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The kanaplila-ripa youth dance group from Launceston: Paige Greaves, Kawani Greaves, Ashley Whitcombe, Ollie Gardiner, Jannali Thomas-Ogden and Skye Cox.
Picture: Jillian Mundy

Putalina festival reflects on sombre past



WHILE Aboriginal people in Tasmania staged the putalina festival last weekend, debate in the community

continued on whether or not the site is an appropriate venue for a celebration.

In 1847, 135 Tasmanian Aborigines were exiled to Wybalena on Flinders Island. Only 47 survived the exile. They

were relocated to putalina (Oyster Cove) and housed in a derelict ex-convict camp. By 1876 there was only one survivor.

Those who perished at putalina were buried on-site and in 1909 William Crowther stole

bodies from 12 graves and sold and distributed them to institutions and collectors across the world.

The TAC has campaigned for the return of ancestral remains and land since the early 1970s.

Putalina was re-occupied by the Aboriginal community on January 16, 1984. It is around the anniversary of this date each year that the putalina festival is held.

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Bushfire emergency



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MY FAMILY James Dries (Kamilaroi)



James Dries dedicated his sash to his father when he graduated from the University of New England.

KAMILAROI man James Dries paid homage to his family when he graduated with a science degree from the University of New England in December last year.

Born and raised in Gunnedah, NSW, tertiary education wasn't part of James's plans. He had to find a job after completing Year 10 at St Mary's Catholic School – perhaps something in the family tradition of working with horses.

His grandfather, Jimmy Dries, was a well-known Aboriginal jockey recognised in John Maynard's book *Aboriginal Jockeys in Australian Racing History*. James took the plunge and enrolled in his first degree, a Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science, at the University of New England.

"I was the first in my family to attend university, but once I learned how study and university processes worked, I realised I had a knack for learning. I graduated with a distinction last year."

At UNE, Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander students also participate in the Oorala Aboriginal Centre's Indigenous Sashing Ceremony where graduates receive sashes to acknowledge culture and celebrate achievement.

"It was a very special moment for me," James said. "I gave my sash to my father as he was too ill to attend. He and my mother are very proud of what I have achieved at UNE. The sash also honours my grandmother's sacrifice for her children and grandchildren. Her family disowned her when she met my grandfather, yet they went on to have eight children together."

My father was the second eldest and had a terrible motorcycle accident when he was just 25. Naturally my grandmother was there for him throughout his extended recovery.

"While we were not well-off growing up, my parents always spent a lot of time with us and made many sacrifices, as most parents do."

"My fiancée Lisa has also been extremely supportive of me throughout my studies."

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OUR CHILDREN



Aly and grandmother Robyn Morgan enjoy the free Walgett pool day. Full story, page 10.

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On the evening of January 25, Sydney Festival will host Procession through the streets of Sydney to arrive at Barangaroo at dusk for The Vigil. Picture: Victor Frankowski

Sydney Festival invites people to imagine landscape before invasion



THIS year Sydney Festival hopes to contribute to the conversation around Australia Day/Invasion Day by thinking about what life was like the day before the landing of the fleet 250

years ago.

Sydneysiders will gather on the evening of January 25 at Sydney Town Hall to join Procession – a smoking ceremony, song and dance, led by Aboriginal Elders, through the streets of

Sydney. This new Sydney Festival event will occur through the streets of Sydney to Barangaroo to pay homage to processions like the first Day of Mourning meeting in 1938.

At dusk, they will arrive at Barangaroo to start The Vigil, an overnight opportunity to gather campfire-side, experience live performances by Indigenous artists, and reflect on who we are and how we got here as a country.

Festival director Wesley Enoch, a Noonuccal Nuugi man, acknowledged

that, while January 26 is the anniversary of the arrival of the First Fleet, people can look at rituals and ceremonies that reflect the First Nations experience by sitting vigil on the anniversary of the night before it all changed.

“We can have a party and a solemn remembrance in the same day, and they’re not seen as antithetical,” Enoch said.

“The Vigil is an opportunity to start a ceremonial reflection before any other kind of celebrations, to commemorate

what the Indigenous experience was in this country before white people arrived here. To sit on the landscape, look at the harbour, watching the Harbour Bridge, watching the ships go by and thinking about this landscape, before white people were here, and what your connection is to that history.”

NITV will air a live cross to The Vigil, hosted by Rae Johnston and Jack Latimore from 7pm on Saturday, January 25.

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Death in custody raises questions

Court rules trial will be in Alice



A YORTA Yorta woman has died in a maximum security jail in Victoria after being locked up for allegedly shoplifting.

Veronica Nelson, 37, had been on a community corrections order when she was charged with the offence, and was refused bail after representing herself in court on New Year’s Eve.

She was locked up in the Dame Phyllis Frost centre, and found dead in her cell at around 8am on January 2.

Her death, reportedly while she was withdrawing from drugs, has devastated friends and

family, Indigenous leaders and criminal justice advocates.

Antoinette Braybrook, the chief executive of Djirra, an organisation supporting Aboriginal women experiencing family violence, said the woman’s death showed Aboriginal women in Victoria were still being failed by laws and systems that should instead be protecting them.

Ms Nelson’s sister, Belinda Atkinson, told *NITV News* that the family still did not know what had happened.

Ms Atkinson said she believes her sister had been on methadone at the time, and was allegedly refused the medication by the facility.

“She’d gone up to medical asking for help, could she get something for her drug problem,” she said.

“She’d gone up there and asked for help and they’ve knocked her back, and then she was sitting in the cell crying. Crying, crying, crying, because she couldn’t get no help.”

Ms Atkinson said other inmates at the prison reported hearing her sister screaming for help, in pain, during the hours before the death.

The Victorian Department of Justice and Community Safety has issued a statement saying the coroner would investigate and formally determine the cause of Ms Nelson’s death.

“As the matter is the subject of an ongoing coronial investigation, it would be inappropriate to comment,” it said.

Ms Nelson’s death comes just weeks after the final hearing of the coronial inquest into the death in custody of Yorta Yorta woman Tanya Day, who died in 2017 after suffering catastrophic brain injuries while locked in a police cell in Castlemaine in Victoria.

Advocates said Ms Nelson’s death raised serious questions about the impact of Victoria’s tough bail laws, particularly on Indigenous women, in a system already under strain.

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A NORTHERN Territory court has refused an application to move the murder case against Constable Zachary Rolfe from Alice Springs to Darwin.

Const Rolfe is charged with the murder of 19-year-old Warlpiri man Kumanjayi Walker, who was shot at his home in Yuendumu, 300km from Alice Springs, on November 9.

Defence counsel David Edwardson QC had asked for the case to be moved to Darwin to ensure a fair trial but the Alice Springs Local Court rejected his application late last year.

It found Const Rolfe could be assured fair proceedings until committal, when his lawyers could make another application to move the trial. The shift has been opposed by the dead man’s community, who say it would exclude them from the proceedings.

The court heard that Mr Walker “resorted to violent and potentially lethal force” against Const Rolfe. – AAP

Mayor calls for calm in wake of street riots



AURUKUN Mayor Dereck Walpo is calling for calm after hundreds of people fled a riot sparked by an alleged murder in the far north Queensland community.

Homes were firebombed on New Year's Day when a group of about 200 armed people took to the streets of Aurukun on Cape York looking for "vengeance", police say.

The violence followed the alleged stabbing murder of a 37-year-old man, for which two teens have been charged.

Police flooded Aurukun after the riots, but their presence wasn't enough to prevent about 230 fearful people fleeing to a nearby bush camp and a neighbouring town.

About 110 people continue to hide out in the bush camp about 80km from Aurukun.

A community group is helping to feed, shelter and look after their sanitation needs. However, concern is growing for their health.

"About 30% are kids. We had a child with a high temperature overnight," camp coordinator Tim White said.

"It's day nine and we still have (people hiding out)."

Another 130 people have fled to the tiny town of Coen, about six hours east of Aurukun, straining food supplies, accommodation and the local medical service.

After respecting an appropriate amount of time for mourning, Mayor Dereck Walpo has been given the blessing of his family to speak about the events that have unfolded in the community since New Year's Day.

"I understand my family remains in mourning and respect that. However, as the leader of the Aurukun community, I represent the whole community and have a duty of care for all Aurukun residents including those who have left the community," he said.

"I encourage Aurukun people to return to their community. It is their right to live harmoniously alongside their fellow Wik clan families.

"It is undesirable that displaced residents continue to live in locations outside the Aurukun Shire."

Cr Walpo said he was pleased that a number of people had already returned to Aurukun.

"I thank the people of Coen for taking in Aurukun residents, but having these people there puts pressure on another community's supplies and services. Aurukun can cater for these people at home," he said.

"It is paramount for their health and wellbeing that they make use of the services provided in Aurukun, especially the health clinic and



Queensland police have charged more than 20 people with riot and arson offences, following events in Aurukun.

the aged care facilities."

Police charged 19 people with 79 riot and arson offences last Thursday, bringing the total number of people charged following the riots to 25.

Officers on the ground continue to collaborate with Aurukun community leaders and Elders to improve safety and security, a Queensland Police Service spokesman said.

The State Government said former Aurukun Shire Council chief executive Gary Kleidon has been called in to coordinate the Government's response.

The housing and public works department is working to provide accommodation, while two justice department officers are providing support for mediation.

Cr Walpo said Aurukun Shire Council was continuing to provide many of the community services to ensure residents have access to school, the community centre, supermarket, bank, post office,

PCYC, airport, and child care.

"I encourage any community member from each of the clans to meet with me and the councillors to talk about their concerns and how we can move forward," he said.

"We have to positively move forward in a peaceful and harmonious manner. It may be difficult to forgive, but our community needs the anger and retaliations to stop.

"We must all respect one another and move on positively in a peaceful environment.

"The safety of all residents is of utmost importance. We must be able to lead normal lives and provide positive futures for our children.

"Council is appreciative of the Police commissioner's advice that a large police contingent will remain in Aurukun as long as is required to ensure the safety of residents and service providers.

"Council is pleased with the appointment of State Government



Aurukun Shire Council Mayor Dereck Walpo.

coordinator Gary Kleidon because of his knowledge of the Wik people and the community of Aurukun, and will continue to work closely with him in the recovery process.

"Council is fully committed to working closely with all agencies to resolve the current issue and we encourage the community to

come on board and support these efforts.

"I would like to thank the police, DATSIP [Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships] and other government agencies for their ongoing commitment and support in this current situation."



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Preminghana was returned to the Aboriginal community in 1995, affording the area and its cultural heritage better protection and Aboriginal community control.

Plans for return of rock art welcomed

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) has agreed to return rock art they have held for more than 50 years to the Aboriginal community.

The massive slab of sandstone covered in circular symbols was sawn from its location at Preminghana in the North West of Tasmania in 1962. It was displayed in the museum until 2005, when a new Aboriginal gallery was built.

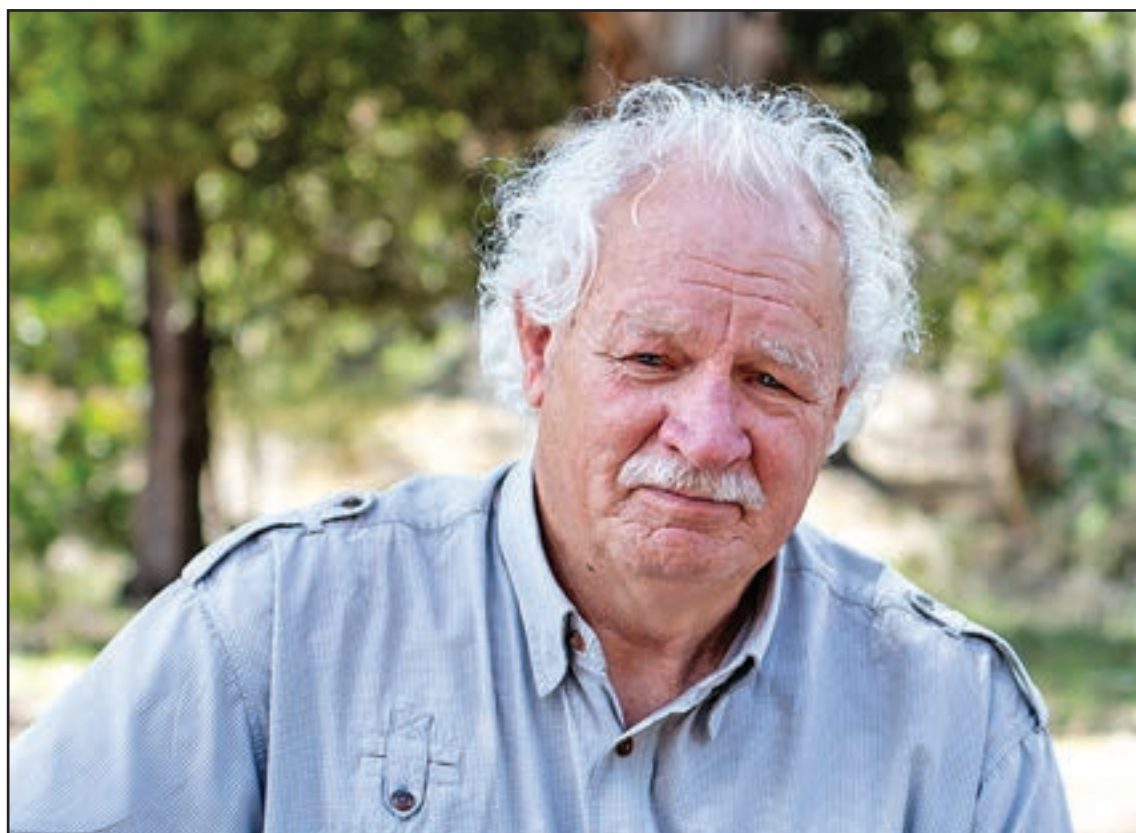
Late last year, an Aboriginal community meeting overwhelmingly supported relocating it back to Preminghana.

The TMAG Board of Trustees released a statement saying they recognise it “belongs with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community” and “is part of an extensive and complex cultural landscape”.

They said, under current collection practices, it is not material that would be acquired and they intend to return it once the “necessary arrangements and approvals are in place”.

Negotiations for its return have been taking place for around a decade with Preminghana land managers, the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (which has since wound up).

At the time the TMAG insisted



Michael Mansell said Aboriginal people are thrilled about the return of rock art.

the rock art would only be handed over if stored in a climate-controlled environment.

Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania chairperson Michael Mansell has been corresponding with TMAG this year about

retuning the rock art, as well as rubber moulds, 3D scans and photographs of it.

A possible hurdle is the need for approval by two ministers of the Tasmanian Government to deaccession (remove from a

museum collection) any item worth over \$100,000.

Mr Mansell has told the museum that the rock carvings are not a commodity that can be valued in monetary terms, and reminded them that under

Tasmania's *Aboriginal Heritage Act* it is illegal to sell a ‘relic’.

“I have great difficulty in seeing how a market value can be placed on something that cannot legally be put into the market place,” he said.

He also reminded the TMAG that they have the primary responsibility for funding the relocation.

“TMAG removed the sacred objects, assumed a right to possess the objects in the first place, and transported the objects in 2005,” Mr Mansell said.

“It would be most inappropriate for TMAG to effectively say ‘There you are Aborigines, it’s yours again. Now take it away,’” he said in a letter to TMAG director Janet Carding.

However red tape around the deaccession may prove to be a minor affair in comparison to relocation logistics.

To remove it from its origin, it was sawn in half and later joined together on a concrete backing and base – it is estimated to weigh around two tonnes.

Between the rock art being taken to the museum and it being moved to storage in 2005 there have been several alterations and extensions to the museum. In 2005 a hole had to be cut in the museum wall and a specifically engineered crane system was used. It took 4 hours to transport it 6km on the back of the truck. The



Different sections of the extensive rock art are exposed by shifting dunes, rough weather and tides. This section was exposed in 2006.



A large piece of rock art was sawn away and taken to the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery in the 1960s. *Picture: TMAG.*

exercise cost around \$60,000. Its original trip, and its return trip are closer to 450km. Unlike sandstone exposed to the elements, the section held by the museum has been stored in a controlled and constant environment resulting in drying out – there are fears it could literally crumble apart. In the 1960s, the Lands Department used earth-moving equipment to cover the remaining rock art with sand and planted marram grass to stabilise the dunes in a bid to slow erosion. Beneath the sand are dozens more engraved symbols. After big storms and with the high tide mark receding with rising sea levels, from time to time even more are exposed. It is anyone's guess how many more markings are in the area. The rock art, or symbols, gallery, motifs, engravings or petroglyphs, as they are also

referred to, are thought to have been created by pecking and grinding with a harder stone into the sandstone. Most of them are circular, some with lines and further circles within them, others are lines and animal tracks. Their meaning is often discussed – opinions and beliefs vary. One certainty is that the people who created them made a very deliberate long-lasting message. It is thought they could be anywhere between 2000 to over 15,000 years old. Dating of charcoal near the rock art is at the lower end of the scale, but more markings being exposed below the sand where the tide washes in and out, and reports from divers of more under the water, indicate they were made before the last ice age. Young First Nations Tasmanian man Teangi Brown said his mind boggles at the effort and length of



Aboriginal community onsite discusses the management of Aboriginal heritage at Preminghana in 2017. Pictured are Annie Chenery, Mandy Green, Pakara Greaves, Jessie Wadley and Buck Brown.

time that would have gone into the creation of the enduring symbols. A couple of years ago he had groups of students and visitors mark a piece of sandstone with another rock in a public program at the TMAG where he works. "2000 participants, ten circle grinds each, one centimetre of depth, think about that," he said. Since the large panel was removed in 1960s, other pieces of stone with rock art in north-west Tasmania have been vandalised and another chiselled off and thought to be traded on the international illegal art market. Preminghana was returned to the Aboriginal community through legislation in 1995, affording the area and the cultural heritage there better protection and Aboriginal community control. Mr Mansell said Aboriginal people are thrilled to the teeth to hear that the TMAG Board in Hobart agreed to return the scared rock art to its people and the place from which it was taken. "The museum board acted with great sensitivity," he said. "The quick response saved further Aboriginal anxiety, which would have been caused by delay.

"We understand the board were alive to the importance of rectifying the act of cultural vandalism caused by past museum directors authorising the sawing away of great slabs of rock art from the rest of the massive piece." He likened it to cutting off the finger of the Mona Lisa so that if the rest of the painting was destroyed part of it would be saved. Other pieces of rock art from Preminghana are held at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in Launceston.

Graduate firefighter Albert encourages the next generation to care for their community

By NICK PATON



GOVERNMENTS seem intent on playing dangerously with fire but Wiradjuri man Albert Wilson has learned to get to know it and fight it instead.

Mr Wilson recently graduated from the Indigenous Fire and Rescue Employment Strategy (IFARES) program at the Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) Emergency Services Academy in Orchard Hills NSW.

"And to now be a member of FRNSW makes me extremely proud," Mr Wilson said.

"I'm pumped to start working alongside communities in an area I know to be so critical for public safety.

"I have had the desire to become a firefighter since I was a young man, and now I get to do what I love, and that's to help the community remain safe."

Mr Wilson has hit the ground running in his new role as a firefighter and is currently stationed in the Greater Western Sydney suburb of Baulkham Hills.

"Since being appointed, I have already had to assist in various house fires in the area and other incidents such as factory fires and other types of rescue," Mr Wilson said.

"As an Indigenous man, I need to be taking care of country in one form or another, and a career as a firefighter will make sure I am



Wiradjuri man Albert Wilson with father Wayne, mother Angela Frail, wife Prue Wilson and their children Kymarni, Jarli and Menzies, his brothers Wayne and Edward, and nieces Destiny Frail and Harmony Cranston.

connecting to community and country at all times."

Having a good role model and someone to be inspired by and aspire to be like, Mr Wilson said, is something that all young mob need to have in their lives.

"And I am hoping young Aboriginal people will look at my career choice and aspirations to help the community and say to themselves, 'Hey, look what Albert's doing! That means I can do something that I love, something that is important and meaningful, and I can be a firefighter too,'" he said.

"Young mob need to know that they have the skills ingrained in them, and more than enough intelligence, to have a career with any of the emergency services, especially in fire and rescue and police departments."

As most of the east coast of Australia continues to be ravaged by bushfires, Wilson is confident government, local and private agencies will do the right thing and move toward better incorporating Aboriginal cultural burning methods with current strategies to combat fires in the future.

"With cultural burning we use the

colder, wetter months of the year to get on top of burning off any unnecessary materials," Mr Wilson said. "In this way, cultural burning is not only a way of caring for country, it's also a sure-fire way we can keep our communities safe.

"Excess debris in national parks, forests and bushland help to fuel these bushfires, and we need to be vigilant and remain ahead of these avoidable catastrophes we are seeing unfold right now all over Australia."

Aboriginal people have been using cultural burning methods in Australia for thousands of years, and Mr Wilson said there is a reason why these strategies have worked for so long and need to be respected and utilised.

"The harrowing images we are seeing, hearing and experiencing as part of the current bushfire catastrophe is unprecedented," Mr Wilson said.

"An Aboriginal organisation like Firesticks, who specialise in cultural burning education and traditional fire management strategies, are the perfect example of how we can get on top of any pending bushfire catastrophe's in the future, which experts say will only get worse if we don't listen to the advice and suggestions of First Nations people.

"By welcoming an Indigenous voice to the fire management table, we can incorporate traditional and contemporary firefighting methods and succeed in keeping our communities safe in fighting these fires together."

Cultural burning

By DARREN COYNE



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cultural fire and land management practices.

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Meanwhile, grants have become available for Indigenous land owners and businesses to help secure properties and clean up after the bushfires have passed.

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prevented the types of uncontrolled fires that were devastating communities.

"For over 60,000 years traditional custodians avoided this problem through traditional cultural fire and land management practices," Mr Costello said.

Mr Costello said a crowdfunding campaign aimed to raise a million dollars to support cultural fire knowledge holders and mentors across Australia.

"We will use these funds to do two things. In the short term we aim to help affected communities through local workshops and technical advice on urgent rehabilitation actions," he said.

"In the longer term we plan to reimplement cultural fire regimes. This will be combined with our vision to train and mentor over 100 Firesticks-accredited cultural fire practitioners, equipped with skills in cultural fire knowledge, contemporary fire management and emergency response skills.

"This national program will be rolled out through a number of hubs established across Australia.

"All country is different and locally appropriate cultural

protocols and fire regimes are the key to success."

Mr Costello said the key to cultural burning was to light the right fire for a particular area at the right time.

"Some of the hazard reduction techniques are not dissimilar but the whole approach is different. "We respect cultural protocol and ensure that the burning is done in the right way for that country.

"When we apply the fire we have values such as protecting the canopy, the old growth trees and the animals.

"When they (mainstream fire managers) burn the canopy you end up with regrowth and it's that fuel that drives these big fires.

"Throughout this bushfire crisis, we have been inundated with requests for help from the Australian public, government and non-government agencies at all levels, fire authorities, organisations, property owners and land managers.

"Firesticks have limited staff resources and we need help from the broader Australian and international community so that we can share and grow this unique knowledge."

Cultural fire researcher Dr Peta Standley said the devastation across much of Australia had occurred due to a lack of the right fire management.

"How fire is used dramatically influences how fire behaves and the impacts or benefits it has. We have observed many examples of negative impacts from Western fire management.

"This occurs due to the extensive suppression of fire and the incorrect application of fire in hazard reduction and back-burning practices which can destroy the canopy, change the structure of the vegetation, soil function, moisture and species present.

"It can open up areas for invasive plants, in many cases generating fire-prone vegetation which has likely been a factor in the current crisis, along with the drought and climate."

The crowdfunding campaign can be found at: <https://chuffed.org/project/firesticks-alliance>

Recovery

The Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC) and Indigenous Business Australia

have both announced grants to help Aboriginal corporations and businesses recover from the bushfires.

The ILSC has established the 2020 Bushfire Emergency Response Grant for Indigenous corporations whose property has been directly affected by the recent bushfires and for Indigenous groups aiding the recovery efforts.

Eddie Fry, chair of ILSC and Indigenous Business Australia (IBA), said a grant of up to \$20,000 would provide immediate support for Indigenous corporations who have experienced the loss of or damage to property through the current bushfires.

"We are deeply saddened by the recent bushfires devastating communities across Australia. We know that many Indigenous Australian communities have been directly affected and many people may be displaced as a result," Mr Fry said.

Meanwhile, the IBA has established a Bushfire Crisis Fund that will provide temporary suspension of loan repayments; access to a \$2000 bushfire crisis grant to cover immediate needs;



Firefighter Jackson Brown and his brother George Brown on the NSW South Coast.



Jackson Brown, in the heat of action, fights fires at Wreck Bay on the NSW South Coast.

debate reignites

assistance with making insurance claims; and further assistance for business customers to be assessed on an individual basis.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt has expressed his full support for IBA's bushfire crisis support initiative.

"The current bushfire emergency is devastating communities all across Australia and many Indigenous Australians are vulnerable to the immediate and ongoing hardships this disaster has caused," Mr Wyatt said.

"It is great to see organisations, including the IBA and ILSC supporting people when they need it most, and helping communities rebuild following these unprecedented natural disasters. I encourage any Indigenous Australians impacted by the bushfires to access available government assistance."

Indigenous corporations who have been directly impacted by the current bushfire emergency and are seeking assistance should contact the ILSC on 1800 818 490 or



Oliver Costello running a workshop at the Cape York Fire Workshop at Melsonby National Park, 2017. Picture: Jillian Mundy

EDOAdmin@ilcorp.gov.au.

IBA customers who have been directly impacted by the current bushfire emergency should contact IBA on 1800 064 800 to discuss the assistance available.

Fundraiser

And while there are numerous fundraisers popping up around Australia, a Yorta Yorta man, Neil Morris, has launched a GoFundMe campaign which, as

of last Saturday, had raised more than a million dollars.

"The aim of this fundraiser – Fire Relief Fund for First Nations Communities – is to offer a culturally sensitive, specific, direct support to some of those communities with critical costs to cover expenses," Mr Morris said.

That would include temporary relocation costs (hotel expenses, fuel, possible medical needs); other basic amenity and

emergency relief costs to assist with this very difficult time, such as clothing, miscellaneous vital personal items; refurbishment of damaged property where applicable; resettling expenses where applicable; and replacement of vital items, such as damaged medical equipment, clothing, toiletries, and other vital personal belongings.

The campaign can be found at <https://au.gofundme.com/fire-relief-fund-for-first-nations-communities>.

Cashless Welfare Card

Anglicare Australia has called for the cashless welfare card to be suspended indefinitely for those affected by the bushfire crisis.

"People must be able to get essential supplies to live and adapt in the wake of the bushfires. With the power out and many outlets closed, people must be able to withdraw cash," said Anglicare Australia's executive director Kasy Chambers.

"Centrelink has asked people on the cashless welfare card to contact them if they are affected by fires. That's not good enough.

"With the power out and phones unavailable, contacting Centrelink is just not an option for people in the thick of the crisis. The card must be suspended indefinitely," Ms Chambers said.

Ms Chambers said that other Centrelink exemptions should also be extended.

These exemptions mean that jobseekers in fire affected communities don't have to meet mutual obligation requirements until January 19, 2020. There is also a two-month suspension on debt recovery.

"It's clear that the bushfires will be with us well beyond next week.

"Even after the fire danger passes, it will take time for power to be restored, for people to find stable shelter, and to regroup their lives.

"People will need more time before they can report to Centrelink, and before debts can be collected from them.

"This also affects volunteer firefighters on Centrelink payments. Once the deadline passes, they'll be forced back into Centrelink requirements. Some might not be in a position to keep volunteering."



Walgett Aboriginal Medical Centre's Goonimoo Mobile Children's Services is going to run child injury prevention programs this year, including focusing on water safety.

Pool Day is cool way to learn about child safety



A PREVENTION Centre project looking at Aboriginal child injury launched its first community event on Saturday, November 30, at Walgett Swimming pool.

Focusing on water safety, nearly 400 people gathered at the pool to swim, talk, play and focus on the wellbeing of their young people.

The Walgett Pool Day was led by local Aboriginal community-controlled organisations as a fun and positive day for families to be together and safely enjoy the pool.

There was free entry to the pool for a day of yarning, talking about what Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service (WAMS) Goonimoo Mobile Children's Services will be delivering this year, a barbecue, salad, fruit, iced water and the chance to win a family pool season pass.

Injury is the leading cause of death in Australian children. Programs targeting parents of young children offer an opportunity for engagement and improving health literacy around injury prevention throughout children's lives.

Goonimoo child injury prevention educator Tara Smith said programs also need to target community-level factors that affect injuries like the physical environment and policies.

"Parents are really keen to get involved to keep their kids safe," she said.

"They have ideas about what can be done at a community level and they're also keen to learn more about what they can do to prevent injuries.

"They also want to learn first aid – things like CPR and first aid for choking and snake bites – because we're often a long way from help out here. Snake bites are a big issue in our community, so this is a priority area. Parents are keen, and always encouraged to have a say about the sorts of activities they



Robyn Morgan and Aly enjoy Walgett Pool Day.



Aboriginal community-controlled organisations in Walgett have organised pool days over summer to help the community come together and talk about preventing injury to children.

want to do at Goonimoo's playgroup."

Amy Townsend, manager of WAMS's Goonimoo Mobile Children's Services, said the Child Injury Prevention Program (CHIPP) had been developed by working closely with local community groups.

"We've been having lots of informal yarns with parents during playgroup about the sorts of activities they want to do," she said.

"We also held some formal research yarning groups with Nellie and Mel from UNSW at Goonimoo, with WAMS health personnel and other local children's services. We asked parents what sorts of injury issues they are concerned about and the topics they'd be interested in covering."

Tara's focus in 2020 is on delivering and refining the CHIPP program. Tara is currently studying to become an Aboriginal



The line-up for iceblocks at the Walgett Pool Day. It was 38°C.

health practitioner.

"I'm learning a lot about child injury," she said. "For example, I've just been to Sydney to start the Austswim Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course so we can do 'parents and bubs' water familiarisation play sessions at the pool. Aboriginal families don't really have access to these sort of water activities in Walgett at the moment."

Tara also co-presented about CHIPP with Dr Melanie Andersen at the Australasian Injury Prevention Network Conference in Brisbane in November.

Walgett is situated at the junction of the Barwon and Namoi rivers, and the community has a healthy respect for the importance of water safety. CHIPP's focus on water safety in term one was the result of community consultation.

Walgett's pool has always been a strong focus for the community to come together, exercise and get some welcome respite from its long, dry summers, particularly now that the rivers are very depleted due to the drought.

"The turnout was great and we think that was a result of a long period of promotion by Goonimoo, and combining forces with Yuwaya

Ngarra-li and Dharriwaa Elders Group, so families had transport to and from the pool," Dr Andersen said.

The success of the Walgett Pool Day is down to the strong local Aboriginal community-controlled organisations who collaborated to bring people together.

The day was such a success that Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service decided to hold two additional community pool days this summer to promote community-building, togetherness, health and wellbeing and as a forum for health promotion activity.

"CHIPP will begin again in earnest next year at Goonimoo, aiming to start off in term one at the pool with parents and bubs water play sessions. The program will focus around activity and play," Dr Andersen said.

"So, for example, while Goonimoo staff teach parents water familiarisation activities to do with their kids that build water skills, staff will also yarn about drowning prevention. Each school term will have a different injury prevention focus, including sport and physical activity, home safety and road safety."

Barkindji propose Baaka, Darling



THE Geographical Names Board is seeking public comment on a proposal by the Barkindji Native Title Group Aboriginal Corporation to dual name the Darling River as Baaka. The proposed dual name of Baaka is for the full length of the Darling River, commencing approximately 39 kilometres north-east of Bourke, winding through Bourke, Wilcannia, Menindee, Pooncarie and Wentworth, where it joins the Murray River.

Geographical Names Board chair Narelle Underwood said the board is committed to reawakening Aboriginal place names.

"Dual naming supports recognition and revival of Aboriginal languages," she said.

"We want to make sure the local community has an opportunity to provide their feedback.

"The Geographical Names Board will also reach out to relevant Local Aboriginal Land Councils, local government councils and National Parks seeking endorsement of the proposal."

Baaka has been proposed by the Barkindji Native Title Group as the name has been used and passed down through generations by local communities.

Through the public consultation process the community is encouraged to have a say on the proposed name and its spelling.

Where a feature has a non-Aboriginal name, an Aboriginal name can be assigned. The name will sit alongside the non-Aboriginal name, each part having equal status.

Once a dual name proposal is assigned, signposts, maps and directories relating to the area will feature both names.

Since June 2001, the NSW Government has supported a dual naming policy for geographical features and cultural sites. Through place naming, communities have the opportunity to unlock past stories, preserve traditions, reawaken language and provide a sense of belonging and identity.

Dual naming does not apply to towns, roads, localities or other administrative based areas such as a reserve or state forest.

Assigning a place name under the *Geographical Names Act 1966* does not impact other legislation or change rights or responsibilities.

Details of the proposal can be viewed, and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board's website at www.gnb.nsw.gov.au

Alternatively, email submissions can be sent to ss-gnb@customerservice.nsw.gov.au or written submissions may be lodged with the Secretary Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Avenue, Bathurst NSW 2795.

The closing date for submissions is January 28.

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"I got a fire in my belly just to help my mob. I wanted to give back to the community" he says.

He went for a job in the community services industry, confident that his passion and rich life experience would be an asset. The employer appreciated his experience, but they also told him that he needed a relevant qualification.

"They said I understand you got the lived experience, but we need that bit of paper" Jeffrey says.

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school and thought formal qualification was something that wasn't realistic. But then Jeffrey discovered he could do a Cert IV in Community at TAFE NSW Campbelltown.

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Jeffrey studied with over 13 Aboriginal people and received personalised support that made him feel comfortable. He had a mentor to support through the hard times and to help open up future employment opportunities.

Jeffrey says "Speak up if you're struggling so your teachers can help you because their goal is to get you qualified". Jeffrey says the support was invaluable.

"If I had to give any advice, it would be don't be ashamed to ask for help. If you're struggling, let the teachers know you're struggling at TAFE. You will get the help, I wouldn't be where I am today without TAFE NSW." he says.

Today, Jeffrey has the job of his dreams, for the past two years, he's travelled over 80,000km all around Australia, telling his story and inspiring others through the More Cultural Rehabs Less Jails program he has founded. His passion has also resulted in recognition and awards. Jeffrey says that's largely because he's completed a Cert IV at TAFE NSW.

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Men's group to address underlying causes of domestic violence in remote communities



ABORIGINAL men from central Australia are coming together to help prevent domestic violence.

The groundbreaking men's group Uti Kulintjaku (to listen, think and understand clearly) Watiku (belonging to men) made up from Aboriginal (Anangu) men from the NPY (Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara) lands is coming together to prevent family violence and talk and support young people's wellbeing in remote communities.

The group was born from NPY Women's Council's (NPYWC) Ngangkari (traditional healing) program.

NPYWC is one of central Australia's leading health, social and cultural service providers to the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands in Central Australia.

It is traditionally led by women's law, authority and culture. Family and domestic violence programs and conversations are often the domain of women.

Now respected Anangu men are entering into the conversation to learn and create impact in their communities.

One of the Uti Kulintjaku team's health professionals said the project was being driven and led by the Anangu members.

"It's a very powerful message that was sent to the men, and that is, 'We know you care deeply about the experience of women, the experience of children, the experience of men. We need you to be part of the considerations and you can help us understand what else we can do in community. Maybe through that you'll find ways that you can contribute to the solution.'

"That's what they've done. That



A new men's group from the NPY Lands in Central Australia, Uti Kulintjaku Watiku, is helping to address domestic violence.

invitation... to me it was a symbolic, systemic disruption," he said.

The project is an Anangu-led collaboration based on learning reciprocity between the men and health professionals.

Workshops are conducted in the men's first language and value both

Anangu and Western knowledge and concepts. This enables the Anangu men to develop their language around trauma and family violence so they can effectively enter into those conversations at a family, community, regional and national level.

One of the Anangu members

said he felt proud to be a member of the project.

"We are building something strong. Uti Kulintjaku is a way of us trying to find that way of helping those young fellas; being able to show them the right way to that they can go forward well," he said.

Sexual abuse in care



SEXUAL abuse of children is rife in Victoria's residential care system, with a child abused or exploited almost every day.

About twice a day, a child in the state's residential care system self harms or attempts suicide.

A damning report from the Victorian Commissioner for Children and Young People, 'In Our Own Words', found the child protection system is "broken" and especially failing Indigenous children.

It recorded 246 incidents in 2018/19 of children in residential care being subject to sexual abuse or exploitation by people outside their unit, as well as 63 incidents from within their units.

It was actually a drop from the previous year, but that's only because the department has changed how the numbers are reported.

"The commission is concerned about this change and also considers that it may reflect reduced attention to identifying and preventing sexual exploitation," the report said.

The 'In Our Own Words' report

Report finds Victoria's residential care system is failing our kids

heard from more than 200 children and young people who had been in Victoria's out-of-home care, which includes residential care, foster care and kinship care.

"I was pushed off a resi roof and the kids made me do sex stuff," Jane, 12, told the report.

The report included statistics showing 633 self harm and suicide attempts in residential care in 2018/19.

The report found a pressured, poorly resourced system repeatedly failed to take the views of children and young people into account when making important decisions.

That included where they should live, what they needed from their Child Protection workers and carers, what was happening to them in care, and the contact they had with friends, family and their communities.

Victoria's Commissioner for

Aboriginal Children and Young People Justin Mohamed said since 2008/09, there had been a tripling of Aboriginal children removed by the state.

In 2017/18, nine out of every 100 Aboriginal children and young people in Victoria were in care.

"Our aim must be not just to reduce this overrepresentation, but to end it," Mr Mohamed said.

"These disgraceful figures mean the harms of a deeply flawed system are amplified for Aboriginal children and young people."

Victoria's Commissioner for Children and Young People Liana Buchanan said children were often moved around with no warning or explanation.

"They often have no trusted worker they can talk to about their wishes," she said.

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) welcomed the report and said the

recommendations should be implemented immediately. These include a new investment approach for a safe and quality out of home care system, prioritising the drivers of demand, and reversing increasing numbers of Aboriginal children and young people entering care, as well as earlier intervention and prevention strategies.

VACCA chief executive Muriel Bamblett said the children's voices in the report needed to be heard and their concerns acted upon urgently.

"While we know the Government is already working with the Aboriginal community-controlled organisations (ACCO) sector through various strategies and plans, we believe more has to be done to improve the quality of care for children and young people and for their voices to be heard on a regular basis," she said.

"This needs to happen on a child-by-child basis, as well as through broader inquiries such as the 'In Our Own Words' report.

"Giving children and young people a voice, their rights under the Convention of the Rights of the Child and the laws of the land, will also mean they will not be afraid to speak out if and when they feel unsafe in care.

"If the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse taught us anything it was that when children are not heard they are more vulnerable, unsafe and exposed to exploitation.

"VACCA believes that Aboriginal people will do the best for our own children when they have to be in care.

"Our services show we have better reunification rates for our children, are better able to connect them to their families and communities and therefore their culture.

Ms Bamblett said the report's focus on the particular needs of Aboriginal children and young people was very important because the institutional bias that has led to their continued overrepresentation needs special measures to address it.

The Original 100 countdown prepares to change the record on January 26

By NICK PATON



FIRST Nations radio station Brisbane 98.9 FM Digital Media & Strategic Partnerships coordinator Alice

Currie said that every year on January 26, we can see the red, white and blue colours of colonisation smothering the shop windows, and a relentless display of Australian flags spring up to mark a multitude of homes, streets and public spaces.

"But at the same time, we don't see much happening on this great southern land which really acknowledges Indigenous people, or the Aboriginal flag in a sensitive way," she said. "I think it's really important that the whole of Australia acknowledges we have a black history.

"Aboriginal people having their land stolen is the reason why all of Australia is given a public holiday, but with no real acknowledgement as to how we all came to be able to enjoy everything this precious continent has to offer."

For many people in Australia, January 26 becomes a day fuelled with alcohol, often bringing with it behaviour like violence, fighting and noisy antisocial sentiment.

"But for Aboriginal people, this is a day about reflection," Ms Currie said.



Alice Currie and the crew at 98.9 FM want to hear from First Nations and any other communities around Australia on January 26.

"But as much as we need to reflect on the atrocities inflicted upon us since invasion, we as First Nations people are worthy of the need to celebrate too, and not just on January 26, but each and

every single day.

"We all have an obligation to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and we need to acknowledge the talents of our First Nations musicians and the amazing

hits we have heard and grown to love for decades now."

Ms Currie said there isn't enough of mob being broadcast in the mainstream and that's why 98.9 FM are in their third year of *The Original*

100 countdown.

"And as part of this year's *The Original 100*, the crew at Brisbane's 98.9 FM will be crossing to the Yabun festival in Sydney, protest marches in Melbourne, Alice Springs, Adelaide, Perth, Darwin and various other locations," she said.

98.9 FM wants to hear from First Nations and any other communities around Australia on January 26 who are willing to have a yarn, so dial up the station and let the crew know what your community is going to do to honour the world's oldest living culture.

"We're excited to speak to First Nations representatives from media and many other individuals and organisations about what their day of First Nations acknowledgement and celebration entails," Ms Currie said.

No countdown of 100 songs better reflects First Nations perspectives, and 98.9 FM invites all Australians to tune in and celebrate the music and songs that articulate the stories of struggle and empowerment of Aboriginal people.

The Original 100: 'Always Was Always Will Be' countdown will be broadcast on Brisbane's 98.9 FM, streamed via www.989fm.com.au or the 989fm app this January 26.

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Camel cull is underway

By DARREN COYNE



A CULL of 10,000 thirsty camels is underway in the remote Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia's far north-west.

The APY Executive Board of Management met late last year to discuss the impact of feral animals on communities and pastoral operations, and approved a resolution for an aerial cull of camels and other feral animals across the APY Lands.

APY general manager Richard King told the *Koori Mail* that the cull was ordered in an effort to reduce the impacts of feral camels, which are doubling in numbers every nine years.

"The problem we have is that the animals eat all the bush tucker, destroying trees by eating the bark, and in the dry times they get into the springs and waterholes and push other animals off so the natural species don't get a drink," Mr King said.

"The ones we are targeting are the ones near roads and coming into communities.

"This is the first cull on the APY Lands. Aboriginal people don't like killing things unless they are eating them but after dealing with them for so long we need to do something."

Mr King said other culls would be organised

and the APY board would continue to push the Federal Government to amend legislation to award carbon credits for getting rid of feral camels as a way to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Camels emit methane equivalent to one tonne of carbon dioxide a year.

APY executive board member Marita Baker said her community of Kanypi, just off the Gunbarrel Highway 1270km northwest of Adelaide, had been invaded by the creatures.

"We have been stuck in stinking hot and uncomfortable conditions, feeling unwell, because the camels are coming in and knocking down fences, getting in around the houses and trying to get to water through air conditioners," she said.

"They are roaming the streets looking for water. We are worried about the safety of the young children; they think it is fun to chase the camels but it is of course very dangerous.

"The camels are all over the country; they are out front of the store. There are more and more all the time, always looking for water. We need to deal with them."

The SA Department for Environment and Water provided the aerial marksmen to ride in two Robinson R44 four-seat light helicopters.

In remote and inaccessible locations, culled camels are to be left where they fall, but wherever possible carcasses are burnt or buried.

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Artist reflects on the journey of female empowerment

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



JOURNEY of a Woman's Strength is not only the title of Barbara Mundraby's latest artwork, but the theme of her life's enduring work.

Barbara was commissioned exclusively by international Indigenous arts retailer Mainie – led by artistic director Charmaine Saunders – to produce a piece of work for the recent launch of their new Cairns gallery late last year.

The work reflects Barbara's ethos; passing on the knowledge, love and strength bestowed to her by her own grandmother. She says her grandmother's passing over ten years ago – and the grief and loss of that experience – created a profound sense of connection to the women in her family and all they had endured.

"My grandmother was from the Stolen Generation. She arrived in Yarrabah in chains," Barbara said. "She never spoke of it. She learnt to survive, endure. She got strong. And if it wasn't for that I wouldn't be here teaching my girls their stories."

"Her passing really affected me. Our old people, once they go, their stories live on through us. That was the main inspiration



Yarrabah artist Barbara Mundraby creates pieces of work with strong themes of female empowerment.

for my artwork. It's the women who raised you and from that foundation is a mother's strength.

"Being around my grandmother, mother and aunties,

I thought a lot about a women's strength and where that all came from, through generations of women who have had to endure.

"Even when they do pass

away, their journey continues through you, and hopefully gets passed on to your own children."

Barbara says now that she has raised two girls of her own,

she understands more than ever the importance of creating a world where women and girls are valued and loved.

"For me it all starts and ends with women and with a mother's love and strength," she said. "I have two daughters of my own. They're 26 and 22 now, and I've passed on to them the stories of their grandmother and great-grandmother, so they know their foundation and culture and always know where they came from. Hopefully, one day, they can pass it on to their own children."

"We've got such strong women in our family. They just do what they have to do to raise their family and community with little thought to their own pain and suffering."

Barbara hopes that women everywhere find strength in the message of her paintings, and that they too continue to stay strong throughout life's hardships and to continue the journey their ancestors started.

"I feel connected to abstract art," she said.

"I hope women look at my painting and find themselves in there and see something of their own story. I want to teach women that it's ok to have your down times but to always remember your strength."



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Aboriginal Owners Research Project for Kamay Botany Bay National Park and Towra Nature Reserve

The Office of the Registrar Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 is currently running a research project to identify Aboriginal Owners for Kamay Botany Bay National Park and Towra Nature Reserve.

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Birriman-gan title win



IN an on-country determination last December, the Federal Court of Australia determined that exclusive possession native title exists in the entirety of a joint claim made over an area of unallocated Crown land in the Kimberley.

The claim was listed for a determination before Justice Katrina Banks-Smith.

The Federal Court for the first time acknowledged native title rights and interests of Yawuru, Nyikina and Karajarri traditional owners over the Birriman-gan native title claim area.

In total, the claim covers an area of more than 2193km² in an area south of Broome.

Yawuru traditional owner Dianne Appleby said the determination would allow for shared leadership and collaboration between the three native title groups.

"Shared country has always been with us. Lines are visible to create a map and perform a boundary to enclose one's status or an estate," Ms Appleby said.

"Birriman-gan engages and empowers three language groups to have a strong support and leadership in caring for country."

Nyikina traditional owner Deborah Shadforth said the determination was an important



Yawuru, Nyikina and Karajarri traditional owners with Justice Katrina Banks-Smith.

step toward being able to utilise the shared country in a positive way, and to secure it for young people and future generations.

"It's a really good thing to be part of a shared group and that this determination recognises shared country," she said. "It will be good to have the rights to our country so we can use it for ceremonies and gatherings, for future generations and to honour our ancestors. I hope it gives strength to our young ones and

paves the way for them."

Karajarri traditional owner Mervyn Mulardy said that collaboration between the groups and the shared journey is important.

"My two fathers said we needed to talk to the Yawuru and Nyikina people because they knew that we had a connection, and why we had a connection," he said.

"We each have very important cultural ties to this country. We

don't have borders. Our stories about country overlap each other and are shared.

"I feel for my old people and what they've fought for and the stories they've kept about country. This is for our future, for our kids to know where they come from, what connection they have to country and where the yatangal places are."

"It's been a long time coming. I remember my old people talking about the area.

"The proper traditional way is to talk to our neighbours, share this journey together, working together and sharing country."

Kimberley Land Council Deputy chief executive Tyrone Garstone congratulated the Yawuru, Nyikina and Karajarri people on their significant occasion.

"I congratulate and honour Yawuru, Nyikina and Karajarri people on this important day and acknowledge it as an emotional day for traditional owners," he said.

"For these three groups to come together, acknowledge their shared interests in this country and gain a successful native title consent determination is powerful."

The Birriman-gan native title claim was filed in late 2018 following consultations with traditional owners over a period of several years, and an authorisation meeting in 2018.

In early 2019, the state of Western Australia and Birriman-gan claimants entered into negotiations for a consent determination over the entirety of the Birriman-gan claim area, which also included an area formerly subject to the Karajarri Yanja native title claim.

These negotiations have resulted in the determination, which will recognise exclusive possession native title across the entirety of the claim area.



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Clean-Up debris is full of data



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority's (TSRA) Badu Rangers and Land and Sea Management Unit

partnered with Tangaroa Blue Foundation to host a Great Barrier Reef Clean-Up event last year.

The Great Barrier Reef Clean-Up is an annual event that is designed to remove marine debris from waterways and develop a better understanding of how debris travels and arrives in the region.

Tangaroa Blue Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the removal and prevention of marine debris, and data on the marine debris collected will now be entered into the Australian Marine Debris database.



More than 100 participants engaged in the Great Barrier Reef Clean-Up on Badu.

More than 100 people participated in the event including school students, My Pathway participants, council staff, community members, Elders and

traditional owners.

The aim of the event was to remove marine debris and other waste on Badu's south-eastern beaches, from the jetty to the

airport, stretching over 2.3km.

Participants removed 52 large bags of rubbish weighing over 250kg before celebrating their hard work with a

community BBQ.

TSRA chairperson Napau Pedro Stephen said it was inspiring to see the Badu Rangers, the LSMU Sea Team and the Tangaroa Blue Foundation working together with the Badu community.

"It is also important to note that the rangers and the Tangaroa Blue Foundation will sort the rubbish in order to determine where it comes from," he said.

"This knowledge will in turn, help to track the source of the marine debris so that more work can be done to address litter at its source."

Marine debris in the Torres Strait comes predominantly from Indonesia or off passing vessels. Assessment of the rubbish collected at the Badu clean up established it was a mix of international and local waste.



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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, currently or formerly employed by the ADF and Defence APS, and supervisors of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander personnel, are invited to take part in research to increase the attraction, recruitment and retention of Indigenous personnel in Defence.

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Artwork by Chern'ee Sutton, titled *Caina Putut, Ilya, Wartanganha*
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'Voice' is the word



'VOICE' was named word of the year for 2019. It beat shortlisted terms including 'climate emergency', 'fish kill', 'influencer' and 'quiet Australians' to take out the annual title awarded by the Australian

National Dictionary Centre. The term rose to prominence last year after the Statement from the Heart called for a First Nations Voice to be enshrined in the Australian constitution.

Dr Amanda Laugesen, director of the dictionary centre at the Australian National University, said it referred to the need for indigenous Australians to have a formal channel for input. The centre presents the title to the word or expression they believe best sums up the year.

"We saw 'voice' increase considerably in usage though 2019; it was also central to public debate," she said. "The issue was reignited by indigenous affairs minister Ken Wyatt, who proposed a legislated voice to government, prompting heated discussion about what form a voice should take and what it means."

"Professor Marcia Langton has noted this lack of definition in the debate about voice, and called for much more precise language to be used."

The dictionary centre undertakes research into Australian English and edits Oxford's Australian dictionaries. — AAP

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Kira Everett from Hobart sports some serious face painting.



Sam Jones, Eden Slicer and Kate Slicer.



Three generations of the Brown family: Fleur, Leah, Ava, Greg and Isable, from Hobart and Cairns.



Pakara Greaves with daughter Charlotte, Skye Harris, Wayne Riley and Kady Greaves, from Launceston.



Wendy and Andrew Moore with daughter Ruby.



Scott and Denise Jones from Devonport.



Gamilaraay country singer Sue Ray, from Townsville, found a spot backstage to rehearse.



Dazza Williams, of *Bogan Hunters* (reality TV show) fame, with his nephews Felix and Elijah, sister-in-law Paige Evans and brother Chris Williams.



Danika Corcoran with her baby daughter Jaylah, from Launceston.



Olive Ralph (Pyke) and Leanne Pelikan (Briggs) were wrapt to meet Kutcha Edwards at the festival and discuss their Mutti connections.



Shellie Morris had the young'ns joins her on stage.



Nathan Mansell with granddaughter Ree Erza.



Tasmanian Aboriginal country singer and veteran of putalina festival Dougie Mansell with artist/musician Warren Mason who performed at the festival for the first time.



Brooke Bourke with her handmade jewellery stall and sister Natika Hughes (back).

Festival-goers find time to celebrate and reflect

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE putalina festival, on Saturday, showcased local and interstate Aboriginal musical talent, with a focus on paying tribute to the significance of the country it is held on.

The festival, in its 36th year, is one of the biggest dates on the Tasmanian Aboriginal calendar.

It brings family and friends together and has been a springboard for many aspiring young singers and dancers in the Aboriginal community.

This year the audience was treated to performances by local singers including Dougie Mansell, Dewayne Everett-Smith and Kartanya Maynard, as well as interstate guests including Shellie Morris, Deline Briscoe, Kutcha Edwards and Sue Ray.

Between performances there was poetry, dances and speeches about the history of putalina.



Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre CEO Heather Sculthorpe.

The festival is organised by the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC).

There has been recent debate in the Aboriginal community about the appropriateness of holding the event on a site that has such sad

and somber significance.

In 1847, 135 Tasmanian Aborigines were exiled to Wybalena on Flinders Island. Only 47 survived the exile. They were relocated to putalina (Oyster Cove) and housed in a derelict ex-

convict camp. By 1876 there was only one survivor.

Those who perished at putalina were buried on site and in 1909 William Crowther stole bodies from 12 graves and sold and distributed them to institutions and collectors across the world.

The TAC has campaigned for the return of ancestral remains and land since the early 1970s.

Putalina was re-occupied by the Aboriginal community on January 16, 1984.

It is around the anniversary of this date each year that the putalina festival is held.

In 1985 many of remains of the deceased were returned to the Aboriginal community and laid to rest.

In 1995, after years of protest, negotiations and hard work, 12 areas of land, including putalina was returned to the Aboriginal community through legislation.

'The Festival', as it is referred to by the Aboriginal community in Tasmania, is the one day of the year that the site comes alive with

music, dance and festivities.

TAC chief executive Heather Sculthorpe explained the mixed feelings about continuing to hold the festival at putalina.

"Some people think it pays tribute to those old people because we are here in celebration about having our land returned and coming together as a community.

"Others think it's just wrong. It's like having a concert in graveyard," she said.

"The very least we can do while we are trying to work through those different views is make sure we re-emphasise, and emphasise every year, why we took the land back, what it means to us and the fact that there are ancestors remains here.

"Us old people think everyone knows it, but apparently they don't. A lot of young people haven't got a clue."

She encourages the debate to continue.

"You wouldn't want to rush it," she said.

Danny Eastwood's view



A YARN WITH...



Jermaine Reuben Badu Island Torres Strait

Favourite Indigenous or bush tucker?

Turtle meat, either fried or steamed.

Favourite other food?

Lamb and pasta.

Favourite drink?

Water, either in a bottle or from the tap.

Favourite music?

Listen to all types but prefer Black music.

Favourite sport?

Rugby league and I am an organiser of our Badu team Kulpiyam.

Favourite read?

A book named *Wild Things*.

Favourite holiday destination?

Asia and particularly Japan.

What do you like in life?

Fishing and diving in waters around Badu.

What don't you like in life?

People who talk BS.

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

My partner and 12-year-old son.

Who/what inspires you?

Anybody who has the drive to get somewhere in life.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?

Make our people understand we need to manage our affairs to move forward.

Quote



"It was great to share what we do on our country and learn what people are doing in other countries. We've all got different ways of caring for country."

Eddie Smallwood, from Gudjuda Reference Group, on the World Ranger Congress

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Unquote

How many more have to die?

Sadly, 2020 has begun with another needless death of an Aboriginal woman in custody. Veronica Nelson was in the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre in Victoria after having been refused bail. She'd been arrested for allegedly shoplifting.

Veronica was only 37.

Her family – while they are still unsure what exactly happened – believe Veronica didn't receive the medical care she needed.

Belinda Atkinson, Veronica's sister, told *NITV News* that she believed her sister was refused medication at the prison and that other inmates reported hearing her screaming for help in the hours before her death.

"She'd gone up to medical asking for help, could she get something for her drug problem," she said.

"She'd gone up there and asked for help and they've knocked her back, and then she was sitting in the cell crying. Crying, crying, crying, because she couldn't get no help."

When substance abuse – and the petty crime that so often accompanies it – is treated as serious criminal offences by the justice system instead of a health issue, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people die in jail.

Instead of supporting people who



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need help with a problem, the criminal justice system locks them up – and too often they pay a price that is far too high.

We've seen it time and time again: Aboriginal people not receiving the care they need and dying in custody.

Ms Dhu.

Tanya Day.

David Dungay Junior.

These are just a few names. There are so many others. Far too many.

Yes, shoplifting is a crime.

But it shouldn't carry a death sentence as a penalty.

Veronica Nelson deserved help, support and dignity.

Instead she died screaming and crying in pain.

This is a system that is failing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

When is enough going to be enough?

How many more people need to die?

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Big sister Keisha shows courage and resilience

By TASH GILLESPIE



TWENTY-FIVE-year-old Ballardong Noongar woman Keisha Calyun is a courageous and remarkable young

person who has overcome adversity in her life to recently be awarded the Hope Community Services Positive Achievement Award at the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia 2019 WA Youth Awards.

Keisha faced difficulties early in her life with her dad struggling with drug use, often selling their belongings for drugs. Keisha's mum, Clare, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007 while carrying Keisha's youngest brother. Although Clare received treatment and had a mastectomy, the cancer returned in 2013 and had spread to her liver and shoulder, eventually entering her brain. The 10 tumours they found in Clare's brain were inoperable and, ultimately, terminal.

Keisha lost her mum in 2017, when she was just 22.

Before she died, Clare had worried about what would happen to her five children, so after temporary stays with extended family, Keisha, her partner Jhi and her 20-year-old sister Susan decided to become guardians for their three younger siblings.

"It was both the easiest and hardest decision I've ever had to make, but, luckily, I didn't have to make the decision on my own. I had Susan and Jhi by my side," Keisha said.

"On one hand it was a difficult decision, knowing that my life was about to change drastically, being so young and knowing it was such a big responsibility.

"But, of course I was going to do it, because I'm their big sister and I want to look out for my younger siblings and do everything I can do to guide them on the right path for a safe, healthy, and happy future.

"In my situation, becoming their guardian was the best way I could do that."

Winning the youth award last year was a huge testament to Keisha's character and her ability to adapt to change and to push back against the odds, to strive for a better life for herself and her siblings.

"I'm so thankful that I won the award. To me it's reassuring that you don't have to be well known or have a university degree to be recognised for some good stuff you're contributing to," Keisha said after receiving the award.

"And that even the small things that everyday people are doing make a difference."

Alongside the responsibilities of caring for her family, Keisha works at the Aboriginal Health Council of WA (AHCWA), where she is helping to develop a free-to-use online mapping tool that shows availability of health services for regional and remote communities.



Keisha Calyun Picture: Youth Affairs Council of WA

"I work on a project called Mappa, which puts health services on a map," she said.

"Anybody will be able to search what permanent and visiting health services are available in metro, rural and remote communities, bringing the information into one place, something that is not currently done.

"The use of Mappa will benefit the Aboriginal community as it will promote the use of locally available services, stopping unnecessary displacement of

people from family, home and country to receive health care."

Keisha said she really enjoys her work at AHCWA. Part of AHCWA's mission statement promotes empowering Aboriginal people to achieve health equality in their communities, something that really aligns with her own beliefs and that Keisha is passionate about.

Keisha's Aboriginal culture is also a huge part of who she is.

She said it gives her the strength and courage to continue to seek success.

Keisha ensures that her whole family continues to embrace their Aboriginal culture through involvement in cultural groups and activities.

Keisha is also a member of the AHCWA Youth Committee, a Youth Representative on the WA Aboriginal Health Ethics Committee (WAAHEC), the chairperson of the AHCWA Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Working Group, and a member of CanTeen, an organisation for young people living with cancer, and has been on interstate

camps to make connections with other members.

Keisha has overcome anguish with her dad's drug use, despair with the death of her mum and is working hard to be the best guardian she can be for her younger siblings.

Life is very different to what it was prior to taking on the responsibility of caring for her siblings, but, for Keisha, the sacrifice is worth it to make sure her siblings have the best chance at life and the right guidance for their future.

Proud young rap artist makes his music count

By NICK PATON



MAK Mak Marranungu rap artist J-MILLA (Jacob Nichaloff) has already amassed 15,000 Instagram followers, 18,000 more on Facebook and his 2018 track *My People* has now been viewed more than 100,000 times on YouTube, all of which he insists is "just the beginning" of his career in the music industry.

Growing up on his traditional homelands of Litchfield National Park and Darwin in the Northern Territory, J-MILLA has already begun to gain serious attention in the local and international rap and hip-hop music scene.

Unlock the System, the first single off his new album, is dedicated to Kumanjaji Walker from the Yuendumu community, a young man shot dead by police last year.

"With this song I really want my audience to delve into their critical thinking zone and try to see things from a different perspective, from the point of view of the Yuendumu community," he said.

"It's important that we develop a sense of understanding and really try to empathise and feel the shock and grief and the many other emotions that go hand in hand with these types of horrific circumstances."

Controversy surrounding the location of the Kumanjaji Walker hearing, now confirmed as remaining in Alice Springs, has made deciding on a release date of the new single somewhat tricky.

"We're currently in the process of speaking to the family of brother boy Walker, and other members of the Yuendumu community, and I am hoping my ties to this special community will enable me to obtain the permissions needed, when I speak about certain things, often very culturally sensitive, in the lyrics of my songs," he said.

Unlock the System contains some distressing themes, some which will be hard for some listeners to accept, but J-MILLA said Australia and the rest of the world desperately need to hear the truth about what is not being spoken about outside many Aboriginal communities.

"When I heard the news about Kumanjaji, an innate connection spurred into consciousness, and I was absolutely grief-stricken," J-MILLA said.

"The news floored me but I knew my sadness and anger for the situation wasn't just about what happened to brother boy Walker himself, but also about the ways I knew this would affect his family, friends, loved ones, and the entire Yuendumu community for that matter."

J-MILLA said members of his own family and some of his friends have been in and out of jail over the years and due to his family affiliation with Yuendumu, he really felt the raw pain of the entire situation.

"And I knew I couldn't leave these feelings of anger and sadness festering deep down inside me for much longer," he said.

"As an Aboriginal man, musician and artist I know I have an inherent obligation to use my voice so that I can fight for, and stand up for my people.

"We are getting better, but us men still need to work on having more confidence to open up and speak out on things that get to us."

J-MILLA said he has always tried to speak up for what he believes in, using his lyrics and music as a platform to show mob that it is OK to speak out on issues that affect their emotions.

"And by doing this I hope to encourage someone else to speak out too if they are



Jacob Nichaloff (aka J-MILLA) is using music to stand alongside the Yuendumu community.

feeling upset, or if something is bothering them," he said.

"And I can guarantee you will feel a lot better after you have offloaded in some kind of way, like I do with my music."

J-MILLA will spend 2020 experimenting with his rap through a range of genres and themes and his other new single *Fresh* brings with it happy feelings and positive vibes.

"The *Fresh* track really has a bright uplifting dance beat, the kind that makes you want to get up and do your thing and invite all your friends over to party," J-MILLA said.

"I wrote this song because I remember how awesome it felt being a kid and being taught to get up in the morning and start

my day fresh by getting dressed and spraying on some cologne and looking and feeling my best for the day."

Both singles are due to be released by J-MILLA after January 26, to coincide with Invasion Day.

"And I did this on purpose because Invasion Day is about being with your family and your community, and really celebrating who we are as strong, resilient Aboriginal people," he said.

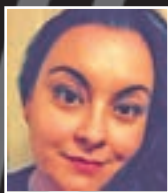
"For us Aboriginal people, January 26 can often bring with it connotations of sadness and loss and it can be difficult for many of us mob to navigate, but at the end of the day there is nothing that's going to stop us being the world's strongest and oldest living culture."

J-MILLA will donate proceeds from sales of the *Unlock the System* single to the Walker family and the Yuendumu community to assist with ongoing costs related to the Kumanjaji Walker case.

"I just find it so upsetting what the Walker family are going through and my supporters and I want the family to know we are thinking about them and we will help to raise money to support the Walker family and the entire Yuendumu community in any way we can," he said.

Set to be digitally distributed by DITTO music, the release dates for J-MILLA's epic new singles can be found on his website along with all of his latest music and videos.

Visit www.jmilla.com.au



Some resolutions for the new year



Isa Yumkaporta (Aurukun, aged 69):
"It is to spend as much time as I can with my grandchildren and try and go fishing more."



Carmel Miller (Woorabinda):
"I will try and eat more healthy food, give up smoking and look after my three babies".



Connor Snow (aged 17, Normanton):
"Now that I have finished grade 12 at school I hope to get a full-time career. I worked part-time during my school years so that will help."



Nicole Ross (Townsville):
"Mine is to always be who you are. When no one confines you then no one defines you. Be strong and walk proud."

Dear Mr Prime Minister

Dear Mr Prime minister,

with all due respect I would like to express myself as an Aboriginal Australian woman with words that needs to be heard nationwide about this hazardous genocide

while you're holidaying in Hawaii eating 4 course meals staying in 5 star resorts thousands are homeless waiting desperately at ports needing to be freed from a fiery catastrophe

lives are lost with no returns our country burns our people yearn for help when flames stealthily ravage our land from our hands

you spend millions on a jet plane while our homes go up in flames your countrymen in pain your countrymen in pain because the promises you publicly proclaimed are yet to be maintained

do you have a conscience or are you really that sinister to the point that you just don't care that you lack empathy for humanity?

We have shops selling water Five times more than the original prices using people's struggles as vices because they are that greedy for money they have to steal from the needy forgetting kindness killing compassion by rationing innocent lives

that slowly die

where is your love for the farmers that voted you in Or the hard-working tax payers who helped you to win so that when natural disasters happen they have you to depend on when things like this go wrong

my heart aches like it's being stabbed with a hundred stakes watching the news and the hopeful kneeling at church

pews waiting for a miracle to end the fears of every little boy and girl

Mr Prime Minister do you hear me? I speak for them so can you please listen open your eyes and ears to their cries open your heart to all families and to those who have helped build this country.

Daniella Djibidjee Rochford

Time to act is now

Climate scientists are again warning us, if we do nothing before 2030 global temperatures will continue to rise and extreme weather events will become progressively worse, with no way back. This is life threatening and country destroying. It's the climate equivalent of WWII on the horizon and it doesn't get any more serious. Weigh it up: Profit from fossil fuel against the untold cost of damage to our people, wildlife and country!

If there was an invading army coming to burn our country, wipe out our wildlife, drown our cities, destroy our homes and infrastructure and kill us and our families, would you want to know about it? Climate

change and global warming are here and now and are no less deadly than an invading army with the worst assault yet to come.

Politicians take a vow of office to protect the country and its people as a first priority and they need to seriously consider that. History tells us that there is a point where society under pressure will rebel and, in this instance, those promoting the burning of fossil fuels, at some point in time, will be held to account for atrocities that could have been avoided.

You do not want to be confronted by an outraged and angry population yelling: "You could have done more!"

Stephen Fitzgerald, Avalon, NSW

Royal commission into fires is needed as matter of urgency

With home insurance premiums skyrocketing after fires in America and house sales in affected areas plummeting, obviously Scott Morrison's idea of throwing \$2 billion at a problem won't solve anything.

A Royal Commission into Fires is needed.

It can consider better use of water resources. Let's use low-water garden plants, tap into the Great Artesian Basin

and use bore water, find better better weather predictions, re-zone home and property sites, use re-cycled water with a water tank, compulsory by law, purchased with govt. subsidies, gaol for fire bugs and compulsory rehabilitation, on-street fire water hydrants, coordinated fire fighting efforts including earlier intervention from army, navy, airforce and reserves, use

eons-old Indigenous experience, pay firefighters properly and provide more training and equipment, co-ordinate logistics including group purchase of equipment by us and our overseas allies e.g. pooling resources, and introduce drought and hot weather controls including reductions in global warming.

Andrew Woodhouse Potts Point, NSW

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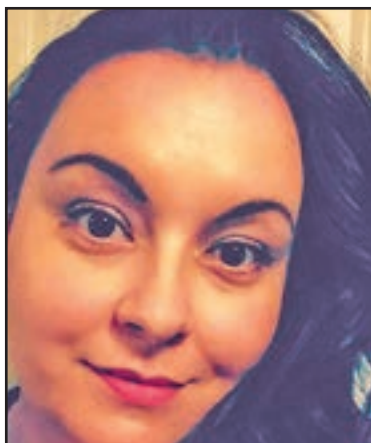
Be inspired by our survival

AS our calendar pages turn to another year, it is easy to get lost on the feeling that nothing has changed in a positive and meaningful way for our people. It is true and a valid expression of our emotions that we feel when faced with what it means to be blak in Australia.

Then add the hate. We all know it is coming. Frankly, it never ends – but the magnification of racism and race baiting is on the horizon as it always is in January. We know the pain that is life in the colony and we do tend to brace ourselves for the influx of hate that reaches its highest, around January 26, when the nationalistic celebrations are in full swing, but we also find ways to thrive in our survival.

Attending the invasion day rallies and marches – although for a critical political expression of our human rights – is an inspiring event. Look at the Elders, some in wheelchairs and walkers, but they still believe in the power of protest and support the protests now organised by the younger members of the communities. Look around at the children who are being brought up among this blak power, understanding politics and the power of people. Look around also at the growing number of non-Indigenous allies who join these rallies in droves to support us – to have our back. This inspires hope.

As the marches reach their completion, we then get to find the numerous survival day



Natalie Cromb

celebrations where there is a festival vibe of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander talent from the music, the dancing and even the market stalls of art and merchandise designed and made by mob. We get to sit with families, catch up with mob we do not see often and celebrate as a community the beauty of culture and our continued survival.

There is nothing that makes me grin bigger than seeing all the kids jiving to the music on stage at these events, feeling free and safe among mob to express themselves. Those kids are who we will look to in the future, they will be the barometer of our success during our time to resist and take the fight forward.

The events that happen on and around January 26 in our

communities are a lifeline for many, but it is not all we have to hang onto. Our communities have become very adept at finding ways to maintain connection to country, culture and our community's life force – our kids.

We have communities that know the importance of children and protect them as much as possible in this world we find ourselves. There are art and dance programs, school holiday programs, language and singing programs, cooking and game programs, and science and learning programs. All of these programs are run on the smell of an oily rag or done solely by volunteers but they happen and that tells me something. It tells me that the children that are being raised by the communities and are going to pay it forward, as is our kinship and we are going to have generations of children that are strong in community and culture. That these children will continue the work of our ancestors, elders and current generations so there will be no end to our resistance and then – there is only one answer – white Australia will need to change because our resistance will not.

While we know that there will always be moments that test us and make us question what the point is or even if we have the strength to continue with this fight when it seems so helpless, look around. Draw upon the strength of others and the inspiration they provide so you too can provide

strength and inspiration to them when they are depleted of their own.

Look at the strong black woman that enters the schools system that traumatised her to build the skills of children by giving them poetry lessons and guidance as she wished that she had. Look at the uncle who takes children out on country to talk, yarn old ways to give them an outlet to talk about their pain in the protected space he creates while teaching them culture. Look at the aunty talking language to her niece as she does her hair for the day. Look at the cousin who goes down to the community park to help kids write Christmas cards for their friends and families just because. Look at the women that hold it down for generations of their families, cooking and cleaning and giving our Elders dignity in their old age where the white man's care system does not. Look at the aunties and uncles who work hard to deliver Blak Santa celebrations and the countless communities feeds in the part over the course of the year. Look at the love, solidarity and strength of cousins growing up together – shoulder to shoulder into adulthood.

We have so much to inspire us and give hope, simply by looking inwards – to our own families and communities. Sure, our fight continues and it will get much harder before it gets easier given that we have determined racists leading and reinforcing the governing structures that oppress

us – but we also have each other. We have survived, we thrive in this survival and we need to have each other. Be the life force for a blak fulla struggling and they can be that for someone else when they are replenished.

Wherever you are, whatever you do, know that you have the power to impact others and a responsibility to make sure that impact is a positive one. Our ancestors gave so much so that we have these opportunities right now to make decisions that can be very powerful for our mob, because every small act adds up to something truly inspiring among our community.

I encourage you to smile, to help, to yarn and to love – yourself and others.

Our mob is one mob. Our mob is our safety blanket and we need to make sure it is warm and safe for as many as possible. We aren't all of one mind or experience, but we all deserve the love and comfort that comes from knowing your community has you and will give you the freedom to falter and learn.

Throughout the heightened racism of January, I send my love to you mob and hope you look within our families and communities and see what I see: thriving in our survival, kinship continued and hope for the fight to continue and strengthen.

One love mob.

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

Morrison fiddles as home burns

IN July of 64 AD, a great fire ravaged Rome for six days, destroying 70% of the city and leaving half its population homeless. This gave birth to a well-known expression. Rome's emperor at the time, the decadent and unpopular Nero, 'fiddled while Rome burned'. The expression has a double meaning: Not only did Nero play music while his people suffered, he was an ineffectual leader in a time of crisis.

It's deeper than our Prime Minister Scott Morrison not being able to handle the bushfires; he can't handle climate change itself, and here is the real problem. If he was to admit to the catastrophe he would then have to admit to the solution – and as fossil fuels lie at the centre of Australia's political economy, acknowledging climate disasters means acknowledging climate change.

This would mean accepting that coal, gas and oil are responsible, along with Western farming practices, irrigation, cotton and land clearing. But such denial of the truth remains at the heart of Australia's sickness in its addiction to fossil fuels and land clearing.

Just like Emperor Nero,



Woolombi Waters

Scott Morrison fiddled as Australia burned, even throwing a New Year's Eve function with his family and friends to watch over the fireworks from Kirribilli House. Could you think of anything more inappropriate – oh wait I can: holidaying in Hawaii as Australia remains burning and, worse, then trying to cover it up.

The Prime Minister's office not only refused to confirm whether or not he was on holiday, they told reporters they were 'wrong' that Morrison was in Hawaii. Yes, they lied. With mounting pressure Morrison then phoned into Sydney radio 2GB for a live interview to say he was in Hawaii and

why his office, would not confirm any details:

"We don't always say where we're going. My privacy with my family when we're having leave, I'm sure people understand, that's something that I know Australians would respect. But I think on this occasion, John, because there have been such horrendous events that have understandably caused a lot of anxiety, I deeply regret that and so does Jenny and to all those who were affected by the fires especially. And I'll be getting back there as soon as I can."

This raises another problem – the hand in hand relationship between conservative media and the hold they have on our politicians. Seriously he announces it on 2GB radio. I am so sick of the social commentators, supported by FOX News, people like Daisy Cousins, Andrew Bolt, and others, who continually deny climate change and talk of the silent majority questioning the science as leftist extremism.

This problem is not the Prime Minister. The problem is the electorate, the conservative media, the silent majority that voted him in – all relying on their privilege to maintain denial

and lie to the public who are now suffering. Even the media outlets condemning Morrison are not telling the truth. He is not incompetent; he is ruthless, highly focused and knows exactly what he is doing.

Morrison is sticking with Government policy despite all that is happening around him. Rather than go to pieces, he is staying firm in his own dogma, his arrogance and pride. We have had ample evidence, across his time in Parliament long before becoming Prime Minister.

Morrison can't bring himself to acknowledge the severity of the current crisis, because to do so would be to acknowledge that catastrophic climate change has come to Australia. Morrison would need to acknowledge that climate change is a significant cause of this unprecedented horror, and that would increase pressure for Australia to do something about it, but this would mean going against those privileged elite who put him in power.

Who could ever forget Morrison and his mates laughing the warnings off as he paraded a lump of coal in Parliament?

Nothing could better sum up the arrogance of Australia's most privileged in

the face of such a disaster.

He also stated in Parliament that those who argue climate change "have an ideological pathological fear of coal". Pathological means a belief system based on a physical or mental disorder. Morrison went on to state that coal was an "important part of our sustainable and more certain energy future".

If I could steal a line from Writer-director Todd Phillips' movie *The Joker* concerning our Prime Minister: "Well, no one's laughing now..." (Joaquin Phoenix as Arthur Fleck, *The Joker*, 2019)

The film is a dark, enthralling, challenging, and seductive film about how a cruel and indifferent world can create a human monster. The film is also a powerful indictment of neoliberalism and 'gangster capitalism'. I love that term. It describes so well the culture of cruelty causing such pain around the world and in Australia.

The two million fish killed last year, the rate of youth suicide on our communities, our rivers dying and now the fires make for a nightmarish vision of biblical proportions. There is totalitarian culture that casts a dark shadow over Australia. Our government has moved from welfare to warfare against

those most vulnerable.

The institutions that were once meant to limit human suffering and misfortune and protect the public from the greed of the market economy have been either weakened or abolished. The social contract that defines a civilised society in how we look after those most vulnerable has all but been removed from the principles of our democracy.

Relegated to the object disdain of right-wing extremists, politicians, media and social commentators, the legacy of democratic principles now burns along with the land of our ancestors under a social order marked by a hardening of the culture and the emergence of an unprecedented survival-of-the fittest benefiting those most privileged.

Theirs is a mean-spirited heart as black as coal that rails against any notion of empathy and compassion, the consequences of which is the emerging authoritarianism that has sparked the total terror in the fires that have welcomed us into the second decade of the 21st century.

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

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Nearly 40% of the rangers attending the 9th World Ranger Congress in Nepal were women, part of an effort to recognise the contribution of women rangers and advocate for more women in the overwhelmingly male-dominated ranger workforce. *Picture: WWF-Aus/Abigail Sexton*



Zacharia Edgar from the Bardi Jawi Rangers and Amber McCarthy from the Ngurrara Rangers from Western Australia joined rangers from over 70 countries.



Tracy Lampton and Edward Smallwood from the Land and Sea Rangers Gudjuda Reference Group and Evelyn Ivey from the Giringun Rangers enjoy a trip to the Boudhanatu Stoupa in Kathmandu.



Phoebe Martin from the Kimberley Land Council, Cissy Gore-Birch, Zacharia Edgar from the Bardi Jawi Rangers, Amber McCarthy from the Ngurrara Rangers and Monique Middleton from Bunuba Rangers.

Focus on women



THIRTEEN Indigenous rangers travelled nearly 10,000km from Australia to the foot of the Himalayas to share their knowledge and create partnerships with rangers from around the world in November.

Rangers from Queensland and Western Australia made the epic trip to Sauraha in Nepal for the World Ranger Congress, joining some 550 rangers from more than 70 countries who work on the frontline to protect wildlife and natural resources.

It was the first time travelling overseas for many of the Indigenous rangers, who made the journey with support from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the World Wide Fund for Nature-Australia WWF-Australia).

Zachariah Edgar from the Bardia Jawi Rangers in the Kimberley region of WA said it was an amazing experience.

"It was pretty overwhelming to be looking at those mountains," he

said. "You don't see scenery like that back at home, so it was great to see the different sites and meet rangers from around the world.

Held at a time when wildlife and rangers are under increasing threat, the 9th World Ranger Congress was the largest congress ever and the first held in Asia.

Organised by the International Ranger Federation, the congress provided a platform for rangers to share ideas and collaborate on issues affecting rangers globally. Themes addressed this year included ranger welfare, the importance of women and Indigenous rangers, and new technology solutions for rangers.

In addition to supporting the Indigenous ranger delegation, the Australian Government was a Platinum sponsor of the congress. Australian governments are increasingly utilising the knowledge and expertise of Indigenous rangers in land and sea management.

Eddie Smallwood, from Gudjuda Reference Group, a ranger group that protects

dugongs, dolphins and sea turtles in north-east Queensland, gave a presentation at the conference.

"It was great to share what we do on our country and learn what people are doing in other countries. We've all got different ways of caring for country," he said.

Nearly 40% of the rangers attending the congress were women, part of an effort to recognise the contribution of women rangers and advocate for more women in the overwhelmingly male-dominated ranger workforce.

"In Indigenous culture there's women's business and men's business, so women rangers are important for cultural purposes. You have to have women and men working together on country," said Shayleen Cole, a ranger from Gudjuda Reference Group who attended the congress.

WWF-Australia is working collaboratively with Aboriginal Land Councils, Indigenous Corporations and ranger groups to support their women ranger programs.

Irene Davey, Kimberley Land Council cultural advisor, said the Congress was an opportunity for rangers to showcase their achievements in conservation on a global stage, as well as learn from other rangers around the world.

"It's empowering to know the congress is looking at strategies to get more women involved as rangers on a global scale," she said. "Women play a critical role in managing natural resources and we need to keep working together to continue to push for policy changes and more roles for women."

Outside of the congress sessions, the rangers had the chance to sample Nepalese food, visit local temples and view wildlife like elephants and rhinos.

WWF-Australia's Head of Healthy Land and Seascapes Darren Grover said the congress was a chance to showcase the amazing work of Indigenous rangers on a global stage.

"The Australian experience has shown that Indigenous ranger programs can empower communities to protect natural and

cultural resources, provide economic development and support the emergence of positive role models and community leaders," he said.

"It's also important for our rangers to know they are not alone. The congress showed there are other rangers across the world who are facing many of the same issues, like the uncertainty of funding. Australia has seen substantial progress over the past decade with Indigenous ranger groups managing their country."

"WWF-Australia and rangers from across northern Australia are calling for these programs to be strengthened and for Indigenous ranger numbers to more than double, with a focus on ensuring gender equity."

Indigenous rangers across Australia are funded largely by federal and state governments, and work in partnership with NGOs, land councils and Indigenous corporations to deliver meaningful employment, training and career pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in land and sea management.



Rangers from Australia board a canoe on the Rapti River in Sauraha, Nepal, during the 9th World Ranger Congress. *Picture: WWF-Aus/Abigail Sexton*



Tracy Lampton from the Land and Sea Rangers Gudjuda Reference Group and Evelyn Ivey from the Giringun Rangers exchange knowledge with another ranger from Samoa during the Congress in Nepal. *Picture: WWF-Aus/Abigail Sexton*



Edward Smallwood from the Land and Sea Rangers Gudjuda Reference Group shares knowledge and best practice from Australia with over 550 rangers from 70 countries attending the Congress. *Picture: Ranjan Ramchandani*



Amber McCarthy from the Ngurrara Rangers, Monique Middleton from the Bunuba Rangers and Zacharia Edgar from the Bardi Jawi Rangers take in some sightseeing in Kathmandu.



From top-left: Michael George from Giringun Rangers; Edward Smallwood from Land and Sea Rangers Gudjuda Reference Group; Kasey Singleton from Yuku-Baja-Muliku Rangers; Evelyn Ivey, ranger from Giringun Rangers; Cissy, ranger advisor to the Kimberley Land Council; Monique Middleton from the Bunuba Rangers; Dave Wildermuth from the Queensland Government; Tracy Lampton from Land and Sea Rangers Gudjuda Reference Group. From bottom-left: Shayleen Cole from Land and Sea Rangers Gudjuda Reference Group; Larissa Hale from Yuku-Baja-Muliku Rangers; Jemima-Lee Sutherland from Land and Sea Rangers Gudjuda Reference Group; Phoebe Martin from Kimberley Land Council; Zacharia Edgar from Bardi Jawi Rangers; Amber McCarthy from the Ngurrara Rangers. *Picture: WWF-Aus/Abigail Sexton*



Black Ties – the biggest mob of aunties, uncles and cousins from both sides of the ‘ditch’ get worked up for the blackest wedding ever. *Picture: Garth Oriander*



Marcus Corowa plays the role of Willie in *Bran Nue Dae*, at the Riverside Theatre, Parramatta. *Picture: Julia Rau*



Archie Roach *Picture: Adrian Cook*



Black Cockatoo is a play with an all Aboriginal cast looking at the first Australian cricket team to tour England. *Picture: Christian Trinder*

Festival platform

By KIRK PAGE



SYDNEY Festival's Blak Out program is the largest single commissioner of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander works in the country.

Artistic director Wesley Enoch said Sydney Festival 2020 presents 46 new co-commissioned works, a great many with Indigenous themes at their heart.

"There's politics and social

perspectives all throughout everything we do," Enoch said. "And it's interesting this idea of history and retrospectives. When you have someone like (visual artist) Vernon Ah Kee doing his work, called *The Island*, which is looking at Palm Island and (artist) Fiona Foley and her exhibition work, it's both the contemporary and the historical sitting side by side.

"When there is more representation, you can look at the diversity of the voices that non-Indigenous Australia is hearing from us."

Enoch said it was important for the Sydney Festival, which is held on the land of the Eora nation, to have a strong First Nations program.

"This is my life's work: the idea of Indigenous audiences seeing themselves on stage in the visual arts and seeing themselves being a vital part of the community," he said.

"And even with this bushfire crisis, this climate crisis, we are experiencing the wonderful conversation about Indigenous knowledge, which is very needed, and how we need it to take us

into the future – it's very important.

"As a cultural voice what we are doing with the Blak Out program is providing a cultural platform. Our voice can be validated and acknowledged, listened to and seen. We step out of the kind of neglect that the majority of Australia engages in.

"I think that the bulk of the media sees us as a 'problem' but when we strengthen our cultural voice we can say that we have solutions for you and you need to listen to us.

"That's what I am trying to do

for Indigenous audiences – to say that we should be absolutely proud of our cultural perspective of the world because we have the future in mind, not just the past."

The Blak Out program includes productions that reflect on major events in our history like the landing of the first tall ships in *The Visitors* – a Mooghalin theatre's world premiere, written by Jane Harrison.

The play transports audiences to the shore of Gadigal land at a pivotal moment in history.

As the tall ships drop anchor in 1788, seven senior law men



Bungul is a remarkable staging of Gurrumul Yunupingu's final album and will play at the Sydney Festival on January 25. Picture: Jacob Nash



Mooghalin Theatre's *The Visitors*, written by Jane Harrison, transports audiences to the shore of Gadigal land in 1788.



Sydney Festival artistic director Wesley Enoch. Picture: Victor Frankowski

shares our voice

meet. Should these strangers be welcomed, or should they rise as one and resist?

Famed for her plays *Stolen* and *Rainbow's End*, playwright and Muruwari descendant Jane Harrison turns her attention to that pivotal moment when the First Fleet dropped anchor. Featuring an all Aboriginal, all male cast, *The Visitors* explores concepts of masculinity and the impact of colonisation on Aboriginal men.

It will show at Carriage Works in Eveleigh, from January 22-26.

Another world premiere, *Black*

Ties, is a reimagining of the popular wedding romantic comedy from a distinctly First Nations perspective, as the biggest mob of aunties, uncles and cousins from both sides of the 'ditch' get worked up for the blackest wedding ever. With an unrivalled cast including Uncle Jack Charles, Mark Coles Smith, Lisa Maza and Brady Peeti, the show is created by a team of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori artists.

Black Ties runs at Sydney Town Hall until January 18.

Thirty years after its premiere,

the world's best-loved Aboriginal musical, *Bran Nue Dae*, gets a major revival at the Riverside Theatre Parramatta from January 17 until February 1. Created by Jimmy Chi and cult band Kuckles, this show is an exuberant portrait of 1960s Western Australia.

The effervescent musical bursts onto the Sydney stage with unbridled energy and show-stopping tunes, opening a national tour in which Ernie Dingo will reprise the role of Uncle Tadpole.

Marcus Corowa, who plays

the role of Willie in this revised production, says he is really getting into the challenge of the dancing and acting that is required for the role.

"Rehearsing in Broome was a real treat," he told the *Koori Mail*. "There's so much positive energy in the room because we are all working towards a common goal. Being a part of this production is amazing."

"I always love working with mob and telling stories. I'm singing and dancing and acting, which is the next step for me and a bit of a challenge. I'm working

hard to bring the Broome mannerisms to the character and to be as authentic as possible.

"This latest production is a real family affair and there's a real sense of connection in the room – mums, aunties, brothers, sisters and uncles."

"These stories are still important and, looking back, it seems nothing much has changed. The story is still relevant and so uplifting with serious undertones. I hope people will enjoy this show and leave with toes tapping and singing the songs."

It's never too late to start



AFTER taking the road less travelled to tertiary education, second-year University of the Sunshine Coast Law/Criminology and Justice student, Jessica Carruthers lives by a simple message: it's never too late.

Jessica, 24, shared the story of her education journey with Year 12 students who recently graduated from the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) scholarship scheme at a ceremony hosted by USC.

"I left high school without finishing Year 12 to start a hairdressing apprenticeship, and later found myself homeless for a time and also a young mum," Jessica said.

"I didn't fit in to mainstream schooling and I didn't believe I was smart enough to complete study," she said. "When I had my son, however, I knew I had to find a way to get back to high school and then start planning my career."

A recipient of a QATSIF Queensland Certificate of Education scholarship on her return to high school, Jessica said committing to finishing Year 12 was her first step towards building the type of future she wanted for herself and her son.

"The QATSIF scholarship allowed me to really focus on getting into university," she said.

"For a lot of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students, completing Year 12 can be difficult, so the scholarship is of significant help.

"It's also an important support network to normalise the experience and encourage young students not to give up, and no matter their age or situation know it's never too late to make a positive change in their life through education."

Karyn Baker from USC Indigenous Services the recent QATSIF scholarship graduation at their Maroochydore campus was the second that USC has hosted in as many years.

"Prior to 2018, the graduation

"When I had my son, I knew I had to find a way to get back to high school and then start planning my career."

— Jessica Caruthers

ceremonies were held in Brisbane, so it's a huge benefit for students here on the north coast and surrounding regions to be able to attend closer to home," she said.

"For USC Indigenous Services, it's a great opportunity to also see the success of a lot of senior high school students who have already been engaged in our programs supporting them to consider a university education.

"USC is committed to being part of the education journey right from high school and it's a great feeling to see students start to view university as something that's attainable and possible."



Jessica Caruthers with Karyn Baker from USC Indigenous Services.

Recognition for Aunty Mary Martin's pioneering work in Indigenous health



FIRST Nations health pioneer Aunty Mary Martin has been recognised by QUT for her exceptional service to the community and to the university with an honorary doctorate.

A member of the QUT Faculty of Health Advisory Committee since 2010, she was conferred with the honorary doctorate, the university's highest honorary award, at a ceremony on December 9.

Aunty Mary has been a respected nursing practitioner, health educator and leader for nearly five decades. Her father is a Noonuccal man of North Stradbroke Island and her mother a Bidjara woman, whose family was removed to the Cherbourg Mission.

She began her career as a registered nurse at the Mater public hospital and then went on to work at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community and Health Service in Brisbane. It was here that Aunty Mary cut her teeth in community control and, with many esteemed community members, developed a politically staunch and compassionate mindset that has guided her throughout her life and working career.

Alongside other community leaders, Aunty Mary was instrumental in the establishment of what is now the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC). Initially serving as the inaugural chairperson, representing the Yulu-Burri-ba Health Service, Aunty Mary went on to become QAIHC's first employee, working as a cultural policy officer and general practice education and training officer. In 2008, she was inducted into the QAIHC Hall of Fame.

She has served on numerous boards and committees, including the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, and the Health Consumers Queensland Ministerial Consumer Advisory Committee, and was involved in development of a national curriculum on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health that is now a required part of training for medical doctors.

In 2011 she was awarded a Member of



QUT Vice-Chancellor and president Professor Margaret Sheil and Chancellor Tim Fairfax with Aunty Mary Martin, who was conferred with her honorary doctorate at the QUT graduation ceremony on December 9, 2019.

the Order of Australia (AM) for her service to Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and to the community of nursing.

QUT Faculty of Health Executive Dean, Professor Ross Young, said Aunty Mary's contribution to the faculty as a member of the Health Advisory Committee had been invaluable.

"Her strategic, operational and curriculum advice has helped us to improve our capacity to respond more effectively to Indigenous Australian cultural and health issues and to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to study health courses at QUT," Professor Young said. "Over her time with the committee, the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander students enrolled in the faculty has increased threefold.

"We congratulate Aunty Mary for her outstanding contributions to Queensland, the Indigenous Australian community and to QUT, and we are delighted that she is continuing to provide advice regarding our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health strategy."

Smith Family leadership program providing greater access to top high school education

By NICK PATON



LAST month, more than 60 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 12 students graduated high school, proudly supported by the Smith Family's Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP).

The IYLP supports Indigenous students living in remote areas and enables them to attend a high-performing secondary school, aiming to help close the gap in educational disadvantage.

These students, who leave their communities and take on full-time study in boarding schools far from home, are supported by the program in their leadership journeys on personal, academic and professional levels.

Now operating in 24 schools and with more than 250 active students, the IYLP has grown since its inception just 10 years ago, creating greater access to additional education choice, and contributing to the development of a range of leadership skills for Aboriginal people.

Rebecca Haynes is a Kokatha woman from Ceduna in South Australia who graduated Year 12 at Adelaide's Westminster School in conjunction with the IYLP, and recently received the Wirtlu Yarlur Awards' Rising Star Award for 2019.

Ms Haynes plans to study a



Kokatha woman Rebecca Haynes is one of 60 students to graduate Year 12 through the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program.

Bachelor of Architectural/Structural Engineering at the University of Adelaide this year, and during her keynote speech at her graduation ceremony in Darwin said she is amazed at all of the opportunities being presented to her since undertaking the IYLP.

"The program really gave me

something to look up to and to dream about," Ms Haynes said.

"I worked hard to be accepted into the scholarship, and despite the constant setbacks faced, I knew that if I was fortunate enough to receive such opportunity, it would change my life."

The IYLP program not only

encourages Indigenous students achieve their educational aspirations, it also contributes to an alumni of positive Indigenous role models and leaders who will in turn inspire other Indigenous students, illustrating the importance and successes of having a good education.

"My advice is do what scares

you," Ms Haynes said.

"Be kind, seize all opportunities that arise, and don't dwell too long when things don't go to plan.

"And most importantly, never lose sight of who you are and what you want to be.

"One chapter has ended, and another has just begun."

AFL SportsReady program gives its cadets an edge



AFL SportsReady's new cadetship program is paving the way for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students at university by giving them the opportunity to gain paid industry experience in their field of study.

The cadetship offers opportunities across a number of different businesses and industries including law, engineering, architecture, sport, arts, business and more. Cadets work in their chosen industry for 12 weeks per year, for up to three years while receiving a study allowance of up to \$12,000 in addition to a book and equipment allowance of up to \$1000 annually.

As part of their experience, cadets are also provided with access to an AFL SportsReady Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander mentor to support them throughout their journey.

Whadjuk Noongar man and Western Australian cadet Taylor Cortez is currently studying an architecture degree at Curtin University while completing his cadetship at Peter Hobbs Architect in Perth. He believes the opportunity will open up many doors in the industry and set him up post-degree.

"I took on the cadetship knowing that it would benefit me greatly by enhancing my



Whadjuk Noongar man Taylor Cortez is studying towards a degree in architecture at Curtin University.

studies and assist me in discovering the relevance of what has been taught in my degree," Taylor said.

"I also took on the opportunity to gain exposure in the industry where I see my future."

By gaining hands-on work experience in their chosen industry, cadets are better prepared for the workforce and come out of the program with a range of skills and a newly formed network that will aid in their career pathway.

"This was really appealing to me," Taylor said. "The fact that I knew by taking on a cadetship I will make connections and build relationships in the architecture industry. The opportunity has already opened up so many avenues for me that would have been otherwise out of reach.

"It has no doubt given me the leading edge when it comes to employability."

Wiradjuri woman Kristen O'Brien from Sydney is studying PR advertising at the University of NSW and is completing a cadetship at the Sydney Swans in their media team.

"I get to work in an amazing team and learn different skills and techniques from experts in the field of design and media," she said.

"I work alongside the senior graphic designer and get to work on designing posts for social media and graphics for the website for the Sydney Swans. It's an awesome feeling to be exposed to this work while studying my degree. I feel like I am ahead of the game and this gives me a great boost of confidence.

"Not to mention to have your own work being published on major platforms is one of the most rewarding parts about the role."

Ricky Emili, a Kokatha man from South Australia who is completing his cadetship at leading construction company Hansen Yuncken, also believes seeing his work being put into action is the best part about the opportunity.

"It is one of the most amazing feelings to see my work being put out into the field or applied to the project," he said.

"I'm currently studying a Bachelor of Construction Management at the University of SA and I am loving it, but to actually be working in the field and contributing to the company before even finishing my degree, takes my future to the next level.

"My advice to anyone thinking of taking on a cadetship is – go for it and give it all you have!

"This is your shot at breaking into the industry you are most passionate about. This is the ticket to your career. You will be networked and you will come out with a huge amount of skills, a wealth of knowledge and a surge of confidence that will make you look brilliant to your employers in the future."

For more information about the cadetship program email recruitment@flsportsready.com.au

New UQ appointment keen to establish strategy for change



THE University of Queensland has appointed an Associate Dean (Indigenous Engagement) to lead reconciliation in the Faculty of Medicine.

In her first four weeks on the job, proud Kamilaroi and Kooma woman Associate Professor Maree Toombs laid important groundwork in the faculty's Indigenous Health Strategy.

Drawing on the UQ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy, a key focus of this role will be to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people enrolled and employed at UQ.

"Having Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people working across all disciplines of medicine shows that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can do anything in this space," Dr Toombs said.

"To have culturally appropriate doctors will make a substantial difference to health outcomes for Indigenous people.



Kamilaroi and Kooma woman Associate Professor Maree Toombs.

"There shouldn't be a gap in health between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and other people – building a workforce that has more of us in it will help address these shortfalls."

Developing a greater sense of community, safety and cultural humility within the faculty will be a priority under Dr Toombs' leadership.

"Our focus will be to shift and improve understandings of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and how they apply to the health system," she said.

"By prioritising cultural humility, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff will start to feel safe and promote UQ as the university of choice to their communities.

"It also gives non-Indigenous staff the tools to work in this space, and to be more culturally competent in other spaces too."

Executive Dean Professor Geoff McColl said he was thrilled to welcome Dr Toombs to the leadership role.

"Maree has extensive knowledge and expertise in embedding Indigenous perspectives into the curriculum and research that will prove crucial to establishing an Indigenous health strategy," Professor McColl said.

"We need to do more to foster leaders in

health care who are members of our diverse communities.

"Maree's valued advice and assistance will help guide us in all matters relevant to Indigenous engagement."

It's a job Dr Toombs is uniquely qualified for as the first Indigenous Australian to graduate with a PhD from the University of Southern Queensland.

Dr Toombs' research has spanned Indigenous Australians' mental health, barriers to tertiary education and acute respiratory illnesses in children.

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement) Professor Bronwyn Fredericks said Dr Toombs' appointment would strengthen reconciliation at UQ and beyond.

"I very much look forward to working with Dr Toombs, and with the Faculty of Medicine going forward," Professor Fredericks said.

"I'm delighted with Maree's appointment and know that her leadership and changes planned within the Faculty will contribute to the larger UQ Indigenous agenda that will produce even greater outcomes."

Research demonstrates the importance of a healthy diet for early childhood development



NEW research highlights the importance of adequate iron in supporting early childhood

development in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Published in the Dietitians Association of Australia's journal, *Nutrition & Dietetics*, early childhood anaemia (during six to 23 months of age) was found to more than double the risk of developmental vulnerability among these children in their first year of full-time school.

While the cause of early childhood anaemia is unknown, iron deficiency is suggested as the most likely reason. Iron is a vital nutrient for healthy development in the first few years of life.

Accredited practising dietitian Dymna Leonard and her research team used the Australian Early Development Census and health records to compare developmental indicators in 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children living in far north Queensland.

"This is the first study of its kind in Australia," Ms Leonard said. "As more than 60% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children were found to experience anaemia between the ages of six to 23 months, this adds further emphasis to the need to prioritise childhood nutrition and anaemia prevention."

Good nutrition throughout the first 1000 days of life is important to support growth and set a strong foundation for childhood development.

"Supporting mothers with breastfeeding, and encouraging nutrient-rich diets for both the child and mother, is important to assist early development," Ms Leonard said.



Traditional foods like shellfish, wallaby and other bush meats are nutrient dense, naturally high in iron and play a key role in preventing iron deficiency. New research highlights the importance of adequate iron in supporting early childhood development in our children.

"Many traditional foods are nutrient rich, and these are encouraged to be included within the diet, if available."

Apunipima Cape York Health Council said they work closely with communities in Cape York to address anaemia in mothers and children.

Traditional foods like shellfish, wallaby and other bush meats are nutrient dense and naturally high in iron and play a key role in

preventing iron deficiency. A diet with plenty of variety that is high in fruit and vegetables helps to protect against and fight infections.

Apunipima has developed videos with some community members who shared knowledge promoting the nutritional benefits of traditional foods.

When prevalence of early childhood anaemia exceeds 20%, the World Health Organisation

recommends specific anaemia prevention programs that combine nutrition promotion with food-fortification.

These programs have been shown to be effective in preventing both early childhood anaemia and the developmental disadvantage associated with anaemia.

"Enriching foods with added nutrients is a way to deliver a rapid, positive impact, while also

encouraging the consumption of nutritious foods," Ms Leonard said. "These types of programs have been piloted in a small number of remote communities in Australia, providing much needed insight into considerations for a larger scale program."

"Addressing food and nutrition issues and preventing anaemia is vital to ensure all remote community children have the best start in life."

Research seeks to improve food security, diet and health in remote communities



A SIGNIFICANT University of Queensland study will focus on working with remote

communities to improve food security among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

The three-year research project, designed in conjunction with the Apunipima Cape York Health Council and the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, will be funded by a \$2 million-plus National Health and Medical Research Council grant to UQ's School of Public Health.

The study's phase one will analyse how price discounts, offered via loyalty cards, impact on affordability of a healthy diet.

Phase two will capture participants' experiences through photos, and use these to develop a framework of solutions that can be translated to health policy.

Dr Megan Ferguson said growing poverty and high food costs were key causes of food insecurity for 31% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in remote communities, although research suggests this may be as high as 62%.

"Food insecurity leads to hunger, anxiety, poor health, including undernutrition, obesity and disease, and inter-generational poverty," Dr Ferguson said.

"We will be working with communities to identify effective



Native yams. A new study is looking to help improve food security for Indigenous children.

mechanisms to improve food security and enable healthy diets in remote Australia."

Dr Ferguson said this would be done through a community-led framework and knowledge-sharing solutions.

"Pregnant and breastfeeding

women, and carers of children aged under five, will be involved in the study in central Australia and Cape York," Dr Ferguson said.

"Improving food security for the whole family, especially women and children, will

improve diet quality and health, and give children the best start in life for generations to come."

Clare Brown, Apunipima's nutrition advisor, said the organisation was pleased to co-lead "this important project".

"It has come together through a very positive co-design process between researchers and Aboriginal community-controlled health service providers," Ms Brown said.

"The project's community-led focus supports our way of working respectfully with Cape York communities, and is reflected in the Food Security Position Statement of Apunipima's board.

Congress chief executive Donna Ah Chee said the organisation was also pleased to be partnering with Apunipima Health Service and the UQ "in this really important study, the first of its kind in central Australia".

"We have high rates of iron deficiency anaemia in women and young children and we know this is caused by inadequate iron in the diet," Ms Ah Chee said.

"Iron-rich foods are very expensive in remote communities, and it is believed this is a key factor in causing the deficiency.

"The study will enable key foods to be reduced in price and determine the impact this has on their consumption and subsequent health concerns. It will also enable the issue of food security to be more widely discussed."

Menzies School of Health Research, Monash University, James Cook University and Canada's Dalhousie University are also involved in the study.

Post-surgery eye care on PBS list



MEDICINE used by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people after cataract surgery has

recently been listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), meaning it is more accessible for many more people.

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) led a successful submission to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) to list Prednefrin Forte on PBS.

NACCHO worked with a range of experts and stakeholders to seek listing of Prednefrin Forte on the PBS for treatment of post-operative eye-inflammation.

This listing will mean that there is a greater range and better affordability of anti-inflammatory eye drops for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Eye disease is more common in Indigenous people compared

to other Australians; eye health outcomes are poorer and cataracts more prevalent.

Prednefrin Forte (prednisolone and phenylephrine eye drops) is a medication used to treat eye inflammation and swelling that is often considered first-line therapy by ophthalmologists after cataract surgery. It has advantageous properties and pack size when compared to other similar medicines.

NACCHO deputy chief executive Dr Dawn Casey said Indigenous people are overrepresented in rates of eye disease and vision problems.

"They are amongst the most common long-term health conditions reported by our communities and most of the vision loss associated with these issues is preventable," she said.

"This successful collaboration with experts and industry is important to NACCHO as access to the right medication and the best medical treatment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

is our top priority."

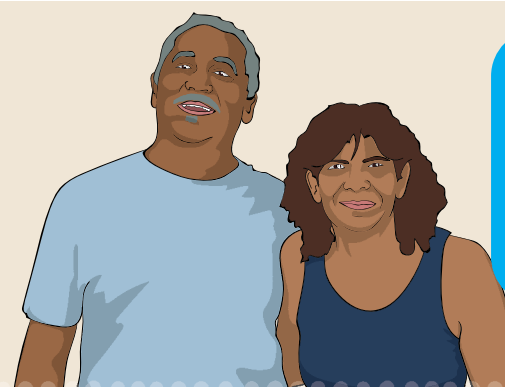
Vision 2020 Australia chief executive Judith Abbott said the listing was an important step in improving eye health for Indigenous people.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people currently experience blindness and low vision at three times the rate of other Australians," she said.

"As 'Strong eyes, strong communities: a five-year plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye health and vision' highlights, improving access to timely, culturally sensitive and affordable eye health care is of vital importance."

Pharmaceutical company Allergan – which manufactures Prednefrin in Australia – managing director, Nathalie McNeil said they were pleased to collaborate with NACCHO on the submission.

"We are excited about Prednefrin Forte's contribution towards improved health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," she said.



Have
your
say

on a national screening program
for lung cancer

Cancer Australia is conducting an enquiry into a national lung cancer screening program and is seeking feedback from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in Australia, with more than 9,000 deaths expected from the disease this year.

It is often diagnosed at an advanced stage when it is hard to treat.

Your feedback on a screening program for people at high risk of lung cancer is important.

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The Consultation Hub is now open for submissions and closes on 17 February 2020.

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One Hundred is the inspiring new single from emerging artist Boomalli



EMERGING Original Nations hip hop artist Boomalli has released his second single, *One Hundred*.

"*One Hundred* is about believing in yourself, even when you feel like giving up," Michael Graham aka Boomalli said.

"When it feels like your world is falling down, yet you keep pushing. The feeling that comes from succeeding in that environment is like nothing else. Keep pushing. Keep it 100."

Toby Finlayson, from Desert Pea Media, helped to produce Boomalli's record.

"It's been a massive journey for Boomalli to get to this place in his career," Toby said.

"He's overcome so much, and working with him has been a huge honour for everyone at Desert Pea Media Records.

"This work is a genuine piece of art, in a culture where genuine expression is rare and precious. We can't wait to unleash this beast on the world."

Boomalli kicked off his musical journey when he was just 14 years old, participating in a series of songwriting and music mentoring projects in his hometown of Collarenebri in remote north-west NSW.

He has since performed on stages around Australia, including at Yabun Festival, the NRL Indigenous All Stars games, even the ARIA Awards at Sydney Opera House in 2011.

He was awarded Youth of the Year in the Walgett Shire in 2015 and has been working with Desert Pea Media as a mentor and music facilitator on and off ever since.



Boomalli has released a new single, *One Hundred*.

One Hundred is taken from Boomalli's upcoming debut album, *The Promise*.

The Promise was four years in the making and is set for release on January 25.

"The album represents a commitment this young man made to his family and his community to continue this journey," Toby said.

"To never give up, and to speak proudly with the voice of the Kamileroi

people of the Barwon River. Featuring some of the legends of the Australian Indigenous hip hop culture, and engineered by some of the greats, we are very, very excited for what is coming in January 2020."

Yarning circle to heal



ARTIST and curator Jenny Fraser is presenting 'Yarn heal', a yarning circle of community healing that will

be held free for Indigenous participants in Cairns on February 9.

Fraser said she would also like artists in other places to get involved.

"I'd like to ask and encourage everyone to sit down on country and do healing circles simultaneously, all over our nations and all over the world ... and help heal the impacts of the climate crisis with something positive and proactive," she said.

"In Aboriginal English the term 'yarn' has been adopted and adapted to generally mean talking and a respectful way of introducing story work. Yarning circles have unspoken rules of engagement that hold space for reciprocity between participants and therefore the process can be spiritual, ceremonial, creative and a cooperative way of communicating to provide a culturally safe place to be heard and to respond."



Artwork by Jenny Fraser.

Fraser said Indigenous participants should meet at 9am, on February 9, at the Centre of Contemporary Art on Abbott Street for Yarn heal.

The Yarning circle will be

facilitated by Ganna Healing, who Fraser said will be encouraging the ancient art of communicating and sharing space. Fraser said the circle will be a great opportunity for community healing.

"Historically, Cairns was known as Battle Camp in the early days of invasion, and for us to be able to hold yarning circles of solidarity, in what is now the 250th year since James Cook's voyage to Australia,

will be healing and memorable," she said.

The event will be held a month before the Endeavour replica departs Sydney and heads up the east coast.

Yarn heal is part of a weekend of gatherings, including a private day-long event for invited guests called 'heal', consisting of creative responses through many artforms, to help grow Indigenous knowledges and culture.

The day will start with a cleansing smoking ceremony by Henry Fourmile and an animation screening.

Paintings by Gordon Syron, who is in his 80th year and based on Magnetic Island, that look at invasion will be hanging in the space.

Other Yidinji involvement will include Gudju Gudju discussing the Frontier Wars in far north Queensland, with Theresa Dewar and Elaine Thomas sharing a massacre song.

Bundjalung violin player Eric Avery will share a live lament, and there will be other events, including a Q&A and short-film screenings by Lisa Jackson from Canada.

Unpacking Cook's legacy



A NEW work by Yuwaalaraay woman and Stiff Gins musician Nardi Simpson is having its world premiere at the Blacktown Arts Festival as part of the Sydney Festival.

Black Drop Effect is an immersive, multi-layered exploration of the fallout of Australia's colonisation, exploring adversarial views on Captain Cook's legacy as Australia looks to the 250th anniversary of his landing next year in 2020.

In her debut play, Simpson unpacks the ongoing effects of colonisation, generational conflict and the importance of the transference of knowledge at such a timely juncture of conversation around January 26.

A powerful collaboration between a collective of First Nations and other artists, *Black Drop Effect* references the optical phenomenon visible during a transit of Venus, experienced by Captain Cook in 1771.

Set against the backdrop of January 26, the work follows Binno, an Aboriginal Elder who is asked to present a series of traditional dances alongside readings of Captain Cook's diaries for an Australia Day celebration.

Binno is unsure, until his straight-talking sister Beenie convinces him to teach the dances to three young men seeking connections with culture, country and their place in the world.

As they learn the dances and their meanings, a bigger plan emerges.

The cast includes Billy McPherson, Marlene Cummins, Googoorewon Knoz, Isaiah Kennedy, Ken Weldon, Jane Phegan and Anthony Hunt.

Produced by Bankstown Arts Centre, *Black Drop Effect* emerged from a short-term



Googoorewon Knoz and Billy McPherson star in *Black Drop Effect*, a new play by Nardi Simpson.

residency by the Stiff Gins – Nardi Simpson and Kaleena Briggs – in 2018 at the Arts Centre.

Bankstown's landscape and a connection to country served as a creative starting point, as the 'City of Two Rivers' is bound by the Cooks and Georges Rivers, historical passages to colonial incursions into Dharug and

Dharawal Country.

Nardi Simpson is a Yuwaalaraay writer, musician, storyteller and educator from NSW's north-west freshwater plains. As a member of award-winning Indigenous duo Stiff Gins, Nardi has travelled nationally and internationally for the past 20 years, performing in the US, UK, Ireland, Canada,

Vietnam and the Pacific Islands.

Nardi was the recipient of the 2018 Black&Write! Indigenous Writers Fellowship with the state library of Queensland and is currently editing her debut novel, *Song of the Crocodile*.

Nardi is a participant in Ngaria Burria Indigenous Composures initiative and the musical director of Barayagal, a cross-cultural

choir run out of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music in 2019. Nardi is also a Gamilaraay Language teacher and cultural consultant heavily involved in the teaching and sharing of culture in both her Sydney and Yuwaalaraay communities.

Black Drop Effect runs from January 15-18 at the Bankstown Arts Centre.

Artists invited to submit to Yirramboi festival



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander artists are being invited to apply for next year's Yirramboi

First Nations arts festival by the City of Melbourne.

Expressions of Interest for Yirramboi commissions are now open for First Nations artists, collectives and creative community groups, with up to \$18,000 in grants on offer for selected projects.

Creative director Boonwurrung woman Caroline Martin said Yirramboi is committed to supporting rising artists in the community to present stories that provide the authority to determine "our narratives, presented our way".

"While the cultures belong to

First Peoples, it is our shared history, and our chance to create the vision for the future," she said.

Councillor Rohan Leppert, Melbourne City chair of the Arts, Culture and Heritage portfolio, said the City of Melbourne will support the funding of five live performances at the 2021 event.

Empowering

"Yirramboi is about empowering new generations of First Nations creatives and we're excited to hear from First Nations communities," Cr Leppert said.

"Through the Yirramboi commissions we will provide direct support, resources and advice to emerging and mid-career artists with First Nations backgrounds to create, develop

and present new works at the festival."

In 2019, Yirramboi commissioned four live performances by First Nations creatives, including the sold-out shows *Daddy* by Joel Bray and *Night River* by Mark Coles Smith; dance piece *Blood Quantum* by Ngioka Bunda-Heath; and *The Honouring* by actor Jack Sheppard.

Applications are sought across all artistic genres, with projects suitable for presentation in a performance venue in Melbourne.

Eligible applicants must identify as First Nations, be a practising artist, arts ensemble or organisation with demonstrated experience applicable to their proposed performance, and be based in Victoria.

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Traditional owners negotiate to explore commercial cotton farming opportunity



THE Aboriginal corporation that represents the native title holders of the northern East

Kimberley has taken the first step to trial commercial cotton in the region.

Miriuwung and Gajerrong (MG) people are the native title holders of large areas in the north of the East Kimberley region.

MG Corporation was established in 2006 to represent the interests of MG native title holders and to receive and manage the benefits transferred under the Ord Final Agreement to MG people.

MG Corporation executive chair Lawford Benning said an MOU signed with cotton giant Cubbie Farming was an important first step in its plans to pursue commercial agriculture on MG land in the East Kimberley.

MG Corporation (MGC) and Cubbie have signed an MOU to work together to investigate the feasibility of cotton growing trials on two parcels of land at Goomig in the Ord Valley, near Kununurra.

The partnership came about after MGC called for Expressions of Interest last year to explore potential uses of MG land.

Mr Benning said the MOU was also the Corporation's first move toward developing what could become a substantial agricultural portfolio.

He said MGC was planning to lease two large parcels of land at Goomig (lots 15 and 16) to Cubbie once it had formally secured the land from the State Government.

"MG Corporation is currently very focused on realising our economic



David Mack, Minister Alannah MacTiernan, Duck Chulung, Paul Brimblecombe, Lawford Benning and Tom Stephens.

potential, so that we can generate income from our land to fund social programs to benefit our community," Mr Benning said.

"We are open to exploring new ways to derive income, and are keen to partner with companies that can work with us to achieve our goals.

"We are also committed to creating sustainable opportunities for MG people, and agriculture may be an employment and training pathway in the future."

Cubbie Agriculture currently runs the largest irrigated cotton farm in the southern hemisphere, Cubbie Station, in Queensland.

Cubbie farming director Paul Brimblecombe said

Cubbie was excited to work closely with MGC, with the prospect of expanding the cotton industry and exploring other agricultural opportunities in the East Kimberley region.

"Farming Lots 15 and 16 at Goomig is a significant step forward for both Cubbie and MGC," he said.

"Similar to MGC, Cubbie share the same view when it comes to creating opportunities for those who wish to be involved in the agricultural sector."

MG Corporation is still in negotiations with the State Government and Kimberley Agricultural Investment Pty Ltd to transfer the legal title of the Goomig land parcels to MGC so that it can progress

its plans for agriculture trials.

The MG Corporation Board signed off on a suite of documents in September last year to enable the transfer.

If the development of cotton trials is successful, MGC and Cubbie will consider making a joint application to the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility to secure federal funding to build a cotton processing plant in Kununurra.

MGC has native title rights over almost 14,000 square kilometres of land in the East Kimberley, and is currently exploring whether there are other land parcels which could be suitable for growing a commercial quantity of commodity crops.



MG Corporation is looking to trial farming cotton in the East Kimberley.

Government work targets adjusted following review



A REFRESH of targets designed to support Aboriginal-owned

businesses to better access NSW Government work will help support thousands of jobs, following a review of the Aboriginal Procurement Policy (APP) and the Aboriginal Participation in Construction (APIC) Policy.

The review recommends

the two policies be merged with simplified requirements and measures to help build capacity and capability in Aboriginal-owned businesses.

NSW Finance and Small Business Minister Damien Tudehope said the new policy, to come into effect mid year, would continue to target 3% of government goods and services contracts to be offered to Aboriginal-owned

businesses and will support an estimated 3000 jobs for Aboriginal people by the end of 2021.

"The NSW Government is ambitious with its targets and makes no apologies for working to encourage Aboriginal employment and improve skills through direct engagement with NSW Government agencies or through the supply chain," he said.

"Once in place, the

changes will make it easier for Aboriginal-owned businesses to work with us."

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Don Harwin said the revised policies would better deliver economic opportunities and jobs to Aboriginal-owned businesses and people through the supply chain.

"It is important we continue to review our policies in consultation with

the community and industry on how to continually improve our engagement with Aboriginal-owned businesses and deliver for the community," he said.

"We want to promote a diverse workforce and see sustainable growth, and Aboriginal owned businesses are very much a part of this."

In an effort to increase spend with Aboriginal-

owned businesses, the review also recommends that NSW Government clusters (groups of government departments and agencies) direct 1% of addressable procurement spend to Aboriginal-owned businesses.

And to demonstrate the Government's commitment to this target, cluster progress toward these targets will be published online.

Employment

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Pioneers recognised at Dreamtime Tuka launch



THE first Aboriginal workers hired under Dreamtime Tuka's new

Aboriginal Pathway to Employment Program were recognised at an official launch in Dubbo late last year, attended by NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Finance and Small Business Minister Damien Tudehope.

Dreamtime Tuka, which was founded by Herb Smith, manufactures slices and other food products using native flavours.

Mr Tudehope said Dreamtime Tuka was an example of the flow-on impacts of a successful Aboriginal business.

"Today we acknowledge the successful recruitment of eight Aboriginal people at Early Rise Baking Company, where Dreamtime Tuka slices and food products are mass produced," Mr Tudehope said.

"I congratulate Herb Smith and the team at Dreamtime Tuka for their passion and vision to make a positive impact on the social and economic wellbeing of Aboriginal people and local communities in NSW."

The Dreamtime Tuka Pathway to Employment Program aims to provide career opportunities and support to Aboriginal people by placing applicants into actual positions across all sectors with the help of the Jobactive network, the enrolment of businesses and other organisations such as the NSW Government.

Mr Tudehope said the NSW Government was committed to supporting Aboriginal businesses.

"As an example, NSW Train

Link has engaged Dreamtime Tuka to provide a range of sweet and savoury snacks on its regional rail service," he said.

Mr Tudehope said the Government continued to target 3% of government goods and services contracts to be offered to Aboriginal-owned businesses and would support an average of 1000 Aboriginal jobs a year, in the next three years.

"We spend about \$34 billion in procurement each year, and we know that small, regional, and Aboriginal businesses are a wellspring of quality goods and services," Mr Tudehope said.

Dreamtime Tuka became renowned in 2016 when its lemon myrtle coconut slice was first served to regional and domestic passengers on Qantas flights.

"We were the first 100% Aboriginal-owned business to supply a bakery product to Qantas," founding director and chief executive Herb Smith said.

"Since this entry into the marketplace, Dreamtime Tuka products have rapidly become a recognisable brand, with our products now available through other major corporate and government organisations.

I'm very proud that our partner, Early Rise Baking Company, has led the way with the placement of our very first hires."

Dreamtime Tuka has developed a prospectus to tell the story of the people they are empowering through the Dreamtime Tuka Pathway to Employment Program.

"The purpose of the prospectus is to entice more business and government involvement and investment to enable us to grow," Mr Smith said.



Dreamtime Tuka founding director and chief executive Herb Smith.

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Ballarat & District Aboriginal Co-operative (BADAC) Career Opportunities

BADAC is the Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisation (ACCO) for the Ballarat and District area, covering 4 local government areas (LGAs). The organisation is extremely proud of the contribution and support they have provided the local Aboriginal community over the past 40 years delivering a comprehensive range of health, social, welfare and community development programs to local Aboriginal people. Due to ongoing growth and expansion of services, the Ballarat & District Aboriginal Co-operative is seeking to recruit the following positions:

Delama Boron- Aboriginal Children in Aboriginal Care (ACAC):

Delama Boron: Aboriginal Children in Aboriginal Care is a new program at Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative for Aboriginal children and young people subject to a Children's Court protection order. Delama Boron is a Wathaurong phrase meaning "to hold the children" and reflects our goals to hold children in their families, their community and their culture. Aboriginal children and young people continue to be over represented in child protection and care systems. Actions to reduce the growth of Aboriginal children in care are required.

Aboriginal Children in Aboriginal Care program aims to:

- improve the support and decision making for Aboriginal children who have been placed on Children's Court protection orders
- Maintain Aboriginal children's cultural identity and promote connection to family, community and culture
- Support Aboriginal children to return home to parents or extended families where it is safe to do so, or support the identification of culturally safe alternative care
- Maintain connection to Country for Aboriginal children.

There are currently two opportunities within our ACAC program:

Program Manager

1 x 2 year Full-Time Fixed Term Contract (Potential On-Going Subject to Funding)

The Opportunity

This exciting opportunity presents the opportunity to lead, develop and implement the Delama Boron program at BADAC. The Program Manager will work closely with the BADAC Executive Team to develop governance, practice frameworks, oversee the implementation of the program, and support staff to provide high quality, culturally attuned services to support the safety and well-being of children and young people. The position will provide supervision of staff, program management and ensure the programs meet all KPIs associated with the relevant plans and program guidelines including progress reports and evaluations.

Team Leader

1 x 2 year Full-Time Fixed Term Contract

The Opportunity

This exciting new opportunity presents the opportunity to be involved in developing and implementing the Aboriginal Children in Aboriginal Care program at BADAC. The Team Leader will contribute to the development of policy, operations and support the implementation of the program. The Team Leader will provide supervision, support and mentoring to Case Management staff and work in a culturally respectful way with children, young people and their families involved in BADAC Aboriginal Children in Aboriginal Care program. With the support of the Program Manager the Team Leader will take a lead role in managing serious and complex case issues, incident response and worker safety issues.

Kinship Care Program Manager

1 x 12 Month Full-Time Fixed Term Contract

This role presents the opportunity to lead and manage the Care Services program at BADAC. The Program Manager will work to develop governance, practice frameworks, and oversee the operations of the program ensuring the management of a range of programs providing support and Case Management to children and young people in Out of Home Care including: Kinship Care, Targeted Care Packages, Leaving Care, First Supports and Cultural Connections programs. The Program Manager - Care Services will need to be highly motivated, resilient and compassionate and have a sound knowledge of Aboriginal culture and an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people.

The Care Services Program aims to:

- Support and contribute to decision making for Aboriginal children who have been placed in care.
- Advocate for carers, children and young people and their families.
- Utilise a culturally attuned, strengths based approach to address risk and promote the safety and well-being of children and young people.
- Maintain Aboriginal children's cultural identity and promote connection to family, community, culture and country.

Other Info

To be considered for roles with BADAC you will need to:

- Have (or be willing to have) a National Police Clearance and current Working with Children check Clearance prior to employment.

To request a copy of the full position description please email Nsalleh@badac.net.au or contact Natasha Salleh at (03) 5331 5344 EXT 186 to discuss these opportunities further.

For other career opportunities within our organisation please visit our website: <https://www.badac.net.au/>.

BADAC is a Child Safe organisations and all employees are expected to adhere to our Child Safe Guidelines.

BADAC is committed to diversity in employment aiming to develop a workforce that reflects the diverse community that we operate in. We foster a workplace culture in which LGBTI employees feel included, safe and supported.

ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS

Youth Justice Team Leader – Aboriginal Focus Team

- Full time, ongoing opportunity available, based in Ringwood
- Salary range \$93,747 - \$103,439 plus superannuation
- Lead, manage and develop a team of staff working with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children and young people

The Department of Justice and Community Safety's Youth Justice Program provides programs and resources to assist young people to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to manage their lives effectively without further offending.

As the Team Leader, you will lead a team of staff who promote the personal development of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children and young people who offend and contribute to their diversion and rehabilitation with the aim of reducing crime in the community.

You will be based at the Ringwood office with regular travel throughout the region to actively engage with the local Aboriginal community, service providers and attend community events.

To be successful in this role you will have:

- knowledge and experience working within the Victorian Aboriginal Community, with the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively
- an understanding of the youth justice system and the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005
- an advanced understanding of the principles of case management and case work
- excellent stakeholder management and negotiation skills
- strong leadership, interpersonal skills and cultural awareness
- Current Victorian driver's license

This is an Aboriginal identified position. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information, contact Aimee Hughes - Team Manager on 0407 754 182 or aimee.hughes@justice.vic.gov.au

To apply online, please visit youthjusticejobs.vic.gov.au by Sunday, 2 February 2020.

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Aboriginal Case Worker Homelessness - Tweed Heads

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 our clients get a roof, a job and to live a better life.

We are seeking a dedicated and experienced case worker providing responsive, flexible and tailored support specialising in Aboriginal Homelessness.

To apply: please visit our website www.mymomentum.org.au or email your resume and cover letter to recruitment@mymomentum.org.au

For Enquiries: please contact Cheryl Coppin on 0488 062 243



Director – various Divisions

- **Parliamentary Executive Level 2**
- **Full-time on-going**
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The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) supports the Parliament by providing independent, authoritative and non-partisan analysis of budgetary issues and the fiscal cost of policy proposals.

The PBO is seeking people with an aptitude for analysis to work in either of the two analytical areas of the PBO (Budget Analysis Division and Fiscal Policy Analysis Division).

For further information and to apply, go to the PBO's recruitment page at:

https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Employment/Parliamentary_Budget_Office

Applications close Sunday 9 February at 11:30pm AEDT.



Aboriginal Project Officer (Health Manager Level 2)

Department: Sydney Local Health District
Permanent Full Time at Camperdown
Remuneration: \$97,812 - \$116,013 per annum
Enquiries: Lachlan Wright on (02) 9515 9579

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date:
2 February 2020

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ128010.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

Birrigan Garglen Local Aboriginal Land Council (BGLALC) is seeking a highly-motivated and experienced person to fill the role of CEO. BGLALC is an Aboriginal membership-based organisation with significant land holdings on the far north coast of NSW and is a provider of social housing within the township of Yamba. The CEO role is currently part-time but there are excellent opportunities emerging that could see it move to full-time.

If you have experience in senior management within an Aboriginal organisation, can work effectively with minimal supervision and are looking to take your career to the next level, this may be the role for you. Experience working within an Aboriginal organisation is essential and experience in property management will be highly regarded.

Initial enquiries and recruitment pack available at bglalc@internode.on.net. Applications by email only and close, **COB, 29 January, 2020.**

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.



Aboriginal Health Worker

Department: Northern NSW Local Health District
Urbenville / Kyogle

Permanent Part-Time

Hours Per Week: 24

Remuneration: \$27.35 - \$40.28 per hour

Enquiries: Sean.Campbell1@health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date:
27 January 2020

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ142090.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Ngunya Jarjum Aboriginal Child & Family Network Inc.



FINANCE MANAGER

Ngunya Jarjum's vision is that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait children and young people are looked after in safe Aboriginal and Torres Strait families and communities and are raised strong in spirit and identity, with every opportunity for lifelong well being. We ensure all Aboriginal and Torres Strait children and young people in our care are provided with the best opportunity to grow up with a strong sense of belonging to their family, community and country.

The Office of the Children's Guardian has recently awarded Ngunya Jarjum five years accreditation giving great stability and further growth opportunities. To support this growth Ngunya Jarjum is looking to further expand our Business Management Group.

Based in Lismore and reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, your focus will be providing quality accounting services to all internal and external clients. The key objectives of the role include to:

- Must be proficient in managing general ledger functions including reconciliations, receivable, payables and GST
- Skills and budgeting and reporting
- Must be able to work as part of the team and be willing to be part of change management
- Be able to supervise and manage staff
- Preferable to have not-for-profit experience, particularly in Aboriginal Community controlled organisations.
- You will need formal accounting qualifications (or be in the process of attaining these)

If you also have:

- Ability to maintain confidentiality and to exercise tact, initiative and sound judgement
- Strong communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to work flexibly within tight time schedules and with variable workload demands
- Ability to build relationships with all levels of the organisation and the community
- We would love to hear from you.

Appointment to this position will be subject to a National Criminal History Record Check and Working with Children Check clearance. Two reference checks will be required including one recent supervisor.

A generous remuneration package will be negotiated plus superannuation, leave loading and salary sacrifice.

We offer an excellent range of benefits including:

- Full non-profit status with salary sacrifice available to reduce tax and increase your take home pay
- An opportunity to really make a difference to kids and young people in our community
- A beautiful country location on the flourishing NSW North coast.

To find out more please contact Sharni Kenny on (02) 6626 3700 or Kelli Dragos from Abundance Human Resources on 0419 419 554. All applications will be received via seek online or email recruitment@ngunya.jarjum.com

The closing date for this role is 5pm on Wednesday, 29 January 2020.



Male Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Advisor (Perth, WA)

About knowmore Legal Service and the Role

knowmore is a nation-wide, free and independent mainstream community legal center providing legal information, advice, representation and referrals, education and systemic advocacy for victims and survivors of child abuse.

This position assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients to receive legal assistance and works closely with other multi-disciplinary team members to deliver services in a culturally safe and respectful manner. The role also delivers front line services and case management. This role will also participate in projects and activities including community education, to achieve systemic reforms that benefit knowmore's client group.

This role is based in Perth and involves regular intrastate, and some interstate travel (for up to a week at a time) to regional and remote areas of Australia to deliver services to outreach clients and to undertake community engagement. Accordingly, a current driver's licence is highly desired.

This is an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander identified position.

To be appointed, the individual must be a male Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who identifies and is recognised as such within both their and other communities they have worked in. An applicant will also need to comply with the requirements of any applicable legislation relating to legal practice (i.e. not be a person disqualified from employment by a legal practice) and will also need to meet the entry requirements for professional visitors to correctional centres across Australia.

knowmore considers that being an Aboriginal person or a Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under s42 of the *Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT)*, s14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)*, sub-s 35(1)(b)(ii) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1996 (NT)*, s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld)*, sub-s 56(2) of the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (SA)*, s41 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1998 (Tas)*, sub-s 26(3) or s28 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic)*, or s50 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (WA)*.

Selection Criteria

- Sound knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures inclusive of values, protocols and any other issues relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, in both urban, rural and remote areas of Australia.
- Strong commitment to social justice and to meeting the legal, Cultural and related needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the diverse Cultures that exist across Australia.
- Demonstrated experience working in a court support or legal services access, or similar role
- Demonstrated skills in communicating, consulting and negotiating with individuals and groups within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and government agencies across Australia on complex and sensitive issues in a trauma informed manner.
- Sound communication skills, coupled with a strong understanding of Cultural context, and the ability to adapt to a variety of audiences.
- A demonstrated capacity to self-manage, including being able to work effectively with other disciplines in a multi-disciplinary team and deliver quality work to meet deadlines.
- Ability and willingness to travel and work interstate, as/if required for periods.
- Actively manage own workload and proactively manage self-care.

How to apply

Applications should be emailed to Dean.Bell@knowmore.org.au using the subject line ATSI Engagement Advisor via Koori Mail. Applications must include: A cover letter outlining why you are applying for this position and your responses to the key selection criteria (maximum of four pages) plus a resume. Please be noted that applications that do not include the above will not be considered. Application close date: 14 February 2020. Further Information about knowmore is available at www.knowmore.org.au.

ARE YOU READY TO BE PART OF SOMETHING MORE AT WYNDHAM CITY?

Be challenged and inspired at one of Australia's most diverse city regions.

In partnership with the community, we are creating and unlocking work opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Our commitment is to provide safe and inclusive environments where everyone can grow and succeed. We are an inclusive employer focused on ensuring people from all walks of life have equal access, a sense of belonging and feel connected and safe.

To find out more, please visit

<https://recruitment.wyndham.vic.gov.au/>

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Are you a solicitor looking to make a real difference in the community?

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 **full-time Principal Solicitor** to join their team, undertaking high quality legal work that seeks to make a difference.

You will be responsible for supervising, managing and leading the Centre's professional team of staff and volunteer lawyers and social workers, across all of the Centre's services.

You will enjoy an **attractive remuneration circa \$106,500 plus 9.5% super and 17.5% leave loading.**

Applications close Friday 31st January, 2020 at 5pm.



To learn more or apply, go to:
<https://applynow.net.au/jobs/118675>



Northern NSW Local Health District

Seeking Expressions of Interest from Aboriginal Community Members

Would you like to use your experience as a patient, carer or health consumer to improve health services in Northern NSW?

Northern NSW Local Health District is seeking expressions of interest from Aboriginal community members within Northern NSW to be appointed to local community advisory groups within the Tweed, Murwillumbah, Byron, Ballina, Lismore, Casino and Clarence regions.

These groups will provide important advice, feedback and guidance to the health service on Aboriginal health matters.

How to apply:

If you are an interested patient, carer or community member, please complete the expression of interest available on the Northern NSW Local Health District website at www.nnswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au or on the NNSWLHD Facebook page.

Expressions of interest must be received by 5pm, Friday 31st January 2020.

For more information or if you would like assistance, please contact Lyndal Smith, Program Manager on (07) 5506 7767 or Lyndal.Smith@health.nsw.gov.au

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Aboriginal Identified Professional Legal Placement

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- Package up to \$82K (pro-rata)
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We are looking for two bright, hardworking law graduates who are about to embark on their Practical Legal Training to join our Professional Legal Placement Program working in either our Criminal, Family or Civil Law Divisions.

Apply Online: www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au

Ref. No. 00007EU2

Closing Date: You may apply for this advertisement at any time up to 15 March 2020.

Enquiries: Emma Langton on (02) 9219 5938

ABC

Manager - Digital Skills Development

This vacancy is open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, reflecting our commitment to the ABC's Reconciliation Action Plan, ABC Equity and Diversity Plan and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.

- Permanent
- Senior Role
- Ultimo Location

We are looking for a learning and development professional with significant experience in Digital Media or developing effective Digital Media learning programs.

You will be an experienced strategic planner with hands on design and facilitation skills.

If this sounds like you, we encourage you to apply.

Applications close: 3 Feb 2020

For more details, visit abc.net.au/careers

INDIGENOUS ASSIGNMENT OFFICER

- Exciting new role with the Australian Volunteers Program
- Full-time, Max Term Contract to 30 September 2020
- Based in Fitzroy, Melbourne

AVI supports the implementation of the Australian Volunteers Program on behalf of the Australian Government. The Australian Volunteers Program sends skilled Australian volunteers on assignments overseas that are designed to develop the capacity of people, organisations, communities and institutions. Through meaningful volunteer assignments, the program creates enduring links between Australians and people and organisations in partner countries.

Since 2014, the Australian Volunteers Program has supported 45 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to undertake short term group assignments to support Eco Children, one of our partner organisations in South Africa, to improve environmental conservation outcomes through sustainable vegetable gardens, refurbished classrooms and libraries in rural primary schools. The assignments also provide the opportunity for personal and professional development and cultural exchange in addition to sustainable development outcomes.

This position will coordinate the 2020 Short Term Indigenous Group Assignment, providing support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander volunteers as part of the Australian Volunteers Program. This role will be responsible for:

- The coordination of 2020 Short Term Indigenous Group Assignment to South Africa;
- Being the Team Leader on location in South Africa and;
- Contribution to program-wide Indigenous participation, inclusion and diversity.

The successful candidate will possess:

- Relevant experience working in programs with a strong Indigenous focus. Tertiary qualifications in international development, community services, arts, social or political science is also desirable
- Program coordination/administration, training or experience working on an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program
- Understanding of, and demonstrated experience and working with a diverse number Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders and groups – such as volunteers, and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander organisations
- Good skills in word processing, excel spread sheet, presentation and database software applications
- Good interpersonal skills, cross-cultural skills, and the ability to develop effective working relationships at all levels of the organisation
- Ability and experience in providing care and support to program participants when required

Applications close at 9:00am 22 January 2020.

For a full outline of the position please see the Position Description on the AVI website www.avi.org.au/careers/current-vacancies

**Please be advised that this is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander designated position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010.*



Looking for a rewarding career and great lifestyle on NSW's beautiful North Coast?

Byron Shire offers pristine beaches, diverse lifestyles, a magnificent natural environment and subtropical climate. At Byron Shire Council we value our employees and provide a rewarding and flexible working environment.

PROJECT OFFICER (Aboriginal)

The successful candidate will meet all the criteria set out in the Position Description for the role and importantly will have demonstrated ability to provide outcomes for the Aboriginal community by developing and implementing policy, services, programs and projects. This role requires the ability to work independently and supportively as part of a multi-skilled team addressing social and cultural development needs.

To apply for this position Council requires you to apply and answer some role-specific screening questions online on Council's website:

<https://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Council/Working-at-Byron-Shire-Council/Current-vacancies>

Closing Date: 9am, Monday 31 January 2020

***Byron Shire Council considers that being a person who identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).*

Child Protection Practitioners



Health
and Human
Services

Job description

- A strong commitment to develop and support Child Protection Practitioners
- Work collaboratively with your team to strengthen case practice and to provide effective service delivery
- Highly rewarding career opportunities

Being a Child Protection Practitioner means making real change to the lives of our community's most vulnerable children and families. A career in child protection will provide a range of professional pathways that support your personal growth and development.

We offer a supportive team approach, quality supervision with great training and development.

Skills and Experience

We are looking for experienced child protection/child and family welfare professionals to join our child protection teams.

Key responsibilities include

- Assessing children and young people to bring about the changes necessary to ensure their safety, stability and development
- Conducting risk assessments and investigations
- Working collaboratively with families, community services organisations and other professionals to develop and implement effective plans for children
- Managing complex cases, problem solving and presenting matters to the Children's Court of Victoria as required
- Be responsible for supporting and developing Child Protection Practitioners in the integration of theory and practice while demonstrating your expertise through case practice
- Working collaboratively with the Team Manager to strengthen case practice
- Provide effective service delivery and support other practitioners

To be a child protection practitioner you need a current and valid driver's licence and a recognised Social Work degree or a similar welfare or behavioural related degree.

Make the decision to pursue a fulfilling professional career and make a difference in vulnerable children's lives.

Salary

- Child Protection Practitioner (CPP3) \$68,884 to \$83,640
- Advanced Child Protection Practitioner (CPP4) \$85,279 to \$96,759
- Team Manager and Senior Child Protection Practitioner (CPP5) \$98,396 to \$119,052

For more information about the role descriptions of Child Protection Practitioners at different levels, please email childprotectionjobs@dhhs.vic.gov.au or visit <https://childprotectionjobs.dhhs.vic.gov.au/roles/role-descriptions>.

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.



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Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place Ltd

Aboriginal Planned Activities Group/Social Support Co-ordinator

TENURE: 0.6 EFT (three-day week)
(subject to three-month probationary period)

Fixed term to end of 30 June 2020

SALARY RANGE: Dependent on experience - SCHADS Industry Award 2010

Community Services Worker Level 3

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place (MMIGP) is a strong, proud, culturally connected and self-determined Aboriginal Community in the Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR). Our purpose is to provide a safe and welcoming environment for people to connect with culture, learn new skills and contribute to community health and wellbeing. The objective of this position is to ensure the culturally appropriate provision of a range of planned activities designed to engage Aboriginal HACC Eligible clients living in the EMR of Melbourne.

Applications may be emailed to ceo@mmigp.com.au or posted through Australia Post

Closing date: Midnight – Friday 31st January 2020

Further information or questions concerning this position can be directed to: Chief Executive Officer, Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place Ph: 0457 067 923 or email: ceo@mmigp.com.au

The Application Pack can be viewed on our website at <https://www.mmigp.org.au/jobs>



Research Associate

Full time (3-year contract)

A fantastic opportunity to use your strong research skills and critical thinking to strengthen the Australia Council's standing as a national leader in arts and cultural research.

To obtain further information about this position, please visit our careers page at <http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers/>

Applications close 19 January 2020 at 11:59pm (AEST)



Ngadhi (pronounced Narr-di) Family Services is an Indigenous specific support service for children and families in the Out of Home Care (OOHC) program, based in Sydney, NSW

Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Support Worker

We are seeking a passionate Casual Aboriginal Support Worker to engage in meaningful work that makes a real difference in the lives of our clients, their families, carers and communities.

You will be involved in the provision of a number of services that we offer, including mentoring, respite, restoration assessments, supervised contact visits and supervised transport.

Please visit our website www.ngadhifamilyservices.com.au and go to Careers to apply for this position and for more information.



Join Australia's leading collecting, research and publishing institution on the cultures and histories of Indigenous Australians.

Over its 50-year history, AIATSIS has evolved into a national authority on Indigenous studies. It is a hub for collaborative, ethical collecting and research and develops Indigenous staff and researchers. AIATSIS Collections are one of the world's leading collections of printed, audio and visual materials on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and societies.

Senior Project Manager, Education

Executive Level 1, Ongoing Full Time
\$92,620 to \$101,598

Duties

AIATSIS is seeking a dynamic individual to fill the role of Senior Project Manager who has impressive levels of cultural competency, high-level research and writing capability, and logistical and administrative strengths that can contribute to the work of a diverse, flexible and high performing team.

You will be responsible for building education programs and activities and contributing to the generation and management of income. The role will involve a high level of autonomy in project management, engagement with community and government stakeholders, opportunities for publication and project presentations in order to support team objectives.

Senior Project Managers may work individually or as part of a small team, and may lead projects and be involved in more than one project at any one time.

Special Measures

This will be filled using the Special Measures provision, which allows for the targeted recruitment of Indigenous Australians into the Australian Public Service. The vacancy is only open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

Closing Date: 5pm Friday 24 January 2020

How to apply:

Please consult the AIATSIS website www.aiatsis.gov.au for more information and download the Application Pack. Follow the instructions on the Application Pack and submit your application to recruitment@aiatsis.gov.au by the closing date.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate a high level of cultural proficiency in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and the capacity to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as stakeholders, colleagues and peers.

This is an identified position

The Institute values a skilled and diverse workforce to meet the needs of the organisation in the promotion of knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



Assistant Project Officer – Aboriginal

- Department of Communities and Justice
- Clerk Grade 5/6
- Salary: \$85,488 pa – \$94,327 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading
- Temporary Full-time role
- Location: Cessnock/Newcastle

About us

The Department of Communities and Justice Services (DCJ) directly supports approximately 800,000 people every year and reaches a further million people through local community-based programs.

We're changing the way we do things to deliver better housing solutions to our clients and the community and we need you to help us get there!

About the opportunity

The Assistant Project Officer role will support the implementation and coordination of community and stakeholder engagement by building and maintaining positive relationships in the Cessnock community. Working alongside the senior project officer to create effective community engagement strategies.

There is one (1) temporary full time role available in accordance with the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013* for a period of up to six (6) months.

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality.
- Current Drivers Licence

How to apply

To apply candidates must submit a covering letter (2 pages maximum) which clearly details their skills and experience as relevant to this role and an up to date resume, And a response to one targeted question.

Part of the assessment process may include additional online capability testing, skills testing or work samples in accordance with the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*; therefore you may be contacted to participate. You may also be asked to complete a Health Declaration Form in later stages of the assessment process.

Aboriginal candidates requiring support with the application process please contact:
Liz Dunstone from Yarn'n on 02 9319 4000 or via email liz@yarnn.com.au

For further information please refer to www.ourmobneedsyou.com.au

Applications Close: Monday 20 January 2020 @ 11.59pm

Candidates are encouraged to contact Melanie Mackie on 0436 627 521 for further information about this role.

For more information and to apply please visit www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for Job Reference Number: 00007J30.

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ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS

Casual Prison Officers – Marngoneet Correctional Centre

New year, new career? If you're keen to make a positive impact on your community, you should consider becoming a prison officer.

- **An hourly rate of \$33.09 plus superannuation plus generous penalty rates paid on night shifts and weekends**
- **No qualifications needed - eight weeks of paid full-time training at \$32.05 per hour**
- **Help Victoria remain a safe place by keeping our prisons secure and supporting offenders through rehabilitation**

We are now recruiting casual prison officers for Marngoneet Correctional Centre to commence paid training in April 2020.

We encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people to apply

The Department of Justice and Community Safety is continually working towards increasing its **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** workforce. The Aboriginal Employment Team aims to attract, recruit and retain Aboriginal staff in a number of roles including prison officers, community corrections officers and field officers. This support includes a culturally appropriate attraction and recruitment process. To learn more, please email aboriginal.employment@justice.vic.gov.au

INFORMATION SESSION

We will hold a free information session to give you an understanding of the role and ask any questions you have.

Thursday 16 January

6.15 – 7.30 pm

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To register for the information session and for more on the role, go to Correctionsjobs.vic.gov.au and click 'Apply'.

Applications close at midnight on Monday 30 January 2020

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Koorie Engagement Support Officer – ES 1.4

Salary Range: \$83,146 to \$98,037

1 x 0.4 FTE Position

Fixed Term until Friday 2nd October 2020

North-Eastern Victoria Region

The Victorian Department of Education and Training is seeking a suitably qualified Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person to work in the Ovens Murray Area, North-Eastern Victoria Region as a Koorie Engagement Support Officer.

The successful applicant will work as a member of the Ovens Murray Area Multidisciplinary team and the Regional Koorie Education Workforce in the implementation of the Marrung Aboriginal Education Plan 2016 - 2026.

The occupant of the position will have the leadership skills to ensure the successful delivery of educational support services, provide advice to schools, kindergartens, families and the Koorie community on strategies aimed at improving educational outcomes for Koorie children and young people and have a high level of understanding of Koorie education and local community needs.

This role is an identified position and is available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. **VCAT exemption # A195/2009**

Applicants are encouraged to apply on-line via the Recruitment Online website at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/schooljobs>

Please refer to position number 1182232.

Applications close Sunday 19th January 2020.

Contact Jacqueline Martyn, Koorie Education Coordinator in the Ovens Murray Area for further information.

martyn.jacqueline.m@edumail.vic.gov.au or **0455 052 686**



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Traditional Owner Engagement Manager

- \$120,692 to \$161,511 (Plus Superannuation)
- Fixed Term, 12 months
- Usual hours of work: Full Time (flexibility may be available)
- Usual work location: CBD (flexibility may be available)

Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply, as this position is exempt under the Special Measures Provision of S12(1) of the *Equal Opportunity Act* (VIC).

As Traditional Owner Engagement Manager, you will be responsible for liaison and coordination across the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) with Traditional Owners Groups across the State. The role will ensure there is strong Traditional Owner engagement in our Departmental Aboriginal partnership entity and that Traditional Owner aspirations are reflected in the next iteration of the Victorian Aboriginal Economic Strategy. The role will be responsible for driving coordination within the Department in relation to the effective implementation of current and future Recognition and Settlement Agreements and will support Traditional Owners across the State to harness the State's levers to drive economic development, participation and prosperity for the Victorian Aboriginal community.

The successful candidate for this position will demonstrate –

- specialist knowledge, understanding of and experience in working with the Victorian Koori community, in particular Victorian Traditional Owners;
- a record of achievements in developing, reviewing, formulating, implementing and coordinating complex and innovative Aboriginal development programs/strategies/policies;
- highly developed stakeholder relationship skills at senior levels, including community, industry and private sector groups;
- sound judgement, advanced analytical skills together with high-level negotiation, interpersonal and communication skills with an ability to articulate issues at senior levels in the public and private sectors; and
- ability to plan, manage and complete work to a high standard with strong attention to detail.

For a confidential discussion, please call Traci McCormick, Director, on 03 9651 8079.

Successful candidates will be required to undergo a National Police Records Check prior to commencing employment with the Department.

For further information on the position, and position description, and to apply please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au and refer to **026765**.

Applications close at midnight on 29 January 2020.

www.economicdevelopment.vic.gov.au

Authorised by the Victorian Government,
1 Spring Street, Melbourne



FR0671

Koorie Engagement Support Officer - ES 1.4

Salary Range: \$83,146 to \$98,037

1 x Ongoing 1.0 FTE Position

North-Eastern Victoria Region

The Victorian Department of Education and Training is seeking a suitably qualified Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person to work in the Ovens Murray Area, North-Eastern Victoria Region as a Koorie Engagement Support Officer.

The successful applicant will work as a member of the Ovens Murray Area Multidisciplinary team and the Regional Koorie Education Workforce in the implementation of the Marrung Aboriginal Education Plan 2016 - 2026.

The occupant of the position will have the leadership skills to ensure the successful delivery of educational support services, provide advice to schools, kindergartens, families and the Koorie community on strategies aimed at improving educational outcomes for Koorie children and young people and have a high level of understanding of Koorie education and local community needs.

This role is an identified position and is available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. **VCAT exemption # A195/2009**

Applicants are encouraged to apply on-line via the Recruitment Online website at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/schooljobs>

Please refer to position number 1182233.

Applications close Sunday 19th January 2020.

Contact Jacqueline Martyn, Koorie Education Coordinator in the Ovens Murray Area for further information.

martyn.jacqueline.m@edumail.vic.gov.au or **0455 052 686**



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ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS



Senior Aboriginal Independent Prison Visitor Scheme Project and Strategy Officer

- Salary range \$98,396 - \$119,052 plus superannuation
- Ongoing role CBD or (flexible regional)

This is an Aboriginal Identified position; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

As the Senior Project and Strategy Officer you will lead the Justice Assurance and Review Office's response to fulfilling its objectives under the Aboriginal Justice Agreement – Phase 4. This includes the refresh and implementation of a strategy to increase and sustain the involvement of Aboriginal community members in the IPV Scheme. You may be required to visit prisons across Victoria.

This role requires strong strategic thinking, stakeholder engagement and relationship management skills, and the ability to develop (or harness existing) relationships with the Victorian Aboriginal community to generate positive outcomes for the IPV Scheme.

The Justice Assurance and Review Office is a business unit in the Regulation group of the Department of Justice and Community Safety. It operates as an internal review and assurance function to advise the Secretary to the department on the performance of the youth justice and adult corrections systems.

For more information, contact Kate Ramsay on 0428 906 249 or at kate.ramsay@justice.vic.gov.au

To apply online, please visit jobs.careers.vic.gov.au by **31 January 2019**

FR0732

Justice and Community Safety

Department of Justice and Community Safety

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Youth Development Officer (Indigenous Portfolio)

- Empower our Indigenous young people to thrive
- Permanent full-time or flexible hours, Werribee-based
- Salary from \$72,984.38 plus super and fortnightly RDO

"This role is identified as available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. Confirmation of the Indigenous status of applicants may be requested."

We are Wyndham, home to one of the largest, fastest growing and most diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Melbourne.

Our people are hard at work designing the precincts, building the infrastructure, developing the policies and delivering the programs that will ensure the City is prepared to welcome over 200,000 new residents by 2040.

Shape new possibilities. Be part of something more. Be prepared to be challenged.

About the role

This exciting and diverse role will see you planning, facilitating, implementing and evaluating programs, projects and services to support young indigenous people in Wyndham.

You will foster positive relationships with the Indigenous youth in Wyndham, your primary focus will be to engage young Indigenous people and help them to connect to the Wyndham community. You will strive to enable and empower young indigenous people to positive outcomes in the Wyndham community.

This is position is re-advertised. Previous applicants need not apply.

You will deliver:

- Direct support to young people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds, building the capacity of young people to participate, connect with and contribute to their community
- Develop programs that are appropriate for young people and that connect them to their community, enabling them to participate, grow and increase their access to opportunities
- Communicate and partner with relevant indigenous organisations, Elders, communities and networks to strengthen cultural identity, community connections and access to services for young people
- Continue to build the connections and partnerships with local schools, community centres and relevant community agencies
- Outstanding reports and documentation including workplans, program proposals, risk assessments, evaluation, research and consultation findings

You will bring:

- Extensive knowledge of issues impacting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people and a demonstrated capacity to design and deliver contemporary approaches to meeting these complex needs
- High level interpersonal skills and effective communication (verbal and written) skills to engage with a broad range of stakeholders
- Degree qualification in Youth Work, Community Development, Social Work or a related discipline and relevant experience in the generalist youth sector
- Practical working knowledge of youth work informed by Indigenous respectful practice, connection to community and strength-based principles
- Experience in developing, supporting and maintaining strategic partnerships and stakeholder relationships
- Strong background in developing, implementing, evaluating and reporting on programs and services

A bit about Wyndham

Take a look at our job opportunities and you may be surprised at what you discover: a future-focused culture, a sense of purpose and possibility, and real opportunities to strengthen our diverse community. It all adds up to make Wyndham a great place to work.

Our people are our most valued asset. We are focused on building a culture that empowers every person to do their best work. Flexibility is built right into our DNA and we are committed to cultivating an inclusive workplace that celebrates a diverse workforce. Ask us how this role can be worked.

So, are you ready to shape new possibilities?

What's next?

If you think this role might be for you, we want to hear from you. Please apply by sending us a coverletter and your resume. We do not require any selection criteria to be addressed.

Enquiries: Silvana Lettieri, Co-ordinator Youth Services on (03) 8734 1355 or Emma Lawne, Talent Acquisition Partner on 0429 118 435

Applications close: until 11:59pm Friday 31 January 2020

Wyndham City considers Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are the most qualified persons for this role authorized under the *Equal Opportunity Act* (Vic) 2010, S12 (1). To submit your application, Click here to apply



www.wyndham.vic.gov.au



Support Workers

Casual opportunities based in both Grafton AND Lismore

- Up to \$34 per hour + superannuation + salary packaging benefits

As a Support Worker, you will deliver a variety of services to participants to support them to live a fulfilling and meaningful life in the community. Your working day may include (but be not limited to) assistance and/or support with daily life including personal care, domestic activities, social and community participation and varying skill development activities.

This is an ongoing program seven days a week. The successful worker will be someone with the flexibility to work in short and long shifts.

To apply and to download a copy of the PD visit www.wellways.org/careers-wellways

For a confidential discussion about the roles please contact contact Amanda Brodie, CSO on abrodie@wellways.org or 0438 438 243.

Applications close COB 3 April 2020.

We warmly encourage people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and people with a lived experience of mental health, disability or as a carer to apply.

www.wellways.org

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Patient Support Officer Perioperative Services

Department: Hunter New England LHD
John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Mitchell Griffin (02) 4921 4965 or Mitchell.Griffin@health.nsw.gov.au
Reference Number: REQ144322
Closing Date: 22 January 2020

Administration Assistant Neurology

Department: Hunter New England LHD
John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Nicole Pettiford (02) 4921 3554 or Nicole.Pettiford@health.nsw.gov.au
Reference Number: REQ137134
Closing Date: 29 January 2020

These are targeted Aboriginal Positions. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

Aboriginal Health Worker Palliative Care

Department: Hunter New England LHD
John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Sam Ness-Wilson (02) 4921 4899
Reference Number: REQ137618
Closing Date: 5 February 2020

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: see above

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go jobs.health.nsw.gov.au/hnelhd and search Job ref numbers see above.

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Unique Employment Opportunity in Arnhem Land, NT



Business Development Manager

Wuyagiba Bush Hub Aboriginal Corporation
10-month contract: February to December 2020
SALARY: \$110,000 - \$130,000 incl. super

POSITION OVERVIEW
This position is responsible for providing expert support to consolidate the Wuyagiba "Bush University", run by the Wuyagiba Bush Hub Aboriginal Corporation (WBHAC), in partnership with the Campus Managers and Board of Directors.

The primary role of the WBHAC is to administer, plan and execute the sustainable operation and growth of the Wuyagiba Study Hub as a unique, purpose designed, remote Aboriginal Tertiary Education initiative also known as the 'Bush University'. Wuyagiba outstation is remotely located in Southeast Arnhem Land on the coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria between Ngukurr and Numbulwar communities. At present the Wuyagiba Study Hub is largely funded through the Regional Study Hub program of the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (2019-2022).

The aim of the Wuyagiba Study Hub is to find solutions to increasing the participation and completion of Aboriginal people in Tertiary Education. Students undertake courses at Wuyagiba and partner institutions such as Macquarie University during their enrolment.

For more information please refer to our website
<https://www.wuyagibastudyhub.org/> and Youtube videos <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vG5HidCzVJM>.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES
The successful applicant will partner with local Aboriginal leaders to:

- Refine the Corporations existing business strategy and business plan
- Develop training plans and initiate training programs for staff as required (including Financial Management, Computer skills, Governance Training, Food preparation, Drivers Licenses, Use of equipment etc)
- Develop policy and procedures to ensure the Health and Safety of staff, students and visitors
- Develop and implement strategies to improve the infrastructure of the Wuyagiba Study Hub (including power, water and buildings)
- Develop immediate and long terms plans to secure the sustainability of the Wuyagiba Study Hub as a local Tertiary Training centre for SE Arnhem Land.
- Identify and develop relationships with local stakeholders (including local schools, Aboriginal Corporations, Trust Funds, NT Government, the Roper Gulf Shire and relevant NGOs)
- Develop, nurture and maintain relationships with Tertiary Education providers (including the VET and University sectors)

The successful applicant will primarily be based on-site at the Wuyagiba Study Hub during the 2020 dry season and will have access to a vehicle and accommodation. There is potential for the role to continue beyond 2020.

JOB REQUIREMENTS
Essential

- University Degree in Business or relevant field
- Minimum 10 years' experience in a relevant field of expertise (eg business development, social enterprise, capacity building)
- Professional expertise in business incubation and Indigenous development
- Experience working in a remote Australian Aboriginal community context
- Excellent written and oral communication skills with diverse people (including Traditional Owners and Elders)
- Sound negotiation and conflict resolution skills with a demonstrated level of tact and discretion in dealing with day to day operational matters
- Ability to problem solve in a remote location with limited resources
- Demonstrated ability to deliver on projects in a timely manner
- Hold a current Drivers licence
- Drive a manual 4WD vehicle
- Have a reasonable level of fitness due to remoteness of the work place

To apply for this position, please send your CV and responses to the Job Requirements by the 25th of January 2020 to wuyagibastudyhub@gmail.com.



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Koorie Engagement Support Officer - ES 1.4

Salary Range: \$83,146 to \$98,037

1 Fixed Term Position – South-Western Victoria Region

The Victorian Department of Education & Training is seeking a suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to work in South-Western Victoria Region in the position of Koorie Engagement Support Officer. The position is based in Ballarat and will support schools and early childhood services in the Central Highlands Area. Successful applicants will be part of the regional Koorie Education Workforce responsible for the implementation of the Marrung Aboriginal Education Plan 2016-2026.

The role includes facilitating and supporting the delivery of programs for Koorie children and young people from early childhood to school completion. Successful applicants should possess strong leadership skills to ensure the successful delivery of educational support services. They will be required to provide advice to schools, kindergartens, families and the Koorie community on strategies for improving educational outcomes for Koorie children and young people.

Applicants must have a high level of understanding of Koorie education and community needs, and knowledge of Koorie culture. Suitable qualifications are desirable.

This role is an identified position and is available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. **VCAT exemption # A195/2009**

Applicants are encouraged to apply on-line via the Recruitment Online website at www.education.vic.gov.au/schooljobs

Please refer to position number 1183295.

Applications close: 20 January 2020

Contact Chris Mackenzie : Service Support Manager

Email: mackenzie.chris.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Ph: 03 4334 0533 or 0417 551 544



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QATSIF

Queensland Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander
Foundation



Project Officer – Administration

Part-time 3 days per week negotiable. 12-month fixed term contract initially.

QATSIF (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation) is seeking a motivated, hard-working Project Officer to join our small team based in Brisbane's Fortitude Valley.

The right candidate will have:

- relevant administrative qualifications and / or experience.
- the ability to learn quickly and the initiative to work independently on tasks.
- a passion for improving the educational outcomes for young Indigenous Queenslanders.
- strong connections and a good understanding of Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

Further information, including the position description, eligibility criteria and application details can be found at: <https://www.qatsif.org.au/work-for-qatsif/>

Interested applicants are invited to call the QATSIF Secretariat Director, Mike Nayler for a confidential chat on 07 3257 1777.

Applications close: 5pm Wed, January 22, 2020.



Aboriginal Housing Officer

NSWALC Housing Ltd

- Unique opportunity to contribute to establishing a new Aboriginal community housing provider
- Ongoing positions competitive salary and central location
- Identified position

We are seeking Aboriginal people who are experienced in delivering high quality tenancy and property management services for core roles in the organisation. In this role you will work as part of a team aiming to increase access to secure, affordable, appropriate housing which contributes to improved outcomes for Aboriginal people.

You will deal with disadvantaged and vulnerable clients and their advocates, and work collaboratively with our partners and other external stakeholders.

To be successful you will need to respond flexibly and constructively to new challenges in a newly established company, with a focus on excellent customer service.

NSWALC Housing Ltd considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Please send your resume and 2-page cover letter responding to the essential and desirable criteria and your fit to the position to: nswalcenterprises@alc.org.au by 5pm on 31 January 2020.

For further information and to obtain a copy of the role description and selection criteria please contact: Clive Morgan, Business Adviser - 02 9689 4451.



Practice Supervisor (identified)

Act for Kids is a prominent provider of free prevention, professional therapy and support services for children who have suffered abuse and support for families at risk. With over 25 centres nationally, we have supported thousands of children and their families for 30 years.

We are looking for a **Practice Supervisor (identified)** to join our Intensive Family Support team in Cairns. This role is **full-time, fixed-term until 30 Sept 2021**. Extension of employment contract beyond September 2021 is subject to the continued successful government funding of the program. Responsibilities include:

- Manage a restricted caseload which involves delivering our family case-management program to families, caregivers, kids and young people.
- Be an active consultant in your area of expertise.
- Facilitate social learning, community connectedness, good health and wellbeing in families.
- Promote the Intensive Family Support role and functions to key partner agencies and the community.

You will bring a tertiary degree in a relevant discipline (allied health, social work, human services); at least 5 years' providing case-management and therapeutic services to families, caregivers, young people and children in a child protection framework. More information about the role on our careers site, see link below.

Important...

Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural background or have substantial experience working in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities. Willingness of a respected Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural referee to vouch for your appropriateness for this role.

More details about the role

To view the full position description, remuneration package, find out the contact person for job enquiries, and to submit a job application please visit:

<https://www.actforkids.com.au/careers.html>

Closing date: 24 Jan 2020



Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Service (AMIHS) Midwife

Nepean Blue Mountains Health District

Permanent Full-Time

Registered Midwife

Salary: \$64,184.86 - \$90,122.83 pa

Enquiries: Joanne Hugging via email

Joanne.Hugging@health.nsw.gov.au

**Closing Date:
2 February 2020**

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ146008.

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Tobwabba Aboriginal Medical Service

Providing quality holistic healthcare for the people in the Worimi Nation

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Tobwabba Aboriginal Medical Service is seeking an experienced Chief Executive Officer to lead the organisation in providing quality holistic healthcare for the people in the Worimi Nation.

The successful candidate must have the relevant qualification, experience, knowledge, and skills to perform the duties outlined in the Position Description. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification of this role, and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

To apply, please provide a cover letter addressing the Selection Criteria and Resume outlining work and community experience.

Applications close 31 January, 2020.

All position enquiries can be directed to Donna Hall on 0431 384 435.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND A LINK TO APPLY SEE OUR AD ON THE KOORI MAIL WEBSITE UNDER JOBS & GENERAL WEBADES



Aboriginal Services Designers / Planners x2

NSWALC Employment and Training Ltd

- Unique opportunity to contribute to establishing a new Aboriginal employment business
- Temporary 2-year contract, competitive salary and central location
- Identified position

We are seeking two Aboriginal people who are experienced service designers/planners to assist in the development of regional and local partnerships with business and training organisations committed to enabling Aboriginal people to 'get a job, and then get a better job'.

In the role, you will engage closely with Aboriginal people and our partners to understand their needs in order to design a suite of evidence based employment service packages for Aboriginal job seekers.

To be successful you will need to apply your strong conceptual, analytical and communication skills as well as your curiosity to understand the needs and experiences of Aboriginal job seekers, business and training organisations, translating your findings into robust, culturally safe service models that can be trialled in locations across NSW.

NSWALC Employment and Training Ltd considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Please send your resume and 2-page cover letter responding to the essential and desirable criteria and your fit to the position to: nswalcenterprises@alc.org.au by 5pm on 31 January 2020.

For further information and to obtain a copy of the role description and selection criteria please contact: Alix Goodwin, Business Development Adviser - 02 9689 4418

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WATER NSW
Peel Fractured Rock Water Source

An application for a New Water Supply Work Approval has been received from **Proten Tamworth Pty Ltd** for one (1) bore on Lot 1 DP737352 to be used for industrial (poultry) purposes on Gidley. (Application reference number – A21618).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, P O Box 1251, Tamworth NSW 2340 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.

KT0577

WATER NSW
WARBRO BROOK WATER SOURCE

An application for a Water Supply Works & Use Approval has been received from **Kevin Charles Ball and Amanda Marie Perille-Ball**, for a 100mm Centrifugal Pump on Lots 65 and 74, DP 752423, Parish of Oreen, County of Dudley, for irrigation of Lots 65, 74 and 75, DP 752423. Ref. A020560. (Re-advertised Application due to reduction in pump size and lots irrigated.)

Objections to the granting of the approval must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 1400, GRAFTON NSW 2460 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 1300 662 077 or email above.
Mark Bonner, Water Regulation North.

KT0576

WATERNWS
Hunter Regulated River Water Source

An application to AMEND WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **Arrowfield Farms Pty Limited** to add a 75mm centrifugal pump located on Lot 98 DP 750912 to their existing approval for Irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to PO Box 2157 Dangar NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice or emailed to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (Ref: A21814).

Any queries please call 1300 305 695 or email the above.
Robert Cavallaro, Water Reg officer Coastal.

KT0587

WATERNWS
Hunter Regulated River Water Source

An application to for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received by **ANDREWS PASTORAL CO. PTY LIMITED** for a 50 mm mono pump on Lot 4 DP 233656 for use on Lot 12 DP 740059 for the purpose of stock, domestic & irrigation.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to 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. (A021870)

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Krystal Moore, Manager Dealings Verification & Water Regulation Coastal.

KT0592

Notice of applications for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia
Notification day: 29 January 2020

These are applications by native title claim groups which are asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth WA, 6837 **on or before 28 April 2020**. After **28 April 2020**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.

Application name: Pearl Gordon & Ors on behalf of the Malarngowem Native Title Claim Group Part B and State of Western Australia (Malarngowem Part B)
Federal Court File No: WAD568/2019
Date filed: 29 October 2019
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **not accepted** this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it

Description: The application area covers approx. 4 sq km, being part of Lot 128 on DP39947 and part of Lot 130 on DP39943, located approx. 39 km east of Warmun and 40 km west of the Western Australia and Northern Territory border
Relevant LGA: Shire of Halls Creek

Application name: Josephine Farrer & Ors on behalf of the Ngarrawanji Native Title Claim Group #2 and State of Western Australia (Ngarrawanji #2)
Federal Court File No: WAD569/2019
Date filed: 29 October 2019
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **not accepted** this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it

Description: The application area covers approx. 80 sq km consisting of two land parcels; being Lot 360 on DP76780 and Lot 361 on DP76779, located in the vicinity of Halls Creek approx. 13 km north and 11 km south along the Great Northern Highway
Relevant LGA: Shire of Halls Creek

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Claire Smith on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.


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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
29/969	GAZARD INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	567181	10.89HA.	61.6km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 21' S Long: 120° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
29/973	GAZARD INVESTMENTS PTY LTD MGK RESOURCES PTY LTD	567180	67.14HA.	81.3km W'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 4' S Long: 120° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
29/1007	MGK RESOURCES PTY LTD	567178	23.64HA.	80.9km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 9' S Long: 120° 26' E	MENZIES SHIRE
29/1016	MGK RESOURCES PTY LTD	567179	9.13HA.	72.5km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 14' S Long: 120° 33' E	MENZIES SHIRE
39/1743	LANDTEC PTY LTD	567868	13.59HA.	63.5km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 9' S Long: 122° 9' E	LEONORA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.
Notification day: 15 January 2020
Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **15 April 2020**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.
Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 15 May 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.

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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	08/3119	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	4BL.	49.3km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 36' S Long: 117° 29' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/3121	GARDNER MINING PTY LTD	79BL.	78.9km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 31' S Long: 116° 59' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/3122	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	20BL.	63.6km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 46' S Long: 117° 41' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1743	FYFEHILL PTY LTD	34BL.	29.7km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 23' S Long: 121° 26' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	24/210	BA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	35BL.	11.2km NE'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 121° 9' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/624	GOLD GEOLOGICAL CONSULTING PTY LTD	10BL.	39.1km E'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 121° 42' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2937	BOADICEA RESOURCES LTD	29BL.	209.8km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 124° 22' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2951	TYPHON MINERALS PTY LTD	2BL.	219.6km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 124° 35' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	30/517	BAUDIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	70BL.	37.3km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 42' S Long: 120° 39' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1203	SULLIVAN CREEK PTY LTD	61BL.	36.7km S'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 7' S Long: 122° 14' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1208	ARDEA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	3BL.	51.6km NW'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 33' S Long: 121° 54' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1391	SETTATREE, Nevil Edward	1BL.	63.7km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 17' S Long: 121° 11' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1395	DARLOT MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	37BL.	70.3km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 40' S Long: 121° 21' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3306	ANGORABLUЕ PTY LTD	19BL.	23km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 122° 31' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3446	WILDPATCH ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	5BL.	199km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 2' S Long: 123° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2128	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	3BL.	53.3km N'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 122° 27' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2142	TYPHON MINERALS PTY LTD	3BL.	226.1km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 8' S Long: 124° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2143	TYPHON MINERALS PTY LTD	5BL.	230.2km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 5' S Long: 124° 43' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2144	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	1BL.	58.7km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 122° 12' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2147	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	3BL.	61km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 9' S Long: 122° 13' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2149	VELO RESOURCES PTY LTD	47BL.	145.1km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 0' S Long: 123° 50' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/387	METALICITY LIMITED	1BL.	40.3km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 25' S Long: 121° 19' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/388	WHITE, Benjamin Jack	1BL.	43.5km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 121° 16' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/2090	ROX RESOURCES LIMITED	15BL.	136.5km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 54' S Long: 121° 33' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5272	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	21BL.	10.3km E'ly of Donnybrook	Lat: 33° 36' S Long: 115° 55' E	DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5297	SQUADRON RESOURCES PTY LTD	21BL.	47.9km W'ly of Moora	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 115° 30' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5300	MOHO RESOURCES LIMITED	26BL.	18.3km N'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 19' S Long: 118° 20' E	MERREDIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5306	IMAGE RESOURCES NL	1BL.	12.5km NW'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 14' S Long: 115° 51' E	GINGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5312	COOBALOO MINERALS PTY LTD	40BL.	15.5km SE'ly of Moora	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 116° 7' E	MOORA SHIRE, VICTORIA PLAINS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5314	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	3BL.	36.1km NW'ly of Northampton	Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 114° 19' E	NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2127	WESTERN AREAS LIMITED	7BL.	53km SE'ly of Marvel Loch	Lat: 31° 53' S Long: 119° 43' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2228	WESTERN AREAS LIMITED	6BL.	48km SE'ly of Marvel Loch	Lat: 31° 51' S Long: 119° 42' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2625	MH GOLD PTY LTD	6BL.	61.3km S'ly of Marvel Loch	Lat: 31° 59' S Long: 119° 43' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2626	MH GOLD PTY LTD	2BL.	83km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 18' S Long: 119° 46' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5426	BARACUS PTY LTD	23BL.	84.9km SW'ly ofHalls Creek	Lat: 18° 51' S Long: 127° 13' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5430	SAGON RESOURCES LIMITED	18BL.	117.6km SE'ly ofHalls Creek	Lat: 19° 2' S Long: 128° 23' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6550	ZOCARO, Tonino Pasquale Joseph	198.03HA.	18.2km E'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 121° 20' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3245	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	121.07HA.	27.7km S'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 121° 0' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3248	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	31.50HA.	23.8km W'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 120° 48' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3249	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	164.38HA.	25.2km W'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 120° 47' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5342	SHARP, John Henry	6.75HA.	10.9km SE'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 121° 8' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5351	CHASSAING, Henri Vincent Andre	172.09HA.	5.8km N'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 121° 19' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5353-5354	DONAGHY, Colin Douglas SMITH, William John DONAGHY, Elyce Michelle	216.46HA.	6.1km SE'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 121° 22' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5362	KING, Kelley Anne	142.77HA.	13.2km W'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 11' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5379	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	37.73HA.	17.2km W'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 120° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5380-5381	ROCKY REEF MINING PTY LTD	369.95HA.	5.3km S'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 4' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5383	COOKE, Jessica May	41.17HA.	7.9km NE'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 121° 23' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5391	GOLDFIELDS MINING GROUP PTY LTD	84.61HA.	23.5km S'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 14' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5392-5393	GOLDFIELDS MINING GROUP PTY LTD	385.38HA.	19.8km SW'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 121° 11' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5394-5395	GOLDFIELDS MINING GROUP PTY LTD	340.7HA.	18.1km SW'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 11' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5396	POTTS, Christopher Peter	0.85HA.	11.9km NW'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 120° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2535 & 25/2537-8	GOLDBLADE CORPORATION PTY LTD	363.11HA.	26.1km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2643-2647	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LIMITED	804.39HA.	21.9km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 41' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4509-4518 & 27/2434-8	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	2,539.25HA.	11.8km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 34' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2430	ZEBINA MINERALS PTY LTD	172.22HA.	40.7km NE'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 121° 42' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2431-2433	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LIMITED	428.43HA.	20.7km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2467-2468	MINERAL & GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	345.29HA.	33.7km NE'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 5' S Long: 121° 12' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2557	MENZIES GOLDFIELD PTY LTD	120.00HA.	7.4km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 44' S Long: 121° 5' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2570-2571	DALLA-COSTA, Melville Raymond	399.92HA.	11.1km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 121° 8' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1892-1896	ZINFANDEL EXPLORATION PTY LTD	938.65HA.	56.5km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 27' S Long: 120° 56' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9320-9325	KIN EAST PTY LTD	615.07HA.	43.1km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 121° 41' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9326-9327	NAVIGATOR MINING PTY LTD	367.05HA.	32.9km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9328	NAVIGATOR MINING PTY LTD	184.63HA.	28.6km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 121° 31' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4482-4485	BLACK, Murray Edward	37.72HA.	16.8km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 122° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4497	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	32.43HA.	59.3km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 5' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6055	MONUMENT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	158.04HA.	36.9km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 122° 2' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6056-6058	MONUMENT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	526.08HA.	40km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 0' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6150	SUMMERS, Richard Michael	199.80HA.	49.5km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 121° 58' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6167-S	PILKINGTON, Lisa Jane	9.65HA.	61.8km N'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 122° 15' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6168-S	PILKINGTON, Lisa Jane	9.57HA.	62.5km N'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 122° 15' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6169-S	PILKINGTON, Lisa Jane	9.85HA.	62.1km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 122° 6' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1509	CHITTLEBOROUGH, Graham John	119.75HA.	49km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 121° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1510	METALICITY LIMITED	199.36HA.	51.2km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 21' S Long: 121° 24' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1511	METALICITY LIMITED	178.22HA.	25.4km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 6' S Long: 121° 22' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1964-1965	WILD, Tracy Jane	316.66HA.	35.7km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 46' S Long: 120° 26' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1966-1970	ROCKLEA GOLD PTY LTD	893.24HA.	6.3km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 56' S Long: 120° 5' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3155	MOSES, Phillip Stanley	36.03HA.	23.2km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 46' S Long: 118° 36' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1736	PETRICEVICH, Scott Alan	24.06HA.	24.8km N'ly of Perth	Lat: 31° 43' S Long: 115° 52' E	SWAN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1737	PETRICEVICH, Scott Alan	19.84HA.	25.8km N'ly of Perth	Lat: 31° 43' S Long: 115° 52' E	WANNEROO CITY
Prospecting Licence	70/1742	PETRICEVICH, Scott Alan	45.67HA.	30.5km N'ly of Perth	Lat: 31° 40' S Long: 115° 50' E	WANNEROO CITY

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 15 January 2020

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 **15 April 2020**. 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. 15 May 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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Thipe Artherrentye-Akngerre ngungana to be used in BBL



The Thipe Artherrentye-Akngerre ngungana.



AUSTRALIAN men's Indigenous team captain, Melbourne Renegades star and Kookaburra ambassador Dan Christian will face a ball with a local Indigenous name when his side plays Hobart Hurricanes at Docklands Stadium next week.

Next week's game has been designated an 'Indigenous match' and in it will be a

Kookaburra ball with a name change and design.

In round 1 of the BBL in Alice Springs, cricketers used the Thipe Artherrentye-Akngerre ngungana which means 'Kookaburra ball' in Arrente, which is widely spoken in central Australia.

The ball was also used in the Adelaide Strikers-v-Perth Scorchers match in Adelaide.

While the ball itself will be the same Kookaburra turf ball, only the name of it will change

to the local Indigenous language word for Kookaburra in Indigenous themed matches this BBL season.

"The chance for us to celebrate Indigenous culture through the BBL and promote cricket to Australia's first people is something I've been wanting to see for a long time," Christian said.

"It's great that Kookaburra is on-board with my bat and the renaming of balls in traditional local language, but I'm thrilled

to see BBL clubs take the chance to celebrate by theming matches around it."

"With the Melbourne Renegades scheduled to play an Indigenous-themed game on January 21, I think it will be one of the highlights of my career if I get the opportunity to play."

"To all the players in the first two Indigenous-themed games, keep your eye on the Thipe Artherrentye-Akngerre and the ngungana."

Tribal Warrior completes its triumphant first race



THE first predominantly Aboriginal crew to sail in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race completed the event to a warm reception in Tasmania.

For Indigenous woman Naomi Cain, completing the race was about more than just what she could achieve.

"This is to be an inspiration to other Indigenous kids out there, or other people, to let them know no matter what they want to do in life, they can," she said.

Cain made history aboard Tribal Warrior with the first predominantly Aboriginal crew to sail in the blue-water classic.

Flags, traditional dancers, cheers and hugs greeted the 11-person crew when they arrived in Hobart after five nights at sea.

"It was the most amazing experience of a lifetime," Cain, who only took up sailing six weeks ago, said.

"I thought I would have gone a bit stir crazy on a boat for that amount of time but I didn't.

"The crew were fantastic." While Cain was all smiles, things were far from smooth.

Thunderstorms whipped up strong winds and rough seas off Tasmania's east coast.

"We got up to, I think, 47-knot gusts," she said.

"I was on deck, crouching down and holding on for dear life.

"It rained; it hailed."

She shared the journey with her sister Christine Evans, who was a late call-up after another crew member pulled out.

Skipper Wayne Jones chartered the Beneteau 47.7 Marguerite, which was renamed Tribal Warrior for the occasion.

In the 75th edition of the race, they finished 145th across the line from a starting field of 157 but that mattered little to the those aboard.

"Love it. I'll be back. Sign me up for next year," Cain said. —AAP



The relieved Tribal Warrior crew docks in Tasmania after completing the Sydney to Hobart yacht race. Pictures: Aaron Everett



The crew aboard the Beneteau 47.7 Marguerite, renamed Tribal Warrior for the race, glides into harbour.



Jarrod Pickett

Pickett could be ideal fit for the Eagles

By CHRIS PIKE



THE AFL career of Jarrod Pickett might not be over yet if West Coast like what they see.

Pickett, one of the most exciting players in the country, is currently in pre-season training with the Eagles in the hope of joining the 2018 premiers.

Pickett, 23, was drafted by the GWS Giants in the 2014 national draft at No 4, but injuries curtailed his start and both parties agreed to split without Pickett having played a game.

In 2017, he joined Carlton where he showed flashes of what he was capable of. But injuries again restricted his career, and after just 17 games, Pickett decided to return to Western Australia to be with family.

While his fitness has some ways to go, Pickett may well be an ideal fit to join West Coast, perhaps filling a role that could be vacated by Willie Rioli.

"I came through the pathways with the AIS and they sort of teach you how to move away from home and learn those things about how to be away from family," he said.

"But there was a lot of things about back home I was starting to miss, especially when I was out injured.

"I was missing being able to do things with my dad and brother, and my family.

"We used to go hunting, fishing and stuff like that as much as we could. That was something I was missing and that's a big bonus of being able to be back home."

This event can grow

By **DARREN MONCRIEFF**



FOR a first-time tournament, Joel Khalu said the national Indigenous basketball five-day event in Cairns could not have gone better.

Khalu was tournament director of Australian Indigenous Basketball's national carnival that saw 60 teams from across the country converge on Cairns in far north Queensland two weeks before Christmas.

Khalu and the 13-strong volunteer operations team worked

around the clock to ensure the smooth running of the tournament that he believes has scope to increase in size and value to Indigenous basketball, and basketball in general.

The tournament had a strong cultural flavour, with dance, language and ceremony featured in the opening day of the tournament.

"Having teams from Western Australia, Victoria, the Northern Territory, and here in Queensland and the Torres Strait, you can build on those networks and then see for yourself how an event like this can grow," Khalu said.

"It was really pivotal in that it

was the first time we had all come together and participate in a national tournament this size."

Khalu, who is chief executive of AIB, said he wants the event to become an annual tournament. He is already eyeing off next December and again in Cairns. Key to that, however, are strategic partnerships.

"Mid-December works because we found that that doesn't clash with other sports and the school holidays are on or are about to begin," he said.

"As a volunteer organisation, we (AIB) basically seek to partner with organisations either within

basketball or government.

"The support from the Queensland Government and Cairns Regional Council was crucial to this event.

"We recently signed an MoU with Basketball Queensland so we're on the right track as an organisation.

"The venue was really good, but the opening ceremony would likely be at an amphitheatre because we were at maximum capacity at the stadium.

"We haven't looked in Cairns as yet, but I'd say it's a 75% chance that the next one would be here.

"If you take events like this to

the big metropolitan cities, it gets 'lost' but if you keep it regional it becomes a focus for participants and observers.

"We had lots of nail-biting finishes and the crowd support across all the matches created an unreal atmosphere for the players, particularly for our junior teams.

"There were a few things our committee will look to change for future AIB tournaments but overall, for a first time, we're absolutely thrilled.

"Based on these and other outcomes, we have no doubt it will continue to grow and be bigger again in 2020."



Joel Matysek, from Wakaid senior men's team, on the drive at the AIB National Indigenous Basketball Tournament in Cairns. Pictures: AIB



Darwin Rebels and Binar from WA come together after their game at the tournament in Cairns.



Darwin Rebels senior women's team celebrates its division win in Cairns.

Erub, Rebels take out senior honours



ERUB United and Darwin Rebels can lay claim to be the first senior division winners at the AIB National Indigenous Basketball

Tournament in Cairns after winning their respective men's and women's titles with almost identical scorelines.

Fans were treated to 149 games across the five-day tournament in the 14- and 17-and-under and senior boys', girls', men's and women's divisions.

Adelaide Lightning WNBL development player Jasmin Fejo dropped a game-high 21 points for the Rebels in a polished performance in the final that saw the Darwin side defeated North Queensland Phoenix Fire 57-47.

Rebels teammate, shooting guard, Ambah Kowcun was named senior women's division MVP after averaging 16 points per game across eight games.

Erub United proved beyond doubt their basketball mastery after going through to the final undefeated.

The Torres Strait Island side kept their clean sheet clean when they reeled in host side Cairns Black Marlins in the final to win 55-47.

Erub forward Chris Cedar was named senior men's division MVP and to celebrate he dropped a game-

high 17 points in the final.

Kayin Bau from the Torres Strait won the 14-and-under girls' final, defeating Western Australian side Binar 44-31. Monique Bobongie from Kayin Bau top-scored with 15 points in the final. The 13-year-old also won tournament MVP honours following a week of stellar performances.

The Binar boys in their 14-and-under division final defeated Queensland team Garbutt Magpies 57-36 on the back of relentless defence. Cousins Malachi and Cumoram Desmond combined for 25 points for the winning team and Cumoram was later named tournament MVP.

Darwin Rebels' 17-and-under side girls' team was far too strong for WA's Binar, winning their division final 52-35. Tiayana Sing lead the way for the NT side with 20 points, including four long-range trifectas. Her Rebels teammate Molly Althouse was named tournament MVP in that division.

A 21-point burst from MVP Ronan Coppin led Binar to the 17-and-under boys' title in their 64-50 win over NQ Phoenix Blaze. Ezekial Corowa was the best for the Blaze finishing with 19 points.

The tournament began with an opening ceremony in front of 1200-plus players and spectators.



Wundara Thomas from Southern Lightning drives his team down court at the 2020 AIB National Indigenous Basketball Tournament in Cairns. Pictures: AIB



The real MVPs – the tournament's best players were (from left) Monique Bobongie from Kayin Bau (14-and-under girls), Molly Althouse from Darwin Rebels (17-and-under girls), Ambah Kowcun from Darwin Rebels (senior women), Cumoram Desmond from Binar (14-and-under boys), Chris Cedar from Erub United (senior men) and Ronan Coppin from Binar (17-and-under boys).



Pride in culture was the hallmark of a lot of the teams at the national tournament in Cairns in December.



Winners in their division, the Binar 14-and-under boys' team.



Winners in their division, the Kayin Bau 17-and-under girls' team with their coach.



Winners in their division, the Darwin Rebels 17-and-under girls' team.



Winners in their division, the senior men's Erub United team. Pictures: AIB



Winners in their division, the Binar 17-and-under boys' team from Western Australia.



Elijah Hastie of the Townsville Bouncers juniors.



The imposing stature of Erub United big man Kailou George going for the lay-up unopposed against Melbourne Birds.



Where would a large-scale event be without an organising committee? Here, AIB's volunteer operations team takes time out for a group photo. They are: front row from left, Junior Albert (kneeling), Tyson Demos, Rachael Paron, Joel Khalu (tournament director), Jacqui Dover, Annie Lafleur, Timothy Waters and Nicole Ziegelbauer; back row, from left, Adam McKay, James Begley, Jason Borg, Steven Knight, Jai Suckley and Cassie Dover. Pictures: AIB



Our Queens! The Queens senior women's team.



Balas United senior men's team.



The Binar boys' team sure knows how to have fun.



The Birds senior men's team.

basketball



The Victoria girl's team get into the spirit of the fun photo shoot at the tournament in Cairns. *Pictures: AIB*



Wakaid senior men's team.



Townsville Bouncers junior boys' team



Wongai senior men's team.



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Top End Crocs girls' team.



The Victoria boys' team celebrate during one of their games.



The PCYC Townsville boys' team.



Erub United senior men's team had a point to prove at the national Indigenous basketball tournament in Cairns. Pictures: AIB



The Victoria senior men's team hams it up for the cameras



The Wongai women's team is having a great time.

Kotoni Staggs



If they can land that big fish, Bunnies will rise

THE new year is here and with it the return of the Nines in Perth, our beloved Indigenous All Stars match back on the Gold Coast, and rugby league will be back and in our living rooms on the TV before you know it.

A lot of player movements in the off-season and rookie coaches brings with it plenty of excitement about what could be one of the most open NRL competition in a while.



Dean Widders

The big 'IF'

There's some teams I'm excited for this season and at the top of the list and my early prediction for the title is South Sydney. But that prediction comes with a big 'if'. That is, they will win the premiership IF they can get Latrell Mitchell's signature.

Latrell is the big-size out-wide player the Rabbitohs need with his ability and try-scoring power. If he joins, the value his impact on Cody Walker and James Roberts is the big bonus for the Bunnies. Add Dane Gagai and Alex Johnston to the mix and I don't think we have had a more potent backline in the game for a very long time. The fans would love it. I would love it and that's why I think if the Bunnies get Latrell's signature they are the team to beat in 2020.

My outside chance this season are the Titans. They have been way off but I have a feeling new coach Justin Holbrook will have a positive effect on the Gold Coast and players like Tyrone Roberts and Ash Taylor will have huge seasons under him and play their best football which could push the Titans up the ladder.

Staggs can rise

The player I see having a huge season individually is Kotoni Staggs from the Broncos. He was outstanding last year and the experience he got from playing All Stars and Tonga will have him ready to go to the next level. He will be ready to play Origin very soon.

My other player to watch is Connor Watson from Newcastle. He is an amazing talent and a great athlete who has been a really good player but has been held back by injuries the last few years. I predict Connor to have an injury-free year and get some real confidence and form. His name will be right up there when it comes to representative teams midway through the year.

It's no big secret to those who know the game well but I also think Jack Wighton will become the best player in the game in 2020. He will follow in the footsteps of 'JT' and 'GI'. He is a great young player on the field and a great person off it.

Those are my bold predictions for the new season. I would love to hear what others think. I'm really excited for the football to start.

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.

Captain Cody? Walker re-signs with Souths



CODY Walker is in the running to replace Sam Burgess as South Sydney captain after re-signing until the end of 2022.

The 29-year-old was off-contract at the end of this year but officially put pen to paper with the Rabbitohs recently.

The development puts to bed speculation Walker was ready to leave the club in search of a NRL contract elsewhere.

The five-eighth has played 96 games for the Rabbitohs since making his NRL debut back in 2016, going on to earn State of Origin selection for the Blues in game one last year.

While it was feared he would leave for a rival club, Walker said he didn't want to play for any other team.

"There's really no other option for me," he said.

"It was my priority to stay here and I'm glad the club and my management were able to come to an agreement and turn our focus back onto getting prepared for this season."

In a statement released by the Rabbitohs, general manager of football Shane Richardson indicated Walker would be a genuine captaincy candidate next year.

"Cody's game went to a new level in 2019, as did his leadership at the club," Richardson said.

"He is one of the most potent attacking players in the competition and he showed he has the resolve to be one of the best defensive halves



Cody Walker at the Koori Knockout last year. He has re-signed with the Rabbitohs until the end of 2022.

in the NRL as well.

"His performances have been rewarded with not only a new contract, but also his

selections for the Indigenous side, New South Wales and the Australian Prime Minister's team.

"He also captained our side on a number of occasions which shows the growth in him as a leader." —AAP

Bowen finally calls time as a player

By ALF WILSON



HOPE VALE'S favourite son Matty Bowen has officially retired as a player from rugby league, but will

continue as a coach and mentor to rising young footballers.

Bowen, who will turn 38 in March, played 270 games for the North Queensland Cowboys during a stellar 13-year career, made 10 State of Origin appearances for Queensland, played one Test for Australia and 45 games for Wigan in the English Super League. He played in the Cowboys' 2005 NRL grand final, which they lost to Wests Tigers.

Since finishing his career at the top level, Bowen has lined up for various teams including Hope Vale sides at numerous Allblacks carnivals in Queensland.

Bowen led the Centrals Tigers to win the 2017 Townsville and District Rugby League grand final.

In the 2020 TDRL season, he will be non-playing coach of

Western Lions club where his wife Rudi Doyle will help mentor its women's team.

The quietly spoken Bowen, who has a statue in his honour at Hope Vale, attended Abergowrie College near Ingham as a youth and is proud of his heritage.

When asked what were his memories of rugby league growing up in Hopevale, Bowen said: "Mum and Dad had a little farmhouse and every now and then we didn't have power, but when we did, I'd watch the footy on TV with Dad. I used to love the Sydney Roosters and then the Broncos.

"I made a goal that I really wanted to do something with rugby league and did everything I could to achieve my goal.

"We didn't have a junior team sport in the community, so it wasn't until I went to high school that I started playing rugby league in a competitive team situation."

Bowen has been a special guest on Palm Island for the annual Obe Geia Jnr schoolboys rugby league competition.



Matt Bowen has retired as a player. Picture: Alf Wilson



Byron Pickett (left) and Scott West (right) and Ted Whiten Jnr with the Ted Whitten Cup ahead of the 1999 State of Origin match in Melbourne. Picture: Getty Images

State of Origin returns to the AFL

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



TWENTY-ONE years after its last official appearance and 43 years after the concept first began, State of Origin will make a return to Aussie rules football. Well, sort of.

The AFL will hold a charity match on Friday, February 28 at Docklands Stadium that will raise funds for bushfire relief and recovery for affected communities across Australia.

The match will see a Victorian State of Origin team play an All Stars side of the best available AFL players.

The Victorian team will be coached by Richmond

premiership coach Damien Hardwick, and the All Stars will be by Sydney Swans premiership coach John Longmire.

Current players have longed for the return of State of Origin football, but it sits at odds with the vast majority of club CEOs and coaches.

As the VFL grew and morphed to become the AFL, club football and premierships took priority over state football and state pride. Players often pulled out or were made unavailable by their clubs.

In 1999, a paltry crowd of



The match-worn 1991 State of Origin logo, WA vs Victoria.

just over 26,000 watched Victoria defeat South Australia by 54 points at the MCG in what would be the last official State of Origin

game in the AFL.

In 2008, the AFL held a one-off match in which Victoria played a Dream Team (All Stars) to celebrate 150 years of Australian football.

In 1977, the first 'state of origin' match was held in Perth between Western Australia and Victoria, which saw players play for the actual state they were born and raised in.

It came after years of talks that began with Subiaco Football Club's Leon Larkin pushing the then VFL to come on board with the concept.

Before that, and under the rules of the day, star Western Australian and South Australian players lured east to Victoria by wealthy clubs were required to play for the state they were currently playing in, which led to lop-sided contests at interstate carnivals.

Next month's game will see players selected from each of the 18 AFL clubs.

It will be a double-header, with the Collingwood-v-Melbourne round 4 AFLW match played first and will be broadcast live by the Seven Network.

What we can learn from sport in the US

S PORT in North America has a lot going for it and there are certain aspects of it we in Australia can take from it, and also not take.

I had occasion to attend several games in the US recently and I will talk about what I saw.

I saw Australia's Ben Simmons play for the Philadelphia 76ers in the NBA. When you arrive at an NBA game, the entire experience is all about the fans: There are giveaways, t-shirts are cannoned into the crowd and there are amazing light shows. There was even an Australian guy proposing to his girlfriend televised on the big screen (she said yes). Later, Ben presented them with his game-worn singlet.

At a Golden State Warriors game, I caught a glimpse of one of the world's best players, Steph Curry, although he was injured and did not play, but he was on the sidelines so it still counts. The Warriors' stadium is one of the flashiest I have ever been to. Again, the fans' experience here was something else.

Super-impressive

I was keen to see how Adam Gotsis is travelling with the Denver Broncos in the NFL. I went to their Week 17 game against Oakland Raiders in Denver, which was the final round of the regular season before the play-offs.

Adam is an Aussie guy who plays defensive end for the Broncos. Unfortunately for him, and for me, he had season-ending knee surgery leading up to the game.

From the start, everything about an NFL game is super-impressive. This was a day game, and, I'm afraid to say it, but I will anyway, it was bigger than our AFLM grand final. Outside the stadium, people were having 'cookouts' (barbecues), making home-cooked meals which were going for \$10 a plate. Inside the stadium there were fireworks (yes, during the day), loud music and the field was full of people, just dancing. The players were introduced individually like rock stars. And that's not the end of it: Every time Denver scored a touchdown, a bronco – yes, an actual live horse! – runs across the field. Oh, the game was great, and Denver won 16-15.

Now, ice hockey is something else. I saw the NHL game in Chicago between Chicago Blackhawks and Colorado Avalanche. Crowd involvement at NHL games was out of this world. Aside from the action on the rink, which is at breakneck speed, the light show was simply breathtaking. There was even a blimp that was dropping gift vouchers into the crowd. I picked the Avalanche and they won 4-1.

The big takeaway

The takeaway for me at these ultra-professional North American leagues was that the sports administrators of the NBA, NFL and NHL value their supporters, the fans, who come away satisfied (even if their teams lose) and fulfilled at the experience. The AFL could take a leaf or two out of their playbooks.

However, there is at least one thing that Australia and its sports teams does that is way better than what I saw in the US, and that is the reaction to winning in the last few minutes or seconds of a game.

Of the teams I saw that won like this their reactions were... just a fizzer. Truly. It was just strange. They certainly don't celebrate a win like the AFLM and AFLW players do. We know how teams and players react when they win the close ones here, it's like all hell breaks loose. That is one thing I hope never changes.

Shelley Ware is a proud Yankunytjatjara and Wirangu woman from Adelaide. She appears on AFL.com.au's Colour Of Your Jumper.



Shelley Ware

Rioli name to continue at Souths

By CHRIS PIKE



THERE are few more famous family-club connections in football than the Riolis with WAFL club South Fremantle, and that's set to continue.

Ben Rioli has made the move from Darwin to Perth to join Souths ahead of the 2020 WAFL season.

He cut short his 2019/20 NTFL season with St Mary's to join the Bulldogs and is currently in pre-season training with the squad.

South Fremantle's recruitment of Rioli is one of several fronts in improving on a grand final finish in 2019 on the back of three straight

preliminary final appearances, without a premiership to show for any of it.

Rioli, 26, wants to make a significant impact in the WAFL and is excited at the chance to continue the Rioli legacy at the club.

The son of Souths great, Sebastian, and brother of 1997 premiership player Dean, Ben has built a reputation as a quality and courageous player with St Mary's and the Thunder in the NEAFL.

Testing himself at a higher level in the WAFL, where his family has such a rich history, has always burned inside.

"It's something I've wanted to do but never really found the time with other playing commitments making it hard," Rioli said.

"Souths had contacted me previously about playing in Perth, but it's normally been too late with NT Thunder playing commitments and things like that.

"But this time, they rang me early enough and from that we had a meeting and it's all worked out for me to give it my best shot down there."

Before making a name for himself at Richmond in the VFL, Maurice Rioli was a superstar with Souths along with his brother Sebastian.

The Rioli name continued at the club with Dean before he joined Essendon. West Coast Eagles premiership player Willie Jnr had a brief stint with Souths, too, as did his dad, Willie Snr in the early 1990s.



Ben Rioli has joined South Fremantle. Picture: NT Thunder

Baksh's Tigers on track

By **DARREN MONCRIEFF**



THE Yorta Yorta man who put a merciful end to one of Northern Territory football's longest premiership droughts is quietly tracking toward another flag, but he's too modest to say so.

Chris Baksh masterminded Nightcliff Football Club's 2018/19 NTFL premiership triumph on the back of a solid work ethic and astute recruitment.

The Darwin football club's Premier League flag last year came after several near-misses in recent seasons and ended 54 years of heartache for the Tiger faithful.

The well-resourced club enjoys an enormous base of senior, junior, men's and women's teams and players but it wasn't until Baksh's arrival as head coach that it all came together for the senior men's side.

Nightcliff defeated Southern Districts, coached by Indigenous man, Shannon Rusca, in last season's Premier League grand final.

The Tigers are clear leaders atop the ladder and with six weeks until the 2019/20 finals series they are well-placed to go back-to-back.

They have lost just one game this season and that was to second-placed St Mary's.

"We are travelling OK at the moment. We've had a few close

games, but the consistency with our playing group is keeping it all together," Baksh said.

"We haven't really tweaked that much. We've kept our same forward structure intact and recruited a few guys but the emphasis is toward our young ones.

"We just want to keep improving. We have a pretty good environment here and that's what we've aimed for. When I took the job on, you just want to make it a place that people want to be.

"This is my third year at the club and you always want to try to improve yourself.

"You grow as a person and as a coach and it was pretty hard in my first year but I've always thrived on the challenges. It kept me going to get better."

Semi-professional

The summer ('wet') season competition that is the NTFL is semi-professional at Premier League level. It just ticked over its 100th year recently.

Many former AFL players join local clubs and sometimes stay.

Numerous southern state league and central Australian footballers either join of their own accord or are sent north during their off-season to gain experience.

The eight-team league has a top-five finals system and Southern Districts, Darwin Buffaloes and Tiwi Bombers round up the current top five.

"The competition has improved



Chris Baksh (centre) is tracking his team to a top-of-the-table finish in the 2019/20 NTFL Premier League.

and is getting better and becoming pretty open," Baksh said.

"We're happy where we're at but still have a lot of improvements leading up to the finals.

"I mean, St Mary's beat us and that's in the back of our minds, and

really any of the top five teams can beat us. We can be up by 10 goals and the Tiwis could turn it on in a quarter and we'd lose.

"The Buffaloes are like that, too, so for us it's really keeping to our structures and gameplans."

● NITV televises NTFL Premier League games on Sundays. The grand final is on Saturday, March 14. The Tiwi Islands Football League grand final is held the following day on the islands.

Upgrades complete on Torres Strait's home of rugby league



Ken Brown Oval on Thursday Island in May last year. The estimated \$1 million upgrades have now been complete.



UPGRADES to Thursday Island's Ken Brown Oval are now complete with the Torres Strait's home of rugby league looking better than ever.

The oval, which hosted a Queensland Cup match last year, saw upgrades to the field and for spectators and cost almost \$1 million.

The oval plays host to the annual Zenadth Kes – or Torres

Strait Cup – tournament, which attracts huge numbers of teams and fans.

The upgrades include improving and extending the playing surface by 10 metres, improved irrigation and lighting,

spectator mounds, bench seating, linking footpaths and landscaping.

The Ken Brown Oval is the only major sporting facility in the Torres Strait.

Queensland Cup action is

most likely to return to the Strait following the completion of the works.

Cairns-based Northern Pride hosted Ipswich Jets in their Queensland Cup match at Ken Brown Oval last year.

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Ashes series returns to the Goldfields

By ALF WILSON



A RECORD number of Indigenous players will compete at the Goldfields Ashes in Charters Towers later this month. More than 230 teams are

expected in four men's and a women's division at the January 26-28 event.

Many Indigenous cricketers from around the far north will converge on Charters Towers for the carnival which started in 1948 with just six teams.

There will also be Indigenous teams competing.

In previous years, West Indigies, Black Bream and Garbutt Magpies fielded teams and they are likely to play again.

Last year, West Indigies captained by Glenn Butler, finished 13th of 134 teams in the B-2 division.

West Indigies won both of their matches and the other

round was washed out.

The Ashes are renowned for teams with strange names and unique rules especially in the lower grades.

The Mingela team will again include Bindal men Bradley and Anthony and their cousin Mick Prien, who has also played in the Imparja Cup for Queensland.



Stacey Porter is in the running for athlete of the year.
Picture: Softball Australia

Life in the fast lane



Josh Ross (right) placed third in the 2019 Bay Sheffield footrace in the 120m Backmarkers Invitational final in Adelaide with a time of 12.728 seconds, with a 4-metre handicap. The winner was Alex Hartmann (centre) in 12.456 seconds at 2 metres, and second was Murray Goodwin (left) in 12.510 seconds at 6 metres. Picture: Peter Argent

Josh Ross with a podium finish in Adelaide

By PETER ARGENT



SYDNEY-born sprint king Josh Ross returned to Adelaide and to the podium at the 2019 Bay Sheffield footrace at Colley Reserve in the beachside suburb of

Glenelg. One of Australia's premier sprinters this century, Ross competed at the 2019 Adelaide event and showed he was still capable, and fast.

He finished third in the 120-metre Backmarkers Invitational final on Saturday, December 28.

Still in outstanding shape, Ross will turn 39 on February 9.

A two-time Olympian, at Athens in 2004 and London in 2012, Ross has a pair of Stawell Gift titles, the first of which came in 2003, and famously in 2005 as the first Australian to win it and only the second ever to win our most famous running event from the 'scratch mark'.

He also won the Burnie Gift

off scratch. Ross's name was etched into the Bay Sheffield history books when he won South Australia's principal running event in 2012 from scratch.

His personal best in the 100 metres came in 2007 where he ran an outstanding 10.08secs in Brisbane in March of that year.



SOFTBALL legend Stacey Porter is in the running to become World Games Athlete of the Year for 2019.

Porter captained Aussie Spirit, the Australian women's national softball team, unbeaten at the WBSC Softball Asia/Oceania Qualifier to clinch the ticket to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and the Birmingham 2021 World Games.

"It is such an honour to be nominated by the WBSC for this award; thanks to them for recognising the great year of softball we had in Australia in 2019," Porter said.

"I feel very humbled to be representing softball among such a talented group of athletes from other sports."

Porter is currently playing for the NSW Firestars in the Australian National Championships.

In 2019, the 37-year-old veteran hit .500 along the tournament, with 3 doubles, 5 runs and 6 RBI.

The infielder has put together a terrific career for over 17 years with Australia's national team.

She was an integral member of the 2004 Olympic team in Athens, helping Australia to win a silver medal. Recognised as one of the best batters in the world, Porter then won a bronze medal with the Australian team at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

In 2019, she became the most capped Australian softball player in history, donning the green and gold for over 430 games.

● Voting for the award has begun and will end on Thursday, January 30. By Monday, January 20, only the 10 candidates with most votes at that time will remain in the race. Visit theworldgames.org to cast your vote for Stacey.

-AAP

Barty remains unfazed by Brisbane defeat



THE weight of expectation that comes with being the world No 1 isn't worrying Ash Barty despite her 2020 season starting in defeat.

Barty's much-anticipated first match of the summer ended in a disappointing straight-sets loss to American qualifier Jennifer Brady in the Brisbane International last week.

The 23-year-old Barty couldn't penetrate Brady's serve as the world No 53 backed up her first-

round win over Maria Sharapova to claim a 6-4 7-6 (7-4) victory.

It was Brady's first win over a top 10-ranked player and her first victory in three attempts against Barty.

Barty's first appearance of the summer was eagerly anticipated by fans but the French Open champion wasn't fazed by the pressure of her status as the world's best.

"Oh, I think that's all come you from you guys (media), if I'm being completely honest," Barty said.

"It doesn't change the way that I practise. It doesn't change the way that my team and I prepare. It doesn't change me as a person.

"I think that you guys enjoy the fact that you get something to write about and you have something to talk about.

"Hopefully, I make it interesting for you, but I don't look at it beyond that."

The match was Barty's fifth appearance in Brisbane, a tournament where she has never progressed past the second

round. The Australian's lack of practice could be seen in her 26 unforced errors but she was also keen to pay credit to Brady, who lost just one point on her first serve and didn't have to face a single break point.

"You can call it rust or you can just call it a bit of execution," Barty said.

"I'm a little bit disappointed in myself and a little bit disappointed with the execution, (but) you have to give credit where credit's due."



She's a 'keeper for the Tasmanian Tiger Women in the WNCL – Emma Mannix-Geeves.
Picture: Peter Argent

Emma aims to be a 'keeper

By PETER ARGENT



TASMANIAN Tigers Women's wicket-keeper/batter Emma Mannix-Geeves has had an outstanding summer of cricket and she wants to end the season on a high.

Mannix-Geeves, 19, plays in the Women's National Cricket League and made her debut against Western Australia in late September.

Remarkably, she found her way into the Hobart Hurricanes WBBL team.

An outstanding young talent in the early stages of her career, Mannix-Geeves aspires to follow the likes of Faith Thomas

and current international cricketer Ash Gardner to the top level of the game, and to earn a "baggy green".

"I didn't have a WBBL contract but the Hurricanes lost their 'keeper and so I ended up playing the last five games for them," she said.

"My first game was against the Sydney Sixers and we enjoyed a win."

In 2018, Mannix-Geeves was part of the women's Indigenous touring team to England.

"My Indigenous heritage comes through my mother Sara's side of the family and we are currently researching the family history," she said.

"Sadly, I won't be playing in the Imparja Cup

this year because the finish of the WNCL season is so close to the start of that event."

"From a 'keeping perspective it's about keeping it simple: watching the ball, being strong and relaxed behind the stumps, and make sure I'm focused both with head and hands."

"I played state under-15s and under-18s (Aussie rules) football, predominantly as a small forward but cricket had always been my first passion which I got from my dad Matt and my brothers Sam and Jack."

On a local level, Mannix-Geeves plays for Riverside and New Town Bucks in the Tasmanian Premier League.

Strong show behind the stumps

By PETER ARGENT



EMMA Mannix-Geeves put in a solid performance behind the stumps for Tasmanian Tiger Women's second win of the 2019/20 WNCL season in Adelaide recently.

In the two-game visit in Adelaide against the SA Scorpions on January 7 and

9, Tasmania made it two from two from both games.

In game two, wicketkeeper Mannix-Geeves was outstanding with the gloves.

She took a catch and effected three stumpings off the spinners.

The Tasmanians chased down the Scorpions' 242 with four wickets to spare.

In the first game, the Tigers restricted SA to 172, which the Tasmanians

reach with five wickets to spare.

"It was a relief to get the first WNCL win on the board," Mannix-Geeves said.

The WNCL is a seven-team one-day 50-over competition.

The final will be played on Sunday, February 16.

Tasmania's next game is against Victoria Women in Hobart on Thursday, January 21.

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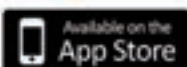
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Simon returns to Matildas for the Olympic qualifiers



STRIKER Kyah Simon has been recalled to the Matildas squad for next month's Tokyo 2020 qualification matches in China, marking her remarkable return from serious injury.

The W-League Melbourne City striker Simon has been included in the 20-member Matildas squad after recovering from injury that saw her miss international tournaments and matches.

A succession of ankle and hamstring injuries meant Simon was left out of the Australia's squad for last year's Women's World Cup in France, as well as November's two friendlies against Chile.

But she returns to add more firepower to a strong squad headlined by superstar captain Sam Kerr, who, along with Bayern Munich's Emily Gielnik, will miss the Matildas' January 20-27 training camp in Sydney prior to the Tokyo Olympic Games qualifiers against Chinese Taipei, Thailand and



Kyah Simon
Picture: Melbourne City

China in early February.

No 1 goalkeeper Lydia Williams retains her spot with Sarah Willacy and Mackenzie Arnold as back-ups.

Australia will need to finish either first or second in Group B of Asian qualifying to advance to the final phase of matches for a place at Tokyo

2020, which would consist of a home-and-away play-off against Korea Republic, Vietnam or Myanmar, in March.

The Matildas' training camp in Sydney will be held between January 20 and 27, with the team to depart for China on January 28.

The Matildas' qualifying matches will be against Chinese Taipei on Monday, February 3; versus Thailand on Thursday, February 6; and versus China PR on Sunday, February 9, all at the Five Rings Sports Centre venue in Wuhan.

Matildas squad

Mackenzie Arnold (gk), Ellie Carpenter, Steph Catley, Caitlin Foord, Emily Gielnik, Katrina Gorry, Elise Kellond-Knight, Alanna Kennedy, Sam Kerr (capt), Chloe Logarzo, Aivi Luik, Jenna McCormick, Teagan Micah (gk), Clare Polkinghorne, Hayley Raso, Karly Roestbakken, Kyah Simon, Emily van Egmond, Sarah Willacy (gk), Lydia Williams (gk), Tameka Yallop. – with AAP

Mitchell has Southside flying high



SHE is an undisputed basketball talent and Leilani Mitchell is proving herself to be the perfect addition to new WNBL team

Southside Flyers.

Mitchell, 34, plays guard for Southside and her drive and energy see the Flyers lead the ladder heading into the home straight of the 2019/20 season.

The first-choice guard for the Australian women's national basketball team, the Opals, Mitchell's value to Southside is in the 250 points she has accumulated this season. But it's her leadership and maturity that the new team is also benefitting from.

Last season, Mitchell was a championship player and a key plank with Canberra Capitals, but an offer too good to refuse saw her move south to link up with the new team.

Southside were formed in July last year and took the place of the Dandenong Rangers in the WNBL. They play out their home games at Dandenong Stadium, located in Melbourne's south-east.

● Leilani Mitchell takes control for Southside Flyers against Adelaide Lightning in Adelaide. Picture: Peter Argent



Much to look forward to in 2020 and beyond

WHAT'S on your sporting wishlist for 2020? Is it team success in the big leagues, or somewhere closer to home?



Darren Moncrieff

There is much to look forward to this year, on several fronts. Locally, can Lydia Williams and Kyah Simon share the podium as champions in the W-League? Will D'Arcy Short finally realise his dream of regular Australian cricket team selection? Can the Roosters win a three-peat of NRL premierships? And will Richmond win back-to-back flags in the AFL? What surprises will the NRLW and AFLW throw our way? And the Knockout – the big 50th year milestone event in October promises to be something else.

I'm interested in seeing how long Ash Barty can maintain her No 1 standing in world tennis. And the Tokyo Games in July will provide a number of Indigenous sportspeople a chance to compete on the international arena in sports such as softball, hockey and soccer.

Plenty ahead for us this year and our hope is that we can cover as much of it for you as possible.

Disclaim the disclaimer

I was very interested to note the following disclaimer at the end of an article on the NRL website, which read:

The views in this article do not necessarily express the opinions of the NRL, ARLC, NRL clubs or state associations.

It was added to the piece titled 'James hopes All Stars clash can be catalyst for change'. It was about Gold Coast captain Ryan James' thoughts on the current national anthem and why he won't sing it and wants it scrapped from next month's All Stars match. My first thought was that disclaimers such as this were on other NRL website articles but a click-around revealed it to be the only one.

Given the content of the article, and the backlash the Indigenous players received, and will continue to receive, when they refuse to engage with the song, is this something of an 'out' for the league and its online contributors? Is it a way to keep an 'Indigenous cause' within the game at arm's length, so to speak? When Ryan James or Latrell Mitchell or Cody Walker look to their industry when debate about the anthem takes a nasty turn, as it inevitably does, exactly what support will they find? Disclaimers?

The disclaimer might be a little thing, but in the overall scheme of things it is a big thing. It seems to me to be an abrogation of responsibility and leadership toward a sizable portion of the game's players and fan base. If the game's leadership can be spooked by strong black voices then I don't know what they're doing there.

Watch this space

There is something to be said about hearing a variety of views and so in this particular space this year you will see various guest columnists sharing their thoughts on a variety of subjects to do with sport, the sports industry, our people in sport and all of the above. Stay tuned.

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Short primed for ODIs

By CHRIS PIKE



D'ARCY Short is heading to India full of confidence with the bat for

Australia's one-day international tour after his remarkable Big Bash League form, but he's also hoping to make a mark with the ball.

Short has been called up to be part of Australia's one-day squad that will play three matches in India this week.

He has previously played four ODI matches for

Australia and he earned this call-up on the back of some devastating form in the BBL for the Hobart Hurricanes.

The 29-year-old's last innings this BBL season was an unbeaten 103 against the Perth Scorchers at Perth Stadium which came from 70 balls and included seven sixes in the eight-run victory.

That means he's scored 248 runs this season at an average of 49.6 and strike rate 129.8.

While he said he's looking forward to showing what he can do with the bat in the 50-over format in India, it's his

left-arm wrist spinners that can be of value to the team in India and hopefully for Australia in the Twenty20 World Cup.

"I feel like my confidence with my bowling is getting better and better every time I bowl in a game," Short said.

"It's just slowing myself down and making sure I know which ball I'm bowling 100%.

"It's definitely coming along and I feel like that helped me get picked in the team in India and, hopefully, in the T20 World Cup as well."



D'Arcy Short Peter Argent



Preps begin for All Stars



THE NRL Indigenous All Stars will return to where it all began next month. The All Stars match will see Australian Indigenous and NZ Maori men's

and women's teams open the rugby league 2020 season at Robina Stadium on Saturday, February 22.

The game will be a sporting and cultural showdown between two First Nations peoples whose contribution to rugby league and

in the NRL far surpasses their overall respective populations.

A series of community events that will include the players from both camps will be held during the week leading up to the game.

This match will be the eighth All Stars match, having skipped

the years 2014 and 2018.

The men's and women's teams will begin assembling soon, ahead of the week-long event.

The last time the All Stars match was played on the Gold Coast was in 2015.

Rugby league's first-ever

Indigenous All Stars game was played there in 2010, and again in 2011 and 2012.

Robina Stadium is home of NRL club Gold Coast Titans.

Tickets are on sale now and the annual vote for the line-up of both teams has also begun.

Basketball's future is in good hands



THERE were slam dunks, thrilling finishes and an all-round feelgood vibe

when 60 teams from across Australia played out the first national Indigenous basketball tournament in Cairns recently.

● See our full wrap, pics starting from page 48-53

● Picture: Mulungu Mareeba's Tybos Walsh (right) looks to find a way past a Townsville Bouncers opponent in a junior match at the tournament. Picture: AIB



Sports codes, stars unite for bushfire relief and recovery



AUSTRALIAN sportspeople across the country have joined forces to support the relief work and recovery from the devastating bushfires that have ravaged millions of hectares of country and many hundreds of

thousands lives.

Individual players and sporting bodies have pledged financial support and practical help for those directly affected by the fires which have burnt through swathes of bush, towns and houses across NSW, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia since

September last year.

The NRL, AFL, Rugby Australia, Cricket Australia, Basketball Australia, Football Federation Australia, individual players, the RLPA, AFLPA, PFA, country football clubs and many current and former professional players here and overseas are actively raising

funds or joining in the work to put an end to this unfolding disaster.

The NRL has dedicated round 1 as Bushfire Appeal Round beginning on Thursday, March 12.

The AFL have organised a State of Origin match between Victoria and an All Stars team in

Melbourne on Friday, February 28.

World tennis No 1 Ash Barty has contributed financially to the relief and recovery work.

NBA star Patty Mills is using his enormous profile and substantial Twitter platform of close to 411,000 followers to direct people to the relief work.

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