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First Nations protesters lead climate strikes as part of global movement



Young Aboriginal people lead the Sydney strike for climate action. Read our reports on pages 5, 51-52, and check out pictures from around the country.

Shot dead by police



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MY FAMILY Harry Miller Junior (Port Lincoln, SA)



FOOTBALL and family have been central to Harry Miller Junior and his extended clan.

A large contingent of the Miller clan was at Norwood Oval for the 50th anniversary South Australian All Schools Football Grand Final match in late August.

The family was at The Parade to watch Harry's nephew Isaiah Dudley, who produced a dominant performance, winning the Colin Steinert medal as best-on-ground when Prince Alfred College defeated Henley High School for the prestigious All-Schools knockout football crown.

At the game with Harry Junior, were his mother Karisma, grandmother Anne "Joody" Newchurch, his brothers Levi Dudley and Dale Miller, along with Uncle Phillip Dudley.

"To me, the word 'family' means something very specific," family patriarch Harry Miller Junior said.

"It means to be with people who understand and accept you without condition. A family can be a small group or a large one, who all support one another.

"They will help you when you struggle

and be there for you in trying times.

"What's special about my family is having a great upbringing from my parents.

"It is about accepting each other for who they are.

"For we all have things that we like and things that we don't and it means to always do our best to be very honest with one another in respectful, polite and kind ways.

"Being a part of the special family means an important connection to our Elders and culture.

"The role football has been in our lives is from both sides of my family.

"Being involved in strong local Aboriginal football clubs on the west coast of South Australia like the Mallee Park Football Club in Port Lincoln and Koonibba Roosters across at Ceduna is central.

"These have provided a great upbringing and huge historical understandings of family members both on and off of the field.

"It gives us a huge understanding of our people who have been successful and talented on field.

"They are people who have achieved and we aspire to follow." – **Peter Argent**

Karisma Newchurch, Anne (Joody) Newchurch, Isaiah Dudley, Levi Dudley, Harry Miller Junior, Dale Miller and Phillip Dudley.

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If you would like to see your family featured in the 'My Family' section of the Koori Mail, email a high-resolution digital photo to editor@koorimail.com along with a full caption (always reading from left to right) and between 350 and 400 words about your family. Tell us who is in your family, what you like to do as a family, your traditions and achievements, and what is important to you.

OUR CHILDREN



Kalaya Children sing at the plenary at the SNAICC National Conference in Adelaide. Full story and more pictures on pages 26-27.

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Carbon credit project brings benefits to communities and the environment



AS bushfires rage across NSW and parts of Queensland, a savannah burning carbon project has brought great social, environmental and economic development benefits to traditional owners on Cape York Peninsula.

In partnership with Aurukun rangers, managed by Aak Puul Ngantam (APN), located in Cape York, the Aboriginal Carbon Foundation has traded 10,000 carbon credits to the National Australia Bank earning traditional owners significant revenue from the project and protecting country.

Utilising the savannah-burning carbon-farming methodology, which implements early dry season burning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and wildfires, APN Cape York Rangers, based out of Aurukun on the western cape, were pleased with the outcome of their hard work.

APN Cape York general manager Sandy Whyte said they could use the money earned from the carbon-farming project to assist traditional owners to return to their homelands.

"Without this income, many traditional owners would be unable to be on country and pass on their knowledge to their children and grandchildren," Sandy said.

Aboriginal Carbon Foundation general manager Rowan Foley said the project had similar broad aims as a number of other projects on the cape.

"The beautiful balance between implementing a project that has great environmental value, matched with strong economic returns for traditional owners, is a sustainable manner to build a carbon economy which addresses the disadvantage that most communities face in the region," he said.

NAB's head of enterprise sustainability Alison Read said, from the bank's perspectives, there were many benefits to the project.

"It helps NAB meet our carbon-neutral commitments, it supports employment in Indigenous communities, and it benefits the environment," she said.

"Having visited far north Queensland last year with the Aboriginal Carbon Foundation, I've seen the benefits of the project first hand and fully appreciate its impact."



Dion Koometea works on a savannah burn.



The Ti Tree outstation.



Horace Wikmunea



Garrett Kerindun keeps an eye on the fire from a helicopter.

Police shooting: Was lethal force necessary?



A 29-year-old Aboriginal woman was shot dead by police in Western Australia last week, prompting hundreds of people to gather outside the police station in Geraldton, demanding "Justice for Joyce". Joyce Clarke died in hospital last Tuesday night from a gunshot wound after police were called to a house in response to reports of a woman brandishing a knife.

WA Police Commissioner Chris Dawson said eight officers were sent to the scene.

"Some verbal communication took place between attending police and Ms Clarke before one officer fired one round from his service pistol which struck Ms Clarke," he said. Mr Dawson said there were believed to be more than 20 witnesses to the incident.

Mr Clarke's adoptive mother Leslie "Anne" Jones demanded to

know why police shot Ms Clarke instead of using a taser or another non-lethal method to subdue her.

Ms Jones was among family members and friends who gathered to protest outside the police station against what they said was excessive force used in the situation. Ms Jones told the ABC that she felt numb but was thankful for the community's support.

"My family feels very hurt and I am devastated because I know we are not going to get answers from the police," she said.

"I do still feel numb but I appreciate everybody who is here from the bottom of my heart.

"It (the system) failed her, deliberately failed her ... because (the officer) shot her and now I've got to go through all the things now to lay her to rest and that's going to be even more devastating."

Some of the protesters held signs that read "Black lives matter 2", "What is a taser for?" and "Is it open season on Blackfellas?".

Among the group was Carol Roe, the grandmother of 22-year-old Aboriginal woman Ms Dhu who died in a Pilbara hospital in 2014 two days after being locked up at the local police station for unpaid fines, after police were called to a domestic violence incident.

Family spokesman Sandy Davies told media that Joyce had returned home from a mental institution a few days before she died, and the family called police for help to get her back to hospital.

"She was having difficulty at home with her family last night and her family called police to assist to get her to the hospital, and as a result of that she was shot dead by a police officer," he said.

National Suicide Prevention and Trauma Recovery Project coordinator Gerry Georgatos said the organisation was supporting the family.

"It's as harrowing as it gets," Mr Georgatos said.

"The family is hurting and

there's a lot of confusion about what has occurred. There's a sea of grief at the moment from Mullewa to Geraldton."

Ms Clarke leaves behind a seven-year-old son, who lives with a relative.

Major Crime officers travelled to Geraldton to investigate and the Police Internal Affairs Unit will conduct a separate inquiry, which is standard protocol.

The Corruption and Crime Commission and WA Coroner will also oversee the case.

Regional WA Commander Alan Morton told media that the officer involved was traumatised and had taken immediate leave.

Commander Morton offered his condolences to Ms Clarke's family and said "one of the main areas of investigation" would centre on why a taser was not used.

"Everyone wants quick answers, but it's just unfair for me to draw early conclusions," he said.

Patrick Dodson, Labor Senator

for Western Australia, expressed concern about the shooting and called for calm.

"I acknowledge that the police have committed to conducting a thorough inquiry into this tragic death, with oversight apparently by the Corruption and Crime Commission," he said.

"Without wanting to prejudice that inquiry, I can only echo the question being posed by many in the community: Why was it necessary to resort to the lethal force of a firearm to resolve whatever trouble the police were confronting on Tuesday evening?"

"I extend my deepest sympathies to the family of the dead woman.

"The Aboriginal community of Geraldton deserves a full account of what happened.

"Any inquiry, including the Coroner's inquiry, will take a long time to report and community concerns need to be settled as soon as possible." — with AAP

Virtual reality meets traditional healing in this unique approach to mental health



THE Uti Kulintjaku (UK) initiative is an innovative, Aboriginal-led mental health

literacy project that takes its name from a Pitjantjatjara phrase that means 'to listen, think and understand clearly'.

Formed from the Ngangkari traditional healers and artists of the NPY Women's Council, the UK initiative addresses community issues of mental health from both Aboriginal and Western perspectives. It will be launched as part of the Big Anxiety Festival in Sydney.

Working with the Big Anxiety and fEEL, the Uti Kulintjaku team has created two new virtual reality works, sharing their healing practices through creative visualisation, including Tupul Tupulngya, an Anangu-led response to the experiences of constraint, entrapment, and depression through the traditional story (or 'tjukurpa') of *The Man in the Log*.

An initiative of UNSW, The Big Anxiety Festival is the world's largest mental health and arts festival. Designed to embrace diverse experiences across the vast spectrum of mental health, the festival



Nyunmiti Burton and Pantjiti Imitjala Lewis.

Picture: Rhett Hammerton, courtesy NPY Women's Council

focuses on one central challenge: How do we cultivate empathy in place of stigma, fear and discrimination while supporting mental health and suicide prevention?

Bundjalung woman Evelyn

Araluen is a poet, researcher and educator working with Indigenous literatures at the University of Sydney.

She's also an ambassador for the Big Anxiety Festival.

Her work considers the pride,

poetics and play of Aboriginal culture and identity. Born, raised and writing on Dharug country, she is a descendent of the Bundjalung nation. Evelyn writes openly about anxiety, isolation, and the complexities of

Aboriginal identity in her work. As an Ambassador for The Big Anxiety Festival, Evelyn hopes to bring language and poetry to the messy and at times overwhelming task of articulating the self in a world that seeks to silence the visceral realities of mental health.

The Big Anxiety Festival runs from September 28 – November 16 at UNSW Galleries, Paddington,

Uti Kulintjaku's VR works will also be presented at venues around Sydney:

- Thursday, Oct 10 to Friday Nov 8 at the Dax Gallery, open 12-5pm Wednesday to Friday.

- Wednesday, October 16 at the Art Gallery of NSW, as part of *Art After Hours*, 5.30pm.

Art After Hours continues its program at 7.30pm with Evelyn Araluen hosting *Black Rhymes* – Sydney's leading performance event for Aboriginal writers, giving voice to Indigenous perspectives on mental health and healing. The evening will include performances of the poetry of Lorna Munro, Alison Whittaker, Luke Patterson and Elizabeth Jarrett.

For more information on these presentations go to, <https://www.thebiganxiety.org/> <https://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/calendar/black-rhymes/>

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Djirra getting extra funding



DJIRRA chief executive Antoinette Braybrook last week welcomed additional funding from the Victorian

Government to expand its work with Aboriginal women who are at risk of imprisonment, in prison and released.

Ms Braybrook said Corrections Minister Ben Carroll's announcement of \$1.46 million in additional funding over four years would support Djirra's culturally safe and specialist wrap-around legal and support services for Aboriginal women.

"We take today's announcement as testament of the vital and unique work we do at Djirra to break the cycle of family violence and women imprisonment," Ms Braybrook said.

"This additional funding shows a commitment and a step forward to change the story for Aboriginal women in Victoria."

Djirra is an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation that provides culturally safe and holistic support and specialist family violence legal assistance and representation for Aboriginal women who currently experience, or have in the past



Antoinette Braybrook

lived with, family violence or sexual assault.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are the fastest growing prison population in the country. Eighty percent of Aboriginal women in prisons are mothers. In Victoria, Corrections data shows that the number of Indigenous women entering prison on remand increased by 155% in the five years between 2012 to 2017.

Ms Braybrook said that last week Djirra's team visited Dame Phyllis Frost Centre to deliver their Sisters Day In workshop to

53 of the 90 Aboriginal women inside.

"These numbers, while increasing and while devastating, are still manageable. With the right investment, we can turn this around," she said. "Investing in Djirra's programs and services is a step in the right direction."

Data shows that, overwhelmingly, Aboriginal women are imprisoned for non-violent offences related to homelessness and poverty. Family violence is both a cause and consequence of the high rates of Aboriginal women in imprisonment.

"Djirra means business," Ms Braybrook said.

"When it comes to Aboriginal women's safety and resilience, Djirra will continue its advocacy to secure further investment into community-controlled organisations, into our self-determination, to ensure that our solutions are invested in."

In mid-November Djirra and Dardi Munwurro will cohost 'Women's Business, Men's Business, Everyone's Business, Our Cultural Way' in Melbourne. The event is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, communities and individuals, and others who work to address issues impacting Indigenous people.



In Cairns the protest march called for stronger climate change action.

Demand for government action on climate now



MILLIONS of people worldwide joined an international strike calling for stronger climate change action last Friday.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people led many of the marches in Australia.

In Darwin, protesters pointed out that the weather bureau data showed the number of +35°C days is already increasing in the Top End and Indigenous island communities were vulnerable to rising sea levels.

The Northern Territory Central Land Council (CLC) called on climate strikers to think of remote community residents who are most at risk from the climate emergency.

CLC chair Sammy Wilson said their members and workers supported the strike.

"I call on them to spare a

thought for Aboriginal people out bush who may not be able to travel to the strikes but who are already suffering most during our hotter, longer and drier summers," Mr Wilson said.

"I am dreading another summer like the last one because it is especially tough on our old and sick people who live in overcrowded, poor quality houses."

With many remote communities under severe water stress, water shortages and quality topped the list of policy priorities endorsed by the CLC's elected delegates at their most recent council meeting in August.

The delegates want to live sustainably on their country and see water rights and liveable houses as central to their future and are prepared to fight for a liveable environment.

"The Government gave us the

land back but not the water. Water is the new land rights," Mr Wilson said.

Following the NT's hottest summer on record, and the driest in almost three decades, the delegates also nominated climate change and water security as high policy priorities.

"Last summer many people were struggling to sleep. We heard about people taking turns in the coolest parts of the house," Mr Wilson said.

"Most of our people live in concrete boxes and can't afford to run air conditioners around the clock. Many don't have working fridges to keep food safe for eating, so they are very likely to get sick."

Mr Wilson said we must listen to scientists who are predicting that the poorest people in the hottest countries will be hardest hit by climate change.

"Aboriginal people want to be part of the solution. We want to have access to clean technologies such as solar power so that our children have the chance to keep living on our traditional country."

In Lismore, Widjabul Wyabul man Roy Gordon welcomed the strikers to Bundjalung country in language.

Bundjalung youngster and Year 6 Lismore South Public School student Scayt James Taylor, 12, said he was proud to strike from school.

"This is for the wellbeing of the whole planet," he said.

"The climate crisis is something that affects the future for all of us. It's important that we all take a stand – not only for my generation, but for the next generation of kids also."

"We need to stand up for country, because country is getting

sick. We need to stand up for nature, and our rainforests, and the animals, because they are dying."

Across the NT, thousands of school students from more than seven remote, regional and urban centres led their communities in coordinated strike action as part of global efforts to force governments to act on the climate emergency.

Strike action took place in Jabiru, Maningrida, Yirrkala, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Alice Springs and Darwin to call for urgent action by the NT and Federal Governments to address the climate crisis, by first declaring a 'state of emergency' for the climate.

In Brisbane the large march was also led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, as was the action in Cairns.

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From the mouths of babes...

Dujuan takes his fight for our kids' rights to the UN



12-YEAR-old Arrernte/Garrwa boy Dujuan from central Australia had a simple message to

Australian governments when he addressed the United Nations: Stop sending 10-year-old children to jail.

Dujuan is the star of *In My Blood it Runs*, the acclaimed documentary from filmmaker Maya Newell (*Gayby Baby*), which was screened at the United Nations in Geneva, with the support of the Australian Government and the Australian Human Rights Commission.

The film follows 10-year-old Dujuan, a child-healer, a good hunter and speaker of three languages as he is pushed out of school and facing increasing scrutiny from welfare and the police. As he travels perilously close to incarceration, his family fight to give him a strong Arrernte education alongside his western education lest he becomes another statistic.

Dujuan and filmmaker Maya hope that the screening and opportunity to speak to experts at the United Nations will bring about change to Australian education and youth justice systems that harm Aboriginal children.

Dujuan, Maya Newell, his grandmother Margaret Anderson and his father met with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in advance of their review of Australia.

Dujuan also delivered a public statement to the UN Human Rights Council, calling on the Australian Government to stop locking up kids. Dujuan's message builds on the voices of legal, health and child rights organisations calling on Australian Governments to raise the age of criminal responsibility in Australia.

Right now across Australia, children as young as 10 can be arrested by police, charged with an offence and locked away in a youth prison.

Australia has one of the lowest ages of criminal responsibility in the world. Dujuan himself was 10 when he came to the attention of police and put at risk of ending up in the notorious Don Dale youth prison.

Before his trip to Switzerland, Dujuan said he was excited.

"I am a bit shy to speak to all the countries at the United Nations because adults never listen to kids – especially kids like me," he said. "But we have important things to say. I am going to speak to the United Nations because our government is not listening. Maybe over there, they will."

Megan Mitchell, National Children's Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission, said it was clear that education, welfare and justice systems fail many Indigenous



Arrernte/Garrwa boy Dujuan has addressed the United Nations to draw attention to Australian laws that send children as young as 10 to prison.

young people in Australia.

"The film shows the reality of this for too many children," she said.

Larrakia woman Shahleena Musk, a senior lawyer at the Human Rights Law Centre said governments across Australia are using police, courts and prisons to hurt and harm children.

"Our governments have set laws that allow 10-year-old kids to be arrested, charged and locked away," she said. "We are proud to be supporting Dujuan to tell the UN Human Rights Council that this needs to change. Children should be in classrooms and playgrounds. They should be with their families and in their communities. They should not be forced into the quicksand of the criminal legal system."

Rodney Dillon, Palawa Elder and Indigenous Rights Adviser at Amnesty International, said nearly 25,000 people have signed the Amnesty International petition calling on all governments to raise the age of criminal responsibility.

"Dujuan will be a strong voice at the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child," he said.

"His story is reflective of so many young Indigenous kids who need the Government to be doing more to ensure they have the support to live happy, healthy and thriving lives."

A coalition of First Nations educators is being supported by Children's Ground, who is evidencing a systems approach



The filmmaking team of *In My Blood it Runs*.

to preventing children ending up in incarceration and welfare, by focusing on their strength of culture and quality education.

Children's Ground is a human rights organisation led by First Nations people and bringing about change to prevent children and young people entering the criminal justice and welfare systems, or taking their own lives.

Championing identity, strength of culture, quality education and local agency, it is creating the

conditions so that young people have the right to grow up enjoying both their cultural freedoms and the opportunities of a global society.

Focusing on systems change, Children's Ground is supporting a coalition of First Nations educators to lead national reform in education.

Chairperson of Children's Ground and film advisor William Tilmouth is an Aboriginal man who was himself incarcerated as a young man. He is determined to

bring about real change.

"The trouble is, we throw all the money after the damage is done," he said.

"There's nothing helping to work on the prevention of what's happening downstream."

A statement from Dujuan was recently read in the NT Parliament by Namatjira MLA Chansey Peach and Dujuan has spoken at sold out screenings of *In My Blood it Runs* at the Sydney Film Festival and Melbourne International Festivals.

Kartanya has winning way with words

By JILLIAN MUNDY



Twenty-four-year-old Kartanya Maynard (pictured), from Hobart, has taken out the second Emerging Tasmanian Aboriginal Writers Award with her poem *Blackscape*.

The captivating and emotive piece is about her experience growing up Aboriginal in Tasmania and the inseparable relationship between Aboriginal people and their country.

With the theme 'My Tasmanian Landscape' this year's competition attracted double the entries than the first did in 2017.

Kartanya, who is also an aspiring actress and passionate education worker, hopes the win will help her become recognised as a writer.

"I want to write work I need to write," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"That poem was nearly everything I needed to say. I have healed so much from it. All these things came out of me, charging out of me like a stampede."

"But I know I've got more to write."

Unlike her community, Kartanya was surprised that she won the award.

"I was quite shocked. I didn't think I was going to win," said Kartanya, who is also a singer-songwriter, and was performing at the opening to the Hobart Writers Festival where the prize was announced.

"They struggled to pronounce my name, as people often do with traditional names. I thought I hadn't won then I heard him say Maynard."

A friend had to slap her on the leg to alert her to the fact she had won.

Kartanya said the poem was written with the intention of being spoken. Hear Kartanya perform *Blackscape* on the *Koori Mail* facebook page.



Grieving mother calls for more action on DV



AN Aboriginal mother who lost her daughter to domestic violence has pleaded for more to be done.

Kenrick Thomas Dodd will spend at least 18 years in prison for murdering Margaret Indich, who was bashed at a home in Perth last year.

The Aboriginal man, who had a "disadvantaged and dysfunctional" life before fatally bashing his long-term partner at a Perth home, has been sentenced to life in prison with a minimum of 18 years.

Aboriginal woman Margaret Indich, 38, was found injured inside the Belmont residence on January 3 last year and died in hospital from head injuries, the West Australian Supreme Court heard last Friday.

Ms Indich, who had a heart condition, had complained of being short of breath, but when paramedics were called her partner Kenrick Thomas Dodd, 42, turned his aggression towards them and said, "You are not taking my woman."

After the paramedics left, Dodd punched Ms Indich, struck her with a pipe and smashed her head on the ground.

Ms Indich pleaded with him to stop and at one point when she lost consciousness he slapped her to wake her up.

By the time police and paramedics arrived, Dodd had fled but was later arrested.



Irene Indich is supported outside the court by family.

Upset family members left the courtroom when the facts were read out, while Dodd kept his head down.

State prosecutor David Davidson described the fatal assault as "next level". Justice Joseph McGrath described it as

brutal and relentless and said Ms Indich had been defenceless.

"You inflicted a sustained and violent attack upon your partner," he said.

However, he acknowledged Dodd had a disadvantaged and dysfunctional childhood

in which he was born to a 13-year-old mother and lived a transient lifestyle throughout WA.

He also witnessed domestic violence and began using drugs and alcohol as a teenager.

"Your substance abuse and its role in your offending reflect socio-economic circumstances and the environment in which you grew up," he said.

Justice McGrath noted Dodd had long abused his partner of 18 years, had a significant criminal record and had spent 12 years of his adult life in prison.

He said the father of two showed a callous disregard for Ms Indich but accepted Dodd was now remorseful.

Defence counsel John Rando said Dodd had wanted to write a letter of apology for what he had done but could not read or write.

Outside court, Ms Indich's mother Irene said her daughter had been a fragile and "very sick little girl".

"I fought to keep her alive, to keep her close to me and then she met this man and then she was taken away," she told reporters.

But she said she was satisfied with the sentence.

"It will never bring her back. I really have a lot of mending to do now. It will take a while," she said.

"Domestic violence is a terrible thing. It's got to be stopped." – AAP

Torres Strait Islanders affected by climate emergency take their concerns to the UN



A GROUP of Indigenous Australians who have made an official complaint to the United Nations over their government's inaction over climate change have formally requested Prime Minister Scott Morrison visit their low-lying islands in the Torres Strait.

A representative from the complainants, Kabay Tamu, has personally delivered the invitation to Australia's ambassador and permanent representative to the UN, Gillian Bird, in New York, requesting Mr Morrison witness for himself climate impacts in the region.

Tamu – a Warraber man from the Kulkalgal nation – was also in New York to speak at last week's Peoples' Summit on Climate, Rights and Human Survival – a global summit on human rights and climate change, ahead of the UN climate summit.

In May this year, eight people from four different islands in the Torres Strait that are threatened by rising seas lodged a world-first complaint to the UN Human Rights Committee in Geneva, Switzerland, over the threat to their human rights.

"Our people have inhabited the Torres Strait Islands continuously for thousands of years," Mr Tamu said. "Our traditional way of life is facing an existential threat because of climate change."



Kabay Tamu outside New York Uni law faculty.

"Australians all across the country are facing devastating impacts like bushfires, floods, rising seas, dying coral reefs and biodiversity extinctions. Yet the Government's response has been woeful."

"As fellow islanders, we were embarrassed by Australia's showing at last month's Pacific Islands Forum. Also disappointing was the Prime Minister's decision to visit the US but skip next week's UN climate summit."

"With no clear signal the

Federal Government is acting with the urgency needed, we're urging the PM to visit our islands, meet our communities and see the climate crisis for himself."

In the Torres Strait, rising seas are threatening homes, swamping burial grounds and washing away sacred cultural sites. Amid the steady erosion of coastlines, Torres Strait Islanders are witnessing communities being inundated, infrastructure damaged, sea walls and flood defences breached, fresh-water

wells contaminated and plants and crops spoiled.

In their letter, the claimants pointed to a recent study showing that not only does Australia have one of the world's highest carbon footprints per capita, but when fossil-fuel exports were taken into account, Australia's total greenhouse gas emissions amounts to approximately five percent of total global emissions – the equivalent of Russia's total emissions. The study estimated that Australia's emissions could

then rise to 17% of the world's total by 2030.

The islanders' complaint was the first climate change litigation brought against the Australian Federal Government, based on human rights and the first legal action worldwide brought by inhabitants of low-lying islands against a nation state.

Lawyers with environmental law non-profit ClientEarth, are representing the islanders, with support from barristers from 20 Essex Street Chambers in London. The claim is supported by the Torres Strait's leading land and sea council that represents the region's traditional owners, Gur A Baradharaw Kod (GBK) and environmental group 350 Australia.

The complaint asserts that by failing to take adequate action to reduce emissions or to build proper adaptation measures on the islands, Australia is failing its legal human rights obligations to Torres Strait people. These are the rights to culture, the right to a family and the right to life, under the first global United Nations treaty, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The complainants are Yessie Mosby and Nazareth Warria of Masig (Yorke Island); Keith Pabai and Stanley Marama of Boigu; Nazareth Fauid of Poruma (Coconut Island); Ted Billy, Daniel Billy and Kabay Tamu of Warraber (Sue Island).



ALS Board Honorary Director

The Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT Limited (ALS) seeks expressions of interest from persons interested in serving as an Honorary Director on its Board. We are looking for a experienced and committed person to join our Board with an interest in achieving justice, empowerment and safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in NSW and the ACT. The duration of the appointment is 3 years.

About the ALS

The ALS is a proud Aboriginal community organisation. We opened our doors in 1970 in Redfern as the first Aboriginal Legal Service in Australia – that makes us over 40 years old! The ALS does legal work in Criminal law, children's Care and Protection law and Family law. We assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, women and children through representation in court, advice and information, and referral to further support services.

About the ALS Board

The Board is made up of 12 elected Aboriginal Directors and 2 Honorary Directors. The Board is expected to meet 4-6 times per year. Meetings are usually for 1.5 days on Fridays and Saturday. Between meetings, Directors participate on various Board sub-committees. The position of Honorary Director is voluntary; however Honorary Directors will be entitled to receive a travel allowance and meal allowance.

Mandatory criteria

1. Eligibility
The successful applicant must live in New South Wales or the Australian Capital Territory.
2. Skills sought
People with a range of skills and experience including 1 or more of the following areas:
 - Governance;
 - Legal – understanding of legal systems or legally trained;
 - Communications and marketing (including fundraising);
 - Information Technology systems.

Desirable criteria

Preference will be given to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, and to applicants who have prior Board experience in the Not for Profit sector.

How to Apply

For all enquiries regarding this position, please contact Vikki McDonald, People Employment and Workplace Manager on 02 9213 4100 or via email at vikki@alsnswact.org.au When submitting your application, please attach your Curriculum Vitae and a two page Expression of Interest addressing the selection criteria and any other relevant experience and expertise. Applications should be addressed to: Vikki McDonald, People Employment and Workplace Manager at vikki@alsnswact.org.au

This application closes at midnight on Wednesday, 9 October 2019.

Cashless debit card ineffective

By DARREN COYNE



THE Federal Government's attempt to further expand the cashless debit card has been roundly criticised by Aboriginal organisations and opposition political parties.

The Government wants to roll out the controversial income management regime across Australia, and the bill will be back before Parliament at next week's sitting.

Aboriginal organisations in the Northern Territory have been particularly vocal, given that early versions of the card were trialled in the NT after the Intervention in 2007.

Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance NT chief executive John Paterson said the bill would significantly alter the controversial income management already in place.

"... communities are largely unaware of the proposed changes. Parliament must refer the bill to a Senate inquiry at the very least," Mr Paterson said.

"This feels like the Howard era Intervention all over again. The last time the Government intervened in the NT, and did things to us instead of with us, it failed at great cost to families and communities."

"This directly opposes recent commitments by the Federal Government and COAG to work with us in partnership on Closing the Gap. Aboriginal people in the NT will be most affected by this new form of top-down control and deserve the

chance to give evidence. Without due consideration this proposal makes a mockery of government rhetoric around Aboriginal controlled decision making."

Arnhem Land Progress Association (ALPA) director Keith Lapulung said the legislation would take away people's choice and control, their rights and self-determination.

Micky Wunungmurra, ALPA's deputy chair and the Traditional Credit Union's chair, said the card would take away people's dreams of running their own business.

Meanwhile, the Australian Greens have called on Parliament to reject the bill.

Australian Greens spokesperson on First Nations issues Senator Rachel Siewert said the Intervention and income management were failures that had caused harm to communities.

"I urge that people not be hoodwinked, yet again by the Government in going down this punitive path, like they were a over decade ago when the Intervention was rolled out with bi-partisan support," Ms Siewert said.

"The bill covers the existing trials sites and extends them by another year. The Government is clearly trying to entrench this card by stealth and we will fight it with the community every step of the way."

"First Nations peoples are sick of things being done to them, not with them."

"First Nations communities have the solutions, it is the Government who keeps denying them the opportunity to work with

them and who refuses to commit to a true process of co-design.

"The final evaluation of income management as part of the NT Intervention found that it met none of its objectives."

"Income management is a discriminatory measure that flies in the face of evidence. A consistent criticism of the Intervention has been the lack of adequate consultation that has led to policies being forced on communities in the absence of understanding or cooperation."

"We have seen a significant waste on ineffective measures, when far better outcomes could have been delivered through direct investment in communities and organisations on the ground."

Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney said the Labor party was opposed to a national roll out of the card.

"We've had a position for some time on the cashless welfare card," Ms Burney said.

"And that is that if a community has proper consultation and proper consent, and the community wants the card then Labor would not stand in the way."

"But we do not support a national roll out of this card. It goes to whether or not it's effective."

"... the evaluations so far have been quite inadequate and there needs to be proper evaluation, and Labor has a very strong view and a very persistent view on this particular card."

Healing can happen as medical centre's timeline tells the story of Tasmania's past

By JILLIAN MUNDY



A HEALTH-themed timeline of Tasmanian Aboriginal history at the medical school in Hobart was launched

yesterday (Tuesday).

Rural Clinical School Aboriginal Health Careers Promotion Officer, palawa woman Rosie Smith, who headed up the project, is excited by its potential.

Takara milaythina lutruwita nika paywuta ... walked this country forever aims to not only highlight the link between history and health and wellbeing to medical professionals, but to attract more Aboriginal people into careers in the sector, and Aboriginal input into curriculum.

Rich in facts, quotes and images, the timeline covers 22 metres of wall in a busy thoroughfare of the medical school, known as the Menzies Centre or Medical Sciences Precinct.

When the *Koori Mail* visited after the first stage of installation last week it was already a talking point for staff and students.

"If the people who are being trained and work as health practitioners don't know our history, how are they going to understand our health and wellbeing?" Ms Smith said.

Dozens of handcrafted cultural items and artworks by contemporary palawa artists complement the timeline.

An entrance plaque acknowledging traditional custodians, injustices inflicted on the palawa people and a commitment to work closely with the Aboriginal community has



Rural Clinical School Aboriginal Health Careers promotion officer Rosie Smith is excited by the potential of a new health-focused Aboriginal Health timeline launched at the medical school in Hobart yesterday.

also been installed.

"I hope that people will gain not only information about our community and what we are doing, and have done, but have an understanding that from the dark (colonial) history of ours we have emerged to run our Aboriginal health service, our Aboriginal children's centre, we have our Aboriginal language," Ms Smith said.

"The medical science world was not kind to Aboriginal people. No sooner had our ancestors died that they went and cut their bodies up and put them on

display, and went and sent them overseas to museums – like they did William Lanney's head. Trucanini was hung up in a friggin' museum until about the 1950s!

"How barbaric is that? No wonder people were fearful of even identifying as being Aboriginal.

"The State Government set up Cape Barren Island, and called it Half Caste Island.

"Our men who went away to war, they didn't get acknowledged when they came back.

"The state has totally disenfranchised the community in so many ways, not only in an historical sense, but also in the present.

"It wasn't just something that happened in the 1800s; it came through to the 1900s and you may as well say until 1972, when we started protesting.

"If anything, our community here has been the most disenfranchised community, but what we have been able to achieve in the past 50 or 60 years – I think we ought to be proud of where we are."

Ms Smith said there had previously been no mention of Aboriginal people or history in the medical school.

When the current Medical Sciences Precinct was built in 2010, archaeological investigations revealed stone tools. They most likely belonged to the Muwinina people. The tools remain buried beneath the building.

The timeline tells these stories and many more.

While first year medical students in Tasmania attend on-country cross-cultural awareness training with an Aboriginal organisation, a recent State Government consultation report notes a difference in the attitudes of health professionals trained elsewhere.

There are currently six Aboriginal students at the medical school in Hobart.

The Leonie Dickson Indigenous Health Honours Scholarship was announced at the launch.

It honours the memory of proud Tasmanian Aboriginal woman Leonie Dickson.

Ms Dickson worked in Aboriginal Affairs for more than 30 years, including 10 as the Aboriginal Health Liaison Officer at the Royal Hobart Hospital, where she provided significant support to community members in hospital and assisted family members when death occurred.

The scholarship provides \$5000 to support an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student in an honours year in any discipline within the College of Health and Medicine.

Scholarship applications close January 31, 2020.

Claims protest threatens Aboriginal governance



THE Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council has called on protestors disrupting the proposed upgrade of the Western Highway in Victoria to respect the wishes of traditional owners who have signed off on the project.

The upgrade of the Western Highway between Ballarat and Stawell has been under way since 2013, but the 12.5-kilometre section between Buangor and Ararat has been bitterly fought by Indigenous people and environmental activists.

The opponents are protecting a number of trees, including one enormous eucalypt on the site, which has a girth of more than seven metres and stands more than 30 metres tall.

The tree is a living example of a sacred birthing tree, where women delivered babies over the generations.

Protesters have occupied the site for more than a year, and last Tuesday hundreds brought the streets around Victorian Parliament to a standstill.

The trees have attracted high-profile supporters including former Labor senator Nova Peris and Russell Crowe, who retweeted a call by traditional owners for

protesters to attend the site and defend the trees from bulldozers.

The highway upgrade has been signed off on by the registered Aboriginal party, the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation, but other Aboriginal people remain opposed.

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council chairman Rodney Carter said the ongoing disruption to the works was a concern as it undermined the decision of the Eastern Maar group.

"The *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* provides protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage in Victoria," Mr Carter said.

"It supports registered Aboriginal parties, traditional owners, custodians and First Peoples to once again take their rightful place as the primary guardians, keepers and knowledge holders of Aboriginal cultural heritage in Victoria.

"Not recognising due process clouds the importance of the acknowledgement of recognised traditional owners and what they undertook to participate in these processes.

"The challenge for us all is to understand that the right thing has happened and that, through the process, the voice of first peoples has been recognised."

The Federation of Victorian Traditional



Rodney Carter

Owner Corporations has also urged protestors to stop undermining the decision-making process.

Federation chief executive Marcus Stewart said Eastern Maar was the peak authority to speak on behalf of the Djab Wurrung clan, and has pursued a native title claim over this area since 2012.

In 2016, Eastern Maar was recognised by the State of Victoria as the appropriate traditional owner nation to enter into negotiations under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010*, and retains all cultural authority over the area in question.

He said to undermine the process now would be completely contrary to the principle of self-determination.

"What all of this public commentary is doing is undermining the existing representative structures of traditional owner nations which have been long fought for and established over decades of struggle," Mr Stewart said.

"Traditional owners have the right to determine their own political structures and representation, so to bring that into disrepute is disrespectful.

"People are, of course, entitled to a difference of opinions, but I think poking holes in our current structures cannot be seen as conducive to Aboriginal governance in Victoria."

Victorian Transport Minister Jacinta Allan has said the current alignment of the road duplication, designed to improve safety on the major truck route between Melbourne and Adelaide, was the only viable option.

Researchers examine efficacy of healthcare delivery to mob

By NICK PATON

 MINDFUL and respectful approaches to healthcare consultation with Aboriginal communities are often not considered by the mainstream health care system.

That's why the University Centre for Rural Health (UCRH), based in Lismore, NSW, has been awarded \$2.5 million in funding over the next five years, for a Centre for Research Excellence (CRE).

The confirmation of funding was announced recently by the Federal Government, and will be administered by the National Health and Medical Research Council. The new leading research centre will be implemented and managed by UCRH's Rural Health and Indigenous Health and wellbeing expert, Dr Veronica Matthews, a Quandamooka woman.

The research will focus explicitly on fostering meaningful relationships with Aboriginal communities and their contact with the healthcare system.

The new CRE will be conducting research into how respectful collaborative approaches to contact



Dr Veronica Matthews and Frances Parker from the University Centre for Rural Health in Lismore, NSW.

with Aboriginal communities can best be undertaken by all people, not just health care providers.

Dr Matthews said the funding came after 20 years' work.

"A lot of this funding will benefit our Indigenous researchers, as there are positions built into the many programs we will offer that may appeal to Aboriginal postgrad, PhD and Masters students," she said.

The CRE will look at whether Aboriginal communities know how to access healthcare services appropriately or adequately.

The research will focus heavily on cultural and social determinants of health care which are often overlooked in western medicine.

"The holistic approach to health really matches the UCRH concept of health," Dr Matthews said.

"It's not just about how

physically healthy you are, it's about your mental health and wellbeing, your cultural wellbeing, and it's your connection to country, and having access to healthy country, because these are all the things that are important for our communities.

"The funding will help us to support and implement the correct processes of collaborating and engaging with members of the community, so that we can yarn properly about research priorities, and about how we can help mob develop tools and processes that deal with, and further improve, their primary health care."

The CRE is a national collaboration of researchers from many Australian academic and research institutions, service providers, and policy makers.

UCRH CRE's 'Grassroots' project manager Frances Parker, a Yaegl woman, said that getting this first stage of research with Aboriginal communities right is crucial to building trust with Aboriginal people and engaging communities better with the health care system.

"You never want to underestimate the voice of the community, because it's the mob in these communities who are on the ground, and using these services,

so they're the ones who know what's actually working for them, and what's not," she said.

"We're listening with the community, we're not just taking the data and saying, 'Oh how can we fix this?'"

"Instead we are aiming to go into these communities respectfully, and listen to mob, and get their perspective of what could actually improve the health of the community, from a grassroots level."

As the five-year research program is only in its initial stages, both Dr Matthews and Ms Parker understand that it may take time to get things right.

"We are communicating with communities and saying, 'This is what you've told us, and this is what we've heard. Did we get it right?'" Ms Parker said.

"And there's a chance that some of the information we have gathered we may not have got quite right, and if the community says that we need to change something, then that's ok too. We'll do just that."

Dr Matthews said, while their research is based in the Northern Rivers area, ultimately they hope to develop a cultural framework that can be replicated in other areas of the health sector.



Call for applications for appointment to National Boards regulating health professions across Australia

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme regulates more than 730,000 registered health practitioners and over 150,000 registered students across 16 health professions. It also accredits over 740 approved programs of study delivered by over 330 education providers.

Applications are now sought from **registered health practitioners** and **members of the community** for upcoming vacancies on seven National Boards due to the scheduled expiry of terms of appointment:

Chiropractic Board of Australia	as a practitioner member from New South Wales
Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia	as a community member
Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia	as a practitioner member from Queensland
Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia	as a practitioner member from South Australia
Osteopathy Board of Australia	as a practitioner member from South Australia
Osteopathy Board of Australia	as a practitioner member*
Osteopathy Board of Australia	as a practitioner member from Victoria
Pharmacy Board of Australia	as a community member
Podiatry Board of Australia	as a community member
Psychology Board of Australia	as a practitioner member from Tasmania

* Practitioner members from Tasmania, Australian Capital Territory or Northern Territory are eligible for this vacancy.

Applications are also sought for the position of **Chair** on the following National Boards (please note that only registered practitioners from that profession are eligible to apply and must also be applying for the position of practitioner member):

- Chiropractic Board of Australia
- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- Osteopathy Board of Australia

The National Scheme has a commitment to increasing Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Peoples' leadership and voices. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply, as are people from rural or regional areas in Australia.

Visit the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency's **Board member recruitment page** to access the application form and download the information guide. More information is provided about eligibility requirements specific to these advertised vacancies, National Board member roles, and the application process.

For enquiries, please contact statutoryappointments@ahpra.gov.au

Applications close **Monday 21 October 2019 5pm AEST**.

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Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

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.

Lindfield Learning Village (formerly William Balmain Teachers College)

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 3 November 2019. Enquiries to Mary Ann Hamilton on (02) 9873 8565 or Maryann.hamilton@environment.nsw.gov.au

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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Royal commission to hear from marginalised disabled people



NDIS providers will have to tell a royal commission about any instances of violence or abuse involving their clients.

The long-awaited inquiry held its first public session in Brisbane last week.

Commissioner Andrea Mason said a particular focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disabilities was warranted, describing them as a marginalised group within a marginalised group.

"They experience racism and ethnocentrism like other First Nations brothers and sisters experience," she said.

"However, they see, hear and feel a greater level of discrimination above what I and other brothers and sisters experience because they have a disability."

Ms Mason said some Indigenous people with disabilities

had framed their experiences as "a type of apartheid".

"They have experienced times of exclusion, invisibility and being at the edge of our society.

"Non-Indigenous Australians with disability have described their life circumstances in similar ways," she said.

"And if their description of life feels like and behaves like a system of apartheid, then we have a point of reference from which we want to ... depart."

Large care providers are in the crosshairs of the royal commission delving into the abuse, neglect and exploitation of Australians with disabilities.

Chair Ronald Sackville QC promised to shine a spotlight on one of the nation's enduring shames.

But work is already well underway, with private care providers linked to the National Disability Insurance Scheme warned they must cooperate.



Commissioner Andrea Mason

"The first steps have already been taken," senior counsel assisting the commission Rebecca Treston QC told the first hearing. Warning letters went out to

some of Australia's largest NDIS providers.

Formal notices will soon follow, demanding details of any complaints or investigations into

instances of violence, abuse, neglect or exploitation involving their clients.

Mr Sackville said he and his six fellow commissioners were facing a truly formidable task, potentially broader in scope than the child abuse royal commission which only examined abuse in institutional settings.

They will methodically examine how Australia is living up to UN conventions safeguarding the human rights of people living with a disability.

They will consider why past inquiries have failed to address critical issues, including that people with disabilities face levels of physical and sexual violence far beyond what is seen in the broader community.

And they will hear traumatic, personal accounts of abuse wherever it happened, from private households to shared homes, schools to workplaces, and prisons to hospitals.

ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS



Aboriginal prison officer vacancies

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- Generous salary package and casual wage, penalty rates for weekends and overtime.
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- Become part of the department's 200+ strong, Aboriginal staff network.

The Department of Justice and Community Safety is now recruiting new squads of full-time and casual prison officers to work in regional and metropolitan Victoria.

There are no formal qualifications required to apply to be a prison officer, and we're interested in people from all professional backgrounds. You will undergo an extensive paid, eight-week training program prior to service, so it's more important that you enjoy working with people and possess empathy, resilience and integrity.

As part of this training, new prison officers also undergo Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training. This intensive education day, along with ongoing guidance, provides employees with an understanding of the unique issues faced by the Victorian Aboriginal community.

To apply to become a prison officer today, go to correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au/prison-officers. There are several facilities currently recruiting and more will open soon.

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Australian Heritage Council

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

ASSESSMENT OF PLACES FOR THE NATIONAL HERITAGE LIST

The Australian Heritage Council (the Council), as required by section 324JG of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth), gives notice that the Council is assessing whether the following places meet any of the National Heritage criteria:

- Greater Red Lily Lagoon – Erre (NT); and
- Djirurri Rockshelter (NT).

Persons are invited to make comments to the Council on whether any of the above places meets any National Heritage criteria and whether it should be included in the list. For information on the National Heritage criteria, visit:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/about/national>

Comments must be in writing, and must address one or more of the following:

- whether the place meets any National Heritage criteria;
- if it meets any National Heritage criteria, a statement about how it meets the criteria; and
- whether the place should be included in the National Heritage List.

Comments close on **15 November 2019**. Comments should be sent to heritage@environment.gov.au or posted to:

Australian Heritage Council
GPO Box 787
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Hon Dr David Kemp AC
Chair, Australian Heritage Council
20 September 2019

PLACES UNDER ASSESSMENT

Northern Territory:

Greater Red Lily Lagoon – Erre

The Greater Red Lily Lagoon Area - Erre is located to the right of East Alligator River of West Arnhem Land, Northern Territory. The nominated portion of land is approximately 8342 hectares in area. The nominated boundary starts at Gunbalanya, extending straight east to East Alligator River. The boundary then travels west-south along the East Alligator River Crossing (Cahills Crossing) to Paperbark Swamp, where it travels north-east along the edge of the escarpment and then straight north-west back to Gunbalanya.

Djirurri Rockshelter

The Djirurri Rockshelter rock art complex is located in the Wellington Range, West Arnhem Land, Northern Territory. The nominated portion of land containing the Djirurri complex is approximately 3.2 hectares in area.

The National Heritage List includes places with outstanding natural, Indigenous or historic heritage value to the nation, protecting their heritage values under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

The Australian Heritage Database <http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/ahdb/search.pl> includes information on listed places. Any public comments provided to the Council in response to this notice will be provided to the Australian Government Minister for the Environment, who decides whether to list a place. If you require a map of the assessment area or have questions about the comment process, please email: heritage@environment.gov.au

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Outreach program returning millions of lost super to mob



THE First Nations Foundation has completed its Big Super Day Out Indigenous outreach program for 2019, and

reconnected more than 500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with \$9.545 million of their superannuation across its seven dates this year.

An Indigenous-led initiative, the First Nations Foundation Big Super Day Out program kicked off in July in Darwin, Kununurra and Broome. Its second leg in August reached four remote Indigenous communities in East Arnhem Land.

Since 2014, the Big Super Day Out events have reconnected more than \$24 million in super with 1636 Indigenous owners across 21 communities, in six Australian states.

First Nations Foundation chief executive Amanda Young said they'd run five events in remote Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands as a partnership with ASIC.

"We were run off our feet at every location, even with a team of 20-30 volunteers offering an end-to-end solution across identification, locating super, and helping participants with all their needs so they could walk away at the end of their appointment with everything done to start the process of returning their super to them," she said.

"These communities are excluded from the system and although financial institutions try to engage with them through their own programs, they don't have the currency we have: the trust of

BIG SUPER DAY OUT FACTS

- Seven communities, in two states, were visited by the outreach program in 2019
- 501 people assisted in seven days
- \$9.545 million super reconnected with Indigenous owners

the Indigenous community and the know-how for success. It is telling that Indigenous people respond to Indigenous-led initiatives and trust our motives as we are a charity."

Ms Young said there are many unintended and valuable lessons arising from the program.

She said superannuation funds administrators can experience super from the members' perspective, and can see first-hand the challenges for remote communities and understand how superannuation is not "super" yet. The low levels of awareness about superannuation in Indigenous communities, the amount of paperwork required, and language and identification barriers are significant.

First Nations Foundation has no funding support so raises the money for these events through corporate sponsorships, creating valuable partnerships. However, it cannot meet the high level of demand due to lack of resources – more than 100 people in 2019 were turned away after waiting five hours for assistance, and there were numerous calls from around the country asking for the Big Super Day Out to come to them.

"There is clearly a need for this level of outreach, as

evidenced by the results we are achieving," Ms Young said. "We have a list of 16 communities who have reached out to us to come and help their communities. Unfortunately, as a small charity with only two staff, it will take us five years before we can get through our current list."

"This is a national program waiting to happen. We have developed it, validated it and now we only need the investment to create the kind of economic outcome hard-working First Nations people deserve. If we can find \$1 million each time we service a community, imagine what we could do in a scaled program. Hundreds of millions of worker entitlements being reunited with their Indigenous owners is a great outcome."

This year the roadshow was supported and attended by a range of financial organisations including AIST, AustralianSuper, Rest, Statewide Super, Sunsuper, TelstraSuper, Australian Catholic Super, Christian Super, Equisuper, HESTA, MLC, MTA Super, Suncorp, and WA Super.

The First Nations Foundation also brings government bodies on the road, with the Department of Human Services and the Australian Taxation Office there to help.

"The cost of reaching the WA



First Nations Foundation chief executive Amanda Young and a participant in Broome at the Big Super Day Out.

and NT targeted communities was high but we knew the returns would be significant for both Indigenous Australia and the superannuation sector," Ms Young said.

The Big Super Day Out is a

one-stop shop, helping First Nations people with all superannuation needs across urban, regional and remote communities, and connecting super funds and group insurers, with Indigenous members.



Department of Premier and Cabinet

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (NSW) – Call for Nominations

Do you want to make a contribution to Aboriginal cultural heritage management in NSW?

Do you have experience in working with other Aboriginal people to address significant cultural heritage management issues?

The NSW Government is inviting nominations from Aboriginal persons for the appointment of 4 members to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC).

ACHAC advises the Minister and Department on matters relating to the identification, assessment and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW.

Nominations are invited to fill current and future vacancies that may arise.

Nominees must be

- nominees of Aboriginal Elders' groups
- registered native title claimants or
- Aboriginal owners listed on the register under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.

Your nomination must demonstrate

- your involvement in cultural heritage matters in your local community and
- your understanding of cultural heritage management issues.

Your written consent to the nomination is required for your nomination to be accepted.

Please get an information kit to apply for a position via:

Phone enquiries: (02) 9873 8500 | 1300 361 967 (local call cost)

Email enquiries: ACHAC.nominations@environment.nsw.gov.au

Web: www.environment.nsw.gov.au

Written applications should be forwarded to:

Secretariat Unit, Heritage

Department of Premier and Cabinet

Locked Bag 5020, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Email: ACHAC.nominations@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 25 October 2019.



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2. Are you a person who identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and would you like to be a key part of the governance process and provide advice on indigenous cultural matters?
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4. Would you like to be part of a Board and provide input on how to minimize or avoid setting up cultural barriers with clients when making policy?

We are searching for applicants interested in joining our Board as Directors. The most important quality we are seeking for these positions are persons who identify as Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander. Homes North is committed to providing culturally appropriate Aboriginal services, and to further building our cultural capacity and community connectedness. Given some 44% of Homes North households identify as being Aboriginal, the Board is seeking a person to be part of our governance arrangements including providing a source of advice on the cultural appropriateness of Homes North' policies and procedures, and advice on Homes North's practical to better fulfil our mission.

Homes North is a not-for-profit organisation serving the New England North West region, with offices located in Armidale, Glen Innes, Gunnedah, Inverell, Moree, Narrabri and Tamworth. Operating for over 30 years, Homes North creates secure, affordable and sensitively managed housing opportunities for low income households, striving for an integrated and inclusive approach to housing for all.

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For further information and the application process, please first obtain the Candidate Information (Director) booklet by contacting email to Mariea@homesnorth.org.au. For further information about the Board and Homes North and to discuss a potential application please contact John Kleeman (a Director) on 0467 535 826 or jkleeman@homesnorth.org.au.

Closing date for applications: 7th October 2019

Lance is all fired up now he's one of an all-Indigenous crew

By NICK PATON



KAMILAROI man Lance Tighe has had a burning desire to fight fire since he was a kid. And now he's set his career alight, as a member of one of Australia's first all-

Aboriginal firefighting crew with NSW Fire and Rescue.

Growing up in Moree, Mr Tighe said that there were no Aboriginal firefighters in the area, and so, as a teenager, he put the idea of ever becoming a firefighter on the backburner.

"And it wasn't until I saw my (late) cousin become a firefighter with the Moree branch, that I thought to myself, 'Hang on, it is possible for an Aboriginal person to become a firefighter,' and that's when things just escalated from there," he said.

Now stationed in Redfern, Mr Tighe is using his education and expertise in firefighting to inspire the young mob in the area, and volunteer his time to help out Elders and other members of his community.

Mr Tighe said that undertaking the Indigenous Fire and Rescue Employment Strategy (IFARES) program is how he got his foot in the door with NSW Fire and Rescue, and an excellent way to start a career in firefighting.

"Because this program gets you ready and teaches you what it takes to be a firefighter," Mr Tighe said.



Lance Tighe (second from left) is with Emergency Services Minister, David Elliott.

"The exciting thing about the IFARES program is that you are out on country doing drills, and back at the station learning about safety and techniques. This really

gets you prepared for search and rescue, and firefighting."

Mr Tighe said it was rewarding to be able to get out amongst the Redfern

community as a representative of NSW Fire and Rescue, much of the time as a volunteer, to offer help where it's needed.

"A lot of the time it's our aunties and uncles who might simply need the battery in their smoke alarm changed," Mr Tighe said.

"Or it might be having a yarn with the brothers and sisters on the street about the importance of learning about fire safety."

If you have always wanted to be a firefighter, Mr Tighe said the first thing you need to do is make sure you work toward your education.

"For anyone else wanting a career in firefighting, we offer all types of programs and work experience to help you become trained in the field.

"This way you can come in and get your hands on the tools and have a look at the hose and get a real feel for the job", he said.

NSW Fire and rescue are doing all they can to make sure they are a diverse organisation.

"NSW Fire and rescue are really leading the way, but not only with Indigenous diversity with an all Indigenous crew, but with inclusion of women, a range of other cultures, and the LGBTQI community also.

"There really is something that ancient systems of Indigenous knowledge can bring to firefighting, and I think it would be great initiative to have an all Indigenous crew in every state."

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Research finds suicide crisis linked to historical trauma

By NICK PATON

 KUNJA woman Dr Raelene Ward is a senior lecturer at the University of Southern Queensland and an advocate for suicide prevention. Dr Ward has spent over 10 years researching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suicide and prevention, and has now been awarded with a PhD.

World Suicide Prevention Day occurs around September 10 every year. Dr Ward spoke to the *Koori Mail* about the importance of this day, not just for Australia, but the rest of the world also.

“This is a time to come together and share ideas, globally, about what works and what doesn’t work in regard to suicide prevention,” Dr Ward said.

“Because this day really acknowledges the important work that is happening in this space, locally and internationally.

“It’s also a day to acknowledge what we can potentially achieve when we work together, in a collaborative approach, around suicide prevention.”

Dr Ward said that in Australia, suicide among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is a massive issue that needs to be addressed urgently.

“And the issue really lies within an historical context. It comes down to the traumatic journey that members of our families and our ancestors have travelled,” she said.



Dr Raelene Ward, from the University of Southern Queensland, is creating awareness about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suicide and prevention.

A lot of Dr Ward’s research looks into the historical impacts of colonisation and the correlation to high rates of suicide among many Indigenous people in Australia.

“And we need to really look at the reasons why things have

changed so drastically for our communities over such a short amount of time,” Dr Ward said.

“These are communities that were once so united and supportive of each other, and there is much research out there, and it’s not just

my own, that illustrates the devastating impacts that intergenerational trauma has had on these communities.

“My research really validates that there are intergenerational problems associated with the

Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline 13 11 14 or Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467 or Kids Helpline (young people aged 5-25) 1800 55 1800 78. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support services can be found at www.naccho.org.au or www.sewbmh.org.au or www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au

atrocities of historical trauma still out there in our communities today.”

Dr Ward said that equality under the law needs to be addressed.

“From the very beginning, we have never been afforded the same constitutional rights as other Australians,” she said. “Not being acknowledged appropriately in the Australian constitution has had a deficit effect on our Aboriginal nations and communities in the past, and especially now.

“When suicides are happening amongst Aboriginal people every three months, we need to address this as a crisis.”

World Suicide Prevention Day is organised by the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP). With professionals and volunteers from up to 77 countries, the IASP is dedicated to preventing suicidal behaviour, alleviating its effects, and providing a forum for academics, mental health professionals, crisis workers, volunteers and suicide survivors.



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Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party

Name of applicant:	Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council (Aboriginal Corporation)
Date received:	22 August 2019
Public Comments due:	18 October 2019

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council has received an application by the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council (Aboriginal Corporation) for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the area shown on this map. If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*. In determining whether to grant this application, the Council must consider:

- whether the applicant is a native title party;
- whether the applicant has traditional links to the area;
- whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area;
- the existence of any grant of land by government in fee simple to an Aboriginal body in the area;
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area; and
- any other relevant matter.

The Council invites written comments on this application, which can be sent to: Office of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council, Level 3, 3 Treasury Place, East Melbourne Vic 3002. vahc@dpc.vic.gov.au | 03 7004 7198

The applicant will be advised of comments received



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Remote companion animals are in award-winning hands



ANIMAL Management in Remote and Rural Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC) has received a prestigious award for managing companion animal health in Indigenous communities.

AMRRIC chief executive Dr Brooke Rankmore accepted the Innovation in Rescue award at the Jetpets Companion Animal Rescue Awards ceremony held at the Gold Coast.

"We are a partnership organisation and we're proud to share this recognition with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and their people, and with our other program partners," she said. "This award is also a testament to our dedicated staff, volunteers and veterinary program partners, who travel to some of the most remote corners of Australia, working in what are sometimes very challenging conditions."

AMRRIC, an NT-based not-for-profit organisation, won the award for their One Health program model which recognises the links between human, animal and environmental health and wellbeing. In the area of rescue and re-homing, AMRRIC works to stem the flow of unwanted



Shania and Russel learned about puppy care in Kintore.

animals through increased desexing.

The key elements of AMRRIC's One Health program include:

- facilitation and access to veterinary services;
- building local knowledge and capacity in communities;
- providing strategic planning and support; and
- advocacy and promotion of community driven change.

In 2018-19, AMRRIC desexed 2840 dogs and 203 cats through its veterinary programs. School programs were delivered to 667 students, and 4299 community

members were engaged in door-to-door and community event education.

AMRRIC is a key knowledge broker for local government and municipal service providers including facilitating on-ground veterinary services, enhancing programs through increased capacity and the delivery of educational programs. AMRRIC make tools that support communities and councils to monitor and evaluate animal management programs, such as the AMRRIC App and data analysis services, assisting with strategic planning and support services.



Happy residents at Engawala, NT's Central Desert region.



A Tiwi Island Ranger with patients for desexing.

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Scam targets vulnerable



A HARVEY Norman worker in Alice Springs falsified information to sign up Aboriginal people to large debts, forcing its credit provider to pay back \$1.5 million.

Consumer credit provider Latitude Financial says it has paid back about three-quarters of the amount.

From 2014 to 2016, customers with little stable income and limited English were given easy access to credit limits of several thousand dollars or higher, well in excess of what was needed for televisions and whitegoods costing less than \$1000.

Financial counsellors from Lutheran Community Care discovered what was happening and told the Financial Rights Legal Centre, who alerted the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).

The Harvey Normal employee was sacked and Latitude agreed to fully repay all affected customers.

ASIC investigating

ASIC is still investigating whether to take more action.

The Financial Rights Legal Centre's policy and advocacy officer Drew MacRae could not legally comment on the case, but said exploitation of vulnerable

people was common in the retail industry, where interest-free and buy-now-pay-later deals are common.

"They end up pushing this finance on to unsuspecting folk, who find themselves getting into a lot of debt," he said.

"The people benefitting are the retailers themselves because they have been able to flog these goods using what seems to be a sweet deal of good credit and they reap the benefits of those sales.

"The retailers' salespeople involved are not vetting applications that are poor or low quality.

"We believe they have a

responsibility to."

Mr MacRae said the legal centre often saw customers that had their goods seized and were forced to pay debts back for years, which can be deducted from welfare payments, after being given credit limits for as much as \$5000 despite only wanting a \$500 fridge.

Poor regulation

Unlike mortgages and other loans, credit provided by retailers is not regulated by the National Credit Code and they do not have to hold an Australian Financial Services Licence.

Complaints about unethical practices in retail, including

conflicts of interest such as commissions and sales targets, were made at the Banking Royal Commission.

Royal commissioner Kenneth Hayne has recommended the current point-of-sale exemption of retail dealers from the National Credit Code be removed.

Federal legislation is due in the current fiscal year.

A Latitude Financial spokesman said the company "was deeply appalled" when it became aware of what had happened in July 2017, it had paid back most customers and was working with Lutheran Community Care to do so. -AAP



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE NSW ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL ABORIGINAL FISHING FUND

NSW Aboriginal Land Council Fishing Fund

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is seeking applications from Aboriginal peoples or entities for loans and grants from the NSWALC Fishing Fund.

What is the NSWALC Fishing Fund?

The NSWALC Fishing Fund is a partnership with the Commonwealth Governments' National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) and aims to support the growth and development of the NSW Aboriginal fishing industry to achieve long term economic and employment opportunities.

What Funding is available?

Both loans and grants will be available to existing or start-up Aboriginal fishing businesses for aqua-culture, wild harvest or charter fishing. Applicants can apply for up to \$500,000.00 for individual loans or grants.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must be Aboriginal or an Aboriginal entity (business).

How to apply

Applications can be submitted at any time (i.e. no closing date).

Initially, Expressions of Interest (EOIs) will be sought. On review of your EOI, NSWALC may request that you submit a Formal Application. Formal Applications will be assessed by NSWALC's independent Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Committee and approved by NSWALC. We will provide you with advice and assistance through the application process.

You can **download** a copy of the EOI form from the NSW Aboriginal Land Council's website: www.alc.org.au

Further Information

For any enquiries please contact the NSW Aboriginal Land Council on ph. 9689 4501, or email: policy@alc.org.au

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Not Just Numbers Producer Anna Cadan from Brindle Films and director Shirleen Campbell from the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group. *Not Just Numbers* tells the story of the women's group and their work to make their communities safer.

Documentary gives a voice to Alice Springs town camp women



THE work of a group of women from Alice Springs town camps has made it to the big screen.

The Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group formed five years ago with the focus of making their communities safer, and to advocate and support grassroots initiatives to give Aboriginal women in Alice Springs town camps a voice.

Since 2014, the women have developed and run training in domestic violence awareness through a range of projects and actions, gaining their group and work national attention.

Now their work and story is the subject of a documentary directed by Shirleen Campbell, the co-coordinator of the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group.

The documentary *Not Just Numbers* had its premiere screening last week at the

Darwin International Film Festival.

Not Just Numbers is the story of a remarkable group of women who are having an impact far beyond the borders of their Alice Springs town camps.

The documentary features the core group of women who were instrumental in forming the group, their work and achievements over the past five years to be seen and heard, not just counted.

The documentary was produced by Brindle Films with the support of NITV and Screen Territory.

It screened at the Darwin International Film Festival at the Deckchair cinema, followed by a discussion with the producer and director and members of the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group.



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Notice to group members

Stolen Wages Class Action



Hans Pearson v State of Queensland (Federal Court of Australia, Queensland Registry, QUD714 of 2016)

Mr Hans Pearson has brought a class action in the Federal Court against the State of Queensland on behalf of all Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders who weren't paid all their wages between 1939 and 1972; and on behalf of Aboriginals who between 1945 and 1966 were required to work on a settlement or mission.

The applicant and the respondent have agreed to a settlement of the class action. The proposed settlement means that the State of Queensland will pay \$190 million inclusive for compensation and legal fees. The settlement is subject to approval by the Federal Court and the court will hold a settlement approval hearing on 21 November 2019. At the hearing the applicant intends to seek the deduction of legal costs incurred in conducting the case of approximately \$12.5m, and the deduction of litigation funding charges of approximately \$38m to be paid to the litigation funder who took the risks of the case and paid the legal costs. If those deductions are approved by the court there will be about \$139.5m remaining to compensate people covered by the class action.

This is a summary notice. There is a longer notice which is on the Stolen Wages website (see below), which you should read in full too.

You are eligible to make a claim for compensation in this case if:

The class action was brought by Hans Pearson on behalf of:

- (1) YOU ARE AN ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
- (2) YOU LIVED IN A DISTRICT OR ON A MISSION OR RESERVE IN QUEENSLAND AND:
 - (A) YOU HAD A PAID JOB AT SOME TIME DURING 1939 TO 1972 (THE CLAIM PERIOD);
 - (B) YOUR PAY WAS CONTROLLED BY THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT OR THE HEAD OF THE MISSION OR RESERVE AT SOME POINT DURING THE CLAIM PERIOD;

OR (3) IF YOU ARE AN ABORIGINAL, BETWEEN 1945 AND 1966 YOU WERE REQUIRED TO WORK ON A SETTLEMENT OR MISSION;

OR (4) YOU ARE A LIVING SPOUSE OR IMMEDIATE CHILD OF A DECEASED PERSON WHO SATISFIED (1) AND (2) ABOVE OR (3) ABOVE.

All group members need to register their claims in order to receive compensation. If you are already a client of Bottoms English Lawyers and registered with them as a group member, you do not need to register again for compensation. If you have not registered as a group member, you need to register your claim to receive any compensation.

What do you need to do if you want to register your claim?

If you want to register your claim or the claim of a deceased group member, you need to fill out and send a registration form to the administrator of the settlement. A copy of the registration form can be obtained by ringing Bottoms English Lawyers on the Stolen Wages Hotline - 07 4041 1641 - or by writing to Bottoms English Lawyers or visiting them at their office at 63 Mulgrave Road, Cairns, Queensland 4870. A copy of the registration form can also be obtained from the Stolen Wages website:

www.stolenwages.com.au

The registration form must be sent to Bottoms English Lawyers by 4pm on **8 November 2019**.

If you wish to opt out of the class action, you can obtain an opt out form from Bottoms English Lawyers whose contact details are given above. Opting out is only for those new group members who did not previously have the opportunity to opt out in May 2018. If you choose to opt out you will not receive any compensation under the proposed settlement.



This advertisement is made pursuant to the order of the Federal Court
made on 4 September 2019.

No Sunset for Our Sons and Daughters

Despite the many suicide intervention programs in our communities, Indigenous Youth suicide in this country is still growing at an alarming rate. In 2017, we visited the United States of America and New Zealand where we were privileged to meet two extraordinary individuals, Dr Joseph Stone and Dr Amber Logan who have dedicated their lives to overcoming mental health issues and addictions as well as suicide prevention through culture in Indigenous communities.

It has taken some time, but we have managed to convince Dr Joe and Dr Amber to visit Australia and conduct two-day workshops in Indigenous communities to train Indigenous workers, organisations and communities in suicide prevention through culture. They will also be talking about drug and alcohol addiction with special emphasis on methamphetamine use by youth at risk.

Dr Stone and Dr Logan have conducted these workshops in Indigenous communities throughout Canada, the USA, New Zealand and Hawaii with great success. So much so that Griffith University in Queensland, in collaboration with Oklahoma State University, have invited Dr. Stone & Dr Logan to conduct the same topics here. Dr Stone stated, "Indigenous communities throughout the world had been impacted in much the same way as Indigenous people across Australia through colonisation."

The dispensation of land and the blatant disrespect of First Nations cultures, beliefs, languages and disempowering of people are some of the underlying factors that lead individuals and communities down the path of hopelessness and despair that undoubtedly contribute to the high suicide rate, poor mental health and addictions. Over 30 years of working in the field, Dr. Stone firmly believes that early detection is perhaps the main platform to at least overcoming many of the problems or mental health difficulties in Indigenous communities worldwide. Whilst we would not be prudent enough to say we fully understand First Nations people of Australia's plight, we are committed to a holistic approach to suicide prevention and addictions.



Dr Joseph Stone and Dr Amber Logan

Dr. Joseph B. Stone, PhD, is an Amskapi-pikuni ceremonialist and traditionalist and member of the OKKAN (Sundance), the Last Star Thunder Medicine Pipe and Beaver Lodge. Dr. Stone works at Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga – a Kaupapa Māori Health Provider; Awhina Whanu Family Services, and the Napier Family Centre all located in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand. He has clinical experience with adult prisoners and corrections and juvenile justice in both New Zealand and USA. He is affiliated with the National Center on Trauma and Project Making Medicine – Indian Health Service Assessment and Treatment of Child Abuse at Oklahoma State University. He has presented to and served as consultant to the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs of Native Youth Suicide. Dr. Stone's publications include articles on trauma, suicide, and other cultural and behavioural issues.

Dr. Amber R. Logan is a traditional Kahungunu Māori wahine, a New Zealand Health Psychologist and Doctoral Fellow in Public Health at Otago University. She teaches health psychology course work at the University of Auckland & Otago University and is well-known in New Zealand for her work in Methamphetamine education and community activism. Amber Logan is a consummate grant writer, health services evaluator and health services program designer. She has presented extensively in Australia, Canada, and the USA at Harvard University, University of Washington, and to the US Federal Government.

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Uncle Des Morgan is chair of the Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board.

Park plan underway



THE Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board members are hailing the recent open-house community consultations about the Draft Joint Management Plan for Barmah National Park as a success.

More than 100 community members attended the meetings, held in Barmah, Echuca and Shepparton, which were an opportunity for the community to contribute their ideas for the most effective and appropriate management strategies for the final plan.

Yorta Yorta board chair Uncle Des Morgan said he was grateful for the level of commitment and passion the community has shown for the future of Barmah National Park.

"It was great to listen to a wide range of views and to clarify some of the goals and strategies set out in the Joint Management Plan," he said. "People gave us clear views about what they support in the draft plan and things they want to see changed or added to the final plan."

"We expect this plan will foster the health of Country and contribute significantly to the welfare of our connected communities and we look forward to working with those into the future. Even if we don't always agree, we do all love Barmah National Park and we want to see it thrive."

Uncle Des said the next phase of the the board's planning process is to work through the feedback that came out of the open-house consultations and submissions received to develop a final Joint Management Plan, which will be delivered by the end

of the year to the Victorian Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, Lily D'Ambrosio for approval.

Uncles Des said that, for the Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board, the health of country has been the absolute priority in the development of this plan, because Barmah National Park is one of the few remaining tracts of Yorta Yorta Country where the natural environment has not been modified by the development of private farmland and towns.

The Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board has been tasked with writing the first management plan for Barmah National Park. The board was appointed under agreement between the Victorian Government and the Yorta Yorta Nation in 2014 to jointly manage the park. It comprises Yorta Yorta representatives as well as members of the broader community. Parks Victoria provides day-to-day operational management of the Barmah National Park.

The plan aims to pursue innovation and excellence, to promote and recognise the value of Yorta Yorta culture, to involve Yorta Yorta in management of the Park, and to ensure the wellbeing of country and people. It must cover the recognition, practice and utilisation of traditional Yorta Yorta knowledge, the conservation of natural and cultural values, the management of threatened species, and the attraction and management of park visitors.

The plan sets out management directions for the park for the next 10 years.

The exhibition period for the Draft Joint Management Plan will remain open until October 6.

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Blaq Diamond is inspiring positive change for women

By ALF WILSON



MELISA Drummond-Anderson is the owner and managing director of the group BlaQ Diamond's Women

Empowerment, based in Townsville, which has had great success helping Indigenous women who have suffered domestic violence, and to help them escape the welfare trap.

BlaQ Diamond's motto is 'Inspire, Empower, Destiny, You're a Diamond, a BlaQ Diamond. No One Can Break You!'

Since 2017, BlaQ Diamond's workshops and events have helped many First Nations women escape from domestic violence situations and to find work that enabled them to end reliance on welfare.

"We have had a good success rate and while these workshops have mainly been around here, I want to eventually take my concept to remote Indigenous communities," Melisa said.

"Women in those communities can then tailor it to suit their needs.

"One of our major successes was helping a woman who had been a victim of DV for 18 years get out of it and now she has a job and supports herself and her children. Others have

improved other areas of their lives since attending BlaQ Diamond's Workshops and Events."

Ms Drummond-Anderson, who has been a victim of DV herself, said BlaQ Diamond had a no-tolerance policy towards any form of it.

Her great-grandmother's country is Nywaigi, which is located north of Townsville, and through her mother (Anderson) she is also linked to Girramay Country in the Cardwell area.

"I'm a Gumulaig woman from Urpi Kigu Peoyadh Ras/Mabuyag Island in the Torres Strait. I'm descendant from Warrior – Chief Bari. That's my father's country (Drummond) and, through my Great Uthe (Grandfather), my family heritage also leads back to American Samoa. I'm the eldest daughter, and big sister to five younger brothers," Melisa said.

"For more than 20 years, I have had the opportunity of working in different government departments in four different states of Australia in various positions from administrative officer, contract management assistant, Indigenous sports officer and community development officer.

"I've also lived overseas in Okinawa, Japan and Florida, USA. So you can say that I have a great love for travel. Travelling to different places, sightseeing and

meeting different people and learning about many cultures has definitely heightened my awareness.

"And through my many travels I have learnt more about myself and reaching far beyond my limitations and overcoming fears. I am a single mother to one teenage daughter."

It's been a decade since Ms Drummond-Anderson returned to Townsville after escaping a DV situation.

"We hold regular workshops with a series of one-on-one sessions which deliver health and wellbeing initiatives ranging from personal development, mentoring, healthy mind, healthy body, exercise and self care," she said.

"Next year, BlaQ Diamond is planning to hold an on-country cultural camp for First Nations women, which will be a weekend retreat of healing and revitalisation.

"We invite other Indigenous female small business owners/entrepreneurs to present – this is to represent, inspire and inform other women about the many opportunities that are available to them.

"As well as showcasing their products and business, it is also about sharing their journey, about how they made it from nothing to go on to achieve success, and how other women can improve their own lives for the better."



Melisa Drummond-Anderson

YAMATJI NATION SOUTHERN REGIONAL AGREEMENT (YNSRA)

NOTICE FOR THE YAMATJI NATION SOUTHERN REGIONAL AGREEMENT IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Are you a Yamatji person with traditional connections to Western Australia's Mid West region around Geraldton?

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We urge you to be involved.

What is the YNSRA?

In 2017, the Southern Yamatji, Hutt River, Mullewa Wadjari and Widi Mob claim groups entered into negotiations with the State of Western Australia (WA) for an agreement to settle native title claims in the region.

The aim is to achieve an agreement that reflects the aspirations and needs of the Traditional Owner community as a whole.

A 12 person team of Traditional Owners are authorised to represent claimants in the negotiations for an alternative native title settlement with the State of Western Australia.

Their vision for the Agreement is:

"A progressive and equitable agreement that recognises us and our Country, supports our growth and provides us with control of our destiny."

Who is involved?

The Agreement is between the State of Western Australia and Yamatji People who are:

a) Descendants of ancestors listed below:

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| • Ap-barra (Upparawa) and Dharringa | • Nellie |
| • Annie Tira | • Rosie (mother of Walter Ninghan) |
| • Biddie (mother of Fred Carnamah) | • Rosie Coleman |
| • Billy and Judy Thompson | • Sarah Broad |
| • Brindy | • Sarah Jane Campbell |
| • Cissie Broad | • Sarah Mabel Bell |
| • Galena | • Sarah Feast (Jooldarnoo) |
| • Jane Hunt | • Shilling |
| • Jibija (Rosie Jones) | • Timothy Benjamin |
| • Lizzy Flynn | • Uanda |
| • Mary Gingina | • Wyoo and Myonada |

The term "descendants" includes Aboriginal persons who have been adopted as children or raised (grown up) as part of the family of descendants referred to in (a) above; AND

b) Identify as Yamatji People who are connected under the traditional Yamatji laws and customs with the land and waters in the Separate Proceeding Area (SPA) (see map) and be accepted as such by other Yamatji People connected under the traditional Yamatji laws and customs with the land and waters in the SPA.



Unsure if you fit the description?

If you consider you have a traditional connection to this area please contact our anthropologists at Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation's (YMAC) Perth Office on (08) 9268 7000.

How do you get involved from now until November 2019?

- Host a family meeting
- Attend events or join an information session
- Request information from YMAC
- Read more online about YNSRA

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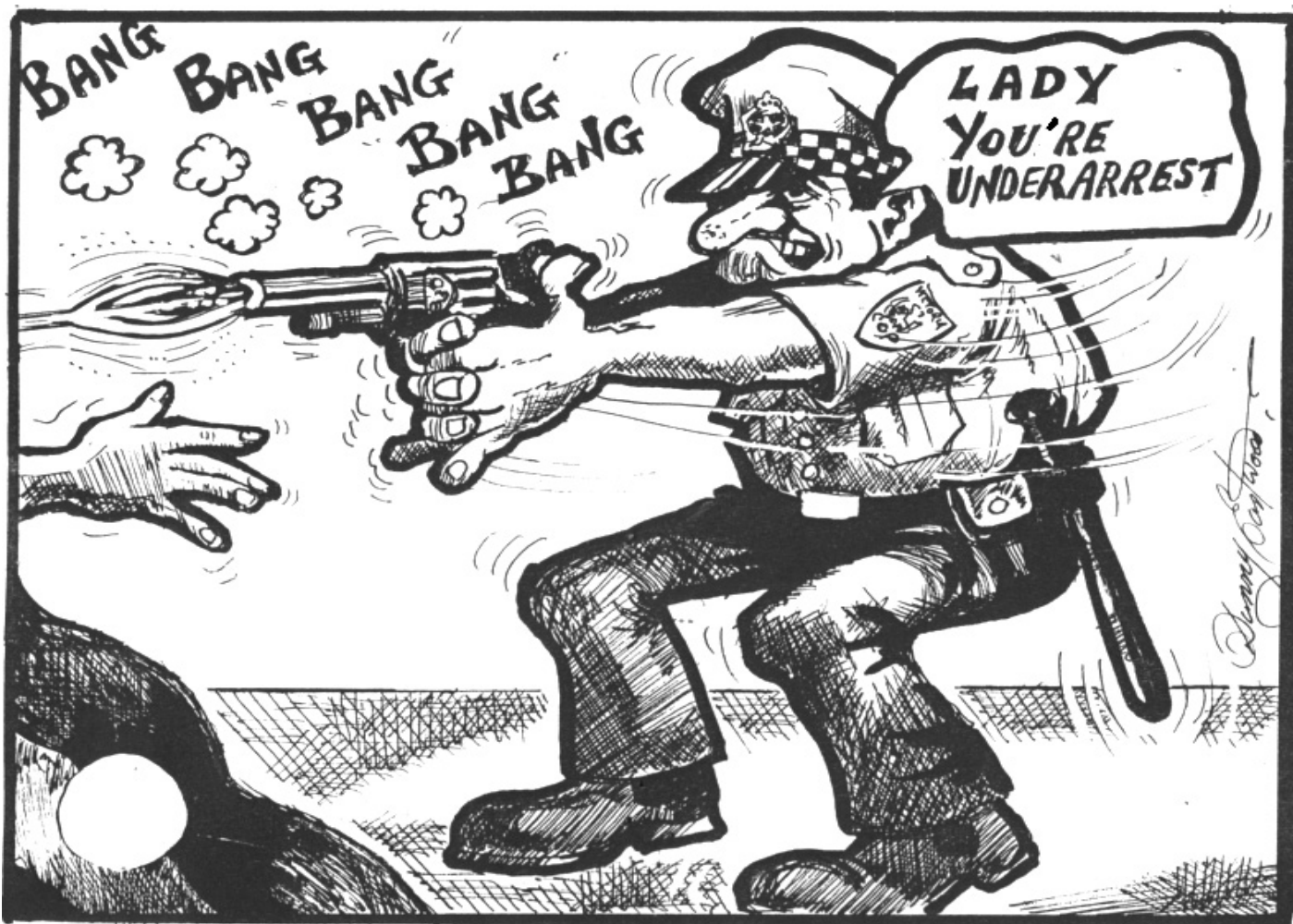
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YMAC is the Native Title Representative Body for the Pilbara, Murchison, Mid West and Gascoyne regions of Western Australia. Since 2017 YMAC has supported and provided advice and representation in relation to the Yamatji Nation Southern Regional Agreement (YNSRA) to foster a strong future for Aboriginal people and Country.



Danny Eastwood's view



A YARN WITH...



Nikki Randriamahefa Doctor palawa Hobart

Favourite bush tucker?
Wallaby and white currents.

Favourite other food?
Thai.

Favourite drink?
Coffee.

Favourite music?
At the moment, Jack Johnson.

Favourite sport?
I like playing netball.

What are you reading?
I just finished *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. It was really funny.

Favourite holiday destination?
Sloop Lagoon on Tasmania's East Coast. We had the best summer holidays there.

What do you like on TV?
Crime Investigation.

What do you like in life?
The variety of possibilities.

What don't you like in life?
Being so time poor.

Which black or Indigenous person would you most like to meet?
Chelsea Bond.

Which people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Jillian Mundy, Nala Mansell – she's fun – and Tanganutura. Would be amazing to sit around the campfire with the last tribal member of my family – whom Jillian, Nala and myself are all directly descended from.

Who/what inspires you?
My children – Billy, Jabe and Chloe.

What would you do to better the situation for Aboriginal people?
Self determination – the first step in improving the situation is being heard.

Quote



“Our traditional way of life is facing an existential threat because of climate change ... We're urging the PM to visit our islands, meet our communities.”

**Kabay Tamu,
a Warraber man
from the Kulkalgal nation**

● See page 8

Unquote

The price is too high for our mob

THE shooting by police of a Yamatji woman in Geraldton, Western Australia, is tragic.

Joyce Clarke needed help, not violence.

Having only recently been released from custody she needed assistance for mental health issues.

But, because of a lack of appropriate services, police were first on the scene.

And her community has now lost another life far too soon.

A son has lost his mother.

It's beyond sad.

The Geraldton – and wider – Aboriginal community is understandably upset and angry.

How many lives have to be lost before people get the help they need?

How many children have to weep for their mothers before there's proper and lasting action to help Aboriginal women when they're released from prison?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are vastly overrepresented in the prison system, due to the ongoing effects of intergenerational trauma and colonisation. And the numbers in Western Australia are particularly bad.

Disadvantage and poverty are the two biggest factors that affect whether you're likely to come into contact with the criminal justice system.

And, until we see lasting change, it's people like Joyce, her family and her



community who pay the price.
And it's far too high.

IT'S not surprising that we saw First Nations people leading most of the climate strike marches in this country.

From the people of the Torres Strait who are witnessing firsthand the frightening effects of climate change and sea level rise on their islands (see story page 8), to the young Aboriginal people of Tasmania leading the fight for the environment (see story, page 51), it's about time governments listened to First Nations voices.

As pakana man Jamie Graham told the climate strike in Hobart:

“We stand in solidarity with all Indigenous communities on the frontlines fighting climate change and the root causes.

“We call for our sovereignty to be acknowledged, our land to be protected the right way and for the Government to uphold its responsibility to the future generations of this country.

“Inaction is not an option.”

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Elder 'JT' has a healthy approach to leadership

By NICK PATON



FOR thousands of years, Elders have taken on the major leadership roles within community, but earning this status doesn't just happen overnight.

Just ask respected Mackay Elder Jeff 'JT' Timor, who has been proudly supporting and working with his community, and the greater region, for well over 50 years. He's a singer, community radio host, family man, activist, and also credits himself as being "the only member of his family who can't play the guitar properly".

JT was born in Townsville and grew up at Bakers Creek as part of a large family. It wasn't long before JT could see just how much work was needed to address some of the sociological issues he had witnessed in his community, especially in relation to health.

As a result, JT has spent 18 years making regular visits to the brothers and sisters in various correctional facilities in Rockhampton and Townsville, as a way of showing mob they are not alone, and that they too, can use music as a way to heal pain and trauma.

"I'll do anything to help these men and women who are caught up in the justice system," he said.

"The good thing is, I can see that the men and women are excited to have me there. I've been visiting these people for years now, and they still enjoy having me rock up and perform for them."

JT uses his passion for music and examples of his own life experiences in his storytelling as a way to inspire the folks doing it tough at the Capricornia Correctional Centre at Etna Creek in Queensland, and said that one of the main reasons he does this, is to give mob a chance to be listened to, and to be heard.

"It's important that in these situations the men have someone to talk to," JT said.

"I often perform to these men as part of my commitment to being an active member of the community. However, it is very important that our women have female support they can talk with too.

"If there is anything we can do for our brothers and sisters caught up in the justice system, well, we go out and we help them."

JT recognises the critical role Elders play in our lives, and that's why he has built up meaningful connections with local Elders from a range of aged-care facilities in and around his community in Mackay.



Jeff Timor and my105.9FM's general manager Chazza (Charmaine) Miller.

In 1989, JT first held discussions with a handful of the Aboriginal medical services that were operating in Queensland at the time, with the aim of forming a peak body, which would serve the interests of Aboriginal people within the health sector at both state and national levels.

JT said it wasn't easy bringing together such a large number of organisations from all over Queensland.

"Although, it was in that year that we really made progress, and we could see that this was something worth pursuing," JT said.

"I wasn't surprised that it took almost 12 months to bring all the delegates together."

After a full year of yarning, discussion and deep

conversations between many representatives from Aboriginal health organisations, they formed what became the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) in 1990.

"If there is anything we can do for our brothers and sisters caught up in the justice system, well, we go out and we help them."

"And that's really where my role finished up with QAIHC," JT said.

"As I was already involved with a number of other organisations at the time, it was then up to everyone involved in QAIHC to carry the torch. After 30 years of operation, and to all the people involved with QAIHC past and present, I really take my hat off to them."

This year, marks 30 years of JT's involvement, dedication and commitment to the Community Controlled Health Sector.

In 2009, JT's achievements were recognised when he was

inducted into the QAIHC Hall of Fame. Today, QAIHC continues to honour its commitment to improving

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health both locally and nationally, through its close affiliation and board membership with the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).

As an accolade to the many years of his involvement with the wider community, Uncle Jeff Timor was named the

NAIDOC Elder of the Year in Mackay in 2011.

JT said he was honoured to receive such a prestigious award, and admits he has always been a political-minded type of person.

"My inspirations for my work with the community have come from reading what's affecting mob through various media avenues like reading the newspaper, watching the news, and listening to the radio," he said.

"But most importantly, I think that we need to acknowledge that it was our Aboriginal trailblazers of the 1960s and 1970s that did the hard work in establishing the Aboriginal legal, health and housing sector up here in Queensland."

You can catch JT on my105fm, Mackay's Indigenous Radio Station, where he comments on current affairs and community issues.



Members of the Yawuru Indigenous Ranger team: Camille Bernard, Dean Mathews, Monica Edgar, Sharee Dolby, Jaz Cook and Johani Mamid.
Picture: Nyamba Buru Yawuru



The delegation of Yawuru cultural leaders and Indigenous rangers from the Kimberley presented local Ngunnawal custodian Richie Allan with a framed pearl shell from their traditional sea country. Picture: Bradley Moggridge



Yawuru Country manager Pius Gregory shows government representatives the area for a potential fenced wildlife sanctuary on Yawuru Country. Picture: Nyamba Buru Yawuru



Yawuru cultural leaders and Indigenous rangers from the Kimberley were welcomed to Ngunnawal land by Richie Allan. Mulligan's Flat's feral predator-proof fence can be seen behind the group. Picture: Bradley Moggridge

TOs plan unique wildlife sanctuary for north WA



NYAMBA Buru Yawuru, whose traditional lands cover 5300 square kilometres of subtropical coastal and inland savannah country around Broome in Western Australia, are exploring opportunities to develop a predator-free wildlife sanctuary on their country.

If a fenced feral-predator-free wildlife haven was established on Yawuru country it would be the first in northern Australia and the first to be led and managed by an Indigenous organisation.

Yawuru environmental services manager Julie Melbourne said that fenced conservation areas are an important tool for preserving and restoring Australia's threatened animals, many of which cannot persist under the constant onslaught of predation by feral predators such as feral

cats, foxes, and wild dogs.

Last week a delegation of Yawuru traditional owners and cultural leaders travelled over 4000km to learn about the fenced Mulligan's Flat Woodland Sanctuary in Canberra.

"We are very interested to learn from the experiences of Mulligan's Flat Woodland Sanctuary in establishing and running a fenced wildlife sanctuary," Ms Melbourne said.

"A feral predator-free wildlife haven on Yawuru country would allow us to undertake a range of threatened species reintroduction and conservation projects, research and education.

"As a tourism venture it would also provide economic opportunities and allow us to share the culture, wildlife and pristine environment of Yawuru country with locals, visitors and schools."

Mulligan's Flat Woodland Sanctuary, part of the Canberra Nature Park, contains 485 hectares of box-gum grassy woodlands surrounded by a 11.5km cat, fox and rabbit-proof fence.

In the last seven years seven different species, which had been lost from the Canberra region, have been reintroduced to the sanctuary, including eastern quolls, New Holland mouse and Rosenberg's monitor.

Yawuru environmental managers and cultural leaders were welcomed to Canberra and Mulligan's flat by Ngunnawal local custodians before touring the sanctuary.

A highlight of the trip was an evening spotlighting tour to view threatened native animals, such as the eastern bettong which are thriving inside the sanctuary in the absence of invasive predators.

"Talking with the team at Mulligan's Flat

and Ngunnawal traditional owners to see how they went about establishing their conservation programs has been very valuable," Ms Melbourne said.

"We have also met with scientists from the Australian Government's National Environmental Science Program who are undertaking research on wildlife havens and animal reintroductions."

"For us, it's a learning journey so that we can understand how a similar project might work best in Yawuru Country."

Nyamba Buru Yawuru have been supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program and the Threatened Species Recovery Hub of the Australian Government's National Environmental Science Program to undertake this trip to explore wildlife sanctuary options for their country.



Community mourns after senseless act

By Yamatji writer Deborah Green

A small, though passionate, group of Yamatji First Nation members gathered in front of the Geraldton Police Station last week, venting their outrage and grief over a 29-year-old sister who was shot and killed by a police officer on the outskirts of Geraldton.

Among the gathered were Elders of the community, close friends and family of the deceased sister, all angry with grief, wanting to know what is going to be done about the murder of the young woman who was known to her community as a happy-go-lucky sister, not even able to hurt a fly.

I, myself, attended the snap action that was organised by local Yamatji woman, artist and academic, Charmaine Green, hoping to get across to the town that the Western Australian Police Force are not our friends, they don't have our best interests at heart and the sooner this situation goes away the better for them. Like so many other incidents between the police and the First Nations community where death has resulted, they will be investigated and found to have done nothing wrong because the police force investigate their own. History has shown that the police will kill us and move on with their lives as if the death of a Yamatji person is akin to killing an animal.

Sister Joyce had just recently been released from custody. She was poverty stricken and unable to navigate mainstream society, like many other young women in her shoes. She came from a demographic that is seen as a scourge on society, a waste of space that should be hidden. Something, I believe made it so much easier for the cop to pull that trigger.

First Nation women are seen as sub-human. We are stereotyped, made to be seen as animals, dirty gins who are only good for sex. This is why in the past and even today I will not put up with people like (South African comedian and host of *The Daily Show*) Trevor Noah and his supporters. 'Jokes'



Shocked community members gather outside the Geraldton police station.

and stereotypes revolving around First Nations women add to the Australian psyche, making it easier or justifiable for the white man to hurt or kill us.

In this case, it helped a cop put a bullet through a woman without a second thought.

Anyone adding to stereotypes of First Nations women have a special place in hell, as far as I am concerned.

The murder of young Joyce has shocked and caused much grief and anger amid our mob.

We all know that could have been anyone of us, anyone of our family members or friends.

Not only do we sisters have to navigate and try to stay alive amid our own culture due to intergenerational trauma (something the Western Australian Police Force has played a big part in historically),

or the general white man looking down at us in disgust, but we also have to have faith that we will not get killed by an Australian police officer when we come in contact with them. We have to have systems in place so that we come out of the contact not beaten up or dead. The very people who are supposed to protect us hurt and kill us still on our own land.

Like I have stated before, the shooting and murder of young Yamatji woman Joyce Clarke will be investigated. It will be investigated by the police and it will come out in the favour of the police. There are already stories floating around about the murdering officer and his wife being traumatised. This was told to the group of people at the gathering outside the police station as if that makes up for

the death of an innocent woman who left behind a son of her own and had plenty of living to do. What about her family, her son?

They will be traumatised for the rest of their lives. This death needs to be investigated from an independent group. A body that is not biased or have something to gain from the outcome. When is this going to start happening? When are the police going to be investigated like the murderers that they are?

Rest In peace sister, I really hope the outcome of the investigation comes out in favour of you, but until I see it happen, I do not believe it will.

Deborah Green is a Yamatji woman from Geraldton. This piece was first published on medium.com and is republished with permission.

POETRY

UR. VOICE. THE. TRUTH. AND. THE. TREATY

We can voice the truth and for a treaty, again still here today, but in truth it doesn't really matter, deaf ears still come into play.

A long way we have come since the year thereafter, the year of 1788, and all in all still we will always be a subject, a subject up for a debate.

We can still talk about the war the conflicts, thereafter this year and the date, we can still talk about our big loss our big mob our kinship and a mate.

We can voice the truth and the treaty, from thereafter this date and day, but all is not forgiven truly because, government's constitution still stands in the way.

There are so many throughout Australia, with understanding within every community, and yet still so many cannot face the truth, regarding our Aboriginality our true identity.

Aboriginals we are and we'll always be active, throughout any sacred stand, because no matter what this country Australia, is our belonging our sacred land.

We can voice the truth and the treaty, but to this country we know we will always belong, because this country Australia is our dreamtime, where forever we will always stand strong.

Kalmadyne. Goombrydge!!!
Gamilaroi Man. Wiradjuri
Sung!!

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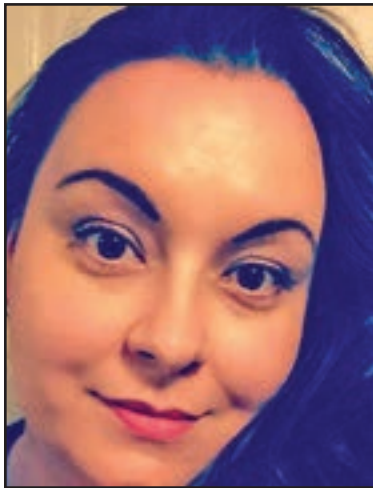
The illegitimate state

WE are sovereign peoples living under the oppressive system of governance of an illegitimate governmental rule brought to us by the colonial greed of the Crown. Our unceded sovereignty remains a topic conscientiously ignored by the Australian Government, but undoubtedly one of the reasons that there is a vehement maintenance of the propaganda campaign to vilify our people and communities.

While we, as a people, have always known this invasion is wrong and although it sought to destroy and eradicate us, it was in the 1980s that the notion of exercising our sovereignty became a material agenda item for the black rights political movement. In a speech during a show of protest against celebration of 'Australia Day' on January 26, 1988, Gary Foley said that the powerful collectivising of Aboriginal people was an expression of our ongoing sovereignty and that "we've never relinquished the sovereignty of this country".

We always were, we are and will remain the sovereign peoples of this land.

While we know that we are sovereign, we also know that, as we continue to strengthen our collective understandings of how to exercise this sovereignty and collectivise in the ways to do this, this will be resisted by all governmental organisations which will react, I suspect, in two ways. There will be an initial ramping up of the propaganda campaign against our people and communities not unlike what we witnessed in the lead up to the



Natalie Cromb

Northern Territory Intervention and, separately, we will see shady attempts to 'unite' not unlike what we are seeing by the Labor Government in Victoria who are presenting their 'progressive' ideals by seeking treaty with a small number of representatives while destroying sacred Djab Wurrung birthing trees.

The Government's policy is that we are all Australians and, as such, we are subject to the current structural framework that makes up our laws and governance as a country. This is what is referred to as state sovereignty – the power to govern a territory by a power structure. This view, of course, is silent on the fact that we were here prior to British occupation and are distinctly separate to the Government's definition of 'Australian' and that we have a separate claim for sovereignty distinct from the state sovereignty already claimed.

Sovereignty and the assertion of sovereignty is a critical item of our activism in Australia – the only Commonwealth country without a compact between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

The definition of sovereignty is where problems arise, or more specifically, the white privilege in imposing Western legal definitions of sovereignty. At law, sovereignty refers to power and authority to govern and make laws, but there are contexts in which it arises (internal and external sovereignty) and at law, the internationally accepted definition of the cession of sovereignty is that it occurs when a treaty or other similar compact is agreed between the parties making way for one sovereign rule or a co-existence of sovereignty. This is the very reason that there needs to be a careful exploration of treaty with communities collectively agreeing to the terms – this is not the process to have only a representative of some clans but there needs to be all clans included in this framework.

First Nations sovereignty has nothing to do with the desire to rule or govern a country, especially not in the capitalist sense. Our Sovereignty is about acknowledgement of our role as custodians of this land since time immemorial and caring for our land and communities.

The High Court of Australia was asked to consider the concept of sovereignty, specifically whether the acquisition of sovereignty by Britain over Australia with 'white settlement in 1788' could be contested in Australian courts. The High Court in the 1992 Mabo

case refused to examine this point and determined that it is non-justiciable or "not within the competence of the Court or its jurisdiction". Of course the very authority of the High Court depends on the validity of this Western legal definition of state sovereignty. Accordingly, the High Court is not well placed to judge the issue of sovereignty because, as itself a creation of the federation of Australia, is not an impartial party and it was correct to refuse on the basis of its own conflict.

That said, the Mabo decision created the disjunction in our legal system between the internal and external notion of sovereignty. While Mabo recognised the continuing connection and rights to land of Indigenous people, it went so far as to reject terra nullius and recognised the illegitimacy of the assertion of sovereignty by the British Crown in 1788. By failing to consider the issue of Indigenous sovereignty and stating that it was non-justiciable, it left a gap and an uncertainty at the core of our society.

It follows that if courts were asked to adjudicate First Nations sovereignty, which is consistently defined by the existing power structure as being in conflict with state sovereignty, then the courts would predictably state that recognition of our sovereignty would fracture the skeletal structure of our legal system and therefore cannot be done.

The legally acknowledged 'illegitimate sovereign state' continues to impose laws upon all subjects (notwithstanding the sovereignty of the Indigenous

subjects) and this illegitimate sovereign prevents any attempts made by First Nations people to assert sovereignty by controlling the definition of sovereignty and the institutions that would adjudicate the question of sovereignty.

So the obvious option at legal exercise of sovereignty would be to seek out international legal assessment of sovereignty, but this too presents problems given that international debate on self-determination shows increasing credibility and legitimacy of a state's foundations given to states that are able to demonstrate inclusivity in the way it treats Indigenous peoples.

The Government would be hard pressed to legitimise any claims of democratic inclusion when First Nations sovereignty is being ignored, laws are being imposed arbitrarily and targeting Indigenous people unfairly and the power structures disproportionately target and punish First Nations people.

The exercise of our sovereignty through the international legal and governance frameworks is essential to ensure that we are in the driver seat of any reform in this country. It will ensure that we are given the resources to self-determine, to obtain rights to our land that cannot be extinguished on a whim for mining and other destructive practices, where reparations can be appropriately placed in the framework along with governance structures to ensure there is no arbitrary laws applied to us without our express prior and informed consent.

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

Celebrating our culture

YAMMAA nginda Gamilaraay winnunguuldah. How good is it watching brotha Mitch Tambo killing it on *Australia's Got Talent*, singing in our own Kamilaroi/Gamilaraay/Gomeroi language! It made me think of my own creative spirit and how I would love to shine, blessed with God-given talents in expressing my pride in being Kamilaroi to the world.

Unfortunately, for me, and more unfortunately for others who have heard me, I cannot sing like our young brotha. I was a good cricketer, just not quite good enough and as much as I would have loved to have sprinted down the wing scoring tries for Toomelah at the Knockout and played at the highest level of footy in State of Origin I was as slow as Warrabaa the turtle, though I did have great ball skills and could throw a mean pass... LOL.

This is why when we see someone like Mitch, or



Woolombi Waters

Thelma Plum (had to throw my cousin-sista in there), celebrating our culture and representing our mob on such a national level embraced by black and white we feel so proud. It's the same with Latrell Mitchell and our footy players in that not only are they representing the mob, they represent our dreams and our successes.

That being said, as much as we all want to be Cathy Freeman or Johnathan Thurston, we can't, but also we cannot even begin to

imagine the sacrifices they have made, or the hours and hours of hard work discipline and ritual they have committed to their creative practice to become the shining stars and the heroes they have become.

I will always remember Cathy Freeman after winning the Olympic Gold medal in Sydney collapsing to the ground with relief, crying in front of the world, having achieved a lifetime dream and made a success of all those hours spent training and running with sacrifices made when no one was watching.

I remember a quote from Mohammed Ali, who said no-one ever watched him win a heavy weight championship because they were never won in the ring. They were won when no one was watching with the hours and hours of training to create the mental toughness required to make a champion.

Long before *Australia's Got Talent*, Mitch Tambo

had made and performed music. You can download it on Spotify. I now have his album on my playlist and mob have shared with me from his time in Moree his dedication and commitment to his art, his culture and ceremony long before taking the stand on prime-time Australian television.

This hard work and commitment and self belief and love for his culture is why he is now winning over hundreds of thousands of Australians and becoming one of a very unique group who have received two golden buzzers throughout the world in this form of reality television. That's mad brah!

My gift, as stated, is not in my singing. I can dance – OK, I can't dance either and I was too slow to play top-level footy, but just like every Aboriginal health worker, every identified position we have in education of our communities and those who represent in helping the

homeless, those who offer counselling to the disposed and most vulnerable, those who just offer a bed and a feed with no obligation are all heroes in their own right.

It is a wonderful thing when you see one of our young people like Mitch Tambo and the others mentioned who accept their gifts allowing themselves to flourish as was intended in their creation, their spirit and their heart and shout out loud to the world, "I am Aboriginal and I am proud."

It is even better when this gift gets to provide a way through life while representing the beauty and brilliance of our culture and not only heals our past but also provides hope for our future. And that's what I felt when I saw Mitch perform on stage singing in language. Also, how blessed I was to be able to sing along in our language while remaining very aware that not all our mob have this same opportunity.

It is truly a beautiful thing

to see our young people perform as they were intended, to live free of the pain so many carry, not ever forgetting the past, but in showing the strength required in overcoming our history, in rising above with so much love and pride in our simply being Aboriginal.

And in prioritising our healing as Aboriginal above all else we re-establish our connection to the everlasting timelessness of our Burruguu-ngayi-li (Dreaming) as Mitch is doing. He is in language, song and dance providing hope through all the lived experiences of our people, and it is within this connection to our Burruguu-ngayi-li he is making a conquest of everything for which we have been dealt.

Girr mayuu dhargan ngiyani wirringaa nginda gaalanha gandarraa! (Well done brotha. We love you and congratulations!)

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

Cape York art makes a showing on the runway

Pictures by DEELAN DOLAN



A SPECTACULAR couture collection designed by Queensland University of Technology (QUT) fashion students, with textiles created by artists from the Cape York community of Hopevale, was launched last week for the first time outside of Far North Queensland.

Wubuul Buii (meaning 'together') is an exhibition showcasing stunning, one-of-a-kind garments made from unique bush-dye silk and linen printed with original work by 13 Hopevale artists, ranging in age from their late twenties to mid-eighties.

The collection debuted on the runway at the 2019 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair and will be exhibited at Artisan in Brisbane's Bowen Hills until November 9.

Manager of the Hopevale Arts & Culture Centre, Melanie Gibson, said the local artists requested that their designs be treated as art on the runway, and the QUT students honoured their wishes with respect and beauty.

"The oldest continuous living culture breathes its songlines through new world fabrics combined with timeless skills in this collaboration," Ms Gibson said.

"The stories that are told on these textiles are tens of thousands of years old and to see them constructed into beautiful fashion pieces is an opportunity that's humbled us all.

"This collaboration has now offered us the chance to not just share those stories with our own Aboriginal community, but a wider audience. To have these pieces exhibited in the state's capital, and to have the opportunity to sell our fabrics and other merchandise to a city audience while the exhibition is running, is truly wonderful.

"We're so proud to see how these textiles have been given an amplified platform by these talented students – the stories of our elderly artists will now live on forever."

QUT Creative Industries Lecturer and awarded Brisbane designer Lydia Pearson mentored the third- and fourth-year design students completing the Wubuul Buii project.

"This collaboration is about so much more than just fashion and design," she said.

"While there are pieces in this collection worthy of any runway, the real richness comes from the opportunity for city students to connect with elderly artists living in a location many would never have been aware of if not for this project.

"It was so fulfilling to see the relationships form and for the designers to really commit to understanding the stories behind the textiles they were working with.

"There is no ego in any of the artwork; it is all so joyful and honest and full of delight that it offered the students an instant connection to the fabric.

"The garments are all exaggerated and elaborate, and many were designed using full pieces of fabric with zero waste technique. We really wanted to honour the art by keeping the print as intact as possible."



Camp dogs design fabric by Daisy Hamlot; outfit by Carlyndal Slight di Tullio.



Seed pods design by Grace Rosendale for top by Carlyndal di Slight Tullio; fig tree fabric by Madge Bowen for pants by Lily Mergard.



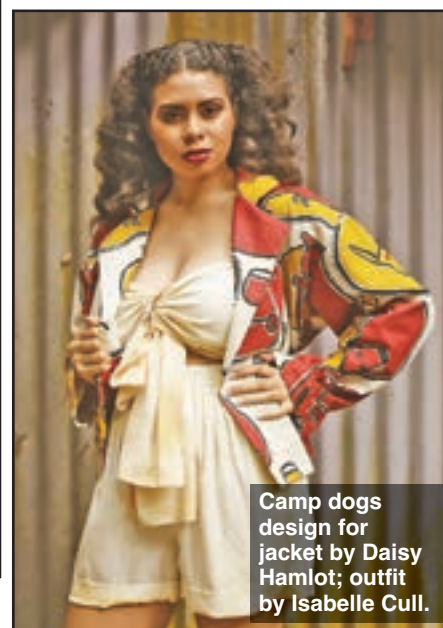
Gutti fabric designed by Grace Rosendale; outfit by Hannah Nam.



Magpie Geese fabric for jacket designed by Wanda Gibson; fig tree fabric for pants by Madge Bowen; outfit by Lily Mergard.



Model Benita Williams wears a dress designed by Ronan Horstman with fabric from bush dye workshop.



Camp dogs design for jacket by Daisy Hamlot; outfit by Isabelle Cull.



Baby lady apples design by Esmay; outfit by Elise Baglot.



Fabric designed in bush dye workshop for a dress designed by Maddi Goodridge.



Baby lady apples design by Esmay; outfit by Ronan Horstman.



Dusty Feet Mob



Yellaka performs at the opening



Tal Kin Jeri Dance Group at the closing plenary.



Kalaya Children sing at the plenary.



Commissioner Phillip Brooks speaks at the conference welcome drinks.



SNAICC director Geraldine Atkinson welcomes guests.



Shelley Ware facilitated plenary panels.



Tal Kin Jeri Dance Group at the closing plenary.



Former SNAICC chairperson Uncle Brian Butler.



United Nations special rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous peoples Victoria Tauli-Corpuz speaks at the opening.



Young people as policy shapers session with Ashum Owen, Shanamae Davies, Arrin Hazelbane, Casey Colin-Kenney and Commissioner April Lawrie.



Dusty Feet Mob
Pictures: SNAICC – National Voice for
our Children: Andy Steven
Photography



**Kurna Welcome to
Country with Mickey
Kumpati Marrutya O'Brien.**

Family support is key to health of our kids



MORE than 1200 delegates met on the land of the Kurna people in Adelaide this month for the SNAICC – National Voice for Our Children national conference.

SNAICC is the peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and the conference called for urgent action to be taken to ensure that Indigenous children have every opportunity to grow up safe and cared for in their family, community and culture, and on country.

A conference communique outlined four key calls for action:

- to establish a national Indigenous children's commissioner;

- to develop a comprehensive national Indigenous children's strategy that includes generational targets to eliminate the overrepresentation of First Nations children in out-of-home care;

- a dedicated funding program for integrated First Nations early years services, and an exemption to the child care 'Activity Test' for Indigenous families; and

- an end to legal orders for permanent care and adoption for Indigenous children, replaced by a focus on supporting the permanence of their identity in connection with their kin and culture.

Speaking at the conference Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar said the focus needed to switch from child protection services to supporting effective early intervention programs for First Nations families.

"Just 17% of funding for child protection went to child and family support and prevention services while 83% has been invested in child protection services," she said. "This needs to change."

The conference heard from numerous children's experts including Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, who called on all Australian governments to respect the human rights of First Nations people.

The conference communique said Indigenous organisations were leading positive change for children.

"We have been able to share our knowledge and experiences in raising happy, healthy and confident children in our cultures and communities," it said.

"Where state and territory governments have invested in and committed to self-determination for our communities, we see greater outcomes for our children and families.

"Our challenge going forward will be to address the disparities in funding between states, territories and the Commonwealth, and varying levels of commitment.



Conference MC Garry Goldsmith.



**SNAICC chairperson Adjunct
Professor Muriel Bamblett speaks at
the conference dinner.**



**Maori woman Dr Moana Eruera, one of
the keynote presenters.**



Family Matters campaign plenary with Commissioner June Oscar, Family Matters co-chairs Natalie Lewis and Richard Weston and founder of ID. Know Yourself Isaiah Dawe.



The Greenwool family: Damien holding Sariyah, Mosesha holding Larry and Fitzroy – who usually plays AFL for the Gold Coast Suns – holding his daughter Sarah, all from Kowanyama.



Mayor Michael Yam, Leslie Smiler, Hazel Paul, Cr Aaron Teddy and Lawrence Hudson.



Helping out with water bottles were Dayequarn Josiah, Michael Burke and Mathyious Robin.



Bryle Anthony and Edie Smiler after the grand final.



Auntie Jocelyn Possum, Taylor Edwards and his mum Topsy Possum.

Carnival honours



Malachi, Koolatah and Rainbow families from Kowanyama.



Donna Brumby and Robbie Sands (back) with Nyeshia Barney, Tykeil Butterworth, Lynnisha Barney holding Patrice David, and Nevaeh David (Kowanyama).



Former Mayor Thomas Hudson (left), and Patricia Turner (holding Linda Daniel's hand), in the back is Georgette and Alfred Thomas – with Tai Tamaau on the right in front at their food stall.



Back row: Rose David, Lynnisha Barney and Telita Sandy. Seated: Jalaylee Barney, Tekaya and Henry Tommy.



Kowanyama Mayor Michael Yam and Lockhart River Mayor Wayne Butcher.



Derrick Gilbert, Selina Ivey, Leslie Gilbert Jnr, Delphina Gilbert, Trixie Meldrum and Zianah Bermister.



Corroboree

Aunty May Smiler

By CHRISTINE HOWES



A STRONG tradition of rugby league and softball has been revisited and revived in the Cape York/Gulf of Carpentaria community of Kowanyama to celebrate one of their oldest Elders May Smiler, who recently passed at the age of 105-years-old.

The May Smiler Memorial Oval was officially opened with a nine-team strong action-packed carnival, which saw sons and daughters walking in their parents' and grandparents' footsteps.

Mayor Michael Yam said it had been a great weekend.

"The new field is a great memorial to our oldest Elder," he said. "It's been a long time

coming to have football and softball back in community as a carnival and, you know, just bringing back the spirit of these sports.

"It's been a reminder to us about our younger days when we were running around.

"It's been good to see those younger ones running around, and especially our sons, following in the footsteps of their fathers."

He said Player of the Carnival, Tyson Smiler, played for the winning Kowanyama Warriors side who wore his father Damien Smiler's name and image on their jerseys.

"He's done his father proud, young Tyson," Cr Yam said.

"Overall it's been a great weekend and we'd like to thank all our sponsors and all of those who travelled to support us."



Janey Deakin, Freedom Hastings, Esme Deakin, Subrina Crawley, Vanessa Deakin holding Jayrahni Dean, and Thomasina Tabuai (Pompuraaw).



Yam family from Kowanyama.



Kowanyama dancers.



Bwgcolman Dancers with lead dancer John Murgha.



Singer Kalani Geia.



Kennyon Brown, Donnell Lewis and DJ Noiz on stage.

It's spring at the fair

By ALF WILSON



MORE than 1000 people enjoyed what has been described as the most successful Palm Island Spring Fair yet, at Fred Clay Memorial Park on September 6.

The fair featured craft and food stalls and entertainment.

Guests were welcomed to country by traditional owner Allan Palm Island, then Archie Frasier conducted a smoking ceremony.

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Mayor Alf Lacey officially opened the event, which was blessed by Ron Geia Jnr.

The entertainment included performances by the Bwgcolman Traditional Dance Group, live bands with Noel and Jenny Cannon, and Walter Foster and the Boys, singers Clarissa Wales, Milton Thaiday and youngster Kalani Geia, Komet Torres Strait Dance Group, Descendants of Torres Strait Dance Group, Yindinji Traditional Dance Group, Tiare Tipani Cook Island Dancers, Great Northern Dancers, Pacific Flowers, MOB Crew, comedian Randy Rock, Waangi Dancers and Pacific Pearls.

The event went into the night with headline acts by DJ Noiz, Kennyon Brown & Donnell Lewis, and Normey Boy and Black Image Band from Hopevale.

To close the event a fireworks display at 7.30pm proved a spectacular finale.



Archie Frasier conducts the smoking ceremony.



Michelle Dabea, aged 4.



Leirum Bourne, Milleah Fulford-Baira and Darryl Pearson.



Some of the local kids are occupied with colouring activities.

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Western Sydney University is committed to providing higher education pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

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The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Program is a Western Sydney University initiative aimed at increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in undergraduate courses across all areas of study excluding Doctor of Medicine. Whether you are currently working, unemployed, studying at TAFE or coming straight from high school, as a prospective student you are not required to have completed the HSC or any other qualifications to apply to study at the University via the program. The program duration is two days and includes assessment workshops in literacy and numeracy, and an interview to discuss your course of interest. Revision workshops for numeracy are also available.

WHEN IS THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PATHWAY PROGRAM?

The two-day assessment workshops and interviews occur twice a year in June and November.

HOW CAN I APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM?

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Scholarship scheme enables Ethan to focus on his studies

ETHAN Savage is on a cultural learning curve as one of more than 400 Indigenous students at the University of Melbourne.

"Students come from such diverse backgrounds. Even Indigenous people who are from Melbourne, they come in and they learn so much more about all the different cultures that are all around Australia," Ethan says.

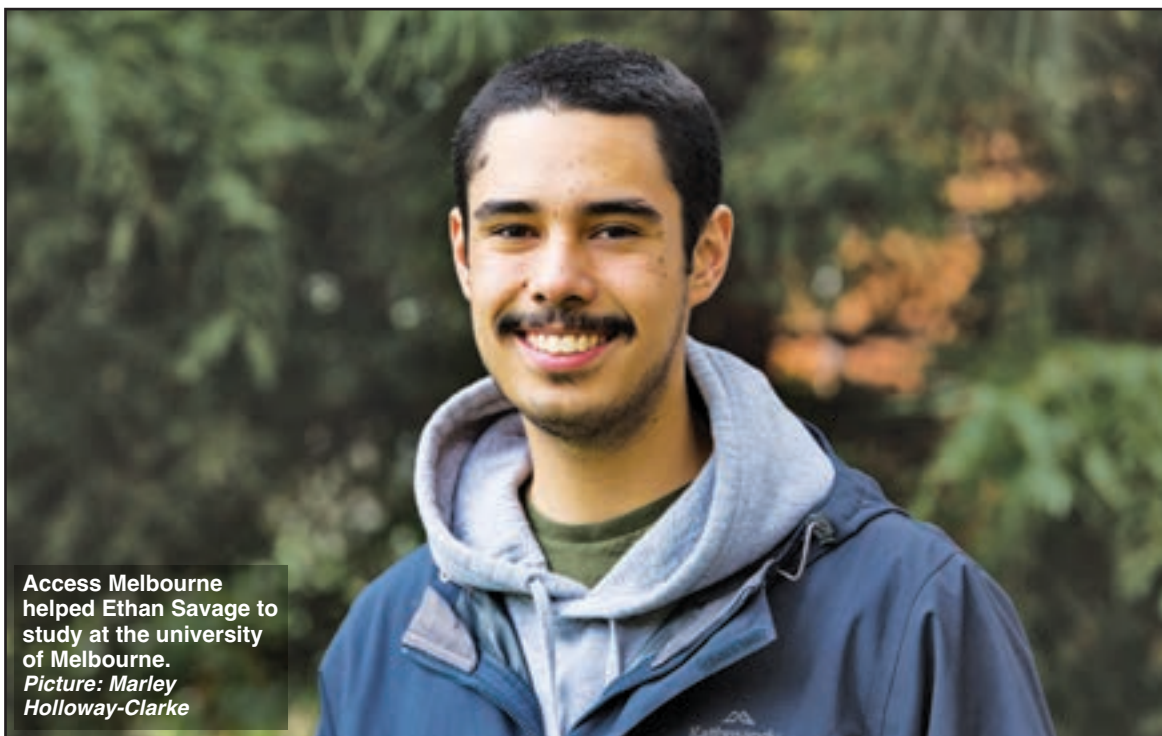
Ethan's Aboriginal descent is Kaantju and Girramay and his Torres Strait Islander descent is from the peoples of Badu Island.

He is a mentor for the Murrup Barak Indigenous Institute on the university's Parkville campus, the hub for Indigenous students.

"At Murrup Barak we have our common space. You have your non-Indigenous friends, but it's great to have that space where you can connect with Indigenous friends," Ethan says.

"They provide a good way for us to stay connected with culture and create a family that's not necessarily blood, but more connected through the university. That's definitely helped me cope with the whole moving-away-from-family aspect of things."

Ethan, who was born in Cairns and grew up in Canberra, followed



Access Melbourne helped Ethan Savage to study at the university of Melbourne.
Picture: Marley Holloway-Clarke

a popular path to Australia's top-ranked university in 2017 by applying under the university's special entry and equity program, Access Melbourne, which has a category for Indigenous applicants.

The program enabled Ethan to enter the Bachelor of Arts with a yearly scholarship of \$5000. He is pursuing a double major in Politics and International Studies, and Anthropology.

The scheme also offers guaranteed entry to degrees in Biomedicine, Commerce, Design, and Science. Entry to courses including targeted mentoring for Indigenous students – the Bachelor

of Arts (Extended) and Bachelor of Science (Extended) – is guaranteed for ATARs of 50.00 and 55.00 respectively, together with a college place for the first year.

Applicants may be admitted to other courses with reduced ATARs, but places will not be guaranteed.

All Indigenous students starting at the University of Melbourne in the first semester of 2020 will be eligible for the Access Melbourne Scholarship, with possibility of further support through college bursaries and university or government scholarships.

"I have received scholarships both from the university and the college that I live at and it's been incredibly helpful. Without it, I wouldn't have been able to stay here," says Ethan, a resident at Queen's College.

To apply for Access Melbourne, students must lodge a Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) application in addition to their course application via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website by 5pm on October 11. VTAC course applications close on September 30.

More details about Access Melbourne are available at access.unimelb.edu.au

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A \$15,000 scholarship is just the start you need

The Peter Gordon Jurd Memorial Scholarship was created to support an Indigenous student in their journey towards a full bachelor degree at Southern Cross University. The scholarship honours Pete's memory, but it also encourages Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students who might be disadvantaged because of a learning disability to complete their studies.

It is one of a dozen Southern Cross University scholarships specially designed to support Indigenous students. These range from a few hundred dollars to assist the transition to university to thousands of dollars a year to support your education across the life of your degree. The scholarships aim to relieve financial pressure and encourage more people into higher education. On top of that, Southern Cross University has other merit-based scholarships available open to academically-high performing students, including the Vice Chancellor's Scholarship worth \$32,000. Applications for 2020 study are now open. To find the scholarship opportunity that suits you best go to:

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**Southern Cross
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Studying to make change

WHEN Neane Carter and Allira Potter look to life after university they see the same thing – they see themselves making change. In fact, that's exactly why they are studying.

Neane, a Jaara woman of the Dja Dja Wurrung Clan, is in her fourth year of a double degree in Law and Arts, majoring in Politics and International Relations, at Swinburne University of Technology.

When she started, Neane wasn't sure Law was going to be for her: "I took consolation in the fact that changing degrees is normal at Swinburne."

But, she stuck to it and with support from the Moondani Toombadool Centre at Swinburne, she was able to find an internship where she explored the work and intellectual property rights of Indigenous artists.

When she graduates, Neane is hoping to use her knowledge to drive law and policy changes for her community and country.

"There is not one other area that has affected Indigenous people more; it not only altered our past, but it entirely defines our future."

Neane has shown that she is more than just talk. In 2013, she was involved in the negotiations for a 'Recognition and Settlement Agreement' for four native title claims made by her Dja Dja



Neane Carter, Jaara woman of the Dja Dja Wurrung Clan, is studying towards a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts at Swinburne University of Technology.

Wurrung mob. She says getting the Victorian Government to recognise the mob as traditional owners of the land was "incredibly empowering for the Elders and young ones".

Proud Yorta Yorta woman, Allira

Potter has struck a different path to Neane – winding her way to a similar community-minded destination.

Allira is a photographer, a good one. She owns a photography business doing social media

content for brands and individuals. She also models and manages an Instagram account with 11 thousand followers.

On top of all that, she's in her second year of a Bachelor of Media and Communication, with a major

in Public Relations, at Swinburne Online.

"The balance is challenging I must admit," says Allira, but that, and the fact she lives in Geelong, is why she chose to study online.

She says her course changed her mind about what she wanted to do.

"I had this dream of working for the AFL in the Indigenous sector... I wanted to work closely with players, dealing with player management, doing comms and social media work for them."

"Since then, I have been given so many opportunities when it comes to writing and working within the community."

She says what she's learning in the course is challenging her to really work out what she wants to do. But it's clear she's studying with something in mind.

"I have made a mark for myself in Geelong as one of the young Indigenous leaders in the community, so it only makes sense that I do end up working in the field of Indigenous relations, because I want to make change."

The Moondani Toombadool Centre is your home away from home at Swinburne. Whether you're studying online or on campus we're your dedicated team supporting your journey. To know more, contact us on (03) 9214 8481 or indigenoustudents@swin.edu.au



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Kathryn Coff, La Trobe University's Indigenous practitioner-in-residence

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In addition to Nexus, La Trobe has a number of initiatives underway to support you while you complete your teaching degree. Due to high demand for quality early learning professionals, La Trobe has partnered with Future Tracks to provide students with strong career pathways, mentoring and leadership opportunities while they complete a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. After your first year of study at La Trobe, you will earn a good income while working in an early learning centre.

If you are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, we encourage you to apply for entry to any of our education courses. Applicants will be considered on an individual basis. You may need to provide some written information and attend a panel interview with one of our Aboriginal Liaison Officers. For assistance with your application, see our Indigenous Education website, <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/indigenous>

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Get the UNE experience

THE Oorala Aboriginal Centre, UNE, integrates student support through a range of individualised systems by utilising a dedicated student support team, streamlining scholarship services and a targeted tutorial program for online and on campus students.

Student success

The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying and graduating at UNE continues to increase.

One such graduate Noni Hawkins says, "I wanted to live away from home, leave the nest. I wanted the whole thing." Once enrolled at UNE, Noni relocated from her hometown and applied for an accommodation scholarship. "I would probably still be completing my degree if not for the scholarship. It took the pressure off and helped me to be more independent."

Noni began her university journey as part of the TRACKS tertiary preparation program. She fondly remembers the pre-orientation day which involved lots of walking, talking and meeting her new peers. Through TRACKS she learnt how to complete assignments, use

the online learning system and to stay on top of her study load. During this time, Noni lived at a UNE residential college and in her third year, she moved into a residential apartment with friends and became a 'resident fellow', a

senior student who offers pastoral care to other students. Noni says, "It was really easy being an on-campus in college student. There were a lot of opportunities available to on-campus students like sport, mentorship, events and eventually got a job at UNE."

Supported by the Oorala Centre programs and staff, Noni recently graduated with a Bachelor of Criminology, yet she is back at UNE studying a Bachelor of Law and leaning towards a career in legal aid.

For now her compassionate nature is used to help students at UNE, where she works full-time at UNE Student Support.

At the Oorala Aboriginal Centre we put the wellbeing and success of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and

their communities first with qualified and caring staff. To learn more about the Oorala Aboriginal Centre, you can call 1800 622 384 (toll-free).



UNE graduate Noni Hawkins.



The Honourable Ken Wyatt AM.

The Frank Archibald Memorial Lecture

NOW in its 33rd year, the 2019 Frank Archibald Memorial Lecture will be delivered by the Honourable Ken Wyatt AM, the federal Minister for Indigenous Australians.

The Lecture is held in honour of Mr Frank Archibald, a revered Aboriginal community member of the Armidale area, renowned for his knowledge and interest in all issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

UNE Elder-in-residence Uncle Colin Ahoy says that "when the university established the lecture, its intention was to invite speakers to give public address on current issues which are important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people".

Minister Wyatt is the first Indigenous person to hold the ministry responsible for Indigenous matters and the first Indigenous person to sit in Cabinet. This year the lecture will be held at UNE on Thursday, November 14, 2019.

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November 2019

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Wiradjuri language graduates set to lead their communities

THE Graduate Certificate in Wiradjuri Language, Culture and Heritage, from Charles Sturt University was designed to introduce students to the Wiradjuri language and to develop students' capacity to make a positive contribution working in and supporting Indigenous communities.

Professor Sue Green (Course Director) states that many of the students report that the course has changed their lives in positive ways.

Students are saying that they have been able to connect or reconnect with their identity as Wiradjuri people, with many coming to back to live on country, and for some this is the first time they have lived on country after their families were removed a generation or two ago.

Others say that what they have learned in the course has strengthened them personally and allowed for physical, mental and spiritual healing. To be able to speak one's language not only heals the individual, but also heals community and country.

The Graduate Certificate in Wiradjuri Language, Culture and



Graduate Certificate in Wiradjuri Language, Culture and Heritage graduates with proud Wiradjuri Elder Uncle Stan Grant Snr, Professor Sue Green and Lloyd Dolan.

Heritage, came about through the work of Wiradjuri Elders, people and allies. The work of Uncle Stan Grant Snr, restoring Wiradjuri language, laid the

foundations for what we have today.

Coupled with the work of his sister Aunty Flo Grant, and many supporters, a partnership formed

with Charles Sturt University to offer the course.

The numbers of applications to the course continue to grow with graduates' partners, parents, children, grandchildren applying and gaining entry to study.

The backgrounds of students vary greatly, from those with limited or no schooling to those who hold university degrees; from high school leavers to Elders. Even the children of students will attend with their parents. No one is excluded.

Through supporting each other, the students learn the true meaning of being Wiradjuri. While the focus of the course is learning Wiradjuri language, it is not just about language. Wiradjuri language is more than learning words, it is about being Wiradjuri and taking your place and playing your role within the great Wiradjuri nation.

The current course director, Professor Sue Green, is herself a graduate of the Graduate Certificate of Wiradjuri Language, Culture and Heritage. Sue is also an example of how the course changes one's life. Sue had always known she was Aboriginal

and always proudly identified as Aboriginal and as an adult discovered that she was of the Wiradjuri people. However, it was in the earliest days of the course that she learnt what it meant to be Wiradjuri.

Sue said that what the course gave her was herself, her role within the Wiradjuri nation and a family and community.

Since completing the course, Sue has returned to Wiradjuri community along with her children and grandchildren, who are all learning their language and culture and finding their own roles and place within the Wiradjuri nation.

Students and graduates of the Graduate Certificate of Wiradjuri Language, Culture and Heritage, are taking what they have learnt back to their homes and communities. They are teaching their own: families, schools and community groups.

Students and graduates of the course are able to stand proud as Wiradjuri people and take on their roles within the Wiradjuri nation: a proud people and nation who are standing strong and teaching our ways again.



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Business leadership program provides pathways to the top

BUILDING on the success of the Melbourne Business School's MURRA Indigenous Business Masterclass Program, the University of Melbourne has launched a Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Business Leadership, the first of its kind in Australia, available to emerging and practising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business leaders seeking to advance their leadership skills and business practices.

The six-month, full-time, four-subject Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Business Leadership has been designed specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business owners, entrepreneurs, professionals and managers who have established their career as practitioners in their respective fields.

Michelle Evans, Associate Professor of Leadership at the University of Melbourne and director of the Business School's MURRA Indigenous Business Masterclass Program, says the certificate will address a significant gap in management education in Australia.

"Our Indigenous business sector is growing in leaps and bounds and is now demanding specialised business educational pathways in order to access masters-level postgraduate education. The Graduate Certificate in Indigenous



Neville Poelina,
Uptuyu Aboriginal Adventures,
MURRA Program graduate.

Business Leadership provides an accessible, excellent program to further develop individual business acumen."

The program is offered through online learning, with one intensive on-campus core subject that brings together the cohort with a focus on leadership. The core subject, Indigenous Business Leadership,

provides Indigenous business leaders an opportunity to work together to apply leadership theories and thinking to the challenges and hurdles faced in the Indigenous business, corporate and community sectors. "The opportunity to think and learn alongside a national cohort of Indigenous business leaders provides an

unparalleled experience for Indigenous professionals. The Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Leadership is a national convening for Indigenous sector professionals to build their personal expertise and networks in order to work even more impactfully," says Associate Professor Evans of the core subject.

The remaining three subjects can be made up of online subjects from a diverse range including focused studies in marketing, economics and finance.

The MURRA Program now has 159 graduates working in Australia and internationally. Professor Paul Kofman, Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics, explains one of the aims of the Certificate was to build further on the professional development of Indigenous business owners and managers: "We want to ensure leaders have the opportunity to build their expertise, grow their networks and create lasting impact both in their communities and on the world stage. This certificate and the pathways it creates will help elevate Indigenous business leaders to their proper place in the Australian economy."

The Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Business Leadership will commence in February 2020 with applications closing on November 30, 2019.

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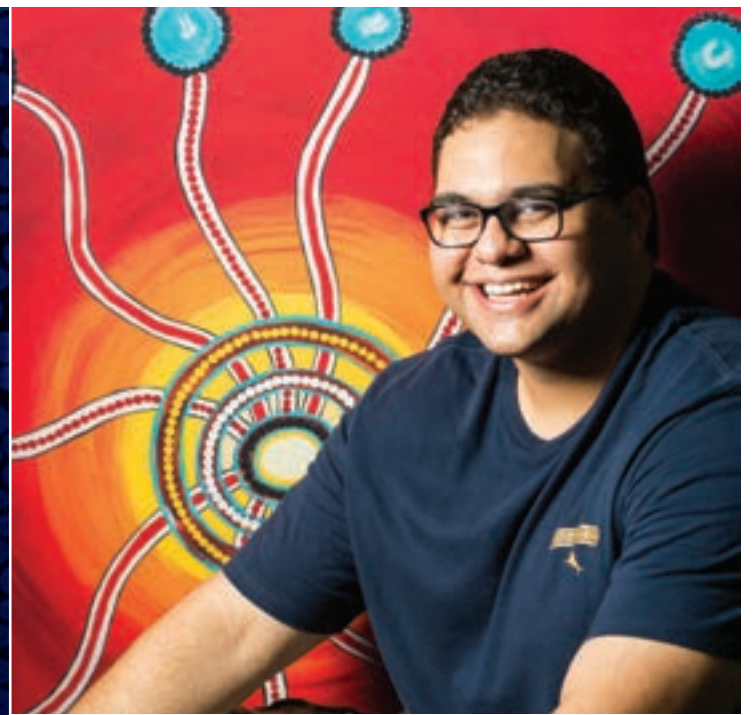
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QUT Researcher on path to success

Published author and editor Melanie Saward is a highly active and involved postgraduate student in QUT's Indigenous Research & Engagement Unit (IREU) as she forges ahead in her chosen career of creative writing.

A descendant of the Wakka Wakka and Bigambul peoples, Miss Saward balances completing a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing with her role as convenor of the National Indigenous Research and Knowledges Network, while working as a sessional academic at both QUT and University of Queensland.

QUT IREU offers a culturally supportive environment including research seminars and critical reading groups, student support services, study areas, scholarships, and financial support to nurture students and early career researchers.

Miss Saward says involvement with IREU has had a profound effect on her studies and writing. She presented her research at the IREU seminar in March on identity formation in religious cult fiction.

"Opportunities such as giving the IREU seminar gave me the confidence to submit the abstract to the Australasian Association of Writing Programs conference," said Miss Saward, who is the holder of the 2019 QUT Oodgeroo Noonuccal Postgraduate Scholarship.

"Taking part in capacity-building activities such as the critical reading groups has helped me take a different approach to my research and added a new richness.

"Also there's a lot to be said about being part of a community of higher degree by research students, which can be a pretty lonely

road, especially when you are the only Indigenous HDR student in your research discipline."

Miss Saward takes every opportunity to showcase her writing: she is a 2019 featured Indigenous author at Djed Press, a fiction reader for Overland and has published stories in Kill Your Darlings, Overland, Verity La and ScumMag.

She will present her research at the Australasian Association of Writing Programs conference in November and is set to be a speaker at TEDxQUT later this year.

Miss Saward had a manuscript shortlisted for the 2019 HarperCollins First Nations Fellowship and received a highly commended award in the 2019 Calibre Essay Prize.

Her manuscript Why Worry Now was shortlisted in 2018 for both the Unpublished Indigenous Writers – David Unaipon Award and Varuna's Copyright Agency First Nations Fellowship.



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You can make a difference



Bundjalung woman and nursing graduate Ashleigh Bolt is undertaking postgraduate research in Public Health at the Australian Catholic University.

KNOCKING down barriers to breast screening for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders could be just the beginning for budding researcher Ashleigh Bolt.

The Australian Catholic University Master of Public Health student has embarked on a research project with the potential to positively impact women's health in remote communities.

"We know there's low participation rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women accessing breast screening services, so we're looking into what barriers may be experienced by these women," she said.

Ashleigh's appetite for knowledge and desire to make a real and lasting difference in community health drove her to pursue postgraduate study within ACU's School of Behavioural and Health Sciences in Melbourne.

With an undergraduate degree in nursing behind her, a stint working at Katherine District Hospital in the Northern Territory opened her mind as to what else she could do to improve and advance public health and wellbeing.

Successfully applying for an Indigenous Student Success Program (ISSP) Scholarship provided her with the support to devote all her energy to the course and its research component.

Ashleigh is guided by research supervisors Dr Doseena Fergie and Dr Alison Hughes while still having the capacity to work twice a week within the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine, teaching the Indigenous

Health and Culture Unit to health science students.

"I had the drive to do this, so, one way or another, I would have found a way to complete the course," she said. "However, being given this scholarship allows me to do the masters and research full-time, which is a great opportunity."

Ashleigh is a Bundjalung woman from Ballina on the north coast of New South Wales. For her, education and mentoring are vital, and she is mindful of the opportunities she has grabbed that would have been a dream for ancestors.

She is the first member of her family to complete secondary school and attend university.

"That's why alternative entry to university is so important. I'd love to see others given the same opportunities as I have," she said.

Peer and mentor support are the key to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders feeling safe and respected in higher education.

"Having the opportunity to be an Aboriginal woman and an academic working within the university allows me to share some perspective for my people and have a voice within this space."

"Historically, universities haven't provided the safest environment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Mentoring and equity pathways are integral for promoting cultural safety and increasing opportunities."

Ashleigh is toying with the idea of extending her learning pathway towards a PhD, but is itching to return to work in remote communities.

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Courtney Hammond is studying towards a Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences at the University of Adelaide.

Community health is Courtney's concern

"My goal in whatever I end up doing is to support my community and increase the health and wellbeing of our people."

CCOURTNEY Hammond is an Eastern Arrernte and Tjanekald woman, with ties to country in the lower south-east of South Australia and central Australia.

She is also the granddaughter of Ruby Hammond, Indigenous rights campaigner and the first Aboriginal South Australian woman to seek election to federal Parliament.

Currently, Courtney is in her second year of a Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences at the University of Adelaide.

Drawn to the science of the human body, Courtney is hoping to use her university education to give back to her community and

improve health outcomes. "It's incredible to think how strong our bodies are and how much is happening behind the scenes."

"My goal in whatever I end up doing is to support my community and increase the health and wellbeing of our people."

Following in the footsteps of her activist grandmother and the other Aboriginal mentors who have guided her, Courtney is a member of the Gladys Elphick Committee which works to promote and acknowledge the contemporary achievements of Aboriginal women who work tirelessly to advance the status of their community in South Australia. In recognition of this, alongside her

academic achievements, Courtney was named the Young Person of the Year in the 2019 NAIDOC SA Awards.

Courtney has been able to balance her studies, community work and personal life thanks in part to the support she receives from Wirltu Yarlu Aboriginal Education and its cadetship program.

Through this program, Courtney and other Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students (21 in total) are able to access employment opportunities relevant to their field of study.

Courtney has been working within the Life Course and Intergenerational Health team as a research

assistant, actively contributing towards the Aboriginal Gender Study, a collaborative study between Adelaide University, Aboriginal Health Council of SA and the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute.

In June, Courtney and her colleagues presented the findings of their study at the Lowitja Institute International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference in Darwin.

"This cadetship has not only provided me with countless new skills and knowledges around research, but also given me an incredible support team, who are also supporting my studies and assisting me at every opportunity."



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Proud Kuku Yalanji woman pursues her passion for Human Rights Law in Sydney

MIA Walsh's mother and grandmother devoted their lives to improving the early childhood education of Indigenous kids, and now she hopes to use her degree to follow in their footsteps.

"In the same way they chose a path to help others, I aspire to do the same," she says.

Mia is a first-year student at the University of Sydney, studying towards a joint arts and law degree. She hopes to use her degrees to pursue human rights law and close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"I have seen the violations of human rights within my Indigenous communities involving socio-economic disadvantages, incarceration, land entitlements and education," she says.

Mia is a proud Kuku Yalanji woman who came to Sydney from far north Queensland after participating in the University's Wingara Mura Bunga Barrabugu (WMBB) program. She initially attended the WMBB summer program, which gives high school students an introductory week on campus. The program allows them to immerse themselves in university life, talk to current students and explore the different areas of study on offer. In Year 12, she participated in the Bunga Barrabugu Winter Program, an intensive workshop which prepares Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students for their end-of-school exams.

Mia found the WMBB program, provided at no cost to participants, life changing.

"They allowed me to experience university life, explore my study field of law and make life-long friends," she says.

The workshops also gave her the confidence to apply to the university under its Gadigal program, an admissions



Mia Walsh, first-year Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws student at the University of Sydney

pathway and support program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. This year the Gadigal program has introduced an early conditional offer scheme. Successful applicants to the first round of the scheme have already received an early offer of enrolment from the university,

conditional on their final HSC (or equivalent) results.

The early offer scheme is one of a range of scholarships and financial assistance programs offered to Indigenous students by the university. Another, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Scholarship, gives first-year students with an ATAR of 85 or more (or equivalent) benefits to the value of \$10,000.

Mia says the ongoing support for Indigenous students is the best thing about coming to the University. The Mana Yura Centre for Indigenous students and the MOBS program which connects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students have enabled her to make new friends.

"University life has given me so many opportunities to make friends whilst being surrounded by the beautiful large campus."

The University's Deputy Vice Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services) Professor Lisa Jackson Pulver says the services and support offered by the university are designed to steer strong, proud Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people towards university study.

"We have a range of initiatives to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who dream of studying here," she says. "We are here to support you in this stage of what should become lifelong learning."

"We are very proud of Mia and all her peers, and are looking forward to meeting all of our students starting in 2020."

For more information on the university's Wingara Mura Bunga Barrabugu summer and winter programs, alternative pathways to study at the university, and scholarships and support, please visit: www.sydney.edu.au/indigenous

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BBA program brings students from Cape York to Sydney

FOR most university students, getting to campus involves the tap of an opal card and a short bus trip, but for Yanetta Nadredre, the trip is a 2800km journey. Yanetta is studying the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) at the University of Technology Sydney, and hopes to use her new knowledge to help young people in her community build work and enterprise skills. She travels from the coastal mining town of Weipa on Cape York Peninsula six times a year for the BBA program, which is taught in intensive one-week blocks so students can continue to work while they study.

Yanetta doesn't do the trip alone. Her two brothers, Rodney Kiwat and Lyell Reuben, her cousin Jasmine Bond and her uncle David Abednego are also enrolled in the program, which is designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professionals, and covers a range of business skills.

"It is wonderful that we can study as a family group and support each other, share ideas and provide motivation. It is the first time for some of us to come to university, so understanding what is required and how to set things out is a challenge," says Yanetta.

Rodney and Jasmine travel from Bamaga, at the tip of Cape York; David travels from Thursday Island; and Lyell from Cairns. The lengthy trip, which



Pictured from left to right: David Abednego, Rodney Kiwat, Jasmine Bond, Yanetta Nadredre and Lyell Reuben. Picture: Hannah Jenkins

includes an overnight stay in Cairns, provides an opportunity to come together, compare notes and discuss course material.

"Luckily, David and Rodney have been to university before, so they can explain what we have to do. Coming down one by one, I couldn't see us tackling this through

to the end, but as a group it is much easier," she says.

Yanetta has five children aged between 9 and 21, which she says makes finding study time a challenge. Her husband and two oldest children work for the local mining company, where she also worked for two years as an Indigenous support

officer and mentor. Part of her inspiration to study comes from her mother, who attended UTS' Jumbunna Institute 15 years ago to study education. Her mother currently lives on Thursday Island, and set up the first women's shelter there to assist those affected by domestic violence.

Yanetta and her brothers come from a family of nine, with many nieces and nephews, so they hope to also inspire the next generation through their studies.

Weipa is currently facing an Indigenous youth suicide crisis, and Yanetta says she is keen to develop programs to help young people in her community build resilience and develop a vision for the future.

"I want to create a framework for change, and implement effective training programs to empower our youth and families," she says.

Yanetta and Jasmine were granted the Schiff family scholarship, providing \$60,000 over three years to cover travel and study costs.

"The BBA program is an amazing opportunity, and anyone considering the course should take the opportunity and run with it – and take the tools they learn back to their community and implement them," Yanetta says.

"The support is there. You have a tutor right from the start, so, if you have the desire to succeed, it is very difficult to fail," she says.



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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.

Undergraduate, postgraduate and short course study

AFTRS offers a range of study from Bachelors and Masters programs to short courses.

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Head of AFTRS Indigenous Kyas Sherriff with students Skye Leon and Bronte Nener.

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Storytelling Scholarships

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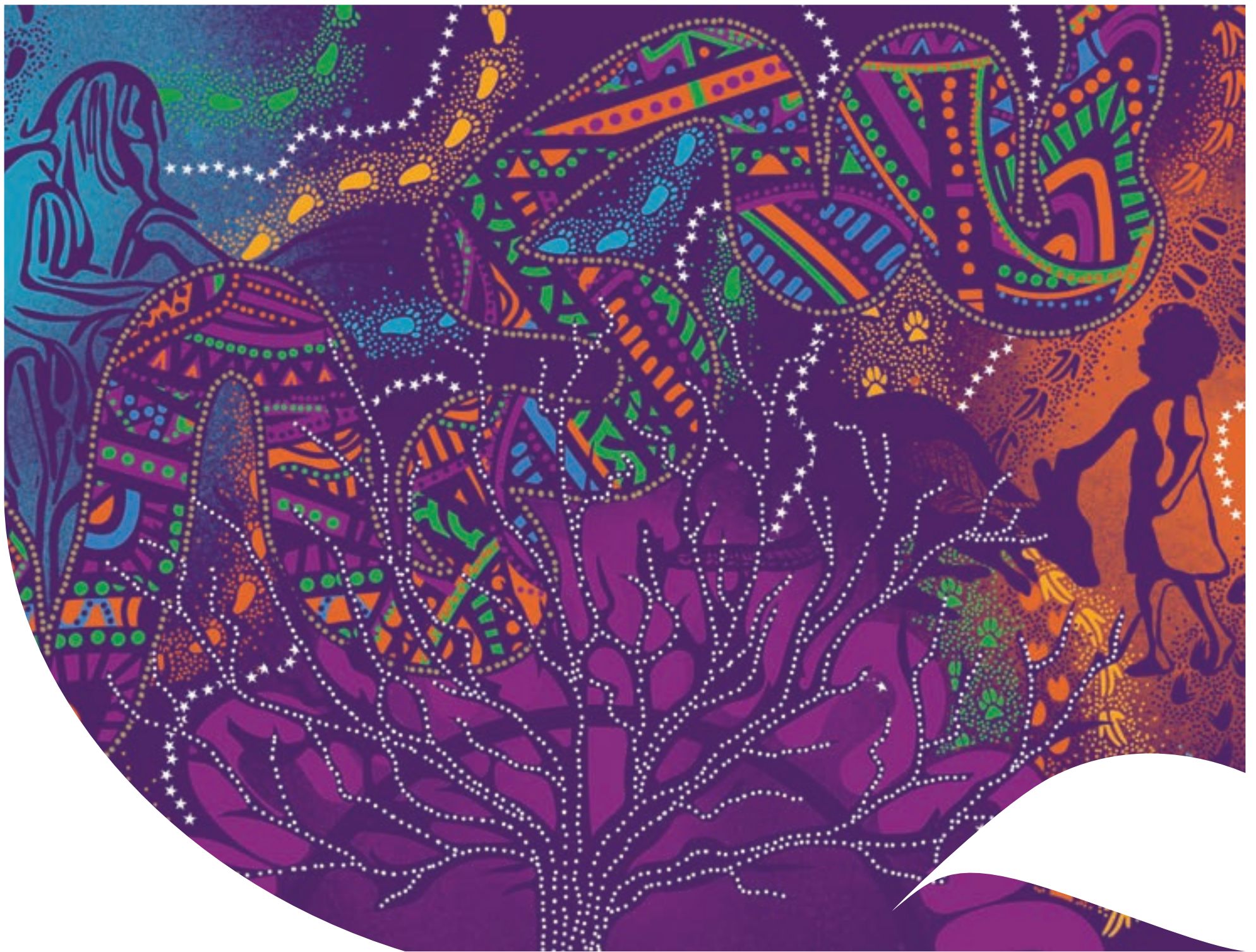
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The ATSIS Unit celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and knowledges, and recognises the enormous contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have made and continue to make at UQ.

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- access to scholarships and financial opportunities to support you throughout your studies.
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UQ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students embrace Chinese culture

THE UQ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (ATSIS) Unit in partnership with the Confucius Institute at The University of Queensland (UQ CI) supported a month-long experience to China this year for three engineering students.

The students, Ashley Hughes, Riley Norris and Greta Stephensen, were immersed in cultural and academic activities in the four-week program based at Tianjin University (TJU), one of the top 10 universities in China.

Mr Ashley Hughes said, "Local tutors and volunteer students accompanied the group at night and spoke very good English. This encourages you to put more effort into your Chinese as they have put effort into our language."

Visiting the Terracotta Warriors was a highlight of the trip for Mr Riley Norris. "Overall, the trip exceeded all my expectations and I would highly recommend that any future students considering to go on the trip take the chance and experience the trip of a lifetime," he said.

Ms Greta Stephensen enjoyed the Chinese classes. "They were incredibly engaging and helped so much when we were travelling, especially when ordering food. She said that she enjoyed learning Chinese so much that it is



UQ students Riley Norris, Ashley Hughes and Greta Stephensen.

definitely something she'd like to continue at some stage. The tour activities provide opportunities for participants to benefit from practical research experiences, develop a global view in their area of interest and grow a deeper understanding of the Chinese

language and culture.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement) Professor Bronwyn Fredericks said the feedback from the students proves this sponsored research and study experience works well, especially with the

support from UQ ATSIS Unit and UQ CI.

"It's great that all three cultures can be shared together in this way and used as a point of connection on an academic level so the students can benefit from deeper learning and research

experiences, develop a global view in their areas of interest, along with Indigenous students growing a deeper understanding of Chinese language and culture from the visit in its totality," said Professor Fredericks.

The executive dean, UQ Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS), Professor Heather Zwicker, said,

"There is so much energy across UQ, including at the UQ Confucius Institute and the HASS faculty, to carry forward the important work of acknowledging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."

"Bringing together the important partner of China with the important mission that we have to build better relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is especially exciting," Professor Zwicker added.

The next UQ Research, Study and Experience Tour to China will occur in 2020. For more information about the tour please visit the UQ CI website at www.confucius-institute.centre.uq.edu.au.

For information on the University of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (ATSIS) unit, see the ad on page 47.

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David Parsons, Yapug student.

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First Nations mob lead climate action marches

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people were front and centre for many of the climate strike actions across the country last Friday.

Hundreds of thousands of Australians joined marches across the country, most of which were led by First Nations people, calling for stronger action on climate change.

Hobart turned out in force for the Global Strike 4 Climate on Friday.

With a crowd approaching 20,000, it has been hailed the state's biggest rally ever – even topping than 1980s Franklin Dam protests.

Twenty-five-year-old pakana man Jamie Graham, who is studying antarctic science and marine biology, and is the Southern Tasmanian Seed Indigenous youth climate network coordinator, delivered the opening speech.

"I'm up here to talk to you about climate change from an Aboriginal perspective," he said.

"Climate change is the big bad. It's the result of digging stuff up, burning it, cutting trees down and honestly just a general lack of care for the environment, right?"

"The view that money is more valuable than the planet that keeps us alive is a view that might have been bearable – unethical but bearable – had it stayed in Europe. However, when that view was forced onto numerous Indigenous nations and cultures around the world it became unsustainable very quickly.

"Within the last few centuries, invaders across the world began extracting resources from sovereign Aboriginal peoples, displacing them and stealing culture and knowledge as they went, making money on the back of injustice.

"My ancestors fought bravely against this invasion – an invasion that nearly saw us wiped out completely, but it was a war worth fighting for the protection of future generations of palawa.

"Today we continue that intergenerational battle with our oppressors.

"We have fought the root causes of climate change for a very long time, as have every other group of indigenous peoples around the world."

Jamie said that the fight has reached a tipping point.

"The planet is changing. We know why. The science is conclusive," he said.

"The children are getting restless, for it is them that will have to deal with these unfolding changes, and now we are here, standing up against that legacy of injustice upheld by our government.

"All of our ancestors lead us here today, no matter who you are or where you come from, by coming to this rally you have joined an old battle against greed and abuse.

"Here in so-called Australia, we have governments who have just extinguished native title of the Wangan and Jagalingou peoples to make way for the Adani megamine.

"Here, in so-called Australia, we have an NT Government that just yesterday released a climate change report that promises their emissions will be net zero by 2050, but forgot to mention the massive plans for fracking of Aboriginal land with no consent, which would dwarf the promised cuts. And don't even get me started on the Djap Wurrung!



Southern Tasmanian Seed Indigenous youth climate network coordinator and pakana man Jamie Graham delivered the opening speech in Hobart.



The turnout in Hobart was huge, hailed as the state's biggest-ever rally.

"Indigenous people make up about 5% of the global population.

Incredibly, this 5% are protecting 80% of the remaining biodiversity here on planet earth.

"I think our goal should be giving these people the resources needed to continue and grow their fight don't you?"

"We need to return land to Aboriginal people whose cultures, at their very core,

are based in sustainability.

"We need to avoid invading more Aboriginal land with green technology, because if we don't fix the whole system it's not real climate justice.

"I am here as the southern Tasmanian coordinator of Seed. We are Australia's largest network of Aboriginal and Torres Strait island youth fighting for climate justice.

"We stand in solidarity with all Indigenous communities on the frontlines fighting climate change and the root causes.

"We call for our sovereignty to be acknowledged, our land to be protected the right way and for the Government to uphold its responsibility to the future generations of this country.

"Inaction is not an option."



A gathering takes to the streets displaying banners in Yirrkala (above and right).

Strike 4 Climate action gets national response



Bundjalung youngster and Lismore South Public School student Scayt James Taylor is standing up for his future.



Marchers in Brisbane.



Protesters in traditional pacific islands attire take part in the rally in Brisbane.



In Alice Springs hundreds of people joined the strike. Picture: Central Land Council



Indigenous flags fly proudly in Adelaide.



Large crowds attend in Sydney.



Protester in Sydney.

Free breast screen shawls



Susan Forrester (VACCHO), Andrea Casey (Cancer Victoria) and Lisa Joyce (BreastScreen Victoria).



THROUGHOUT Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, Aboriginal women in regional Victoria will have easy access to free breast screens – the best way to find cancer early and save lives.

BreastScreen Victoria's hot pink vans, known as 'Nina' and 'Marjorie', are visiting Aboriginal community controlled health services across the state to give free breast screens to women aged 50 and over.

The first 50 women to receive a mammogram at each location will receive a free cultural screening shawl to wear during the procedure, and to take home with them. These shawls have been developed to make breast screening more comfortable for Aboriginal women, and feature a local artist's work, unique to each community.

BreastScreen Victoria chief executive Vicki Pridmore said that the initiative was a culmination of months of hard work and planning with project partner, the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO).

"We hope that the beautiful shawls created by Aboriginal artists as a part of this project can assist women screening to feel comfortable, welcome and respected," she said.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among Aboriginal women in Victoria.

A breast screen can find cancer as small as a grain of rice, long before a woman or her doctor can see or feel anything.

Typically, women aged between 50 and 74 should have a breast screen every two years – the best way to find breast cancer early, when treatment is most effective.

All breast screens are with a female radiographer, in a friendly and safe environment. Clients don't need a doctor's referral or Medicare card, and only take 10 minutes.

Ms Pridmore is encouraging Aboriginal women aged 50 to 74 to take advantage of the van's visit to their town.

"When found early, breast cancer can be treated very successfully," she said. "These visits have been organised with our partners at VACCHO to make sure women in this part of Victoria have access to a potentially life-saving breast screen."

"The vans use the highest quality digital radiography machines to ensure that women receive the best service, regardless of their location."



Hope McMillan

Quit the smokes for bub



DARLING Downs Health has launched an innovative new program aimed at improving the health outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander babies.

The Bridging Antenatal Care, Indigenous Babies and Smoking Cessation (BAIBS) program encourages pregnant Indigenous women, or those women pregnant with an Indigenous baby, to attend antenatal appointments and quit smoking.

The BAIBS program is being headed up by Indigenous health programs manager Hope McMillan.

"This project has seen a collaboration between Darling Downs Health, Aboriginal Medical Services and GPs in our health service area to improve the health and wellbeing of expecting mums and their babies," she said.

"It aims to get babies off to the best start in life."

Rewards and incentives are available to eligible women who successfully take part in the program.

There are also incentives for people who live in the woman's household to complete the program.

"I encourage eligible women to ask their GP or other healthcare provider about BAIBS so they can improve the health of themselves and their families," Ms McMillan said.

To find out more contact 0436 914 968 or email BAIBS@health.qld.gov.au

Have your say on policy



THE Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Organisations (Coalition of Peaks)

is working with the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) to develop a new National Agreement that will set out efforts over the next 10 years to help close the gap.

This is the first time Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak bodies will have an equal say in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the policy framework. And the Coalition of Peaks, together with Australian governments, is offering Indigenous people an opportunity to contribute.

This month a survey has been sent to hundreds of Indigenous community-controlled

organisations and their networks, inviting responses from both individuals and organisations. The survey is open to everyone and can be accessed here:

<https://www.naccho.org.au/programmes/coalition-of-peaks/have-your-say/>. The survey will close at 5pm on October 25, 2019.

There will also be opportunities in every state and territory for Indigenous people to have a say through face-to-face meetings.

Lead Convener of the Coalition of Peaks, chief executive of NACCHO and co-chair of the Joint Council, Pat Turner said that listening to the voice of an affected community is critical to the success of any policy or program.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples know what works best for us and now the conversation on Closing the Gap

is changing because we are finally at the negotiating table," she said.

"The Coalition of Peaks wants to hear ideas on what should be included in the new National Agreement.

"We want to hear from enough people across Australia to make sure we're on the right track and have support to finalise the new national agreement with governments.

"Some communities, organisations and people may have attended government led meetings about Closing the Gap targets in 2017 and 2018, but this is different.

"This time the Coalition of Peaks is leading the discussion and we are now also talking about some important changes that we think need to happen to improve our lives faster.

"And we have a seat at the

table with governments so that they better hear what we are saying.

"I hope every person and community-controlled organisation takes up this opportunity to influence policies that will have a direct impact on our communities. And I really look forward to reading the survey responses and attending engagement events across Australia over the next few months."

A Joint Council meeting of COAG Ministers and the Coalition of Peaks recently agreed in principle to the three priority reforms that will underpin the new agreement and form the basis of the survey and other engagements that will take place over the coming months.

Those priority reforms are: Developing and strengthening structures to ensure the full

involvement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in shared decision making at the national, state and local or regional level and embedding their ownership, responsibility and expertise to close the gap;

Building the formal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled services sector to deliver Closing the Gap services and programs in agreed priority areas; and

Ensuring all mainstream government agencies and institutions undertake systemic and structural transformation to contribute to Closing the Gap.

A report will be prepared by the Coalition of Peaks to be provided to governments and made public. The report will inform the finalisation of the new National Agreement between the Coalition of Peaks and COAG.



Tamieka Barlow and Vito Musumeci.

Horticulture graduate is new face of TAFE Queensland



TAFE Queensland graduate Tamieka Barlow has a strong connection to country, and a powerful desire to preserve the environment for future generations.

A proud Binjorra woman, Ms Barlow has obtained a double Certificate III in Horticulture and Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management.

Miss Barlow said her formal studies complement her traditional knowledge.

"My people are from the Ngaikungo country on the Atherton Tablelands, and my Aboriginal totem is Binda, meaning beautiful waterfall," Ms Barlow said.

"I love being outdoors, and I have been working for Conservation Volunteers Australia since I was 16 years old.

"I really wanted to expand my skills and knowledge within the industry, so I

enrolled at TAFE Queensland.

"My teachers were so helpful and knowledgeable, and I was even able to complete training to operate and maintain chainsaws."

Ms Barlow gained her qualifications after six months of hard work, travelling more than two hours return to study at the Cairns campus.

"I live in Malanda, so I was driving back and forth to Cairns from the Tablelands every morning and evening, four days a week," she said.

"I had to wake up early and go to bed late so I could do my assessments. "In some ways it was draining, but I kept myself motivated to ensure I didn't lose my drive to succeed.

"I enjoyed meeting new people who had an interest in the same thing as I do."

Ms Barlow, 21, hopes to use her TAFE Queensland training to follow in her ancestors' footsteps.

"I would love to see myself as a head Indigenous ranger working on my tribal land," she said.

"I want to teach youth about the importance of trees, conservation and the horticultural industry to hopefully get them inspired to make a change for a brighter future for the land.

"I want to be someone who makes and leaves a massive positive mark on the youth of today and the ecosystem so that there will be a future rainforest and jobs for the younger generation."

Ms Barlow's dedication and enthusiasm for her studies paved the way for her to become a face of TAFE Queensland, with her image to be used in digital and print advertising to encourage others to pursue vocational education and training.

"I was so happy that I received the opportunity to get involved in the TAFE Queensland photo shoot; it was such an amazing experience," she said.

New collaboration focus is education and employment



THE Australian Aboriginal Mining Academy, which aims to facilitate the creation of meaningful job opportunities for Indigenous people in the resources sector, has taken another step forward.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed last week between Curtin University, Carey Mining and the Australian Aboriginal Mining Academy, paving the way for the three organisations to work together to advance education and employment opportunities for Aboriginal people in services that support the resources sector.

Western Australian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ben Wyatt and Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan, attended the signing, which was held at Curtin University's Kalgoorlie Campus.

Australian Aboriginal Mining Academy Founder and Carey Mining managing director Daniel Tucker said the Australian Aboriginal Mining Academy was being established in Kalgoorlie.

Mr Tucker said Carey Mining had an ongoing commitment to improving the social wellbeing of Aboriginal people and a belief that education is one of the core drivers that provides the pathway to employment opportunity and achieving economic prosperity.

"With mining having occurred in this resource rich region for approximately 125 years, and Kalgoorlie home to Curtin's WA School of Mines, recognised as one of the most respected and prestigious providers of courses of study for the global mining industry, it was only natural to consider the Goldfields region for the academy," Mr Tucker said. "The AAMA is excited to collaborate with Curtin University's WA School of Mines. Working together, we will seek how best to provide programs and opportunities to Aboriginal people in the Goldfields region."

Curtin's WA School of Mines Kalgoorlie director Sabina Shugg said the university was committed to working with industry to encourage more students into careers in the mining and resources sector.

"This exciting partnership will seek ways to combine outreach programs, enabling courses and the expertise of Curtin's Centre for Aboriginal Studies to strengthen and support the education opportunities available for Indigenous people in the Kalgoorlie-Goldfields region," she said.

Class is on country



MORE than 80 school principals, teachers, rangers and ranger coordinators, Learning on Country coordinators and

Indigenous cultural advisors came together for a three-day Learning on Country forum in Darwin this month.

Managed by the Northern Land Council's Caring for Country branch, the Learning on Country program is a secondary school-based Indigenous ranger-facilitated program that links Australian curriculum subjects with field-based experiential learning and data collection.

During the forum, the newly established Learning on Country Steering Committee met for the first time and one of its first actions was to elect a chairperson, Lirripiya Mununggurr, cultural manager for the Yirrkala Rangers.

The forum offered delegates opportunities for information sharing and included practitioner workshops, with presentations from teachers, researchers and education specialists about the



Learning on Country participants in Darwin.

different education and training streams available to students, and how these are being applied in schools across the Northern Territory.

Northern Land Council Learning on Country program manager Anna Morgan said the program is expected to grow over the next 12 months.

"Based on advice from the Learning on Country sites, its

estimated student participation in the program's activities will exceed 1000 students during the 2020 school year," she said.

Currently there are 15 Learning on Country sites, including Maningrida, Yirrikala Homelands, Yirrikala, Galiwin'ku, Angurugu and Umbakumba (Groote Eylandt), Milingimbi, Ramingining, Gapuwiyak, Beswick, Barunga, Borroloola, Gunbalanya, Ngukurr

and Numbulwar. Ms Morgan said collaboration between remote community schools and Aboriginal ranger groups was essential to the success of this flagship program to deliver community identified outcomes by bringing together the school curriculum and on-country activities.

Newly elected chairperson of the Learning on Country Steering Committee Mr Mununggurr said the



Lirripiya Mununggurr

committee would be taking action around future-proofing the program, which includes working closely with the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) with the aim of securing longer term funding.

"In addition, we will continue a program evaluation to demonstrate the cultural appropriateness and educational success achieved through student participation in the program," Mr Mununggurr said.

Supporting the next generation of NIDA talent



CLEVERMAN star Rob Collins is encouraging other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who want to act to apply to Australia's best known acting school, NIDA.

Collins was one of the guests of honour at NIDA's recent Diamond Anniversary dinner, celebrating 60 years and dedicated to the founding of a NIDA Student Fund.

The goal of this Student Fund is two-fold: removing financial barriers for talented prospective students to attend Australia's most prestigious drama school, and making sure that once at NIDA, they can make the most of the experiences presented to them by NIDA's extensive TV, film and theatre industry connections.

Known for *The Wrong Girl*, *Cleverman* and *Mystery Road*, Rob himself had the benefit of philanthropic support when he moved from Darwin to undertake his training at NIDA in Sydney.

"Having the support of a scholarship, given by a generous donor, allowed me to study without worrying about finances," Rob said.

NIDA chief executive Jennifer Bott said that one of the very things that sets NIDA apart – the rigour of

its training, and the commitment and hours required to attain greatness – means that the usual casual or part-time jobs that students at other types of universities use to support themselves are almost impossible to hold down for a student at NIDA.

Alongside the increasingly high cost of living in Sydney, this becomes a financial barrier to students whose families cannot fully support them, particularly affecting students from interstate.

"During the admissions period, our heads of department travel all around Australia, from Hobart to Darwin to Perth and back again, interviewing and auditioning diverse prospective students," she said.

"When they unearth an extraordinary talent, no matter their family background or financial capability, we need to be able to look them in the eye and promise that we can bring them to NIDA, where they will be supported as they strive to fulfil their talents.

"The talent pool from which we select our elite cohort must not be restricted by individual financial situations.

"We must foster future generations of storytellers who can tell our stories with diverse voices."



Actor Rob Collins when he was a student at NIDA in Sydney.

Radio project shares songs



A NEW project is aiming to raise the profile of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.

The Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA) has received funding from the Australia Council for the Arts in their recent grant round, and is partnering with First Nations Media Australia on a new initiative to help to share First Nations songs and stories.

For two decades, the CBAA's Australian Music Radio Airplay Project (Amrap) has been a crucial initiative for Australian musicians and community radio broadcasters, ensuring more local sounds are heard across the country.

Amrap will be distributing new music from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musicians to increase the representation of First Nations music on community radio airwaves.

First Nations Media Australia will feature selected music on its

national content platform, indigiTUBE, which showcases music and video content for listeners to stream and download within the app – and for broadcasters to replay on air.

CBAA chief executive Jon Bisset said he was proud that Amrap has exposed new Australian music over many years.

"And now we're looking forward to working with First Nations Media Australia on this fantastic initiative," he said.

Fantastic initiative

"Amrap will serve as a vital stepping stone for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musicians into the local music industry and be a great resource for early-career musicians."

A series of music compilations will be curated by indigiTUBE with a panel of First Nations people, and distributed Australia-wide.

First Nations Media Australia general manager Daniel Featherstone said the project will

focus on developing more regional and remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, ensuring greater awareness of heritage, history and culture, by supporting the First Nations music industry.

"The project is a great opportunity to build on the connections indigiTUBE has made and to expand the representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music across the community media landscape through the Amrap catalogue," he said.

IndigiTUBE project manager Jaja Dare said they were excited about helping to connect audiences with deadly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musicians.

"We can't wait to hear these awesome contemporary artists featured on the community radio airwaves," she said.

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body.



Walking the songline



DARUG women author Jasmine Seymour and artist Leanne Mulgo Watson have teamed up to release *Cooee*

Mittigar, a beautiful children's book that aims to teach primary school children about Aboriginal songlines, out this November through Magabala Books.

A songline is a map of country and helps one feel like they belong.

In *Cooee Mittigar*, meaning 'Come here, Friend', the reader is greeted by Mulgo (the black swan) who welcomes you to yana (walk) on country and walks the reader along one of the Darug songlines; she shows us its path. Journeying through the seasons, Mulgo describes the land, skyscape, birds, plants, animals and totems. It is a gentle guide to how Darug people read the seasons, knowing when it is time to hunt and time to rest. It is a beautiful exploration of what

you might see along the songline as you walk through Nura (Darug country).

With Darug language interspersed with English and an extensive glossary throughout, *Cooee Mittigar* presents an important tool for learning, told as a tender story with exquisite illustrations. It is Jasmine and Leanne's wish that with this book, everyone will know that the Darug mob are still here and still strong.

Jasmine and Leanne are both Darug mob and are thrilled to keep their culture alive through books.

"This book gives a view into how it was, how it is and how it will always be to Darug people," Jasmine said.

"Acknowledging and recognising our history is important for reconciliation. Our culture deserves to be championed by all people who live on Darug lands. We all belong to this beautiful country and I hope this book teaches young ones how to belong and feel at one with country."

Meereeng 50 taking successful businesses to the next level



PwC's Indigenous Consulting (PIC) has launched a program to help Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business owners accelerate the growth of their businesses.

The accelerator program, Meereeng 50, is a collaborative project led by Kinaway Chamber of Commerce Victoria, PIC and the University of Melbourne.

They are working together with some of Australia's largest companies, including Lendlease, National Australia Bank and Telstra, as well as Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and the Victorian State Government, through its Aboriginal Business strategy (Tharamba Bugheen), to deliver an accelerator program for mature businesses aspiring to develop relationships with major companies.

PIC co-chief executive Jodie Sizer said that over a 15-month period, Meereeng 50 will ensure Indigenous businesses are supported with mentoring, coaching and networking opportunities that position them to take advantage of the very best market opportunities.

"Our mob are true entrepreneurs," she said.

"We just need to help them get access to those opportunities."



PwC's Indigenous Consulting co-chief executive Jodie Sizer at the launch of Meereeng 50. Picture: James Henry

Kinaway general manager Paul Kruspe sees Meereeng 50 as a significant step forward for Victorian Indigenous businesses.

"Our collaborators being part of this program is a really key thing," he said.

"We know that one of the barriers to Aboriginal businesses getting contract opportunities is a lack of confidence to connect with key decision makers. By bringing suppliers and corporates together, Meereeng 50 will help to break down this initial hurdle."

According to co-deans of the Faculty of Business and

Economics at the University of Melbourne, Professor Paul Kofman and Professor Ian Harper, Meereeng 50 supports the university's ongoing pledge to advance capability in the Indigenous business sector.

"At a time when demand for Indigenous services is growing very fast, suppliers and buyers will be provided with a unique opportunity to learn from each other and grow their businesses in parallel," Professor Kofman said.

"Meereeng 50 is unique in that it provides corporates with insight into how they can best collaborate with

Indigenous business.

"It's this focus on expanding and nurturing the value in the buyer-supplier relationship that will ensure continued growth of the sector," Professor Harper said.

The pilot program is a key initiative of PIC and PwC's joint Elevate Reconciliation Action Plan.

It will initially include up to 10 Victorian Indigenous businesses, with the intention to roll out the developed program nationally.

Expressions of interest for Meereeng 50 will open in the near future.

Supply Nation marks 10 years



SUPPLY Nation has marked 10 years of growing supplier diversity by connecting Indigenous businesses with Government and corporate buyers, helping Indigenous Australians win more work and sustainable investment.

And the organisation has joined with the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) to host a series of trade fairs across Australia.

On September 25, Dubbo will host an event forecast to attract 36 Indigenous businesses and more than 80 government and corporate buyers keen to learn more about their products and services.

Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt said Supply Nation showcases the scale, scope and capabilities of Indigenous businesses.

"Supply Nation has proven to be one of Australia's most successful business-to-business portals," he said.

"I want to commend them and encourage them to keep walking and working with Indigenous Australians across this great continent."

Supply Nation chief executive Laura Berry said the organisation was founded with a vision of a prosperous, vibrant and sustainable Indigenous business sector.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been trading for over 60,000 years, however, Indigenous people are highly underrepresented in the Australian business landscape," she said.

"I am very proud of the work that has been accomplished. From a starting point of 13 certified suppliers 10 years ago, Supply Nation now has over 2000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses listed with us on Indigenous Business Direct.

"I acknowledge all the entrepreneurs, visionaries and passionate advocates that have got us to this major milestone and extend the call to join with us as we work towards a more equitable Australia for all."

Upcoming NIAA and Supply Nation Trade Fairs are scheduled for Brisbane, Perth and Melbourne; and there have already been events in Canberra and Karratha.

New awards celebrate Indigenous ingenuity



FOR the first time Indigenous Business Month (IBM) will introduce three awards to recognise the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses to their community and to Australian society.

The Indigenous Business Month Awards will showcase the outstanding achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses.

Indigenous Business Month is an initiative driven by the alumni of Melbourne Business School's MURRA Indigenous Business Master Class, who see business as a way of providing positive role models for young Indigenous Australians and improving the quality of life in Indigenous communities.

Michelle Evans, MURRA program director and Associate Professor of Leadership at the



Mayrah Sonter, Michelle Evans and Leesa Watego. Picture: Jorge de Araujo at Artificial Studios

University of Melbourne said the new awards would celebrate the Ingenuity of Indigenous businesses.

"It also allows us to showcase

the contributions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders businesses make, not only to their communities but to the growing Australian economy," she said.

The Indigenous Business Month initiative is supported by 33 Creative, MURRA Indigenous Business Master Class program, Iscariot Media, PwC and CGU.

The Indigenous Business Month Awards are:

I2I Award

Indigenous businesses buying from and/or supplying to fellow Indigenous businesses build an interconnected and strong Indigenous business sector by supporting each other. Instances of mentoring and peer-to-peer support or development of new ventures and/or initiatives are encouraged in this category.

This award celebrates the commitment by Indigenous businesses to strengthen and grow our sector through trading and working together.

Indigenous Digital Inventiveness Award

Indigenous digital inventiveness is maturing in Australia. Communities are more connected

than ever through digital expression (emails, instant messaging and texting) and at a much larger scale through digital enterprise (business operations and technology).

This award celebrates the intersection between cultural creativity, business nous and technology.

Indigenous Ingenuity Award

Indigenous business has a role to play in using business models to confront challenging community issues.

This award celebrates an Indigenous business which is working hard to solve challenges in partnerships with Indigenous communities.

The IBM Awards will be held on October 30 at the Melbourne Business School, where final winners will be announced.

Indigenous Business Month runs annually from October 1 to 31. Registrations to host and attend an event is now open.

We welcome items for our Calendar of Events. Send them to any of the addresses in the panel on page 23.

National

Ongoing: Lifeline – saving lives, crisis support, suicide prevention. For assistance telephone 13 11 14.

Until October 5: Bangarra: *30 years of sixty-five thousand*. National tour of contemporary dance theatre. Tickets: bangarra.com.au/whatson/productions

Victoria

Until September 29: *They Shield Us* is inspired and showcases the unique collections held by the Koorie Heritage Trust along with commissioned works by artists Yaraan Bundle, Djirri Djirri Dance Group, Isobel Morphy-Walsh, Marilyne Nicholls, Laura Thompson and Lisa Waup, drawing inspiration from the Trust's collections.

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: Lismore women's and men's healing groups. Held at Rekindling the Spirit, Lismore, Monday and Wednesday, 11am to 2pm. Details: 02 6622 5534.

Ongoing: Water for Walgett. Thiyama-li family violence service is collecting donations of bottled water for clients and community. Drop off point is the Walgett Ballo Street office (arcade next to the newsagent).

September 25: Professor Marcia Langton will give the 2019 Wentworth Lecture at the National Press Club In Canberra, 'Innovation – Indigenous genius then and now'. Hosted by AIATSIS, arrive from 11.30am, lunch noon, speaker 12.30-1.30pm.

September 29: Blak Markets Spring Festival Bare Island. Cultural performances and an array of native plants being developed by Indigrow, the other social enterprise arm of charity First Hand Solutions. Along with a cultural dance performance by Ngambaa Dhalaay Dancers, there will also be free interactive sessions for the kids with Larry Brandy Storytellers and weaving workshops with Auntie Karleen Green.

October 21-23: INDIGI LAB in partnership with Awatea Resource Management Consultancy, The STREAMS Network have developed a specialist program that enables better understanding on apply Indigenous Rights to the Sustainable Development Goals. The Kafnu Centre, Building 12/ 41-43 Bourke Road, Alexandria, Sydney. More information at www.indigilab.com.au

October 26: Gawura Gallery second anniversary exhibition. Works will celebrate Lloyd Gawura Hornsby's Aboriginal and Chinese heritage. Smoking ceremony, music and entertainment. 2-5pm, Gawura Gallery, 9979 New England Highway, Glen Innes.

Nov 11: Uluru Statement from the Heart explained. Guest speaker Lynda-June Coe from Fighting in Solidarity Towards Treaties will speak to the Manly Warringah Pittwater Aboriginal Support Group at the Mona Vale Memorial Hall, 1606 Pittwater Rd. 7.30pm.

Nov 1-17: *Momentum*, presented by Urban Theatre Projects in Blak Box, at Barangaroo Reserve. *Momentum* is curated by Daniel Browning (presenter of *Away!* on ABC Radio National) and examines the impact of representations of First Nations peoples in global popular culture. It pivots on the central idea that the past has not passed using the 1983 music video for David Bowie's *Let's Dance*

Four exhibitions on show



THE Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne is presenting four solo exhibitions – *Camping on Country* by Aunty Bronwyn Razem; *Old and New* by Uncle Greg Muir, *Marnda Grik* by Blackgin and *Dry Your Dishes on My Culture* by Kait James.

The exhibitions will be launched on Saturday, October 5, and close Sunday, November 24.

Camping on Country is an ambitious and immersive solo exhibition by Gunditjmara master weaver Aunty Bronwyn Razem.

Camping on Country tells the stories of families coming together and Elders teaching the importance of being on country, passing down knowledge and old ways.

"The traditional knowledge of weaving was passed down from my grandmother to my mother, to myself," Aunty Bronwyn said. "The continuation of this tradition has given a strong and independent voice in the modern world which we've used to build bridges, heal broken relationships and make new connections.

Taking inspiration from photographs – mostly from his own collection, Yorta Yorta artist Uncle Greg Muir takes the viewer on a captivating journey retelling his stories through art, and the intersection between disability and Aboriginality.

Old and New combines the familiarity of Muir's well-known



Tower Hill by Bronwyn Razem.

landscapes with new, deeply personal portraits featuring a variety of subjects.

'Marnda Grik' means large spider in Woiwurrung.

Marnda Grik is a weaver of story, history and country. She embodies the matriarchs of the past.

Country. Free historical exhibition celebrates the first Indigenous radio station in an Australian capital city. At kuril dhagun, State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, South Bank.

October 25-26: Indigenous NDIS Conference: Doing It The First People Way. Pullman Cairns International Hotel, Cairns.

October and November: Desert Pea Media's Break it Down road show is coming to North Queensland. A Culture and Conversation Event. We will be launching ten short films and five music videos created with communities around FNQ. The event will be fully catered and will feature guest speakers and live performances from local artists, Elders, community members and much, much more. Dates of the Roadshows are: October 18, Kuranda, The Amphitheatre, 6pm; October 23, Thursday Island, ANZAC PARK, 6pm; October 27, Palm Island - PCYC, 6pm; October 31, Lockhart River, the Community Centre, 6pm; November 4, Bowen, the Soundshell 6pm.

South Australia

September 25: SA Health and the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network are hosting a community forum for Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal health organisations to discuss recent changes to the health system and have their say on how to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal people in the northern suburbs. 9am-1pm. Morning tea and a light lunch provided. Innovation House, Technology Park, 50 Mawson Lakes Boulevard, Mawson Lakes.

October 18-20: The Tarnanthi Art Fair, held at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute presents 50 art centres from across Australia during the Festival's opening

In this new body of work, Central Goldfields-based Wurundjeri artist Blackgin explores her relationship with Marnda Grik. For most of her life, Black Gin has struggled with debilitating arachnophobia, which is not assisted by her preferred medium, paper bark, being the

natural habitat of the huntsman spider.

This ongoing experience has raised questions for Blackgin around whether arachnophobia is a colonial concept that has created a disconnect between her and her country?

In Western narratives spiders are often depicted as female and are acknowledged as weavers and in their abilities to create one-off works of art in nature.

The exhibition is based on recognising the important role spiders play in nature and their cultural significance as a part of country.

Through creating works that honour Marnda Grik, Blackgin also aims to challenge those colonial notions and repair her spiritual relationship with this ancient matriarch, as well as inviting viewers into the space of Marnda Grik while paying homage to her.

Dry Your Dishes on My Culture by Wadawurrung visual artist Kait James, explores questions around identity, perception and knowledge of Australia's Indigenous communities.

James focuses on the Aboriginal calendar tea towels, popular during the 1970-80s that trivialise and stereotype Indigenous culture.

She subverts them with familiar pop-cultural references, Indigenous issues relevant to that year, as well as the present day, to reflect a contemporary perspective.

weekend. Festival-goers, collectors and art enthusiasts have the opportunity to meet and acquire works of art direct from artists. The Tarnanthi Art Fair brings together urban, regional, emerging and established artists from across the nation exclusively to Adelaide, offering a remarkably diverse range of works across media. Art Gallery of South Australia is a member of the Indigenous Art Code and is committed to the ethical purchase of works of art. All proceeds go directly to the artist and art centre. The Tarnanthi Art Fair is presented in partnership with Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute.

Until October 3: *Our Mob* art exhibition at Adelaide Festival Centre's QBE Galleries.

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Until November 3: *Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Awards* exhibition at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) in Darwin.

October 2-4: AIDA Conference Disruptive Innovations in Healthcare. Abstract applications close June 30. Darwin Convention Centre. Details: aida.org.au/events/aida-conference/

Until October 18: The 2019 Vincent Lingiari Award *Our Country – True Story*. Tangentyere Artists are incredibly proud to host this exhibition of national importance. Open to the public from Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm and Saturdays, 10am-2pm at Tangentyere Artists Gallery, 16 Fogarty Street, Alice Springs.

November 27-29: CONVERGE is the annual national conference for the First Nations media industry. In 2019 the First Nations media industry event returns to Mparntwe, bringing together media organisations from remote,

regional and urban locations on Arrernte country. CONVERGE is co-hosted by Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA) who will welcome delegates to Mparntwe/Alice Springs with a special event on Wednesday evening, November 27. Then, over two days at the DoubleTree by Hilton, delegates will participate in industry forums, professional development workshops, build collaborative relationships, determine policy direction for the future and hear from industry experts.

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Until September 27: *OUR LAND OUR PLACE* exhibition in Perth's Council House foyer.

An exhibition featuring paintings from eight of Western Australia's Aboriginal art centre communities in the Kimberley region and remote Pilbara communities, right through to the tiny community of Kalka on the WA/NT/SA border, paired with a selection of Aboriginal artworks covering the south west from the City of Perth Cultural Collections.

October 4 - November 15: *Meeting Places: Mangkaja and Creative Growth*, a groundbreaking exhibition that pairs Aboriginal artists from Western Australia alongside Creative Growth artists with disabilities. The exhibition highlights the aesthetic and cultural connections between divergent populations of artists whose work is deeply connected to community and to non-academic artistic traditions. Exhibition opening, 6-8pm, October 4, Mangkaja Arts, Fitzroy Crossing.

Until October 26: *Desert Women Cultural Expression* painting exhibition by Ninuku and Warlukurlangu artists. At Earlywork, 330 South Terrace, South Fremantle.

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Working to protect country comes with outdoor office



A NEW round of students has started a land management course designed to support traditional owners' work on country in Victoria.

It follows the first Certificate III of Conservation and Land Management held in 2018 at the Holmesglen Institute, which saw all of the graduates employed in land management roles after the course.

The course, which has been given the name Warreen Beek Rangers by the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, has been designed specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to learn skills to work on country, providing accredited training in skills such as pest plant control, revegetation, construction, chainsaw use, occupational health and safety and cultural studies.

Students have been working in coastal areas and on properties that have conservation covenants, providing landholders with the chance to understand traditional knowledge while the students can learn landcare skills such as plant identification and threatened species conservation techniques.

Conservation covenants are voluntary agreements that are tied to titles and protect habitat, even after a property changes hands.

The certificate is supported by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's Port Phillip Bay Fund, which protects the health of the bay, including its coastal and broader catchment areas.

Bunurong Land Council chief executive Dan Turnbull said they had partnered with Trust for Nature to deliver the course and provide technical skills and future employment opportunities for traditional owners.

"It's been extremely



Trust for Nature's Rachel Douglas with Wurundjeri community member and course participant David Mullins.

encouraging to have neighbouring traditional owners and other Aboriginal Victorians working collaboratively with Bunurong traditional owners on Bunurong country in order to nurture our broader Port Phillip Bay traditional lands and coasts," he said.

"The Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation appreciates the Trust's facilitation of the Warreen Beek Rangers program which has ultimately resulted in getting Bunurong people back on, and learning about, and caring for, Bunurong country."

Trust for Nature's Port Phillip and Westernport Regional Manager, Ben Cullen, said it was encouraging that the Bunurong Land Council received funding

support to run the course again.

"There are so many opportunities for the graduates. A wide range of organisations have conservation jobs, such as local councils, natural resource management groups and other government organisations," he said.

"This year the Warreen Beek Rangers will have a focus on working on properties to improve Port Phillip Bay and its catchment."

Zoos Victoria and the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority have also helped to support the course.

Trust for Nature is a not-for-profit organisation that relies on the generosity of supporters to help protect Victoria's biodiversity.



Members of the Wurundjeri community and course participants Isaac Sainty and Jayden Mills.

Your guide to employment

Welcome to the **Koori Mail's** Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff Chris or Stuart a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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Aboriginal Health Worker

- Full time, fixed term until 30 June 2021
- Based in Queanbeyan

We are currently recruiting an Aboriginal Health Worker, on a full-time basis, to deliver services across The Capital region. The position aims to support the delivery of health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities through improving access to health care, health screening, chronic disease management and health promotion.

To apply visit: www.gph.org.au or contact Simon Sadler, Aboriginal Health & Integrated Care Manager on 02 4448 2222 or 0497 849 901.

Applications close 30 September 2019

**This position is Aboriginal Identified under Section 50 (d) of the Equal Opportunity Act.*



Community Support Manager Homelessness - Ballina

Aboriginal Case Worker DFV Homelessness - Ballina

Community Support Workers Coffs Harbour, Lismore, Gold Coast

Would you like to make a real difference in people's lives? If so, come and join the team at Momentum Collective.

Momentum Collective is a registered charity and not-for-profit community services organisation. We operate an integrated suite of programs to help vulnerable and disadvantaged people get a roof, a job and to live a better life.

Please visit our website: www.mymomentum.org.au to view the position description and requirements of the role.

To apply: please email your resume and cover letter to recruitment@mymomentum.org.au

For Enquiries: please contact Janet on 1300 900 091.



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Communities**

Youth and Family Support Worker (50d)

Level/Salary: Level 2/4, \$61,172 - \$82,797 pa - PSGOCSAGA

Permanent, full time opportunity in Northam or Narrogin.

As a Youth and Family Support Worker, you will build and maintain relationships with at-risk Aboriginal children, young people and their families to help develop short-term and long-term solutions.

For More Information: Please contact Julie McKenzie, District Director, on (08) 9621 0400.

To Apply: Visit www.jobs.wa.gov.au and search 006908.

Closing Date: Friday, 4 October 2019 at 4.00pm (AWST)

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Client Information & Administration Support Officer - Cairns, QLD

Are you working in administration looking for a career change?

The Cairns Community Legal Centre is a non-profit, government-funded community organisation, committed to providing free legal and social justice services to a range of disadvantaged clients.

The Centre is now seeking a **Client Information and Administration Support Officer** to join their team on a full-time basis.

In this role you will be responsible for providing information, referrals, client intake and administrative support for the Centre and all of its workers, across all service programs.

Applications are closing Friday 27th September, 2019 at 5pm.



To learn more or apply, go to:
applynow.net.au/jobs/115421



Aboriginal Allied Health Cadetship

Department: South Western Sydney LHD
Enquiries: Aboriginal Workforce on (02) 8738 5713 or (02) 8738 5933.

In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997.

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles in NSW Health organisations.

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au/>

Closing Date: 13 October 2019

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnsw.gov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ126878.

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Education
and Training

Koorie Education Coordinator

Department of Education and Training

North East Victoria – Ovens Murray

VPSG5 (\$98,396 - \$119,052 pa)

Ongoing, Full Time

This position plays a key role in the coordination and provision of support to the regional Koorie Education workforce and multi-disciplinary Area teams within the Region. The occupant of the position will have a high level understanding of the current education and early childhood development reform agenda, particularly as it relates to Koorie children, young people and the broader Koorie community. The Koorie Education Coordinator will be an active member of the multidisciplinary Area Service Support Team and is required to develop strong relationships with the regional Manager, Koorie Education; schools, early years, service providers, central and local consultative groups, other community and government agencies and stakeholders.

This role is identified as available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. Confirmation of the Indigenous status of applicants may be requested.

For further information on this position, selection criteria and details of how to apply visit www.careers.vic.gov.au and refer to the advertisement, please search using reference number **DET/NEVR22625A**.

Applications close **24th September 2019**.

www.education.vic.gov.au

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Research Leadership and Development Opportunities

The Centre for Rural and Remote Health (CRRH), James Cook University (JCU) is part of a national network of university departments of rural health headquartered in Mount Isa with nodes in Cloncurry, Longreach and Weipa.

We now have three exciting opportunities to make a difference - join our multi-disciplinary research team in Mount Isa at the Centre for Rural and Remote Health:

- Senior Principal / Principal Research Fellow
- Senior Research Fellow
- Research Officer

These positions will further develop our research program and collaborations across multiple sites in outback Queensland and beyond. Leading and contributing to strategic research and research education relevant to rural, remote and Indigenous health, health workforce and health services you will make a real difference to building the capacity in and for our region and the evidence base of the health, health workforce and health services of those living in rural and remote locations.

To learn how CRRH and JCU can ignite your career go to the "Careers at JCU" website today – the possibilities are endless.

Applications Close: 21 October 2019

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WIDE BAY, SUNSHINE COAST
An Australian Government Initiative

Non-Executive Director

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

Sunshine Coast Health Network Limited

We are seeking an experienced Independent Director with expertise in Indigenous healthcare, policy, and/or service delivery. This is an identified position. We are seeking an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander candidate to fill this role.

About SCHN

SCHN is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. We are the legal entity underpinning the Central Queensland, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast PHN.

Our objective is to manage the commissioning of high quality primary health care services that reflect the evidence-based needs of communities and individuals in our region.

More information about us is available at www.ourphn.org.au

SCHN Board

SCHN Directors have the interests of our communities at heart, as well as a commitment to high quality service delivery.

Directors' time commitment: eight Board meetings per year, plus a two-day strategy workshop per year. Subcommittees meet as required.

Independent Director Role

We invite applications from candidates with the following attributes:

- Experience on Boards or equivalent governance-level bodies;
- Sound knowledge of corporate governance, or capacity and willingness to develop same (formal qualifications desirable but not essential);
- Experience and expertise in Indigenous healthcare, policy, planning and/or service delivery;
- Established networks in social and community services, primary healthcare or business;
- Availability to commit to fulfilling the duties of a company director;
- A current connection to the Central Queensland, Wide Bay and/or Sunshine Coast areas.

How to Apply

Applications must be made on the nomination documentation available from the Company Secretary, Amanda Boland, on 0434 595 590 or at amanda@businessgovernance.com.au.

Completed documents must be received by 5.00pm Queensland time, Thursday 3 October 2019.

ACON is Australia's largest health organisation specialising in community health, inclusion and HIV responses for people of diverse sexualities and genders.



We are committed to creating opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of diverse sexualities and genders* to live their healthiest lives. We do this by providing a range of health promotion services including peer education and support, community engagement, resource development and community based campaigns.

ACON is seeking an organised and enthusiastic person to plan and deliver our work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, with a particular focus on gay men and sisters/girls.

Program Coordinator, Aboriginal Health Promotion

Aboriginality is a genuine requirement of this position as per Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

We have an exciting opportunity for a talented and resilient person to coordinate delivery of ACON's work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of diverse sexualities and genders. The program's focus on HIV and sexual health promotion is set within a culturally appropriate model of holistic health.

Your work will further ACON's commitment to developing partnerships with appropriate health and community organisations. You will have a key role in co-designing and delivering culturally appropriate peer education workshops, community development activities and outreach at major community events.

If you are a people person, with strong community connection and commitment to the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of diverse sexualities and genders, this is the job for you.

If you would like to check out ACON's offices, meet some of the team and yarn with staff before deciding to apply please contact Megan Baiocchi on 9206 2000.

ACON has a Reconciliation Action Plan and strives to be an employer of choice.

Applications close 5pm Monday, 30 September 2019.



- **Provide guidance, support and assistance to students**
- **Join CSIRO - Australia's premier science & technology research organisation!**

The Position

Do you see yourself as a role model who can provide guidance, assistance and support to female and female-identifying students participating in the Indigenous Girls' STEM Academy using a case management approach, then this is the opportunity for you!

As an Academic coordinator, you will be exclusively working to support young Indigenous women from 13 to 18 years of age. We are currently looking to fill three roles in the following regions –

- Central Coast region of NSW including the communities of: Gosford, Woy Woy in the south to Wyong and Tuggerah in the north.
- Western Sydney region of NSW including the communities of: Blacktown in the east to Penrith in the west
- Kensington, Western Australia

You will be expected to build and maintain strong and respectful relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, families and other stakeholders.

This position is identified – applicants will be required to provide a Cultural Referee as part of their application. The cultural referee will be asked to support your application in relation to your ability to work with Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people.

Aboriginal and/Torres Strait Island women are strongly encouraged to apply.

Appointment to this role may be subject to conditions including provision of a national police check as well as other security/medical/character clearance requirements.

You will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check prior to confirmation of appointment.

Your duties will include:

- Establishing, maintaining and fostering ongoing and culturally respectful relationships
- Understanding and following appropriate protocols with Aboriginal communities and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Providing positive role modelling to Academy students
- Providing guidance, support and assistance to students participating in the Academy
- Working collaboratively with the Academy team

Location: Regional Sydney, Newcastle NSW, Kensington, WA

Salary: AU\$83K - AU\$94K plus up to 15.4% superannuation

Tenure: Indefinite

Reference: 62299, 62300

To be successful you will need:

- Relevant experience and/or a qualification in secondary education (any STEM areas), social work, youth work or psychology.
- A strong demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies, cultures and the issues affecting these cultures in Australian society as well as a demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Experience in working with or developing programs that support social and emotional wellbeing and educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.
- Highly developed interpersonal skills including the ability to establish and maintain strong and productive relationships and networks with young people, families, stakeholders, colleagues and supervisors.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively in a team environment, proactively collaborating and consulting with internal and external stakeholders, as well as sharing resources to accomplish objectives.
- The ability and willingness to travel regionally and interstate as required.

For details about who to contact and for more information please view the Position Description available on our company website www.csiro.au

CSIRO's Commitment to Diversity

We're working hard to recruit diverse people and ensure all our people feel supported to do their best work and empowered to let their ideas flourish.

Flexible Working Arrangements

We work flexibly at CSIRO, offering a range of options for how, when and where you work. Talk to us about how this role could be flexible for you.

About CSIRO

At CSIRO you can be part of helping to solve big, complex problems that make a real difference to our future. We spark off each other, learn from each other, trust each other and collaborate to achieve more than we could individually in a supportive, rewarding, inclusive and truly flexible environment.

Apply Online

To apply online, please provide a CV and letter outlining your suitability and motivation for the role.

Please visit the jobs section on www.csiro.au and look out for the respective role under Support Jobs. Please note that the Western Australia position and NSW positions are advertised separately on our website.

Applications Close

Sunday 6 October 2019 at 11pm.



Teacher of Community Services

TAFE NSW is looking for individuals with current industry experience and knowledge in **Community Services** to join our team of teachers **on a part time casual basis at Coffs Harbour, Grafton and Macksville Campuses.**

If you are interested in sharing your talents by teaching the next generation, then this is for you!

You will love this position if you:

- Like to **share your passion in Community Services, AOD, Disability or Mental Health**
- Want to work as a part of a collaborative and **dynamic teaching team** and are committed to building the skills of students
- Have a **demonstrated commitment** to or previous experience in delivering training in an adult learning environment.

This position is targeted for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under Government Sector Employment Rule 26. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications Close: Sunday 13 October 2019, 11:59pm

Job Specific Enquiries please contact Linda Dewbery, Talent Resourcing Officer on (02) 6581 6395.

For more information go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for job reference number 00007B08.

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Mechanical Project Engineer

- **Transport Service Grade 8 - \$ 112,329 + \$125,807 employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading**
- **Four year fixed term contract until June 2023**
- **Chatswood/Chippendale location (Near Central Station)**

About us

At Transport for NSW (TfNSW), people are at the centre of everything we do. It's a team that will affect the lives of millions of people every day, connecting the population of NSW and shaping the future of our cities, centres and regions. It's an exciting journey and a great time to join our team as we transform NSW.

The opportunity

The Rolling Stock Delivery Program is providing new trains for a more comfortable, reliable, efficient and accessible journey. Current rail projects include; the New Intercity Fleet, Sydney Growth Trains, Regional Rail Program, and the Tangara Technology Upgrade, for Sydney Metropolitan and Regional customers.

We have an exciting opportunity for a **Mechanical Project Engineer** to join the Regional Rail Project which is delivering a new regional fleet and a new maintenance facility at Dubbo.

About you

You are Degree qualified in a Mechanical or Mechatronic Engineering discipline. You will have knowledge or experience in rolling stock design, production, delivery or maintenance.

Our Commitment to Diversity

Great people come from all walks of life. At Transport for NSW, we are committed to creating a diverse, inclusive and flexible workforce which reflects the community and the customers we serve.

We welcome and encourage applications from all people regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, cultural background, or sexual orientation.

Applications close: 11:59pm, 1 October 2019

For any enquiries about the role, please contact Trisha Smith Trish.smith@transport.nsw.gov.au or 0466 586 248.

<https://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au/job/mechanical-project-engineer-173881>

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Indigenous Arts Officer (In Prisons & Community) The Torch, VIC

Are you passionate about Indigenous art and culture and would like to help build alternative pathways for Indigenous offenders and ex-offenders through art and cultural support?

If you are keen to work with The Torch and help make a positive impact on people's lives then we are interested in hearing from you.

Indigenous Arts Officer (3-5 days, \$70K pro-rata) is a role that delivers creative support to Indigenous men and women across Victorian prisons and in community upon their release.

We are looking for a strong Indigenous artist who is capable of teaching our mob about art techniques.

Job descriptions and application details can be found at thetorch.org.au/work-with-us/

Contact: Program Manager, Susannah Day
Phone: 0402 077 396
Email: susannah.day@thetorch.org.au



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Officer

- Full-time, ongoing opportunity.
- Base salary \$80k to \$84k per annum, superannuation and PBI salary packaging benefits.
- Based in Camberwell (negotiable).

Relationships Australia Victoria (RAV) is a valued provider of specialist family and relationship services across Victoria. Exciting opportunity for a highly motivated and experienced individual to join RAV to make a difference in Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Reporting to the Senior Manager Operations North West, your responsibilities in this role are to ensure RAV identifies, develops, implements and delivers culturally appropriate services to increase awareness of, engagement with, access to, and utilisation of RAV's services within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

This role is an Aboriginal designated position, classified under the Equal Opportunity Act (2010) Section 12 - Special Measures. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Applications close: 9 October 2019.

For a position description and information on the application process, visit www.rav.org.au/careers

Enquiries: Fiona White, Senior Manager Operations North West by calling 0447 490 004.

YIRRAMBOI MORROW

Marketing Coordinator - YIRRAMBOI First Nations Festival

Full time contract
23 October 2019 to 30 June 2020 with a view to extend

YIRRAMBOI Festival is Melbourne's premier biennial First Peoples festival celebrating the vibrant living cultures and diverse contemporary practices of First Nations creatives. The festival is guided by key principles of First Nations Leadership, New Work, and Visibility & Dialogue, overseen by an Elder's Council. YIRRAMBOI shifts paradigms and perceptions in how to engage with, talk about, and present First Peoples arts and culture.

The Marketing Coordinator has a strong grasp on content management and communication and is responsible for the oversight of the festival brand, design and delivery of marketing and sales strategies, audience research, communication, publications and online presence to drive development and awareness of YIRRAMBOI. Management of the YIRRAMBOI website content and updates as well as social media platforms will feature in the weekly work.

The Marketing Coordinator works closely with the management and curatorial team in the planning and messaging associated with the festival development and delivery content. You will be able to strategically communicate opportunities to artists and creators to maximise participation and engagement and draw in new patrons for public facing events.

Strength in face to face communications and a collaborative approach is highly valued as the role engages with all festival participants from creatives, partners, funders, content producers and designers as required. The Marketing Coordinator advises on the strategic promotion of the festival content and delivery to the team members and manages the administration and data associated with all communication.

First Nations people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For enquiries or a full position description please contact Adriano Nunes at Adriano.nunes@melbourne.vic.gov.au

Applications close Sunday 13 October 2019.



NT Stolen Generations
Aboriginal Corporation

Link Up Family History Research Officer

\$57,000 p.a.



Our organization assists NTSG peoples through the Top End Link Up Program. An initial 3 month contract will be offered with the possibility of an extension.

Contact **Tyron Major on 8947 9171** for the Selection Criteria.

Applications to be submitted by COB on Friday 11 October 2019 to CEO,

PO Box 43372, Casuarina,
NT 0811, or email tyron@ntsgac.org.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.



Looking for an opportunity 'to work in a road construction team to deliver infrastructure valued by the community'? Like a variety of work across a wide geographic area? Interested in being part of a road construction team, apply to join Clarence Valley Council's Civil Services team.

This position is only available to persons of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent

Field Operator (Labourer)

\$44,798 - \$53,422 p.a + super. Located in South Grafton.

Applications must be lodged online via Council's website.

go to www.clarence.nsw.gov.au
or phone (02) 6643 0850

Council is an EEO employer and indigenous people are encouraged to apply.



Dental Assistant - Grade 1

Department: Hunter New England LHD

Newcastle Clinic

Enquiries: Rochelle Haynes (02) 4016 4831

This position is identified for Aboriginal people and exemption is claimed under 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

Closing Date: 2 October 2019

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go jobs.health.nsw.gov.au/hnelhd
and search Job ref number: REQ128112.

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Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Project Officer

Relationships Australia Queensland (RAQ) is a leading provider of relationship and family support services. We are committed to offering the best possible counselling, mediation, education and support services, and are committed to social justice and inclusion.

We are currently seeking applications for the Full-time role of Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Officer located at our Head Office; Eight Mile Plains. The primary purpose of the position is to assist in the planning, coordination, monitoring and reporting on the deliverables of the RAQ Reconciliation Action Plan (RAQ).

With the guidance from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement and Cultural Advisor and the Manager - Diversity and Inclusion, this position plays a supporting role in achieving the deliverables identified within the RAP, and collaborating with all levels of the organisation to build capacity across the various regions in Queensland. This will include general administration tasks and reporting to Management and Reconciliation Australia.

The salary being offered is circa \$62,467-\$77,042 per annum, plus superannuation. For a full Position Description and further information please visit our website www.raq.org.au/careers. To apply, send us your resume and a cover letter outlining your demonstrated experience in each area to vacancies@raq.org.au quoting reference [rap0919ss]. Applicants can contact Debra Bennet on 0418 739 593 or DBennet@raq.org.au for further information.

Applications close at 4pm on 5 September 2019.



Australian Government
Department of Human Services

APS3 Service Officers

The Department of Human Services is seeking APS3 Service Officers to join our team.

As a Service Officer, you will help customers in a face-to-face environment, assist people to access DHS digital services, answer enquiries and undertake processing related to their needs.

These positions will be available in the following locations within Western Australia: Kalgoorlie, Karratha, Meekatharra and Newman.

To learn more and to apply, please visit
www.humanservices.gov.au/careers

Applications close: Tuesday 8 October 2019

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Deputy Director Indigenous Leadership and Engagement
5 year full time contract based in Darwin

The Deputy Director Indigenous Leadership and Engagement will be an accomplished leader in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health, with a record of success in leadership and management. The role requires leadership in driving change to take Menzies to a new level as a culturally safe organisation, which is abreast of current and emerging directions in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research.

The position will contribute to the strategic development of research and education policies and procedures, as well as planning and reviewing research performance to ensure effective leadership and collaboration across Menzies. Additionally, the Deputy Director will work with research leaders to ensure that academic staff, particularly doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers, are able to achieve excellence, are successful in winning grants and have opportunities for career development.

Closing date: 7 October 2019

This position has been designated for a senior Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

For information on how to apply for this position and to obtain the Position Description and Selection Criteria please visit www.menzies.edu.au/careers or phone 08 8946 8626.



Customer Relations Officer



Health
and Human
Services

The Customer Relations Officer role performs a critical position within the Preston Office as it gives the first impression of the organisation. The role is instrumental in providing quality telephone and face-to-face service to clients, the general public, staff and service providers of the Department. Casual Customer Relations Officers (CRO) are an important part of the team and provide experienced staffing when other CRO's are on planned or unplanned leave.

Are you

- Are you energised by providing excellent service?
- Do you have good communication and interpersonal skills?
- Are you interested in working within a vigorous and dynamic work environment?
- Are you available at least four days per week, Monday to Friday?

**For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit:
www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact Michael Verity and Silvana Zanini on 9479 0205**

Status: Casual

Job Reference number : **DHHS/ND/386098**

Applications close: Sunday 22nd of September 2019

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit **www.dhhs.vic.gov.au** To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit **www.careers.vic.gov.au**

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health and Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

The department is committed to the safety of its clients. The department takes a zero tolerance approach to abuse, including child abuse and abuse of people with disability.

Departmental employees are required to comply with all legal requirements including the Child Safe Standards to keep children safe from harm and abuse.



Australian Government
Great Barrier Reef
Marine Park Authority

Senior Indigenous Compliance Officer

A full-time ongoing position is available at the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

We are seeking an experienced Senior Indigenous Compliance Officer to capture and report on issues of compliance significance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traditional Owners. This position will also be responsible for the implementation of appropriate treatments through the application of best practice compliance management.

This position is an identified position and is one in which part or all of the duties involve extensive engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Indigenous communities or their representatives. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Non-Indigenous applicants applying for this position must supply a reference from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person, group or organisation.

Interested applicants are asked to visit

<http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/careers>

Please ensure you read the application instructions carefully.

Applications close at 5pm on Monday 23 September 2019.

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M285 – Project Assistant Indigenous Programs

Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM) is one of Sydney's most visited museums and is committed to being a world leader in maritime history, sharing the national maritime story across Australia and providing an immersive and surprising experience. Currently ANMM is in search of a Project Assistant Indigenous Programs to contribute to the story and experience!

- One of Australia's leading Museums located waterside in beautiful Darling Harbour
- APS 4, \$61,698 - \$68,328 p.a. plus 15.4% superannuation and APS benefits.
- Ongoing fulltime

The Role

This position will support the day-to-day operations of the Indigenous unit. Working across all sections of the museum the position will engage with stakeholder groups and communities on a national level to deliver Indigenous specific projects, programs and exhibitions. *(This position is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position. This is only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under Clause 2.15 of the Public Service Commissioner's Direction 2013).*

How to Apply

Please visit our web link below

<https://www.sea.museum/about/about-the-museum/our-people/work-with-us>

Applications close:

11:30 pm AEDT, Wednesday 9 October 2019

No Applications will be accepted by mail or email.



Seeking a Child Protection Counsellor in Deniliquin

Department: Murrumbidgee Local Health District

- Rewarding role that enables you to support young people in your community
- Permanent full-time opportunity with attractive salary and packaging provisions

Are you a qualified as a Counsellor with experience working with children, young people and families? We want to hear from you!

We are looking for someone who will provide counselling services at our Deniliquin Health Service, who will also provide support and education for health workers on child protection issues and concerns.

You will be registered with AHPRA or an appropriate professional organisation, with a minimum Bachelor degree qualification. This position has been designated as a targeted role. Preference will be given to persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Follow MLHD on FB, LI and Instagram and visit <http://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/careers>

**Applications close:
4 October 2019**

To learn more please visit:
<https://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com/jobs/child-protection-counsellor-deniliquin-53080>

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Advisor / Senior Advisor Cultural Responsiveness and Reconciliation

Speech Pathology Australia is seeking to appoint an Advisor, Cultural Responsiveness and Reconciliation. The level of appointment will be dependent on experience. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage is a requirement for this position.

This is an exciting new position which will further the Association's objectives surrounding reconciliation and cultural responsiveness. The successful candidate will have Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage, with a strong interest and experience relevant to Reconciliation and the provision of culturally safe services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, families and communities.

The position is part time, up to three (3) days per week, and is a fixed term, 24 month appointment. The successful applicant may be based at National Office in Melbourne or may work remotely. Travel to National Office will be required.

For further information regarding this position email ebp@speechpathologyaustralia.org.au

To obtain a position description email Speech Pathology Australia. office@speechpathologyaustralia.org.au

To apply for the position please forward a cover letter addressing the selection criteria, a copy of your CV, including evidence of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage and the contact details of two referees to ebp@speechpathologyaustralia.org.au

Applications close on Friday 25 October 2019.



Manager, Arts Programs

Carclew is South Australia's only multi-art form and cultural organisation dedicated to artistic outcomes by and for people aged 26 and under. It provides young people with opportunities to try different art forms, supports emerging artists to develop their craft and advocates for youth arts practice.

Reporting to the Senior Manager, the Manager, Arts Programs works collaboratively across Carclew providing leadership within the arts team and contributing to the implementation of organisational purpose and strategic objectives. The Manager, Arts Programs, oversees project staff in the planning and delivery of projects, contributes to servicing organisational partnerships, and oversees evaluation and implementation of new initiatives.

Applicants must:

- address the Job and Person specification Essential criteria
- provide a current CV
- provide two referees
- complete and include a Pre-employment form with their application.

Full Time contract.

Full Job and Person Specification is available at carclew.com.au/join-the-team.

For further information, contact Georgie Davill, Senior Manager - Arts Programs 08 8267 5111 or gdavill@carclew.org.au.

Applications close Monday 7 October 2019.

Please send applications to Hana Fittes hffittes@carclew.org.au. Interviews will take place in the week commencing Monday 14 October 2019.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.



Southern Cross University

Associate Lecturer in Education (Indigenous Identified position/s)

- Indigenous Identified Position/s
- Excellent opportunity for early career academics
- Located at Gold Coast, Lismore or Coffs Harbour

Southern Cross University has opportunities for Indigenous early career academics to join the School of Education. The Associate Lecturer in Education will undertake student centred teaching practice and development in initial teacher education, and contribute to the profile of the School through research activities, publications and industry and community engagement.

We are seeking applications from candidates who are committed to the enhancement of the student experience and graduate outcomes, and display an innovative and energetic approach to teaching. Demonstration of alignment with the University's values, collegiality and integrity, is a fundamental requirement of the role, along with a proven record of making a positive contribution to a team.

For more information about this opportunity and to apply online please visit scu.edu.au/about/jobsscu/vacancies/

Applications close at 9am AEST on Tuesday, 15 October 2019.

Vacancy ID 19100.

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Vice-Chancellor's Indigenous Pre-Doctoral Research Fellows

- **Establish and evolve as a researcher through the completion of a PhD in your chosen research area**
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- **4 Year Fixed Term Contract**

The RMIT Indigenous Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowships are part of RMIT's dedication to providing early career opportunities for Indigenous research students.

RMIT is committed to improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sovereignties by creating a supportive research environment. This includes providing Indigenous researchers and research students with the best career opportunities possible, as well as building Indigenous research capacity.

The Program

We are seeking outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander higher degree research candidates who are looking to participate in our Indigenous Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowships and start an academic career pathway while completing your PhD.

This program will seek to further build and develop Indigenous academic capability at RMIT, including Indigenous knowledge and perspectives.

Successful candidates will receive:

- A Vice-Chancellor's Indigenous Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship for four years
- Academic Level A commencing salary
- Early career researcher's development program, which provides the opportunity to significantly build their research track record and reputation, supported by training, development and mentorship.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS POSITION AND A LINK TO APPLY SEE OUR AD ON THE KOORI MAIL WEBSITE UNDER JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS.



SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER (ABORIGINAL HERITAGE REPATRIATION) ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND RECONCILIATION

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation supports the Premier as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation in advancing the wellbeing and strengthening capability with Aboriginal people and communities in South Australia and engage Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal South Australians in the achievement of the reconciliation agenda.

**Project based – Up to 2 years
AS07 – \$100,059 - \$108,307 p.a.**

The Senior Project Officer (Aboriginal Heritage Repatriation) is accountable for the effective leadership, planning and management of the repatriation and reinternment of Aboriginal ancestral remains and objects currently held in trust by South Australian State Institutions. Consultation with Traditional Owners, Commonwealth and State government agencies.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Enquiries to:

Mr Toby Forde
Manager Aboriginal Heritage
Phone: (08) 8303 0737
Email: toby.forde2@sa.gov.au

**To apply for this position please visit
<https://iworkfor.sa.gov.au/> and search
vacancy number 361803.**

Applications close: 3 October 2019 at 5:00pm

WATER NSW LACHLAN FOLD BELT MDB GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a NEW WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **DARREN ROBERT PRICE and JACQUELINE KAIN** for 1 NEW BORE (6 litres per second) on Lot A1 DP 370021 Parish of Bumberra, County of Phillip for the purpose of irrigation on the same Lot (Ref: A019249). Objections to the granting of the approval must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018, DUBBO NSW 2830 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Amanda Fuller, Manager Water Regulation North.

KT0273

WATERSNSW WALLIS CREEK WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been submitted by **Andrew Shane Booth** for 4 existing farm dams with a total capacity of 4.4 megalitres, on un-named minor streams on Lot 1 DP 785780 for the purpose of stock and domestic. (Application no. A019259) Objections to 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 to specify the grounds of the objection. Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Krystal Moore, Manager Dealings Verification & Water Regulation Coastal.

KT0277

WATERSNSW SECTION 10 WATER ACT 1912

An application under Section 10 of the Water Act 1912 has been received from **ROBERT DOUGLAS TATE AND MOLLY LARAIN TATE** for a 50mm pump on the Camden Haven River and a dam and a 50mm pump on an Unnamed Watercourse, all within Lot 3 DP 1231106 for irrigation of 8 hectares (42 megalitres) on Lot 3 DP 1231106 Parish of Johns River County of Macquarie (replacing existing licences by way of permanent transfer)(Advert in lieu of ad dated 17th July 2019). Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW PO Box 796 Murwillumbah NSW 2484, or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Ref. 30SL067373 Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Amanda Fuller, Water Regulation Manager North.

KT0300

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR Great Artesian Basin—Warrego Groundwater Source

An application for **water supply works and use approval** has been received from **Bourke Shire Council** for a new bore for town water supply purposes, located on road reserve adjacent to Lot 2533 DP764496 Parish of Talaa, County of Gunderbooka (Ref: A019338). Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Natural Resources Access Regulator, PO Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice being published. The objection must include your name and address and must specify the grounds of your objection. Direct any queries to Jeanette Nestor, Water Regulation Officer, on (02) 6841 7447.

SB0626

WATER NSW WOOLGOOLGA CREEK WATER SOURCE

An application for a NEW WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **NIRMAL SINGH MULLEE and HARMEET KAUR MULLEE** for 1 new 50mm centrifugal pump and an existing bywash dam on an Unnamed Watercourse on Lot 294 DP 723003 for irrigation purposes on 294 DP 723003 Parish of Woolgoolga, County of Fitzroy. (Ref: A019248). Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call 1300662077 or email the above. Amanda Fuller, Manager Water Regulation North.

KT0278

WATER NSW MACLEAY VALLEY WATER SOURCE

An application for a NEW WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **Daniel Vincent Davis and Leanne Joy McKay** for 1 new 50mm pump on the Macleay River on Lot 1 DP 752419 and / or Lots 1 DP 1035295 for irrigation purposes on Lot 1 DP 752419, Lots 1-3 DP 1035295 Parish of Kullatine, County of Dudley. (Ref: A019426). Objections to the granting of the approval must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call 1300662077 or email the above. Amanda Fuller, Manager Water Regulation North.

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NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR New England Fold Belt MDB Groundwater Source

An application for new **water supply works and use** has been received from the **University of New England** on Lot 166, DP 753668 Parish of Nuandle, County of Hardinge (Ref: A018635). Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, 4 Marsden Park Road, Calala, NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Direct any enquiries to Chris Binks on 02 6763 1465.

SB0612

WATERSNSW

Upper Namoi Zone 5 – Namoi Valley (Gin's Leap to Narrabri) Groundwater Source

An application for Water Supply Works and Use Approval has been received from **WILLDO NARRABRI PTY LTD** for 1 (one) bore for Irrigation purposes on "Snowden", Lot 348, DP754944, Parish of Narrabri, County of Nandewar. (Application Number – A19169). Objections to granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, 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 and address and specify the grounds of your objection. Any queries please call 1300 662 077. Amanda Fuller, Acting Manager Water Regulation North.

KT0274

WATERSNSW LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **Theodore ADAMS** to construct a 200mm bore on Lot 58 DP 751703 (Cooper/Gogeldrie) for irrigation purposes. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A019470) Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South.

KT0312

WATERSNSW MACQUARIE & CUDGEGONG REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for a NEW WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **GREGORY JAMES SPINKS & NARELLE JENNIE SPINKS**, for one 50mm submersible pump to be located on an easement within Lot 32 DP 1092844, and for irrigation of Lot 5 DP 813171, Parish of Piambong, County of Wellington. (Ref: A019435). Objections to the granting of the above approvals must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018, DUBBO NSW 2830 or customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call 1300662077 or email the above. Amanda Fuller, Manager Water Regulation (North).

KT0303

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Upper Lachlan Alluvial Groundwater Source—Zone 5 Management Zone

An application to amend **combined approval 70CA614098** has been received from **Clean TeQ Sunrise PTY LTD** for a water supply pipeline traversing Lots 24 and 103 DP 752106 in the Parish of Monwonga and Lot 6 DP 598735, Lot 1 DP 752077 and Lot 7300 DP 1150524 in the Parish of Burrawong, all in the County of Cunningham, to transfer water supply for mining purposes (Ref: A018968). Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, P O Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specification of the grounds of the objection. Direct any enquiries to Rachel Daly, Water Regulation Officer on (02) 6841 7429 or email rachel.daly@nrar.nsw.gov.au

SB0601

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR Lachlan—Regulated River Water Source

An application for a new **water supply work approval** has been received from **Clean TeQ Sunrise PTY LTD** to install two 250 mm submersible pumps (each with capacity 90 L/s) on Lot 29 DP 752077, Parish Burrawong, County of Cunningham; and a pipeline from Lots 29 and 1 DP 752077 to Lot 8 DP 754021 traversing council and Crown road reserves, crown land, rail corridors, main roads, and travelling stock routes including portions of North Condobolin Road, Mulguthrie Road, Henry Parkes Way (MR 61), Ringwood Road, Burkes Road, Ootha North Road, Ootha Road, Carlisle Trundle Road, Bloomfield Road, Platina Road, Fifi Road (MR 57), Lot 1 DP 1250340, road reserve east of Lot 28 DP 752111, Lot 28 DP 752111 and Wilmatha Road; all within the Forbes and Lachlan Shires and for the purpose of mining water supply (Ref: A018806). Objections to the granting of the approval must be registered in writing to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, P O Box 717, DUBBO NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice being published. The objection must include your name, address and specification of the grounds of the objection. Direct any queries to Rachel Daly, Water Regulation Officer on telephone (02) 6841 7429 or email rachel.daly@nrar.nsw.gov.au

SB0600

GUMBAYNGGIRR PEOPLE GUMMA AND THE THREE ISLANDS)
NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP MEETING



Date and Time: Friday 18 October 2019
2:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday 19 October 2019
9:00am – 3:00pm
Venue: Valla Beach Tourist Park
1 Regatta Drive, Valla Beach
NSW 2448

NTSCORP Limited (‘NTSCORP’), the native title service provider for NSW, provides assistance and legal representation to the Gumbaynggirr People in relation to their native title application (Federal Court proceedings NSD 1350/2016). NTSCORP is convening a meeting for all members of the Gumbaynggirr People (Gumma and the Three Islands) native title claim group for the purposes of considering and making decisions about the authorisation of a new Applicant, a proposed settlement of the native title application, including s87 agreement and consent determination, and the nomination of the prescribed body corporate (‘PBC’).

Who should attend?

(a) The biological descendants of:

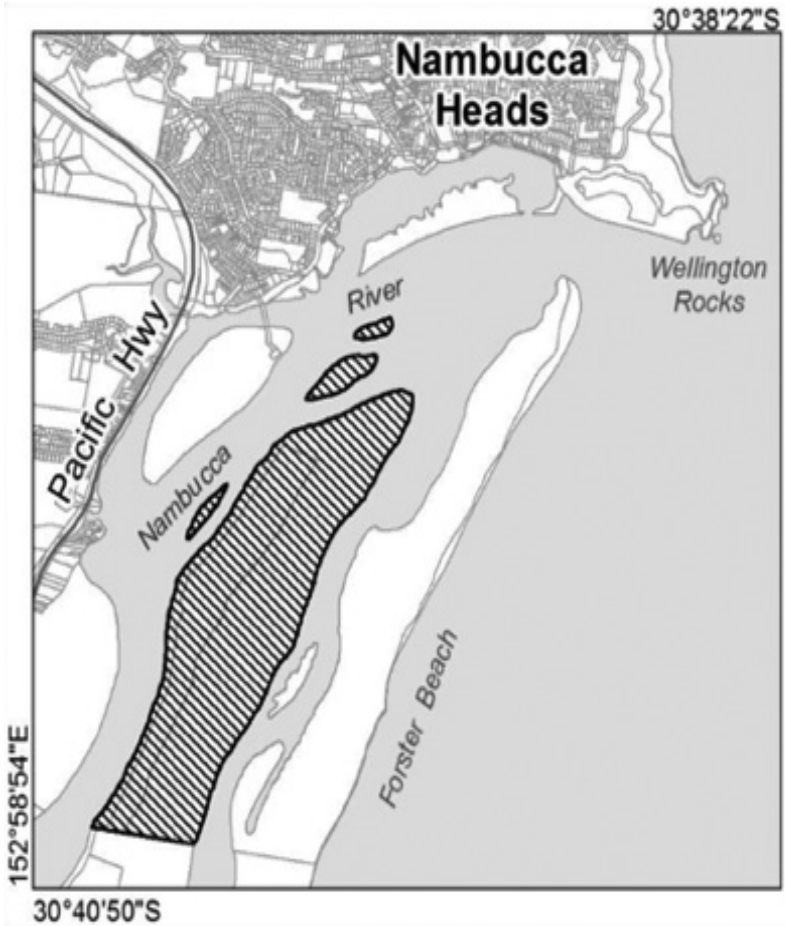
King Ben Bennelong; Maggie Buchanan and Davy Cowling; Biddy, the mother of Lavina Duncan (Bina Whaddy); Fanny Purrapine, the mother of Lily Kelly and Hilda Kelly Robinson; Darby Kelly; The father of Maggie Kelly’s mother Biddy; William ‘Old Bill’ Dotti; John ‘Jack’ Dotti; Lucy Flanders;	Dave Ballangarry; Robert Walker and Louise Linwood; John ‘Jack’ Long; Bridget ‘Biddy’ Briggs Needam; Mary Briggs and Fred Briggs; Susan, mother of Charles Jarrett Snr; Rose Taylor; Charles Layton; Mick McDougall; Clara Skinner; Sylvie Craig; Elizabeth ‘Kitty’	Campbell/Cameron (known as Elizabeth Blakeney); Emily Sutton; Fred Hookey; Nobby Neville; Mary Jane Ferguson; Billy Lardner Jnr; King Bobby of Oban; The parent of Charlie Whitton and Lucy Larrigo (nee Whitton); Walter Smith and Stella Jane Davis; Jane Gard/Maskey; and
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- (b) persons who have been adopted into the families of those persons (and the biological descendants of any such adopted persons); AND
- (c) persons who have been otherwise incorporated, or who are direct descendants of a person who has been otherwise incorporated, as a member of the Gumbaynggirr People and who identify as and are accepted as a Gumbaynggirr person, in accordance with Gumbaynggirr laws and customs.

Map of the Claim Area

The area proposed to be subject of the section 87 agreement and consent determination includes land and waters within the external boundary of the Gumbaynggirr People’s (Gumma and the Three Islands) native title determination application (Federal Court Proceedings NSD 1350/2016) as shown in the map below.

The lands and waters subject to the native title application are the lands and waters bolded in black and marked with black hatching in the map below, being Lots 554, 555, 556, 557, 558 and 559 in DP 1072228 located at Nambucca Heads on the mid north coast of NSW.



- The Agenda for the Meeting:
1. Welcome and acknowledgement of country;
 2. To provide an update on the proposed settlement for the native title application and the proposed section 87 agreement and consent determination;
 3. To confirm the decision-making process for the native title application;
 4. To consider and make decisions in relation to the authorisation of a new Applicant for the native title application on the basis that Uncle Barry Phylball, who was one of the persons jointly comprising the Applicant, has sadly passed away.
 5. To consider and make decisions in relation to the authorisation of the proposed access agreement for Lot 555 in in DP 1072228;
 6. To consider and make decisions in relation to the authorisation of the proposed section 87 agreement and consent determination recognising Gumbaynggirr People’s native title rights and interests;
 7. To consider and make decisions about nominating Wanggaan (Southern) Gumbaynggirr Nation Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC to act as the trustee for Gumbaynggirr People – to hold the Gumbaynggirr People’s native title rights and interests on trust; and
 8. Any other business as determined by Gumbaynggirr People.

Attending the Meeting

If you wish to attend the meeting, please contact NTSCORP Limited by no later than **Friday 11 October 2019** so that all relevant arrangements can be made.

Our details are: Freecall 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188
Post: P.O. Box 2105, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012
Fax: (02) 9310 4177
Email: CFC@ntscorp.com.au

Mileage assistance and accommodation may be available to persons attending this meeting in accordance with NTSCORP’s meeting assistance policies.

GUMBAYNGGIRR PEOPLE (BONEY-WITT #2)
NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP MEETING



Date: Sunday 20 October 2019
Time: 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Venue: Valla Beach Tourist Park
1 Regatta Drive, Valla Beach NSW 2448

NTSCORP Limited (‘NTSCORP’), the native title service provider for NSW, provides assistance and legal representation to the Gumbaynggirr People in relation to the Gumbaynggirr People (Boney-Witt #2) native title application (Federal Court proceedings NSD 1312/2018). NTSCORP is convening a meeting for all members of the Gumbaynggirr People native title claim group for the purposes of considering and making decisions about authorising a proposed section 87 agreement and consent determination in settlement of the Gumbaynggirr People’s native title determination application, in addition to making decisions about the nomination of the prescribed body corporate (‘PBC’).

Who should attend?

(a) The biological descendants of:

King Ben Bennelong; Maggie Buchanan and Davy Cowling; Biddy, the mother of Lavina Duncan (Bina Whaddy); Fanny Purrapine, the mother of Lily Kelly and Hilda Kelly Robinson; Darby Kelly; The father of Maggie Kelly’s mother Biddy; William ‘Old Bill’ Dotti; John ‘Jack’ Dotti; Lucy Flanders; Dave Ballangarry;	Robert Walker and Louise Linwood; John ‘Jack’ Long; Bridget ‘Biddy’ Briggs Needam; Mary Briggs and Fred Briggs; Susan, mother of Charles Jarrett Snr; Rose Taylor; Charles Layton; Mick McDougall; Clara Skinner; Sylvie Craig; Elizabeth ‘Kitty’	Campbell/Cameron (known as Elizabeth Blakeney); Emily Sutton; Fred Hookey; Nobby Neville; Mary Jane Ferguson; Billy Lardner Jnr; King Bobby of Oban; The parent of Charlie Whitton and Lucy Larrigo (nee Whitton); Walter Smith and Stella Jane Davis; Jane Gard/Maskey; and
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- (b) persons who have been adopted into the families of those persons (and the biological descendants of any such adopted persons); and
- (c) persons who have been otherwise incorporated, or who are direct descendants of a person who has been otherwise incorporated, as a member of the Gumbaynggirr People and who identify as and are accepted as a Gumbaynggirr person, in accordance with Gumbaynggirr laws and customs.

Map of the Claim Area

The area proposed to be subject of the section 87 agreement and consent determination includes the land and waters within the Gumbaynggirr People’s Native Title Determination Application (Federal Court Proceedings NSD 1312/2018), being the following 2 parcels of land and waters located at Hungry Head and Wenonah Head near Urunga on the mid north coast of NSW - Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 620967 (less that area subject to the saltwater inlet) and Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 1238642 (formerly Lot 4 in Deposited Plan 219743) - as shown in dark grey outline in the map below:



The Agenda for the Meeting:

1. Welcome and acknowledgement of country;
2. To provide an update on the proposed section 87 agreement and consent determination;
3. To confirm the decision-making process for the native title application;
4. To consider and make decisions in relation to the authorisation of the proposed section 87 agreement and consent determination recognising Gumbaynggirr People’s native title rights and interests;
5. To consider and make decisions about nominating Gumbaynggirr Wenonah Head Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC to act as the trustee for Gumbaynggirr People – to hold the Gumbaynggirr People’s native title rights and interests on trust; and
6. Any other business as determined by Gumbaynggirr People.

Attending the Meeting

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth, WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2650	BUXTON RESOURCES LTD	10BL	127km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 17° 7' S Long: 125° 6' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1732	HARRIS, Linnie	1BL	33km W'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 25' S Long: 121° 14' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1733	HARRIS, Linnie	1BL	35km W'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 25' S Long: 121° 13' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/525	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	7BL	44km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 120° 49' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/526	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	5BL	53km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 120° 47' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	27/588	ZEBINA MINERALS PTY LTD	17BL	54km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 121° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/611	WILDVIPER PTY LTD	4BL	64km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 121° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2884	CREST INVESTMENT GROUP 3 LIMITED	12BL	146km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 12' S Long: 122° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2927	MOUNT BRIGGS MINING PTY LTD	7BL	105km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 122° 32' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/1073	MGK RESOURCES PTY LTD	5BL	92km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 4' S Long: 120° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/1075	CYGNUS GOLD LIMITED	34BL	118km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 119° 53' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/1076	VENTURE Z PTY LTD	11BL	113km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 119° 53' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/515	FLEET STREET HOLDINGS PTY LTD	15BL	62km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 120° 24' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1112	KEAN, Steven Lionel	4BL	141km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 0' S Long: 122° 39' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1377	GLEN HUNTLY GOLD PTY LTD	13BL	16km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 121° 24' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3402	AUSTRALIAN POTASH LIMITED	4BL	23km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 24' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3403	AUSTRALIAN POTASH LIMITED	3BL	25km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 24' S Long: 122° 28' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3404	AUSTRALIAN POTASH LIMITED	2BL	21km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 122° 30' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3405	DUKETON MINING LTD	26BL	81km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 33' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3406	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	5BL	27km E'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 122° 39' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3413	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	1BL	41km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 122° 22' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2123	PLOWRIGHT, Garry William	1BL	45km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 56' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5477	LMTD RIVER PTY LTD	10BL	79km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 28' S Long: 120° 44' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5491	LMTD RIVER PTY LTD	4BL	44km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 35' S Long: 120° 22' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5492	LMTD RIVER PTY LTD	1BL	36km NW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 53' S Long: 119° 34' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5548	HAOMA MINING NL	30BL	10km of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 5' S Long: 119° 44' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1309	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	3BL	21km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 59' S Long: 120° 17' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1320	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	9BL	56km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 12' S Long: 119° 41' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1329	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	4BL	62km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 16' S Long: 119° 40' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1330	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	1BL	34km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 6' S Long: 119° 52' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1932	DEBNAL PTY LTD	35BL	18km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 30' S Long: 118° 21' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1989	ALLOY RESOURCES LIMITED	8BL	25km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 48' S Long: 120° 54' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1996	ALLOY RESOURCES LIMITED	5BL	34km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 53' S Long: 120° 56' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1095	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	18BL	57km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 32' S Long: 119° 35' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2376	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	6BL	69km E'ly of Morawa	Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 116° 42' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2377	DEBNAL PTY LTD	70BL	45km S'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 116° 39' E	PERENJORI SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2595	ANDREI VALERIEVICH ABROSSIMOV	1BL	126km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 119° 21' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2604	SYNDICATED METALS LIMITED	4BL	50km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 118° 56' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2605	SYNDICATED METALS LIMITED	8BL	61km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 118° 51' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2606	CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	52BL	125km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 118° 58' E	MENZIES SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2608	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	17BL	143km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 119° 38' E	MENZIES SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	77/2610	REED EXPLORATION PTY LTD	2BL	79km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 24' S Long: 119° 41' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5091	EASTMIN PTY LTD	6BL	128km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 19° 16' S Long: 127° 9' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5367	NORTHERN MINERALS LIMITED	1BL	145km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 49' S Long: 128° 53' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	80/5371	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	9BL	35km W'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 18' S Long: 127° 21' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6335	BROSNAN, Allan Neville	8.00HA	3km SE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 11' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6336	BROSNAN, Allan Neville	64.76HA	7km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 121° 9' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6338	BROSNAN, Allan Neville	9.45HA	6km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 121° 9' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6391-2	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	388.38HA	23km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 6' S Long: 121° 0' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6400	MOUNT MANNING RESOURCES PTY LTD	90.71HA	20km SW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 22' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6401	MOUNT MANNING RESOURCES PTY LTD	168.82HA	18km SW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 20' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6409	MACPHERSONS REWARD PTY LTD	177.06HA	9km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 121° 11' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6411-4	FAIRPLAY GOLD PTY LTD	774.76HA	25km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 120° 54' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6416	WHITE, Brett Jonathan	9.00HA	19km NW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 21' S Long: 121° 28' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3183	ASKHAM, Mark Andrew	200.08HA	27km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	16/3212-3	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	331.63HA	44km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 120° 51' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3215 & 16/3239	WATERLAND, Jason	25.05HA	28km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	24/5297	KUNDANA GOLD PTY LTD	88.70HA	64km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 120° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5341	RETZ, Jordan Ewen	198.10HA	62km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 120° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5343	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	79.49HA	67km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 120° 56' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5344	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	24.07HA	26km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 121° 16' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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Prospecting Licence	24/5346	FIRST AU LIMITED	116.70HA	23km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 121° 16' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5347	FIRST AU LIMITED	49.18HA	19km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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Prospecting Licence	25/2633	SOUTHERN GOLD LIMITED	53.04HA	29km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 45' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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Prospecting Licence	28/1347	MAZZA, Felicity Gaye	152.94HA	112km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 122° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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Prospecting Licence	37/9234-6	STOICI, Benjamin Ruben	375.80HA	3km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 121° 20' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9240-5	CREW, Ross Frederick	777.38HA	44km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 41' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9246-7	CREW, Ross Frederick	367.06HA	33km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9248	CREW, Ross Frederick	184.64HA	28km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9249	DUBBERLEY, Kateva Lillian Susan	29.92HA	32km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 121° 4' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9250	JANKOWSKI, Michael	180.52HA	54km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 121° 4' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9254	STEHN, Anthony Paterson	7.29HA	6km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 121° 22' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9255	SUMMERS EARTHMOVING ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	108.61HA	16km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 121° 26' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4481	BOUCKART, Priscilla	9.71HA	52km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 9' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4488	GOLD ROAD (NORTH YAMARNA) PTY LTD	118.58HA	107km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 55' S Long: 123° 58' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6121	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	24.41HA	41km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 122° 1' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1507	BLOCKCHAIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	35.24HA	30km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 8' S Long: 121° 26' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/3132	DEVLIN, Robert Gerard	9.82HA	49km NW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 43' S Long: 119° 40' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/3133-4	JUUNOVICH, Nathan Ivan	267.64HA	22km NE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 59' S Long: 119° 50' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1475	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	189.93HA	57km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 31' S Long: 119° 33' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1476	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	40.31HA	59km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 30' S Long: 119° 32' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2192-4	SHIRE OF YALGOO	598.77HA	12km S'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 26' S Long: 116° 42' E	YALGOO SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 25 September 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 25 December 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. 25 January 2020), 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

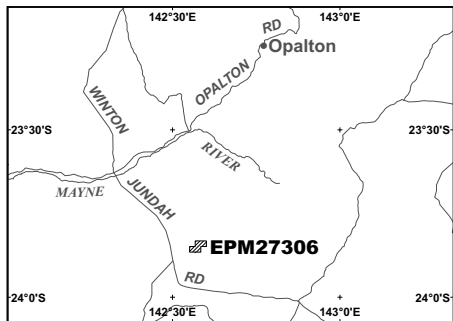
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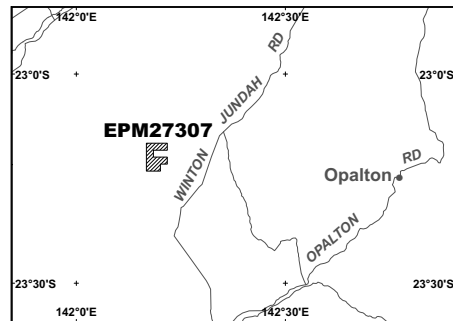
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of EPM27306, EPM27307, EPM27360 and EPM27361, renewal of MC95323 and grant of MC300251, MC300254, MC300255, MC300257, MC300258, MC300266, MC300267 and MC300270 and renewal of ML95585 and ML95587, shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

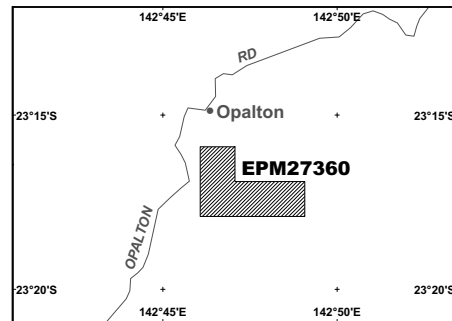
Exploration Permit 27306 sought by Mark Ian Ashwood, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 70 km South Southwest of Opalton, in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council.



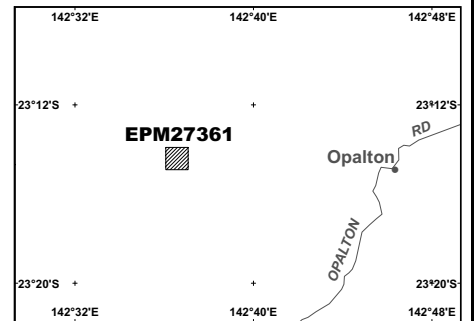
Exploration Permit 27307 sought by Gregory Clarke, over an area of 9 sub-blocks (28 km²), centred approximately 60 km West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



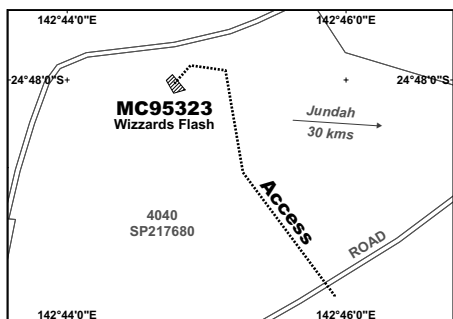
Exploration Permit 27360 sought by Kris Eric Hume, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 4 km South Southeast of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



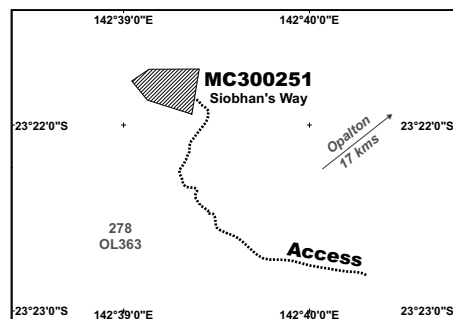
Exploration Permit 27361 sought by Chance Roderick Allman, over an area of 1 sub-blocks (3 km²), centred approximately 16 km West of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



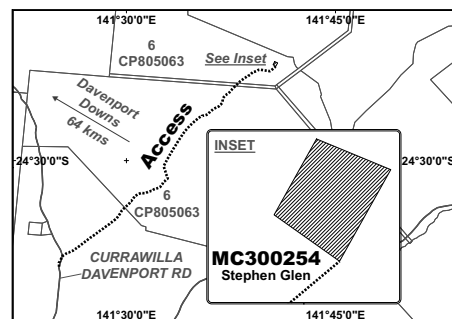
Mining Claim 95323 renewal sought by Shane William Buckley, over an area of 2.7114 ha, centred approximately 30 km West of Jundah, in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council.



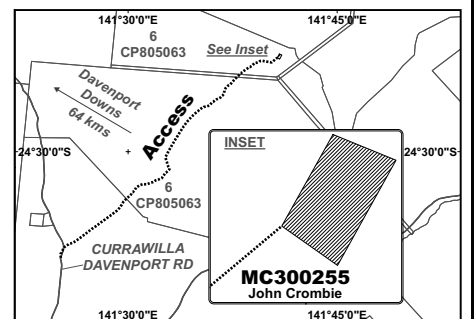
Mining Claim 300251 sought by WHS Investments QLD Pty Ltd, ACN 617 428 074, over an area of 19.06 ha, centred approximately 17 km Southwest of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



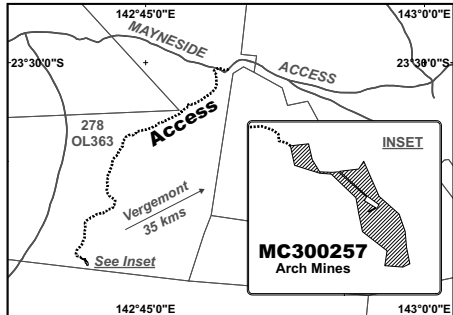
Mining Claim 300254 sought by Stephen John Glen, over an area of 19.7 ha, centred approximately 64 km Southeast of Davenport Downs, in the locality of the Diamantina Shire Council.



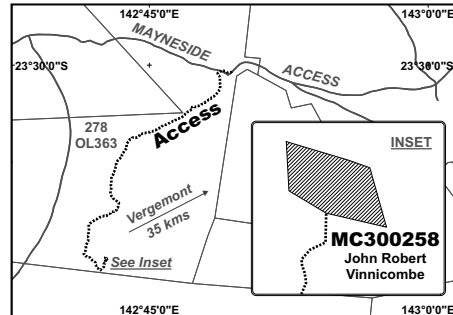
Mining Claim 300255 sought by John Spencer Crombie, over an area of 19.6 ha, centred approximately 64 km Southeast of Davenport Downs, in the locality of the Diamantina Shire Council.



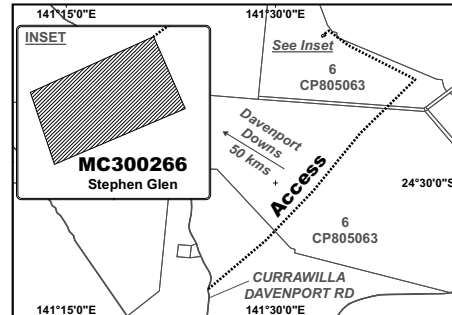
Mining Claim 300257 sought by Jennifer Elizabeth Vinnicombe (50%) and John Griffith Vinnicombe (50%), an area of 14.1 ha, centred approximately 35 km Southwest of Vergemont, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



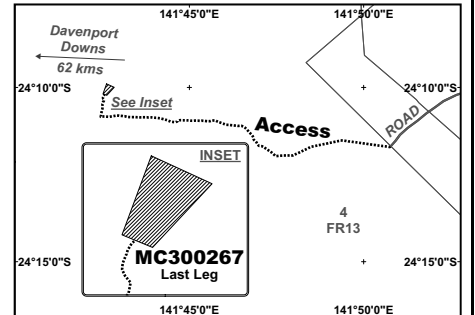
Mining Claim 300258 sought by John Robert Vinnicombe, an area of 5.117 ha, centred approximately 35 km Southwest of Vergemont, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



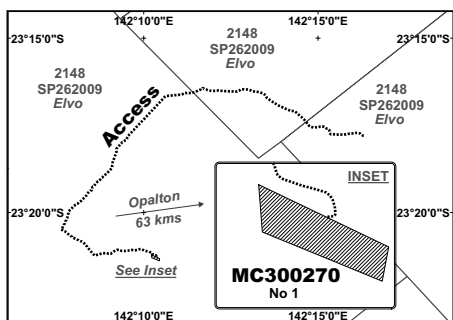
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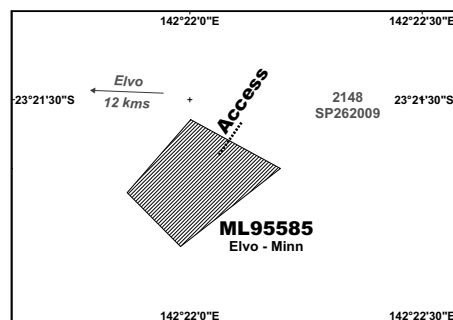
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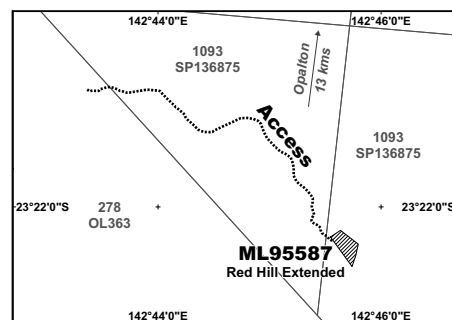
Mining Claim 300270 sought by Michael Wade Washington, an area of 5.2470 ha, centred approximately 63 km West Southwest of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



Mining Lease 95585 renewal sought by GOTAP Pty Ltd, ACN 103 696 537, an area of 13.9889 ha, centred approximately 12 km East of Elvo, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



Mining Lease 95587 renewal sought by Kris Eric Hume, an area of 11.9295 ha, centred approximately 13 km South of Opalton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of Exploration Permits 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. The renewal or grant of Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years. The renewal of Mining Leases under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Exploration Permit, Mining Claims and Mining Leases be renewed or granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant or renewal of Mining Claims and Mining Leases, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim and Mining Lease Applications may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Senior Mining Registrar, Winton Mines Office - Small Scale Mining, Cnr Vindex and Oondooroo Streets, Winton, or PO Box 230, Winton, Queensland 4735, Telephone: (07) 4537 1357 or Email: mines.winton@dnrme.qld.gov.au

Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permit Application may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Principal Mining Registrar, Mineral Assessment Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland 4810, Telephone: (07) 4447 9230 or Email: MineralHub@dnrme.qld.gov.au

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant or renewal of Exploration Permits, Mining Claims or 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, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501 or Email: enquiries@nntt.gov.au

Notification Day: 16 October 2019



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WATER NSW

MIDDLE HASTINGS RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application to amend a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **WUTHERING HEIGHTS SUPER PTY LTD** for change of pump size - pump 1 – 25mm to 50mm and pump 2 – 80mm to 150mm on the Hastings River Lot 9 DP754408, Parish of Cowangara, County of Macquarie. (Ref: A019199).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 1400 Grafton NSW 2460 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice.

The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Amanda Fuller, Manager Water Regulation North.

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WATERSNSW

LOWER MACQUARIE ZONE 6 GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a NEW WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **Edward John McPhee & Michelle Joy McPhee** for one existing 9 litres per second groundwater bore located on Lot 171 DP 868885, Parish of Wentworth, County of Narromine. (Ref: A019251).

Objections to granting the above approvals must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018, DUBBO NSW 2830 or customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice.

The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 1300662077, or email the above.

Amanda Fuller, Manager Water Regulation (North).

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WATERSNSW

LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL & USE APPROVAL has been received from **STUART HEFFER** to amend an existing 140mm stock and domestic bore on Lot 77 DP 751707 (Cooper/Hebden) to irrigation purposes on Lots 76, 77 & 142 DP 751707 (Cooper/Hebden) and Lot 166 DP 751732 (Cooper/Hebden).

Objections to 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. (A019156)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Tracie Scarfone, Manager Water Regulation South.

KT0271

WATERSNSW

CUDGEGONG ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **MALCOLM JAMES & HELEN SWORDS** to add one existing Well (9 litres per second) located on Lot 2 DP 179723, Parish of Bumberra, County of Phillip (Ref: A019400).

Objections to the granting of the above approvals must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018, DUBBO NSW 2830 or customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice.

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Amanda Fuller, A/Manager Water Regulation (North).

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth, WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	15/1874	FOCUS MINERALS LTD	107.59HA	18km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	24/978	PADDINGTON GOLD PTY LIMITED	520.52HA	53km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 121° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	31/489	ROCK MINING AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	469.53HA	123km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 122° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	31/490	ROCK MINING AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	420.66HA	129km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 47' S Long: 122° 22' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	70/1394	WESTDEEN HOLDINGS PTY LTD	74.74HA	3km N'ly of Green Head	Lat: 30° 2' S Long: 114° 57' E	COOROW SHIRE
Mining Lease	80/643	PATHFINDER EXPLORATION PTY LTD	57.41HA	51km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 46' S Long: 127° 37' E	HALLS CREEK 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: 25 September 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 **25 December 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. 25 January 2020**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth, WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the state of New South Wales

Notification day: 9 October 2019

This application is a 'non-claimant' application, an application made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 8 January 2020. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before **8 January 2020**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17 Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 8 January 2020**. After **8 January 2020**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council

Federal Court File No: NSD1223/2019

Non-native title interest: Freehold title in certificate of title folio 2/1237419

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist

Description: The application area covers approx. 20,700 sq m, being Lot 2 in DP1237419 located approx. 2.4 km north west of Griffith CBD, adjacent to the Temora Hillston Railway corridor and otherwise bounded by Noorla Street and Dickson Road

Relevant LGA: Griffith City Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Suzanne Lukosius on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.



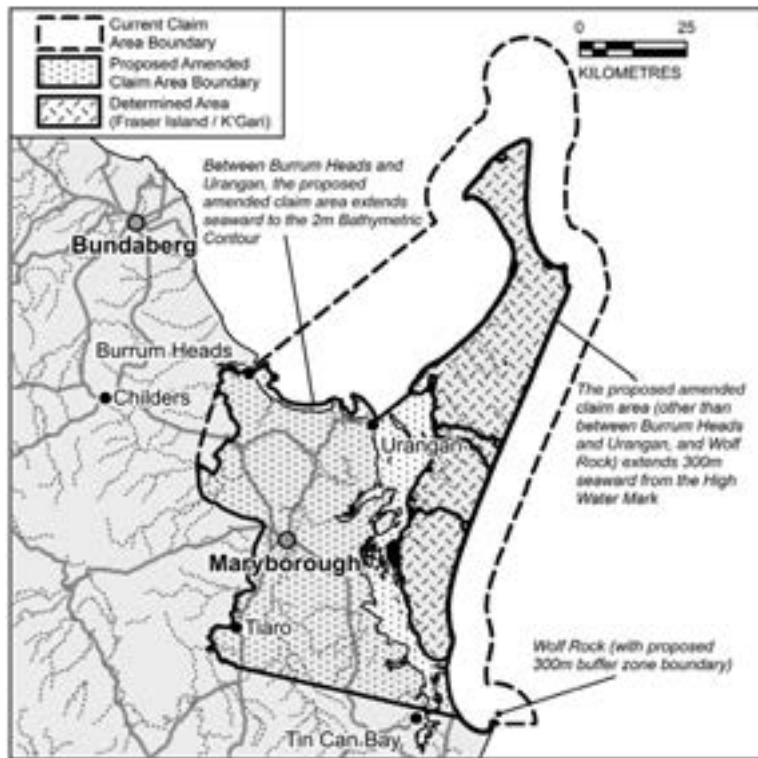
PUBLIC NOTICE

BUTCHULLA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The **Butchulla People** have made an application to the Federal Court of Australia, QUD460/2018 Butchulla People Land & Sea Claim #2 (formerly QUD288/2009), seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* (**NTA**) (**Butchulla Claimant Application**). The Butchulla Claimant Application covers all claimable land and waters north of Tin Can Bay and Mount Bauple and north to east of the mouth of the Burrum River, and includes Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Great Sandy Strait, and waters around Fraser Island to Double Island Point (as depicted in **Map 1**).

The **Butchulla People** are described as the biological descendants of the following people:

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| i. | Father/Mother of Gracie and Maudie Daramboi; | ix. | Willy Wondunna; |
| ii. | Mother of Jessie Aldridge's mother and Lappy; | x. | Jack Morris; |
| iii. | Mother of Charles Richards; | xi. | Mary Ann (mother of Susan Rooney); |
| iv. | Garry Owens; | xii. | Roger Bennett; |
| v. | Annie Morris / Anna Gala nee Morris; | xiii. | Percy Coulson; |
| vi. | Granny Polcus / Jenny Brown; | xiv. | Mother of John and Rosie Broome; |
| vii. | Willy Brown / Mamboo / Nambou; | xv. | Mother of Clara, Henry, Percy and Lucy Wheeler. |
| viii. | George Gundy; | | (the native title claim group) |



Map 1 (indicative only)

AUTHORISATION MEETING - TO AUTHORISE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BUTCHULLA CLAIMANT APPLICATION & PROPOSED SECTION 87 AGREEMENT (INCLUDING CONSENT DETERMINATION ORDERS)

This **Public Notice** invites all members of the **Butchulla People** (as described above) to attend an Authorisation Meeting at the time and location below:

Date: Saturday, 12 October 2019

Venue: Mantra Hervey Bay Resort, Buccaneer Drive, Urangan, Hervey Bay

Time: Meeting commences at 10:00 am (Registration for Authorisation Meeting opens at 8:30 am)

The **purposes of the Authorisation Meeting** are for the Butchulla People to:

- consider and authorise the Applicant to make amendments to the current Butchulla Claimant Application, including by way of reductions to the area of land or waters within the external boundary of the application, so as to ensure that the application is consistent with agreed positions on tenure and extinguishment and can be in proper, final form before the Court in readiness for the proposed consent determination hearing of the matter; and
- consider and authorise the Applicant to consent to the section 87 agreement and consent determination orders proposed for filing in the proceedings.

INFORMATION SESSION

In order to fully inform the Butchulla People about matters to be discussed and decided at the Authorisation Meeting notified above, all Butchulla People are invited to attend an Information Session to be held at the time and location below:

Information Session

Date: Friday, 11 October 2019

Venue: Mantra Hervey Bay Resort, Buccaneer Drive, Urangan, Hervey Bay

Time: 10.00 am to 3:00 pm

REGISTERING FOR THE AUTHORISATION MEETING & INFORMATION SESSION

All members of the Butchulla People are invited to contact QSNTS Community Relations Officer, Richard Sporne, on **free call 1800 663 693**, or **(07) 4921 1090 (charged call)**, to register their intention to attend the Authorisation Meeting, and/or Information Session above.

QSNTS regrets that it is unable to assist with accommodation costs or transport to/from the Authorisation Meeting and Information Session, however there may be exceptions under QSNTS's Travel Policy. Please contact the QSNTS Community Relations Officer, Richard Sporne, on **free call 1800 663 693**, or **(07) 4921 1090 (charged call)** for further information.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to attendees at the Authorisation Meeting and Information Session.



Warriors draw first blood at Kowanyama

By ALF WILSON



A HEART-stopping cliffhanger was how fans described Kowanyama Warriors' 10-8 rugby

league grand final win over Lower Gulf at May Smiler Memorial Oval in Kowanyama recently.

The final was part of weekend-long sports carnival at the small community on the western side of Cape York in far

north Queensland. Organisers estimate that around 1000 people from several communities were at the event.

The Kowanyama Warriors Memorial Team was formed to honour the late Damien Smiler.

Warriors captain Maxwell Luke paid tribute to his opponents.

"I'd like to thank Lower Gulf for a tough game. You boys played well going into extra time," he said.

"I'd like to thank Pormpuraaw and the other teams for coming

in, and the softball teams as well. That's made it the best.

"It's been a long time coming. Thank you, boys."

The Warriors were joined by Pormpuraaw Crocs, Kowanyama Kin-kopl and Kowanyama Minh-kular Wallabies.

Warriors centre Tyson Smiler, lock Michael Gibbo, five-eighth and captain Maxwell Luke and utility Joshua Malachi were among the best players in the final.

The winning team was coached by Lawrence Hudson.

Lower Gulf were served best by centre Tibau Stephens, halfback Isaac Toby and second-rower Desmond Armstrong.

Local footballers from the region were joined by other players from Townsville and Cairns.

With the success of this event, Kowanyama community is keen to host at least one major sporting carnival a year.

The oval was named after May Smiler, a highly respected Kowanyama Elder who passed away recently.



The action-packed rugby league tournament at Kowanyama was tough, but Kowanyama Warriors (above), led by coach Lawrence Hudson, won through to the final where they defeated Lower Gulf 10-8. *Pictures: Christine Howes*





Above: the Kurtiijar Mixed Relations women's softball team were runners-up in the final. Left and right: Action from the softball carnival which saw several community teams compete. Pictures: Christine Howes

Majapturr the best in the Cape



Majapturr women's softball team, winners at the Kowanyama sports carnival in far north Queensland.

By CHRISTINE HOWES



KOWANYAMA'S first sports carnival in several years featured the community's first

softball competition in 10 years.

And local team Majapturr gave cause for more celebration when they won the final over the Gulf and Normanton's Kurtiijar Mixed Relations in a hard-fought contest.

Organiser Tania Major said interest in the game was well and truly re-awakened.

"This weekend's competition was in dedication to our softball team players and captains who are no longer with us: Corrine Daniel, Elizabeth Donald, Yvette Frank and Alma Martin," she said.

Old-school

"They were the old-school legendary players who really brought a standard of what was expected in playing the game.

"We saw there were some really good strategists out there on the weekend, and throwers, and I was very impressed. What we've seen this weekend is camaraderie and team spirit."

She said it was exciting to see her own former team win the title.

"I'm very proud of the leadership the local team bought into this," she said.

"Not only leadership, but the standard in games and what we can now expect for next year.

"We had good support from the men too. This has really unified this carnival.

"This weekend was about unity and friendship, seeing everyone all together working as a team and supporting each other. That's what we were all about."

Carnival return a boost for community

By CHRISTINE HOWES



A STRONG sporting tradition of rugby league and softball has been revisited and revived in the Cape York/Gulf of Carpentaria community of Kowanyama to celebrate the life of their longest-living Elder, May Smiler.

She recently passed at the age of 105.

The May Smiler Memorial Oval was officially opened with an action-packed carnival that saw nine teams across both sports.

Mayor of Kowanyama Michael Yam said it had been a great weekend.

"The new field is a great memorial to our oldest Elder," he said.

"What a great weekend. "It's been a long time coming to have football and softball back in the community as a carnival and, you know, just bringing back the spirit of these sports.

"It's been a reminder to us about our younger days when we were running around.

"It's been good to see those younger ones running around, and especially our sons, following in

the footsteps of their fathers."

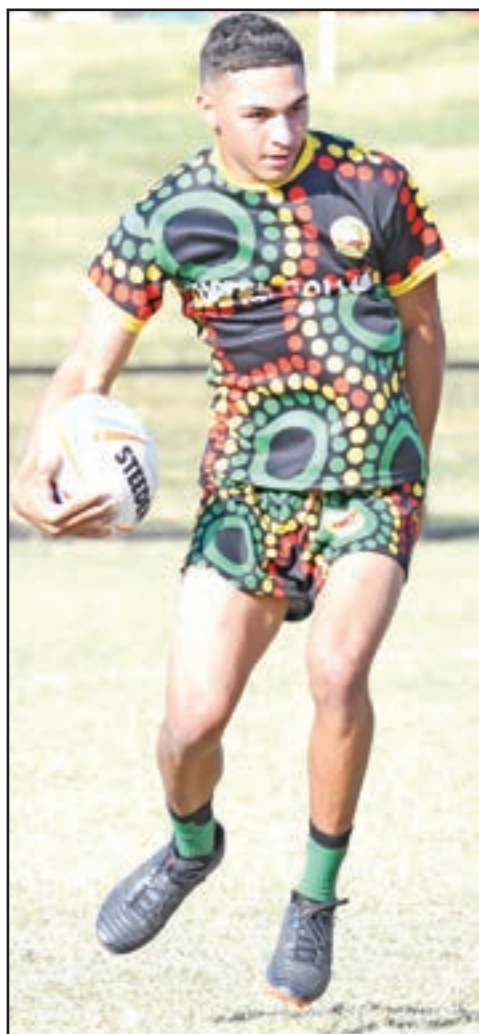
He said player of the carnival, Tyson Smiler, who played for the winning Kowanyama Warriors side, wore his father Damien Smiler's name and image on his jersey.

"He's done his father proud, young Tyson," Cr Yam said.

"Overall, it's been a great weekend and we'd like to thank all our sponsors and all of those who travelled to support us."



lismore knockout



Dhungutti win at Lismore KO



DHUNGUTTI Bundjalung (black, red and yellow) and Cubawee Connections played out a thrilling final at the Lismore Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival, which the Dhungutti team won, 30-24. **Pictures: Darren Moncrieff**



The Gold Coast Titans Leagueability team (dark blue) played an exhibition match with Knockout players in Northern United colours forming an opposition side. Pictures: Darren Moncrieff



The Tabulam Turtle Divers men's team.



The Lismore (black and white) and Coraki women's teams.



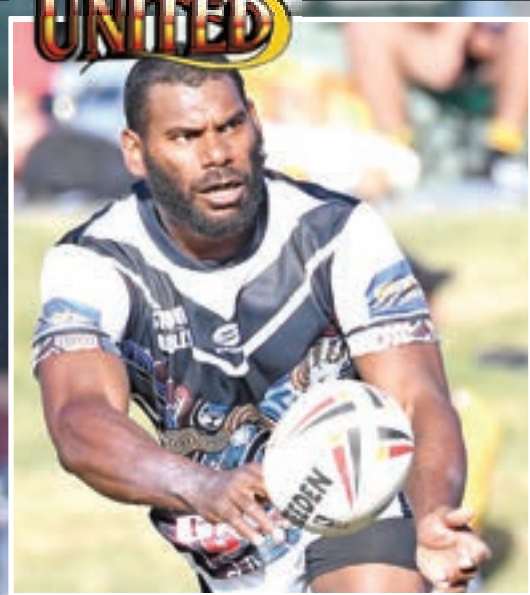
The under-17s Yamboora Roos (yellow and green) and Cabbage Tree Island sides played a high-class exhibition match at the Knockout.



The Cabbage Tree Island women's team.



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Pictures: Darren Moncrieff



Pictures: Darren Moncrieff



The top four a level apart from the rest

IT'S all happening in the world of rugby league at the moment.

September is always my favourite time of the year as it's finals time in the NRL, the NRLW is in full swing and, of course, for all us mob it's Knockout time!

The finals have seen a big gap between the top sides and the rest.

The Sydney Roosters, Melbourne Storm and Canberra have shown that they are a few paces ahead of the competition with their on-field performances lately.

My prediction is that South Sydney will come good, that they will have a massive two weeks, beat the Raiders in the prelim final and then beat the Roosters in the grand final. Fingers crossed!

The second NRLW season has been sensational.

I'm so proud of our girls who are playing.

A few standouts for me so far have been Shakiah Tungai from the Dragons, Amber Pilley from Brisbane and Tallisha Harden, now with the Roosters after crossing from the Broncos.

'Shak' is the most dangerous player in the competition at the moment and is one of the most exciting to watch.

Amber is back to her best at the Broncos and is the dominant centre in the game right now.

Tallisha has been the best player in a disappointing Roosters team. She is looking strong and dangerous with limited opportunities.



Dean Widders



Shakiah Tungai

Knockout yarns

My favourite thing in rugby league is the Knockout, and all the yarns about all the teams.

There are so many players out there chasing money or glory to just play. There are even some guys out there who have told five or six teams they are playing with them. It's crazy!

One thing that I will say that wins Knockouts is loyalty and passion.

Most of the winning Knockout teams are led by people with strong loyalties to their clubs and the club's histories and what they represent in the community.

Communities that chop and change teams every year – they lose that advantage.

The build-up has been huge for this Knockout.

A lot of teams playing there will be stacked, but what it will all come down to is two things: the draw and the performance on the day.

Right now, I'll say good luck everyone, and up Narwan.

**Dean Widders is a proud Anaiwan man. He played 159 NRL games for Sydney Roosters, South Sydney and Parramatta and 60 Super League games for Castleford. He is the NRL Indigenous Pathways manager.*



Lockhart River celebrate their 2019 Cape Peninsula Rugby League title after defeating Napranum at Weipa. Pictures: Alf Wilson

Kings of Cape York

Lockhart River Scorpions defend Peninsula crown

By ALF WILSON



LOCKHART River have been crowned kings of Cape York after defending their regional title at Weipa.

The Scorpions held off Napranum in an entertaining grand final of the 2019 Cape Peninsula Rugby League competition, 32-22. Led by coach Wayne Butcher, Lockhart River kept their heads, and an early lead, in front of a large crowd to defeat the Bulldogs by 10 points at Andoom Oval.

The Scorpions' Isaac Rokeby was named best player in the grand final with teammates Martin Pascoe and Gennis Gibley named as the game's best backs and forwards, respectively.

Pascoe and Gibley were among the tryscorers with two each, with Smithy Bally and Brandon Piva scoring one

each, while Rokeby capped off their good work by converting each.

Napranum were well served by tryscorers Alfred Bond, Hassim Adidi, Cameron Jawai, Eli Tabuai and Shaq Adidi-Nixon, while Kareem Tabuai kicked one goal.

The Bulldogs could hold their heads high despite missing out in the decider

Bulldogs brave

The men from Napranum led the points table after the qualifying rounds with 17 points, ahead of the Scorpions (16), Gulf Storm (12), Weipa (11) and Aurukun (2).

And Bulldog Kareem Tabuai led the competition scoreboard with 54 points, followed by Rokeby (48), Weipa Raiders' Wuralumbe Pablo (44) and Gibley (32).

Napranum's Dale Ahwang's 12 tries was the highest across the competition and he was followed by Gibley (8) and Aurukun's Alfred Bond, the



Star Scorpion Martin Pascoe celebrates with teammates and happy fans after the win.

Raiders' William Bond and Rokeby with five each.

Tabuai's 19 goals was the competition's highest, ahead of Pablo (16) and Rokeby (14).

In the final that got them there, Napranum 30 (Dale Ahwang 3, Hassim Adidi, Shaq Adidi-Nixon, Jason Nixon 1 tries. Kareem Tabuai 3 goals)

defeated Weipa 28 (Leeroy Ahmat 2, William Bond, Andrew Sampson, Jack Backo 1 tries, Lumbee Pablo 4 goals), while Lockhart River 16 (Steven Bally, Gennis Gibley, Brandon Piva 1 tries, Isaac Rokeby 2 goals) defeated Gulf Storm 12 (Maurice Burke 2 tries, Lyell Bowie 2 goals).

Templeman, Fogarty square off in Qld Cup final

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



JAMAL Fogarty and Pat Templeman are likely to give a lesson in goalkicking when they meet at opposite ends in next weekend's Queensland Cup grand final.

Fogarty's Burleigh Bears gave Sunshine Coast a football lesson when they defeated this year's minor premiers 24-6 in their preliminary final on the Gold Coast on Sunday.

Earlier, Templeman's Wynnum-Manly Seagulls brushed aside Townsville 26-14 in their preliminary final in Townsville to qualify for the season decider this weekend. Fogarty and Templeman



Jamal Fogarty

are two of several Indigenous stars across the 14 teams in the statewide competition this year.

Bears sharp-shooter Fogarty didn't miss a thing in converting his side's tries and



Pat Templeman

a penalty goal in their domination of the Falcons.

Templeman converted three tries and scored one himself in the Seagulls' win over the Blackhawks.

Wynnum-Manly put on

three tries before the home side could get on the board, which they did only after half-time.

Blackhawks star Shaun Nona willed his side back into the contest, converting Townsville's two tries and a penalty goal.

But the visitors were too classy and put to rest any chance of a late comeback with a try two minutes from full-time.

Burleigh kept the highly fancied Falcons scoreless in the first half, 14-0, and didn't give them a look in until late in the game when they crossed over for their one and only try.

The 2019 Queensland Cup grand final will be played at Redcliffe, north of Brisbane, on Sunday.

Future looks bright in women's football

By CHRIS PIKE



AFLW players and potential draftees showed their skills during the first WAFLW season across the five teams and a growing talent base of Indigenous female footballers.

The new Western Australian women's competition saw five teams emerge from the original WAWFL, which are Claremont, East Fremantle, Peel Thunder, Subiaco and Swan Districts, which are aligned with their established WAFL (men's) clubs.

Live TV coverage

And more than 3000 fans and many more thousands on Channel 7's live statewide broadcast watched on as Swan Districts and East Fremantle played out the first WAFLW grand final, won by the Sharks 8.3 (51) to 4.4 (28), at Lathlain Park.

Despite her AFLW experience with Fremantle, and solid season, Swan Districts' Gemma Houghton had a hard day out as a forward in the decider.

Houghton kicked 15 goals for Swans throughout the season but was kept scoreless by the Sharks defence.

Teammates Imhara Cameron and Emily McGuire



Swans' Imhara Cameron (left) lays a strong tackle on Easts' Phillipa Seth in the first WAFLW grand final at Lathlain Park in Perth. Inset: Gemma Houghton

worked hard for Swans in attack and defence.

There was more grand final heartbreak earlier when twins Shakeeda and Shakira Pickett's South Fremantle lost

to Peel Thunder in the Youth Girls grand final, 6.8 (44) to 5.1 (31).

Souths had finished the regular season as minor premiers so the grand final

loss stung even more.

The Pickett twins showed what they are capable of throughout the season after kicking 23 goals between them for the Bulldogs.



The AFL Premiership cup. Picture: Getty

The big game that brings out the best

As grand final fever ramps up in the AFL, I wanted to have a look at some of the great performances by Indigenous players in premiership teams of the modern era.

I will have to start with Andrew McLeod. 'Bunji' ('brother') was pivotal in Adelaide's back-to-back premierships in 1997 and 1998. Bunji was simply beautiful to watch in both those games and the panel of voters for the Norm Smith Medal thought so too. He became the first player to win back-to-back medals as best-on-ground.

Byron Pickett was another big-game player. 'Choppy' – I'm loving these nicknames – played in two premierships, for North Melbourne in 1996 and in Port Adelaide's first premiership in 2004, where he kicked three goals and was incredible. Who could forget his run-bounce-and-carry down the MCG that day and he was a deserved winner of that Norm Smith Medal.

Gavin Wanganeen was a teammate of Choppy's in that 2004 premiership side and was a rebounding defender in Essendon's 1993 premiership side, the same year he won the Brownlow Medal, the first Aboriginal player to do so.

Longy's greatest game

In that '93 Bombers side, too, was none other than the great Michael Long, who I vividly remember playing one of the greatest games he had ever played. And what about that goal after several bounces and weaving around opposition players! That Norm Smith Medal was always going to be his. Longy was also part of the 2000 Essendon premiership side.

Peter Matera – 'Roo' – schooled everyone on how to play on the wing during his career and in West Coast's 1992 and 1994 premiership teams. Who could forget Sandy Roberts' iconic call: "And Matera... sets sail for home!" after one of his long-range goals in the '92 decider, in which he won the Norm Smith Medal.

Brisbane's Darryl White and Chris Johnson formed part of the best backlines you will ever see and they were key to the Lions' premiership sides of 2001, 2002 and 2003.

One of the greatest footballers of all time, Adam Goodes, played in two premierships for Sydney, in 2005 and 2012. He was almost on one leg in the 2012 game but kicked a crucial goal in the final quarter.

And I can't end this without mentioning Shaun Burgoyne, Cyril Rioli and Bradley Hill, multiple premiership players (2004, 2008, 2013, 2014, 2015) and for 'Junior Boy' (Cyril) the 2015 Norm Smith Medal.

The AFL has been truly blessed with Indigenous footballers as some of the greatest players in the game. Let's hope this weekend's grand final delivers more of the same.

Shelley Ware is a proud Yankunytjatjara and Wirangu woman from Adelaide. She appears on NITV's Marngrook Footy Show and AFL.com.au's Colour Of Your Jumper.



Shelley Ware

Lachlan draws praise in Eagles' back-to-back premiership win

By PETER ARGENT



KEY-position defender Lachlan Jones played a crucial role in his side's premiership victory.

The Woodville-West Torrens fullback shut down his South Adelaide opponent as the Eagles claimed the 2019 SANFL under-18s flag, defeating the Panthers by 23 points, 12.11 (83) to 9.6 (60), in a high-class grand final at Adelaide Oval.

The win was the junior Eagles' second premiership in a row and fourth this decade.

Lachlan was one of three Aboriginal players in the Eagles side, joined by Jase Burgoyne and Deakan Jackson.

A happy Eagles

coach Shane Reardon sung the youngster's praises.

"Lachlan was simply outstanding in the last line of defence for us," he said.

"He was integral to our victory. He still has another season at this level next year.

"During the latter part of our season, he had 31 possessions in three successive games, displaying his versatility, playing both through the middle and in defence."

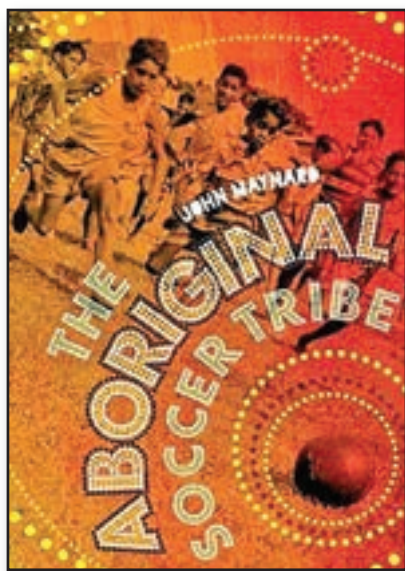
Reardon was also happy with Jase and Deakan.

"For a 16-year-old Jase was impressive on his wing, especially with strong skill execution on both sides of his body," he said.

"And Deakan worked hard both offensively and defensively and kicked a goal during the second term."



Woodville-West Torrens SANFL under-18 premiership players Deakan Jackson (left), Lachlan Jones and Jase Burgoyne. Picture: Peter Argent



The updated second edition of *The Aboriginal Soccer Tribe* by John Maynard.

Updated book uncovers hidden gems



A SECOND edition of Professor John Maynard's *The Aboriginal Soccer Tribe* reveals new players, new stories

and more events since the first edition was published more than eight years ago.

Maynard says he felt it was time to expand and update the book with what he's since uncovered of the relationship between First Australians and football.

Among the many stories Maynard relates was a proposal to send six or seven Aboriginal players on a playing tour of England in the 1880s. The tour didn't go ahead but Maynard wonders about the impact this would have had on the development of the sport over subsequent decades.

Maynard has also included a new chapter on Indigenous women who have played for the Matildas.

Maynard, chair of Macarthur FC's Indigenous Football Academy, also sets out what he would like to see football authorities do to get more young Indigenous players into the game.

Nes'eya Lynx with Perth in the WNBL

By CHRIS PIKE



SHE is one of the most exciting young basketballers in the country and now Nes'eya Williams will get to

show her talents in the WNBL this upcoming season.

Teenager Nes'eya has signed up to play with Perth Lynx, a team expected to be a championship contender in 2019/20.

She was part of the Lynx pathway academy for two years, training with the club in 2017 and as a development player in 2018.

The Lynx have now completed their roster ahead of the October 13 season start.

Australian Opals star and Perth teammate Lauren Mansfield, who has played with Nes'eya in the SBL with Perth Redbacks, predicted big things for the youngster.

"Gifted"

"I love working and playing with Nes'eya," Mansfield said.

"She's obviously very gifted and has massive natural ability, and she makes everything look really easy, which I'm quite jealous of."

"She's got the right attitude so I think that's really going to help her hopefully go places."

Nes'eya's elevation to the Lynx squad proper sees the side now with two Indigenous players Maddie Allen, the 2019 SBL Grand Final MVP, returning to the WNBL.

Nes'eya was part of the AIB All-Stars team that won gold at the 2019 Indigenous basketball tournament in New



Nes'eya Williams has signed up with Perth Lynx in the WNBL. Picture: Perth Lynx

Zealand in March.

And she took part in the Australian Boomer-v-USA curtain-raiser game against

Hawaii last month.

In between, Nes'eya produced another strong season with the Redbacks

where she delivered career-best numbers: 13.6 points, 7.1 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game.

Peris, Williams to face Russia for Games spot after shock loss



BROOKE Peris, Mariah Williams and the Hockeyroos will have to draw on all their experience to qualify for next year's Olympics following a shock result in Rockhampton.

New Zealand caused a trans-Tasman boomer when the Black Sticks women won the Oceania Cup series against the Hockeyroos with a superior goal difference (6-5) to automatically qualify for the 2020 Tokyo Games.

The New Zealanders won the Olympic qualifier best-of-three series on aggregate.

The Kiwi women got a headstart when they won game one 3-1 but the Aussies fought back to win game two 3-2, which necessitated a tiebreak

game three which was a 1-1 draw but New Zealand were awarded the series on goal difference.

The Hockeyroos now face Russia, ranked 19 in the world, in a do-or-die two-game series in Perth on October 25 and 26.

Goalscorers

Indigenous women Peris and Williams were among the goalscorers for the Aussies in Rockhampton.

Williams' clever deflection into goal in the second minute in game three gave the Hockeyroos the lead, but that was pegged back when the Black Sticks equalised in the final quarter, and Peris' 43rd minute strike saw the Aussies take the lead in game two.

Peris and Williams played in all three matches in



Mariah Williams Picture: Hockey Australia

Rockhampton. Peris currently has 165 Australian caps and has scored 26 goals while Williams has 79 caps with 13 goals.

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Australian Aboriginal cricket team fast bowler Nick Boland sends down a thunderbolt in the match against Vanuatu on the Sunshine Coast. Picture: Cricket Australia

Two-way contract for McD-White

By CHRIS PIKE



THE NBA dream for William McDowell-White is another step closer after the young point-guard signed a two-way contract with the Houston Rockets.

A two-way contract is where an athlete's salary is dependent upon the league in which the athlete is assigned to play.

These contracts are offered to undrafted players whom a team would like to keep 'on retainer' without having to sign to a full-time contract.

Each NBA team can have up to two two-way contract players per season, and are considered to be the 16th and 17th men on a roster.

This means that McDowell-White, 21, is signed to Rockets in the NBA and their D-League affiliate club, the Rio Grande Valley Vipers.

McDowell-White will start the season with the Vipers but if there are injuries to any Rockets guards, he can automatically be brought into the Houston's NBA squad.

This American summer, McDowell-White impressed with the Houston Rockets during Summer League and his two-way contract is a just reward for his hard work.



William McDowell-White

Aboriginal team in camp on Sunny Coast



INDIGENOUS cricketers have had a sporting and cultural boost during the past week at a camp on the Sunshine Coast.

The Australian Aboriginal men's cricket squad spent seven days in camp engaging in cricket development and cultural connection.

The camp was the first since an Aboriginal cricket men's and women's squad toured and played in England in 2018 for the 150-year anniversary of the Aboriginal team that toured there in 1868, the first team

from Australia to do so.

The team on the Sunshine Coast last week played in four matches, one against a visiting side from Vanuatu and one each against NSW, Queensland and South Australia.

A tour by traditional owners on Gubbi Gubbi country showed the squad culturally significant sites, practices and the importance of culture.

It was from the 2018 tour to England and its educational component that players formed bonds with descendants of the original team.

"For some players their Aboriginal culture has been a

part of their life since birth and influenced who they are today, (but) for others they are new on this journey and cricket provides the unique opportunity to help them connect to their identity and culture through a connection to other players and some of the opportunities camps like this provide," a spokesman from Cricket Australia said.

The camp has evolved to become an opportunity for the best Indigenous cricket talent to test themselves against state opposition.

In previous years, Indigenous teams have defeated state

sides with the likes of Twenty20 star D'Arcy Short and others getting noticed in these matches.

National Indigenous Cricket Team (men)

Darcy Short (vice-captain), Dan Christian (captain, if attending), Scott Boland (Vic.), Nick Boland (Vic.), Brendan Doggett (Qld.), Sam Doggett (Qld.), Damon Egan (Vic.), Brock Larance (NSW), Tyran Liddiard (NSW), Brendan Smith (NSW), Jonte Pattinson (Qld.), Ben Patterson (NSW), Djali Bloomfield (ACT), Zac Chapman (SA), Callan Morse (Tas.)

New soccer academy sets up in Adelaide



ABORIGINAL high school students involved in a South Australian Government learning program will get a kick out of being involved in the state's first Indigenous soccer academy.

Students involved in the SA Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy (SAASTA) can participate in the soccer program as part of their SACE.

The State Government has committed \$100,000 over two years to establish the Aboriginal soccer academy.

The academy will run once a week when the school term

commences in February 2020.

SAASTA's sports academies coordinator Nick Drury said the day will be evenly split between soccer and engaging in a curriculum-run program.

"We look at their health and wellbeing as well as literacy and numeracy and post-school pathways," Mr Drury said.

"With the influx of new students, we're looking to include a life skills component; looking at food and nutrition and financial literacy."

Tesha Wanganeen is involved in SAASTA's AFL program and will participate in the soccer academy.

The 16-year-old said playing



Travis Dodd

soccer helps build her self-confidence.

"I can't wait to start and I hope I can get more of my friends to be a part of it too," she said.

Former Adelaide United Football Club captain Travis Dodd is the ambassador for the academy.

"Being an Indigenous footballer for 16 years, I've not seen a lot of Indigenous players coming through," he said.

"I speak from experience because I left school when I was 16 to pursue a career in football and came out without an education. I understand now how important it is to have a dual focus on sport and schooling. We hope to get a lot more kids involved in the game and we

might see a future Socceroo or Matilda."

Premier Steven Marshall said the State Government was dedicated to improving educational outcomes for young Aboriginal students.

"This new academy will create another avenue for Aboriginal students to join the SAASTA program and achieve their higher education goals," he said.

"In addition to achieving their SACE, students in this academy will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a globally recognised sport.

"(It could) potentially open the door to local or even worldwide opportunities." - AAP



Ash Gardner

Gardner, Aussies make clean sweep of Windies



ASH Gardner and the Australian women's cricket team have returned home following a 6-0 series clean sweep against the West Indies in the Caribbean.

The Australians won the Twenty20 final by nine wickets in Bridgetown, Barbados, last week to wrap up the six-game T20 and One-Day International tour.

All-rounder Gardner enhanced her credentials with a record-equalling 50 (57 not out) off 23 deliveries in game two of the three-game ODI series.

She batted at number five and partnered with centurion Ellyse Perry. Gardner's half-century is only the second time an Australian woman has scored 50 in 23 deliveries.

Australia will play a T20 and ODI series against Sri Lanka starting on September 29 at North Sydney Oval.

The squads for that series will be announced this week. — with AAP

Murris return to the south for Artie

By ALF WILSON



THERE will be more than 100 Aboriginal rugby league teams from across

Queensland at this year's Arthur Beetson Foundation Queensland Murri Rugby League Carnival, organisers have confirmed.

Now in its ninth year, the carnival carries the name of

Aboriginal rugby league great and Immortal, Arthur Beetson, who passed away in 2011.

The 2019 carnival will be held at Brisbane's South Pines Sports Complex at Brendale, a northern suburb in Brisbane, on the midweek/weekend of October 1-5.

The event returns to Queensland's south-east after being held in the state's far north, in Townsville, for the first time last year.

It has grown to become the big league event in Queensland for Murri teams to prove their wares.

Prizemoney, the size of which depends upon total team nominations within each division, will be \$30,000 for the winning men's team and \$10,000 for the winning women's team, and a separate amount for an approved community project nominated by each.

Last year's men's winners were Wenlock River, and the Emu Girls were the women's winners.

The event was had its official launch last week by Deadly Choices ambassadors and sporting legends Steve Renouf, Petero Civoniceva and Bo de la Cruz.

Organisers expect upwards of 30,000 people will attend the event over the five days of competition.



It was a long time in the making but they finally did it. Fitzroy Stars celebrate their premiership win.

Fitzroy Stars win first NFL premiership



ABORIGINAL football club Fitzroy Stars has won its first premiership

when they took out the Division 2 title in the Northern Football League in Melbourne.

The Stars, formed in the 1970s originally as a Victorian sports carnival team, joined the NFL in 2008 to play as regular club competition.

The Stars defeated Eltham 13.8 (86) to 7.12 (54) with Johnny Hayes kicking five goals in a best-on-ground performance.

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Mills enhances reputation at World Cup

By CHRIS PIKE



NBA star Patty Mills represented Australia with distinction at the recent World Cup

in China and can now be regarded as one of the best Australian players in basketball.

But FIBA selectors of the All Star Five and MVPs didn't think so.

The 31-year-old became the most prolific scorer at FIBA World Cups when he averaged 22.8 points and 3.9 assists in China including a massive 34 points in the dramatic 95-88 double-overtime semifinal loss to Spain.

That defeat was another handed to the Boomers by Spain at semifinals, repeating what happened at the Rio Olympics in Brazil in 2016.

The Aussies then lost the play-off for bronze to France 67-59.

The Boomers won all



Patty Mills Picture: Getty Images

three group stages matches, really only challenged by Lithuania, winning that game 87-82, to advance to the semi-final stage

His non-selection as an

MVP and an All Star became a comedic mix-up after he was earlier told by someone at Basketball Australia that he had actually won selection.

"Well that's awks," Mills wrote on Twitter.

"Not the ultimate award I was after, but I was told by @BasketballAus on the bus post game that I made the All-Star Five. Nek Minute... (shrugs).

"Don't know what happened after that.

"It's not the ultimate prize but, man, it's one hell of a prestigious acknowledgement."

All-time successful

Mills is one of Australia's all-time most successful players in the NBA. He has now played 616 games with the San Antonio Spurs, which has included a championship.

He started in the NBA with Portland where he played 79 games.

While having proved himself in the NBA, Mills' efforts with the Boomers is on another level and there is an argument to be made that he could soon be regarded as the greatest-ever basketballer from Australia.

When NT Thunder ruled the roost



NT THUNDER entered the newly-formed NEAFL competition in 2011 with a headful of steam.

A restructure saw the QAFL give way to a new competition, the NEAFL, which saw select QAFL clubs and the NT side combine with clubs from AFL Canberra, AFL Sydney and Brisbane Lions, Gold Coast Suns and Sydney Swans reserves.

The Thunder, finalists in 2010, went hard on recruitment and signed football great and recent AFL retiree Andrew McLeod.

Joining McLeod were several former AFL players like Jason Roe (Collingwood, Brisbane) and Shannon Rusca (Western Bulldogs) and an elite array of Northern Territory talent.

The Thunder dropped just four games that season and destroyed Aspley in the Northern Conference grand final. A week later, the club defeated Eastern Conference premiers Ainslie in Alice Springs (see footnote below) to cap a rare double, and validate an experiment that had seemingly paid off.

— Darren Moncrieff



Andrew McLeod (left) and Jason Roe joined forces for NT Thunder in the 2011 NEAFL season. Picture: Peter Argent

Thunder struck from competition

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



THE Northern Territory Football Club Inc is no more after Top End football made a shift in priorities last week.

The club that has had way and above the highest level of Indigenous player involvement of a state team since its inception in 2009 was disbanded last week.

The men's side played 10 seasons in the QAFL and

NEAFL which yielded three premierships while the new women's team had just completed its second season in the VFLW.

Both sides have now been disbanded along with the Thunder program.

The Darwin-based AFLNT, which administers the code in the Northern Territory, cited a sharp reduction of NT players drafted into the AFL as its primary reason to disband the men's club.

And with the growing popularity of the AFLW, AFLNT

chief executive Stuart Totham said the focus will shift back toward local players being draft-ready.

"In 2010, there were 27 (male) players on (AFL club) lists from the NT; today there is only 13. Something in our system is not right," Totham said last week.

"We're committed to getting more players on AFL and AFLW lists."

The Thunder program has had a strong Indigenous influence since it began 10 years ago.

The men's side's first coach in 2009 was AFL Indigenous Team of the Century member Michael McLean.

Other former Indigenous AFL players have either coached or captained the side.

Former St Kilda and Brisbane utility Xavier Clarke was coach in 2015 when the Thunder won its third premiership and when Aaron Motlop was captain.

Shannon Rioli was named captain in 2016 and held onto that position until the end of the 2019 season.

Rioli 'frustrated' at ASADA test regime



COULD severe dehydration and a negative blood test hold the key to AFL forward Willie Rioli's urine-tampering defence?

Rioli is facing a ban of up to four years after the star West Coast goalsneak allegedly tampered with his urine sample during a routine ASADA drug test on August 20.

It's been reported a frustrated Rioli poured a sports drink into the sample container after going hours without being able to pass urine.

It was reported that Rioli has told people around him he acted naively and in

frustration rather than purposely trying to subvert the testing process.

The results of a subsequent blood test could prove crucial in Rioli's defence.

But even if that blood test shows up negative to any performance-enhancing or illicit substances, Rioli could still face the maximum penalty of four years.

Tampering with a urine sample is viewed as more serious than returning a positive drug result and ASADA may not take into account any extenuating circumstances such as dehydration or the results of follow-up testing.

Rioli will be represented by David Grace when he



Willie Rioli Picture: Getty appears before the anti-doping tribunal.

It's unknown how long the matter will take to resolve,

but it could take six months or more.

Rioli will be provisionally suspended throughout that period.

The controversy erupted just days before West Coast's semifinal against Geelong at the MCG, which the Eagles lost.

Rioli has already apologised to family and friends in a heartfelt Facebook post.

The 24-year-old was left devastated after being told of his provisional suspension, and is now being looked after by family in the Tiwi Islands.

The Eagles are worried about Rioli's mental health, and are considering sending a club official to be with him as well. — AAP

FROM OUTSIDE 50

Basketball finally making big inroads

BASKETBALL is finally making strides toward a greater representation of our people in the game.

I say 'finally' because basketball has been the one sport that is played at remote communities any time of the year and which crosses the gender divide but whose officials have sat idly by without any meaningful engagement with Indigenous Australia.

But that's slowly changing.

If you have been a regular reader of these pages, over the last couple of months we have featured several stories of basketball at NBL, WNBL and state level working with organisations promoting our people in the game.

Indigenous Round, a round of fixtures in the AFL and NRL that honours the contribution our people have made in those codes, is slowly growing outside football, into netball, cricket, and lately basketball with a handful of clubs taking their own initiative.

Engagement

Perhaps the best indicator of Indigenous engagement in a sport is players competing at the top level.

The AFL and NRL footy codes lead in this space by a mile, but quietly building on that is both the NBL and WNBL.

Ahead of the 2019/20 season, both leagues will have eight players and coaches combined across seven clubs.

In the WNBL, Maddie Allen will be joined by newcomer Nes'eya Williams at Perth Lynx, whom we write about on page 76. Leilani Mitchell will turn out for new team Southside Flyers, Ally Wilson will again play for Sydney Uni Flames and Abby Cubillo will also go around again with the Canberra Capitals.

In the NBL, man-mountain Nate Jawai will hit the courts for Cairns Taipans while William Hickey, as a development player, could well force his way into the South East Melbourne Phoenix side.

Off the court, at the NBL's Illawarra Hawks, Tyson Demos, a former NBL player, will take on the assistant coach role and will take charge of the team's defence on game day; this on top of his position as the Hawks' Indigenous programs manager.

Add in Patty Mills in the NBA, Jaden Weldon training with Illawarra, Verle Williams and Tamuri Wigness training and in practice matches with Brisbane Bullets and Jakobe Hunter training at Cairns Taipans, and Mitchell in the WNBA, and Indigenous representation at basketball's top level is at an all-time high. All this on top of the growing number of Indigenous men and women in the second-tier NBL1 and the state leagues.

And in this space is the Australian Indigenous Basketball (AIB) organisation, led by Joel Khalu and Ricky Baldwin, men who have put their all into the advancement of our people in basketball.

AIB, while maintaining its independence and autonomy, has laid the groundwork for Indigenous basketballers with local events, overseas tours and Indigenous internationals, fostering an environment of encouragement and advancement of Indigenous basketball.

When it eventually becomes commonplace for us to see our people in the NBL/WNBL, like we do in the AFL and NRL, it would be because of the hard work and toil from organisations such as AIB, making the professional environment conducive for our people to prosper.



Darren Moncrieff

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49th NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival

KO countdown

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



‘PLAYING only what’s in front of us’ is the mantra defending champions

Newcastle All Blacks will take with them to the sweet or bitter end as the clock ticks down to Aboriginal sport’s largest, historic and most popular event.

Teams have been putting the finishing touches to their preparations ahead of the 49th NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival at Tuggerah on the Central Coast from October 4-7.

The All Blacks, breakthrough winners last year at Dubbo, will bring with them some new faces

mixed with old heads in an attempt to hold on to the coveted Knockout crown they won in 2018 after five previous attempts.

The emotional win at Dubbo erased years of heartbreak for the community side, finally going all the way on Knockout Monday.

“Everyone kinda knew we were a competitive side and have been at the last four or five Mondays at the Knockout,” Randall Briggs, captain of NAB, said.

“But I suppose for us having won it was a plus in that we know we have what it takes. Having said



that, there is no easy game and we respect every team we play against and have since day dot.”

Newcastle will have to climb the mountain again without local products, the Parramatta Eels’ Will Smith, who is out with a broken hand, and Isaac Briggs, who copped a suspension in club football.

Briggs said his team will have to deal with those losses.

“Will is a big loss. He’s almost irreplaceable.

“He led from the front at Dubbo, but these things can be a good thing,” he said.

“It’s a chance for some of the young fellas, their time to step up.

“I think this is going to be the hardest Knockout for us, because we’re the winners from last year, and the hosts, and from what I’m hearing there’s a fair few good sides out there.

“We’re confident with our footy. “We will just play what’s in front of us. We’ve been training toward our strengths. We have that luxury of our boys being family and living in the area.”

Meanwhile, organisers have finalised on 64 men’s teams for the Knockout.

With the 20 women’s teams, the 20 teams each in the under-12s, -15s and -17s divisions, and the 16 teams in the under-16s girl’s division, there will be over 150 teams at this year’s Knockout.



Rugby league teams across NSW are counting down to the Koori Knockout in Tuggerah.



The best Indigenous players in AFL grand finals – Shelley Ware, page 75

Sunny Coast camp for our cricket team



THE Aboriginal Australian men’s cricket spent a week on the Sunshine Coast to reconnect and chart a new course forward. ● Report, page 77



Dhungutti Bundjalung win epic at Lismore Knockout



BUNDJALUNG Dhungutti’s Brian Kelly wills himself over the tryline in his side’s 30-24 win over Cubawee Connections in the final of the Lismore Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout last weekend. The regional knockout was one of many across NSW as teams finalise preparations for the main event at Tuggerah next weekend. ● Photos, pages 70-73

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