.4 FTE) Campus.

Remuneration Package: HEW Level 7 \$104,004 to \$112,222 p.a. (comprising Salary \$87,885 to \$94,829 p.a., plus 17% Superannuation, plus Leave Loading)

Position Enquiries: Mrs Fiona Towney, Director, Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education, 0401 791 121 or email f.towney@westernsydney.edu.au

Closing Date: 11:30pm, 7 May 2019

Full details on how to apply for these positions can be found at our website. Western Sydney University values workplace diversity.

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Executive Director – Aboriginal Victoria

Department of Premier and Cabinet is now seeking applications from suitably qualified professionals for the opportunity of Executive Director, Aboriginal Victoria.

Reporting to the Deputy Secretary, Social Policy, this role will lead innovative policies and programs to strengthen Aboriginal communities. It will protect, nurture and raise awareness of Victoria's Aboriginal cultural heritage, provide high level, strategic leadership, policy advice, advocacy and representation of Aboriginal Affairs to improve social and economic outcomes for Aboriginal Victorians.

The role will also develop and maintain relationships with a wide variety of stakeholders including Ministers, senior executives, government departments and agencies, and community organisations and individuals, and the private sector.

The closing date for this position is midnight on **Wednesday, 1 May 2019**.

How to apply:

Apply before the advertised closing date by visiting www.careers.vic.gov.au and searching using reference number **1392322**

Communications Manager

- Empowering people, enabling change
- Find real purpose at work
- Developmental role



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The Foundation recently appointed Professor Glyn Davis AC as CEO and is now recruiting senior positions to implement an ambitious strategy.

Job summary

The Communications Manager will facilitate definition of the Foundation strategy for communication and be accountable for its implementation and oversee and strengthen institutional and program communications for the Foundation. The role will be complex in supporting significant community change in health, education and within the philanthropic community, and will design and execute a robust communications and media strategy which builds the Foundation's brand and advances achievement of the social goals. Responsible for the management of the Foundation's reputation, through media relations, messaging across multiple platforms and crisis management. The position will provide advice to senior management, manage online and offline communication, social media, campaigns, the website, key events and key issues that may arise.

The position is currently based in St Leonards, with a potential move into the city envisaged in early 2020. An appropriate remuneration will be available for the right person for the role.

What we are looking for

A person with experience at a senior level in communications management with evidence of achieving change and improvements through multi-channel communications strategies and managing interactions with a range of stakeholders. She or he will have the ability to deliver behavioural data and insights and have demonstrable strategic leadership, problem solving, analysis and evaluation skills. The successful candidate will be committed to the purpose of the Foundation, demonstrate a highly collaborative approach, have an exceptional ability to manage relationships and develop trust, and be able to deliver within a small organisation which has ambitious goals.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 10 May, 2019 – early applications are encouraged.

For a copy of the Position Description and for details on how to apply please visit our website at <https://www.carolwatson.com.au/> and go to our Position Descriptions page.

To apply please send a CV to Debbie Dickinson at debbie@carolwatson.com.au



Field Officer (Aboriginal Identified)

- Vacancy Ref: 00006K3I
- Location: Cobar
- Field Officer Grade 1-4 (This role is for those with competencies at the Grade 3 level or above within the FO 1-4 classification)
- Ongoing, Full-Time

Primary Purpose of the role: Undertakes construction, maintenance and improvements to park assets within NPWS parks and reserves, maintains heritage buildings and structures. Undertakes pest, weed and fire management activities including those in remote areas. Operates and maintains plant and equipment. Responds to visitor enquiries and may undertake compliance activities. Contributes to ensuring OEH obligations and aims are met through the enhancement and preservation of the natural and cultural heritage values of parks. Performs works programs and conducts inspections of potential safety hazards to ensure that the public has access to appropriately maintained and safe recreational facilities.

Total Remuneration package: \$71,948. Package includes salary (\$60,945 - \$64,906), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Applications Close: Friday
3 May 2019 at 11:59pm**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Tony Pearson 0428 101 714.

**Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search
Job Reference Number 00006K3I.**

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BOOLANGLE LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Salary Package
(To be negotiated upon successful appointment)
Full Time Position (35 Hours per week)

The Casino Boolangle Local Aboriginal Land-Council (LALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people who are interested in a rewarding career undertaking a challenging role as the **Chief Executive Officer** of Casino Boolangle LALC.

The position holder will provide strategic advice and an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected board through the day-to-day management of the Casino Boolangle LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities, the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the LALC's Community Land and Business Plan as approved by membership.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 the

capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills and the ability to supervise and manage staff and programs.

Organisational and management experience is essential with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of issues that affect Aboriginal communities is required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and Selection Criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

For a recruitment package contact Darlene Caldwell by mobile on **0403701775**.

Applicants can be forward email ceo@cblalc.com and marked "Confidential" and or post to:

Darlene Caldwell- Chairperson
Casino Boolanglelocal Aboriginal land Council
PO Box 1047 CASINO NSW 2470

Closing Date: Friday, May 17, 2019



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Project Officer (Regional) Identified – Aboriginal Affairs

- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Temporary for a period up to 30 June 2021
- Position number and location: 178568 - Dubbo

Total remuneration package: \$116,302. Package includes salary (\$94,782 - \$104,918), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About Aboriginal Affairs

Aboriginal Affairs works with Aboriginal communities to promote social, economic and cultural well-being through opportunity, choice, healing, responsibility and empowerment. Aboriginal Affairs is proud to be a leader in Aboriginal employment and development. Over 50 per cent of staff across the agency, including senior leadership, identify as Aboriginal. We are also committed to providing a culturally safe and supportive workplace for all staff. Our agency works very closely with Aboriginal communities across NSW, and our staffing reflects the diversity of these communities. To learn more about the work that Aboriginal Affairs does please visit: www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au.

About the role

As part of a team, the Regional Project Officer facilitates partnerships between Aboriginal community governance bodies, government agencies, and the private and not for profit sectors, to achieve common goals that support the social, economic and cultural development of Aboriginal communities. The role supports Aboriginal community self-governance and economic development, and works collaboratively to improve information flows, implement projects and build capacity amongst Aboriginal governance bodies to achieve better outcomes, while ensuring culturally appropriate engagement with all members of the local community/ies.

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.

Pre-screening questions:

This position requires sound analytical skills and the ability to work collaboratively with both staff and a wide range of stakeholders. Please describe your experience in these areas, particularly working in partnership with Aboriginal community organisations; emphasising aspects of your past experience that you believe equip you to meet the demands of the position. (300 words maximum)

This role requires project management experience. Provide a detailed example of a project you have successfully delivered, undertaken in collaboration with others or independently, highlighting challenges encountered and your capabilities used to ensure project success. (300 words maximum)

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality.
- Current Driver's License and willingness to undertake regional travel.

Demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with, and understand issues impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Applications Close: 8 May 2019

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Julie Blackhall (02) 6887 4408.

**Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to
iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and refer to the following keyword: 00006Z6G.**

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Administrative Officer

Department: Hunter New England LHD
Population Health Wallsend
Temporary Full-Time up to March 2020
Enquiries: Patrick Cashman 0428 754 933

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates are encouraged to apply.

Closing Date: 8 May 2019

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ100204.

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NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Community and Economic Development Officer (6 x Positions)

Eastern Zone based in Gosford
Western Zone based in Dubbo
Far Western Zone based in Broken Hill
Northern Zone based in Tamworth
Southern Zone based in Fyshwick – 2 x positions
Salary Range \$92,740 to \$112,215

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is a not for profit organisation offering diverse and exciting opportunities for experienced and motivated people interested in undertaking the above vacancies.

The Program Implementation Unit fills a crucial role in the successful operation of NSWALC by implementing the Council's strategic priorities for supporting our people and pursuing economic independence and prosperity for our people.

Specifically, the Community and Economic Development Officer works closely with Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) in implementing the LALC Business Enterprise Program in the regions to facilitate engagement in community development, early stage business enterprise development and supporting capacity building towards this aim, including planning, financial, business and entrepreneurship skills in LALCs. This role will also allow for direct communication with LALCs on strategic NSWALC initiatives.

The successful applicant will have effective community engagement, project management, business enterprise, finance and/or capacity development skills. A willingness to travel is also required.

The position offers an attractive remuneration package and an extensive range of benefits and conditions including access to salary packaging options. This together with working in a dynamic progressive organisation offering a rewarding challenging career and great potential for development and advancement provides a unique opportunity.

The activities of the Community & Economic Development Officer will be guided by the objectives of the NSWALC Strategic Plan and in particular, Goal 3 – Pursue Economic Independence and Prosperity for our People.

Three of the six vacant roles are Identified Positions.

Aboriginality - this is an identified position under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

To apply for this position

Please obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Role Description and Success Profile by email: Judy.Cockery.Senior.HR.Advisor.recruitment@alc.org.au. Applications close 9am Friday 17 May.

Job Status: Full-time Permanent



Aboriginal
Affairs



Project Officer – Aboriginal Affairs

- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Temporary Part-Time for a period up to 6 December 2019
- Position number and location: 214443 – Mascot & Western Sydney

Total remuneration package: \$116,302. Package includes salary (\$94,782 – \$104,918), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Aboriginal Affairs is looking for a Part time Project Officer to work with the Western Sydney Aboriginal Regional Alliance who is in the process of establishing an Aboriginal community owned and controlled alliance that is recognised and accepted as the mechanism for accountability of government funded service delivery programs for Aboriginal people in Western Sydney. Aboriginal Affairs head office is located in Mascot but the role will require you to work predominantly in the Western Sydney region.

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About the role

The successful applicant will implement a project plan that includes identifying community priorities, establishing an evidence base and progressing the formation of a Local Decision Making Alliance for the Western Sydney region.

You will play a pivotal role in supporting the Western Sydney Aboriginal Regional Alliance to lead community conversations to inform and support further development of a representative governance framework to work in partnership with community, government agencies and service providers to support cultural appropriate service delivery outcomes for the Aboriginal community of Western Sydney.

To be successful in this role, you will need to have experience in negotiation, conflict resolution, community engagement experience, project planning and implementation and connections to the Western Sydney communities.

Talent Pool

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Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw
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Pre-screening questions:

Provide examples where you have had to work in the context where the expectations of Aboriginal communities differed from the scope of the project. How did you build a common understanding and what were some of your learnings? (300 words maximum)

Explain your experience working within the Western Sydney region, and/or Aboriginal communities. What have you learnt and how would you apply these learnings to this role? (300 words maximum)

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality.
- Current NSW Driver's Licence.

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: 8 May 2019

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Jodi Shannon on 0436 605 500.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and refer to the following keyword: 00006279.

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ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS



Aboriginal Case Manager – Morwell

- Ongoing, full time opportunity based in Morwell
- Engage with the Gippsland Aboriginal Community
- Salary range \$76,588 – \$82,404 per annum plus superannuation

What you will do

As an Aboriginal Case Manager, you will be responsible for managing a case load for Aboriginal offenders with a range of order requirements aimed at reducing the risk of reoffending through conducting, assessing risk of recidivism, rehabilitation, supervision, and programming needs for Aboriginal people subject to court order.

You will also be responsible for developing and implementing case plans and cultural support plans and working with Aboriginal Justice networks to identify appropriate support to strengthen case management of Aboriginal offenders in the local community.

To be successful in this role you will:

- have knowledge of case management frameworks
- the ability to develop relationships with Aboriginal organisations and other organisations that support and strengthen the case management of Aboriginal offenders to build robust and positive partnerships
- have the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with members of the Victorian Aboriginal Community
- have the knowledge and an understanding of the Victorian Aboriginal Community and the social and cultural issues impacting on the community
- have knowledge and experience to provide compelling guidance, advice and have to be able to negotiate from a position of strength ideally have exposure to complex groups such as homelessness, drug and alcohol, and child protection.

For more information on the role please contact

Teagan Ryan on 0448 115 871 or to apply visit

correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au by 11.59pm Sunday, 28 April 2019.

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Seeking Board Directors

Wentworth Healthcare Limited, provider of the Nepean Blue Mountains Primary Health Network, is seeking Expressions of Interest for **two** skills-based Directors to join our Board. We are interested in candidates who have an **allied health background**; or have experience in **consumer engagement** and are suitably experienced for a Director position.

Our mission is to empower general practice and other healthcare professionals to deliver high-quality, accessible and integrated primary healthcare that meets the needs of our community.

For the role criteria visit nbmphn.com.au/careers

More information: **02 4708 8100** or email director@nbmphn.com.au

Applications close Sunday 12 May 2019.

We encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, women, people from culturally diverse backgrounds and people with disabilities to apply.

Director of Programs

- **Unique leadership opportunity**
- **Directing programs that address social disadvantage**
- **Empowering people, enabling societal change**
- **Find real purpose at work**
- **Developmental role**



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Job summary

The Director of Programs provides a unique leadership opportunity to take a thriving start-up and help build it to a new level of influence and change. The Director will support and oversee a range of complex programs across sectors and regions, each with significant, multi-faceted goals, seeking to address various social issues and to create lasting change. The position will recruit and manage a team of highly skilled staff to deliver these results and will develop a strong culture of capability development and learning.

The role is full-time and currently based in St Leonards, with a potential move into the city envisaged in early 2020. An appropriate remuneration will be available for the right person for the role.

What we are looking for

A person with considerable management experience at a senior level in managing all aspects of complex and diverse projects including budget, risk and reporting accountability. A self-directed, active problem solver with an understanding of human-centred design who can demonstrate capability to develop new policies and procedures, integrated with organisational vision. She or he will be able to move between the strategic and operational to deliver outcomes, have strong leadership, influencing and relationship management capability and a highly collaborative approach, promoting inclusion and engagement. She or he will have demonstrated superior program and budget management capability. The successful candidate will be committed to the purpose of the Foundation and be able to represent the Foundation with integrity, be strategic in thinking and be able to deliver within a small organisation which has ambitious goals.

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NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Policy Officer - Aboriginal Identified

Parramatta Location

Salary Range \$76,642 to \$92,740 plus 9.5% super and other benefits

The Opportunity

The Policy Officer undertakes research, analysis and the development of policy advice and recommendations that supports the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC), the network of Local Aboriginal Land Council and Aboriginal peoples in NSW.

To be successful in this role, the Policy Officer will need to have:

- Aboriginality - this is an identified position under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Demonstrated experience in policy analysis and policy development.
- Demonstrated political awareness and astuteness.
- Demonstrated research, analytical and information management skills including the ability to use these to formulate, interpret, analyse, implement and evaluate policy and program initiatives.
- Well-developed oral and written communication skills including a demonstrated ability to communicate effectively.

About us

NSWALC is the State's peak representative body in Aboriginal affairs and aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community. NSWALC is a not for profit organisation.

More information about NSW Aboriginal Land Council can be found at www.alc.org.au

This is an Identified Position.

Aboriginality - this is an identified position under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

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 Senior HR Advisor by email: recruitment@alc.org.au.

Applications close **9:00am Monday 6 May 2017** and can be forwarded to recruitment@alc.org.au

Job Status: Permanent

Director of Operations



- **Empowering people, enabling change**
- **Find real purpose at work**
- **Developmental role**

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Job summary

The Director of Operations will be responsible for designing and implementing business operations as the Foundation grows and develops. It will establish policies that promote the culture and the vision of PRF. The position will oversee the work of a diverse range of executives within the portfolio and deliver efficient, integrated, useful services to the CEO, the Board, Foundation staff and external stakeholders.

The position can be filled on a full time or part time basis, although full time to commence with would be beneficial. It is currently based in St Leonards, with a potential move into the city envisaged in early 2020. An appropriate remuneration will be available for the right person for the role.

What we are looking for

A person with experience in managing a diverse range of operational services, in which they have designed and delivered new procedures and systems. She or he will demonstrate strong leadership capability and a highly collaborative approach. The successful candidate will be committed to the purpose of the Foundation, be strategic in thinking and be able to deliver within a small organisation which has ambitious goals.

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The opportunity:

The Infrastructure Group, within the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities, is looking for high-performing people with strong policy, program, stakeholder and project management skills, to fill a number of current and future vacancies.

Through our policy roles, we pride ourselves on being trusted advisors to the Australian Government on cities and infrastructure policy issues. Through our program and project management roles, we develop strong, collaborative relationships with state, territory and local governments to deliver high-profile road, rail and airport projects within the states and territories. Some roles do it all and have a mix of policy and program responsibilities.

We are looking to fill positions straight away, along with future vacancies as they arise over a 12-month period.

About you:

We are looking for candidates with extensive experience in either the public or private sector in policy, program, stakeholder or project management roles. You will enjoy working in a fast-paced dynamic team environment, whilst demonstrating exceptional attention to detail and a high level of judgement.

You will have the ability to lead a team to achieve results and use your strong communication and stakeholder skills to develop relationships both internal and external to the Department. Your ability to adapt to change, demonstration of resilience and ability to deal with ambiguity will also be highly regarded.

Further information on these vacancies is available on our website:

<https://infrastructure.gov.au/departments/careers/>

www.infrastructure.gov.au



Administration Officer, Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education

This is an identified position and applicants must be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Person. Being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Person is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised under Section 14(D) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW. Applicants must provide their confirmation of identity documentation in their online application at the time of application, as per the requirement of Clause 107 of Western Sydney University's Recruitment and Selection Policy. Any application that is not fully completed at this time cannot be considered in the Recruitment and Selection process. Please click here to view the policy:

<http://policies.uws.edu.au/view.current.php?id=00195>

Located in the midst of Australia's largest urban Aboriginal community, Western Sydney University is committed to the advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education as a key to national Reconciliation. While responsibility for the delivery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education is shared across the University, Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education ('Badanami') plays a pivotal role in partnering with Schools to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students' successful transition to Western Sydney University, and in enhancing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples educational outcomes and success.

Badanami is a multi-campus service providing products and services tailored to meet the needs of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students located across our multiple University campuses.

An opportunity exists for an Administration Officer to join the team.

The successful applicant will provide administrative and operational support to Badanami to ensure the success of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. You will require administrative skills in implementing operational and project specific processes and to support the efficient delivery of all programs and services offered by Badanami.

This role will provide not only administrative support to the Director, Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education, but will also manage the administrative workflow of the Centre including prioritisation of critical operational activities by working in collaboration with the Director, Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education and key stakeholders as directed.

This position is a full-time, ongoing position based at Kingswood Campus.

Remuneration Package: HEW Level 5 \$82,683 to \$93,648 p.a. (comprising Salary \$69,868 to \$79,134 p.a., plus 17% Superannuation, plus Leave Loading)

Position Enquiries: Mrs Fiona Towney, Director, Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education, 0401 791 121 or email f.towney@westernsydney.edu.au

Closing Date: 11:30pm, 30 April 2019

Full details on how to apply for these positions can be found at our website. Western Sydney University values workplace diversity. WESTERNSYDNEY.EDU.AU/VACANCIES



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Senior Strategy Officer (Identified)

Parramatta Location

Salary Range \$109,478 to \$128,878 plus 9.5% super and other benefits

The Opportunity

The Senior Strategy Officer will provide advice and support the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) in relation to various strategic initiatives (including, but not limited to, the Makarrata campaign).

The primary responsibilities of this position are:

- Coordinating various NSWALC strategic initiatives and campaigns (including, but not limited to the Makarrata campaign).
- Providing advice relating to the management and implementation of NSWALC's strategic initiatives and campaigns.
- Representing NSWALC at meetings, committees and forums.
- Developing and building relationship with key external stakeholders to support NSWALC's strategic initiatives and campaigns.
- Preparing quality reports, submissions, briefing papers and correspondence relating to NSWALC's strategic initiatives and campaigns.
- Managing expenditure and project budgets associated with NSWALC's strategic initiatives and campaigns.
- Liaising with NSWALC business units, the Aboriginal Land Council network and other external stakeholders regarding NSWALC's strategic initiatives and campaigns.

About us

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is the State's peak representative body in Aboriginal affairs and aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community. NSWALC is a not for profit organisation.

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Aboriginality - this is an identified position under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

How to apply

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Job Status: Permanent

Job Reference: 0017



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National Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Health Worker Association

NATSIHWA is an association, founded on the cultural and spiritual teachings of our past and present leaders, which best serves our members in their important role in achieving physical, social, cultural and emotional wellbeing for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NATSIHWA has received operational funding until 30 June 2022 and is looking to recruit positions in order to for-fill the organisational requirements for the strategic deliverables which are set by our Board members.

The positions vacant are:

- **Chief Operations Officer (Identified position);**
- **Project Officer**

Please see the NATSIHWA web site: <https://natsihwa.org.au/jobs-natsihwa> for specific information on each of the positions. All of the positions will be based within the NATSIHWA Secretariat in Phillip (ACT) with a possibility of occasional interstate travel.

In applying for the positions it will be necessary to provide an up to date CV and a letter outlining your response to questions that demonstrate:

- 1 your ability to perform the job: and
- 2 how you meet all of the essential and any of the desirable criteria in the person specification.

In order to be considered for the role of Chief Operational Officer, the applicant must provide a certified copy of their Confirmation of Aboriginality.

Once you have completed your letter of response, attached your CV and included the names of two referees, please forward onto Julie Guest eo@natsihwa.org.au.

The closing date is by COB Monday 12 May 2019

If you require further information please contact Julie on 02) 6221 9221.



Aboriginal Caseworker, Brighter Futures, Coffs Harbour



You'll provide casework and case-management to families and children who are at risk of further escalation within the Child Protection system.

The Important Details:

- Aboriginality
- Relevant tertiary qualifications in social sciences and/or other relevant work experience.
- Demonstrated understanding of child protection issues and the ability to identify and address these issues with families when required
- Demonstrated understanding of issues facing vulnerable families; principles of early intervention and the importance of children's early years on later outcomes; and of children's developmental stages and practical parenting skills
- Demonstrated ability to conduct family assessments using a strengths-based approach
- Ability to work independently and as an effective member of a multifunction team
- Proven computer skills including word processing, accessing emails and internet
- Current driver's licence and willingness to transport families

Why Uniting?

Accompanying a fulfilling career and the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of children and families we offer a range of excellent benefits including:

- A starting salary of \$68,066 - \$77,304 depending on skills & years of experience
- 5 days ex-gratia
- 35 hour working week
- * attractive salary packaging options offer of work related vehicle

What's Next?

If you feel you have the passion and ability to succeed in this role then please apply now. If you have any questions or require further details, then please contact Ali Serhan at aserhan@uniting.org

Employment with Uniting is subject to satisfactory background checks which include a National Police Check and Reference Check

This is an identified position for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. All applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. Aboriginality is a genuine qualification authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination ACT 1977.

ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS



Youth Justice Advanced Case Manager – Preston

- **Full time, ongoing opportunity available in Preston commencing August 2019**
- **Salary range \$81,133 - \$91,264 plus superannuation**
- **Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people strongly encouraged to apply**

What you will do

The Youth Justice Advanced Case Manager role is a senior case management position within the youth justice service, primarily responsible for the statutory supervision and coordination of services for young people subject to statutory court orders. The role requires high standards of case management practice, with particular experience in effectively coordinating the delivery of rehabilitative interventions for young people with complex needs at high risk of offending in the community.

Based in the Preston office, the Advanced Case Manager works within the Koori Specialist Unit. This unit predominantly works with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people who have been subject to statutory court orders.

To be successful in this role you will have:

- An understanding of the youth justice system, particularly the principles and philosophy underpinning relevant legislation and the Victorian Youth Justice program.
- An understanding of the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 and associated policies and guidelines developed for use by youth justice workers. Understanding of Children's Court practices and procedures or ability to obtain such knowledge.
- Advanced knowledge and skills relating to the case management of people with complex needs, requiring the highest level of supervision and support in the community to manage risks, relevant to their development, gender and cultural needs

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information on the role please contact Brooke Nam on 0422 005 734 or to apply visit www.youthjusticejobs.vic.gov.au/ by 11.59pm on Sunday, 19 May 2019.

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Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

- **Identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only**
- **ACLO**
- **Temporary role up to 27 January 2020**
- **Position number and location: 174441 - Nirimba**

Total remuneration package: \$85,757 Package includes salary (\$70,652 - \$77,363), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About the role

The role works as part of a team to develop partnerships and understanding between the Aboriginal community and the **Department of Education** at all levels, thereby helping to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal school students.

Talent Pool

A talent pool may be created through this recruitment process. A talent pool is a group of candidates who have undergone an assessment process and have been identified suitable for this role or similar roles. The talent pool will be valid for a period of 12 months. Being part of a talent pool means that you may be considered for ongoing, temporary or term employment for a range of similar roles. This offers exciting opportunities for you to gain a wide range of experiences to build your public service career.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via [iworkfor.nsw](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au)
No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Hold a valid clearance to work with Children (Working with Children Check)
- As this role requires regular visits to schools and attending meetings at various locations, a valid NSW driver's licence is required
- Knowledge of and commitment to the department's Aboriginal education policies

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

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Applications Close: 8 May 2019

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Colleen Mitchell (02) 9208 7679.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and refer to the following keyword: 174441 or 00006YBB.



FAMILY CASE WORKER

Ref:33235.

We have an exciting opportunity for an energetic, passionate and highly capable Family Case Worker to join the team at our Pinangba Cape York Family Centre.

In this role you will visit and assess high needs Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families at high risk of breakdown due to alcohol and drug use who also have secondary related mental and/or physical health issues. Supplementing this you will also manage their transition back to community living which will include coordinating any additional support services they may require to have a seamless re-integration.

For more information or to apply visit bluecare.mercury.com.au or contact Shirley Sues during business hours on 0740822420 Applications close 26 April 2019.

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national program manager

The Foundation and the Aspiration Initiative

The Aurora Education Foundation's vision is to transform the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians through education, one life at a time, growing the numbers of Indigenous leaders, mentors and academic role models. Since 2011 the Foundation's leading program has been The Aspiration Initiative (TAI), which enhances educational engagement and academic outcomes.

The Role

You will head up the development, expansion and management of TAI working extensively with Elders, communities, schools and students, as well as providing strong leadership to our dedicated staff. You will see the big picture, understand the need and create the right programs, supports and environment.

Skills Required

You have a background in community, human services, health, education or a like-minded corporate where you have been responsible for managing and developing services, motivating and developing staff, measuring performance and reporting on program success and funding.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

To be part of the changing conversation around what is possible in the area of Indigenous education, please send in your resume and cover letter responding to the skills required above quoting reference #94774 to cv@ngorecruitment.com or phone Richard Green on 02 8243 0570 to discuss your interest.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative is a not for profit Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (ACCHO) providing culturally attuned, integrated health and community services in Warrnambool, South West Victoria and outlying areas.

A highly rewarding opportunity for a Chief Executive Officer to lead our professional multi-disciplinary teams. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for ensuring the organisation achieves its strategic objectives in accordance with the strategic plans. This role includes business growth initiatives; strengthening of external stakeholder partnerships and relationships; financial oversight and accountability; and overarching accountability to funding bodies, the community, stakeholders and the Board of Directors. You will be supported by a dynamic and competent leadership team across the organisation.

What we are looking for

- Our ideal CEO will have a passion for the Community and will be competent working within Aboriginal organisations within a Victorian context.
- Previous senior management experience is essential, preferably in community-controlled Aboriginal Health organisations.
- Sound knowledge of financial management, legislative and corporate accountability, strategic development, negotiation and change management.
- Ability to shape strategic thinking, communicate with influence and make sound decisions, whilst achieving results and exemplifying personal drive and integrity.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications in Business Management, Health Management etc. will be looked upon favourably, but are not essential.
- People-focused leader with outstanding communication and listening skills

How to apply

Applicants must be able to demonstrate their relevant experience and/or qualifications and how they meet the essential criteria for the position. **Applications close Sunday 26 May 2019.** Further information, and applications to Susan Kay, Human Resources 0427 058 467 or (03) 5559 1234 or email: susan.kay@gunditjmarra.org.au. Position descriptions can be accessed via our website www.gunditjmarra.org.au

We strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply. Gunditjmarra is a Child Safe Organisation

Project Officer

- Contribute to programs delivering societal change
- Find real purpose at work
- Unique environment to develop your capability



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The Paul Ramsay Foundation partners with dedicated organisations in key program areas. The Foundation has a bias toward system-level collaboration, informed by research, evaluation and shared learning.

The Foundation recently appointed Professor Glyn Davis AC as CEO and is now recruiting senior positions to implement an ambitious strategy.

Job summary

Reporting to the Program Manager, the Project Officer will be part of a small professional team managing and supporting a range of complex programs with significant, multifaceted goals to address social issues and create lasting change. With exposure to thought leaders and world-renowned sector experts you will provide research, event management, operational and administrative support to a diverse range of projects.

The role is currently based in St Leonards, with a potential move into the city envisaged in early 2020. An appropriate remuneration will be available for the right person for the role.

What we are looking for

A person with demonstrated experience in complex project management and administration, research capability, excellent systems and data management capability and excellent communication skills. You will be a critical thinker, able to analyse and synthesise complex ideas and information and present them clearly. Committed to teamwork, you will be an excellent relationship manager able to liaise effectively with people and organisations at all levels, demonstrating maturity and sound professional judgement. You will have advanced system and data management skills, including web packages, social and digital media platform knowledge and Microsoft capability.

The successful candidate will be a person of integrity, understand confidentiality and be committed to the purpose of the Foundation. She or he will have an affinity with the not-for-profit sector and be able to work with the team to deliver within a small organisation which has ambitious goals.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 10 May, 2019 – early applications are encouraged.

For a copy of the Position Description and for details on how to apply please visit our website at <https://www.carolwatson.com.au/> and go to our Position Descriptions page.

To apply please send a CV to Debbie Dickinson at debbie@carolwatson.com.au



GENERAL MANAGER

- A leadership role that offers autonomy and flexibility
- Build opportunities for both spaces and people
- Be part of a team that takes having fun very seriously
- Based in Canberra or Sydney

DLG SHAPE was established in 2016 bringing together The David Liddiard Group (DLG) and SHAPE Australia, forming a majority owned Indigenous business that specialises in commercial fitout and construction services. The DLG SHAPE partnership brings spaces to life across Australia, while creating more commercial construction employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians.

The opportunity

This role of the General Manager is to lead the strategic and operational management of DLG SHAPE, engaging with clients across government, corporate, not-for-profit and tertiary sectors. It also leads the national RAP for SHAPE and requires a genuine passion for improving the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

About you:

- Tertiary qualifications in property or business.
- 5+ years' experience in management.
- Established network and relationships.
- Value exceptional customer experience.
- Understanding of the construction and property space.

We are looking for leaders who are constructive, passionate and driven to succeed, but if you can't have a laugh at yourself then this is probably not the job for you.

Our Gender Action Plan (GAP) and Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) are more than just words on a page, they are driven from the top down, part of our culture and how we operate.

Find out more

Check out our www.shape.com.au/careers or contact our Talent Acquisition Manager cherie.lancaster@shape.com.au for more information.

Applications close: 10 May 2019



Aboriginal Service Coordinator

Financial Rights Legal Centre seeks a passionate Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant to become the coordinator of our Aboriginal advice service, Mob Strong Debt Help.

Full-time or Part-time, based in Sydney.

This is an identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander position.

The Financial Rights Legal Centre is a not-for-profit community legal centre that specialises in helping people understand and enforce their financial rights, especially low income and otherwise marginalised or vulnerable consumers. We provide free and independent financial counselling, legal advice and representation to individuals about a broad range of financial issues.

The Aboriginal Service Coordinator will act as the primary point of contact for the Financial Rights Legal Centre in developing and maintaining relationships with key Aboriginal stakeholders. You will also attempt to cultivate greater engagement with Aboriginal communities by helping to generate, update and improve Financial Rights' online resources to make them more accessible to Aboriginal communities, and by helping to develop and promote our Mob Strong Debt Help program - a dedicated telephone advice line for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander callers and advocates working in their communities across Australia.

We will ask you to promote Mob Strong debt Help in whichever ways will benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consumers the most, including some travel to regional and remote parts of Australia. At times you may be required to provide information and support over the telephone, in person and via other communications technologies to people coming to our service for assistance, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Salary Range: \$74,423 - \$ 85,931

Applications close: 19 May 2019

Financial Rights ensures the confidentiality of applicants as well as our employees.

Visit:

<http://financialrights.org.au/aboriginal-service-coordinator-position/> to download the information pack for this position. If you have any questions please call (02) 9212 4216 or email jobs@financialrights.org.au

General Counsel



- Empowering people, enabling change
- Find real purpose at work
- Developmental role

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The Foundation recently appointed Professor Glyn Davis AC as CEO and is now recruiting senior positions to implement an ambitious strategy.

Job summary

The General Counsel will shape the legal environment at the Foundation through managing the corporate strategic and tactical legal initiatives, liaising with stakeholders, developing standard approaches to partnerships and assisting with internal legal processes, governance changes and development of contracts for external providers. The role will support the senior leadership team in determining the best way forward, from a legal perspective, to evaluate the legal structure of the Foundation including managing programs, projects, funds and contracts. The General Counsel will ensure legal conformity and assess and manage legal risks.

The position can be filled on a full time or part time basis, although full time to commence with would be beneficial. The position is currently based in St Leonards, with a potential move into the city envisaged in early 2020. An appropriate remuneration will be available for the right person for the role.

What we are looking for

This is a senior role in a Foundation which is growing and developing. The successful person will have appropriate legal qualifications including a NSW practicing Certificate and will have considerable experience, at a senior level in a wide variety of legal matters and be able to develop strategic and pragmatic solutions in a broad range of areas. She or he will demonstrate excellent leadership, communication, analysis and evaluation skills and have the ability to scope legal risks and communicate well with non-legal staff and stakeholders. They will also have the capacity to integrate services and policies around a vision and purpose, will have a highly collaborative approach and the ability to move between strategy and operation and make and support strong decisions. The successful candidate will be committed to the purpose of the Foundation, be strategic in thinking and be able to deliver within a small organisation which has ambitious goals.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 10 May, 2019 – early applications are encouraged.

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To apply please send a CV to Debbie Dickinson at debbie@carolwatson.com.au



Community Worker (Youth and Family)

Salary: \$65,500 pro rata plus super

WINS Community Centre is seeking the services of an enthusiastic, ambitious and passionate Community Worker for four days per week. We have a small, committed team who enjoy the challenge of working in a dynamic and developing environment.

Essential criteria:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications (Community Services Certificate IV) and at least two years' experience or equivalent level of expertise and experience working with disadvantaged people and their issues.
- Case management experience and the ability to develop and implement high quality, strengths based, individual and family case plans for clients.
- Demonstrated experience or understanding of the community sector, relevant referral agencies and the ability to give appropriate advice and referral to WINS clients.
- Demonstrated ability to develop and conduct youth and family related skill and activity programs.
- Demonstrated effective verbal and written communication and computer skills.
- Strong team work skills, work ethic and the ability to prioritise competing demands to meet deadlines.
- Current Working With Children Clearance (WWCC) or ability to gain clearance.

This is an Aboriginal identified position: *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.*

Closing date 5pm 29 April 2019.

Please call Helen Swan (02 6845 1606) or email (helen@winscommunitycentre.com.au) for further information and an application pack.



Koorie Heritage Trust Inc
'Gnoolan Danna Marra Korri'

Senior Collections Manager

Salary Range: \$80,000 - \$85,000

Employer contribution of 9.5% superannuation

Full time, fixed term (3 years)

Are you an Australian First Nations Curator ready to take your career to the next level?

The Koorie Heritage Trust is seeking a full time Senior Curatorial Manager to develop, manage and communicate a dynamic and diverse program of exhibitions and associated public programs, and to manage and grow our unique collections of south-east Australian artworks and artefacts including our irreplaceable oral history recordings and photographic archive.

Working with and managing a great support team in our premises located at Federation Square, you will have the opportunity to develop new, innovative and exciting programs working with our Victorian Aboriginal communities, including our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander based Victorian Artists, to reach new audiences and enrich our visitor experience.

If you think you are the one for this job, we would love to hear from you.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications addressing the Key Selection Criteria should be addressed to:

Private and Confidential
Michael Kane, Business Manager
Koorie Heritage Trust Inc

Level 3, Yarra Building at Federation Square

Cnr Swanston and Flinders Streets, Melbourne, Vic, 3000

Or email mkane@koorieheritagetrust.com

Contact for enquires and a copy of the position description:

Michael Kane, +61 3 8662 6309

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 5.00pm, Friday 17 May 2019

Human Resources Manager

- Empowering people, enabling change
- Find real purpose at work
- Developmental role



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Job summary

With the appointment of Professor Davis, the Foundation is poised to move to an even greater level of impact and growth and seeks an HR Manager to lead workforce growth, determine strategic HR direction and establish business processes and strategy. The HR Manager will facilitate the creation of a culture that fosters teamwork, collaboration, positivity and excellence to advance the work of the Foundation. The role will provide sound advice to senior management and the Board on talent acquisition and development, induction and on-boarding, remuneration systems and framework, health and safety, employee relations and professional development. It will have a critical role in promoting inclusion in the recruiting of staff and ensuring that a strong culture of development is encouraged within the Foundation through the employment of interns or other initiatives.

Reporting to the Director of Operations, the position can potentially be filled on a full time or part time basis, although full time to commence with would be beneficial. It is currently based in St Leonards, with a potential move into the city envisaged in early 2020. An appropriate remuneration will be available for the right person for the role.

What we are looking for

An appropriately qualified person with experience at a senior level in HR and a track record of strategic and operational HR leadership across a wide range of areas, including talent acquisition, employment legislation and regulation. She or he will have demonstrable experience in designing and delivering new procedures and systems and a deep knowledge of effective HR practices. The successful candidate will have strong leadership capability with demonstrated ability to motivate, a highly collaborative approach with excellent interpersonal and relationship development capability. A strategic thinker who can make good decisions, a demonstrated track record in equity, strategic thinking, business acumen and the ability to deliver within a small organisation which has ambitious goals.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 10 May, 2019 – early applications are encouraged.

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To apply please send a CV to Debbie Dickinson at debbie@carolwatson.com.au



Paralegal Clerk (Redress)

- Identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only
- Temporary Full-Time appoint up until 30 June 2021
- Position number and location: 214073 - Parramatta

Total remuneration package: \$85,757 Package includes salary (\$70,652 - \$77,363), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About the role

The Australian Government created the Redress Scheme in response to the recommendations arising from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The scheme will provide support to people who were sexually abused as children while in the care of an institution. On 9 March 2018, the New South Wales government announced that it will join the scheme and provide redress to people who were sexually abused as children in places within New South Wales such as state operated schools and out-of-home-care.

The primary purpose of the role is to provide legal and administrative support to legal officers in the implementation of the National Redress Scheme processes in relation to the Department.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw

No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

This is an Aboriginal identified role. When applying for an Aboriginal identified position, applicants must provide confirmation of Aboriginality and a certified statutory declaration upon interview as defined in the Confirmation of Aboriginality Guidelines.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/jobs-and-opportunities/employing-aboriginal-peoples#Confirmation2>

This is a child-related role. If you are the successful candidate you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>.

In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Pre-screening Questions:

1. Tell us about a time where you were part of a team that had to deliver a demanding task to a deadline. How did you contribute to the team's performance? What did you learn from this experience? (300 words maximum)
2. Describe a time when you have had to develop a new method or process for solving a recurring administrative problem. (300 words maximum)

Essential Requirements:

- Eligible to hold a current practising certificate in NSW or substantial completion of studies leading to a recognised law degree or equivalent qualification.
- Ability to obtain a Working with Children Check clearance.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role..

Applications Close: 17 April 2019

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Bessie Fainuu (02) 7814 1117.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and refer to the following keyword: 00006Y4A.

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Forthcoming vacancies on the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

The Hon. Gavin Jennings MLA, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, is calling for applications from Victorian Traditional Owners to become members of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (Council).

What is the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council?

The Council was created under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*. It is the only statutory decision-making authority in Australia whose members are all Traditional Owners.

The Council's purpose is to work with all Victorians for the protection and enjoyment of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

The Council's key functions include:

- Advising the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters in Victoria
- Making decisions regarding the appointment of Registered Aboriginal Parties
- Overseeing the reporting and return of Ancestral Remains and secret and sacred objects
- Promoting awareness and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Expressions of Interest are sought to fill Council member vacancies

To be eligible to be a Council member you must be an Aboriginal person who:

- is a Victorian Traditional Owner
- is resident in Victoria
- has relevant experience or knowledge of Aboriginal cultural heritage in Victoria.

Council members are expected to have adequate time to commit to the duties of the Council. They are paid a sitting fee and are reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with the Victorian Government guidelines.

Please send your application, addressing the above criteria to:

By post : The Office of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council
Level 3, 3 Treasury Place
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

By email: vahc@dpc.vic.gov.au

Applications must be received by Wednesday, 29 May 2019.

For further information and to request an application form, please contact the Office of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

E: vahc@dpc.vic.gov.au

T: 03 9651 2643

Application forms are also available at aboriginalheritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/become-member-aboriginal-heritage-council

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Generalist Solicitor**An exciting opportunity exists at Shoalcoast to join our legal team**

This position requires an experienced Solicitor who can provide legal advice and community legal education to disadvantaged clients in the Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla and Bega Valley areas.

The successful applicant will be required to provide legal advice over the phone and in face to face appointments as needed. You will be required to cover outreach clinics in the Far South Coast and provide community legal education as required. This position can be from 3 to 5 days a week and can be

located in the Far South Coast.

Phone 4422 9529 or email emma@shoalcoast.org.au for position information pack.

Written applications addressing selection criteria including current resume and the name of two referees are to be sent to:-

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre
PO Box 1496, NOWRA 2541
or emailed to emma@shoalcoast.org.au

Closing Date is 8 May 2019

Justice Aboriginal Pre-Employment Program

This is a great opportunity to develop your skills and secure a rewarding job as a Correctional Officer or Administration Officer. You must register, enrol and complete a Certificate II in Community Services or a Certificate III in Business Administration at TAFE NSW.

JAPEP provides you with accelerated exposure to Corrective Services and other divisions across the Department of Justice. Depending on which pathway you choose, you will be equipped with transferable public administration skills and a sound understanding of the workings of the public sector through TAFE NSW.

Program	Location	Start Date	Course Length
Semester 1			
Correctional Officer (Certificate II in Community Services)	TAFE NSW Campbelltown	Monday, 27 May 2019	6 month program 4 x 1 week residential blocks
OR			
Administration Officer (Certificate II in Business Administration)	TAFE NSW Liverpool	Monday, 24 June 2019	6 month program 5 x 1 week residential blocks
Semester 2			
Correctional Officer (Certificate II in Community Services)	TAFE NSW Campbelltown	Monday 5 August 2019	6 month program 4 x 1 week residential blocks

JAPEP will ensure you receive pre-employment skills that are directly relevant to a career as a Correctional Officer or Administration Officer.

The programs will also include:

- Education and training at TAFE NSW
- Workplace visits
- A job interview at the end of the training

The objectives of the JAPEP are to:

- provide you with education leading to or directly linking to employment
- increase your employability skills
- support to overcome the challenges of applying for positions in the Department of Justice and NSW Public Sector

Registration and Expression of Interest:

Registrations and enrolments are open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who reside in New South Wales only. You can register for either program at https://tafensw.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_72jt53arPvPx8l7?_sm_au=iMVvRRMkDrP6WSH

For further information contact:

Michael Geia | Aboriginal Project Officer
Workforce Diversity, SHR, NSW Department of Justice
E: JAPEP@justice.nsw.gov.au | **P:** (02) 8688 8402
Level 9 / 160 Marsden Street, Parramatta NSW 2124
W: www.justice.nsw.gov.au

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Nurse Navigator (Chronic Disease/Complex Care - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health)

Gold Coast Health

There is a rare and unique opportunity

- Permanent full time position
- Base salary ranging from \$113 261 - \$122 964 p.a.
- Combine attractive benefits and Gold Coast lifestyle
- Utilise your clinical expertise in chronic disease and complex care
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About the Service

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Role Requirements

- This is an identified role whereby the successful applicant must be of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent, identify as Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander and be accepted as such by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community
- Bachelor of Nursing or equivalent and AHPRA registration
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Job Ad reference: GC303714

Applications close: 30th April 2019

Contact Person: Alice Almeida-Crasto (07) 5525 9119

Please note: no third party applications will be accepted.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 8 May 2019**National
Native Title
Tribunal**

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 7 August 2019**. After **7 August 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 this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Ivan Forrest & Ors on behalf of the Tjalkadjara Native Title Claim Group and State of Western Australia
Federal Court File No: WAD597/2018
Date filed: 17 December 2018

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **not accepted** this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description: The application area covers approx. 24,270 sq km and is located on the northern side of the Great Central Road, 7 km north of Laverton, 210 km south east of Wiluna and 81 km north east of Leonora.

Link to map: <https://bit.ly/2VTmhBH>

Relevant LGA: Shire of Laverton.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Allan Palmer on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Statewide Operations, Probation & Parole

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Queensland Corrective Services

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Location: Mount Isa

REF: QLD/307878/19

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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 Senior HR Advisor by email: recruitment@alc.org.au.

Applications close **9:00am Monday 6 May 2017** and can be forwarded to recruitment@alc.org.au

Applications from Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged.

Job Status: Permanent



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth, WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	28/2681	GOLDTRIBE CORPORATION PTY LTD	35BL	77km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 58' S Long: 122° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2903	INDEPENDENCE NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	1BL	101km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 124° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/1036	OUTBACK MINERALS PTY LTD	19BL	24km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 121° 16' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/1069	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	20BL	22km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 34' S Long: 121° 13' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1362	SULLIVAN CREEK PTY LTD	58BL	60km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 21' S Long: 121° 27' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1363	SULLIVAN CREEK PTY LTD	39BL	60km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 21' S Long: 121° 17' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3376	BUSHWIN PTY LTD	20BL	98km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 7' S Long: 122° 44' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3377	BUSHWIN PTY LTD	14BL	106km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 2' S Long: 122° 49' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2112	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	1BL	74km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 122° 14' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5365-7	RUMBLE RESOURCES LIMITED	351BL	117km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 58' S Long: 121° 9' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5429	HENNEBERRY, James Samuel	3BL	41km NE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 54' S Long: 120° 1' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1966	KIMBA RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL	63km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 46' S Long: 120° 14' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1967	KIMBA RESOURCES PTY LTD	3BL	62km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 48' S Long: 120° 16' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1115	GOLDFIELDS CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	65BL	63km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 33' S Long: 119° 43' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1116	RKX PTY LTD	45BL	49km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 15' S Long: 119° 42' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1117	RKX PTY LTD	10BL	35km E'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 119° 39' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1120	TWENTY SEVEN CO. LTD	19BL	67km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 25' S Long: 119° 46' E	MENZIES SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2364	CROFT MINING PTY LTD	45BL	13km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 13' S Long: 116° 40' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5235	HPAA PTY. LTD.	16BL	67km N'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 12' S Long: 117° 49' E	MOUNT MARSHALL SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5236	ADVENT EXPLORATION WA PTY LTD	15BL	17km N'ly of Narembeen	Lat: 31° 57' S Long: 118° 16' E	BRUCE ROCK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5238	GOLD OF OPHIR PTY LTD	173BL	49km W'ly of Mount Barker	Lat: 34° 32' S Long: 117° 8' E	PLANTAGENET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5246	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	4BL	4km SE'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 22' S Long: 115° 56' E	GINGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2499	BANKS, Aaron Peter KEIL, Michael ROSEBERRY HOLDINGS PTY LTD	24BL	69km S'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 49' S Long: 119° 8' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6183	MORGAN, Glyn Thomas	8.74HA	5km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 11' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3118	NOGUNOGLY RESOURCES PTY LTD	23.62HA	75km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 120° 45' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3119-20	NOGUNOGLY RESOURCES PTY LTD	278.76HA	75km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 120° 46' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3134	COEN, Andrew Roy VULETA, Adrian	124.73HA	29km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3161	TORIAN RESOURCES LIMITED	196.51HA	50km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 120° 58' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3162	TORIAN RESOURCES LIMITED	199.96HA	42km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3165	HIGGINS, Ryan	9.85HA	68km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 120° 44' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3169	HIGGINS, Ryan	15.15HA	37km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 1' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3174-8	TORIAN RESOURCES NL	950.73HA	53km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 120° 56' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3180	PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD	120.78HA	29km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3185	PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD	65.61HA	27km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3186-9	PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD	688.58HA	39km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5315-7	NORTON GOLD FIELDS LIMITED	399.69HA	27km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 121° 23' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5331	PINNER, Raymond John	73.33HA	53km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 121° 13' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2613-5	KALGOORLIE NICKEL PTY LTD	324.15HA	35km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 121° 50' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4467-8	TASEX GEOLOGICAL SERVICES PTY LTD	348.04HA	11km NE'ly of Kalgorlie	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 121° 32' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2407	MAHONEY, Lyndon Scott	8.33HA	25km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 121° 34' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1342	POTTS, Christopher Peter	199.88HA	58km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 122° 2' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2523-7	NOGUNOGLY RESOURCES PTY LTD	690.59HA	6km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 121° 5' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9208	CREW, Ross Frederick BHASIN, Neelesh	188.89HA	13km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 121° 27' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6119	MCA NOMINEES PTY LTD	198.08HA	63km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 2' S Long: 121° 57' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6120	MCA NOMINEES PTY LTD	196.01HA	58km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 121° 55' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1496	WILLIAMS, John Dennis	189.11HA	40km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 14' S Long: 121° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1497-S	MACPHERSON, Scott REID, Philip Mark	5.92HA	54km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 121° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/3099	ATLAS OPERATIONS PTY LTD	127.50HA	96km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 56' S Long: 119° 11' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Retention Licence	39/2	NARNOO MINING PTY LTD	181.68HA	181km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 54' S Long: 123° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of retention licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 24 April 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 **24 July 2019**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 24 August 2019**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth, WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518. * - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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**WATERSNSW
LOWER GWYDIR GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **HARINDER SINGH and JATINDER KAUR** for one (1) groundwater bore on Lot 1 DP 1130389 for the purpose of irrigation on Lot 1 DP 1130389 Parish of Greenbah, County of Courallie (A17474). Objections to the granting of this 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 and address and specify the grounds of your objection.
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ165205

**WATERSNSW
UPPER NAMOI ZONE 6, TRIBUTARIES OF THE LIVERPOOL
RANGE (SOUTH TO PINE RIDGE ROAD) GROUNDWATER
SOURCE**

An application for an AMENDMENT OF AN EXISTING WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL 90CA807334 has been received from **MERGOWRIE PTY LTD** for one (1) groundwater bore for irrigation purposes on Lot 1212 DP714786, Parish of Weston, County of Pottinger. (A17555).
Objections to the granting of this 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 and address and specify the grounds of your objection.
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ165198

**WATERSNSW
PEEL FRACTURED ROCK
GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for a NEW WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **C J AND R A YOUNG** for Two (2) New Groundwater Work/Bores one on Lot 1 DP755318 and one on Lot 32 DP573362 to be used for irrigation purposes on Lot 1 and Lot 2 DP755318, and Lot 32 DP573362 County of Parry, Parish of Anna. (A017297).
Objections to the granting of this 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 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.

BLZ165216

**WATERSNSW
INVERELL WATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **SCMITT CUSTODIANS PTY LTD AND BENALONG AGRICULTURE PTY LTD** for a 150 mm pump on Macintyre River on Lot 1 DP 1107901 Parish of Eden, County of Gough for irrigation on Lots 1, 2 and 3 DP 1107901 and Lots 9, 24 and 109 DP753276, Parish of Eden, County of Gough (Application Number: A017441).
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 and specify the grounds of objection and state the application number.
Any queries please phone 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ165077

**WATERSNSW
WATER SHARING PLAN FOR LACHLAN
UNREGULATED AND ALLUVIAL WATER
SOURCES
BELUBULA VALLEY ALLUVIAL
GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An amended APPLICATION FOR A WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **RAYMOND, VICKIE AND MARK DAVIS** for a new bore (Capacity 1.8ML/day) on Lot 2 DP 1161797. Purpose Irrigation. Parish Ashburnham, County Collett. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A017502).
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above
Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South.

BLZ165036

**WATER NSW
MACQUARIE AND CUDGEGONG
REGULATED RIVERS WATER SOURCE**

An application for an AMENDED COMBINED APPROVAL has been received from **MICHAEL JOHN FRANCIS EGAN** for two 660 mm centrifugal pumps (to replace 2 x 610 mm centrifugal pumps) on the Bulgeraga Creek on Lot 21 DP 753440, Parish of Duffy, County of Gregory. (Ref: A017712).
Objections to the granting of the above approvals must be registered in writing 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.
Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North.

BLZ165182

**WATERSNSW
LACHLAN UNREGULATED & ALLUVIAL
WATER SHARING PLAN
UPPER LACHLAN ALLUVIAL GROUND
WATER SOURCE
UPPER LACHLAN ALLUVIAL ZONE 3**

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **DUXTON BROADACRE FARMS LIMITED** for a Bore (Capacity 25 ML/Day), Purpose Irrigation, on Lot 99 DP 752942, Parish Jemalong, and County Forbes. (A017568). Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.
Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South.

BLZ165220

PUBLIC NOTICE

WAKKA WAKKA PEOPLE #3 AND WAKKA WAKKA PEOPLE #4 NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The Wakka Wakka People have made two claimant applications to the Federal Court of Australia seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The claims are Wakka Wakka People #3 (QUD621/2011) and Wakka Wakka People #4 (QUD91/2012) (**‘the Native Title Claims’**). The claim areas are depicted in the **Map** below.

The Wakka Wakka People #3 and the Wakka Wakka People #4 native title claim groups are currently described as the Aboriginal people whose members identify as Wakka Wakka People, who are descended from the following ancestors:



- Jenny and David Carlo (parents of Princess Carlo);
- Minnie Bly (mother of Thomas Simpson), Ethel and Bill Button;
- Maggie Hart (mother of Crabbie Chapman and Henry Hart);
- Mother of Willie Boy Pickering;
- King Billy and Maria of Boondooma (parents of Tommy Dodd of Taabinga);
- Maggie West;
- Kitty of Boonara;
- MiMi;
- Kitty (mother of Jack Bulong);
- John Bond;
- Kitty (mother of Jenny Lind), Jenny Lind and Mick Buck;
- Boubijan Cobbo;
- Stockman Bligh and Aggie Bligh;
- Tommy (aka Boondoon) and Maggie (parents of Willie Bone), Billy McKenzie (father of Chlorine McKenzie), Chlorine McKenzie;
- Kate/Katie/Kitty Law;
- Emily of Degilbo, mother of Annie.

AUTHORISATION MEETING

This notice invites all members of the Wakka Wakka People as described above to attend a native title authorisation meeting (‘Authorisation Meeting’) at the time, date and location below:

Date: Sunday, 26 May 2019
Venue: Gayndah Shire Hall, 32/34 Capper Street, Gayndah, QLD
Time: 9:30am (registration commencing at 9:00am)

The purpose of the Authorisation Meeting is to:

- CONSIDER** anthropological materials and legal advice relating to the inclusion of ‘Taabinga Harry’ and ‘Nellie, mother of Elsie Fitzgerald/Edwards’ as apical ancestors for the Native Title Claims, and the potential amendment of existing Wakka Wakka apical ancestor Maggie Hart (mother of Crabbie Chapman and Henry Hart) to be replaced with ‘Mother of Maggie Hart (Grandmother of Crabbie Chapman and Henry Chapman)’;
- Subject to #1 above, **AUTHORISE** the amendment of the claim group descriptions for the Native Title Claims to include the descendants of Taabinga Harry and/or Nellie, mother of Elsie Fitzgerald/Edwards and replace ‘Maggie Hart (mother of Crabbie Chapman and Henry Hart)’ with ‘Mother of Maggie Hart (Grandmother of Crabbie Chapman and Henry Chapman)’;
- Subject to #2 above, **AUTHORISE** persons to be (or continue to be) the Applicant for the Native Title Claims, to make the applications and to deal with matters arising in relation to the Native Title Claims; and
- CONFIRM** the decisions made at Meeting #3 held on 1 December 2018 at Gayndah, including authorising the Applicant to agree to settlement of Wakka Wakka People #3 and Part A of Wakka Wakka People #4 broadly on the terms of proposed consent determination orders.

Depending on the decisions made at agenda item #2 (described above) those members of the claim groups as amended by the decisions made at agenda item #2 will be invited to attend the remainder of the Authorisation Meeting and participate in the decision-making with respect to agenda items #3 and #4 described above.

Any descendants of Taabinga Harry, Nellie, Mother of Elsie Fitzgerald/Edwards, or Mother of Maggie Hart (Grandmother of Crabbie Chapman and Henry Chapman) who are not already members of the claim groups are invited to register their attendance at the Authorisation Meeting by signing-in between 9:00 to 9:30am on the day, but will be required to remain outside of the meeting venue pending the outcome of the decisions to be made at agenda item #2.

INFORMATION SESSION

An Information Session will be held the day prior to the Authorisation Meeting to assist the Wakka Wakka People to prepare for, and make informed decisions at the Authorisation Meeting.

The Information Session will be held at the time and location below:

Date: Saturday, 25 May 2019
Venue: Gayndah Shire Hall, 32/34 Capper Street, Gayndah, QLD
Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm (registration commencing at 1:30pm)

QSNTS invites any Wakka Wakka People who confirm their intention to attend the Authorisation Meeting, but are unable to attend the Information Session on 25 May 2019 to request an appointment (before 24 May 2019) to attend QSNTS’s Brisbane office at 307 Queen Street, Brisbane, to allow QSNTS to explain the anthropological and legal advice relating to the decisions to be made at the Authorisation Meeting. Any such requests will be considered by QSNTS on a case by case basis will depend on the availability of relevant QSNTS staff. Please contact QSNTS Community Relations Officers Ron Fogarty or Diana Healey on free call 1800 663 693 to advise of your intention to attend the Information Session, the Authorisation Meeting, or to request attendance at QSNTS’s office.

QSNTS is unable to assist individuals with accommodation or transport to/from the Authorisation Meeting or Information Session. However, a bus will be available for Cherbourg residents to attend the Authorisation Meeting. The bus will depart from the Cherbourg Aboriginal Council building, 22 Barambah Avenue Cherbourg at 7:15am on 26 May 2019 and will depart at a time to be advised following the closure of the Authorisation Meeting.



WATERNSW SYDNEY BASIN-NORTH COAST GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **CRESSFIELD PTY LIMITED** for a bore on Lot 2 DP 795803 for irrigation purposes. 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@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (Ref: A17447). Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Salim Vhora, Manager Dealings Verification and Water Regulation Coastal.

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WATERNSW INVERELL BASALT GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **INVERELL SPEEDWAY RESERVE LAND MANAGER** for one bore for recreation on Lot 616 DP841796, Parish of Inverell, County of Gough (A16548). Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 1251, Tamworth NSW 2340 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please phone 1300 662 077 or email the above. Tracey Lawson, Manager Water Regulation North on 1300 662 077.

BLZ165007

WATER NSW MID MURRUMBIDGEE ZONE 3 ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **TIMOTHY ROSS HARVEY** for 6 bores on Lots 18, 19, 25 and 46 DP750841, Parish Ganmain, County Bourke for the purpose of irrigation of Lots 18, 19, 44, 45, 46 DP750841, Parish Ganmain, County Bourke (Application No. A17578). Objections to granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please phone 1300 662 077 or email the above. Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South.

BLZ165076

WATERNSW LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK approval has been received from **POINT FARMS AG CO PTY LTD** for a bore on 63/750908 for irrigation purposes, Parish Waddi, County Boyd. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A017244). Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Tracie Scarfone, Water Regulation Manager South.

BLZ165098

WATER NSW YASS UPPER WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **TROY JOHN HOAD AND MEGAN LOUISE HOAD** for a 250mm pump, pipeline and water storage dam on Lot 3 DP 859632, Parish Murrumbateman, County Murray, for the purpose of irrigation of Lot 3 DP859632, Parish Murrumbateman, County Murray. (Application No. A17686). Objections to granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please phone 1300 662 077 or email the above. Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South.

BLZ165194

PUBLIC NOTICE

KUNJA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

An Authorisation Meeting has been called by Queensland South Native Title Services Limited ("QSNTS") for the **Kunja People** (described below) in relation to the Kunja People's native title determination application (QUD 598 of 2015) ("Kunja Claim"). The date, place and time of the meeting, the persons who may attend the meeting and the purposes of the meeting are set out below.

AUTHORISATION MEETING

Date: Saturday, 25 May 2019
Venue: Paroo Shire Hall, 3 Jane Street (cnr Jane Street and Stockyard Street), Cunnamulla, Queensland
Time: 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. Registration opens 8.30 am.

Who may attend the Authorisation Meeting: The Authorisation Meeting is open to all Kunja People, that is, to all of the persons in the current Kunja native title claim group, being the descendants of:

1. Killamunda (including her children Margaret Turner (Granny McKellar), Annie/Nannie Widgell and Jack Brennan);
2. Flora Maranoa;
3. Maria Major (including her children Jack Oliffe, Ron Wyman, Walter Wyman and Lila Lynett); and
4. Jimmy Nyngan,

in accordance with Kunja traditional laws and customs ("current claim group").

Purposes of Authorisation Meeting

1. To **consider** whether or not to authorise a new applicant for the Kunja Claim to replace the current applicant, in accordance with section 251B and section 66B of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) ("NTA").
The meeting may resolve to:
(a) keep the current applicant under its existing terms and conditions of appointment or, to keep the current applicant under revised terms and conditions of appointment; or
(b) authorise a new applicant to replace the current applicant, the composition of which may be made up of:
i. the current applicant and new member(s); or
ii. some members of the current applicant; or
iii. some members of the current applicant and new member(s); or
iv. entirely new member(s) of the applicant.
2. If a new applicant is authorised, to **authorise** the new applicant to make an application to the Federal Court of Australia under section 66B of the NTA for an order that the new applicant replace the current applicant; and
3. To **consider** developments in relation to the resolution of dispute issues with the indigenous respondents, Geraldine Robinson and Roger Robinson, and provide directions and authority to the applicant (whether that be the current applicant or new applicant) as to the resolution of those issues.

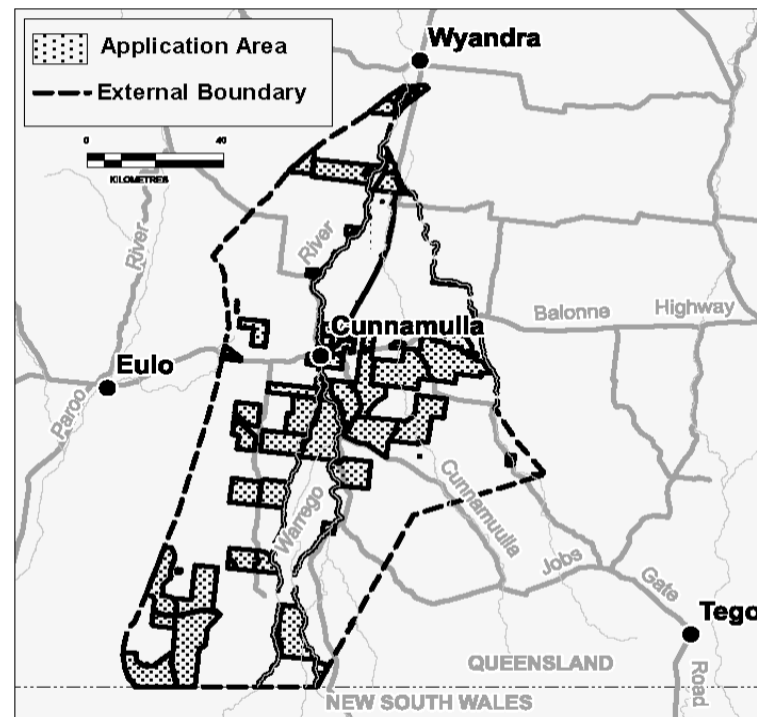
INFORMATION SESSION

All members of the Kunja People described above are invited to an Information Session at the time and location below:

Date: Friday, 24 May 2019
Venue: Paroo Shire Hall, 3 Jane Street (cnr Jane Street and Stockyard Street), Cunnamulla, Queensland
Time: 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

The purpose of the Information Session is to provide relevant information about matters to be discussed at the Authorisation Meeting, so that informed decisions can be made, on Saturday, 25 May 2019.

The area covered by the Kunja Claim is depicted in the **Map below**.



REGISTERING FOR AUTHORISATION MEETING & INFORMATION SESSION

Registration will occur before the Authorisation Meeting commences. Members of the current claim group are required to register under the name of the apical ancestor through whom they claim to be Kunja People.

Any Kunja person intending to attend the Information Session and / or Authorisation Meeting outlined above is invited to contact QSNTS or QSNTS Community Relations Officer, Diana Healey, on **freecall 1800 663 693** or **07 3224 1200** to register their attendance.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the Authorisation Meeting and / or Information Session, or with accommodation costs. However, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants.



NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL AND GRANT OF MINING CLAIMS AND GRANT OF MINING LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of MC20080 and grant of MC 300245 and ML 100193 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld)

Nature of Act(s): The renewal and grant of Mining Claims and Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding five (5) years for MC20080, ten (10) years for MC300245 and fifteen (15) years for ML100193, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years for MC20080, ten (10) years for MC300245 and fifteen (15) years for ML100193.

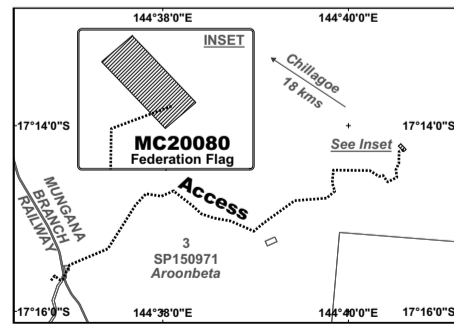
Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Claims and Mining Lease be renewed or granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of MC300245, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Application 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.

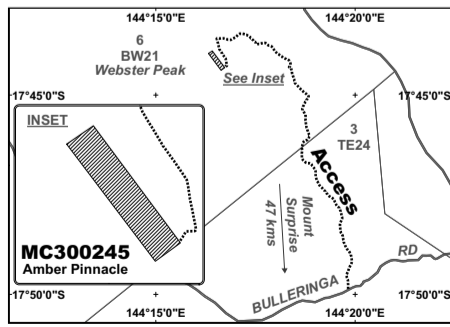
Further information about the proposed renewal of MC20080 and grant of ML100193, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Renewal and Mining Lease Application may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Principal Mining Registrar, Mineral Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland 4810, Telephone: (07) 4447 9230, or email MineralHub@dnrme.qld.gov.au

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal and grant of Mining Claims and grant of

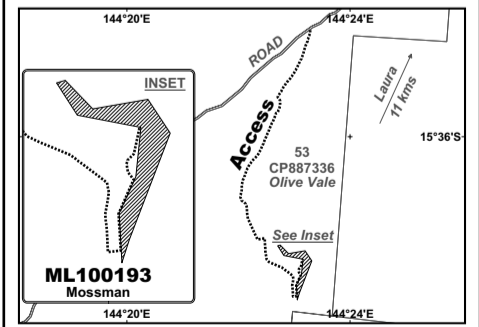
Mining Claim 20080 renewal sought by Anthony Alexander Cockburn (50%) and Donald Alexander Cockburn (50%), over an area of 0.9749 ha centred approximately 18 km South East of Chillagoe, in the locality of Mareeba Shire Council.



Mining Claim 300245 sought by Patrick Gundersen, over an area of 19.54 ha centred approximately 47 km North West of Mount Surprise, in the locality of Mareeba Shire Council.



Mining Lease 100193 sought by Allan Glen Riley, over an area of 40.75 ha centred approximately 11 km South West of Laura, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



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.

Notification Day: 15th May 2019

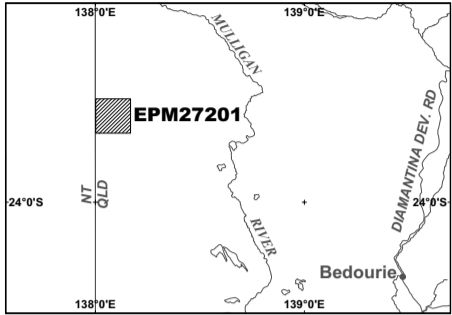


NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

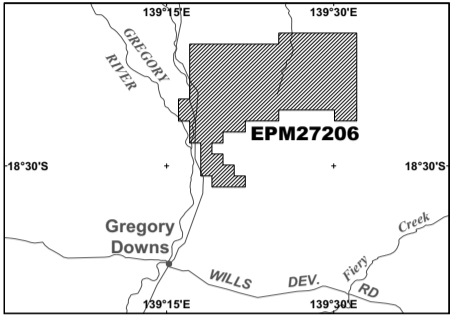
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant EPM 27201, EPM 27206, EPM 27224, EPM 27215, EPM 27052, EPM 27014, EPM 27060, EPM 27213, EPM 27219, EPM 27237, EPM 27233, EPM 27212, EPM 27227, EPM 27228, EPM 27217, EPM 27160 & EPM 27222. As shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

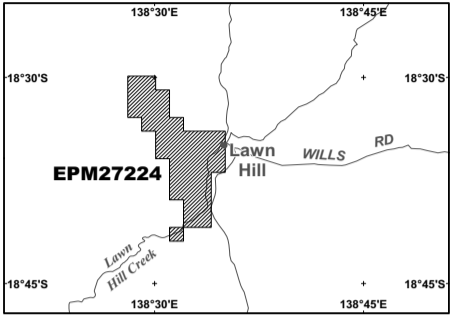
Exploration Permit 27201 sought by B.S.T. Explorations Pty Ltd, ACN 629 572 989, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (314 km²), centred approximately 165 km North West of Bedourie, in the localities of the Boulia Shire Council and Diamantina Shire Council.



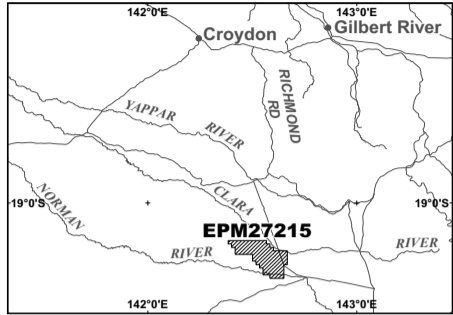
Exploration Permit 27206 sought by Red Metal Limited, ACN 103 367 684, over an area of 126 sub-blocks (409 km²), centred approximately 30 km North North East of Gregory Downs, in the locality of the Burke Shire Council.



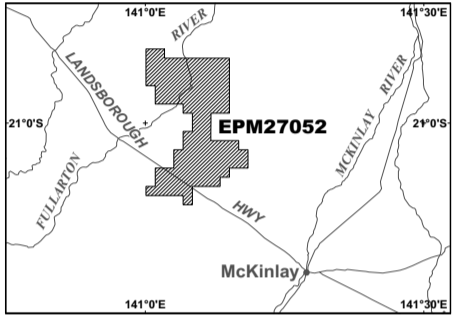
Exploration Permit 27224 sought by Red Metal Limited, ACN 103 367 684, over an area of 36 sub-blocks (117 km²), centred approximately 5 km South West of Lawn Hill, in the locality of the Burke Shire Council.



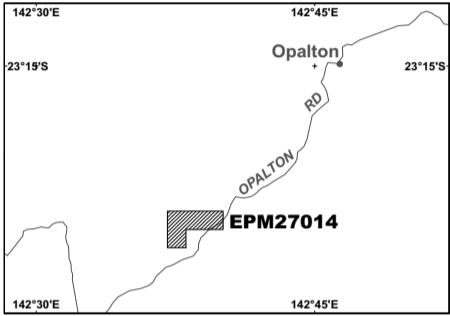
Exploration Permit 27215 sought by SIPA Exploration N.L., ACN 056 446 890, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (323 km²), centred approximately 120 km South South East of Croydon, in the localities of the Carpentaria Shire Council and the Croydon Shire Council.



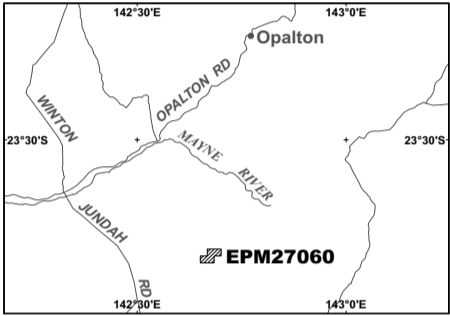
Exploration Permit 27052 sought by Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd, ACN 108 925 284, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (320 km²), centred approximately 35 km North West of McKinlay, in the locality of the McKinlay Shire Council.



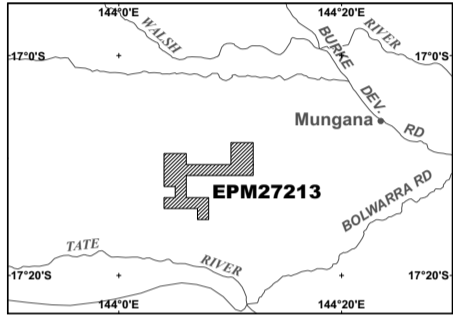
Exploration Permit 27014 sought by Jeanette Cant, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 20 km South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



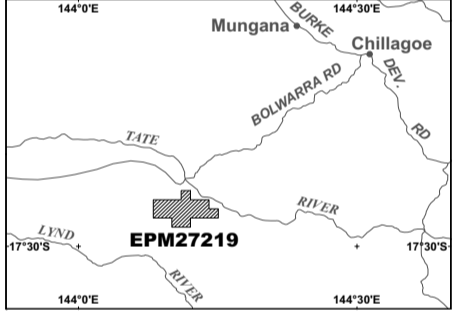
Exploration Permit 27060 sought by Erik Bach Madsen, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 60 km South South West of Opalton, in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council.



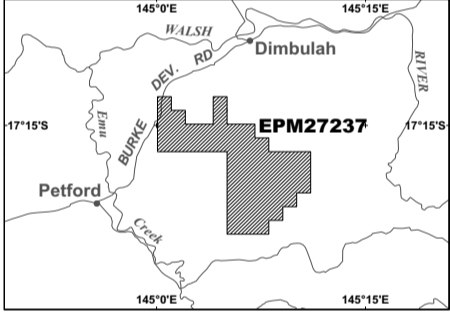
Exploration Permit 27213 sought by AngloGold Ashanti Australia Limited, ACN 008 737 424, over an area of 22 sub-blocks (72 km²), centred approximately 28 km South West of Mungana, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



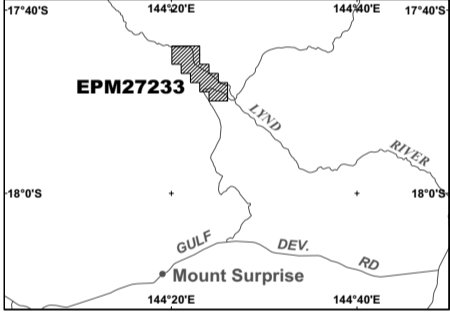
Exploration Permit 27219 sought by Peter Paul Frederick Escriva (50%) and Ralph Michael Escriva (50%), over an area of 16 sub-blocks (52 km²), centred approximately 47 km South West of Chillagoe, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



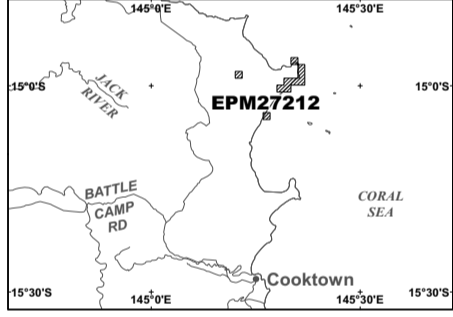
Exploration Permit 27237 sought by Prophet Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 615 031 359, over an area of 50 sub-blocks (163 km²), centred approximately 15 km South of Dimbulah, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



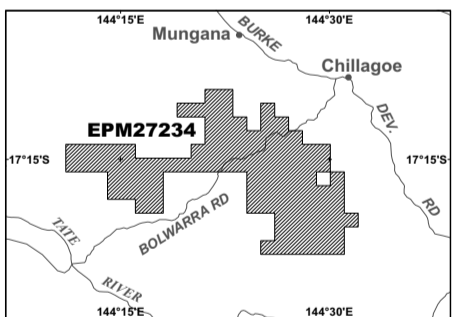
Exploration Permit 27233 sought by Burlington Mining Pty Ltd, ACN 626 889 450, over an area of 17 sub-blocks (55 km²), centred approximately 40 km North of Mount Surprise, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



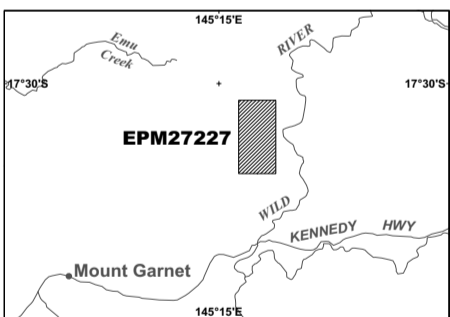
Exploration Permit 27212 sought by Diatreme Resources Limited, ACN 061 267 061, over an area of 10 sub-blocks (33 km²), centred approximately 50 km North of Cooktown, in the localities of the Cook Shire Council and the Hope Vale Shire Council.



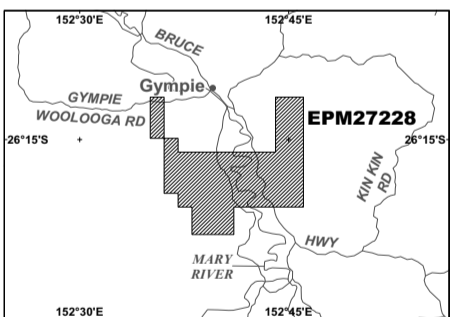
Exploration Permit 27234 sought by AngloGold Ashanti Australia Limited, ACN 008 737 424, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (327 km²), centred approximately 20 km South West of Chillagoe, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



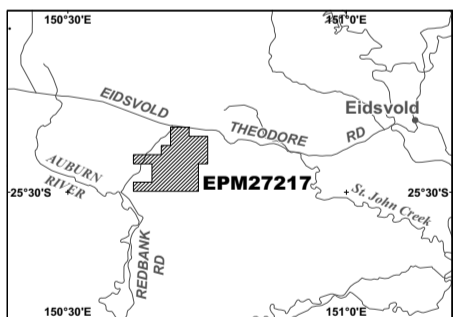
Exploration Permit 27227 sought by Consolidated Tin Mines Limited, ACN 126 634 606, over an area of 8 sub-blocks (26 km²), centred approximately 22 km North East of Mount Garnet, in the locality of the Tablelands Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 27228 sought by New Gympie Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 168 622 982, over an area of 57 sub-blocks (175 km²), centred approximately 10 km South South East of Gympie, in the locality of the Gympie Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 27217 sought by Auburn Resources Limited, ACN 121 572 192, over an area of 36 sub-blocks (111 km²), centred approximately 44 km West of Eidsvold, in the locality of the North Burnett Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of the Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals for a term not exceeding five (5) years with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant the Exploration Permit subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and the Native Title Protection Conditions.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Exploration Permits 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.

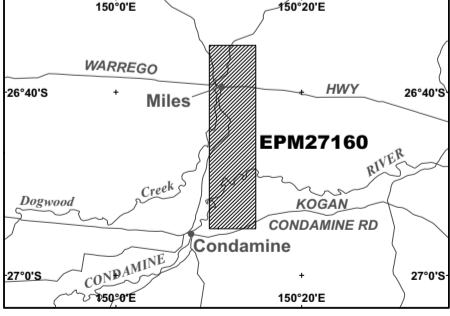
Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of the Exploration Permits to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permits with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

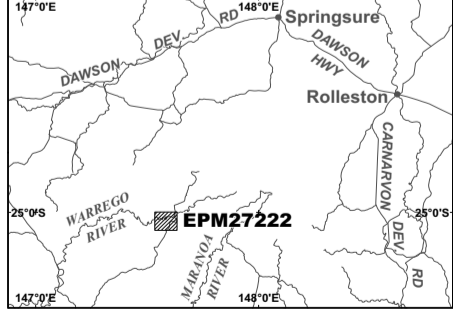
Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permits Applications may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Senior Mining Registrar, Mineral Assessment Hub, Level 9 Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland, 4810, Telephone: (07) 4447 9230.

Notification Day: 15 May 2019

Exploration Permit 27160 sought by QLD Shale Gas Pty Ltd, ACN 164 794 227, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (306 km²), centred approximately 11 km South South East of Miles, in the locality of the Western Downs Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 27222 sought by Diversified Asset Holdings Pty Ltd, ACN 169 563 795, over an area of 30 sub-blocks (93 km²), centred approximately 114 km South West of Springsure, in the locality of the Murweh Shire Council.



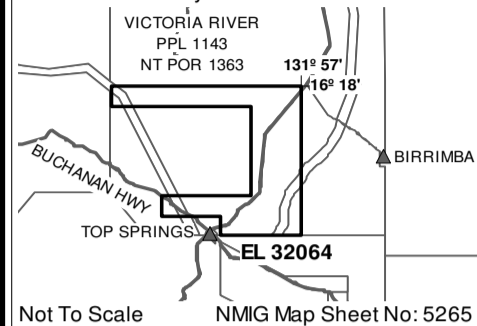
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

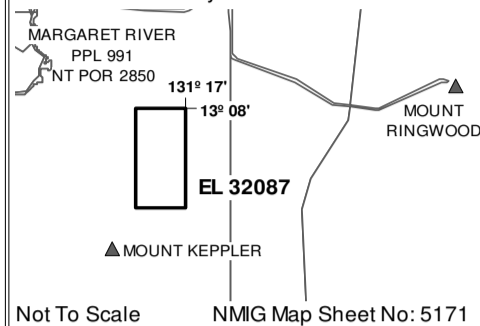
The Honourable Paul Kirby MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry and Resources, C/- Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

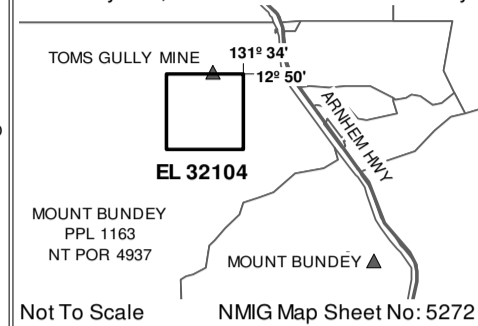
Exploration Licence 32064 sought by ANTHONY WRIGHT over an area of 127 Blocks (415 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the KILLARNEY locality.



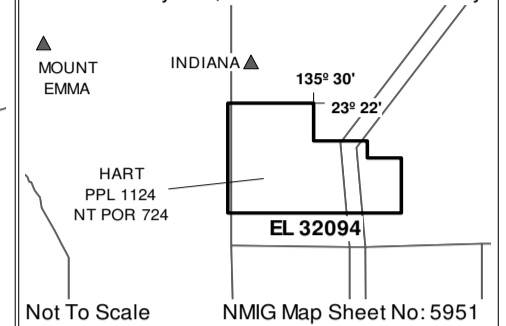
Exploration Licence 32087 sought by ROBERT TOTTON over an area of 2 Blocks (7 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



Exploration Licence 32104 sought by PRIMARY MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 153 582 962 over an area of 1 Blocks (4 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MARY RIVER locality.



Exploration Licence 32094 sought by TYPHON MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 614 887 464 over an area of 48 Blocks (152 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* 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 Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act 1993* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, 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 1993*. 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: 24 April 2019

Notice under Section 29(3) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth)



Jobs,
Precincts
and Regions

The State of Victoria, through the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following exploration licences under section 25 of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*:

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
EL006612	NAME: Sapphire Resources Pty Limited LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 14kms north west of Mallacoota LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 69: J3-J5, Map 70: A3-A5, B3-B5, C3-C5 TERM: 5 years AREA: 224 km ² MUNICIPALITIES: East Gippsland	Centre MGA Co-ord 725886E5856712N Z55 Centre 100k map 8823
EL006804	NAME: Forward Prospects Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 8 kms south of Daylesford LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 59: D8-D9, E8-E9, F8-F9 Map 77: D2, E2, F2, G2 TERM: 5 years AREA: 155 km ² MUNICIPALITIES: Hepburn, Moorabool	Centre MGA Co-ord 254445E584784N Z55 Centre 100k map 7723
EL006843	NAME: Navarre Minerals Limited LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 3kms south of Ararat LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 56: G7, H6-H7 TERM: 5 years AREA: 9 km ² MUNICIPALITIES: Ararat	Centre MGA Co-ord 671632E5865961N Z54 Centre 100k map 7423
EL006869	NAME: Westrock Minerals Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 36 kms east of Hamilton LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 73: H9, J3-J9 Map 74: A2-A9, B4-B9, C6-C9, D6-D9, E8-E9 Map 89: H2, J2 Map 90: A2, B2, C2-C3, D2-D4, E2-E4 TERM: 5 years AREA: 1106 km ² MUNICIPALITIES: Ararat, Southern Grampians, Moyné	Centre MGA Co-ord 640362E5802095N Z54 Centre 100k map 7422
EL006870	NAME: Stavelly Minerals Limited LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 16 kms south west of Ararat LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 56: A8-A9, B8-B9, C7-C9, D7-D9, E8-E9 Map 74: A2, B2-B3, C2-C4, D2-D7, E2-E7, F2-F7, G5-G7 TERM: 5 years AREA: 1027 km ² MUNICIPALITIES: Ararat, Moyné	Centre MGA Co-ord 655060E,5835306N Z54 Centre 100k map 7422

EL006871	NAME: Gippsland Prospecting Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 3kms west of Stawell LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 40: J6-J7 Map 41: A6-A9, B8-B9, C8-C9 Map 56: A2-A4, B2-B6, C2-C7, D2-D7, E4-E8, F6-F8, G8 TERM: 5 years AREA: 942 km ² MUNICIPALITIES: Northern Grampians, Horsham, Ararat	Centre MGA Co-ord 646557E,5889029N Z54 Centre 100k map 7423
EL006872	NAME: Century Minerals Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 8 kms west of Horsham LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 39: E5, E7-E8, F3-F8, G3-G9, H3-H9 Map 40: B4-B9, C5-C9 Map 54: G2-G4, H2-H4 Map 55: B2-B4, C2-C3 TERM: 5 years AREA: 1010 km ² MUNICIPALITIES: Horsham, Southern Grampians	Centre MGA Co-ord 585274E,5924208N Z54 Centre 100k map 7224

Nature of the act(s): The grant of an exploration licence, which authorises the holder to explore for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to five years.

The State of Victoria, through the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Resources or delegate is considering the variation of the following licence under section 34 of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*:

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
RL2007	NAME: Orient Zirconic Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 9 kms south east of Horsham LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 40: G6-G7 TERM: 10 years AREA: 59 hectares variation to area MUNICIPALITIES: Horsham	Centre MGA Co-ord 620651E5926995N Z54 Centre 100k map 7324

Nature of the act(s): The variation of a retention licence to include additional area authorises the holder to explore for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to ten years.

Notification Day: 24 April 2019

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* persons have until three months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the potential grant and/or variation of the licences. The three month period closes on 24 July 2019. Enquiries about becoming a native title party may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Melbourne Registry, telephone 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further information about the potential grant of the licences, including identification maps, may be obtained from the Earth Resources Business Centre at Level 19, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000, telephone (03) 8392 7095.

For further information about native title and the right to negotiate process, contact James O'Callaghan, Native Title Coordinator, Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, telephone 03 5336 6645.

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Southern stars light up SA

By **PETER ARGENT**

ACROSS the 10 SANFL clubs this year is a spread of Aboriginal talent which is having a significant impact on the competition, including a host of former AFL players still with plenty more to give.

Reigning premier North Adelaide has introduced Northern Territorian Jake Neade and have promoted precocious young talent Keanu Miller – both hard-working and creative small forwards who will be prized assets at the Roosters.

At his third SANFL club, Norwood, Dom Barry's ball-



Adelaide's Ben Davis. Pictures: Peter Argent

winning exploits in the midfield complements those of Anthony Wilson, one of the fastest players in the competition. After his AFL journey came to an end, Danyle Pearce is

bringing his wealth of experience as a strong possession-winner to Sturt in his return to state league football, where he's averaging 25 disposals a game across the opening four rounds of football.

Byron Sumner, a 2017 premiership player with the Double Blues, continues to lend strength and experience to the Sturt backline.

Petrenko pivotal

Eagle Jared Petrenko provides a pivotal role in the Woodville-West Torrens midfield, highlighted by a game-high 35 possessions against Adelaide Crows' state league side in round 3. Teenager Kysaiah Pickett made his league debut with the Eagles, too.

At the Bloods, Ken Karpany Jnr kicked three goals in the opening round, while teammate Gibson Turner gives West Adelaide plenty of that x-factor in attack.

Smooth-moving Central District forward Isaya McKenzie has injected pace and speed into the Bulldogs forward-line since returning to the league side in round 3, and it was a key role in their first victory.

South Adelaide enjoyed a strong start to the season and their trio of marquee players is having a significant impact.

The Panthers' strong-bodied midfielder Abe Davis has the tools to push forward and kick goals, while teenager Hayden Sampson, unlucky to miss being drafted, has put his best foot forward over the opening month of the season.

Teammate Malcolm Karpany is starting to find his feet at the Panthers.

Adelaide AFL player Ben Davis is pushing for a berth with the Crows with consistent performances with his club's state league side.

At Alberton Oval, AFL rookie Tobin Cox has impressed with his clean skills and ball-winning ability, having kicked two goals in wins against West Adelaide and North Adelaide.

Also keen to force his way into AFL ranks to Port Adelaide is Victorian Joel Garner.

Returning from injury, Jarrod Lienert is close to securing an AFL recall with a brilliant 33-possession game against North Adelaide in round 3.



Adelaide's Tyson Stengle gets his kick away despite the attention from Sturt's Danyle Pearce.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of New South Wales

Notification day: 8 May 2019



This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney, NSW, 2000 on or before **7 August 2019**. After **7 August 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 this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Bandjalang People #4
Federal Court File No: NSD122/2019
Date filed: 1 February 2019
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The application area covers approx. 1.4 sq km and is located generally south of Woodburn and west of Evans Head. It is comprised of Lot 221 on DP1244077, Lot 130 on DP755609 and Lot 544 on DP48550.

Link to map: <https://bit.ly/2lkgtYA>
Relevant LGA: Richmond Valley Council.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Dianne Drake on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth, WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	15/1858	MACPHERSONS REWARD PTY LTD	205.65HA	9km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 121° 11' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	15/1859	JONES, Jeffrey James	205.48HA	10km W'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 27' S Long: 121° 28' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	24/970	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	1563.99HA	70km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 120° 51' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	24/975	CASCADE RESOURCES PTY LTD	1588.58HA	35km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 121° 16' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	24/982	SAUNDERS, Frederick Charles	2.03HA	43km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 121° 11' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	27/508	PADDINGTON GOLD PTY LIMITED	933.74HA	36km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 121° 30' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	27/510	PADDINGTON GOLD PTY LIMITED	296.12HA	49km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 121° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	29/429	HOOPER, Vicki Noeline	10.00HA	81km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 6' S Long: 120° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	70/1392	VENTNOR MINING PTY LTD	1900.11HA	19km NW'ly of Eneabba	Lat: 29° 40' S Long: 115° 10' E	IRWIN 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: 24 April 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 **24 July 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. 24 August 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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Motlop consistent

Down at the Bays, Marlon Motlop is combining his role as coach of the Port Adelaide Aboriginal Academy and playing league football for Glenelg to great effect.

Noted for his leadership qualities and hard running, Motlop produced a consistent start to the season.

Impressing for Adelaide in the state league has been small forward Tyson Stengle, who kicked four goals in the opening-round win against Sturt. And although he left his kicking boots behind, Stengle had seven scoring shots from just 11 kicks against Woodville-West Torrens (for a return of 2.5).



North Adelaide's Jake Neade does his best to evade Port Adelaide's Joel Garner.

In 2019, the AFLW was divided into two five-team conferences, A and B. Our correspondents Peter Argent and Chris Pike take a look at the 13 Indigenous players across both.

Anderson the Lionheart of Brisbane



Ally Anderson and (inset) Paige Parker for the Lions.
Pictures: Getty Images

Conference B By PETER ARGENT



ALLY Anderson has been the pulsating heart and soul of the Brisbane Lions since the start of the

AFLW.

This year Anderson capped off a stellar season by winning selection in the 2019 All-Australian team and claiming the Lions' fairest-and-best award.

Her award-winning performance this year saw her average 21 possessions in seven games.

Anderson's teammate Paige Parker, a former Queensland touch football representative, was in her first AFLW season and played four games, her debut match coming against the Giants in round 1.

While her impact was minimal, Parker showed enough and she will join Gold Coast for the 2020 season.

The Lions, grand finalists in the first two AFLW seasons (2017, 2018), narrowly missed out on a finals spot this year after their 6-point loss to Collingwood in the final round.

Brisbane ended the season in fourth with just two wins from their seven games.

Blues unveil a gem

Carlton unveiled the undisputed find of the season when they unleashed teenager Madison Prespakis onto the AFLW.

Prespakis, 18, was named the league's Rising Star winner, named in the All-Australian after



Kirby Bentley

a terrific debut season and she tied to win the Blues' fairest-and-best award.

She was among her side's best in the grand final.

The tireless midfielder's robust attack on the ball has become her trademark which saw her average 20 touches per game over the course of 2019, her standout performances a 21-possession, three-goal performance against the Giants in round 3, and a 27-touch display in round 6 against the Lions.

Kirby Bentley, an icon in WA football, crossed the Nullarbor after two seasons with Fremantle, one interrupted by injury, to join Carlton.

Bentley, however, managed just three games in 2019, primarily in defence, with her best performance coming

against Adelaide in round 2.

Natalie Plane added to her three games over the first two seasons, playing in the opening four matches of the 2019 campaign.

Her best performance was an 11-disposal, two-goal effort in round 2 against the Crows.

Carlton were the big improvers this season.

After finishing at the bottom of the ladder in 2018, under new coach Daniel Hartford, the Blues finished the minor round on top of Conference B, and proved their standing with a rousing win over Fremantle in the preliminary final to earn a spot in the grand final.

But the Blues came up against a red-hot Adelaide side in Adelaide and 53,000 fans where they would succumb by 45 points.

Giant gets a start

Delma Gisu will remember her first game, a win against Geelong.

The 22-year-old ran out for the Giants in the final round against the Cats.

From QAFL club Wilston-Grange, Gisu played a key role in its 2018 premiership, which put her on the radar of the AFLW.

The first Torres-Strait Islander woman to be drafted to the Giants, Gisu is a diminutive and extremely quick forward with a strong goal sense.

It is expected her football will continue to develop and has plenty of upside.

The Giants ended the season out of the top two in Conference B with a 2-5 win-loss record.

Ponter, Houghton, Newman grow in stature as the league matures

Conference A By CHRIS PIKE



DANNIELLE Ponter's three goals for Adelaide in the AFLW grand final was the

perfect bookend to a fantastic debut season for the Northern Territorian.

A relative of AFL greats

Michael Long and Cyril Rioli, Ponter played in a key forward role for Adelaide and proved her worth in the Crows' second premiership win.

Demon's key role

Melbourne's Aliesha Newman was a key part of the Demons' line-up in 2019.

She was impressive this season, using her pace to full effect and was dangerous,

especially forward of centre.

Newman kicked six goals for the season including three in a dazzling display against the Brisbane Lions.

Gemma Houghton had inside knowledge as to what to expect playing football at the highest level – from her brother, Joel, a former Fremantle AFL player.

Just three years ago, Gemma was finding her feet in

WA's State Basketball League, and in the WAFL's women's league. The chance to play in the AFLW came at the right time.

Good advice

"As a forward, Joel gave me a few tips and good support and it helped knowing he played in the same position and could give me that advice," said the 2019 All-Australian.

"And I do have a lot of support and it makes it so much more special, especially when you win. To look over and have your family there – your mum, your aunties, your sisters and some of my best friends meant the world to me."

Of Fremantle's remaining Indigenous contingent, of Alicia Janz, Cassie Davidson, Ebony Dawson and Jasmine Stewart, perhaps Janz was the standout.

The Kimberley woman played a bit part in the ruck in her four games but, sensing greater opportunities, she has signed to play with local rival West Coast in 2020.



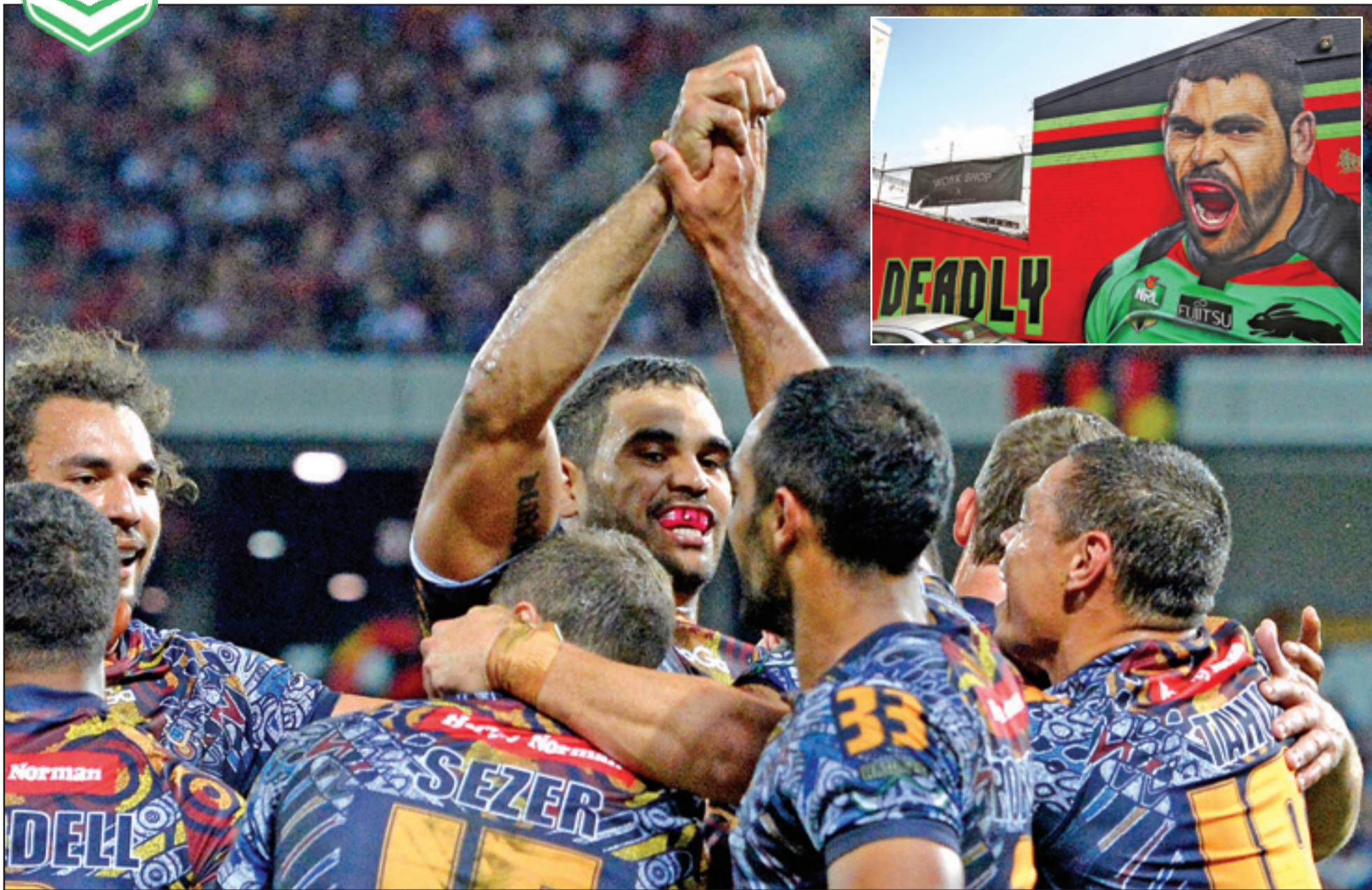
Gemma Houghton



Aliesha Newman was impressive this season.



Alicia Janz in the ruck for Fremantle. She has signed to join West Coast for 2020.



Greg Inglis celebrates with his brothers during an Indigenous All-Stars match. *Pictures: Getty Images*

‘GI’ calls time on a decorated career



FOR a bloke who can’t lift his arm above his head, Greg Inglis looked like he had the weight of the world off his shoulders.

Inglis announced his immediate retirement last week, ending the 15-year career of one of the greatest rugby league players of his generation. “What a career. It’s been an incredible journey,” Inglis told a packed media conference at Redfern Oval.

“I’m happy with my decision.” The sudden ending, more than a year earlier than previously planned, came

after an injury-dogged start to the NRL season and the South Sydney captain had been sidelined since aggravating a chronic shoulder problem in round 2.

Injury not the reason

The 32-year-old Test and Origin great refused to pin the decision on his ailing body, which has also had persistent knee troubles, though he felt he couldn’t lead in the way he used to.

“There’s no retirement through mental illness or injuries or that,” Inglis said.

“I just think it’s time and the right decision for myself. I’ve been

contemplating it for a while now. I’ve come to terms with it.”

Pressed on whether it was injury that forced his hand, Inglis said: “Nah, it wasn’t.

“I’ve bounced back from ACL, I’ve bounced back from many injuries before.

“It wasn’t that. The way I see it, if I can’t go out 100%, I wouldn’t be able to perform the best I can; that’s what I expect of myself as a leader.”

“The weight was off my shoulders after spending time back home in Coffs Harbour and Macksville. I just knew then,” he said. —AAP



GREG INGLIS – A CAREER WITHOUT PEER

NRL games	263
Melbourne Storm	2005-2010
South Sydney	2011-2019
Queensland	2006-2016, 2018
Indigenous All Stars	2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017
Kangaroos	2006-2016
Select individual awards	
Clive Churchill Medal	2007
Dally M Five-Eighth	2008
Dally M Rep Player	2008, 2009
Dally M Fullback	2013
Provan Summons Medal	2013

* Source: NRL.com





Pictures: Getty Images



A leader of men – Greg Inglis was all this and more in rugby league and in life. Pictures: Getty Images

His presence, stature and standing like that of the all-time greats

ONE of the most common features of the commentary around the announcement of Greg Inglis's retirement has been the number of people who wanted to focus on Greg the person rather than 'GI' the player.

I want to join them in focusing on the person I have witnessed develop into a leader of men on the field and, more importantly, a leader for our community off the field.

Greg the player was always a gifted athlete whose achievements have him regarded as one of the game's all-time greats.

As a result, 'GI' is a recognised sporting brand across the nation.

Behind the brand is the story of a shy young Aboriginal kid from Bowraville who has learned to deal with the attention that came with his talent and the expectations of a community who saw him as a hero, a leader and a mentor.

I have been proud to witness Greg's growth as a person on that journey and the strength he has shown in dealing with adversity along the way.

Nothing exemplifies that strength more than his

willingness to publicly discuss his personal mental health challenges and how he sought professional help in dealing with them.

Having had my own experience in this area I know how difficult it can be in sharing these issues with those close to you, let alone under the public gaze.

All I know is that by going public Greg has made a positive difference to the lives of many people he will never meet, let alone those he has reached out to personally.

Probably the biggest compliment to Greg was paid by Dean Widders who currently works as the NRL Indigenous pathways manager.

A lofty comparison

Dean compared Greg to the great Arthur Beetson, and not just because of the freakish skills which made him one of the game's greatest players.

"In respect to all the boys, he is the one who has probably had a presence like Artie Beetson," Dean said.

"He doesn't say much; he sits and listens for a long time and he waits and picks his moment right at the end. It is like all the boys just toe the line with whatever he says, and that is what he has earned because of his status in the game, and his power as a person.

"I haven't seen that since Artie Beetson. Whatever 'Beetso' said, in no matter what room, everyone stopped and listened, and that was always the end of the conversation. No-one ever spoke

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after him and Greg is like that.

"He is up there with Artie Beetson. In our community and among our young boys, there is no bigger compliment you could give anyone."

Few players have the same presence as Greg and I will forever remember and acknowledge the support he and Johnathan Thurston

provided in helping to convince NRL clubs to back the All Stars concept in 2010.

Greg has been heavily involved in community work – often this has been done out of the limelight and he has always made himself available to mob when possible.

ARL Commissioner Professor Megan Davis captured this on hearing of Greg's retirement.

"As a commissioner who is also a Cobble Cobble Aboriginal woman, I am sure I speak for the Indigenous community in saying we are so proud of Greg Inglis, a great Dughutti man and we wish him well for the future," she said.

"Greg is a giant of Australian sport and Australian rugby league, but for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, he impacted upon so many of our lives because he was one of us.

"We watched him grow through the game, through the good times and the bad times, to have an exemplary career as a NRL player, a Kangaroo, representing his mob in Indigenous All Stars and that most special of representative honours, a Queenslander.



The people have spoken! Fans at State of Origin.

"I single Origin out because rugby league played an emancipatory role for many Aboriginal men during the so-called protection era in Queensland and NSW.

"This is why the Koori and Murri rugby league carnivals are such an important part of the rugby league calendar. Rugby league is a part of our culture. Greg continued that long tradition.

Standing up to racism

"Greg stood up to racism and was proud of his culture. We shared a mentor in the great Rabbitohs supporter, Sol Bellear. Fairness and equality for our people and the Aboriginal movement has never been far from Greg's heart.

"He carried all of us with him on the field, and we look forward to embracing him as he continues his impact upon the Indigenous community in delivering a better future for our people."

Another mentor, Kangaroos coach Mal Meninga, said Greg's impact would be ongoing.

"We all understand what a great player he has been, and what a great ambassador he is," Mal said.

"But I'm very proud of the way he's carried himself over the course of his life. I've known Greg since he was 18. I love the person so much more than the player.

"He's developed an aura – when he walks into a room, people feel comfortable that he's on their side, and he makes other people around him better.

"He has obviously been a mentor for Indigenous people but he has been and will be a mentor for all Australians.

"He will still make a difference to a lot of people's lives. That's a lasting influence."

I'll leave the last words to the great man himself.

"What a career," Greg said.

"It's unfortunate it's come to an end. It's been an incredible journey. I'm happy with my decision. But my journey is only starting now."

Let's continue to support him on that journey.

How Betts turned the game on its head

Milestone man reaches a phenomenal 300 games

By PETER ARGENT



FROM school truant to bona fide star of Australian football, life as a professional footballer has helped shape Eddie Betts the man, and has arguably shaped the game in a particular way.

On Easter Sunday, in front of an adoring crowd at Adelaide Oval, Betts played his 300th game in the AFL – 184 with original club Carlton, and 116 with Adelaide – a phenomenal record in the modern era.

Like what the great Graham ‘Polly’ Farmer did to the craft of ruck-work half a century ago, Betts has redefined the role of a creative small forward in his 15 years in the AFL.

The standard

Betts’ trademark defensive attributes have become the standard that all coaches now expect from their small forwards.

“He has all the attributes: the ability to play tall and take the big mark, along with being that lead-up target and with playing the crumbing role,” said his cousin and fellow AFL 300-gamer Shaun Burgoyne.

“Eddie is a special talent and has all the skills.”

SANFL talent manager Brenton Phillips, who has seen Betts up close, revealed how he uses Betts’ game to teach the next generation.

“When we have a small forward come into our programs, I always say to them to watch tapes of Eddie and look at his workload, both



Eddie Betts, a fan favourite and a game changer in the AFL. Picture: Peter Argent

offensively and defensively,” he said.

“He has changed the perception of the small forward, from just a goal-kicking opportunist to being a rounded player both from an

attacking and defensive perspective.

Fan favourite

Born in regional centre Port Lincoln in South Australia, Betts played junior football



EDDIE BETTS
 ● 86th VFL/AFL player to reach 300-game milestone
 ● 6th indigenous player to reach 300-game milestone (Adam Goodes, Shaun Burgoyne, Andrew McLeod, Michael O’Loughlin, Gavin Wanganeen)
 ● 1 of 3 VFL/AFL players to kick more than 250 goals at two clubs
 ● 3-time winner of AFL goal of the year – 2006, 2015, 2016
 ● 3-time All Australian – 2015, 2016, 2017
 ● 6-time leading goalkicker at his clubs – four times at Adelaide and twice at Carlton
 Source: afl.com.au



Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti. Picture: Getty Images

‘Walla’ is a man with a plan

ANTHONY McDonald-Tipungwuti rated his recent seven-goal masterclass against Brisbane at the MCG as the game of his life.

From a game performance perspective, he was spot on but it was also a personal best that reflected his achievement in so many other areas of his life.

The man they call “Walla” was simply dominant in Essendon’s outstanding win. It was a complete performance and few fans could argue to have seen a better game from a small forward in the red and black.

There are only a handful of players who can bring the fans to their feet as regularly as Anthony can. But the roar of the crowd is a long way from his days on the Tiwi Islands where the din of the classroom provided him with a life-changing moment.

Sudden realisation

“I didn’t think I was good enough to get an education. I thought I was just dumb and that was the toughest bit,” he said of early school life. “I was sitting in class, it was loud, all the kids were mucking around, then I heard this voice telling me, ‘You need to get an education and find something better. There is an opportunity for you out there.’”

Shortly after that realisation, he met the woman he now calls his mother, Jane McDonald, who had travelled to the Tiwi islands for a holiday while her daughter was volunteering as a house-mother at his school.

After a trip with her to Melbourne for Christmas, Anthony was adamant he would return to the city, this time for good, after which, Jane became his legal guardian.

He enrolled at Chairi Christian School, but his struggles weren’t over. He made friends kicking the footy around or shooting hoops at lunch, but still felt he was failing.

There was something completely out of his control that had secretly been working against him at every turn.

“I had an undiagnosed learning disability,” he revealed.

“Once the teachers started helping me work in another way, I found out I wasn’t dumb all along.”

Key message

That’s the message he wants to share with as many kids as possible in the hopes those struggling realise that they too can turn their lives around and pursue their dreams.

He said people assume he thinks hours on the field or in the gym helped him get recruited by Essendon in 2015, but the young Bomber insists getting a good education was the key to his AFL success.

Anthony also has spent time working as a teacher’s aide and said helping students with special needs has become his passion.

He said seeing their eyes light up gave him hope his message sunk in.

Magic’s Moments



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Spearhead Mooka steps up a notch

By ALF WILSON



DANIEL Mooka, the 112-goal hero in Cairns reserve-grade footy last year, handled his rise to A-grade with ease when he booted seven goals in round 1.

The 24-year-old lined up at full forward for new club Cairns City in the first game of the season.

The Lions were pegged as underdogs against Manunda but they defied the odds by winning, 13.7 (85) to 9.11 (65).

Cairns City is coached by former Melbourne AFL star Aaron Davey.

Faster game

Last year, Mooka booted 112 goals for reserve grade side Pyramid Power.

And the spearhead put in a man-of-the-match performance when he booted seven goals in the Power’s 12.12 (84) to 10.7 (67) defeat of Port Douglas to win the grand final.

“A-grade is much faster and my



Daniel Mooka
 opponent was a tough tagger but Cairns City Lions is a great club and I have heaps of love for the Fatnowna family,” Mooka said.

The CAFL’s A-grade comp has had many prolific goalkickers in recent years who have kicked more than 100 goals in a season, including retired Cairns Saints Matt Walsh, and Port Douglas champion Kye Chapple who booted 12 goals in his side’s 114-point drubbing of Centrals Trinity Beach, also in round 1.

The multi-talented Mooka is also a quality rugby league player.

He was a member of the conquering Wenlock River Stallions, winners of the 2018 Arthur Beetson Foundation Queensland Murri Rugby League Carnival in Townsville.

The blockbusting second-rower made plenty of metres up the centre of the ruck for the Stallions and scored a try and kicked two goals in his team’s 26-10 win over Mackay Stallions in the final.

And to end a great season of football, Mooka played for Alau Eagles at the Dan Ropeyarn Rugby League Carnival in Bamaga, and was named player of the carnival.

Thursday Island to host Pride, Jets in Queensland Cup

By ALF WILSON



THURSDAY Island will be swamped by rugby league fans when the Queensland Cup hits the picturesque locale in July.

Cairns-based Northern Pride and Ipswich Jets will play their round-18 match on the island on Saturday, July 20.

The match will be one of five Queensland Cup games played

in small regional centres during the league's Country Week round of fixtures.

The match will be played on the island's upgraded Ken Brown Memorial Oval, known locally as 'The Rock'.

Organisers are expecting an influx of visitors and locals to the game.

The home side will no doubt be Northern Pride, coached by former North Queensland Cowboys and State of Origin star Ty Williams.

A big crowd at Bamaga's Yusia Ginou Oval saw the Pride defeat Wynnum-Manly Sea Eagles 40-16 in the corresponding round last year.

QRL Country Week

Other Queensland centres to host matches in July during the QRL's Country Week are Ingham, Nanango, Pittsworth, Cloncurry and Ilfracombe.

QRL managing director Robert Moore said QRL and NRL staff and former rugby

league greats would engage with local communities throughout the course of the weekend.

"We're extremely grateful to the Queensland government for its sponsorship and support of this initiative, as they share our passion for the game in rural and regional Queensland," Moore said.

"I've seen firsthand how much joy this event brings to outback communities, as well as our players and coaches

who embrace the opportunity to travel far and wide to showcase their skills and engage with local fans.

"Last year, more than \$100,000 in profit was generated by the local clubs and leagues who hosted Country Week games and we look forward to seeing this event deliver another positive financial outcome in 2019."

In the recent round 6 of the Queensland Cup, the Pride lost 16-12 to South Logan.



Shikinah Roberts

Shikinah has the bloodlines to make a mark



SHIKINAH Roberts wants to one day follow in the footsteps of her famous pop, Frank Roberts, who represented Australia in boxing at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

Shikinah, from Lismore in northern NSW, is only 10 but her sporting resumé is growing by the day.

Basketball is her passion and she plays in club and representative teams that see her crisscross the state for tournaments and play-offs.

She is also good at netball and plays for the Bundjalungs under-11s team.

Shikinah has also set school records for shot-put and discus, and beat several boys in a mixed event at a school swimming carnival, her first.

Famous surname

Shikinah has a famous surname within the Bundjalung nation in northern NSW.

As well as her pop, Frank, many in the Roberts clan excel at various sports.

Her mum, Helen Gorman, said that sport has done wonders for Shikinah.

"One day, she said wants to play basketball professionally and she always talks about the Olympics, competing for Australia," she said.

"She is fantastic at netball but she is in love with basketball – from the moment she opens her eyes she is shooting hoops.

"She watches Super Netball and the WNBL whenever she can.

"Before sport, she was such a shy girl but now she is just so confident.

"She wants to compete in everything – touch footy, cricket, you name it!"

By JULIE HUNT



A HEALTHY hit of endorphins is what's underpinning Luke Simpson's business plan for his newly created Bundjalung Fitness in Ballina on the NSW far north coast.

Only a few months into his new venture, the business is keeping 29-year-old Simpson flat-out as he works with Elders, women's groups, individuals and those with disability to bring his vision of a healthy Bundjalung community to the fore.

And it's the 'feelgood' hormone produced after exercise – the endorphins – that Luke credits for not only turning his life around, but also the very thing he believes will see his vision take shape.

"I've hit rock bottom more times than I can count, I've tried, unsuccessfully, a few times to become an alcoholic, but if you exercise and get the endorphins up, your ability to handle things in life will change," he told *Koori Mail Sport*.

"Things look so much clearer after exercise and the endorphins aren't going to kill you, so that's great news."

The big picture

There is so much Simpson wants to see for his community: fewer numbers attending medical centres; a reduction in obesity; a change in the statistic that sees Indigenous Australians dying 10 years earlier than non-Indigenous Australians; healthy and happy kids and families.

"While studying my Certificates III and IV in fitness and personal training last year, I knew my ultimate goal was to come back to the community to grow health and fitness," he said. "It's also about knowledge and passing the knowledge on to the children. If people live longer, there will be more knowledge passed on to the younger generation. There's not so much of that happening right now."

January saw the start of Bundjalung Fitness, and it was a month jam-packed with business



Bundjalung Fitness owner Luke Simpson and trainer Tatiana Combo.

meetings, business plans, programming, and administration and organisation.

Simpson has expanded his team with a female instructor to lead his Active Women's classes – Tatiana Combo, a Bundjalung woman from Tweed Heads.

Already, up to 30 women have attended sessions with

Combo, working on a program to increase weight loss and muscle strength.

Simpson also has a strong contingent of people doing personal training sessions.

"There's nothing better than hearing the beautiful stories of people starting to take control of their health," he says.

Working with Elders to spread his vision is important and he has teamed up with Yarrabee Aged Care in Ballina to deliver gentle exercise and nutrition programs during their weekly Healthy Elders group meetings.

"We go through a range of movement and stretching exercises using light weights, sometimes pool exercises, to strengthen muscles not used in a long time," he said. "Exercise helps people to live longer. We want them to be around to see their children's children and to pass on the knowledge."

Kids program

Simpson will soon introduce a Bundjalung Fit kids program. He's currently in talks to get the health, nutrition and cultural awareness program up and running in schools.

"There's a problem with our kids aged 11 and up being overweight. Some never recover from this. It leads the way to diabetes, kidney failure, high blood pressure and other medical conditions. I want this to stop," he said. "The more knowledge that goes into children's heads the better. I would love to see kids come home from school and ask for veggies or seasoned chicken. We need to give kids as much knowledge as we can. They will see bad stuff happening, we can't stop that, but we can help them make smarter choices."

Good space

It may be early days, but Simpson says he's in a good space to tackle his new venture.

"I have never felt as good as I do now – physically, mentally and emotionally," he said.

And he's proud of what his business stands for.

"The services I provide work towards bridging the gap between generations as well as different lifestyles and cultures," he said.

"People who join Bundjalung Fitness, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, put their hands up to reconcile.

"I don't think there is any better vehicle than the health industry to do this."

Cross takes his seat in the Senate

Teen draws inspiration from Patty Mills

By CHRIS PIKE



A YOUNG West Australian is turning heads in the State Basketball League this season, and we can give thanks to NBA star Patty Mills for it.

Oliver Cross, from Geraldton, is in his third season with the Warwick Senators in the SBL and he is producing some quality basketball.

The 19-year-old is taking off as an exciting point-guard this season with the Senators who are sitting mid-table in the strong 14-team league.

Inspired

Cross looks up to Mills as his basketball inspiration, both positionally and professionally.

Mills is point-guard for the San Antonio Spurs and, like Mills, Cross is of a similar stature with lightning-quick reflexes that are proving valuable for his team.

Defensively, Cross uses his pace to great effect and in creating turnovers, while



Oliver Cross, growing in stature in the SBL this season.

switching it up at the other end, running his team's

offence and distributing the ball to his side's advantage.

This is Cross's third season in the SBL and with the Senators. He made his debut with the Senators in 2017 where he played 23 games. Last season, he played 28 games in a team that reached the semifinals.

So far this season, Cross is filling in an even more significant role for the Senators following the summer departure of point-guard Corban Wroe.

Best game

And he's stepped up to the plate.

Cross had his best game to date in the win over Mandurah, where he accumulated four points, three rebounds and three assists, pushing his career games tally to 50.

Cross will play a key role as the only genuine point-guard on the Senators roster in 2019.

His coach Mike Ellis is looking forward to seeing more of what the youngster is capable of.

"We have some young kids there and 'Ollie' is the one we've been bleeding the last couple of years who will get more opportunity," he said.

"He's probably not ready to start but he can play important minutes."

The WA SBL season runs from March right through to August.



Shay Evans, NT Young Achiever Sport Award winner, with Mark Teakle, managing director of Zip Print (award sponsor).

Shay's star on the rise



W-LEAGUE championship team player Shadeene (Shay) Evans can add another accolade to her recent sporting achievements – the Northern Territory's Young Achiever Sport Award for her efforts through the John Moriarty Football community and scholarship program.

Shay joined the grassroots soccer program in her home community of Borroloola when she was 10.

She secured a place at Westfields Sports High School in NSW on a scholarship and became a youth ambassador for the program.

Now while in Year 12, Shay debuted for both the Young Matildas and professional club Sydney FC in the W-League.

She is currently training and playing with the Future Matildas program.

Inspiring youth

"I want to inspire young Indigenous children to believe that they too, can have promising futures," she said.

"The John Moriarty Football program has been so important in my football and education.

"It's programs like this that give remote Indigenous kids a reason to study hard and pursue a better future through football."

John Moriarty said, "We're thrilled for Shay and think she is very deserving of the NT Young Achiever Sport Award."

"She is an example of what Australia can achieve when we invest in Indigenous communities, our youth's education, wellbeing and pathway programs to create long-lasting impact and better outcomes."

The NT Young Achiever Award has been running for 25 years with an aim to acknowledge, encourage and promote the positive achievements of young Territorians under 30.

Winners each receive a trophy and \$2000 to assist in achieving their goals.

A community's tribute to Phil Minniecon

By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS cricket teams paid tribute to the late Phil Minniecon in

Cairns recently in a tournament named after him.

Minniecon made an enormous contribution to cricket in the region and the cricket carnival acknowledges and honours his cultural and sporting achievements.

There were six teams, all mixed, in total that played and the winner was decided in a thrilling finish.

The event was held at the Walker Road Sporting Complex in Edmonton (a suburb in Cairns).

The teams were Mulungu Deadly Choices from Mareeba, Wuchopperen Deadly Choices and Wuchopperen Staff from Cairns, Gurriny / Yealamucka Deadly

Choices from Yarrabah, Minniecon Trackers Mob from Innisfail, and Speak Up Be Strong Be Heard, which was a police combination team.

The games were eight players per team and matches were played under the super-eight overs format with bowlers restricted to one over each and batsman having to retire if they reached 20 runs.

Wuchopperen

It was a Wuchopperen 'derby' grand final, with the Deadly Choices team winning it by one run over the Staff team in an entertaining game.

The under-18 player of the carnival award went to Stanicko Marama, the female MVP was Elaine Addo from Wuchopperen Staff, and the carnival's male best player was Glen Hussey of Mulungu.

"It was about participation by Indigenous males and

females in a sport in which our people are under-represented," Keiryn Lenoy, one of the organisers, said.

"It was an alcohol and drug-free event and we hope this will provide the opportunity and desire for participants to get involved in cricket."

"This is the first time an Indigenous cricket carnival has been held in Cairns and everybody had a good time."

Organisers were Bevan Ahkee, Todd Dodson, Gavern Lovett from Queensland Cricket, Jason Smith from Queensland Indigenous Cricket, and Lenoy.

● Award winners: top right, Stanicko Marama and, right, Leichan Williams, Elaine Addo and Paula Fabila
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Lloyd McDermott Picture: Getty Images

Ella's tribute to the great man McDermott



FORMER Wallaby Gary Ella has paid tribute to fellow former Wallaby Lloyd McDermott, who passed away recently aged 79.

McDermott was one of the first Indigenous Wallabies and made a notable stand against apartheid in South Africa by making himself unavailable for the 1963 tour there.

McDermott played two Tests for Australia, his debut coming against the All Blacks in 1962.

But he sensationally ended his association with rugby before the 1963 tour to South Africa.

In declaring himself unavailable for the tour, he made his pride in his Aboriginality clear by opting not to play as an 'honourary white', which was the only basis on which he could compete against the all-white Springboks team under the country's apartheid regime.

"Lloyd will be sorely missed by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," Ella said.

"His legacy is not just his work in promoting sport to young people, it is also about equality in opportunities for young people.

"Lloyd's work has positively influenced thousands of young Indigenous people around Australia." – AAP

Waratahs want Beale back in fullback role



Kurtley Beale will be back in familiar surrounds at fullback. Picture: Getty Images



KURTLEY Beale can stake a claim to the Wallabies' fullback spot at the World Cup after being handed the NSW Waratahs No 15 jersey vacated by Israel Folau.

With the rugby future of incumbent Test fullback Folau in doubt as he awaits his code of conduct hearing, utility Beale has been challenged to showcase his skills at the back for the rest of the Super Rugby season.

He started there in the Waratahs' clash with Australian conference leaders Melbourne Rebels at the SCG last Saturday.

Familiar role

It's a familiar job for Beale, who made his name in international rugby as fullback, earning nomination for World Player of the Year in 2010 and playing the 2011 World Cup there before becoming the regular inside centre.

"It's a real opportunity for (Beale) to step up in a position as we know he can and really try and own that position for the next eight games," Waratahs coach Daryl Gibson said.

While Folau's strengths were aerial skills and try-scoring instinct, Gibson is relishing unleashing Beale's sharp counter-attacking attributes at fullback.

"He has a strong kicking game and a real nice tactical appreciation," Gibson said.

"So we will be looking to see what he can bring to that position and allow him that freedom to play the way he wants to play."

If Beale excels consistently at fullback he will likely vie with Rebels star Dane Haylett-Petty for the Wallabies No 15 jersey, with Brumbies speedster Tom Bank another contender.

With Beale at fullback, veteran pair Karmichael Hunt and Adam Ashley-Cooper can remain in the centres. – AAP

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Selectors give Short an 'A'



D'ARCY Short is one of 16 batsmen who have been given the chance to press their claims for an Ashes berth after selectors named Australia's one-day and four-day Australia A squads to tour England.

The Australia A sides will play five one-dayers against England county teams in June and July, while the four-day squad then faces Sussex and the England Lions.

There will be three Australian squads in England during June and July – the one-day, four-day and World Cup squads. The one-day and four-day squads will be playing in England during the World Cup.

And from this, selectors will then announce the final Ashes squad just days before the first Test.

Short is the only Indigenous cricketer selected across the three squads.

Unlucky omission

Short can consider himself unlucky not to have gained initial selection in the World Cup squad.

Consecutive player-of-the-tournament awards in the Big Bash and an impressive JLT Cup for Western Australia weren't considered enough for Short to win a permanent spot in Australia's one-day side.

Having failed to take his chance on debut in England last year, Short was



D'Arcy Short. Getty Images

dismissed for a duck in his only ODI last summer before Australia's poor run of results saw selectors completely revamp their one-day side.

Those moves have been justified by the recent form resurgence, but there's no doubt Short is doing everything he can domestically to get another taste of the top level soon. – AAP

QMC heads back to SE Queensland

By ALF WILSON



THIRTY teams have already nominated for the 2019 Arthur Beetson Foundation Queensland Murri Rugby League Carnival

which returns to south-east Queensland this year.

The carnival will be held at the South Pine Sports Complex, Brendale, from October 1-5.

Organisers are confident of a big turnout.

Last year's carnival was held in Townsville, the first time it was held outside southern Queensland.

Wenlock River Stallions won the men's division while Central Queensland's Emu Girls won the women's division.

The event provides an opportunity for emerging players with several examples of footballers graduating from the carnival to the Queensland Cup.

Demos will lead AIB in next phase



TYSON Demos achieved a great deal in his time on court as a professional

basketballer in the NBL, but it is off the court where he is aiming to make another mark.

The 30-year old has been elected as the new president of Australian Indigenous Basketball (AIB) at its AGM held recently in Brisbane.

Demos is passionate in helping vulnerable young people and is committed to making a positive impact through mentoring.

He hopes to continue this trend as AIB president.

Eight-year career

Demos retired from the NBL in 2016 following a career that spanned eight years and 216 games for Gold Coast Blaze and Illawarra Hawks.

The defensive specialist played for the Apunipima AIB All Stars national team, winning Trans-Tasman titles against New Zealand Maori in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Demos, a proud Aboriginal man with family ties to Bindal country in north Queensland, works as a care and case worker with the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation.

"Basketball has been a great vehicle for positive change in my life," Demos said.

"Through the sport I've been fortunate to learn life skills that have helped me to become a better person, a better husband and a better father.

"I'm excited to now give back and create pathways through AIB to help inspire the next generation."

Demos was one of the key drivers behind the Illawarra Hawks' first ever NBL Indigenous game.

"That event gave me the chance to work with local traditional owner groups and really see the impact that basketball can have on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," he said.



Tyson Demos



Queensland North's Shaniece Swain is set to star at the Australian under-18 championships.

Pictures: Basketball Australia

Shaniece steps up in youth championships

By LIAM ELLISON
Basketball Australia



QUEENSLAND North's Shaniece Swain has set herself a realistic aim at the Australian under-18

championships after top-scoring at the 2018 under-16s.

Shaniece played a major role in Queensland North's bronze medal while averaging a tournament-high 19.4 points to go along with 6.4 rebounds per game at the national under-16s tournament.

When Queensland North faced NSW Metro in the bronze medal match play-off, Shaniece dropped a game-high 29 points, eight rebounds and three steals as the Queenslanders took care of business, 73-32.

The 12-month journey for the teenager has seen her represent Australia at the 2018 under-15 Oceania Championships where she cemented her position as one of the country's rising stars.

At the championships, Shaniece averaged 10.4 points per game to help Australia cruise to a stunning 80-point win over New Zealand in the final.

Mature opposition

Entering this year's under-18s, Shaniece will now face the prospect of battling against older, stronger and more mature opposition.

"I'm really excited to play with all the girls. We've been playing together for a while now," she said.

"We all know how each other plays.

"We all know our strengths

and weaknesses.

"We're a pretty fast team, a skilled team. If we can put it all together, we should do well."

It didn't take long for the youngster to settle in, registering an impressive double-double of 23 points and 10 rebounds in a 41-point win over the ACT in her first game of the tournament.

With Shaniece Swain leading the way, the home team could very well find themselves at the pointy end.

As for her own vision for the future, Shaniece has high ambitions.

"I'd love to earn a scholarship to the AIS," she said.

"If that doesn't work out, I'll keep working hard through high school and hopefully get some college offers – go there for four years and hopefully shoot for the WNBA and the WNBL."

We've seen what greatness is

HOW do you measure greatness in sport? What are the metrics used to determine who can be considered a sporting great?

Part of the answer to that is impact – what impact has a sportsman or sportswoman had on the game?

In the case of recently-retired NRL star Greg Inglis, the answer would be plenty, and I'll give my interpretation to some of it.

In looking back over GI's career, he was a coach's dream. Due to his size and explosiveness, with a hulking 6'5", 105kg frame, Inglis helped redefine the various roles of certain positions in terms of what positional play traditionally was.

For example, as a centre, Inglis's trademark fend-off allowed him to eat metres, forcing a greater defensive presence, thereby allowing valuable space for his wingers.

His switch to fullback by then Souths coach Michael McGuire would force the opposition to come at him in greater numbers. In turn, and with greater metres gained, this would free up his centres, five-eighths and wingers, whose threat toward the tryline was ever present. It provided a key piece to the puzzle that was the Rabbitohs' grand-final triumph in 2014.

So if anything, Inglis's frame, game and footy smarts set the standard of what certain positional play should look like in the NRL. That's a legacy. And greatness.

Vale Mullenjaiwakka

We lost a great man recently – Lloyd McDermott, traditional name Mullenjaiwakka, the first Indigenous man to play for the Wallabies,

Like other greats, Mullenjaiwakka leaves behind a legacy that will continue, which is his history with the Wallabies, his work in the legal profession and the rugby foundation that carries his name, and of course as a man of his family.

His moral strength in rejecting to tour as an 'honourary white' to South Africa in 1963 was the stuff of legend, and inspiration.

Consider the time – it was the same year the Bark Petition was presented to Parliament by the people from Yirrkala, and four years before the pivotal 1967 Referendum. In that context, Mullenjaiwakka's stand was yet another stake into the heart of the oppression.

Long may the legacy of this great man's stance remain at the forefront of our fight for equality!

Betts joins 300-club

Is there a player universally loved in the AFL more than Eddie Betts?

If you're not an Adelaide Crows fan, chances are Eddie would have played a key role in any one of your side's losses to the Crows.

Sure, you'd begrudge him for making your defenders look flat-footed but such is this guy's standing in the game, you'd secretly hope there'd be more of that Betts brilliance. And there usually would.

Three-hundred games at the top level is a phenomenal achievement.

I started this column asking how to measure greatness. It's subjective, of course, but there is no doubt that Greg Inglis, Mullenjaiwakka and Eddie Betts are, and were, great men in their respective fields.

Salute!

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- 263 games
- 149 tries
- 5 grand finals
- 1 premiership*
- 39 Australian jerseys
- 10 State of Origin titles
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- 5-time Indigenous All Star

Gregory Paul Inglis
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