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Virus fallout spreads



WITH the World Health Organisation having declared COVID-19 a pandemic, Australian states and territories are battling to contain the spread of the deadly virus. Pat Turner, chief executive of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, said governments needed to make urgent arrangements to protect Aboriginal people in remote areas who are highly vulnerable to the virus, including considering using the army.

"State and territory governments need to do everything they can to

stop this getting into our communities," she said. "If this gets into any remote community, there will be a high rate of deaths. Our communities will be devastated, because of the already low levels of health."

On Sunday, NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian announced a "comprehensive shutdown" of non-essential services as the number of coronavirus cases in the state rose past 500.

Ms Berejiklian says supermarkets, petrol stations and pharmacies are among the businesses that will stay open.

Schools were to remain open on Monday, although the premier was

planning to make further announcements on education.

Schools in Victoria will be closed from Tuesday as the state begins to shut down non-essential activity.

Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews says school holidays will be brought forward to start on Tuesday.

"This is not something that we do lightly, but it's clear that if we don't take this step, more Victorians will contract coronavirus, our hospitals will be overwhelmed and more Victorians will die," Mr Andrews said. "Victorians will still be able to go to the supermarket, the bank, the pharmacy and other essential stores, like petrol stations

and convenience stores."

He said freight, logistics and home delivery were also considered essential and would remain open. A decision whether to re-open schools after the term one holidays will be determined following advice from the chief health officer.

The developments came as food packages were set to be distributed to Victorians in mandatory self-isolation who don't have friends and family who can readily help them get supplies.

South Australia became the latest state to effectively close its borders on Sunday, joining the Northern Territory and Tasmania.

SA Premier Steven Marshall announced that anyone entering the state would be subject to a mandatory 14-day isolation period.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said all non-essential travel within Australia should be cancelled.

Federal and state leaders are also considering "more draconian measures" to enforce social distancing, fearing too many Australians aren't taking COVID-19 seriously enough.

Essential travel will include travel that facilitates essential work-related activities and some travel on compassionate grounds.

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WAM Clothing accused of ripping off design



THE company at the centre of the furore over the copyright of the Aboriginal flag has been accused of ripping off a design that was gifted to an Aboriginal company.

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Laura Thompson and Carla Scotto.



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MY FAMILY Skye Pearce (Maningrida)

WESLEY Watson's family made the long trek from Maningrida in West Arnhem to Darwin to watch their boy play footy on a big day for him – over 500km away, so a round trip of 1000km.

Wesley (at left with his team's new premiership cup) just won the under-18s grand final with his team St Mary's at Marrara Oval in Darwin to end their 2019/20 NTFL season in the best possible way.

Wesley's cousin, Skye, said the whole family was proud of him and that other family members back home were keen to hear the final scores from his game, and to know how he played.

"They're all football fans," Skye said, before quickly running off to catch her little one (bottom right).

"And we came a long way to watch him play and we're so happy that his team won."

Wesley's family in Maningrida will be happy to know that he played very well. He was one of his side's best players when they defeated Nightcliff.

Celebrating with Wesley on his big day were his sister Anyiss Watson, her son Gabriel, Skye Pearce and her little one (who ran off with a footy straight after we took this photo).



OUR CHILDREN



Julaynba Garner, from Hope Vale in Queensland's north, was one of twenty-five Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to get a taste of life in the military when they visited the RAAF base in Townsville recently. Read story, page 27.

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Victorian Government announces new scheme to redress Stolen Generations



"GENOCIDE" is how Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gavin Jennings describes the forced removal of Aboriginal children from their families.

Announcing a new \$10 million Stolen Generations redress scheme with the premier Daniel Andrews, Mr Jennings said last week that Aboriginal families were historically "torn apart by parliaments like this one".

The scheme will involve counselling services, a funeral or memorial fund and redress payments for survivors.

The \$10 million is also expected to assist families and individuals with redress applications and help them tell their stories, with more options to be considered, Mr Andrews said.

Mr Jennings said the plan would help Aboriginal communities heal and move on after so much disadvantage.

An emotional Kutcha Edwards joined the Premier and minister for the announcement along with his brother Mick and sister Eva Jo, who were all stolen.

Kutcha said he wasn't there to talk about money.

"We're here to talk about the pain that we've suffered, not physically, but culturally and spiritually," Kutcha said.

"Imagine if it was done to your child.

"And the media wants to know how we feel. We've carried this for over 52 years.

"And it's not about physical



Stolen Generations members Mick Edwards, Kutcha Edwards and Eva Jo Edwards. Picture: AAP Image

pain. You could cut my legs off today and I wouldn't give a damn.

"But I'm living with the trauma of being denied my rightful journey in life."

Eva Jo said it had been more than 20 years since the tabling of the Bringing Them Home report, which looked at the lives of members of the Stolen Generations.

"Number three of the 54 recommendations was reparations for us," she said.

"I don't speak just for myself. I speak on behalf of our Stolen Gens brothers and sisters, that we have come together, we have united to fight for the right to be acknowledged.

"It is so important that this recognition comes, that we know that the policies of the past were wrong."

Mick Edwards said he was in his mid 60s.

"I still stand tall in today's world," he said.

"I've lived with scars on my soul, which I've hidden for a long time.

"They're not going to come out and show themselves just because something like money's come along the road.

"I've missed out on the men's circles, our lore, our love and want for Mother Earth."

Premier Daniel Andrews said the plan was designed to right the wrongs from one of Australian history's most evil chapters.

"It's never too late to do the right thing," Mr Andrews said.

Mr Jennings said the apology made by then-prime minister Kevin Rudd to indigenous Australians in 2008 was significant, but it did not achieve what the new scheme has the potential to do.

The plan was one recommendation of the First People's Assembly of Victoria and is expected to start in 2021, with consultation to begin this year.

Close the Gap report is a blueprint for change

By DARREN COYNE



A REPORT examining the effectiveness of the Close the Gap strategy has called on all levels of government to adopt recommendations to prevent Indigenous deaths and to protect health, wellbeing and

country.

The 2020 Close the Gap Campaign report, written by the Lowitja Institute and released last Thursday, has set out a blueprint for change that requires Indigenous involvement and participation.

Campaign co-chairs June Oscar and Karl Briscoe said they were heartened by the formal agreement between the Coalition of Australian Governments and the Coalition of Peaks to work together on the strategy.

"Indigenous involvement and participation is vital – when our peoples are included in the design and delivery of services that impact their lives, the outcomes are far better," they wrote in the preamble to the report.

"However, now that partnership is in place, governments must commit to urgent funding for Indigenous health equity and solutions to prevent further entrenching our social and economic disadvantage.

"The Close the Gap Campaign exists to raise awareness of the need to close the gap



June Oscar

in Indigenous health equity to prevent needless Indigenous deaths.

"Indigenous people in Australia are more likely than most other population groups to have pre-existing health conditions – this is due in large part to the catastrophic failure of successive governments, state and federal, to close the gaps in Indigenous health equity in Australia."

The Coalition of Peaks is a representative body made up of almost 50 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled organisations.

It is working with governments to finalise a

new national agreement on Closing the Gap, which is expected to be completed mid-2020.

Coalition spokesperson Pat Turner said the existing Closing the Gap framework was doomed to fail because it was designed without the input of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"We know what will work best for our communities and the Prime Minister even acknowledges in this (latest) report that our voice was the missing ingredient from original framework," she said.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison handed down the Close the Gap report last month, admitting that a 'top-down, government-knows-best' approach had failed to deliver what was needed.

That report shows that Indigenous children still trail far behind other Australian children in literacy, numeracy and writing skills.

The report also shows the country is on track to meet just two of seven government targets to reduce the disparity in health, education and employment outcomes.

The 2020 report shows a life expectancy gap of 8.6 years for males and 7.8 years for females remains.

The Indigenous burden of disease rate continues to be 2.3 times higher than for other Australians, with mental and substance use disorder (19%), injuries (including suicide, 15%), cardiovascular

diseases (12%), cancer (9%) and respiratory diseases (8%) the leading causes of total disease burden.

In response, the Close the Gap Campaign report has proposed three priority reform areas to change the way governments work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and to accelerate progress on closing the gap.

The first priority is developing and strengthening structures to ensure the full involvement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in shared decision making at the national, state and local or regional level and embedding their ownership, responsibility and expertise to close the gap.

The second priority is building the formal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled services sector to deliver Closing the Gap services and programs in agreed priority areas.

The third is ensuring that all mainstream government agencies and institutions undertake systemic and structural transformation to contribute to Closing the Gap.

Ms Turner said the priority reforms were not new.

She said they are "what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have been saying for a long time is needed to close the gap".



WAM Clothing accused of ripping off designer

By DARREN COYNE



A NON-Indigenous company that owns the exclusive rights to the reproduction of the Aboriginal

flag has been accused of ripping off a design that was gifted to an Aboriginal company.

WAM Clothing, which was founded by the non-Indigenous team of Ben Wooster and Semele Moore in 2018, created a furore last year when they began sending 'cease and desist' notices to companies using the Aboriginal flag on clothing or other merchandise.

Mr Wooster was previously managing director of Birupi Arts, which last year was ordered to pay \$2.3 million for fraudulently claiming thousands of boomerangs and didgeridoos were hand-painted by Aboriginal people, when they were manufactured in Indonesia.

The latest furore erupted when Melbourne artist Carla Scotto, a non-Indigenous woman, discovered that WAM was using an 'Always Was, Always Will Be' logo that she gave to the Aboriginal company, Clothing the Gap, after it had received one of WAM's cease and desist letters.

Gunditjmara woman Laura Thompson of Clothing the Gap described the latest situation as 'outrageous'.

"I think it's ironic that WAM Clothing, a non-Indigenous company, is copying someone else's artwork and profiting off it, yet they have issued so many 'cease and desist' letters to Indigenous companies and organisations for using the Aboriginal flag," Ms Thompson said.

"We believe strongly that the Aboriginal flag should be free from copyright and we have been leading the Free The Flag movement since we were hit, nearly 12 months ago.

"This design from Carla, we saw as an alternative to using the Aboriginal flag and it's our best seller.

"We take pride in the way we do business and we print all our tees in Melbourne, reinvesting 100% of our profits into health promotion programs benefiting Aboriginal people.

"Our brand is strong. We wear our values on our tee-shirts and take a stand on issues that affect Aboriginal people.

"We are upset that a non-Indigenous company, WAM



Clothing, is controlling the use of the Aboriginal flag on clothing and charging a fee to use the Aboriginal flag.

"The Aboriginal flag should belong to the people. The Aboriginal flag, we maintain, should be about pride and not profit and all people should be able to use it without permission or payment.

"This issue is really just another bump in the road, in what is a long journey to free the Aboriginal flag but it does once again illustrate again why it's so important for the Government to intervene and right the wrong.

"When the Aboriginal flag was proclaimed as an official national flag of Australia they should have ensured that Harold Thomas (the flag's designer) was compensated fairly and the flag became a public asset, just like the Australian flag."

Mr Thomas sold the exclusive copyright of the flag to WAM Clothing.

Designer Carla Scotto took to social media to vent her frustration.

"In an astounding turn of events, WAM Clothing have taken it upon themselves to blatantly steal my artwork, and plonk it in the middle of an

Aboriginal flag, with the intention to distribute it to wholesalers starting in May," she wrote.

"Hundreds have already been pre-ordered. This money grab is timed with NAIDOC Week and the 2020 theme 'Always Was Always Will Be'."

Ms Scotto said she was 'blown away by the audacity' of WAM Clothing.

"My 'Always Was, Always Will Be' design has always been very popular, and I worried from an early stage that it would get stolen and sold for profits – it has on several small occasions.

"My partnership with Clothing The Gap is something I chose and initiated. I wanted to give back to an organisation that directly supported Indigenous health at a grassroots level, and I wanted a means of 'paying the rent'."

"Since giving Clothing The Gap permission to use my design I have had the joy of seeing my work truly serve a purpose. I never imagined or wanted a business like WAM Clothing to benefit financially or rip off my artwork and the Aboriginal community."

The *Koori Mail* sent questions to WAM Clothing management but received no reply.

Gunditjmara woman Laura Thompson and designer Carla Scotto wearing T-shirts showing Carla's design.



Carla Scotto's post to Instagram informing followers of WAM Clothing's unauthorised use of her design.



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New look 'lock-out' AFL season gets underway, minus cheering crowds

By PETER ARGENT



IN round one, 2019, the Adelaide Crows' most vibrant young Aboriginal talent, Wayne Milera Junior, played in front of 50,180 passionate football supporters on home soil.

AFLM football this year has begun – in unique circumstances – while the women's AFL, the NRL and A-League continues, despite the ongoing coronavirus outbreak causing mayhem to sporting events across the globe.

In round one of the men's AFL 2020 campaign, in the twilight match on Saturday, March 21, Milera, along with fellow Crows Indigenous talents, Ben Davis and Tyson Stengle, played in the season opener against the Sydney Swans.

This year the stadium was empty, except for team support and coaching staff, a few security guards and a small sprinkling of media personnel.

The contest certainly lacked crowd affirmation, but proved to be an intriguing match as the scores were close in the end.

Adelaide had the chance to snatch the win in the final minute, but after a shot from Taylor Walker went wide of the goal post, Sydney collected the four premiership points, 11.8 (74) to 11.5 (71).

This AFL opening 'lock-out' round,



In the opening round AFL contest, in front of empty seats at Adelaide Oval, Wayne Milera Jr dashes down the outer wing during the match against the Swans on Saturday, March 21. Picture: Peter Argent

reduced to 16-minute quarters plus time on, started at the famous MCG on Thursday night, March 19, and continued across the weekend, with games played from the Gold Coast to Perth.

The principle behind AFL continuing, while all other levels of Australian Rules football competitions have been put on hold, is that, at the very top level, they have put in place highly regulated and controlled health

and safety standards, which can't be replicated in football matches at state-league and community levels.

Lock-out AFL football is expected to continue in the short term.

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Social distancing is in and big gatherings out



AUSTRALIANS are being told to keep their distance from each other to stem the spread of coronavirus.

Outdoor events of more than 500 people have been banned and indoor gatherings restricted to 100.

And stricter rules have been put in place for indoor gatherings that will affect places like restaurants, pubs and cinemas.

With the country's death toll rising to seven and confirmed cases to more than 1000 as of Sunday, indoor venues hosting non-essential gatherings will now have to make sure there are four square metres – about the size of a playground handball court – of space per person.

"I know it means a lot of change for a lot of venues, whether they be cafes or restaurants or clubs or any of these other places of public gathering, including in this building here," Prime Minister Scott Morrison said on Friday.

"I know these rules will take

The best way you can stop coronavirus spreading is by:

- Washing your hands properly for at least 20 seconds and with a lot with soap and water (before eating, after going to the toilet, after coughing or sneezing, when you come home from work, school or the community);
- Not sharing cigarettes or drinks;
- Staying away from big crowds;
- Not touching other people – no shaking hands or hugging. (This is called 'social distancing'.)
- Trying to keep three steps away from other people, but staying close to, and caring for, family;
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

some time for people to get used to, but I would ask people to move as quickly as they can."

The tougher rules came with stronger language from chief medical officer Brendan Murphy, who said everyone should be distancing themselves from every fellow Australian where possible.

"It's no point having a gathering of 20 people if it's in a tiny room and you're all together," he said.

Social distancing means keeping a metre-and-a-half away from others, good hand hygiene, and staying home from work or the general community if you are unwell.

"There will be cases of community contact where it's not

suspected and they might just get a sniffle or a cold, the sort of thing that many of us have soldiered through and gone to work in recent years – we can't do that any more," Professor Murphy said.

"There is a risk that if we don't do what every one of us has to do as our civic duty to control this spread, it will grow significantly greater."

People have also been warned they must take quarantining seriously if they have returned from overseas.

"This is not an advisory," Professor Murphy said.

"This is your civic duty to your fellow Australians to stay home for that entire 14 days ... no exceptions."

Meanwhile, the University of Western Australia's lactation research team has put together information to help doctors and health professionals support breastfeeding mothers by outlining the known facts.

Project lead, UWA senior research fellow Melinda Boss from the UWA Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences and the LactaResearch team, had been contacted for advice by many mothers which prompted them to share information to help people make informed decisions.

"Mothers with newborns are grappling with a tiny human to look after, and also an environment of extreme uncertainty which can understandably be concerning,

so it's important to arm them with the most up-to-date and factual information," Ms Boss said.

Ms Boss said that health authorities were still learning about the new virus every day, and it was important to understand that advice would vary for individuals based on their circumstances.

"However initial data shows that there is no evidence of transmitting the coronavirus through breastmilk and that children and babies are less affected than adults," she said.

"It's also important to remember that breastfeeding has enormous effects that would be prevented if replaced by alternative feeding methods such as using infant formula.

"Some of those benefits include a boosted immune system with increased protection against respiratory infections and diarrhoea.

"Close maternal-infant proximity also stimulates a healthy heart rate, body temperature, appetite, and other aspects of development in babies."

Strong measures for extraordinary times

By DARREN COYNE



TOUGH travel restrictions are being put in place to protect vulnerable Aboriginal communities amid calls to free prisoners from jail, and the suspension of work-for-the-dole activities.

As of last Saturday, Australia had recorded 1023 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with 436 in NSW, 229 in Victoria, 184 in Queensland, 50 in South Australia, 64 in Western Australia, 11 in Tasmania, nine in the Australian Capital Territory and three in the Northern Territory.

Seven people had died – one in WA and six in NSW – and 43 had recovered.

In response, a 'wartime' national cabinet has been formed, which is made up of the nation's first ministers – the Prime Minister, premiers and territory leaders – to coordinate and deliver a consistent national response to COVID-19.

Last Friday, Australia shut its borders to international visitors, and strict rules have been put in place to restrict travel into remote Indigenous communities.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt announced on Friday that forming the National Cabinet has ensured that states and territories can adopt a consistent approach to protecting Indigenous Australians by restricting travel into remote Indigenous communities to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The National Cabinet provided an in-principle agreement to the Commonwealth Minister for Health taking action under the *Commonwealth Biosecurity Act 2015*.

This follows the decisions of a number of Indigenous communities and the WA Government to implement similar measures, and considerations by the NT Government to phase up their response by restricting access to remote communities.

Mr Wyatt said isolation and remoteness offer opportunities for delaying or potentially preventing an outbreak of COVID-19 in remote Indigenous communities.

However, high mobility of community members and a reliance on visiting, plus outreach activities and services, increase the risk of COVID-19 occurring in these communities.

Under this proposal an emergency requirement determined under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* will restrict



Thelma Plum

Thelma delivers timely advice from her sickbed



GAMILARAAY singer-songwriter Thelma Plum, writing from a Brisbane hospital bed after contracting the virus, urged people to do all they can to limit the spread of the disease, emphasising the devastating impact its spread could have on Australia's Indigenous communities.

"I cannot stress enough how much this virus has the potential to severely harm our

communities (particularly our Indigenous communities). We need to know that the public health system is going to care for our communities," she wrote.

"If you're feeling anxious or concerned you could contact your local Aboriginal Medical Service for initial advice.

Alternatively you could contact the Coronavirus Health Information Line which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. on ph: 1800 020 080."

persons from entering or leaving areas as nominated by states and territories.

Visits to jails – which statistically have high rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners – are also being curtailed and in some cases banned.

Schools are staying open, but restrictions have been placed on visitors to aged-care homes to protect the elderly from contracting the virus.

On Sunday, the Morrison Government announced a series of measures to help casual workers, sole traders, retirees and those on income support as part of its second \$66 billion stimulus package in the face of the coronavirus.

Treasurer Josh Frydenberg said since announcing the first \$17.6 billion package 10 days ago the global and domestic economic environment has deteriorated.

The new measures include a

new, time-limited coronavirus supplement to be paid at a rate of \$550 per fortnight to both existing and new recipients of the JobSeeker Payment, Youth Allowance jobseeker, Parenting Payment, Farm Household Allowance and Special Benefit.

This supplement will be paid for the next six months at a cost of \$14.1 billion.

In addition to the \$750 stimulus payment announced on March 12, the Government will provide a further \$750 payment to social security and veteran income support recipients and eligible concession card holders.

The government is also allowing individuals in financial stress as a result of COVID-19 to access up to \$10,000 of their superannuation in the 2019/20 financial year and a further \$10,000 in 2020/21.

"These withdrawals will be tax-free and available to those who are eligible for the

coronavirus supplement as well as sole traders who have seen their work hours or income fall 20% or more as a result of the coronavirus," Mr Frydenberg said.

The Federal Government has also bowed to pressure from Federal Labor and the Greens to relax physical engagement between job service providers, Centrelink and job seekers.

Meanwhile, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island advisory group set up by the Federal Government has been tasked with creating an emergency response plan for Indigenous communities that are at higher risk to any potential spread of COVID-19.

Federal and state health authorities are concerned that the impact of the coronavirus could be severe on remote Indigenous communities as they already face issues like chronic health conditions, lack of resources, and overcrowded

housing. National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) chief executive Pat Turner said the risk of the virus spreading into communities was "very, very risky indeed".

"State and territory governments need to do everything they can to stop this getting into our communities," she said.

"If this gets into any remote community, there will be a high rate of deaths. Our communities will be devastated, because of the already low levels of health."

Ms Turner said the Federal Government should consider using the army in the fight to stem the spread of the virus.

The threat of the virus has already led to numerous Indigenous events and programs to be cancelled.

Indigenous Business Australia announced that it had postponed the upcoming Strong Women Strong Business conference, which was due to take place in Darwin late April.

The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability has suspended public hearings for First Nations peoples with disabilities, scheduled for May in the Northern Territory.

The popular Garma Festival has been cancelled, as has the NAISDA Graduation Ceremony which was scheduled to take place in April.

The Barunga Festival and the Katherine Junk Festival have both been postponed until later in the year.

Meanwhile, the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance (AMSANT) backed a proposal to make the entire NT and the tristate region a Special Control Area for COVID 19.

The measure would simply apply the same travel restrictions that are now mandatory for international visitors arriving in Australia to visitors to the Northern Territory from any Australian jurisdiction.

"New Zealand and Tasmania have led the way in forward-thinking, decisive action to fight this virus.

"We must follow their lead," AMSANT chief executive John Paterson said.

"The recent spike in numbers of confirmed cases in other jurisdictions, particularly NSW, Queensland and Victoria, points to an exponential growth of spread.

"Extraordinary circumstances call for extraordinary measures," Mr Paterson said.

"Our Aboriginal population comprises the most vulnerable group in Australia and the projections for the likely health impacts of COVID 19 are nothing short of devastating."

Remote communities in far north are first to feel the isolation of lock-down

By CHRISTINE HOWES



MOST of Queensland's discrete and remote Aboriginal communities have

taken steps to protect themselves from COVID-19, demonstrating a high awareness of the dangers of the disease and its spread.

The Torres Strait has banned travel between PNG and the Islands, with the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA), at the tip of Cape York, one of the first to place general restrictions on travel, domestic or otherwise.

"Travel to and from the NPA is to be restricted, effective immediately," a statement from the Northern Peninsular Area Regional Council (NPARC) issued last week said.

"Only essential or urgent outwards and inwards travel will be permitted as determined by the carriers.

"Travellers must be aware of the risk of not being permitted back into the community depending on advice from Queensland Health as amended from time to time.

"Inwards travellers to NPA will be subject to travel at the absolute discretion of the carrier."

Similar restrictions are also in place for Palm Island.

"Palm Island Aboriginal Shire



Hopevale mayor June Pearson with Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) EO Melinda Eades at a remote housing forum earlier this year.

Council, on behalf of the Palm Island Local Disaster Management Group, advise that until further notice, due to coronavirus, travel to Palm Island is limited to those people involved in the provision of essential services in the community," a notice said

before listing additional restrictions dependant on health and/or overseas travel.

"These restrictions apply to both visitors and residents of Palm Island," the notice said.

Nearly all Cape York communities have imposed similar travel restrictions,

including Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw and Napranum on the western side of Cape York, while, in the south, events such as Woorabinda's PCYC community opening have been postponed.

Mutkin Residential and Community Aged Care in

Yarrabah has 'unfortunately' closed off public access to the facility, "allowing only limited service vehicles to enter".

Hopevale chief executive Mark Kelleher, in a notice to the community, said the Council had no authority to close any roads to the community in the current circumstances, while Lockhart River's inbound road has been unexpectedly closed due to a washout – effectively locking the community down from any incoming traffic.

Health organisations, including Apunipima Cape York Health Council and Yarrabah's Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services have put out advice on how to look after individuals, families and Elders, and there is a high level of sharing Queensland Health information across social media platforms.

Meanwhile Lockhart River's Art Centre chief executive Enoch Perazim says they have had to cancel several exhibition openings and attendance to (mostly cancelled) art fairs.

He said the centre intended to do their best to keep staff on full pay but they had already lost more than \$100,000 in revenue from cancelled events and loss of retail sales since February.

"We vow not to give up for the sake of our Indigenous artists, our Indigenous staff, our general staff and our community," he said.

Travel on hold



PRIME Minister Scott Morrison said on Friday that travel would be restricted in and out of remote

Aboriginal communities, with the exception of medical emergencies and critical services, under strict new biosecurity measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

However that falls short of what Indigenous groups worried about their populations have called for, which is for Defence to contain all of the NT as a special control area and secure the borders with states.

Tasmania has effectively shut its borders to non-residents.

And on Saturday, Northern Territory Chief Minister Michael Gunner said as of yesterday (Tuesday, March 24) the NT will implement strict border controls for all access points – by road, rail, air and sea.

Mr Gunner said people who arrive in the Territory from interstate will be required to quarantine for 14 days.

On Sunday, South Australia

also announced restrictions.

There are worries about COVID-19 having disastrous effects including higher death rates in remote Indigenous communities, whose populations are more vulnerable because of worse health and disadvantage.

The Aboriginal Peak Organisations of the NT (APO NT) said they had requested an urgent meeting with Aboriginal leaders and Mr Gunner to progress the establishment of the quarantine zone.

"If this virus gets into our communities, it will wipe out an entire generation of Elders and many, many younger people as well," John Paterson, the CEO of the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT, said.

"The only way to prevent this from happening is to accept the reality that it is simply not possible to stop remote community residents from travelling between communities and regional centres and that here in the Territory we are all in this together."

In Western Australia, the McGowan Government has updated its binding Directions

that restrict access to remote Aboriginal communities, to provide further clarity and certainty about who can enter.

Under the updated Directions, a person can only enter or remain on the land or waters if they are returning to the community where they normally reside or work, for family and cultural purposes, to provide or access essential or human services or supplies, in an emergency, or if authorised by the Police Commissioner or an authorised officer.

The Directions will be supported by the development of Remote Community Pandemic Plans, developed in partnership with community leaders.

They are enforceable, and fines of up to \$50,000 will apply to those who breach the Directions.

WA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ben Wyatt said the Government would work with communities, to ensure essential services.

"It is crucial that we do everything we can to protect residents living in remote Aboriginal communities against the spread of COVID-19," he said.



Scholarships

Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation is excited to be able to offer two PhD scholarships to carry out research on the role of cultural fire on Aboriginal food production in partnership with La Trobe University.

Further information is available at:

<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/scholarships/la-trobe-university-industry-research-scholarship-mapping-historic-aboriginal-food-production-dja-dja-wurrung-country>

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Indigenous Councils seek reassurance

By CHRISTINE HOWES



AN alliance of Indigenous Councils across the far north of Queensland has called on state and federal governments to apply flexibility around the completion of government-funded projects until workforces return to normal in the wake of COVID-19.

The Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) of more than eight Cape York Aboriginal and Torres Strait Shires met to discuss a regional response to the threat of COVID-19 on communities across the region.

They said provisions in infrastructure and civil construction delivery contracts would also need to be reviewed to ensure penalties were not unfairly imposed.

Lockhart River chief



Lockhart River road is under construction, but the COVID-19 pandemic will probably mean delays.

executive David Clarke said they needed to know their legal obligations under the current circumstances because they would likely need more time to deliver projects.

"I just hope common

sense is applied," he said.

"We have a lot of capacity on the ground here, but if we need some technical expertise, such as an engineer or surveyor on site, for example, we may not be able to get that person

because of travel restrictions. "I don't think the Councils should be penalised. In some ways I think it is a given but I haven't seen anything in the public discourse about it."

TCICA has also asked Government agencies to ensure they have business continuity plans in place so services, such as education, can still be delivered without risking the health and wellbeing of local people.

"This means that agencies like Education Queensland will need to implement innovative solutions to maintain the delivery of education in communities while managing the risk of teachers returning to communities after school holidays and potentially bringing coronavirus into the region," TCICA said in a statement.

The Electoral Commission of Queensland has also been called on by TCICA, to take steps to ensure election workers flying into

communities over the coming fortnight for local council elections were not bringing coronavirus with them.

Local Government Minister Stirling Hinchliffe said Queensland had new laws in place to maximise public safety, minimise public health risks and maintain democratic processes for upcoming elections.

Minister Hinchliffe said the latest expert medical advice was there was no need to change the date for the local government elections or by-elections.

Lockhart River mayor Wayne Butcher said it paid to be cautious.

"We've just got to restrict human traffic into our respective communities because they are the carriers," Mr Butcher said.

TCICA will meet weekly to discuss the coronavirus crisis and collectively identify ways to minimise its impact on communities.

Answers to questions about coronavirus



Coronavirus – what even is it and why does it have so many names?

Coronaviruses are a family of viruses known for containing strains that cause potentially deadly diseases in mammals and birds. In humans they're typically spread via airborne droplets of fluid produced by infected individuals.

Some rare but notable strains, including SARS-CoV-2 (responsible for COVID-19), and those responsible for severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) can cause death in humans.

The coronavirus gets its name from a distinctive corona or 'crown' of sugary-proteins that projects from the envelope surrounding the particle.

SARS-CoV-2 – also known as COVID-19 (Corona Virus 2019) – was first identified in the Chinese city of Wuhan in 2019.

How did COVID-19 start?

No-one really knows. The virus originated in the Chinese province of Hubei but the search for how it started continues.

Snakes were originally suspected as a potential source for the outbreak, though other experts have deemed this unlikely and proposed bats instead. The search for the animal origin of COVID-19 is ongoing.

How does the virus spread?

COVID-19 is most likely to spread from person-to-person through:

- close contact with a person while they are infectious or in the 24 hours before their symptoms appeared;
- close contact with a person with a confirmed infection who coughs or sneezes; and
- touching objects or surfaces (such as door handles or tables) contaminated from a cough or sneeze from a person with a confirmed infection, and then touching your mouth or face.

What are the symptoms?

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to other colds and flus and include:

- fever;
- sore throat;
- cough;
- tiredness;
- difficulty breathing.

While coronavirus is of concern, the Australian Government advises that it is important to remember that

More information

For the latest advice, information and resources, go to www.health.gov.au

Call the National Coronavirus Help Line on 1800 020 080. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you require translating or interpreting services, call 131 450.

The phone number of your state or territory public health agency is available at www.health.gov.au/state-territory-contacts. If you have concerns about your health, speak to your doctor or Aboriginal Medical Service.

most people displaying these symptoms are likely to be suffering from a cold or other respiratory illness – not coronavirus.

What should I do if I develop symptoms?

If you develop symptoms within 14 days of arriving in Australia or within 14 days of last contact with a confirmed case, you should arrange to see your doctor for urgent assessment.

You should telephone the health clinic or hospital before you arrive and tell them your travel history or that you have been in contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus. You must remain isolated either in your home, hotel or a healthcare setting until public health authorities inform you it is safe for you to return to your usual activities.

What is social distancing?

Social distancing is one way to help slow the spread of viruses such as COVID-19. Social distancing includes staying at home when you are unwell, avoiding large public gatherings if they're not essential, keeping a distance of 1.5m between you and other people whenever possible and minimising physical contact such as shaking hands, especially with people at higher risk of developing serious symptoms, such as older people and people with existing health conditions.

Taking these social distancing precautions can help protect the people in our community who are most at risk.

Who is most at risk of a serious illness?

Some people who are infected may not get sick at all, some will get mild symptoms from which they will recover easily, and others may become very ill, very quickly. From previous experience with other coronaviruses, the people at most risk of serious infection are:

- people with compromised immune systems (eg cancer);
- elderly people;
- Indigenous people, who have higher rates of chronic illness;
- people with chronic medical conditions;
- people in group residential settings; and
- people in detention facilities.

At this stage the risk to children and babies, and the role children play in the transmission of COVID-19, is not clear. However, there has so far been a low rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases among children, relative to the broader population.

How is the virus treated?

There is no specific treatment for coronaviruses. Antibiotics are not effective against viruses. Most of the symptoms can be treated with supportive medical care.

What is a pandemic?

The World Health Organisation has announced that COVID-19 is a pandemic. This means that the virus is an epidemic that has crossed international borders and a large number of people are affected.

Why is COVID-19 so contagious?

ABC Health reporter and physician Dr Norman Swan, host of the ABC's Coronacast, said the virus has a high transmission rate.

"COVID-19 has two or three times the transmission rate (compared with the flu) ... and the case fatality rate for COVID-19 is around 30 times higher than the flu," he said.

Another "asset" for COVID-19 is its ability to go unnoticed. In some cases, it does not cause symptoms (fever, cough) in affected people while they are already contagious, unlike the flu.

Should I be taking my kids out of child care or school?

As the *Koori Mail* went to press the advice was that some states were planning to shut schools. Please check with the Government's information service for the most up to date advice: www.health.gov.au

Should I wear a face mask?

You do not need to wear a mask if you are healthy. While the use of masks can help to prevent transmission of disease from infected patients to others, masks are not currently recommended for use by healthy members of the public for the prevention of infections like coronavirus.

Jax takes on leadership



WUTHATHI and Torres Strait Islander woman Jax Cornforth has been awarded a fellowship to study at the prestigious National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA).

Ms Cornforth, a producer, performer and choreographer, was awarded the 2020 Luminis Foundation Indigenous Fellowship for Cultural Leadership in a ceremony conducted by NIDA's chief executive officer and attended by NIDA's graduate students and staff.

The fellowship will support her to undertake the Master of Fine Arts in Cultural Leadership, a graduate program for early and mid-career leaders in arts and culture, including in the political sphere.

Born in Cairns, Ms Cornforth co-founded the cultural performance and education company Muggera, alongside her husband Darren Compton.

Originally learning dance from Auntie Kay Zaro and Uncle Noel Zaro, she went on to study at NAISDA Dance College, after which she undertook a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dance/Indigenous Studies) with Distinction at Queensland University of Technology.

"I am a proud traditional owner from the Nara Jira Para Clan of the Wuthathi (White Sand People) of the far north Queensland cape, where the rainforests meet the reef. I'm also of Badu and Moa Island descent in the Torres Strait and my father's family hails from Germany, England and Ireland," Ms Cornforth said.

"This fellowship is more than just a 'leg-up' or 'scholarship' or 'short-term assistance program'. It's a mark of respect, of belief and encouragement that will transcend not only over the length of the

course, but over my career.

"The next generation requires experienced, confident, selfless leaders to empower them to embrace their stories as First Nations people and strive to not just identify the gifts of our previous generations but to use them to build lives of true joy, and well-deserving of all our beautiful First Nations peoples.

"From a personal point of view, I want to thank my husband for his support, as this fellowship will benefit not only me but us and our two small jarjums at home."

Previous winners of the fellowship include Marilyn Miller, board member of the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair and Granny's Yarns coach and counsellor for children in out-of-home care, and Mel George, glass artist who went on to manage Ernabella Arts, Australia's oldest Indigenous art centre.

NIDA chief executive Liz Hughes said the arts needs leadership that is "brave, courageous and powerful.

"Indigenous storytelling has a deep importance for us all," she said. "I am heartened by the opportunity the Luminis Foundation affords to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural leader, helping to ensure that Indigenous leaders are front and centre in Australia's cultural future and enabled to hold the highest ranks in the country's cultural institutions."

The course Jax will be undertaking, NIDA's Master of Fine Arts (Cultural Leadership), brings together leaders from the performing arts, museums, galleries, libraries, local government, festivals, independent arts practice and cultural organisations, who are motivated to drive change and aspire to resilient, new leadership models.



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Jade to front online charity in bid to help communities

By NICK PATON



BIRIPI Olympian and soccer star Jade North has been kicking goals his entire career and now he's scored a new role with national online charity GIVIT, as Ambassador for their National Indigenous Support Program (NISP). GIVIT is an online charity that passes on donations to people and communities in need. They also partner with more established charities, including Red Cross, the Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul.

More than 1.5 million items have been donated to Aboriginal communities and people in need through GIVIT. Since the launch of their NISP program in 2019, the charity has connected over 225 Indigenous support organisations with more than 10,000 items.

"I'm honoured and proud to have been appointed as Ambassador for the Indigenous arm of the GIVIT organisation," North said. "Often it can be hard to source funding for these types of community programs, and keep them financially viable, so we are thankful to the Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt for securing funding from his portfolio for the National Indigenous Support Program."

"We've been working really hard to get strong strategies in place, embedded with cultural values, and we're excited about the benefits Aboriginal people will experience as part of this groundbreaking program."

North said one of the strengths of the NISP is that he has a national Indigenous support crew to back him up.

"They are really helping me to find my feet in my new role," he said.

The program provides various goods and services to Aboriginal people and communities, helping to improve their health and wellbeing.

In one instance, GIVIT provided furniture and linen to a single mum who needed help setting up a safe space for her and her children after escaping a domestic violence situation.

Clothing has also been donated through GIVIT to help remote Aboriginal communities who have been affected by the recent bushfires, and 40 native plants were recently donated to an Aboriginal community garden.

"So as Ambassador, it's my job to get out there

and use my sports profile and personality over various media platforms to help promote and create awareness about the program," North said. "And what I love most about the role is being able to use all the previous experience I've had working with Indigenous communities, and all the relationships I have built with mob over the years, as a springboard in helping to get the word out about this amazing initiative."

In 2016 North founded his own not-for-profit charity 'Kickin' with a Cuz', a football program designed to empower disadvantaged Indigenous children to make better life choices through inclusion in sport.

"I'm a proud Biripi man with tight connections to community and I know what it's like to grow up with financial burden," North said. "I created my own charity toward the end of my football career because I could sense there were some mob out there who were really struggling to afford to pay for sports clinics and basic training programs."

"If you're an Indigenous kid or an underprivileged kid, it can be extremely hard to access these types of programs, especially if there's no access to funds."

North said his charity aims to get Aboriginal kids outside playing sport, so that they can get to know their peers and make friendships and meaningful connections.

"But most of all, 'Kickin' with a Cuz' is about playing sport and having fun," he said.

"I've been through what most of these kids have been through and I will be using my role as Ambassador for GIVIT's National Indigenous Support Program to help these kids break down some of the barriers they are facing in their lives."

North's advice for young Aboriginal people who want to get involved with sport is to get out there and express yourself in any shape or form.

"And don't hold back, and don't be afraid to follow your dreams," he said. "Engaging in sport is a great way to escape the daily grind and frustrations that might be getting to you throughout the day. But sport is also a way to forge new relationships which often turn into lifelong friendships."

As a young fulla, North said he could have easily gone down the wrong track, if not for his commitment to sport and training.

"And I guess that's what kept me out of trouble a lot of the time," he said.

Exclusive title not really so exclusive



THE Nyul Nyul, Nimanburr and Jabirr Jabirr/Ngumbarl people have lost a case in the High Court related to the right of the public to access coastal areas on unallocated Crown land within their native title determination area on the Dampier Peninsula.

The Nyul Nyul, Nimanburr and Jabirr Jabirr/Ngumbarl people were granted native title in mid-2018 over an area of approximately 12,000 square kilometres on the Middle Dampier Peninsula in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

This included significant areas of exclusive native title. In late 2018 the full Federal Court determined that their native title should not include the right of the public to access coastal areas within their determinations. Exclusive native title is designed to give traditional owners the right to decide who enters their land.

Prior to the Federal Court decision these rights often had to co-exist with the rights of the public to access these areas. The court's decision, for the first time, empowered traditional owners to make decisions about who could access coastal areas of unallocated crown land within their determinations. Unallocated crown land is land on which the only legal interest is native title.

The native title holders, represented by the Kimberley Land Council (KLC), resisted appeals by the State of WA and the Commonwealth, who argued that public access to beaches and waterways within their native area should exist despite their exclusive possession.

The native title holders argued that there should be evidence of a "right to access" by the public before it should be recognised alongside any native title.

The court ruled in favour of the appellants, the Commonwealth and the State of WA, by saying that because the State Parliament had not passed any laws preventing the public from accessing unallocated crown land, which included the beach, therefore they can.

The court also stated that in passing the *Native Title Act* the Parliament sought to "preserve the principal of public access to beaches" regardless of native title.

The High Court justices said a section of the *Native Title Act* gives the Commonwealth, a state or territory the authority to legislate to "confirm any existing public access to and enjoyment of" waterways, beds and banks or foreshores of waterways, coastal waters, or beaches.

Tyronne Garstone, acting chief executive of the KLC, said the ruling weakens the core of exclusive native title and is a disappointing outcome



Acting Kimberley Land Council chief executive Tyronne Garstone.

not just for Kimberley Aboriginal people but for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"This ruling undermines the basis of what native title and particularly what exclusive native title was designed to do," he said. "This case only applies to unallocated crown land. That means land on which the only known interest is native title. So, let's be clear, no right of access exists here other than that of the native title holders, who are the only ones with any legal rights to this area."

"They have been denied by the court because of a legal technicality and a lack of state laws about public access to unallocated crown land."

"This ruling makes the situation even more unclear: How do public access and exclusive native title co-exist? It also impairs the rights of traditional owners to fully enjoy their hard-won rights, and opens up the question of compensation for native title holders in similar situations around Australia."

Wayne Barker, chairperson of the Gogolanyngor Aboriginal Corporation and a Jabirr Jabirr/Ngumbarl man, said the ruling denied what traditional owners had been promised from exclusive native title.

"We were given exclusive possession and it should mean exactly that. Beaches and waterways are critical cultural assets," he said.

"Today's ruling further disempowers us to use traditional land management practices to bring the country back to life and create positive social and economic opportunities to our people."

"We have followed the native title process, a process not of our design, but as citizens of this country we agreed to do what was asked of us by Western law to regain control of our country. We engaged in this process, in good faith, yet we are still denied what exclusive native title promised."

"This decision is evidence that we, as First Nations people, are still not able to participate as equals when it comes to protecting our land."



**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
FROM REGISTERED ARCHITECTS & ASSOCIATED SUB-CONSULTANTS
FOR THE DESIGN OF DARKINJUNG CULTURAL CENTRE
NORAH HEAD NSW**

Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council (**Darkinjung**) proposes to develop an iconic Cultural Centre on land owned by Darkinjung at Norah Head NSW. The building once constructed will be used as an Aboriginal Cultural Tourism and Education Centre comprising a contemporary cultural centre with indoor and outdoor components including exhibition space, café, restaurant, amenities, offices, outdoor amphitheatre, tourist/information/souvenir centre, theatre, workshop spaces, gathering spaces, whale watching platforms, boardwalks maintenance sheds, car and bus parking access road and other associated infrastructure.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO BE SUBMITTED BY 4:00 pm Friday, 10 April 2020

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Parliament of South Australia

**Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee
Aboriginal Housing Inquiry**

The Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee has resolved to inquire into Aboriginal Housing.

In particular, the Committee will consider:

- Current tenures, costs, household compositions and property types of Aboriginal people in South Australia;
- Volume and type of demand for housing by Aboriginal people in South Australia;
- Current and future expected supply of housing that meets the needs of different Aboriginal housing consumers;
- Availability of and access to temporary or transitory housing for Aboriginal people at risk of homelessness or experiencing precarious living situations;
- Housing aspirations and goals of Aboriginal people in remote, regional and metropolitan South Australia;
- Relative rates of homelessness of Aboriginal people – including those living in crowded and severely crowded conditions;
- Social and economic determinants of key housing indicators including home ownership, renting, social and community housing, homelessness and overcrowding;
- The adequacy and allocation of public funding for Aboriginal housing; and
- The particular needs of remote communities.

The Committee would like to advise that any person or organisation wishing to make a written submission to the Committee, or register an interest in presenting oral evidence to the Committee, is invited to do so by Wednesday, 15 April 2020. Written submissions and expressions of interest should be addressed to the Executive Research Officer of the Committee c/o Parliament House, GPO Box 572, Adelaide 5001; by telephone on (08) 8237 9568; or via email at alpsc@parliament.sa.gov.au.

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**Mungo National Park
Aboriginal Owners Research Project
Information Sessions 26 March 2020
and 31 March 2020 to be rescheduled**

Due to the ongoing developments of the COVID-19 outbreak and its implications for health and travel, the Office of the Registrar, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* has decided to reschedule the information sessions that were to be held on 26 March 2020 in Mildura and 31 March 2020 in Griffith.

The Office of the Registrar, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* remains dedicated to the research project and will reschedule these information sessions as soon as possible.

Please contact the Office of the Registrar on 02 8633 1266 or by email adminofficer@oralra.nsw.gov.au if you would like any further information.

Nicole Courtman
Registrar
Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983



Yokai board member Lorraine Woods and Western Australian Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation managing director Jim Morrison.

Pole to make way for dedicated healing place



A POLE erected on the north-west corner of Wellington Square in Perth in 2006 to commemorate Sorry Day has been taken down to allow for the site's redevelopment.

Instead, a dedicated artwork acknowledging the Stolen Generation will take its place in 2021.

The pole was painted by a local Aboriginal artist and has since been used annually on May 26 for Sorry Day commemorations, including smoking ceremonies, silent vigils and stories from Stolen Generations.

Western Australian Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation (WASGAC) managing director Jim Morrison said the site of the square was formerly part of a swamp system and therefore of great significance for the Whadjuk people who lived there for many thousands of years.

"Wellington Square continues to be a significant place for Aboriginal peoples as it is located close to three significant organisations including the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service, Wungening Aboriginal Corporation and Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation," Mr Morrison said.

The development of the City of Perth's Wellington Square Masterplan and

Reconciliation Action Plan has identified an opportunity to create a dedicated place for healing in the north-west corner of the square, including a beautiful reflective artwork acknowledging the Stolen Generation.

City of Perth deputy chair commissioner Gaye McMath said the square represented cultural and spiritual significance "linking the past and the present, where Whadjuk Nyoongar people met, raised families, hunted and performed ceremonies".

The removal of the pole and proposed new artwork followed consultation with stakeholders in Western Australia's Aboriginal community.

"Removal of the Sorry Pole will make way for a public artwork, acknowledging the suffering of the Stolen Generation and reflecting on the profound Aboriginal culture and history of the area," Ms McMath said.

National Sorry Day commemorates the day on which the Bringing Them Home Report was tabled in the Federal Parliament in 1997.

This significant report was the result of an Inquiry conducted by the Australian Human Rights Commission into the forced removal of Aboriginal children and its ongoing effects on families and communities.

CAAMA facing financial woe



ONE of the oldest Aboriginal media organisations in Australia has been placed under special administration.

Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (Aboriginal Corporation), known as CAAMA and located in Alice Springs, was incorporated in 1980 but has struggled financially in recent years.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Selwyn Button said earlier this month that "unfortunately", over the last couple of years, CAAMA had been unable to demonstrate improvements to its financial position or that it could trade itself out of debt.

The media corporation, approaching its 40th anniversary, gives Aboriginal people in central

Australia a strong voice in the media and plays a major role in sustaining Aboriginal languages and cultures.

It was the first Aboriginal broadcast group in Australia to secure a community broadcasting licence, with the purpose of providing Aboriginal people in central Australia with radio programs produced by Aboriginal people, in Aboriginal languages and English.

Mr Button said the Registrar's office had been monitoring CAAMA's financial position over recent years while it implemented strategies and changes to policy and structure intended to address solvency concerns.

However, the position worsened and the Registrar decided it was time for specialist support.

In 2018–19, CAAMA generated around \$4.1 million in

revenue, of which 63% was grant funding. But its liabilities are also considerable, and growing.

Mr Button said CAAMA "is a landmark media corporation approaching its 40th anniversary... unfortunately, over the last couple of years it has been unable to demonstrate improvements to its financial position or that it can trade itself out of debt".

"Despite having a repayment plan with the Australian Tax Office, its tax debt has more than doubled, reaching a critical level that is not sustainable. The special administrators will look at all options to help CAAMA improve its financial position," he said.

The Registrar has appointed Jack James and Paula Smith from Rodgers Reidy as joint special administrators until June 12 this year.

Morrissey gets a mentor



AUTHOR John Morrissey has been awarded the 2020 Boundless Mentorship for *The Dig*, a riotous, page-

turning short story collection featuring ghost stories, family lore and satire.

Set in an archaeological dig — in the past, present, future — the stories powerfully and playfully skewer race, identity and class, with Aboriginal characters at its heart, encapsulating a nation fractured through time.

“Receiving the Boundless Mentorship has invigorated my writing practice,” Morrissey said.

“I look forward to benefiting from the support and encouragement of an Aboriginal mentor.

“I hope to end the mentorship as a more mature, confident, and skilled writer.”

The mentorship is awarded to an unpublished Indigenous writer who has made substantial progress on a fiction or non-fiction writing project.

The purpose of the program is to support the writer as they develop their manuscript and seek publication, pairing them with a senior Indigenous writer for a structured year-long mentorship.

Morrissey will embark on his mentorship with two-time Miles Franklin Literary Award-winning Noongar writer Kim Scott and will also receive editorial feedback from Text Publishing and access to Writing NSW’s professional



Author John Morrissey has been awarded the 2020 Boundless Mentorship for his new book, *The Dig*.

development services.

Wiradjuri writer and Boundless Mentorship judge Tara June Winch said the entries were all of a high standard.

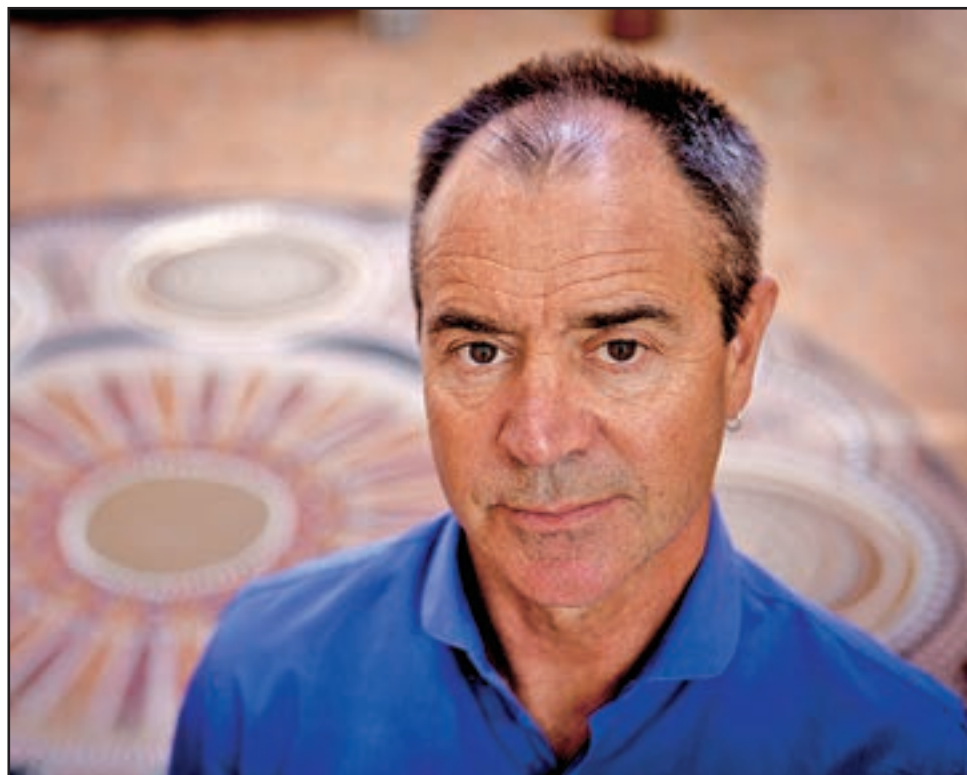
“This year we had the opportunity to read powerful, inspired and stirring work by new Indigenous writers,” she said.

“Manuscripts that were timely and evocative, written with a sense of searching for oneself, and trying to hold onto culture and

family and the natural world in a time of upheaval.”

Morrissey is a Melbourne writer of Kalkadoon descent. His work has been published in *Overland*, *Voiceworks*, and *Meanjin*. He was runner-up for the 2018 Nakata Brophy Prize. He works as a lawyer in Melbourne.

Scott is a multi-award-winning novelist. *Benang* (1999) was the first novel by an Indigenous writer to win the Miles Franklin Literary



Two-time Miles Franklin Award-winning Noongar writer Kim Scott.

Award — Australia’s most prestigious literary prize — and *That Deadman Dance*, which explores the lively fascination felt between Noongar, British colonists and American whalers in the early years of the 19th century, won the award again in 2011.

Proud to be one among those who call themselves Noongar, Scott is founder and chair of the Wirlomin Noongar Language and Story Project, which has published

a number of bilingual picture books.

He received an Australian Centenary Medal and was 2012 West Australian of the Year. He is Professor of Writing in the School of Media, Culture and Creative Arts at Curtin University.

Text Publishing and Writing NSW echoed Winch’s assessment that there had been an exceptionally strong shortlist in 2020.

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Kirli Saunders is this year's NSW Woman of the Year.

Award honours Kirli's First Languages poetry project



AUTHOR and poet Kirli Saunders, from Port Kembla, is the 2020 NSW Woman of the Year.

Ms Saunders, a proud Gunai woman, is an award-winning international children's author, poet, emerging playwright and artist.

Women from right across the state were celebrated earlier this month at the 2020 NSW Women of the Year Awards, on the eve of

International Women's Day and during the state's second Women's Week.

Now in its ninth year, the NSW Women of the Year Awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding contribution made by women across NSW to industry, communities and society.

Ms Saunders founded and manages Poetry in First Languages at Red Room Poetry. Born on Gundungurra country,

with ties to the Yuin, Biripi and Gadigal people, Ms Saunders is a passionate advocate for the celebration, sharing and preservation of First Nations language, culture and country through the arts.

Her Poetry in First Languages project connects schools with Elders, language custodians and poets who support both Aboriginal and other kids to create poetry in First Nations languages.

Wild Dog Fence Extension Project

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) trading as Soil Conservation Service propose to extend the Wild Dog Fence along the New South Wales (NSW) / South Australian (SA) border. The proposed new fence would commence at the southern end of the existing NSW/SA dog fence near Broughman's Gate and extend south for approximately 320km to a point just south of the intersection with Old Wentworth Road in the south.

The Wild Dog Fence Extension Project will require an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) to support the environmental impact statement (EIS). As such, DPIE is implementing the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010). The purpose of community consultation is to assist DPIE in the identification, assessment and management of Aboriginal objects or places along the NSW/SA border.

Registrations of interest are invited from Aboriginal people/organisations who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects or places along the NSW/SA border.

Further information about the registration and consultation process can be made in writing, or over the telephone, through Lantern Heritage:

PO Box 7039
Tathra, NSW 2550
info@lanternheritage.com.au
0402831291

Further information regarding the proposed works can also be obtained from:

Liz Mathieson
Senior Environmental Scientist
Public Works Advisory
PO Box N408, Grosvenor Place NSW 1220
(02) 9273 3674

The closing date for registrations of interest is 9 April 2020.



Cape York communities are hoping to raise funds for a carcrusher to deal with abandoned wrecks.

Car clean-up to inject pride

By ALF WILSON



THOUSANDS of abandoned cars are eyesores beside roads around remote Indigenous Cape York communities and the Kapani organisation plans to remove them and create employment for locals at the same time.

The Kapani scheme would ensure jobs for six locals from each community and also assist to alleviate the environmental issues associated with the wrecks.

Spokesperson Dr Tim White told the *Koori Mail* that Kapani was looking at ways of gaining access to a car-crusher machine to initiate the scheme soon.

"We are aware of some possible sources of government funding and there is a meeting in Brisbane where the matter will be raised. The Queensland Department of Environment and Science supports the project and I have spoken to Simsmetal about it as well," Dr White said.

Dr White said he counted 600 to 700 abandoned cars littered around some of the Cape York communities but there are thousands in total. Abandoned cars are also a problem around some Torres Strait communities.

"These have been abandoned over a 20 year period of historical car dumpings," Dr White said. "We estimate that around 35 are left near each community every year."

Dr White said that Kapani would liaise with



Rusted abandoned cars on Cape York are an environmental concern.

each Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander Council about the project.

In the lead-up to local government elections, council mayors are unable to speak to media.

"I would be talking this project up with each mayor and CEO and our idea is to have around six locals from each community trained and employed on the car crusher. These wrecks are leaking toxic heavy metal into communities," Dr White said.

Dr White said a normal car crusher would cost around \$300,000, which would be considerably less expensive than hiring towing companies to remove the wrecks.

"This would be all about creating pride within these communities," he said.



Chief executive officer (CEO)

Urapuntja Health Service Aboriginal Corporation is one of Australia's longest running Aboriginal community-controlled health services and is located some 250 km north east of Alice Springs. The corporation provides health services to around 900 people who are mainly Anmatyerre and Alyawarra speaking people using a unique model of care.

Developed to service the needs of the Urapuntja (Utopia) community and surrounding homelands, the corporation prides itself on its deep connection to community and outstanding health service results.

About the CEO position

The CEO is accountable to the board of directors for the development of the strategic direction of the corporation, organisational growth and the delivery of high quality comprehensive primary health care. The successful applicant will also be responsible for the effective leadership and management of employees, financial management and compliance with all relevant legislation and funding requirements.

How to apply: Request a copy of the **applicant job package**, which includes the position description, selection criteria and an applicant guide: ora@oric.gov.au

For more information about the position:

email: tcameron@marrawahlaw.com.au or phone: 0417 262 256.

Applications close: 5th of April 2020.

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Rangers care for species



INDIGENOUS rangers will use sensor cameras to search for one of Western Australia's most rare and elusive marsupials: the spectacled hare-wallaby.

The surveillance project in unsurveyed areas of the Kimberley will be possible thanks to a Lotterywest grant for \$2.2 million which WA environment minister Stephen Dawson presented earlier this month while visiting a spectacled hare-wallaby field site near Broome.

In addition to helping World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Australia and partners to reduce the threats to the spectacled hare-wallaby, the grant will also help

similar work with five other culturally significant species: golden bandicoot, Gouldian finch, nabarlek, northern quoll and black-footed rock-wallaby (wiliji).

Named for its distinctive orange fur surrounding each eye, the spectacled hare-wallaby was once feared to be locally extinct before it was rediscovered near Broome in 2014.

WWF Australia and Yawuru country managers captured images of the stocky marsupial on sensor cameras set up to survey Yawuru country on the Roebuck Plains station where the species was last sighted in 2004 as road kill.

A solitary and nocturnal species that lives in hummock or tussock grasslands and shrublands, the spectacled hare-

wallaby has declined in the Kimberley due to threats such as feral predators and indiscriminate wildfires.

Mr Dawson said the Kimberley's remoteness had created a haven that supported species found nowhere else in the world.

"This grant will help an amazing alliance of organisations combining Indigenous knowledge with modern technology to protect the spectacled hare-wallaby and other precious animals for generations to come," he said.

WWF Australia is collaborating with various partners to undertake the conservation project, including traditional owner groups, land councils and ranger groups.



The spectacled hare-wallaby was thought to be extinct.

Return to business for Yinhawangka Corporation



A WESTERN Australian Aboriginal corporation which had been placed under special administration last year has been given the green light to return to its core business.

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Selwyn Button, last month announced the end of the special administration of Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation RNBTC, which derives most of its income from mining royalties through the Yinhawangka Trust.

Based in Paraburdoo, WA, the corporation manages the native rights and interests of the Yinhawangka people across 12,000 square km of the central Pilbara.

The Registrar placed the corporation under special administration on May 16, 2019, after an examination of the books identified governance issues. Among the issues were disputes between directors that were interfering with the operations of the corporation.

Prior to the special administration, the corporation operated a medical centre in Karratha as a wholly owned subsidiary.

At the time of the appointment, the medical clinic had closed its doors and there was uncertainty about whether it could endure.

Staff were still being paid and creditors were still owed money.

The special administrator found that the medical centre was not a viable business for the corporation and succeeded in closing it permanently and paying all its outstanding debts.

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

Respite care faces financial trouble



THE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Disabled and Respite Care has been placed under special administration.

The corporation, based in Townsville, Queensland, was established in 1988 to give clients respite from their usual routines and carers a break from their caring responsibilities.

The centre is a registered provider with the National Disability Insurance Agency and offers a range of services for adults who have a disability.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Selwyn Button, in August last year, authorised an examination of the corporation's books, which identified serious concerns over corporate governance and financial management, solvency and viability.

"Over three consecutive years, the corporation's auditor has been unable to provide an audit opinion due to lack of evidence," Mr Button said.

"The examination verified that financial record-keeping at the corporation is almost non-existent ... the corporation appeared insolvent, with overdrawn cash and a tax debt of more than \$600,000, and the directors have failed to provide a sufficient response to address these serious financial issues."

Mr Button said two special administrators had been appointed until May 22, 2020.

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Remote laundry cleans up



THE Aboriginal community of Barunga last month celebrated the first birthday of its pilot laundry project, which has employed five locals part time.

The Remote Laundries pilot is an ambitious project idea, born at a Bagala Aboriginal Corporation board meeting in 2018 and aiming to improve health and provide jobs in community through washing.

Simple in design, robust and easy to operate, the laundry sits next to the Bagala Community Store in Barunga, about 80km southeast of Katherine, and for the past 12 months has been washing and drying the clothes of anyone who turns up.

Set inside a shipping container, the laundry has four industrial-sized washers and dryers and a huge hydraulic arm that opens and closes the laundry.

A spokesperson for the Barunga community, Fiona Ainsworth, said "social change is a slow-moving beast, but gains made in the last 12 months offer us real hope of meeting our goals of improved employment and health through washing".

"If welfare dependency is the scourge of people living in Aboriginal communities, then we believe creating jobs is a key part of the solution (one can't work if there are no jobs, right?)," Ms Ainsworth said.

"Our Remote Laundries project employs five locals part time, and for some, this is their first wages-paying job, as opposed to working for the dole.



Laundry staff, Aboriginal Investment Group board members and Bagala Aboriginal Corporation board members at the laundry in Barunga.

"This project has injected \$50,000 in wages into the community of Barunga in the last 12 months.

"It's been harder to measure the impact of the laundry on health, specifically nasty diseases like

rheumatic heart disease, trachoma and skin sores.

"A place to wash and dry clothes, sheets and towels is an important part of the solution, but not a silver bullet on its own.

"We have a very clear goal of

creating a positive impact on the health of the Barunga community, but realistically it's early days.

"Gains in building relationships and community trust in the laundry have been huge for such a short period of time and

something to be proud of.

"We've teamed up with the health clinic, the school, aged care and Northern Territory PHN and our laundry is involved in being part of the solution."

Ms Ainsworth said teaching the community about how the laundry works and building trust and understanding had been an important lesson, and the Barunga School has been a very important player in that.

"Twice there have been washing sessions where the kids went on excursion to the laundry and learned about how to wash and dry their own clothes," she said.

"The program has been so successful there is now a high-school student who runs the laundry every Saturday as her job. If she doesn't come to school during the week, there is no job on the weekend."

Ms Ainsworth said the idea for the project initially was to work with seven Top End communities to set up a laundry in their community "and we are keen to get cracking on that promise".

"This is a project run through a charity and relies heavily on corporate sponsorship and individual donations to continue.

"We have clever little donation tap points in Darwin (Sweetbrew & Co, Groove Café and Ray's Café and Patisserie) and throughout the NT.

"Each tap point is set up to give \$2 per tap to the Remote Laundries project."

If corporates are interested in being a part of this exciting project, please contact fiona.ainsworth@aiggroup.org.au



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- a Reconciliation Action Plan as part of our commitment to the 'Closing the Gap' agenda
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Applications will close on **Friday 1 May 2020**.

Grave claims ignored

By NICK PATON



WODI-Wodi man Charlie Ashby from Roseby Park in NSW said he was shattered when a tree marking the grave of his ancestor in Huskisson was cut down right before his eyes.

"I got a call early in the morning from a family member who said a company was in the process of cutting down the marker tree, so I jumped in my car and rushed straight there," Mr Ashby said.

"But by the time I arrived, the scene was chaotic with cranes and chainsaws. And as I approached the tree we believe marks the grave of our ancestor King Billy, I could see that half of it had already been cut down.

"I knew I had to be careful because two brave men had already been arrested that morning trying to protect the tree, and as I looked around I noticed an extreme amount of police, and I have never felt more intimidated."

Mr Ashby and other local South Coast Aboriginal people say they are certain the tree at 17 Hawke Street marks the burial place of traditional owner James Golding, also known as the King of Jervis Bay and King Budd Billy II.

The property is the site of the former Anglican church and the Sydney Diocese is in the process of selling it to local developer and pub-owner Stephen Bartlett.

"Hearing the stories of King Billy has always filled me with pride and it's my job to take care of my old people. That means there is also an obligation to make sure our old people are laid to rest peacefully, and remain that way," Mr Ashby said.

"We need to make sure the memory of King Billy, and anyone else buried at the site, lives on forever and it's our duty duty as a community to uphold cultural values and do whatever we can to preserve the culture and heritage of our people."

King Billy's descendants, the Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council and Huskisson Heritage Association research teams have uncovered local Aboriginal oral and written history and documented written evidence to substantiate their claim about King Billy.

"I felt angry and upset, and this horrible feeling of complete loss came over me as I stared at the



A stump is all that remains of King Billy's 100 year-old marker tree at the Anglican Church development site in Huskisson NSW.

carnage unfolding before me. I was absolutely gutted," Mr Ashby said.

"But by trying to protect our own laws within a dominant Western culture, it feels like as soon as you step over the line to protect your own culture, you get arrested and locked up.

"Our culture is being ripped away, right from under our feet. And to stand there and bear witness to this type of heinous behaviour absolutely broke my heart."

Dr Evan Christen is one of the men who climbed the marker tree in the hope of trying to protect it, just minutes before it was felled.

"I just didn't know what else to do," Dr Christen said.

"I had this awful feeling inside me that I was just standing there and I felt completely powerless.

"I was so upset and completely devastated for the South Coast Aboriginal community and even more so for

King Billy's descendants.

"I knew in my heart I couldn't just stand by and do nothing and I felt compelled to do something, anything, to help the situation for King Billy, and that's when I flung myself into tree and demanded the arborists stop work."

Witnesses described the arrest of the other man, 65-year-old local Huskisson artist Akira Kamada, as 'brutal' and 'violent' when they saw Mr Kamada being thrown by officers into the back of a police wagon and both men were issued notices to appear before Nowra local court. Mr Kamada has since been issued with a 12-month good behaviour bond.

But the marker tree never stood a chance.

Shoalhaven Council documents show the developer, local pub owner Stephen Bartlett, is using a local policy known as the 45-degree rule, which allows for any



Wodi-Wodi man Charlie Ashby from Roseby Park in NSW is a descendant of James Golding, aka King of Jervis Bay.

tree on private property to be cut down, even if the tree poses minimal risk to damaging property.

Shoalhaven Mayor Amanda Findley told the *Koori Mail* the 45-degree rule is poor policy and has poor outcomes.

"And it is something that I do not support," Councillor Findley said.

"The developer had made previous statements to the council, which are available on the public record, stating that he wasn't going to cut down these trees, but he went ahead and he did it anyway.

"It certainly seems as though the developer is going to get his way, which will give the community 0% faith in the planning and development stages, the next phase of this saga.

"It's despicable that no one has listened to our Aboriginal community, in respect to King Budd Billy, and I think the way this has been handled for a very long time is completely disrespectful to Aboriginal people and appalling to watch."

Mr Bartlett said, although he had commissioned various assessments on the site, including an Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment by archaeologist Sue Feary, he cannot be 100% sure that King Billy is not buried under the tree in question.

"Nobody can be," he said.

"I've used the experts that everybody else in the area uses, including those used by the council, and the verbal history the local land council has asked me to do, I've done."

In Ms Feary's December 2018 assessment she said that in 2015 Ground Penetrating Radar surveys identified seven possible graves on the church land and on the adjacent lot, which is owned

by Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council.

While Ms Feary's assessment concluded that there were no constraints on archaeological grounds to redevelopment of the church grounds, it found that there was still uncertainty about whether James Golding was buried on the church grounds, specifically the location of the grave. The report recommended further investigation of archival records and oral history.

"If the precautionary principle is adopted, the logical outcome is for the proposed redevelopment to avoid any disturbance of the land where GPR survey has identified possible graves," the report said.

Head of Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council Alfred Wellington said the land council does not regard any consultation commissioned by the developer as adequate or independent.

"The Shoalhaven council and the developer have already allowed work to proceed that may well have desecrated graves," Mr Wellington said.

"We request that Council do not agree to the planning proposal and halt all site works until adequate consultation has taken place.

"Our priority is to avoid desecration of burials which will be considered sacrilegious to the family, and Aboriginal people in general."

Correction: In the February 26 edition of the *Koori Mail*, in the story under the headline 'Shock deal is threat to ancestors' peace, the *Koori Mail* incorrectly stated that a development application for the Huskisson Church site had been lodged with Shoalhaven Council. The *Koori Mail* apologises for the error.



Department of Planning, Industry & Environment

Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund Applications invited

Applications for grants and loans from the Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund are invited for projects that will:

- Enhance, maintain and protect Aboriginal cultural fishing, or
- Promote economic opportunities for Aboriginal communities associated with the fisheries resource.

\$500,000 is available this funding round.

For information on eligibility, funding categories, the assessment process and how to apply, please visit the NSW Department of Primary Industries website: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aboriginal-fishing/AFTF>

Applications close at 5pm on 19 May 2020.



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Trust backs students



MORE than 200 Year 11 students from around 30 schools received scholarships from the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF).

The scholarships were awarded before a packed auditorium at the University of Southern Queensland's (USQ) Springfield campus on Friday, March 6.

USQ has long supported QATSIF and its mission to create a better future for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

A USQ spokesperson said the QATSIF new recipients and leaders' celebration was a great opportunity for the university to showcase its huge range of study options and highlight the many benefits of a tertiary education.

QATSIF is a charitable trust established in 2009 to ensure that any interest from unspent Indigenous wage reparation money from the Stolen Wages, where Indigenous people had their earnings systematically taken from them by the state and private organisations, was made available to help Indigenous young people.



St Augustine's College student Cameron Hunter.



Gaya-Dari Dancers from Marsden State High School.



USQ Surveying lecturer Chris McAlister with St Augustine's College student Cameron Hunter.



Guest speaker Emily McInnes is a former QATSIF scholarship recipient from Ipswich State High School. She is now is part of USQ's Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program.



Marsden State High School's Emily Gardner-Hudson participated in a careers activity prior to the ceremony.



Auntie Peggy Tidyman speaks to a packed auditorium at USQ Springfield.



St Saviour's College student Sophie Elara enjoyed a drone activity prior to the ceremony.

Reconciliation banners fly



ORGANISATIONS in Western Australia are encouraged to show their commitment to reconciliation by sponsoring a banner through the Reconciliation Week Street Banner Project.

This year, 504 banners are available for organisations to sponsor as part of Reconciliation Week and applications are now open.

The WA Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries coordinates the project, partnering with local councils and sponsors to display the banners in prominent locations across the state.

This year's banner features artwork by Aboriginal artist Tee Jay (Thomas) Worrigal, who was born in Derby and raised at Yiyili on Gooniyandi country, and now lives in Perth.

Tee Jay was taught to paint by many family Elders and sees his art practice as an important way to pass on knowledge and continue cultural tradition.

His artwork, which references the

burning of country, rebirth, regrowth and beauty, was exhibited at the 2019 *Revealed: Emerging Aboriginal Artist* exhibition.

The graphic design of the banner is by WA Aboriginal designer Jilalga Murray, a Nyangumarta and Yorta Yorta woman who now lives in Noongar country.

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia from May 27 to June 3.

This year's reconciliation message is 'In this Together', with everyone having a role to play in reconciliation, and in building relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures.

The WA Government is inviting organisations to show their support and commitment to reconciliation by sponsoring a banner.

Banners start from as little as \$350 and will feature the artwork, this year's reconciliation message and the sponsor organisation logo.

Applications can be made online at <http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au> until March 27.



Aboriginal artist Tee Jay Worrigal has designed this year's National Reconciliation Week banner.

Dan Sultan to plead not guilty



SINGER-songwriter Dan Sultan will fight an indecent assault charge stemming from a party more than a decade ago.

The 36-year-old is accused of indecent assault at Brunswick in Melbourne's inner north on September 27, 2008.

Sultan, also known as Daniel Loorham, appeared last week in

Melbourne Magistrates Court, where his lawyer said he would plead not guilty. He is accused of indecent assault in circumstances where he knew the other person was not or might not be consenting. The court was told the allegations involved two adults at a party.

Magistrate Fiona Hayes declined to release a summary of the charge.

Sultan is due to return to court on April 16 for a contest mention. —AAP

Expression of Interest – 2Spirits Executive Advisory Member

Queensland Council for LGBTI Health (QC) is inviting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people interested in becoming a member of the 2 Spirits Executive Advisory (2SEA). With the recent revitalisation of the 2Spirits Program, QC has prioritised the establishment of the 2SEA to the purpose of embedding cultural governance across the organisation.

Role of 2SEA

2SEA exhibits in all its workings true, inclusive, diverse practices, a genuine commitment to developing mechanisms to navigate partnerships with stakeholders. To enhance and develop health and wellbeing outcomes across the social determinants for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Sistergirl and Brotherboy people across Queensland.

Expression of Interest

The EOI should include a 2 page summary of your personal and professional experiences. The summary should reflect authenticity and validation, to demonstrate your positive impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTIQ+ Sistergirl and Brotherboy people and community.

Are You Who We Are Looking For?

We are accepting applications via an expressions of interest process from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTIQ+ Sistergirl and/or Brotherboy, parent, ally and is an active, recognised community member. It is important that you can speak to the needs and experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTIQ+ Sistergirl and Brotherboy people, their families, kinship and community.

The Executive Advisory matrix and composite, will consist of the following qualities:

- Brave and courageous
- Respect and reciprocity
- Strong ethics and cultural values
- Self determination
- Commitment and passion

Applicants are required to provide & agree to:

- blue card
- certified copies of supporting documents
- identification
- commitment to attend to travel when required
- criminal history check

Applications

Expressions of Interest emailed to RReynolds@quac.org.au by closing date 06/04/2020.

All enquiries are required in writing to CEO Rebecca Reynolds at RReynolds@quac.org.au

Applicants will also be required to provide the contact details of at least two Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTI, Sistergirl or Brotherboy person or group that will act as referee.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	15/1839	TORIAN RESOURCES LIMITED	52.50HA.	11.7km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 121° 10' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	26/853	BELLAMEL MINING PTY LTD	50.83HA.	12.7km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	36/695	AGNEW GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LIMITED	99.33HA.	24.3km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 2' S Long: 120° 29' E	LEONORA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 25 March 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 **25 June 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. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 25 July 2020**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

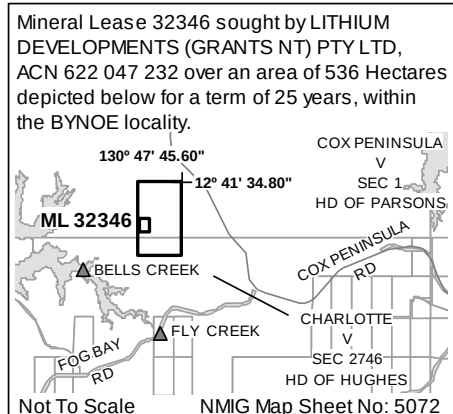
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Paul Kirby MLA, Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry and Resources C/- Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth)* of his intent to do an act namely to grant the following mineral title application.

The application to which this notice applies:



Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals including (but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral lease/s commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

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Notification Day: 25 March 2020

Danny Eastwood's view



A YARN WITH...



David Maynard Devonport, Tasmania

Quote



"It's not about physical pain ... I'm living with the trauma of being denied my rightful journey in life."

Kutcha Edwards at the announcement of the Victorian Redress Scheme for The Stolen Generations

● See page 3

Unquote

Protecting our most vulnerable

THE Covid-19 pandemic that is sweeping through the world presents a very real, deadly threat to all Australians. But especially so for First Nations people.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, especially in remote areas, are some of the most vulnerable because of existing health issues, overcrowded housing, and a lack of medical services.

That's why the Federal Cabinet's decision to shut Australia's borders to international visitors, and to restrict travel into remote Indigenous communities, is the right one (although many would argue that the measures are 250 years too late).

This virus presents a very real threat, especially for our Elders and those with pre-existing medical conditions.

If it manages to find a way into these communities, health experts have warned that it would wreak havoc.

That's why it is so important to follow the advice of those experts with the regular washing of hands, social distancing or isolation, and staying away from large gatherings.

And while some might understandably feel distrustful of anything that governments do, given the history of treating First Nations people with paternalistic contempt, now is not the time to rebel against directives that have been issued to keep us all safe.

Remember that the measures in place have been demanded by



Aboriginal-led health services and organisations such as Land Councils.

These organisations understand the threat because they have been advocating on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for many years. They know the everyday struggles that their people face.

If anything, this dark cloud that has engulfed our lives might just still have a silver lining. Let's hope that it is the catalyst for the type of changes that have been needed for a long time to improve the living standards and health outcomes for our people.

So stay safe, be alert but not alarmed, and take care of the Elders.

WAM Clothing

What can be said about a non-Indigenous company stealing artwork from an Aboriginal company to make a quick buck? (See page 5.)

'Always Was, Always Will Be' about the lowest act imaginable. So, apart from legal action, which is underway, the best response is to spread the word to ensure this company does not make another cent from Aboriginal people.

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The Koori Mail is owned by five Aboriginal organisations on Bundjalung country in northern NSW – Kurrachee Cooperative (Coraki), Bunjum Cooperative (Cabbage Tree Island), Nungera Cooperative (Maclean), Buyinbin Cooperative (Casino) and the Bundjalung Tribal Society (Lismore).

Favourite bush tucker?

Eels, periwinkles, oysters and limpets.

Favourite non-indigenous food?

Fried squid.

Favourite drink?

Coffee. I drink that like it's going out of fashion.

Favourite music?

Country and Western.

Favourite sport?

I like playing 8 ball and golf.

Favourite read?

Car manuals.

Favourite holiday destination?

I'd love to go to England, I used to watch Coronation Street with Mum.

What do you like on TV?

I'm a one-eyed Sydney Swans fan, so the footy.

What do you like in life?

Drawing and I like to do up push bikes.

What don't you like in life?

When people pick on me accusing me of things I've never done.

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

Lance 'Buddy' Franklin.

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

Cheryl and Colleen Mundy, and cousin Thomas Riley – he's a gentle giant with a heart of gold.

Who/what inspires you?

Going to Orford (East Coast, Tasmania). It's real cosy down there.

What is your ultimate goal?

Driving my own car. Other slow learners like me drive around unlicensed. I'd rather do it by the book.

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

They should get rid of all the drugs on the streets. Too many people are ripping off their family and overdosing.

"I have a great responsibility as an artist. I am proud to represent. I am only one of an incredible group coming through. There is a fearless generation that is leading the way in the music industry."

Emily Wurramura



Culture at the heart of this songbird's melody

By KIRK PAGE



EMILY Wurramura uses her music as a vehicle to share her culture, language and life experiences.

An Aria Award nominee, Emily is a proud Wannindilyakwa woman born on Milyakburra (Bickerton eylandt) in the Gulf country of the Northern Territory.

Emily is a multi-award-winning singer-songwriter who wins audiences over with her humble narrative, soulful voice and honest storytelling. She was last seen supporting the deadly gospel great Mavis Staples.

Emily has been performing at festivals and special events sharing her distinctive vocals with audiences nationally and internationally, touring back and forth from home.

Emily is most comfortable sharing her time with family and friends, gathering inspiration from strong cultural roots and a powerful line of matriarchs.

Wurramura's bright star has been rising slowly and consistently since her debut EP *Black Smoke* was released in 2016. Navigating parallel realities with a foot in two worlds, Wurramura's love of culture is shared through her Milyakburra language and song, and is a defining feature of her musical style.

"Music has been a great a tool to educate and to archive and preserve language. I think music is a really great way to do it

because of the melody, because melodies really resonate with you, and get stuck in your head. I try to use music as an educational tool," Emily told the *Koori Mail*.

This month Wurramura is preparing for a showcase featuring new material at the FolkExchange in Geelong as well as songs from her repertoire.

"I am so grateful for where I am today. I love what I do and wouldn't be here without the support of family and fans," she said.

Wurramura is happy to be busy and this month is thrilled to be supporting legendary queen of gospel Mavis Staples on her Australian tour, and playing at venues in Brisbane and Sydney.

Emily is no stranger to travelling.

She has just made the move from Brisbane to Hobart.

"Sharing time between the towns. It's hard to say no when you love doing music and you love what you do. The gypsy life suits me, but I also enjoy returning home to recharge my batteries and nest."

Emily says she's learning every day about the elusive balance between work and home life and really treasures her time with loved ones, family, friends and colleagues.

"I realise the importance of them both: developing my profile as a singer and also keeping an eye on how much I save for myself. I'm getting better at keeping myself happy and giving myself the nourishment that I need spiritually and mentally.

enjoying being in my own space."

There are times when the reality of performing and putting yourself out there can be exhausting and energy sapping.

"I forget that I am a human being and I do need to chill out sometimes. It's hard to say no. I need to look after myself and the family, so returning home to the simple life feels really wholesome and I really value that down time."

Emily is riding the wave of success and appreciates all that the industry provides but admits that the rock'n'roll life has its limits.

"I still get thrown when I am recognised in public. I trip out when people start fan-girling over me. I don't see myself as famous or something special; I'm me. When people approach me saying, 'You're that singer, that girl,' I do have to just take a breath and remember that I am lucky to be recognised. I'm not a pop star. I'm just me."

An artist's path is almost never straightforward and success can be fleeting.

Sometimes it takes tireless amounts of effort to be acknowledged and doesn't always pay off immediately.

"I make music as it makes me happy. The music I am working on right now is more about healing. I want to help people heal," Wurramura says.

While a busy touring life and an outpouring of personal stories and longing for home can be great inspiration for songwriting, some things are better left unshared.

"I don't stick to the one

method of songwriting. I like to press record on my phone sitting in the park or at home. I make sure I always have something to record my ideas. I write from my experiences and emotions, be it my own truth or my family's stories. It's an expression of myself.

"I'm open to lots of ways of creating songs. The ideas drop into my mind at random moments. I like to stay close to my truth."

Emily wasn't always centre stage.

"I was seven when I first sang in public and so scared and nervous. I was crying and shaking before I went on. Then when I got up and sang, in that moment, it felt so great. I still get a little nervous, but I'm getting better at leaving the nerves backstage, thanks ancestors for that little nudge.

"The feminine energy we all possess is sacred and beautiful and needs to be shared. Navigating my culture and existing in two worlds can sometimes be a challenge, but I enjoy the duality. Me being in the industry isn't about ticking a diversity box. Our voices are vital and are an important part of this country. My success shows that people want to be connected, want to understand more about who we are as the first peoples of this country.

"I am a singer and I also address issues that are going on here at home which can sometimes be overlooked.

"Folk music isn't just for white blokes with a banjo. Its roots

came from the struggle of African American people and it's relatable in a political context to me.

"How can we get through our issues if we don't recognise there are problems? Let's do it together."

Healing is something that Wurramura feels strongly about.

"I have a great responsibility as an artist. I am proud to represent. I am only one of an incredible group coming through. There is a fearless generation that is leading the way in the music industry with other strong voices like Thelma Plum, Alice Skye and Mojo Juju taking up space and owning it."

With an abundance of wonderful things happening for Emily, she is unlikely to slow down any time soon, but how does she manage to deal with the emotional currency that comes with songwriting from the heart?

"We don't address mental health. It's not sexy and I struggle with grounding myself when I'm amongst such frenetic energy at festivals or in the city. Last year was hectic and I didn't get time to reflect on my achievements, big or small.

"Life on the road can be draining, but it's important to share my message and empower our young ones."

Emily is performing:
March 13, Blue Mountains Music Fest, Katoomba, NSW.
March 26, Northcote Social Club, Vic.
March 28, By The Meadow, Vic.
May 9, Crowd Surfhouse, Sandstone Point Hotel, Qld.

World music goes on

Pictures by JACK GRIEVE



INDIGENOUS performers from around the world graced the stages of WOMADelaide early this month.

Adelaide's annual festival of world music, held as part of the Adelaide Fringe, managed to go ahead before the national ban on large gatherings due to coronavirus.

Yorta Yorta rapper Briggs had audiences up on their feet with his trademark hip hop.

Jamie Goldsmith welcomed festival goers to Kurna country, along with the dance group Taikurtinna (which means 'family' in the Kurna language).

Jamie also led three workshops as part of Uncle Stevie's Kurna Classroom in the KidZone. The classroom is named in honour of Jamie's late father, Stephen Gadlabarti Goldsmith, a Kurna, Narungga and Ngarrindjeri man from South Australia, who was an artist, educator, storyteller and advocate for reconciliation.

Master didge player William Barton also led classes, giving children at the festival a taste of what it takes to play the didgeridoo.

Barton also performed new music with violinist Veronique Serret and his mother, the singer, songwriter and poet, Delmae Barton.

Spinifex Gum proved a crowd favourite, with young Aboriginal women singing in English and Yindjibarndi and providing a snapshot of life in Western Australia's Pilbara.



Spinifex Gum are an audience favourite.



Orquesta Akokán from Cuba.



The Taikurtinna dancers perform as part of the Welcome to Country ceremony.



Papua New Guinean RNB singer Ngairre.



Briggs brings his trademark rap to WOMADelaide.



Kurna man Jamie Goldsmith welcomes the audience to country.



No more excuses

Our global leaders are listening to the experts when it comes to a medical emergency impacting mainly the sick and elderly but refuse to listen to the experts when it comes to catastrophic climate change threatening all of humanity and the natural world?

Once we get through the global COVID-19 pandemic we need to drive home the message: "Listen to the experts!"

All the excuses for inaction on global warming have been wiped away with the pandemic.

Stephen Fitzgerald
Avalon Beach, NSW

History needs to reflect truth

I live in Campbell Town in the Midlands of Tasmania. On March 3, I attended a public meeting to plan the town's bi-centenary in 2021.

The ideas were OK at the beginning of the "brainstorm", until to my dismay it was suggested that a "plaque" or "bust" of the controversial historic figure Lachlan Macquarie was tabled!

I could not hold back. I informed the audience of the Appin massacre in NSW in 1816 where Macquarie was the governor and in charge of the military. I went on to warn them if such a monument was to go ahead, the national media will come down on them like a tonne of bricks.

My point is that when communities in modern Australia bring in "controversial historic figures", when it comes to the commemoration or celebration of history and certain "milestones", whether it be local or national, it can prove to be a minefield.

This is due to new light being shed on our history and particularly certain "historic figures" dominating the history records.

Danny Saunders
Campbell Town, Tasmania
Bidjara-Iman, Queensland

Simply the Best brings out worst

The 2020 NRL's theme song *Simply the Best*, by Tina Turner, has brought out white Australia's voices of authority "better than all the rest", as *Today Show* host Karl Stefanovic and NRL's 360 panelist and columnist Paul Kent demonstrated.

The two found the campaign divisive, not unifying, and an irrelevance to the majority of supporters, with Latrell Mitchell draped with the Aboriginal flag as the young girl sang.

Paul Kent and Karl Stefanovic reminded me of Germany's 1936 Berlin Olympics, as Hitler and Joseph Goebbels watched the men's 100-metre event featuring the great Jesse Owens.

Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda minister, looking at Jesse Owens, says, "I think it is unfair to have people like Jesse Owens competing because you might as well have deer or gazelle on your team."

We hope that comments such as those from Kent and Stefanovic will not influence a repeat of what happened to Adam Goodes, when he was racially vilified, to Latrell Mitchell.

After Karl Stefanovic and Paul



Latrell Mitchell in the NRL's Still Simply the Best campaign.

Kent have hogtied Aboriginal Australia, Jacinta Price and Ken Wyatt have been sent down to pull Aboriginal Australia into line on the plantation, for disobeying with a boycott on the anthem.

Jacinta Price reminded the All

Stars that they are on a six-figure salary, and should be aware of their privilege, as they could use the platform more positively.

Ken Wyatt is concerned they are "divisive".

I would like to finish with a

tribute to Malcolm X.

"The future belongs to those who prepare for it today." – Malcolm X.

Wayne Levy
Pitjara Commerroi nation
Caloundra, Qld

Let's walk together

The Board of Wathaurung Aboriginal Corporation (trading as Wadawurrung) have significant concerns and are extremely frustrated and disappointed with the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council's process regarding their recent decision to approve the application for registration variation, in the form of a boundary variation from Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation.

Along with other traditional owner groups, Wadawurrung was invited to provide comments on the variation, ahead of the Council's February meeting. Wadawurrung did so, expressing strong objections to the application's boundaries and registration of such a variation without consultation/negotiation with its neighbouring traditional owner groups.

In making its recent decision, the Council appears to have completely ignored the concerns of Wadawurrung and other traditional owners – without consideration of Wadawurrung concerns. In previous Council decisions, Council

have asked traditional owner groups to work with each other either through their own means or through Aboriginal Victoria's Right People for Country program, this decision was made without such practice.

The Board considers such a decision unprecedented, lacking in due process to consider Wadawurrung evidence-based information and is a complete disrespect of Wadawurrung traditional owners.

With the Council yet to release its Statement of Decision regarding the application, Wadawurrung traditional owners remain distressed about the situation and concerned that our sovereign rights are being dismissed by the Council. Wadawurrung call on Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gavin Jennings for a formal inquiry into this decision.

Koling wada-ngal (let us walk together).

Patrick Fagan
Chair, Wadawurrung

Condolences in time of tragedy

Our Lockhart River community is saddened and shocked by the recent tragic plane crash on our beachfront.

It has brought back memories of another plane crash 15 years ago.

Words right now cannot describe our feelings and thoughts for the victims and their families.

The workers in this tragedy committed their profession, time and commitment to assist and support the development of our community.

They leave a gap in our community's progress which will be challenging to fill.

As I knew them, personally and professionally over time, we had built the trust we needed to succeed in our endeavours through a practical partnership between us. I have worked with many government and private sector visitors over the years and these people always displayed a genuine commitment to what we were doing with their warm



Mayor Wayne Butcher.

handshakes and smiled greetings.

The people of Lockhart River send their condolences, prayers and thoughts to their families and friends in these saddest of days. Our community mourns with you and may our respect also be with you.

Mayor Wayne Butcher
and the people of Lockhart River, Queensland

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Feminism is a problem

COMING from a matriarchal people, it follows that I would of course be a feminist and drawn to the movement and yet, I find it problematic. As a woman, I should be part of the feminist movement, logic dictates that I am and yet, so much of this movement excludes me and that, of itself, makes no sense.

How can a movement for women exclude so many women?

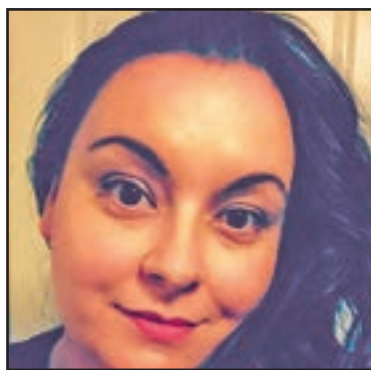
How can a movement be so singular in its pursuits?

How can a movement vilify my people and perpetuate stereotypes to make a point about men being perpetrators? How can an argument that seeks to create social change be so reductionist, so devoid of critical race theory and analysis?

The answer is as simple as it is defeating: Racism and its elemental nature in the systems of whiteness – including the mainstream feminist movement – pervades.

As a teenage girl, the patriarchy was something that I knew of and about and adamantly resisted. Yet, even then, I felt a disconnect with feminism. I called myself a feminist but I did not identify with feminists around me because of my Indigeneity.

As I looked back on my lineage, all the way back to Mary Jane Cain, one of the earliest matriarchs of our family that we



Natalie Cromb

have documented, I knew that the strong black women were not such because of their 'gender'. They did not lead as an act of resistance against men. They led because they always had and it was the way. So, as my ancestor saw her people suffering and worked out the political system enough to write to Queen Victoria asking for a parcel of land, she did not do that as a woman, she did it because it needed to be done for her people.

So, although I could pinpoint this disconnect between race and gender in a simple sense, truly grappling with this was not possible for me until I was 18.

At 18, in my first year of university down in Sydney, away from my family and country, I read a book that made it all make sense. *Talkin' up to the White*

Woman was a revelation for my 18-year-old self because those internal conflicts made sense. When Aileen Moreton-Robinson wrote, "Indigenous women are the bearers of subjugated knowledges; our different ethics, behaviour and values repudiate the moral and intellectual hegemony of white domination and oppression", I could have cried, because it laid bare all that I felt about the feminist movement.

I should be a feminist and yet, I am not. Not by the standards that the feminist movement prescribes.

It seeks to neutralise race and focus solely on the pursuit of bridging the divide between men and women by the standards set by the white capitalist patriarchy. Put simply, white women wanted the artifice of equality, they wanted to work and earn equal wages and be able to have more choice but they failed to see that this was within the social construct created by white men for the enjoyment of white men.

I am not saying that there was anything wrong with pursuing equality in any form they chose.

Their pursuits and rights are, after all, what the freedom of feminism is intended to provide. However, the absence of any deeper analysis of the construct of women of all forms, races and religions sells the movement well short of what it ought to be about.

For feminism to be valuable

and valid, it needs to be intersectional and despite all of the use of the popular terms seemingly to appear inclusive, it needs to address its own racism.

In 2018, Amy McQuire wrote about this very concept and she said, "The roots of racism within mainstream feminism are still there, under the soil. But that's not to say there haven't been changes in the mainstream feminist movement. Rather than outright denial on racism and how race impacts gender, an even more damaging phenomenon has taken hold: co-option."

McQuire has a good point: Our movements are often co-opted by the mainstream as a manner to regain control of the narrative and the feminist movement is no different which is why, she says "That means that our struggles are often drastically different from those of the white feminist movement, and so we must continue developing our own Aboriginal feminism."

While I continue to struggle with the term 'feminism' because of its ties to a movement so bereft of intersectionality, I do strongly identify with the matriarchy.

With our matrilineal responsibilities and kinship structures that are because we are Blak and don't pursue our social or political equality to, or superiority over, our male counterparts. No. We seek to lift

all of our people regardless of gender. We seek accountability of all mob to this kinship structure and know that it will support our continued survival within the construct of 'society' that seeks to assert its dominion over us.

We know, as Blak women, that the mainstream feminist movement is not for us.

While it does seek to utilise our experiences and subjugation to legitimise its movement, it is not truly ready to engage in the self-reflective work required to be a truly intersectional movement.

As Moreton-Robinson says, "the real challenge for white feminists is to theorise the relinquishment of power so that the feminist practice can contribute to changing the racial order".

Anything less is more than a continuation of the status quo. It is protection and assertion of the supremacy of whiteness.

So, as the International Women's Day champagne breakfasts and cupcakes of a few weeks ago ticked the equity box of big corporates, Blak women continued holding it down: our families, our communities and our own movement that seeks to elevate all of our people, as we always have.

We are a matriarchal people and always will be.

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

Virus is global wake-up call

THE arrival of the coronavirus was announced on social media in Australia with major supermarket chains running out of toilet paper. I have always loved *Zombie* movies, the *Resident Evil* series was probably my favourite. But never when thinking of the *Zombie Apocalypse* have I thought to myself, "Better make sure we stock up on toilet paper."

To now watch as old people and pensioners who can only afford the essential items go from one empty shelf to the other with nothing in their trolley holding back tears demonstrates what people have become. The Prime Minister declaring that it's "un-Australian" ignores the reality of the country he and others have created: a country of privileged self-entitled rapacious individuals who care not for those around them.

The global spread of the coronavirus has exposed the fragility of modern life, as we see people fight physically over toilet paper and meat in supermarkets that now have limited purchases for customers. The line of privilege between developed countries and the third world has now become blurred.

Manufacturers that depend on sourcing their commercial goods in far-off



Woolombi Waters

countries have been forced to consider their participation in the global assembly line that divides the world's richest nations from the poorest. Why? Because with trade across borders comes fear of the pandemic.

It was white privilege that ignored the coronavirus outbreak in China, the largest economy in the world, until Europe and the US were infected, and then and only then did we see markets take a major dive losing \$6 trillion in the final week of February.

This is testament to both the persistence of the disease and the

incompetence of international leaders that again, through denial and racism, ignored the problem until it arrived on their shores.

The outbreak coincides with a weakening economic globalisation witnessed from many different quarters. Environmentalists have long been sceptical of unrestrained global economic growth. The threat of climate change has placed that critique squarely into mainstream debate, which again has been all but ignored within the rooms of denial occupied by white Western leaders across the world.

The gap between the world's rich and poor continues to grow. Economic inequality has been highlighted by a number of international reports including UNICEF and even the International Monetary Fund. A slowing of global economic growth over the last decade suggests that the world may already have passed peak globalisation.

Having reached its peak, means we either have to invest in a new system or begin the spiral towards collapse, or, as we are witnessing, increase denial, and re-invent identity politics in such a way that makes non-whites the problem. This means building not only

walls but also fear in those whites who now feel impacted by a disease they cannot control.

Allies now impose tariffs on friends. Although US economic policy has had devastating effects on the Australian economy we still saw Scott Morrison, the Australian Prime Minister, in the US taking photos with Donald Trump, smiling, their arms around each other – because despite all else they look alike and share the same values as white middle-aged men in a world they feel destined to control.

The trade war Trump began with China has had perhaps the greatest impact. It has seen economies across the world suffer as China was, and is, an importer and exporter to most countries and consumes most of Australia's coal. This came with job losses, higher bills for consumers and lost markets for manufacturers and even Australian farmers suffered as the Chinese bought up large properties of Australian water in response.

The UK pulled out of the European Union, another victory for racism under the guise of economic nationalism. Neoliberal conservatism has paved the way for shouts of "America First", "Australia for Australians", and many more

catchcries that demonstrate white people's sense of entitlement.

The failure of the global community to establish new rules of the road for the economy, the environment and equality is creating a perfect storm of international dysfunction built on race politics and white privilege. Coronavirus has exposed the cracks.

History has shown us time and time again that when people travel, they bring disease. The European era of invasion and exploration also brought with it the era of global genocide. Invaders to the New World brought with intent diseases like smallpox and measles that were purposely introduced to our mob here in Australia, and also Turtle Island, South America, Polynesia, New Zealand and Africa, with devastating effects.

The colonial invaders subjected our people with war and slavery. But it was disease that was largely responsible for a catastrophic reduction in the world's populations, with as many as 100 million people – as many as 25% of the world's population – dying due to colonisation. (There is no real clear estimate as population numbers were not recorded, because we were considered less than

human.) What estimates we do have state the mortality rate for Aboriginal communities across the world as an astonishing 90% during the colonial era.

In coming into contact with blackfellas around the world, rather than share in our wisdom and knowledge, the white cultures of Europe stole our land through forceful occupation and bloodshed.

They drained entire continents dry, not understanding the sustainability and environmental issues and creating disease and poverty across the world. The only reason they are considered worldwide diseases today is because Europeans introduced them to the world.

And what we are witnessing now may just well be the retribution. If something with a relatively low mortality rate like coronavirus – between 1% and 4%, compared to 50% for Ebola, which of course never got this much attention as those affected were primarily black Africans – can create such anxiety and fear, then perhaps the patient was already suffering from such underlying conditions before the virus took hold and now these cracks have become exposed.

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

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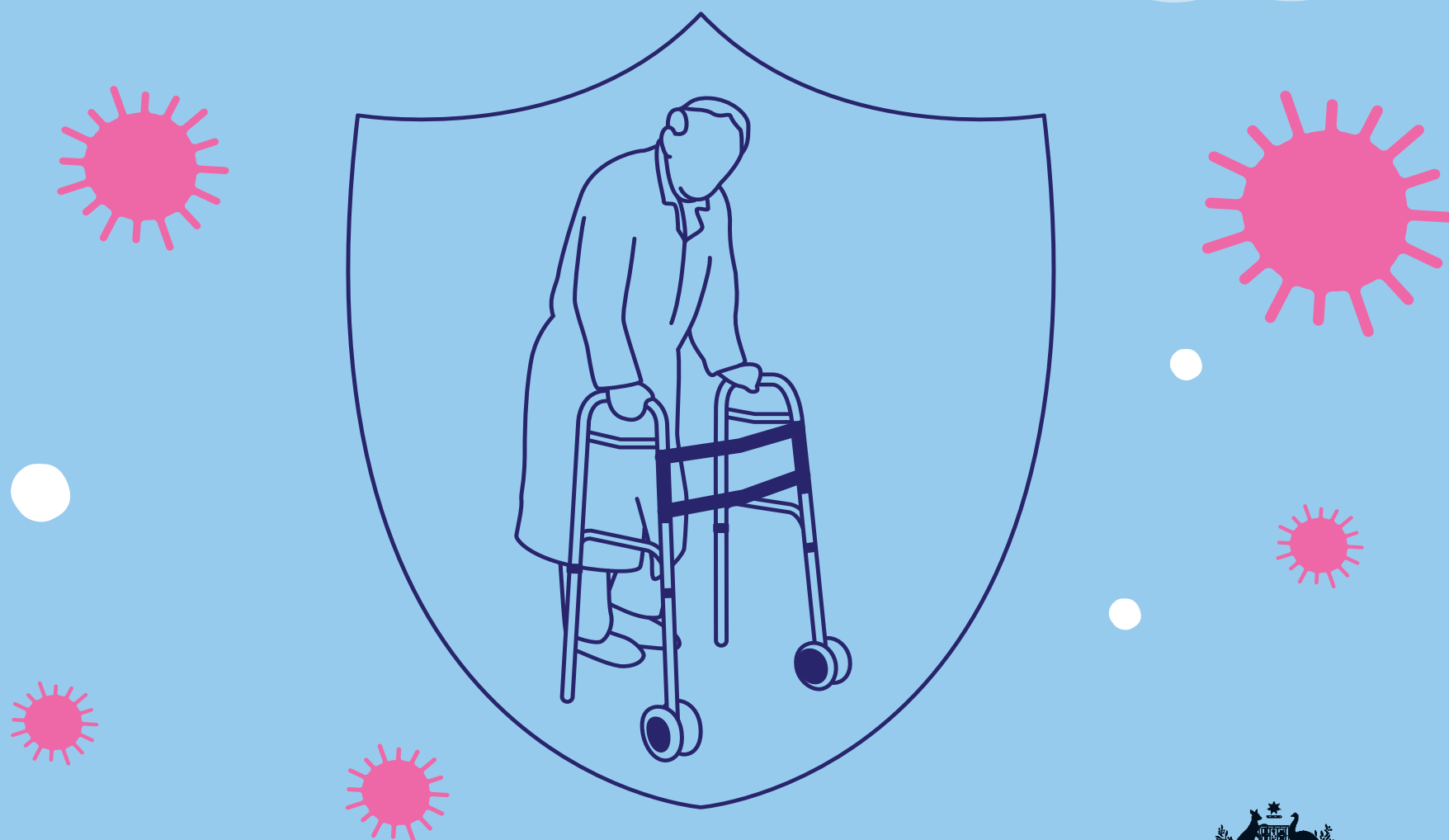
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Native Fish Recovery Strategy

The Australian Government and Murray–Darling Basin state governments are developing a Native Fish Recovery Strategy to protect and restore native fish populations in the Basin. The draft strategy is now open for public feedback. Have your say to shape the outcomes, actions and priorities for the recovery of native fish. Online submissions are open from 10 March until 6 April 2020. View the draft strategy available on the Get Involved website: <https://getinvolved.mdba.gov.au/native-fish-strategy> or call the engagement hotline on 1800 230 067 for more information.



Expression of Interest Board Position Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Focus

WentWest has been part of the Western Sydney community since 2002, delivering primary care support, education and health services, and working with key partners to progress the region's health system. As the Western Sydney Primary Health Network (WSPHN), WentWest is focused on addressing both regional and national health challenges. Together with health professionals, partners from the health and hospital sector, consumers and the broader community, WentWest seeks to identify gaps and commission solutions for better health outcomes.

WentWest invites expressions of interest for an additional Director to be appointed to the Board.

Candidates will be reviewed against the following criteria:

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- Sound judgement and commitment to integrity and high ethical standards;
- Financial literacy to the level expected of a director;
- Commitment and capacity to devote time and energy to the role of director;
- Effective communication and relationship building skills, particularly with communities of interest;
- Preparedness to ask questions, challenge and probe;
- Ability to critically analyse and distil key issues and develop innovative strategic approaches;
- Existing community networks and effective community and stakeholder engagement.

Applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are welcomed, noting this is not a designated/identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander appointment.

Prior Board experience is preferred and persons with expertise and/or interest in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community services are encouraged to apply.

Enquiries:

All applicants must obtain an expression of interest information package from Vicky Powell on (02) 8811 7162 or vicky.powell@wentwest.com.au

Application:

Please send your expression of interest to Rachel Portelli, Company Secretary, at rachel.portelli@wentwest.com.au

Closing Date: 30 April 2020



Study of Frontier Wars tells of black troopers' real lives



NEW research has thrown the spotlight on the hundreds of Aboriginal men

who became native mounted police in colonial Australia as part of an organisation later described as the most violent organisation in Australian history.

A long-running Australian Research Council (ARC) funded archaeology project has turned the lens on the recruitment to the Queensland Native Mounted Police and their part in the violent Frontier Wars – which created long-term traumatic impacts on the lives of the Indigenous people involved.

Flinders University professor Heather Burke said the native troopers carried a significant burden of responsibility for law and order for white settlers in Queensland and other settlements.

Professor Burke published a new article this month in the *Journal of Genocide Research*.

“Despite the Australian Frontier Wars taking place over a century ago, their impacts continue to reverberate today in a range of different ways, many of which are as yet only partially understood,” she said.

“We argue that the massacres, frontier violence, displacement, and the ultimate dispossession of land and destruction of traditional cultural practices resulted in both individual and collective inter-generational trauma for Aboriginal peoples.”

The professor and Queensland researchers say official records of the history of the Queensland Mounted Police detail its development, its white officers, some day-to-day



The team from Flinders University and the Native Mounted Police does research in the field.



Trooper Carbine, John Marlow, George Murray, Walter Compigne and William Nimble.

operations of the force, and how many people were killed during the Frontier Wars.

The article, ‘Betwixt and Between: Trauma, Survival and the Aboriginal Troopers of the Queensland Native Mounted Police’ looks at the ongoing psychological impacts of the historical dispossession and frontier violence.

Based on more than four years of research, the Archaeology of the Queensland Native

Mounted Police project combined historical records with oral and historical evidence from a range of sites across central and northern Queensland to understand more fully the activities, lives and legacies of the native police.

The project aims to present an alternative perspective on the nature of frontier conflict in Australia, in order to gain better understandings of the Aboriginal and colonial experience, and contribute

to global studies of Indigenous responses to colonialism.

The Queensland Native Mounted Police was organised along paramilitary lines, consisting of detachments of Aboriginal troopers led by white officers.

It covered the whole of Queensland, including 170 camps, and was explicitly constituted to protect the lives, livelihoods and property of colonialists and to prevent (and punish) any Aboriginal resistance.

This was often accomplished through violence in many forms, leading Australian historian Henry Reynolds to characterise the native mounted police as “the most violent organisation in Australian history”.

The project’s new publicly available national database covers the 50-year history of the Queensland Native Mounted Police (1849-1904) and stories of many of the 800 troopers and 400 officers. Check out the database at <https://frontierconflict.org/>

Palm mayor faces fraud allegation



PALM Island Mayor Alf Lacey has been charged with alleged fraud exceeding \$100,000 by Queensland’s peak corruption watchdog.

The Crime and Corruption Commission last week announced that it had charged a 52-year-old Palm Island councillor and a 46-year-old Townsville woman with one count each of allegedly committing a fraud exceeding \$100,000.

Cr Lacey has also been charged with allegedly failing to maintain his register of interests, which is a requirement under the

Local Government Act 2009.

He is not seeking re-election as mayor at the 28 March election, but is running as a council candidate.

A Local Government Department spokesman told the *Townsville Bulletin* that Cr Lacey had been automatically suspended from office but remained eligible for election. If he is elected, he would remain suspended, with pay, until the matter is finalised.

Cr Lacey and the 46-year-old Townsville woman are due to appear in Townsville Magistrates Court on April 7.

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council’s deputy chief executive officer and financial

services director John Mugambi Mwamba and a former accountant had previously been charged by the CCC as part of the same investigation.

On March 11, adding to the 24 alleged fraud offences he was already facing, Mwamba was charged with a further 58 fraud offences and one offence of stealing as a servant, with the alleged offences dating back to June 2014.

He is due to appear in Townsville Magistrates Court on 7 April.

The initial charges from last year, to which Mwamba has not entered pleas, allege Mwamba defrauded the council of \$11,684.

Students tour RAAF



TWENTY-five Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students had a taste of life in the military when they visited the RAAF base in Townsville recently.

Many of the students are from remote Cape York and Torres Strait communities and board at NRL Cowboys House in Townsville.

After participating in warm-up exercises and a traditional yarning circle, the students had a tour of the air traffic control centre and attended a military dog demonstration.

They also gained an insight into the 383 Squadron's capabilities in an expeditionary airfield environment, including military vehicles and equipment.

The students were: Palmer Lee Cheu, Kody Rogers, Kuim Roughsey, Lytrell Nona, Keelin Hookey, Anderson Medwin, Steven Tom, Josh Daniels, Manu Nona, Leland Michael, Julaynba Leo, Hezekiah Nona, Aaliyah Gibson, Kunjarra Yeatman-Noble, Kailan Rainbow, Justine Bowie, Kia Tayley, Larnie Mara, Rahu Mara, Tanya Toby, Jalara Creek, Tarnie-Rose Newie, Elianah Tabuai, Kichyra Tamwoy and Narzaliah Doolah.

Desmond Adidi, NRL Cowboys House house parent, said the boarding facility provides an awesome opportunity for kids to come down from remote Indigenous communities across far north Queensland to access education and experiences they just can't get back home.

"It gives them skills that they can then take back to their home communities," he said.

"One of the strategic pillars of the Cowboys NRL Club is 'When you ride with us, you're one of us'.

"From the Cowboy players to the youth we have here today, it's about making a better future for everybody. Days like this with Defence are fantastic.

"It gives the students more opportunities, more options to look at. In community there aren't a lot of choices and they begin to think that's normal, there is nothing more."

Mr Adidi said the visit provided "a big world of opportunity for young Indigenous people who just need to be shown".

"The kids just loved the day out at RAAF Base Townsville," he said.

"It was really fantastic for them. They got the chance to get out of their usual classroom in to a real world classroom. I believe many of the kids who came along are considering a career with Defence. It was great to hear first hand from serving Defence Force members about their stories and how they came to be with Defence and made a career out of it. They were fine examples and an inspiration for the young men and women who attended the day on base."

The NRL Cowboys Boys and Girls Houses in Townsville provide supported accommodation for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from some of north Queensland's most remote



Tarnie Rose at the wheel.



Kium Roughsey from Mornington Island wears military dog protective training outfit.



Reconnaissance activity.



Students meet Goose, a military dog at RAAF Base Townsville.



NRL Cowboys House students and staff with RAAF members.



Hezekiah Nona from Thursday Island and Indigenous Liaison Officer FLTLT David Williams with HX77 truck.

and educationally disadvantaged communities.

The girls campus opened in 2019 two years after the nearby boys campus was established.

Participants board at the Gulliver Campus and attend local

schools and participate in local sport.

During school holidays they return to their home communities around north Queensland and the Torres Strait Islands.

Many of the students

expressed a desire to gain employment in the Australian Defence Force when they leave school.

The Boys Campus is home to 55 young Indigenous men, while the Girls Campus houses 30

young women.

Both facilities are purpose-designed and culturally respectful environments providing life-changing opportunities for some of the most disadvantaged students in the country.

STEM role model receives recognition



CHARLES Darwin University (CDU) graduate Rikki Bruce received the \$20,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander STEM Professional Award at a recent ceremony hosted by the CSIRO in Darwin.

Ms Bruce won the early-career award for having made a significant contribution to a STEM initiative and having demonstrated suitability and capacity to act as a role model for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders students.

The award is presented to a professional with up to five years' professional experience after completing an undergraduate degree.

Ms Bruce, a Jawoyn and Waanyi woman from Katherine and north Queensland, was the sole Indigenous female Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering graduate at CDU in 2017.

The award recognises the impact she has had in the operations team of the Ichthys Onshore Liquid Natural Gas project and in the wider community.

Ms Bruce is a recognised Indigenous role model for women interested in working in STEM fields through her engagement with CareerTrackers Indigenous Internship Program, the NT Department of Health and Education's Young Mothers are Strong Mothers project and Engineering Australia's SySTEMic Collaboration.

She has earned several awards and positions through hard work, commitment and academic achievement. They include the 2019 NT Young Achiever of the Year, 2019 Indigenous Young Achiever of the Year Award, NT Aboriginal representative for Young Engineers Australia, and Aboriginal Student Ambassador.



Award winner Rikki Bruce.

Songline project to share history



ORAL history researchers are involved in a major documentary-film project

aimed at sharing Aboriginal songlines with younger generations and audiences.

And the project includes filmmaker Tony Briggs, whose many credits include *The Sapphires*.

"Songlines are the history of Australia," Mr Briggs said.

"Songlines have always been shared from generation to generation – until colonisation damaged that ongoing process, as well as the widespread understanding and respect of traditional knowledge.

"By creating a documentary film, we will use contemporary, accessible media to share songlines and give younger generations and non-Aboriginal people some access to that knowledge."

Mr Briggs, a Yorta Yorta/Wurundjeri (Woiwurrung) man internationally known as the creator and writer of award-winning film *The Sapphires*, said he was excited to be working on the project.



Songlines of Country documentary film project team: Lacey Barker, Dr Sue Anderson (University of South Australia), Dr Sadie Heckenberg (Swinburne University of Technology), Tony Briggs (Typecast Entertainment), Cherene Spendelove, Damienne Pradier (Typecast Entertainment) and Dr Lorina L Barker (University of New England). Picture: Moorina Bonini.

His film company Typecast Entertainment, which supports First Nations filmmakers, will work with community and oral historians to create the documentary.

"Through this project we will have an opportunity to mentor young and emerging

filmmakers and artists in regional and remote communities," he said.

The documentary film will be a large and essential part of a broader project.

University of New England (UNE) scholar Dr Lorina Barker, a Wangkumara/ Muruwari

woman, is the lead chief investigator of the Songlines of Country project.

Dr Barker said the film would be "one that reaches across generations and cultures".

Songlines of Country is an oral history and multimedia project tracking three significant Songlines (Baiaame, the Mundaguddah and the Seven Sisters) and their travelling routes: from the Flinders Ranges in north-east South Australia into the Corner Country, to southwest Queensland and to the Baaka (Darling River) in north-west NSW.

On-country gatherings and workshops will be held at significant sites during field trips, creating space for Elders and community to share stories of songlines, using contemporary media that enables the transfer of ancient knowledge to younger audiences.

Dr Barker, the president of International Oral History Association Dr Sue Anderson (University of South Australia) and Wiradjuri scholar Dr Sadie Heckenberg (Swinburne University of Technology) form the oral-history research team.

Yarning circle works to heal



INDIGENOUS leaders have taken part in a yarning circle at Bond University to help shape a healing strategy for Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The gathering was one of six throughout the state organised by the Healing Foundation with the aim of breaking a cycle of intergenerational trauma, including the overrepresentation of Indigenous children in the child protection system.

Deputy chair of the Healing Foundation, Leann Wilson, said ideas from the yarning circles would help develop programs to be rolled out with the support of the Queensland Government.

"The Government has recognised that they need to speak with us so that we have a say in bringing those numbers (of children in care) down," the Bidjara and Kara-Kara woman said.

"The stats say that out of 1000 children in a non-Indigenous community, five are taken away. But if you're from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community, it's 65 out of 1000. So this is a time to come together and truly collaborate on this problem."

Several of those taking part in the Gold Coast yarning circle have links to Bond University including academic Clinton Schultz, Indigenous engagement advisor Narelle Urquhart and alumni Jenaya Ward, Sinead Dumas and Jessica Fiddler.

Ideas raised included: safe spaces for cultural practice; a curriculum that accurately reflects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history; embedding Indigenous culture in young children; incorporating traditional healers and medicine in hospitals; and better support for new mothers.

Bond University vice chancellor Tim Brailsford said he was very pleased the workshop is being held on this campus because the university has a strong record of engagement with Indigenous students.

Connection to country gets academic



A WRITING workshop on researching ways to improve connection to country, Indigenous education and employment and tourism was put under the spotlight in Queensland last month.

The workshop, held for a group of Central Queensland University (CQU) post-graduate Indigenous students, included research topics such as how connection to country is an influence on career choices, and creating stronger awareness of Aboriginal culture.

The participants, including deputy director, student life and wellbeing, Dr Melinda Mann (Darumbal), Joann Schmider (Mamu), Julie Rogers (Woppaburra), Samantha Cooms (Quandamooka) and Terry Bell (Bundjalung), discussed their research topics and how to prepare and write their respective publications and theses.

The group, preparing their very first publications, heard from CQU academics including professor Jenni Judd and CQU Dean of Graduate Research professor



Post-graduate Indigenous students Julie Rogers (Woppaburra), Sam Cooms (Quandamooka), Terry Bell (Bundjalung), Dr Melinda Mann (Darumbal), Professor Jenni Judd and Joann Schmider (Mamu).

Susan Kinnear, as well as external academics including Melissa Drake, on academic communication, grammar and improving flow and techniques in their writing.

Ms Schmider, who has returned to university study after 25 years, said her tourism thesis looks at collecting, conditioning and capitalising on cultural

knowledge to promote stronger awareness of Aboriginal country and culture.

Terry Bell, who has a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of

Business Administration and a Graduate Certificate in Public Administration from a number of universities, said he found CQU to be significantly more supportive.

His research is looking into barriers and drivers for Aboriginal people in leadership positions in the corporate sector, focusing on BHP.

"I was looking for an institution to do a professional business doctorate with and I found that the university I was with wasn't very supportive, so I approached CQUniversity," Mr Bell said.

"(CQU Dean of Graduate Research) Professor Susan Kinnear went above and beyond and I'm thankful for her support.

"We Indigenous students wanted and needed to do this workshop and I wrote to Susan and she got the ball rolling.

"The workshop has been a real benefit. To be a more accomplished academic you have to know how to write properly and academic procedure, then you're more likely to succeed in your goal."

CQU's research higher division scholarships are currently open.

Cadetship aims to boost representation in NT law



A NEW cadetship to address the underrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the legal profession has been established.

The cadetship is a partnership between the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) and law firm Gilbert + Tobin, and the cadet will be placed at NAAJA.

Mililma (Mili) May is the recipient of the cadetship as part of her studies of a Bachelor of Laws at Charles Darwin University.

Mili was previously studying law in Sydney while undertaking a part-time legal cadetship in Gilbert + Tobin's pro-bono team. More recently she worked as a community legal educator at NAAJA.

As part of the cadetship, Mili will work part-time at NAAJA coordinating the delivery of community legal education at Don Dale Youth Detention Centre.

NAAJA chief executive Priscilla Atkins said it was important to encourage more Indigenous people to study law.

"We are really pleased to see this demonstrated commitment from law firm Gilbert + Tobin, investing directly in our emerging Aboriginal talent, encouraging Mili to complete her studies in law and enabling her to continue to make a meaningful difference to the lives of others and in her work," she said.



Legal cadet Mili May, right, was a co-host of the National Indigenous Legal Conference in Darwin last year, attended by more than 400 people.

"We know there are many opportunities for our Aboriginal talent and particularly our young people in the big cities down south, and so we recognise and acknowledge the importance of creating opportunities for our

mob to stay connected and contribute here at home.

"This arrangement with NAAJA as an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation demonstrates that change is

possible when we develop genuine partnerships across the legal system, and in this case we thank Gilbert + Tobin for this opportunity.

"Much more could be done in this area and we will continue to work across the profession and with government and education to create supports and opportunities for law students based in the Northern Territory."

Gilbert + Tobin's head of corporate and social responsibility, Eloise Schnierer said that since the launch of its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in 2008, the law firm has committed to providing work experience to university students and ensuring that talented young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students can pursue a legal career and contribute to their communities.

"A key priority of our RAP is to address the underrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the legal profession," she said.

"We dedicate significant resources to our Indigenous legal cadetship program, not only to offer law students the opportunity to work part-time during their studies, but to also ensure that we support their ongoing careers.

"Mili will be an asset to NAAJA both now and in the future. I'm personally looking forward to seeing her finish her law degree and join the growing number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lawyers in the Northern Territory."

Invitation to aspiring filmmakers



Clarence Ryan in *Between Two Lines*.



EMERGING Indigenous filmmakers and storytellers or those interested in a career in film are being urged to participate in a short-movie initiative.

No experience in screenwriting or production is required, but a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in this field is essential.

Authors of stories that include the use of First Nations languages are encouraged to apply.

The initiative, called *No Ordinary Black*, is a partnership between Screen NSW, Film Victoria, Screen Territory, South Australian Film Corporation and Screenwest.

No Ordinary Black is designed to bring to the screen thought-provoking First Nation stories, authored and crafted by First Nations people.

Head of the Indigenous unit at Screen Australia Penny Smallacombe said the initiative is for narrative content creation of any genre – but documentary is not eligible. (See the Indigenous Department funding portal for documentary development and production opportunities.)

"This is a fantastic opportunity for emerging filmmakers and I look forward to uncovering the next crop of Indigenous talent nationally," she said.

"We are looking for bold projects, based on strong authentic

characters and ideas that exhibit a high level of creative ambition."

NITV senior commissioning editor Kyas Hepworth said NITV was looking forward to partnering with Screen Australia's Indigenous Department in their short film initiative.

"This is a brilliant opportunity for emerging Indigenous filmmakers, and we encourage anyone with a great idea to come forward," Ms Hepworth said.

"Scripted screen stories have a huge amount of power in getting First Nations perspectives from our community out into wider Australia, and one that we always keep a keen eye out for in the NITV commissions department."

The initiative will involve two phases: eight to 10 creative teams will initially be selected to participate in the development phase, which in addition to development funds of up to \$5000 includes attending a creative workshop in June 2020.

From then, six creative teams will be selected to receive production funding to make their short, with up to \$120,000 available per project.

Stories must be conceived by an Indigenous creative, with Indigenous Australians in key creative roles of writer, director, and producer.

Stories should incorporate a maximum of two characters and no more than two locations.

Applications close Monday, April 20.

Our stories told in our languages



AFTER years of fighting for two mountains in central Queensland to have their traditional names returned, the Darumbal people finally won.

And they share their story as part of a new weekly TV series of 50 films in which language custodians share a place story in collaboration with their ABC regional-station staff.

Last Saturday, Indigenous Community Television (ICTV) began broadcasting the *This Place* film series as part of their 7pm Saturday night special feature.

This Place is a partnership between First Languages Australia and the ABC with support from the Community Broadcasting Foundation, which enabled the transfer of the films to ICTV for broadcast to remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities around Australia, and beyond.

ICTV is a not-for-profit, Indigenous run, community television station based in Alice Springs, established to help share stories from remote communities and promote



Aunty Sally Vea Vea and Nhayla Nicky Hatfield are part of the Darumbal Community who fought for years for two mountains in central Queensland to be given back their traditional names.

Indigenous cultures.

ICTV manager Rita Cattoni said their content is accessible via two platforms – the VAST satellite network and their on-demand internet-based service, ICTV PLAY.

"Our content is created by and for remote communities to celebrate the positive elements of remote community life," she said.

"We're proud to share *This Place* with our viewers in remote Indigenous communities across

Australia, and we're sure they'll love seeing the incredible series on their screens."

First Languages Australia manager Faith Baisden said these stories deserved to be seen by the broadest possible audience.

"Our partnership with the ABC has seen this spectacular collection of films produced in collaboration with language custodians," she said.

The Community Broadcasting Foundation's Jon King said each

year they provide small grants to community media organisations to help communicate, connect and share knowledge through radio, television and digital media.

"Every Australian has a unique story to tell – the Community Broadcasting Foundation helps people share these stories," he said. "We are delighted with the content that is being shared through this collaboration and are looking forward to seeing the films on ICTV as they are broadcast."

The ABC's director of Regional & Local, Judith Whelan, said the series of films produced through the *This Place* partnership worked to the strengths of the ABC's regional bureaus and their deep connections with their local communities.

"These films are an important part of the ABC's Walking Together initiative, which is currently running across all our platforms," she said. "This initiative celebrates Indigenous culture and invites all Australians to walk together on the journey to reconciliation."

The content is available for broadcast on other community TV stations on request.

History and heritage go digital



'GATHER', a new digital space for Aboriginal communities to connect with their family history and cultural heritage, has opened at the State Library of NSW.

State librarian John Vallance said he was thrilled the library was the first Australian institution to join the project, aimed at supporting Aboriginal communities explore and share their cultural heritage.

Damien Webb, State Library manager of Indigenous engagement, said the library holds some of the most significant surviving material relating to Aboriginal history, language, art and culture. These include language lists and vocabularies, historic photographs, missionaries' and explorers' diaries, as well as contemporary Aboriginal works and stories.

"This historical information is incredibly important to Aboriginal people because it may be the only known surviving records of their community and family from the time," Mr Webb said. "*Gather* is place where, for the first time, communities are empowered to add their stories and perspective to the record."

Gather's striking visual identity and artwork has been designed in collaboration with Gamilaraay and Mandandanji artist and animator, Jake Duczynski.

"A site like *Gather* is incredibly important," Jake said.

Pirritu reflects on family and the journey of song

By KIRK PAGE



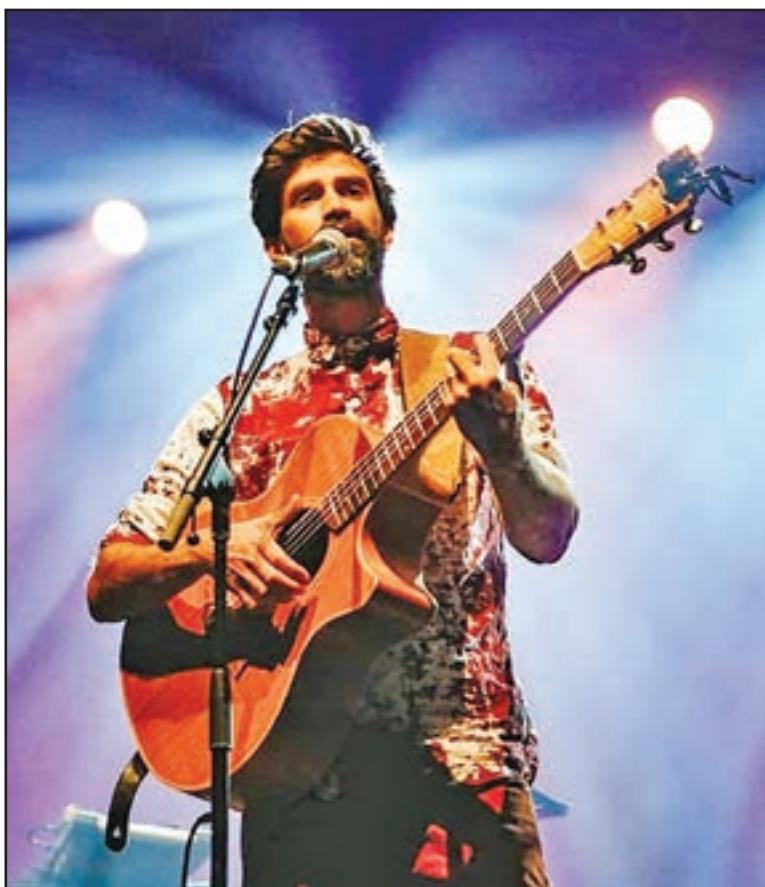
KULIN Nation Ngiyampaa man Pirritu (Brett Lee) is a songwriter and musician relishing in fatherhood. He is sharing his love of music and language while reconnecting to culture through a program that is translating the translators' work from decades ago.

Pirritu has been in the process of relearning his mother's tongue with the help of local Ngiyaampa Aunty Lesley Woods. The Ngiyampaa language is getting a work over; rewriting old translations gathered originally by Tamsin Donaldson.

"One of the first activities during this work was to translate our names from English and that's how Pirritu came about: It's Brett translated into Ngiyaampa," he said.

While learning language Pirritu is also creating original songs that reflect his journey and the people who have come along with him. His music is gentle, intricate and highly melodic with beautifully framed chords overlaid with stories of sadness and hope.

Pirritu's musical taste comes from listening to folk and acoustic surf music with hints of country. His music often celebrates the love he has for his family and the people close to him.



Kulin Nation Ngiyampaa man Pirritu, aka Brett Lee.

"When I first started out I would write about family. Singing about my journey, where I have come from and my life experiences. It's all about that," Lee said.

Pirritu participated in Victorian

Music Development Office's Blak Sound program, the VMDO First Peoples program led by First Peoples Music Business Manager Neil Morris.

The program helps emerging

artists get deeper into the industry.

"I wouldn't be doing the things I am doing now with my music if it wasn't for the program," Lee said.

Pirritu's first song recording is titled *Waternest*, which was written for his nan and pop.

"My grandad is one of the kindest people I've ever met and I wanted to honour that. His kindness has been passed to my mum as well," Lee said.

The song comes from a story his nan tells of his grandparents travelling through the hills of Gloucester, Victoria, and while on their journey they discover a dam at the bottom of a hill. "It was the afternoon and the sun was shining really brightly on the surface of the water into pop's eyes and he was trying to describe what he could see to my nan. Pop was in the middle of dementia forgetting his words and he said, 'Look down there I can see one of those waternests.'"

"He has a special way of interpreting things, a very creative way. He continues to share his thoughts and kindness."

In the song *Waternest* the lyrics mention being dipped in the waters of kindness – that's how Pirritu describes his grandad.

"The lyrics in the song describe him and my mum – he says they were dipped in the waters of kindness before they were born and ever since they've been here they've been sharing their

kindness with the world."

Pirritu told the *Koori Mail* that some of his truest learnings came when he met his biological mum at 14.

"This is where my journey began, with me connecting to who I am and where I'm from."

"My pursuit to learn my language and honour those who have come before me is my inspiration. I want to share this with my daughter and continue learning and growing with her," Pirritu said.

"Working as a musician is hard if you don't have the connections. I do love playing and connecting with other musicians. But there is a back up plan, I'll always play music and write. I have a bachelor of education and have worked as a mentor and teacher running art programs like Koori Tiddas – a youth girls choir that's been running since 2010."

Family, music and culture are what drives Lee.

"Playing music and being a full-time dad last year was amazing. The initial bond is so strong with her mum, so spending time with (his daughter) one on one has been really special."

"*Waternest* will be released on Spotify very soon. I have an album worth of material that I am working on. In the next few months I hope to release the single then next year, all things going well, I will release my album."

Identity finds voice in Arden's new release



INDIGENOUS musician Dave Arden's just-released third album gives a personal insight of his experience as an Aboriginal man, searching for his identity and having a voice.

Arden says the album *Red Desert Man* "is about where you come from and who you are".

"Once you find out who you are through that family tree, you can start connecting the dots to understanding how much family you've got," he said.

"It's a special album to me because it explores my roots and has helped me to rediscover my identity."

Arden, along with his brother Wally and niece Anita, wrote *So Young* for the album, which also made the grade on Uncle Archie Roach's album *Jammu Dreaming*.

Roach praised Arden's use of dynamics as "simply brilliant", saying he believed Arden was "one of the finest vocalists and songwriters in this country and one of the finest guitarists you will ever hear."

For Arden, it's all about family, community, culture, custom, lingo and tribal life.

His forefathers hailed from Kokatha country on the west coast of the Ceduna desert country.

Arden has been a staple in the Australian music industry for the past 36 years, performing with legendary musicians like Roach, Paul Kelly, Shane Howard and Kutcha Edwards.

Red Desert Man is available on all digital platforms.



Dave Arden has released his third album.

This girl can move you



GROWING up as someone who preferred all kinds of other extra-curricular activities over sport, Badimaya Yamatji woman Kirsten Hausia found her running rhythm in her thirties.

"I was the girl who joined clubs and committees, but I never did sport. That wasn't my thing at all. I hated PE," Kirsten said.

"I think I just felt that you had to look a certain way."

Now as an adult, she understands the benefits of being active.

"I want to live a very long healthy life, so if I happen to look like Beyoncé that would be amazing, but at the end of the day I would love to live until 98," she said.

"I'm past that shallowness of why I want to get fit. Endurance is what I'm actually looking for."

Kirsten runs with a group of Indigenous women who keep each other motivated to go out running "when the sun is slowly coming up".

"It's good motivation for one another because we're all at different running levels," she said.

"Another cool thing about it is that we're all Indigenous – we're all Aboriginal – so we're showing one another how to break stereotypes, but also our families, because sometimes we have our mums come out with us, and one of the ladies has a daughter, so she brings her daughter," she said.

And if she's not having a great run, the



Kirsten Hausia, an ambassador for This Girl Can Week.

group keeps her going.

"We know what each other's goals are, so we kind of pump each other up. We give each other a thumbs up and words of encouragement, it's like, 'OK, let me get up. They see me,' and you start running again," she said.

"When we're running no one is looking at

their phone, so everyone is actively listening.

This has made all the difference as Kirsten has now been an active runner for almost two years.

But she believes Indigenous women face unique barriers to get active.

"I think now a lot of my peers and my family are active, but health wasn't often the

top priority because we had to worry about other things. We didn't have the luxury to be concerned about that," she said.

"But it's becoming a big movement in our community now, people are getting healthy sooner. I think we're more aware."

And how does she feel about running now compared with when she was growing up?

"I mean, for one I feel tired," she laughed, "but I feel strong and powerful."

And Kirsten is now an ambassador for This Girl Can, a campaign in Victoria that urges women of all shapes and sizes to get active.

This Girl Can empowers women to feel comfortable in their bodies and in public spaces.

"We want women to feel confident getting active whenever, wherever and however they choose, without worrying about being judged," a spokesperson for the campaign said.

"This Girl Can isn't about weight loss. It's about moving our bodies because it feels good and because we can."

During this week (March 23-29), women wanting to get involved can visit thisgirlcan.com.au to find activities and events in their local area.

It's the third year of the campaign, which has encouraged more than 400,000 Victorian women to get out and get active.

New VicHealth research shows women want to see social media posts that promote women of all shapes and sizes getting active in a realistic way – sweat, red faces, jiggles and all.

Midwifery program provides mums and bubs with the dedicated care they need



A MATERNITY program providing continuity of midwifery care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in Victoria has celebrated its 100th baby.

Harete Te Are gave birth to baby Harley at the Joan Kirner Women's and Children's Centre at Sunshine Hospital, through the culturally safe and collaborative model of midwifery care at Western Health, known as the Galinjera maternity program.

Throughout her pregnancy, birth and early prenatal period, Ms Te Are received care from a small team of dedicated midwives and doctors committed to providing respectful care.

Regular visits with a known and trusted midwife are an important feature of the program to ensure mothers and their babies feel safe, supported and well cared for.

While midwifery continuity-of-care models are typically available only to low-risk pregnancies, Western Health operates an all-risk midwifery group practice which means mothers and babies with complex health or pregnancy needs can still choose to have care within the program.

Their primary midwife can provide pregnancy care together with any other health

Harete Te Are and her son Harley.



professionals required and they will usually attend these appointments with the mother for support.

The Galinjera team includes four midwifery group practice midwives, two

obstetricians and a dedicated social worker.

The team operates in partnership with the Aboriginal health unit and the maternity service midwife to ensure the cultural safety

and integrity of the Galinjera program is maintained.

Implemented in October 2017, Galinjera is part of a multi-site research program led by La Trobe University and funded by the National Health

and Medical Research Council.

Galinjera is a word from the Wemba Wemba language group that means 'to come together and connect with love'.

The future of medicine looks bright



TWELVE Indigenous students – the largest ever cohort to study medicine in any year – have begun their

postgraduate studies at the University of Western Australia.

The students come from all over Australia including Perth, Broome, Derby, One Arm Point, Tennant Creek, Warralong in the Pilbara, Exmouth, Halls Creek and Albany.

One of the students, Yarlalu Thomas from Derby, was recently named the 2020 WA Young Person of the Year for paving the path to better health for those living in regional and remote areas of the state.

The majority of the students completed undergraduate degrees in Biomedical Science or Science at UWA and many carried out research during their gap years.

This year's cohort will graduate together in 2023 and are looking forward to working as interns, when they hope to make a huge difference in their communities.

Brianna Ozies, also from Derby, said it was an honour to be part of a record-breaking number of Indigenous students starting medicine.

"I've always wanted to be a doctor," Ms Ozies said. "We are only a month into our studies, and you can already feel the strong friendships and support amongst us."

"Hopefully, we'll graduate together at the end of the four years and make history."

Aaron Sutton, from Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory, said more Indigenous people needed to pursue higher



Front, from left: Georgia-Rose Gosling, Shondell Hayden, Shailyn Isaac, Lucy Varakojis, Brianna Ozies and Sachi Nevill. Back, from left: Guy Leggett, Ben Ninnette, Caleb Rivers, Aaron Sutton, Yarlalu Thomas and Thad Zeitlin.

education in fields such as medicine to lead by example.

"Medicine is one of the vital areas in our society where there is a need for more Indigenous

representation," he said.

"I am really passionate about helping people, which is why I am studying medicine. I would like to specialise in orthopaedics or

neurosurgery and one day own and operate my own practice."

A total of 52 Indigenous medical graduates from UWA are now working all over Australia,

many as general practitioners, with others specialising in obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatrics, psychiatry and cardiology.

Cultural safety first



AN ambitious plan from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health experts committed to embedding cultural safety into the health system has been released.

Forty-three organisations, academics and individuals have endorsed the strategy – including the entities who set the education standards for the 183,000 people studying to become registered health practitioners and the regulators of Australia's 750,000 registered practitioners.

It focuses on achieving patient safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the norm and recognises the inextricably linked elements of clinical and cultural safety.

The strategy was led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and individuals via the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group that represents all signatories.

Professor Gregory Phillips, inaugural co-chair of the strategy group, said the work had been a long time in the making and marked an important milestone for addressing health equity.

"The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group has already instigated and progressed significant reform to help achieve health equity and address racism in the health system,"



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Association chief executive officer Karl Briscoe with strategy group co-chair Julie Brayshaw, Professor Gregory Phillips, AHPRA chair Gill Callister and chief executive Martin Fletcher.

Professor Phillips said.

"We have much work to do, but together we can have a broad-reaching effect that will help embed cultural safety into the health system across Australia."

"This is a significant step in the right direction to address Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's health, and the national priority of a health

system free of racism."

Incoming Strategy Group co-chair and National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Association chief executive officer Karl Briscoe, said the strategy was extremely important.

"When we talk about patient safety it's important to understand that for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, this is

inextricably linked with cultural safety," he said.

"This means that cultural safety is not an 'add on' or 'nice to'. It's something all registered health practitioners and health regulators need to understand and apply."

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) chair Gill Callister said self-determination underpinned this work.

"The strategy group was guided by a caucus of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members to lead this work and reach a clear definition of cultural safety," she said.

"As we saw in the recent 10-year Closing the Gap report, our health system must embrace this strategy to fundamentally improve the health of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

Julie Brayshaw, Strategy Group co-chair and chair of the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia, said the strategy was an important move.

"Cultural safety needs to become the norm in order for patient outcomes to become equal between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians," she said.

"Without cultural safety, there is no patient safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients."

Palm Island artworks go to the wall

By ALF WILSON



PAINTINGS by local artists on the facade of the new Retail Precinct Centre on Palm Island capture the natural beauty of the Aboriginal Shire.

Agnes Wotton Jnr, Jessica Fraser and Patricia Kidner already have their art on the building across from the Palm Island CBD, which was officially opened on February 17.

Anemone by Agnes Wotton Jnr features the ocean surrounding Palm Island, which is a part of the Great Barrier Reef. The concept of Palm Island as saltwater country is strongly apparent with distinct differences from freshwater country.

On the reef, sea life plays a significant part in local culture and stories.

Milky Way by Jessica Fraser tells the story of Palm Island, the traditional country of the Manbarra people, who believe there was a supernatural being called Goin who lived in the Milky Way, or Kuling, and roamed the earth by night.

Turtle Dreaming by Patricia Kidner features the story of the Yangugan, the Manbarra word for turtle, which resonates across the Palm Island community.

The longneck turtle and the endangered green sea turtle are both represented in many stylised motifs on the island.

The supply of green turtles was once considered to be almost inexhaustible, but no longer.

From 1940-1962 an Indigenous commercial turtle fishery operated on the island.

Other works by artists Jesse James, Joshua Friday and Ian Palmer have also been selected and will be added over time.

The Bwgcolman Retail Centre was built by A Gabrielli Constructions. Strategic planning and operations manager for the company, Maddy Gabrielli, praised the art.

"Based on original artworks by three local artists, the facade captures the natural beauty of the island community, representing the ocean and the night sky. We were particularly excited to have the opportunity to work with local Balarinji Palm Island Arts group, which was a wonderful opportunity to bring together



Artworks *Anemone*, by Agnes Wotton Jnr, and *Milky Way*, by Jessica Fraser, already adorn the new building.



Patricia Kidner's *Turtle Dreaming* is one of the original artworks used to create the facade.



Joshua Friday has been selected to create a work for the building facade.

and promote a group of local artists from Palm Island, and ensure the building is reflective of the diverse values and beliefs of the Bwgcolman community. After the Balarinji workshop, artwork from three local Palm Island artists was chosen to create the layers forming the exterior art facade of the Centre," she said.

Federal Member for Herbert, Phillip



The new retail precinct centre on Palm Island will provide opportunities for small businesses on the island.

Thompson, travelled to the island for the opening. He said the project, which provided 570m of retail space and 570m of commercial space, would bring major economic opportunities for Palm people and businesses.

"Until now there has been limited access to basic supplies without having to travel to the mainland," he said.

"Not only will this facility make

everyday life more convenient for locals, it will also have massive flow-on economic benefits for the wider community.

"It's already created 12 jobs during construction, and another 40 are expected to come online.

"Having a modern and diverse offering for visitors will also be a catalyst for growth in attracting tourists to the island."

Grants to grow native food and botanicals industries



A NATIVE food and botanicals industry is to be developed in Victoria to support local jobs.

The Djakitjuk

Djanga program, which will offer Aboriginal Victorian-owned businesses and organisations grants of up to \$200,000 to help establish or expand commercial native-plant production, was launched this month.

The Andrews Labor Government will partner with the Federation of Victoria Traditional Owner Corporations (FVTOC) to support the industry.

Djakitjuk Djanga is a Dja Dja Wurrung term that means 'country's food'.

The program will help Victoria capitalise on growing interest in the use of Australian native plants like wattles, native greens, fruits and herbs in cooking, as well as the use of botanicals for cosmetics and personal care products.

However, with only a small number of Australia's edible and botanical plants in commercial production, the industry remains in its early stages.

Funding under the Djakitjuk Djanga program can be used to hire staff, build technical expertise, or invest in stock,

seeds and equipment.

Victorian Agriculture Minister Jaclyn Symes said the program will also promote the industry, support future research and help people involved in native food production share their ideas with people interested in getting involved.

"First Peoples' agriculture and native food practices have survived for thousands of years. By backing this industry, we're supporting self-determination and learning valuable agricultural information," she said.

"We're proud to support our diverse agriculture sectors to grow and thrive. The Djakitjuk Djanga program will capitalise on the

strong interest in native foods and explore exciting and unique Australian flavours and products."

FVTOC chair Jason Mifsud said the federation was delighted to partner with the Victorian Government on such an innovative program.

"This represents a significant step towards creating an industry that is shaped by and reflects the aspirations of Victoria's First Peoples, whose generations-long knowledge and practices are fundamental to the industry," he said.

The program guidelines are now available and applications open at agriculture.vic.gov.au.



Jason Mifsud

Employment

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Hayden can wait



HAYDEN
Williams-Sansbury doesn't take working in his dream job for granted.

"I really wanted to get into the hospitality industry as I enjoy meeting new people," Hayden, 22, said.

"I finally work somewhere where I feel like I belong. I want to get up and go to work every day. It's a really good feeling."

Hayden now meets people from all over the world as a food and beverage attendant in the Accor-run Qantas Lounge at Adelaide Airport.

He is one of the thousands of young job seekers Workskil Australia supports across the country each year to find meaningful employment.

Through Workskil Australia's Transition to Work program, Hayden received support and guidance to apply for employment in the hospitality industry.

They helped Hayden with his Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) training, conducting mock job interviews and tailoring his resume to have a hospitality focus.

Workskil Australia referred Hayden to Accor Hotels' Indigenous Program. The pre-employment program provides training, mentoring and on-the-job experience to Indigenous job seekers who are keen to work in the hospitality industry but may have a slight employment gap or require further training.

Hayden successfully completed the Accor program and work placement and is now forging a career in the hospitality industry.

"My colleagues are just amazing and I learn so much from them. It's a massive motivation," he said.

"If it wasn't for Workskil and Accor, I wouldn't be working in a job that I love every day."

Workskil Australia has a dedicated national division for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recruitment with a



Hayden Williams-Sansbury loves his new job in the Qantas Lounge at Adelaide Airport.

team of consultants and Indigenous mentors located across Australia.

The agency's national account manager, Anita Koch, said Hayden was one of the 1700 Indigenous people Workskil assisted into employment in 2019.

"Together with Accor, we are passionate about supporting Indigenous Australians achieve employment parity," she said.

"Hayden has come so far in the last six months with the support of Workskil's Youth and Indigenous programs and

Accor's tailored recruitment program.

"We're so pleased to see him thriving in a job that he loves."

Workskil Australia is one of the largest employment services providers in the country.

Centre build to boost community



THE new \$5.06 million Thursday Island Community Centre is set to boost the local economy, according to Queensland

Communities Minister

Coralee O'Rourke.

Ms O'Rourke said that Thursday Island based building company Robert Clark Builders had been chosen to build the centre.

"Importantly, this project is also expected to create around 15 full-time equivalent jobs for local people here in the Torres Strait during construction," she said.

Ministerial Champion for the Torres Strait Shannon Fentiman said that this was a win for the local community.

"The Community Centre is a much anticipated project on Thursday Island and it's very exciting to see that a local building company has won the tender to build it.

This means, from day one, this is truly a community effort and that the benefits of the project stay locally."

The Palaszczuk Government will provide \$5.06 million towards the construction of the Thursday Island Community Centre, which is expected to be completed by November 2020.

Member for Cook Cynthia Lui said the purpose-built facility will be a hub for essential community supports and services.

"It will deliver important community services that will engage young people, support parents, families and Elders, and provide better integration of services for the community," Ms Lui said. "These services are vital for Thursday Island, which is the administrative centre for all islands between Cape York and the Papua New Guinea Mainland."

Community centres throughout Queensland offer a range of programs and activities that meet the individual needs of their local communities.

This can include playgroups, youth programs, financial and counselling services, seniors activities and interest groups.

The centres are also often used to accommodate other vital services, such as medical clinics.

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Many Rivers Regional Housing Management Services
Aboriginal Corporation

Manager Service Development Port Macquarie location

Many Rivers Regional Housing (Many Rivers) is seeking an outstanding manager to take the next step into senior management. This is a true career opportunity and a chance to grow and learn in the social housing sector.

A passion to help Aboriginal communities and management skills are a must. Experience in the community housing sector is not essential; training and mentoring will be offered to the right candidate.

This is an Aboriginal identified role and the successful candidate will be asked to provide confirmation of his or her Aboriginality.

Who are we?

Many Rivers is a leading not-for-profit provider of Aboriginal community housing services providing property management services for around 500 properties and support for the needs of tenants. We work to the highest ethical standards to consistently produce high quality, best practice outcomes for tenants, their families, and our stakeholders. Our people are the key to the success of our exceptional, client-focused services.

The role

In this senior management role, you will provide cultural leadership across the organisation and in communities. Your responsibilities will span implementation of new initiatives from our business plan, asset management, community development, community engagement and tenancy support. You will identify strategic opportunities and manage the development, implementation and evaluation of programs in all areas of responsibility.

Reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer, this is a varied role with plenty of scope to effect real change in the community, bringing positive outcomes for tenants, our partners and Many Rivers.

To thrive in this role, you will be culturally sensitive with compassion, empathy and a genuine interest in people. Resilience and the ability to work under pressure are also essential, as is a high degree of professionalism, integrity and ethical behaviour.

If you have:

- Aboriginality
- Outstanding leadership skills including the ability to support cultural integrity and cultural safety within the organisation and community
- Relevant qualifications
- Financial management capability including the ability to manage a budget
- An interest and willingness to learn about Aboriginal community housing
- Superior interpersonal and communication skills.
- A NSW class C drivers' licence

We would love to hear from you.

We offer an excellent range of benefits including:

- An opportunity to support organisational growth and development while delivering community outcomes.
- Full non-profit status with salary sacrifice available to reduce tax and increase your take home pay
- A beautiful regional location on the flourishing Mid North Coast. The role is based in Port Macquarie.

To find out more please contact Kelli Dragos from Abundance Human Resources on 0419 419 554. All applications will be received via seek.com.au.

The closing date for this role is 9.00am on Monday, 6 April 2020.



Teacher of Education Support

TAFE NSW is looking for individuals with current industry experience and knowledge in Education in a School Environment to join our team of teachers on a part time casual basis at **Ourimbah**.

If you are interested in sharing your talents by teaching the next generation, then this is for you!

This position is targeted for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under Government Sector Employment Rule 26. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

This advertised position is to create a suitability list for future employment, non-Aboriginal people are also encouraged to apply.

You will love this role if you:

- Like to **share your passion** in **Education Support**
- Want to work as a part of a collaborative and **dynamic teaching team** and are committed to building the skills of students and our future workforce
- Have a **demonstrated commitment** to or previous experience in delivering training in an adult learning environment.

NOTE: This is a child-related position. A Working With Children Check is a prerequisite for anyone in child-related work. It involves a national criminal history check and review of findings of workplace misconduct. More information can be found at Working With Children Check.

**Closing Date: Sunday
5 April 2020 at 11:59pm**

Job Specific Enquiries: Please contact
Linda Dewbery, Recruitment Officer
(02) 6581 6395.

**For more information go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au
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The Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service (PAMS) is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service located in the East Pilbara region of Western Australia and provides comprehensive and culturally appropriate primary health care services to the Martu people of Newman and the four remote Aboriginal communities of Jigalong, Parnngurr, Punmu and Kunawarritji.

Our passionate and multidisciplinary team of qualified and experienced health professionals including GP's, Remote Area Nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers provide holistic and high quality health care to clients throughout the region.

Due to expand its services in July 2020, PAMS will be opening a new clinic in Newman referred to as 'The Newman Hub'. Linking residents with a range of healthcare providers, the Newman Hub will be the centre for primary health care services for Aboriginal people living in Newman and the surrounding areas. This is an exciting time to join a growing organisation and contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of the local Aboriginal community.

We are now recruiting for a number of positions including:

- **Clinical Manager – Newman Hub**
- **General Practitioners**
- **Registered Nurses**
- **Aboriginal Health Workers**
- **Aboriginal Health Practitioners**
- **Administrative and Ancillary Staff**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information on these positions and upcoming vacancies, please visit the website at <http://www.puntukurnu.com.au/> or contact the Human Resources team on (08) 9227 1631 or via email at application@ahcwa.org.



Leader, Secondary Education Initiatives, Chief Education Officer (ETS)

- Department of Education
- Permanent full-time appointment
- Position number and location: 207490, Parramatta

Total remuneration package valued to: \$201,324 p.a. (salary \$161,669 to \$181,618 p.a. including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading).

Provide strategic leadership for curriculum delivery and professional learning in secondary education to enhance secondary schools and their communities to improve the educational outcomes for all Aboriginal students as measured through increasing HSC attainment by 50% by 2023 whilst maintaining cultural identity.

Please address the selection criteria in relation to the Statement of Duties for the position in your application. Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

This is a child-related role. If you are the successful applicant you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent, identify as being Aboriginal and be accepted in the community as such. Applicants who have not previously identified for the purposes of employment with the Department are required to provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality from a recognised incorporated Aboriginal Community organisation endorsed with common seal and a certified statutory declaration as defined in the NSW Department of Education Confirmation of Aboriginality Guidelines.

Applications Close: 8 April 2020

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Ben Ballard on 0476 839 596 or (02) 6200 5000.

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 207490.

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CASEWORKER Lismore Office (service delivery area Tweed Heads to Grafton)

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 wellbeing. 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 Caseworker team.

Reporting to Manager Casework, your focus will be providing support and supervision to children in Ngunya Jarjum's permanency support program (PSP) and to achieve quality outcomes for the children placed with the service. The key objectives of the role include to:

- ensure case practice is delivered to a high professional standard and in a manner that promotes the safety, welfare and wellbeing, family and community connections of children placed in Ngunya Jarjum's care;
- ensure services are delivered in line with established Ngunya Jarjum policies and procedures, Office of Children's Guardian (OCG) standards and in compliance with relevant legislation;
- work in a manner that ensures sound community networks and fosters and maintains positive interagency relationships.

You will need a Certificate IV Community Services or be willing to obtain this within 12 months of commencement.

If you also have:

- Aboriginality
- Experience working in a permanency support program environment and strong casework skills
- Demonstrated ability to engage & work effectively with Aboriginal people and communities.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Effective time management and personal organisational skills
- Ability to work independently and as a team member
- High level of computer literacy with sound working knowledge of Microsoft Office software
- Current NSW driver's licence

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 Kelli Dragos from Abundance Human Resources on 0419 419 554. All applications will be received via seek.com.au or email recruitment@ngunyarjarjum.com.

**The closing date for this role is 5pm on Wednesday,
8 April 2020.**

This position is identified for Aboriginal people and exemption is claimed under 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.



Non-Executive Board Member (Voluntary)

Greenpeace Australia Pacific (GPAP) are searching for 3 volunteer board members to join our high performing board and contribute to the strategic direction of GPAP over the next 3 years. We seek candidates who can commit approx. 15-20 hrs p/month and have 1 of the following 3 areas of skills/experience:

- (1) Demonstrated financial experience;
- (2) Demonstrated philanthropic fundraising experience; and/or
- (3) Demonstrated digital technology experience.

As an equal opportunity employer, we strongly encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. To apply go to <https://bit.ly/2Wmz02E>.

Applications close 7pm, Friday 3rd of April 2020.

For further information and a link to apply see our ad on the Koori Mail website under **JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS**



Health
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Aboriginal Health Worker

Location: Cessnock Correctional Complex
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Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time
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Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ155601.

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Manager Aboriginal Workforce

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Hours Per Week: 38
Reference Number: REQ153946
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Kirsty.Glanville@health.nsw.gov.au

Manager Aboriginal Health Richmond Network

Department: Northern NSW Local Health District
Temporary Full-Time (52 Weeks)
Remuneration: \$74,406 - \$100,090 pa
Hours Per Week: 38
Reference Number: REQ153940
Enquiries: Lyndal Smith on
Lyndal.Smith@health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 5 April 2020

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Numbers above.

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**Speech
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Consultant / Project Officer supporting the implementation of the Speech Pathology Australia Reconciliation Action Plan

The Association is seeking to appoint a consultant / project officer to undertake a project supporting the Speech Pathology Australia Reconciliation Action Plan. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage is a requirement for this position.

This project will further the Association's objectives surrounding reconciliation and cultural responsiveness. The successful candidate will have strong interest and experience relevant to Reconciliation and the provision of culturally safe services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, families and communities.

The position is available for 3 - 5 days per week, subject to negotiation. The project period is six months with the possibility of extension. The successful applicant may be based at the Association's National Office in Melbourne or may work remotely. Travel to National Office will be required.

For further information regarding this position email the Association's Senior Advisor Evidence Based Practice and Research at ebp@speechpathologyaustralia.org.au

To obtain a position description email Speech Pathology Australia at office@speechpathologyaustralia.org.au

To apply for the position please forward a cover letter addressing the selection criteria, CV, including evidence of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage and the contact details of two referees to the Association's Chief Executive Officer at gmulcair@speechpathologyaustralia.org.au

Applications close on Friday 3 April 2020.



Commissioning and Planning Officer - Targeted

- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Department of Communities and Justice
- 2 roles - Ongoing Full-time in Parramatta and Temporary Full-time up to 21 February 2021 in Strawberry Hills
- Job reference Number: 00007N3N
- Salary range \$97,152 pa - \$107,541 pa plus employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About the Opportunity

This role will facilitate engagement with the sector and local communities, including Aboriginal communities to improve the supply and quality of services. You will also be required to build collaborative relationships with internal stakeholders as well as external providers and manage contracts with the goal of improving outcomes for individuals, families, and communities.

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 update to date resume.

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.

Apply Now!

To apply, Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number: **00007N3N** or phone Cecily Currie-Nguyen on (02) 8303 6592 or email Cecily.Currie-Nguyen@fac.nsw.gov.au for Strawberry Hills, or phone Tina Wessel on (02) 9407 1508 or 0458 243 955 or email Tina.Wessel@fac.nsw.gov.au for Parramatta.

Job closes midnight Wednesday, 8 April 2020

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Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham
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Aboriginal Education Worker

- Permanent Full Time - School Term only
- Close Date: Friday 10th April, 2020

About the role

A great opportunity exists for an Aboriginal Education Worker to join the team at Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham. The Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander program is focused on providing educational and pastoral care support to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students based on the 'Closing the Gap' targets of Attendance, Numeracy/ Literacy, Parent and Community Engagement and Retention.

Your key role is to provide culturally safe support for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students based on a relationship of trust and respect. We will be asking you to draw on your cultural strengths to provide a safe place for all students to experience success, express their needs, concerns and goals as they progress through their education.

About Christian Brothers' High School, Lewisham

At Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham we focus on the boy to "grow the man". We understand boys' unique learning styles and support each student on their own journey. As a comprehensive school, we are committed to providing quality education to every student throughout their time at CBHS.

Catering to boys from Year 5 to Year 12, our school provides an inclusive education that combines, spiritual growth with academic pursuits and co-curricular activities. We aim to develop young men of integrity and compassion who will become valued members of their community.

About you

- To perform this role, it is essential that the person who holds the position be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. It is therefore a genuine occupational requirement under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 that applicants are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- Previous experience working with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander youth
- Knowledge and understanding of issues facing Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander youth in an urban context
- Able to deal with sensitive and complex issues in a culturally appropriate way
- Demonstrated skills in cross-cultural communication specifically active listening
- Able to work within the framework of a Catholic school
- Current Working with Children Check
- Current NSW Driver's License

To apply:

If you are looking to join a small committed team making a powerful difference, we would love to hear from you. Experience and a working understanding of a school environment would be an advantage.

Please contact Marea Soulos, Marea.Soulos@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au with any specific queries or for a copy of the Role Description.

To ensure that your application is reviewed, include a current 'resume' together with a cover letter that outlines your suitability to meet the selection criteria of the Aboriginal Education Worker role.

Please address your application to the Principal and email to hr@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au

68 - 84 The Boulevard, Lewisham NSW 2049

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Chief Executive Officer Identified position

- Fully Maintained Company Vehicle
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- 12 month contract

We are seeking suitable applications for the role of CEO for the regional peak body – NATSIHA located in Cairns.

NATSIHA membership comprises of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health & Wellbeing Services located throughout Far North Queensland and works with these services and the communities they serve to ensuring we have regional representation and advocacy at the state and federal level.

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If you feel that you have the drive, ability, passion and attributes to fulfill such a role and would like to be influential within health and wellbeing then we encourage you to apply.

To view the organisation further please visit www.natsiha.org

To obtain an application package please contact. admin@natsiha.org

Closing date: 10th April 2020



Domestic Violence/Womens Health Worker – (Aboriginal Female Identified)

Department: Mid North Coast Local Health District

Location: Macksville Community Health

Employment Type: Permanent Full-Time

Position Classification: Aboriginal Health Worker

Remuneration: \$ 54,220 - \$79,857 pa

Hours Per Week: 38

Enquiries: Andrew Bailey on

andrew.bailey1@health.nsw.gov.au

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Closing Date: 20 March 2020

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ152492

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Aboriginal Adolescent & Family Counsellor or Caseworker

The Role

An exciting opportunity for passionate individual to deliver alcohol and drug related counselling and/or casework to Aboriginal young people aged 12-25 in Blacktown and Mount Druitt area. The key focus areas of this role include:

- conducting thorough assessments
- providing individual casework; or counselling and casework as required
- providing family counselling as required (counsellor only duties)
- delivering case management services
- liaising effectively with referrers and other service providers

Essential Criteria

- Aboriginality and recognition within the Aboriginal Community
- Relevant tertiary qualifications eg. psychology, counselling, social work
- Experience in working with Aboriginal young people and community
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work effectively with minimal supervision
- Strong personal and interpersonal boundaries
- Must hold NSW Driver Licence and Working With Children Check

Ted Noffs Foundation considers that being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Please see the job information pack by visiting www.noffs.org.au, for more information phone 02 9305 6626 or email jobs@noffs.org.au



Rural and Pathways Career Learning Advisor (Identified) – SEO2 (ETS)

- Department of Education
- Temporary full appointment up to 26 January 2023
- Position will commence from 20 July 2020
- Position number and location: 219598 – Flexible

Total remuneration package valued to: \$142,302 p.a. (salary \$157,742. p.a. including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading).

About the Role

The Rural and Pathways Career Learning Advisor leads the development of strategic partnerships and opportunities in careers and vocational learning for secondary school students.

Please address the selection criteria in relation to the Statement of Duties for the position in your application. Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

This is a child-related role. If you are the successful applicant you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Permanent teachers taking up non-school based temporary appointments, the right of return to their substantive position has been extended to up to 3 years.

The Educational Services Division Executive Group has agreed on a transitional arrangement for the recruitment of the Non-School Based Teaching Service (NSBTS) classifications of Senior Education Officer 1 and Senior Education Officer 2 (SEO1/SEO2), pending the outcome of the Educational Services review.

Applicants should refer to the transitional arrangements for further information.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent, identify as being Aboriginal and be accepted in the community as such. Applicants who have not previously identified for the purposes of employment with the Department are required to provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality from a recognised incorporated Aboriginal Community organisation endorsed with common seal and a certified statutory declaration as defined in the NSW Department of Education Confirmation of Aboriginality Guidelines.

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Applications Close: 8 April 2020

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Glenda O'Brien on 0436 848 644.

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 219598 or 00007QAX.

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Executive Assistant and Branch Coordinator

- \$85,279 - \$96,759 (Plus Superannuation)
- Ongoing
- Usual hours of work: Full Time (flexibility may be available)
- Usual work location: 121 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, 3000 (flexibility may be available)

The Executive Assistant and Branch Coordinator manages the office of the Executive Director, Aboriginal Economic Development on a day-to-day basis. Accountable for planning and implementing priorities and deliverables across the branch, the position requires you to have experience (and/or strong aptitude) in the provision of high-level support to senior executives and well-developed organisational, communication, finance and planning skills.

The successful candidate for this position will demonstrate -

- ability to effectively manage and support departmental executive functions including branch finance and budgeting, demonstrating multi tasking, utilisation of modern business processes and collaborative skills;
- well developed organisational and planning skills;
- well-developed interpersonal skills;
- well developed written skills, using contemporary software applications in preparing written and verbal communications;
- understanding and practical knowledge of government policies, processes and business systems and government accountability requirements.

The position of Executive Assistant and Branch Coordinator is part of the Aboriginal Economic Development (AED) Branch within the Inclusion Group. The Inclusion Group champions the fair distribution of benefits that stem from a strong economy. The AED Branch leads work across the Department to support Aboriginal Self-Determination through employment and economic development. To this end, it is tasked with the implementation of the current Victorian Aboriginal Economic Strategy and the development of a second iteration of the Strategy.

For a confidential discussion, please call Cynthia Lim, Principal Advisor, on 03 9651 9270.

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, please refer to the attached position description.

How to Apply

For further information on the position, a position description, and to apply, please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au and refer to **025214**. As part of the application process, you will need to provide a copy of your resume and a cover letter addressing the key selection criteria outlined in the position description.

Applications close at midnight on 7 April 2020

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Aboriginal Engagement Coordinator (Identified)

Permanent Full Time
TAFE NSW Sydney Region, Eora Campus
Senior Education Officer \$119,913 - \$122,881 plus superannuation and leave loading

TAFE NSW is committed to creating a diverse, inclusive and flexible workforce, which reflects the community and the customers we serve. We recognise that Aboriginal employees enhance our workforce diversity and improve the services we deliver, particularly for Aboriginal communities.

The Aboriginal Engagement Coordinator, in collaboration with a diverse range of stakeholders, provides advice and support to ensure local TAFE NSW initiatives, programs, products and services meet the needs of Aboriginal communities and students. This includes supporting the development of culturally appropriate courses and subjects to ensure genuine and authentic Aboriginal content, and ensuring cultural integrity.

Note 1: This is an identified position in accordance with Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants selected for an interview will be required to provide "Confirmation of Aboriginality" documentation at interview.

Note 2: To apply please visit www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au – enter job reference number 00007K0R

Enquiries: Bobbi Brodie, Senior Manager Aboriginal Engagement, on 0437 754207

Closing Date: Sunday 12 April 2020



Operating Assistant

Location: John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Nadine Pilley on Nadine.Pilley@health.nsw.gov.au
Reference Number: REQ155326
Closing Date: 1 April 2020

Administration Officer

Location: John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Alison Sinclair on Alison.Sinclair@health.nsw.gov.au
Reference Number: REQ141762
Closing Date: 1 April 2020

Secretary

Location: John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Mitchell Griffin on Mitchell.Griffin@health.nsw.gov.au
Reference Number: REQ155217
Closing Date: 1 April 2020

Administration Officer

Location: Wallsend Campus
Enquiries: Patrick Cashman (02) 4924 6477
Reference Number: REQ153202
Closing Date: 1 April 2020

Administration Officer Casual

Location: Maitland Hospital
Enquiries: Ian Bisby (02) 4939 2654
Reference Number: REQ156346
Closing Date: 1 April 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.

Mental Health Clinician

Location: James Fletcher Hospital
Enquiries: Adam Heuston (02) 4964 7000
Reference Number: REQ156911
Closing Date: 1 April 2020

Aboriginal Clinical Lead (Northern) Zero Suicides in Care

Negotiable
Enquiries: Bron Rose (02) 4915 1720
Reference Number: REQ157531
Closing Date: 1 April 2020

Aboriginal Mental Health Peer Worker

Location: Armidale Community Health Service
Enquiries: Krystina Micke (02) 6776 9805
Reference Number: REQ154161
Closing Date: 1 April 2020

Aboriginal Counsellor – New Street

Location: Hamilton Campus
Enquiries: Elisabeth Akioka on Elisabeth.Akioka@health.nsw.gov.au
Reference Number: REQ142016
Closing Date: 5 April 2020

These positions are 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.

Department for all the above: Hunter New England LHD

Closing Dates: see above.

Applications must be lodged electronically.
Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Numbers above.

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We are currently seeking suitably qualified applicants for the following position:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Development Officer

Part Time (0.6 EFT)
Fixed Term until 30th June 2021

Applications close for the above position on 3rd April 2020

For details of how to apply, full position descriptions and information about the benefits of working for BCH visit the Careers Page at www.bchc.org.au.

For further details please contact Melanie Perks, Wellness & Reablement Consultant on 5338 4500 or melaniep@bchc.org.au

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Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

- Department of Education
- Full-time ongoing appointment
- Community Liaison Officer
- Position number and location: 174283 Queanbeyan

Total remuneration package valued to: \$87,901 p.a. (salary \$72,418 to \$79,297 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About the role

The role works as part of a team to develop partnerships and understanding between the Aboriginal community and the Department of Education at all levels, thereby helping to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal school students.

Key accountabilities

- Contribute to and when appropriate lead the development of consultative mechanisms to promote understanding between Aboriginal communities and the Department of Education.
- Act as a conduit between local AECG's, Regional AECG's, and the State AECG Secretariat in the realisation of fulfilling the Partnership Agreement.
- Act as a conduit between local AECG's and Regional AECG's, Educational Services teams and school communities to ensure improvement in educational outcomes for Aboriginal learners.
- Work collaboratively with school staff and Educational Services team staff to develop, implement and evaluate support programs for students and communities.
- Promote departmental policies and programs through liaison with Aboriginal communities. Including support the facilitation of Aboriginal community involvement in educational initiatives including student learning and wellbeing programs.
- Assist with building the capacity of Aboriginal community members and departmental officers to work effectively to achieve the goals of Aboriginal education.
- Act as a conduit between local principals and Educational Services team staff on the views of Aboriginal communities, including the local AECG, which have relevance for the Aboriginal students in schools and the Aboriginal education programs.
- Assist Departmental staff and when required staff from other agencies, to develop awareness of social and health issues that impact on outcomes for Aboriginal students.

How to apply

To apply for this role, please submit an application online and attach a cover letter (max. 2 pages) and your resume (max. 5 pages) in either Word or PDF format. Please address any pre-screening questions and any essential requirements. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the role description. Please develop your responses with this in mind.

Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>. In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent, identify as being Aboriginal and be accepted in the community as such. Applicants who have not previously identified for the purposes of employment with the Department are required to provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality from a recognised incorporated Aboriginal Community organisation endorsed with common seal and a certified statutory declaration as defined in the NSW Department of Education Confirmation of Aboriginality Guidelines.

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Valid Working with Children Check Clearance
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Applications Close: 8 April 2020

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Matt Alterator on 0488 071 180.

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 174283 or 00007NLJ.

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NATURAL AREAS ABORIGINAL HERITAGE OFFICER

Sutherland Shire Council's Open Space Assets Unit has an exciting opportunity for a Natural Areas Aboriginal Heritage Officer to join their team!

We are interested in hearing from Aboriginal Australians that are looking for an opportunity to increase awareness about Aboriginal heritage for both employees and the community. This position will provide a wide range of experiences and opportunities in managing natural areas and Aboriginal heritage in an urban environment.

Hours: Permanent full-time 35 hours per week, 19 day month flexi-time available

Salary: \$66,900 to \$70,900 gross per annum plus 9.5% superannuation

Applications close: Midnight Wednesday 1 April 2020

Scheduled interviews: Week of 13 April 2020

Ref No: 50-20.

How to Apply: visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Careers for more information.

'Sutherland Shire Council considers being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)'



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A full position description, job details and information about Community Housing Ltd can be found on our **Careers** and **About Us** page at www.chl.org.au.



Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Notice Under Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) – Mining Lease Application 558 and Mining Lease Application 570

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

Description of the nature of the act The Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade intends to grant mining leases under the *Mining Act 1992* on land subject to native title. Should leases be granted, the lease holder/s may then apply to renew the leases prior to them expiring, so that the leases continue into the future.

Walker Quarries Pty Ltd (ACN 003 061 890) is the applicant for Mining Lease Application 558 and Mining Lease Application 570 which, if granted would authorise the mining for quartzite for an initial term of up to 21 years with the possibility for renewals in the future

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of Mining Leases on native title land. The entire area of Mining Lease Application 558 covers about 44.33 hectares about 8 km north west of Lithgow and Mining Lease Application 570 covers about 21.9 hectares situated approximately 7 kilometres north west of Lithgow, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done
Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade
PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained
Further information may be obtained from; Resource Operations, NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on (02) 4063 6600 or resource.operations@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Notification Day
For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) the notification day is 9 April 2020. Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Further information may be obtained from Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (02) 4063 6600.



Aboriginal Education Coordinator (Identified), PEO (ETS)

- Department of Education
- Temporary appointment up to 26 January 2023
- Position number and location: 217381 – Statewide

Total remuneration package valued to: \$157,891 p.a. (salary \$175,022 p.a. including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading).

About the role
Providing strategic leadership of culturally relevant and inclusive services, programs and initiatives supporting the quality teaching of Aboriginal students. Coupled with this, the position guides and assists with the professional learning of principals, executive and teaching staff with a focus on literacy and numeracy, readiness for school, engagement and connections, attendance and leadership and workforce development. The role encompasses the coordination and management of specific programs and initiatives, in collaboration with other directorates within the Educational Services Division, particularly the Aboriginal Education.

Please address the selection criteria in relation to the Statement of Duties for the position in your application. Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

This is a child-related role. If you are the successful applicant you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Permanent teachers taking up non-school based temporary appointments, the right of return to their substantive position has been extended to up to 3 years.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent, identify as being Aboriginal and be accepted in the community as such. Applicants who have not previously identified for the purposes of employment with the Department are required to provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality from a recognised incorporated Aboriginal Community organisation endorsed with common seal and a certified statutory declaration as defined in the [NSW Department of Education Confirmation of Aboriginality Guidelines](#).

Applications Close: 8 April 2020

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Kim Proctor 0477 326 987.

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 217381 or 00007OBB.





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Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Notice under Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* – Exploration Licence 8868

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth).

Description of the nature of the act The Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade intends to consent to prospecting on land subject to native title.

Gold and Copper Resources Pty Limited (ACN 124 534 863) is the holder of Exploration Licence 8868 for Group 1 Minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister administering the *Mining Act 1992*. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities. If granted, the consent will extend to any subsequent renewals of this licence.

Description of area that may be affected by the Minister's Consent to prospect on native title land. Exploration Licence 8868 covers about 65 Units situated about 25km north of Cowra, in the State of NSW. The areas that may be affected by the Minister's Consent are Lot 184 in Deposited Plan (DP) 725869, Lot 117 in DP 750147 and Lot 266 in DP 750147, as reflected on the diagram below.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done
Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade,
PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained
Further information may be obtained from; Resource Operations, NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on (02) 4063 6600 or resource.operations@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Notification Day
For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* the notification day is 9 April 2020. Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Further information may be obtained from Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (02) 4063 6600.



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	15/1712	JINDALEE RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL.	27.4km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 25' S Long: 121° 32' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1750	BLAZE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	49BL.	90.8km NW'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 50' S Long: 120° 54' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/578	KALGOORLIE NICKEL PTY LTD	4BL.	24.8km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 43' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	26/218	MINING INVESTMENTS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	1BL.	38.7km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2935	TYPHON MINERALS PTY LTD	12BL.	224.3km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 124° 37' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/1078	ARDEA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	5BL.	81.6km W'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 120° 29' E	MENZIES SHIRE
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	36/984	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	19BL.	56.9km S'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 26' S Long: 120° 41' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/988	KALGOORLIE MINING ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	39BL.	51.1km S'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 22' S Long: 120° 39' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/990	WOLSKI, Isaac Kane	4BL.	71km S'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 33' S Long: 120° 34' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/991	WOLSKI, Edmund Karl	4BL.	60.7km S'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 28' S Long: 120° 39' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1343	CENTRAL NORTH RESOURCES PTY LTD	34BL.	62.4km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 4' S Long: 121° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1368	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	63BL.	32.5km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 121° 39' E	LEONORA 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	37/1396	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	4BL.	46.5km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 58' S Long: 121° 10' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3447	HOLDFAST EXPLORATION PTY LTD	1BL.	60.3km E'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 25' S Long: 122° 58' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3452	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL.	41.5km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 122° 36' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3466	TEVEL PTY LTD	42BL.	36.7km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 20' S Long: 122° 36' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3468	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	20BL.	132.4km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 26' S Long: 122° 14' 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	39/2144	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	1BL.	58.7km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 122° 12' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2156	TYPHON MINERALS PTY LTD	4BL.	239.6km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 54' S Long: 124° 50' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/387	METALCITY 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	45/5597	K S GOLD PTY LTD	13BL.	48km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 120° 27' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1294	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	11BL.	55.8km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 42' S Long: 120° 36' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/4187	LMTD RIVER PTY LTD	32BL.	77.3km SE'ly of Whim Creek	Lat: 21° 25' S Long: 118° 14' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/4286	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	8BL.	16.6km W'ly of Wittenoom	Lat: 22° 15' S Long: 118° 10' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/4315	YANDAN GOLD MINES PTY LTD	7BL.	19.8km SE'ly of Whim Creek	Lat: 20° 59' S Long: 117° 56' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	51/1947	ARCHEAN RESOURCES PTY LTD	39BL.	61.9km SE'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 26° 4' S Long: 119° 6' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1145	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	23BL.	89km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 12' S Long: 119° 28' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/2012	GOLD GEOLOGICAL CONSULTING PTY LTD	26BL.	127.1km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 52' S Long: 120° 21' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3724	NULLABOR RESOURCES PTY LTD	80BL.	227.5km W'ly of Eucla	Lat: 31° 41' S Long: 126° 29' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5323	WATERSHED ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	7BL.	9.7km SE'ly of Eneabba	Lat: 29° 53' S Long: 115° 19' E	CARNAMAH SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2621	KULA GOLD LTD	40BL.	9.4km NE'ly of Marvel Loch	Lat: 31° 25' S Long: 119° 34' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6547	FAIRPLAY GOLD PTY LTD	93.05HA.	22km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 120° 56' E	COOLGARDIE 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	25/2535, 2537-2538	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	25/2644-2647	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LIMITED	691.75HA.	22.2km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 121° 41' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4477	MOUNT MANNING RESOURCES PTY LTD	123.47HA.	9.5km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 121° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4507	CASCADE RESOURCES PTY LTD	8.65HA.	31.2km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4509-4518, 27/2434-27/2438	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	2539.25HA.	11.8km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 34' 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	28/1358	GOLD GEOLOGICAL CONSULTING PTY LTD	16.10HA.	74.5km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 122° 11' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2578-2580, 29/2582, 29/2584-2585	MENZIES OPERATIONAL AND MINING PTY LTD	721.32HA.	6.2km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 39' S Long: 120° 59' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1887-S	LOHSE, Dennis	9.79HA.	56.4km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 27' S Long: 120° 56' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1891	HASS, Neil William	3.41HA.	39.2km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 7' S Long: 121° 1' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9297-9301	BLAZE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	951.50HA.	23.8km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 121° 33' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9313-9317	IWANOW, Peter	747.59HA.	11.5km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 24' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9320-9325	KIN EAST PTY LTD	777.38HA.	44km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 38' 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	37/9330-9341	STOICI, Benjamin Ruben	1971.50HA.	6.5km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 121° 20' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9342-9343	CREW, Ross Frederick	14.56HA.	32.7km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA 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	38/4505	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	23.51HA.	86.7km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 50' S Long: 122° 22' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4506	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	127.38HA.	106.8km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 122° 22' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6057	MONUMENT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	182.47HA.	40km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 0' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6161-6163	BR EXPLORATION PTY LTD	596.52HA.	49.2km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 121° 48' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6171-S	KEOGH, James Patrick KEOGH, Terrence Leonard	9.32HA.	64km N'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 122° 10' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6174	IWANOW, Peter	197.86HA.	47.6km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 121° 47' 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	46/1973	ROCKLEA GOLD PTY LTD	176.51HA.	5.2km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 56' S Long: 120° 6' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1974	ROCKLEA GOLD PTY LTD	42.47HA.	18.7km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 52' S Long: 120° 17' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2220-S	NOBLE, James Ian	7.99HA.	31km SW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 32' S Long: 116° 27' E	YALGOO SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of 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: 25 March 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 **25 June 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. 25 July 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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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
38/2834	DUKETON MINING LTD	570289	174.89HA.	116.5km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 36' S Long: 122° 5' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3178	DUKETON MINING LTD	571714	123.80HA.	111.8km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 37' S Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3178	DUKETON MINING LTD	571715	83.11HA.	110.5km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 37' S Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3178	DUKETON MINING LTD	571716	189.96HA.	110.1km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 38' S Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/3178	DUKETON MINING LTD	571717	24.76HA.	109.1km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 38' S Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE

Nature of the act : Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 25 March 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 **25 June 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. 25 July 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.

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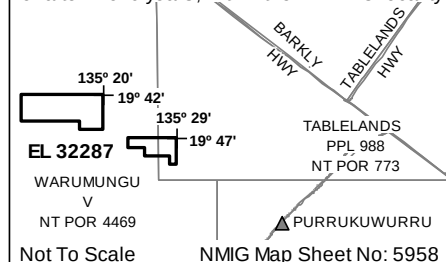
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

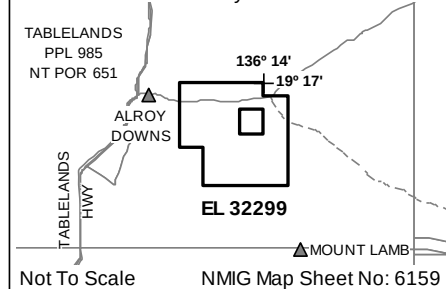
The Honourable Paul Kirby MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry and Resources, C/- Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth)* of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

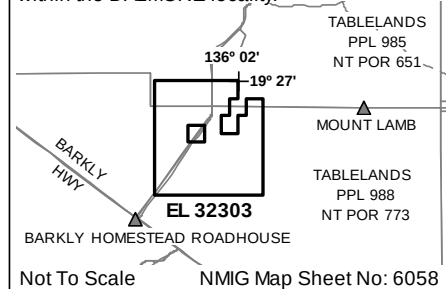
Exploration Licence 32287 sought by INCA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 128 512 907, MRG RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 614 946 164 and JONATHAN WEST over an area of 44 Blocks (143 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FAVENC locality.



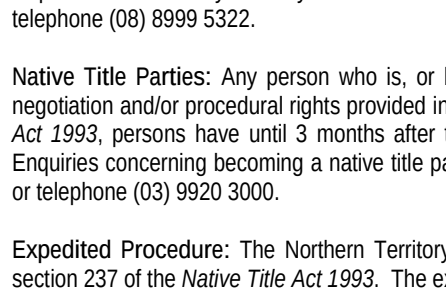
Exploration Licence 32289 sought by INCA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 128 512 907, MRG RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 614 946 164 and JONATHAN WEST over an area of 26 Blocks (85 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALMORE locality.



Exploration Licence 32293 sought by INCA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 128 512 907, MRG RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 614 946 164 and JONATHAN WEST over an area of 240 Blocks (777 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WONARAH locality.



Exploration Licence 32299 sought by NEWCREST OPERATIONS LIMITED, ACN 009 221 505 over an area of 60 Blocks (195 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.



Exploration Licence 32300 sought by NEWCREST OPERATIONS LIMITED, ACN 009 221 505 over an area of 80 Blocks (260 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.



Exploration Licence 32302 sought by NEWCREST OPERATIONS LIMITED, ACN 009 221 505 over an area of 120 Blocks (388 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WONARAH locality.

Exploration Licence 32303 sought by NEWCREST OPERATIONS LIMITED, ACN 009 221 505 over an area of 151 Blocks (489 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALMORE locality.

Exploration Licence 32306 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 39 Blocks (127 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32307 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32308 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32309 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32310 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32311 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32312 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32313 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32314 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32315 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32316 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32317 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32318 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32319 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32320 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32321 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32322 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32323 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32324 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32325 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32326 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32327 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32328 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32329 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32330 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32331 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32332 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32333 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32334 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32335 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32336 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

Exploration Licence 32337 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

KOOMA PEOPLE – NATIVE TITLE HOLDERS AUTHORISATION MEETING

ESJ Law Pty Ltd is convening a meeting for all Native Title Holders of the Kooma People.

The meeting is being convened with respect to the Compensation Claim filed by Mr Wayne Wharton on behalf of the Kooma People on 18 December 2020 (**Compensation Claim**) over the land and water depicted in the map below (**Compensation Claim Area**).

Who should attend?

All descendants of the following Apical Ancestors, as determined by the Federal Court of Australia in *Weatherall on behalf of the Kooma People #4 Part A v State of Queensland* [2014] FCA 662 (**Native Title Holders**) are invited to attend the meeting:

- Maggie of Bendena;
- Kitty of Bollon;
- Sarah of Fernlee;
- Mary Button of Murra Murra;
- Susan Mitchell;
- Annie Murray;
- Julia Powell; or
- Lucy Sheridan.

Registrants for the authorisation meeting will be required to demonstrate descendancy from one of the above-named Apical Ancestors in order to be permitted to attend and vote at the meeting.

Pre-registration is available by contacting ESJ Law Pty Ltd via email – meetings@esjlaw.com.au

Authorisation Meeting

This notice invites all Native Title Holders as described above to the authorisation meeting, to be held at the following location:

Date: Saturday 4 April 2020

Time: 9:00am to 2:00pm

Venue: Bollon Civic Centre - Main Street, Bollon, Queensland 4488

The Agenda:

- Introduction, Welcome to and Acknowledgement of Country;
- Discuss background to a Compensation Claim;
- Confirm the decision-making process to be followed at the authorisation meetings and in the future by the Compensation Claim Group;
- Consider and authorise a Compensation Claim within the Claim Area;
- Decide on the support and restrictions on the named Lead Applicant in performance of their duty and consideration of any conditions to be imposed on the powers of the named Applicants;
- Confirm ESJ Law Pty Ltd as the legal representatives of the Compensation Claim Group.

Map of the Compensation Claim Area

The Compensation Claim Area is the land and waters within the bold black outline on the map below.



Area Description: The Compensation Application Claim Area covers approximately 27,811 sqkm and is located 80 km south east of Charleville, 46 km east of Cunnamulla and 49 km west of St George.

Confirm your Attendance

Those people invited to and who are eligible to attend the authorisation meeting must email meetings@esjlaw.com.au to register attendance by no later than 28 March 2020.

ESJ Law Pty Ltd

Address: Po Box 5029
West End Qld 4101

Ph: (07) 3846 7322

Email: meetings@esjlaw.com.au

Proxy Voting

Proxy Voting will not be provided for at the authorisation meetings. Only those in attendance can record a vote.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Due to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak concerns and pending changes to the Government's advice regarding large group events, the date of this authorisation meeting may be subject to change.

If the authorisation meeting cannot proceed as advertised above, an alternative date is hereby provided and notified to all Native Title Holders, as follows:

Alternative Authorisation Meeting Date

This notice invites all Native Title Holders as described above to the alternative authorisation meeting, to be held at the following location:

Date: Saturday 2 May 2020

Time: 9:00am to 2:00pm

Venue: Bollon Civic Centre - Main Street, Bollon, Queensland 4488

If the authorisation meeting date changes ALL registered Native Title Holders will be notified by ESJ Law Pty Ltd and NO further notification will be provided.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Notification day: 1 April 2020



QI2020/004 Yuwibara People Interim ILUA
State of Queensland

Description of the agreement area:

The agreement area covers approx. 0.3 sq km and consists of land parcels located in the vicinity of Mackay, Eungella, Mirani, St Helen Beach and Sarina

Relevant LGA: Mackay Regional Council

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

5.1 The parties: (a) consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts to the extent that they are Future Acts; and (b) agree to the validating of any of the Agreed Acts, which are also Future Acts, done prior to Registration.

"Agreed Acts" means all acts necessary to give effect to this Agreement including but not limited to any acts done as part of, or in relation to, the acts specified in Schedule 3 *[which includes the granting of Permits to Occupy or extension of term leases to various community interests and the dedication of reserves]*.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

State of Queensland c/- Crown Law Level 11 State Law Building 50 Ann Street Brisbane QLD 4000	Gary Andrew McDermott; Norman George Ladley and Sharon Lillian Ladley c/- CJ Cooper & Associates, Solicitors Level 6, 100 Edward Street Brisbane QLD 4000	Mackay Regional Council c/- Marawah Law, Solicitors GPO Box 3333 Brisbane QLD 4001	Matthew McDonnell, Jennifer Van Der Starre, Irene Adams, Hayley Mann, Madeline Jones, Bernard Tonga and Pamela Young; Melanie Roseveen Kemp on her own behalf and on behalf of the Yuwibara People; and Yuwi Aboriginal Corporation c/- North Queensland Land Council 61 Anderson Street, Manunda QLD 4870
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Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:

Any person claiming to hold native title in relation to land or waters in the area covered by the agreement may wish, in response to this notice, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. **The application must be made by 1 July 2020.** If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Maree Otto on 07 4046 9000 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 1 April 2020



QI2020/002 Gkuthaarn and Kukatj People Tenure Resolution ILUA
QI2020/003 Carpentaria Shire Council Gkuthaarn and Kukatj ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The agreement area covers approx. 16,436 sq km and is located approx. 28 km east of Burketown, 1 km west of Karumba and extending approx. 121 km south from the Gulf of Carpentaria

Relevant LGA: Carpentaria Shire Council

The agreements contain the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

QI2020/002 Gkuthaarn and Kukatj People Tenure Resolution ILUA

5.1 The parties consent to the validation of any acts done prior to the Execution Date by the State in the Agreement Area to the extent they were done invalidly for the purposes of Native Title and can be validated in this Agreement.

5.2 The parties: (a) consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts to the extent that they are Surrenders or Future Acts; and (b) agree to the validating of any of the Agreed Acts, which are also Future Acts,

done prior to Registration.

5.5 The parties agree that any Surrender permanently extinguishes all Native Title Rights and Interests in the area of the Surrender from the date the Surrender takes effect.

6.1 *[The Native Title Parties Surrender all Native Title Rights and Interests in relation to the Surrender Area.]*

"Agreed Acts" means all acts necessary to give effect to this Agreement including but not limited to surrender of native title rights and interests in accordance with clauses 5.2(a) and 6; declaration and granting of land under the Aboriginal Land Act 1991 (Qld); dedication of reserves and the granting of leases, permits, easements or other interests over the reserve areas, amendments to rolling lease terms and dedication of roads.]

QI2020/003 Carpentaria Shire Council Gkuthaarn and Kukatj ILUA

4.4 Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to any Future Acts for which the Native Title Parties have given consent under this Deed.

8.2 The Native Title Parties consent to the continued operation, use and maintenance of:- (a) the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure; (b) the land on which the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure is located; and (c) any land or waters which is adjacent to the land on which the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure is located which is necessary for, or incidental to, the operation of the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure.

9.2 *[The Native Title Parties consent to: (a) the operation and maintenance, by or on behalf of the Council, of off alignment roads, which are roads constructed wholly or partially outside of the area of land dedicated, declared, notified or taken for public use as a road; (b) the use by the public of off alignment roads.]*

10.4 The Parties consent to the doing of Approved Future Acts.

11.1 *[The Parties consent to the construction or carrying out of Minor Works or Activities, which are (a) constructing Council Infrastructure required in emergency circumstances to ensure the safety of people and the preservation of property where people or property are subject to an immediate threat; (b) tree lopping but not removal in the immediate vicinity of Council Infrastructure; (c) repairing any damaged Council Infrastructure; (d) reinstating any destroyed Council Infrastructure to its pre-existing state; (e) inspecting Council Infrastructure; (f) maintaining Council Infrastructure; (g) fencing or barricading Council Infrastructure other than roads; (h) erecting sign posts.]*

"Council Infrastructure" means *[infrastructure including amenities, buildings, causeways, cemeteries, conduits, crossings, dams, drains, jetties, pipes, recreation facilities, reservoirs, roads, rubbish dumps, service infrastructure, sheds, transfer stations and wharves; works serving a public need or for a Public Purpose; and Public Works.]*

"Extinguishing Infrastructure" means Council Infrastructure that:- (a) was validly constructed or established within the ILUA Area on or before 23 December 1996; and (b) constitutes a Public Work;

"Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure" means Council infrastructure that is:- (a) not Extinguishing Infrastructure; and (b) was constructed or established within the ILUA Area on or before the Commencement Date;

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

Gkuthaarn and Kukatj Aboriginal Corporation C/- Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation PO Box 6662 Cairns QLD 4870	Phillip George and Leanne Edwards on their own behalf and on behalf of Gkuthaarn and Kukatj People (Native Title Parties) C/- P&E Law PO Box 2337 Cairns QLD 4870	State of Queensland, acting through the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (QI2020/002 only) C/- Crown Law Level 11, 50 Ann Street Brisbane QLD 4000	Carpentaria Shire Council (QI2020/003 only) C/- Preston Law PO Box 707N Cairns QLD 4870
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Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:

Any person claiming to hold native title in relation to land or waters in the area covered by any of the agreements may wish, in response to this notice, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. **The application must be made by 1 July 2020.** If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to the relevant agreement before it can be registered.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Maree Otto on 07 4046 9000 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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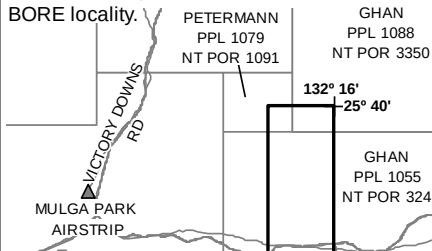
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Paul Kirby MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry and Resources, C/- Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

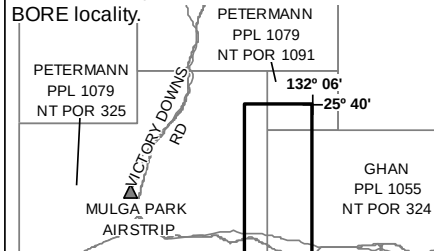
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 32369 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 200 Blocks (616 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SENTINEL BORE locality.



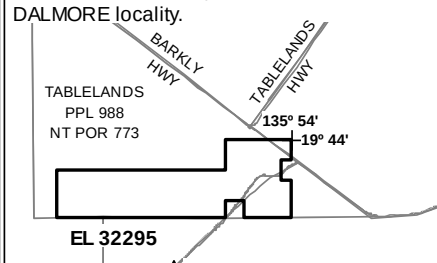
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BORDER **EL 32369**
Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5346

Exploration Licence 32370 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 200 Blocks (616 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SENTINEL BORE locality.



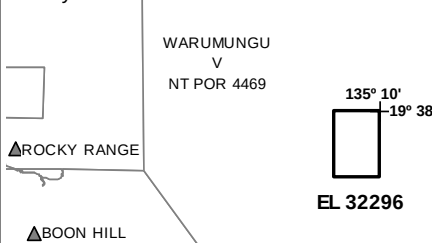
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BORDER **EL 32370**
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Exploration Licence 32295 sought by KNOX
RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 623 480 286
over an area of 140 Blocks (427 km²) depicted
below for a term of 6 years, within the
DALMORE locality.



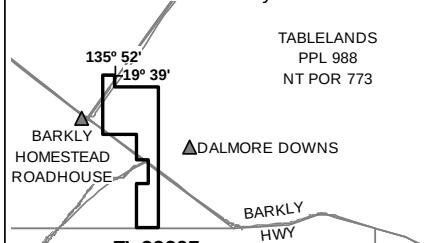
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Exploration Licence 32296 sought by KNOX
RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 623 480 286 over
an area of 35 Blocks (114 km²) depicted below
for a term of 6 years, within the FAVENC
locality.



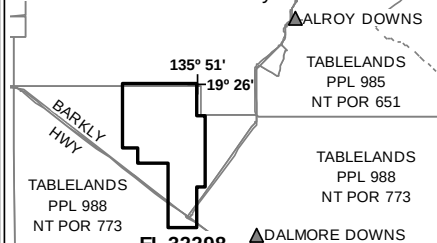
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Exploration Licence 32297 sought by MIDDLE ISLAND RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 142 361 608 over an area of 35 Blocks (111 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years within the DALMORE locality.



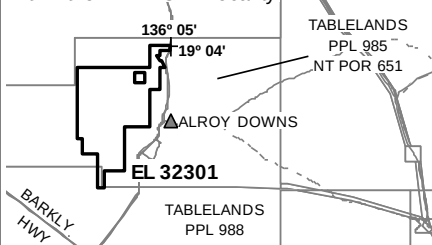
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Exploration Licence 32298 sought by MIDDLE ISLAND RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 142 361 608 over an area of 137 Blocks (444 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years within the DALMORE locality.



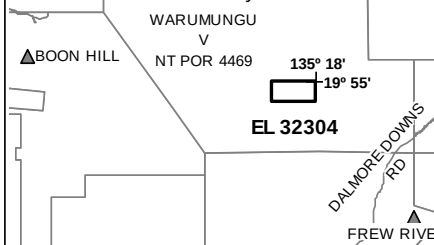
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Exploration Licence 32301 sought by MIDDLE ISLAND RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 142 361 608 over an area of 230 Blocks (741 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PLAYFORD locality.



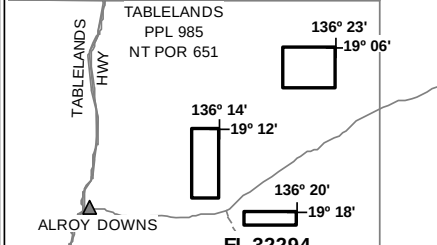
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Exploration Licence 32304 sought by MIDDLE ISLAND RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 142 361 608 over an area of 21 Blocks (68 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FAVENC locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5958

Exploration Licence 32294 sought by MLM DRILLING PTY LTD, ACN 130 013 562 over an area of 26 Blocks (85 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act 1993* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act 1993*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 25 March 2020

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WATERNSW

NEW ENGLAND FOLD BELT COAST GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **MANNING VALLEY RACE CLUB** for a bore on Lot 7305 DP 1142909 for irrigation, industrial and stock purpose. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 2157 Dangar NSW 2309 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (Ref: A22814). Any queries please call 13000 662 077 or email the above. Robert Cavallaro Water Regulation Officer Coastal.

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WATER NSW

UPPER MACQUARIE ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **CHESWORTH PINE FARM PTY LTD** for 1 ADDITIONAL BORE (40 litres per second) on either Lot 2 DP 587921 or Lot 156 DP 754303 Parish of Coolbaggie, County of Lincoln. (Ref: A022937). Objections to the granting of the approval must be forwarded to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018, DUBBO NSW 2830 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call 1300 662 077. Paul McNamara, Water Regulation Officer North.

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PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMIT

SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

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 Petroleum Exploration Permit application/s applied for under the section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

Number	Applicant	Area	Shire
STP-EPA-0151	PETREX AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (ACN 620 866 597)	4908.8 km ²	MENZIES – CITY OF KALGOORLIE BOULDER

General description of the area: The application covers a total of 66 5' x 5' graticular blocks, all of them within the one million map sheet SH52 (Nullarbor Plain). The application occupies a total area of 4908.8 km2 in the Great Victoria Desert and is located in the Eucla Basin, about 200 kilometres north-west of Eucla and about 475 kilometres south-east of Laverton.

The north-west corner (127°10'4.97"E; 29°29'55.10"S) of the application is situated approximately 19 kilometres south-east of the Aboriginal Community of Tjuntjuntjara and approximately 80 kilometres south-west of the Maloora Waterhole, near Lake Ilma.

The south-east corner (127°40'5.01"E; 30°14'55.07"S) of the application is located approximately 97 kilometres north-east of the locality of Loongana on the Trans-Australian railway and approximately 115 kilometres south-east of the Aboriginal Community of Tjuntjuntjara.

A technical description of the boundaries of the proposed permit area can be provided on request.

Nature Of The Act: The proposed act is the grant of a petroleum exploration permit pursuant to section 32 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*. The permit, if granted, will authorise the permittee to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and to apply for renewals of the permit.

Notification Day: 25 March 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 **25 June 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. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **25 July 2020**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to the area of the exploration permit.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth, WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23518).

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 8 April 2020

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street, Brisbane QLD 4003 **on or before 7 July 2020**. After **7 July 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 this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.

Application name: Lester Barnard on behalf of the Clermont-Belyando Area Native Title Claim Group #2 and State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD3/2020

Date filed: 10 January 2020

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. 30201 sq km and is located approx. 237 km south of Charters Towers, 76 km north of Emerald and 209 km east of Longreach

Relevant LGA: Barcaldine Regional Council, Central Highlands Regional Council, Isaac Regional Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Maree Otto on 07 4046 9000 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Paul Kirby MLA, Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry and Resources C/- Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do acts namely to grant the following mineral title applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Mineral Lease 32351 sought by TERRY PHILIP HEARL over an area of 3 Hectares depicted below for a term of 20 years, within the KILLARNEY locality.

Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5265

Mineral Lease 32352 sought by TERRY PHILIP HEARL over an area of 9 Hectares depicted below for a term of 20 years, within the KILLARNEY locality.

Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5265

Mineral Lease 32353 sought by TERRY PHILIP HEARL over an area of 4 Hectares depicted below for a term of 20 years, within the KILLARNEY locality.

Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5265

Mineral Lease 32354 sought by TERRY PHILIP HEARL over an area of 2 Hectares depicted below for a term of 20 years, within the KILLARNEY locality.

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Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals including (but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral leases commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act 1993* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Notification Day: 25 March 2020

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Nightcliff celebrates its 2019/20 NTFL Premier League grand final victory after defeating St Mary's at Marrara Oval in Darwin. Pictures: Darren Moncrieff

It's back-to-back Bakshy

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



WHEN an elderly supporter came up to Chris Baksh with tears in her eyes having just seen her beloved club win its second premiership in a row, it was a heartwarming reminder to the Nightcliff senior men's coach why he's in this job.

Baksh, from the First Nations Yorta Yorta people, steered his side to back-to-back flags in the 2019/20 NTFL Premier League grand final at Marrara Oval in Darwin.

The Tigers defeated St Mary's by 13 points, 10.13 (73) to 9.6 (60), in Australian football's premier summertime league grand final. It was the club's second premiership in 12 months, after ending a 54-year drought last season. It came just days before a nationwide ban on sporting events open to the public.

"When she came up to me among all the chaos, just happy with tears in her eyes, I was reminded why I do this – that this is for those who have been at the club forever," Baksh said.

Unlike last season when his side had to fight for top spot in the last game of the home-and-away season, Nightcliff had sown up first place with five rounds to go.

Baksh said that the month



Chris Baksh with the silverware he's brought to the Nightcliff Football Club as senior men's coach.

leading into the finals was hard going.

"It was a good thing to cement that top spot but in those last five games we had to keep that motivation up, keep that fight up, and it was hard.

"But they're a good playing group and they play very well together."

The grand final was played at a frenetic pace by the best-

performed sides throughout the season.

St Mary's rise from wooden-spooner to a grand final, its 50th, speaks of a club that has it together.

Nightcliff have set the pace all season and was top dog from round 1-18, before a shock loss in a qualifying final to the Saints.

The sides are evenly matched and the ball pings from end to end

and side to side from start to finish. There are moments of breathtaking brilliance amid the structured chaos. Skirmishes and spotfires break out but they're nothing more than push and shove and testosterone.

Three quarters of football come and go in quick-time. The Saints were down by 22 points at one stage but are just two points shy at the final break.

At his final address, Baksh demands a final effort. He later says he was fully confident they'd get the job done. He noted the Saints' comeback but understands it was their final roll of the dice. And it was. Thirty-minutes later his team are premiers again.

"I was a bit more excited this time around and there was some relief beating St Mary's. They are such a powerhouse," Baksh said. "Going back-to-back was just as hard as the first time. It was such a close game; we really had to coach well and pull a couple of moves in this game."

Baksh orchestrated the win, and this winning season, with much the same personnel as last year's. He thinks it could be possible to do the unthinkable.

"The playing group is definitely keen to go again, for a third one," he said.

"We made history with back-to-back flags so why not create more history?"



Shaun Wilson drives the Tigers forward.



Nightcliff captain Phillip Wills has the support of his family.



In what is now a custom in the big games in Top End football, the players from St Mary's (top) and Nightcliff (above) link arms to say "No more!" to family violence.



Nightcliff coach Chris Baksh considers his options at the quarter-time break.



The Tiger Army, like their AFL counterparts, were out and loud at Marrara Oval.



St Mary's Maurice Rioli Jr. was one of the Saints' best players in the 2019/20 NTFL grand final against Nightcliff. Pictures: Darren Moncrieff



Inspirational Tigers skipper Phillip Wills exhorts his men ahead of the first bounce.



Saints' co-captain Shannon Rioli gave it his all for his team.

Gold Stars set the gold standard in the QRLW



Blake Ferguson celebrates with the Eels in NRL round 1. Picture: Getty Images

Keeping our heads in a changed world

THE world has changed and I think it will never be the same since the dangerous coronavirus has spread and posed a real threat on everyone's health and wellbeing.

While sport is not everything in life and health always comes first I am aware just how important sport and particularly rugby league are to the Aboriginal community.



Dean Widders

We were all setting up for a big season ahead and looking forward to the one thing that bring everyone together regularly during long, cold winters.

Our Elders have something to get out of the house for to come watch.

Our kids mix with their cousins.

Our men and women show all the great team values and have fun at the weekly gatherings around a rugby league season.

While we will miss these opportunities for I don't know how long this year, I want to encourage our communities to find and express these sorts of values in other ways, away from the field.

You can still be a team and a club off the field and away from the training and playing of the game.

All the positive values we have developed through sport and at our sporting clubs, like looking after teammates, working hard for others, being there when times are tough, always being respectful, and gratitude and empathy will be needed now more than ever.

If you can, start up a group-chat online, share fun stories or singing and dancing videos, maybe shout people some groceries and medicine and do nice things for others particularly those in need, and especially our Elders.

Rugby league will be back, sport will be back, but right now we need to draw on all of that team spirit that we have in our communities and pull everyone together to work through this.

I would love to hear stories from you how your clubs are still making a difference even without the game being played.

Take care of each other, people.

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.



North Queensland's Esha Nona drags the Brothers Ipswich defence with her in round 1 of the QRLW.



North Queensland's Jenni-Sue Hoepper.



North Queensland's Layla Faud.

By ALF WILSON



NORTH Queensland's QRLW captain Jenni-Sue

Hoepper led her team the Gold Stars to a 24-10 win over Ipswich Brothers in round 1 of the QRLW, the first and only game the new competition will play due to coronavirus fears.

The QRL has suspended all statewide competitions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Before the ban, however, the QRLW and Queensland Cup completed all its round 1 matches. (See pages 50, 51.)

The Gold Stars travelled to Ipswich in their historic first QRLW match and in it Hoepper was superb.

The former Jillaroo showed all the skills in her bag of tricks in the win.

As previously reported, the North Queensland team has strong Indigenous representation, with players from the Torres Strait, Cairns, Townsville and Mackay.

Despite what the scoreboard showed, Brothers were no pushovers. The side has a number of players with NRLW experience in hooker Brittany Breayley and centre Tanika Marshall, an Indigenous All Star and Fijian representative.

North Queensland led 12-4 after 19 minutes courtesy of tries to prop Riutoto Te Hiko and winger Lauren Moss.

Soon after Emma Manzelmann scored a four pointer which was converted by Hoepper to give Gold Stars an 18-4 halftime lead.

After the break Manzelmann scored her second try for the Gold Stars to give them a 24-4 lead with 20 minutes remaining.

North Queensland coach Gavin Lloyd was happy with the performance of the side after having a disjointed preparation and believed the side would get better and fitter as the season progressed.

Meanwhile, Cairns-based Northern Pride went down 16-10 to the Tweed Seagulls in round 1 of the men's Queensland Cup at Tugun. The loss came at another cost, too, with Pride speedster Gideon Gela-Mosby having a suspected broken thumb.

Mackay Cutters flying back Yamba Bowie got on the scoreboard for his team, but they lost in a cliffhanger, 23-22, to Norths Devils at Mackay.

And in Ipswich the Townsville Blackhawks beat home side the Jets 16-10.



Adelaide Crows' Dannielle Ponter played in the AFLW's first lockout game in Adelaide recently. Picture: Peter Argent

How the lockout made for an eerie experience

By PETER ARGENT



DANIELLE Ponter was my literal focus as I headed to Richmond Oval

in Adelaide for the AFLW round 6 match between home team the Crows and GWS Giants on a fine Sunday afternoon.

I am at this game for *Koori Mail Sport*. Ponter, the sole Indigenous player in this game, is an AFLW premierships player and her growth in football continues to rise.

As I settle in along the boundary line to get some good shots it just feels strange. The 40 footballers are accompanied by their water-carriers, coaches, assistant coaches, equipment managers, maybe a few more. There's a full contingent of umpires. Up in the stands are the timekeepers, camera-operators, commentators, maybe one or two other media personnel. I am literally one of a handful of non-club personnel down along the boundary line. And there is not a fan in sight. Not a single one. This is football in a world currently trying its best to deal with COVID-19.

To even get into this game, I had to have my colleagues at the *Koori Mail* vouch for me, despite having a 2020 AFLW season media pass. I had to



Fremantle's Jasmin Stewart.

pass a questionnaire about my health, and the health and actions of those I live with. I found it a bit invasive, but I understood why I had to do it.

The game itself is a close one. Ponter does some good things. I get my shots.

Having covered countless games of football, the AFL and AFLW, and at all levels of the game in every mainland state, the silence here was eerie.

Where there would be a roar



Eagles' Imahra Cameron.

of support for a skilful passage of play, or a collective urging for another goal so the home team can win, there is only the noise of nearby traffic. And the chatter and calls of the players. Maybe a few shouts by the forwards coach from the bench. You could even hear the coaches footsteps as they come down from their boxes in the stands to address the troops. This was a surreal experience.

The Crows are last year's AFLW premiers. Today they are being challenged by the Giants. At one point, with a few minutes remaining, they were one straight kick to save their season. But they can't, and they don't, and they're done for 2020. The Crows suffer their first-ever loss to the Giants, 4.2 (26) to 3.3 (21), 5-points.

This whole experience begs the question we will return to throughout 2020: What impact does loud and vocal support have on teams, on home teams, and on individual players? When the Crows were pressed, when they needed that big, final effort to win this game, there was no-one out in the stands or on the hill to encourage them to do so. Admittedly, neither did the Giants. But still. It's a question that we will all be wondering for a large part of 2020.

With the afternoon game heavy on my mind, I later catch up with five-time NBL championship player and coach, Scott Ninnis, to talk about the no-crowd factor. He said that playing in front of an empty stadium would certainly have an impact.

"Not having spectators would certainly affect players and officials," he said. "It diminishes the (home) advantage and what is perceived as the 'home-side calls' from the umpires."

Footy moves to stay ahead of the curve

WHO knew there was ever going to be something bigger than footy? We can't say we didn't see the coronavirus coming, but now that it's here it really is testing Australia as a community and shining a light on what we take for granted in everyday life.



Shelley Ware

Football has taken a big hit and I really think the AFL Commission have had the best interests of us all at heart by modifying its season and its operations.

Visits to AFL House are by appointment only.

AFLM players have been in lockdown for weeks.

The AFLW has pulled its finals series forward by two weeks; and, it is looking like there will be no crowds for potentially the whole of the AFLM season.

Some people have thought these decisions are unfair, but, honestly speaking, nothing is 100% fair at the moment.

AFL chief executive Gillon McLachlan last week announced that round 1 would go ahead after days of speculation that it wouldn't.

There were mixed feelings about this with some saying it should while others saying it's complete madness.

What I have admired from the AFL is that they are prepared to be patient. By playing 17 games over 40 weeks, it means they are prepared to wait until November for a possible grand final to be played. The welfare of their players, staff and football community is paramount.

The AFLW have not been afforded the same grace, however.

The women's competition is very much in a race against this virus to get its finals and grand final played.

The difference between the two is that AFLW players are not full-time professionals; they are still working at their full-time jobs and mixing within the community.

They do not have the 'luxury' of going into full lockdown like the men therefore they run a greater risk of catching the virus and spreading it within their clubs.

In AFLM clubland, rules are strict and staff have been sent home to work from home and are not to be in the same space as the players. They are not taking any chances. They have utilised the internet with live-streaming to fans, messages from the players to the fans about how they are going and thanking them for their ongoing support, etc. I think we will see a lot more of this. You can do your bit, too, so send your favourite player and team a message of encouragement and support.

We are all in this together and we will make it through. Just look out for each other and also keep an eye out for our Elders, they are our most vulnerable and we need them to guide us through this.

Take care of each other and yourself.

Shelley Ware is a proud Yankunytjatjara and Wirangu woman from Adelaide. She appears on AFL.com.au's Colour Of Your Jumper.



Lindon McGrady, who plays for Tweed Seagulls in the Queensland Cup.

QRL suspends its statewide competitions

By ALF WILSON



THE QRL has made the tough decision to suspend its four major rugby league competitions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It means that 50 teams containing up to 1000 players and support staff will be directly affected, many of them Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players and officials.

The men's Queensland Cup, the QRLW, the Queensland Colts (under-20s) and the Mal Meninga Cup (under-18s) will discontinue as competitions, effective immediately, until June or until further notice.

All four had played the opening round of their respective competitions.

QRL officials have said if competition resumes in June the plan is for each club to play each other once after which the finals series will begin. The results from round 1 fixtures will stand and will go toward premiership points and standings.

At this stage, organisers of the various Indigenous rugby league carnivals around Queensland, including the Queensland Murri Rugby League Carnival, have yet to be notified of any decision for or against. However, these events are held later in the year. Most are sanctioned by the QRL and would abide by its ruling.

Approval for clubs to hold training sessions during this period is an ongoing matter, as the QRL is seeking further advice from its chief medical officer, Dr Roy Saunders, and Queensland health authorities.

"After careful consideration in relation to the unfolding COVID-19 situation, the QRL has suspended its statewide competitions and community leagues, effective immediately. In addition, all junior regional events and state carnivals will be postponed indefinitely," a statement from the QRL read.

QRL managing director Robert Moore said the board had considered all aspects of the current situation in consultation with its operations teams and clubs.

"The decision to put our statewide competitions, community leagues and representative programs on hold takes into account all the relevant information provided by the NRL public health authorities and the government," he said.

SANFL follows suit and puts its footy on hold

By PETER ARGENT



LIKE its interstate counterparts, the SANFL has postponed the start of its 2020 season until May 31

due to the COVID-19 pandemic, acting on the advice of the AFL and health professionals.

Across the league, the impact has been swift and dire.

The SANFLW, which was played alongside the AFLW season, has also been postponed while the SANFL under-16s, which had played its first two rounds, has been cancelled.

Ken Karpany, who plays for West Adelaide in the SANFL, expressed a frustration echoed across the land by players.

"For our club, like all across the league, it has meant that our group can't train together and keep working on what we are focusing on," he said Ken Karpany.

"I'm unable to get into the club and train. We can't work on team structures and participate in any team-orientated ball-work drills and you have to do your workouts by yourself.

"We need to find ways to train and keep up our fitness and equally our motivation."

The 10-round SANFLW season had completed four rounds by Saturday, March 14, with North Adelaide undefeated.

Norwood SANFLW player Rhiannon Busch remains optimistic.

"At this stage we have been told there is to be no organised training for a minimum of two weeks, maybe longer (but) I guess we will see in time," she said.

"We are four rounds in and for a lot of us it would seem very weird to pause and start again, if we get that chance.

"But it would be a great opportunity for clubs to regroup and kinda get another pre-season in. At this level the girls are very dedicated in maintaining their current base level of fitness.

"The only issues I can foresee is that restrictions grow and the ability to get out a run diminishes.

"I think the coronavirus issue has come as a shock. It's



Marlon Motlop, for Glenelg Football Club, one of several Indigenous players now without football. Pictures: Peter Argent

something I would never have thought I'd see in my lifetime.

"All I can do is trust the processes in place and that in a couple of months we can get

back to normality, or close to it."

With the AFL reducing their competition to a 17-round season, the chances of a supplementary draft to booster



Jared Petrenko



Ken Karpany teams in this unique season is high.

There are a number of Indigenous SANFL players who could come under serious consideration should an emergency draft be held.

Among those potentials could be Robbie Young and Kym Lebois from North Adelaide, Malcolm Karpany from South Adelaide, and veterans Jared Petrenko from Woodville-West Torrens and Marlon Motlop from Glenelg.

West Coast, Freo could reap new talent – Narkle

By CHRIS PIKE



THE dreadful COVID-19 pandemic could have at least one silver lining: an opportunity for

Indigenous players to join the two West Australian-based AFL clubs, West Coast and Fremantle.

Like football across the country, the 2020 WAFL season has been delayed until June.

The AFL is looking at

measures to increase the size of the playing lists across its 18 clubs to help off-set the implications of a modified season.

WA football legend Phil Narkle is Indigenous liaison officer at West Coast.

He said he will be happy to see opportunities develop for state-based Indigenous footballers in the AFL.

"It's obviously a scary time for us all and what's happening in society across the world is much bigger than sport and football,"

Narkle said. "Let's just hope we can all get through this as quickly as possible and by then if we find more Indigenous players are in full-time positions in the AFL, then that's even better.

"If we can give some chances to young players and especially Indigenous players this could end up having a positive result for some people."

Narkle said the Eagles' WAFL club has done this already.

"We haven't got our WAFL team preparing for games so

that means we need a larger group of players for training and we've already had to call on some extra bodies," he said.

"Given the WAFL won't start until June, if our AFL team keeps playing, we are going to have to arrange some of our own practice games to have players ready.

"And given the AFL season has started on time, not a lot is different in terms of how our team is being prepared.

"But obviously off the field nothing is the same."

Footy shows face a season of uncertainty

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



FOOTY show host Jodan Perry says his Indigenous rugby league's flagship program has several options in place to remain on air should the NRL season face postponement or be cancelled entirely.

The host of *Over the Black Dot* said the hour-long weekly program will delve into the archives, feature Koori Knockout specials and bring forward other pre-recorded segments should the 2020 NRL season end early.

The program is one of four

Aboriginal football shows currently on air whose primary focus is the NRL and AFL, the codes which share by far the largest following by Indigenous people in the country.

The deathly spectre of COVID-19 has seen both leagues play to empty stadiums and dramatically modify their respective seasons.

Both face immediate cancellation should any player or official test positive to coronavirus.

The weekly shows, Perry's, *Yokayi Footy*, which made its debut last week, *Colour of Your Jumper* and *Marn Grook Footy Show*, which returned to air last week, have as their primary focus weekly

NRL and AFL matches.

Their basic format is to talk about the games played and the games to come, and the Indigenous players in them, almost 160 across both.

"Right now we're literally playing it day-by-day (but) we do have things in place if the live shows does go off air," Perry said.

"If the NRL season gets cancelled, one of the ideas was to have a best-of Koori Knockout show go to air and we've got a lot of pre-packaged stuff that can be rolled out and other stuff that will hold up."

NITV, which airs both *Over the Black Dot* and *Yokayi Footy*, has

adopted for a 'wait and see' approach but said it has a number of contingencies in place.

"At this stage, *Over the Black Dot* and *Yokayi Footy* will air for the entirety of the season," NITV said in a statement.

"However, due to the situation that is unfolding and constantly updating we, like many broadcasters across the world, are needing to adjust our content.

"As such, we are reappraising the format in which we can still bring these chats to air (but) which may mean we will have less panellists than usual.

"Of course, this is all subject to change and we will do our best to

keep people informed of any changes."

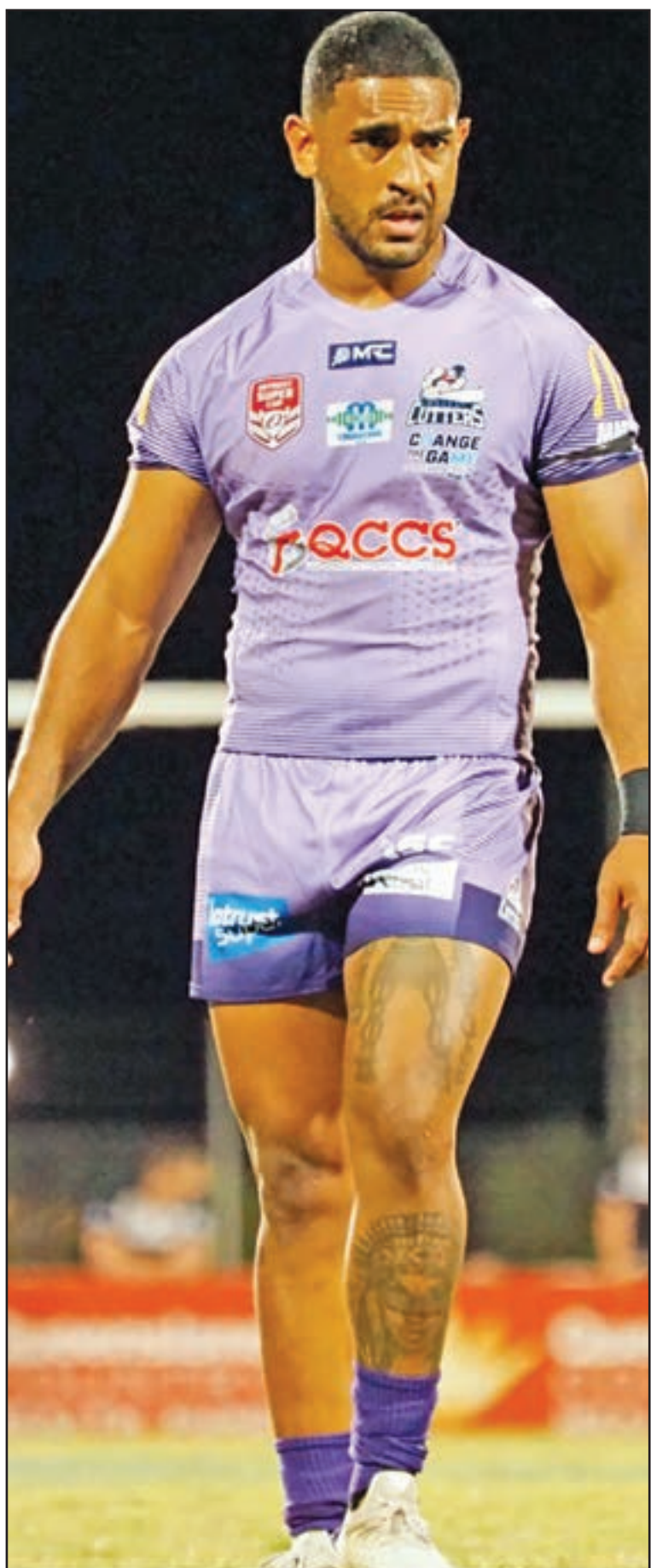
The football fan in Perry relates to the fan at home.

"We're just going to aim to keep delivering top content for our audience; keep that rugby league presence on air for the folks at home," he said.

"As a big fan myself, I think I would still want to watch something to connect with and be entertained."

Colour of Your Jumper, hosted by Koori Mail football columnist Shelley Ware, is televised via the AFL website. *Marn Grook Footy Show* made its return to TV via Channel 31.

Key Cutter laments end of season



Queensland Cup Mackay Cutters player Yamba Bowie could be without an income from football until mid-year – or longer.

By ALF WILSON



STAR footballer Yamba Bowie has mixed emotions

following the QRL's announcement that it will suspend all four of its statewide rugby league competitions due to the COVID-19 outbreak across the world.

The Queensland Cup, the QRLW, Queensland Colts (under-20s) and the Mal Meninga Cup (under-18s), 50 teams in total, have all been suspended until June or until further notice.

The decision came after each competition had played the opening round of the new season.

Bowie, 25, plays for

Mackay in the Queensland Cup and is one of the Cutters' key players. He played well and scored a try for his side in their 23-22 loss to Norths Devils in Mackay in round 1.

Bowie's Cutters were drawn to meet reigning premiers Burleigh in round 2 at Burleigh on the Gold Coast on March 21 but the QRL announced the suspension of competition on March 17, which was not entirely unexpected.

It's left Bowie, and many hundreds of rugby league players across Queensland, with a huge void to fill. He said when news of the virus first became public he didn't think it was that serious.

Cutters officials had advised players that they

would not be allowed to train together during the suspension period.

"I had been looking forward to the round 2 match but now we will have to wait and see if the comp can resume in June," he said.

"We will lose match payments.

"We are going to miss playing football which we love, but the decision has been made for the well-being of players so I support that.

"I will be training by myself to keep fit and we had a meeting and other players will be doing that as well."

Perhaps the biggest, and hidden, impact of all this is financial.

Bowie works at a bank in Mackay and is also studying business

and accounting.

Thursday Island-born Bowie went to primary school on Badu Island.

"There is a big tribe of the Bowie family on Badu," he said.

In 2015, he played for the North Queensland Cowboys' Colts side and in the strong Townsville and District competition.

He has been with the Cutters since 2016 and is a regular at rugby league carnivals in the Torres Strait, Bamaga, Townsville and Mackay.

Queensland Cup clubs are given a quota of players from NRL clubs and Bowie one day hopes to be given an opportunity to play in the big league but he thinks that the competition's suspension will work against fringe players into the NRL.

The WAFL players who could fill the void should AFL clubs come calling

By CHRIS PIKE



MARLION Pickett and Sydney Stack were state-level footballers when

2019 rolled around with only speculation that they could soon be joining an AFL club.

As it happened, Richmond came calling in January and June and now, after proving themselves, both are full-time professional footballers, one even has a premiership medal.

These players were brought into the AFL via two mechanisms – the January pre-season supplemental selection period (Stack) and the June mid-season draft (Pickett).

Jamaine Jones got the tap on the shoulder last month when West Coast added him to its list via the SSP.



Perth Football Club's Michael Bennell, one of several Indigenous players in the WAFL.

Those players could now welcome others into the fold via special

measures by the AFL following coronavirus infection fears.

The AFL's modified 17-game season (plus finals) and shorter games and the spectre of losing players due to infection could open the doors to Indigenous players on the periphery.

Should that happen, in Western Australia, former AFL players Brady Grey (Fremantle) and Jarrod Pickett (Giants, Carlton) are ready and pre-season fit, having trained with West Coast over the summer.

There are other players, too.

Looking across the WAFL, South Fremantle recruits Ben Rioli and Cody Ninnette, former Eagle Brant Colledge, emerging East Perth player Shaquille McKenzie, Peel Thunder premiership player Traye Bennell, and enigmatic Perth forward Michael Bennell could all come under consideration.

Matildas duo wins W-League title



Melbourne City's Kyah Simon tracks the ball in the W-League final against Sydney FC in Melbourne on Saturday. Pictures: Getty Images



MATILDAS
Indigenous pair Kyah Simon and Lydia Williams are

W-League champions after their team Melbourne City claimed the 2019/20 title when they defeated Sydney FC 1-0 in Melbourne on Saturday.

The win means City has become the first side in the W-League to win four championships.

The victory completed a tremendous season by City, who won 11 of 12 regular-season games, drawing one, and conceded just five goals across their entire campaign while scoring 33. City captain Steph

Catley scored the only goal in the 15th minute and was named best afield for a superb individual performance.

Simon had a chance to score but she hit the crossbar in the 34th minute. Later, at the 57th minute, she was put-through on goal with an excellent ball but the Matilda blasted her shot off target.

Williams was called upon twice in the box to keep her side's sheet clean.

She blocked FC's Veronica Latsko's shot in the 49th minute and later in the 80th minute denied Sydney's Princess Ibini with an impressive save.

— with AAP



City goalkeeper Lydia Williams hams it up with teammate Steph Catley with the trophy.

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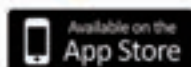
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Academy juniors on the right path

By PETER ARGENT



ONE of AFL club Adelaide Crows' academies, the

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Female Academy of 2020, began the new year as its second in operation.

Like the club's other academies it exists to facilitate the growth of the next generation of players, coaches and administrators.

Adelaide AFLW premierships player Danielle Ponter has joined the academy's coaching staff.

The junior team had been scheduled to play curtain-raisers at the Crows' AFLW games and later against a Port Adelaide academy team but that was before the coronavirus outbreak.



The Crows' Indigenous female academy. Back row from left: Bronwyn Davey (coach), Reagan Robins, Tatyana Perry, Pamela-Rose Francis, Kelliah Maher, Hannah Jones, Shontaya Maher and Marni Faugira. Middle from left: Tesharna Maher, Tanya Pesto, Jasmin Warren, Dominique Sleep and Layla Warren. Front from left: Haley Pickering and Moesha Wombat.

Bushranger Boland scuttled by Shield final cancellation

By PETER ARGENT



SCOTT Boland and the Victorian Bushrangers were primed to defend their Sheffield Shield title only for the COVID-19 pandemic to scuttle those plans.

The Shield final would have seen top-of-the-ladder NSW and second-placed Victoria

play at the SCG, but with the cancellation it meant the first-placed Blues were awarded the title.

Boland and co had surged into second place after strong wins over South Australia and a 44-run win thriller against Queensland in the final stages of the 125-year-old domestic competition.

Boland, the 2018/19 Sheffield Shield cricketer of the year, the first Aboriginal

cricketer to win this award, had a significant impact in both of these victories.

He is one part of a squadron of quick bowlers which places Victoria as one of the most potent sides in domestic cricket.

In the away victory over the Bulls in Brisbane, Boland played a decisive first-innings role with bowling figures of 2/40 from 17 frugal overs. But it was his second innings with

the ball that was outstanding.

Boland sent down 29.1 tireless overs that included 10 maidens for a superb return of 4/62 and ripping through the Bulls' bottom-order when the game was on the line.

Victoria had won four of the previous five Sheffield Shield titles at the start of the season.

● Scott Boland is all line and length in action against South Australia this season.

Picture: Peter Argent

Gardner plays crucial cameos in Aussies' win

By PETER ARGENT



TWO years ago, Ashleigh Gardner was the toast of the town when she was awarded the player of the match when Australia won the final of the 2018 T20 World Cup in the West

Indies.

Fast-track to the MCG earlier this month and Gardner is celebrating another T20 World Cup when the Aussies defeated India in the final in an Australian women's sport record of 86,174 people at the MCG*.

By her own lofty standards, however, Gardner's output in this tournament leans toward being a modest return.

The Aussies started this tournament on the backfoot, losing the opening game, ironically, to India.

However the team bounced back and, in a lot of ways, Gardner's overall performance was reflected in that of the team's.

In the West Indies where she figuratively flew out of the blocks that culminated in a stellar performance in the final, Gardner's 2020 tournament was more reserved.

She produced a couple of important

cameos, notably the 34 she scored in that opening game against India which included three boundaries and a six.

With that loss, however, other results conspired against Australia and the pressure showed.

The Stars reached the end of the qualifying games having to win to have any chance of securing a finals berth at a home World Cup tournament.

The final round-robin game was against New Zealand in Melbourne.

In this game, Gardner's walked to the crease and clipped off a modest but handy run-a-ball 20.

Australia's final total was 5/155.

Gardner's innings was, in the context of the match, critical to the final result.

Perhaps a key moment came when key all-rounder Ellyse Perry fell to injury while fielding during the Kiwis' run-chase.

Gardner was asked to step in and bowl. She trundled down two crucial overs of off-spin at the tail-end of the innings.

History shows the Aussies won this game by a mere four runs.

In the semifinal that was lucky to be played due to wet weather, the Aussies found a way to defeat South Africa in an over-reduced game at the SCG to advance to the final, and into the history books.

Ashleigh Gardner stands tall in the history of Aboriginal cricket.

She is the first Aboriginal women to play in a World Cup 50-over competition (2017), the first in a T20 World Cup (2018), and the first to represent Australia in all three forms of the game. It's a record that could stand for a long time to come.

*The world-record crowd for women's sport came in 1999 when 90,185 turned out to watch the Women's World Cup (soccer) final in California.



Ashley Gardner ready to play against New Zealand at the 2020 T20 World Cup.
Picture: Peter Argent

Allen ends a stellar season in the WNBL

By CHRIS PIKE



FOLLOWING a stellar 2019/20 season with the Perth Lynx in the WNBL, Maddie Allen will turn her attention toward the SBL, if and when that gets started.

Western Australia's state basketball league traditionally tips off in March each year, but, following the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been put on hold.

Allen was last season's grand-final MVP for Rockingham Flames in their 85-56 SBL championship win over Warwick Senators.

She and Australian Opals star Darcee Garbin formed a formidable duo up front for the



Maddie Allen.

Flames, but she has now signed to for Perth Redbacks in 2020.

Allen cemented herself as one of the best Australian 'big's in the WNBL, averaging 4.4 points and 5.2 rebounds per game. She was also second

across the league in blocked shots at 1.8, numbers that would guarantee her another season, either with the Lynx or at another club.

"I think I just really like the community at the Redbacks. It's a real family sort of environment and that was something I wanted to be part of," Allen said of her signing with the Perth team.

"Obviously the coaching staff are great people too, so I'm excited to be coming on board.

"I like to win and in the end that's what we did (at Rockingham), so when it came to the championships we were able to win and hopefully we can do the same this year at the Redbacks.

"I saw that they missed the play-offs last year and were

unlucky to miss out but hopefully we can change that this season.

"Playing against the calibre of players (in the WNBL) was definitely a positive. Hopefully that can be translated toward this SBL season and I'm more than ready to get back out on the court now."

In a statement last week, Basketball WA said, "Following consultation with all SBL clubs regarding COVID-19, Basketball WA has announced the postponement of the 2020 SBL season until the end of May. The SBL Commission will hold urgent meetings in the coming days and liaise with clubs to determine what the revised format will look like and what restrictions will be put on the competition."



NSW Waratahs' Kurtley Beale.

Out: Beale. In: Western Force



NSW Waratah and Wallabies back Kurtley Beale suffered a hamstring injury against ACT Brumbies in

Canberra in the final open game to fans just before Super Rugby takes on a whole new look.

Governing body SANZAAR announced a shake-up of the competition due to the COVID-19 pandemic at the completion of round 7.

The shake-up involves the Western Force in what would be one of the most improbable comebacks to top-flight rugby the code has ever seen following the formation of a five-team domestic competition starting next month.

Booted out of Super Rugby three years ago, the Force are rare winners from the coronavirus pandemic, with the Perth-based franchise to join old rivals the Waratahs, Brumbies, Queensland Reds and Melbourne Rebels in the new-look tournament.

SANZAAR officials are clinging to the hope of salvaging the Super Rugby season, which was last week suspended seven rounds into the 18-round season, and have yet to rule out playing a finals series.

That would potentially feature the winners of Australia's internal home-and-away competition proposed to start on April 3 and presumably conference winners from any similar New Zealand and South African tournament.

The domestic tournament will see Australia's five professional rugby outfits playing together for the first time since 2017 after the suspension of mining billionaire Andrew Forrest's World Global Rugby freed up the Force.

Rugby Australia last Friday said discussions were continuing at SANZAAR level and with competition broadcasters on the specifics of the draw and finals format.

All matches will be played in closed venues in line with current Australian government restrictions on public gatherings.

Forrest has apparently approved a plan to enable the Force to rejoin the fold, provided government restrictions and guidelines on travel and gatherings allow it. —AAP

'Hodgo and Gallen wouldn't scare me'

By ALF WILSON



POWER-punching heavyweight amateur boxer Thomas Warria-Utumu is having trouble finding

opponents and intends turning professional and the chance to take on former rugby league stars.

The 110kg boxer said he would gladly step into the ring with pro boxers and former rugby league stars Justin Hodges or Paul Gallen, or both.

Warria-Utumu, 25, trains at the Art of Strength club in Townsville.

He has had 17 amateur bouts and won 11 of them. Most of his losses were early in his career.



Bring it on! Thomas Warria-Utumu has former football stars on his hit list.

"I have been finding it difficult to be matched at tournaments up this way probably because

there are not many heavyweights around," Warria-Utumu said.

"I have lots of experience now. I want to compete at the state amateur titles and the nationals later in the year."

Warria-Utumu needs more fights before he can turn professional.

He has an ambitious aim.

"Once I turn pro, I would fight footballers-turned-boxers Justin Hodges or Paul Gallen — they wouldn't scare me," he said.

Warria-Utumu hopes to be matched during a tournament in Townsville in April.

"I have been training hard and have lost 10kg giving up dairy products and eating meat once a week," he said.

Warria-Utumu said one of the hardest bouts he had was

late last year when he scored a points win over Zenadth Kes boxer Karim Yorkston.

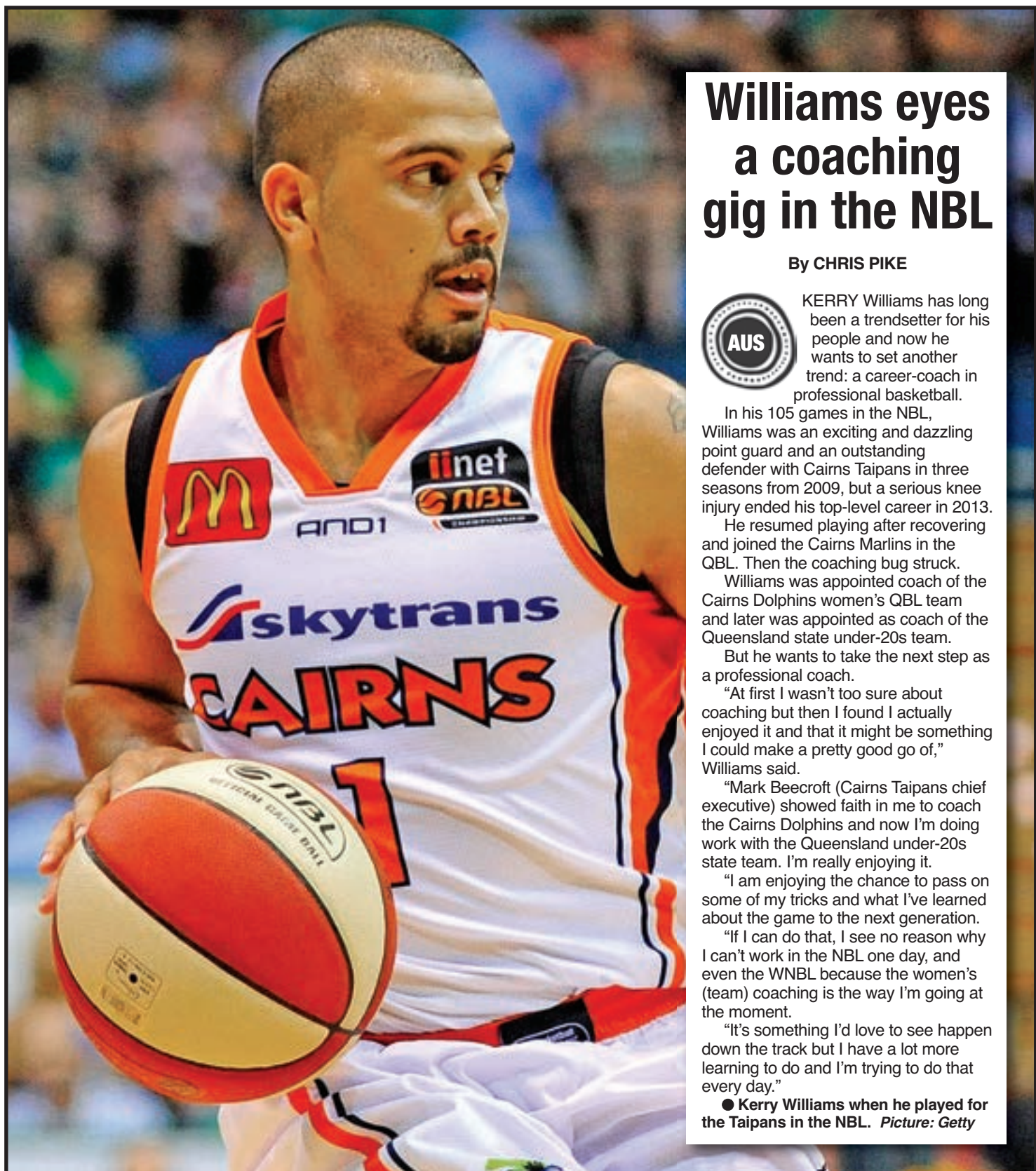
"Karim is a good boxer and it was a tough contest," he said.

Cairns-born Warria-Utumu moved to Townsville as a 10-year-old. His first bout was in April 2016.

He has been training strongly under the guidance of Art of Strength trainer and former pro boxer Gonzo Hooper.

"His brother 'Scooter' used to train me, but he moved to Cairns," Warria-Utumu said.

Also a talented rugby league front-row forward, Warria-Utumu shone for an Indigenous team which defeated a Maori side on Waitangi Day in Townsville in February.



Williams eyes a coaching gig in the NBL

By CHRIS PIKE



KERRY Williams has long been a trendsetter for his people and now he wants to set another trend: a career-coach in professional basketball.

In his 105 games in the NBL, Williams was an exciting and dazzling point guard and an outstanding defender with Cairns Taipans in three seasons from 2009, but a serious knee injury ended his top-level career in 2013.

He resumed playing after recovering and joined the Cairns Marlins in the QBL. Then the coaching bug struck.

Williams was appointed coach of the Cairns Dolphins women's QBL team and later was appointed as coach of the Queensland state under-20s team.

But he wants to take the next step as a professional coach.

"At first I wasn't too sure about coaching but then I found I actually enjoyed it and that it might be something I could make a pretty good go of," Williams said.

"Mark Beecroft (Cairns Taipans chief executive) showed faith in me to coach the Cairns Dolphins and now I'm doing work with the Queensland under-20s state team. I'm really enjoying it.

"I am enjoying the chance to pass on some of my tricks and what I've learned about the game to the next generation.

"If I can do that, I see no reason why I can't work in the NBL one day, and even the WNBL because the women's (team) coaching is the way I'm going at the moment.

"It's something I'd love to see happen down the track but I have a lot more learning to do and I'm trying to do that every day."

● Kerry Williams when he played for the Taipans in the NBL. Picture: Getty



David Williams, a one-time Soccerroo, is a championship winner after his side Atlético Kolkota won the Indian Super league championship. Picture: Getty Images

'Willo' a championship winner with Indian ATK

By CHRIS PIKE



DAVID Williams' bold move to play in the Indian Super League soccer competition has

paid the ultimate dividend with a national championship in his first attempt.

The threat of coronavirus, however, meant that the final of the 2019/20 ISL season between Williams' Atlético Kolkota and Chennaiyin FC at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Goa was closed to the public.

ATK defeated Chennaiyin 3-

1 in which Williams provided a key goal-assist in the 48th minute to put his side 2-0 up.

"I wish my family was here at the moment because I have gone through a long career so far and haven't really won anything until now," an emotional Williams said post-match.

"It would have been nice to celebrate with my wife and boys, but it is what it is. We'll have to win again next year to let them enjoy it."

It has been a challenging journey for the 32-year-old up to this point. He had a disappointing end to his time at

Melbourne City in the A-League which led to a stint in Hungary for Haladás. He returned to the A-League for an enjoyable stint with Wellington.

But it's been his experience in the growing Indian national competition that has rejuvenated Williams' love of the game. He couldn't have been happier with how the final played out.

"It feels great. It's a little bit surreal with no fans here, but I know there's thousands of fans that were watching back home," Williams said.

"This was for all of those supporters who were at home

and have supported us the whole season. I'm sorry it came to an event like this with no fans.

"We scored three goals and it was a hard-fought battle and both teams deserved to be here. I'm feeling pretty happy. This is a great feeling and a great moment for the club."

Williams joined ATK with a long list of achievements.

His side finished the regular season in second place with Williams scoring seven goals and his former Wellington teammate Roy Krishna equalling the league's best with 15.

A-League to play out season on the east coast



THE remainder of the A-League season will be condensed with games

played on three-day turnarounds and played in empty stadiums, the FFA has confirmed.

New Zealand team Wellington Phoenix are

halfway through their 14-day period of self-isolation after flying into Australia on Tuesday last week, after which they will play out the remainder of the season from a Sydney base.

Melbourne Victory returned to the country from New Zealand on Monday last week and have another week in isolation under

government travel orders.

Those teams will also won't be allowed to train during their isolation periods.

The FFA decided against suspending the A-League.

"We had 30 matches left, six competition rounds to go, it is our intent to compress the rest of that season," FFA's head of

leagues Greg O'Rourke said.

"We have spoken to the clubs. And we're now speaking to the venues to see whether or not it's possible for us to complete those six rounds in three to four weeks.

"We just think, at this point of time, that is a better solution ... rather than suspend it." - AAP



Blink and you will miss it. Earth, a pale blue dot in the vastness of space. Picture: AAP

That pale blue dot puts sport in perspective

I HAVE said this before and it's worth repeating: The history books will show that sport has given our people an enormous hand-up in a society whose same history books will show has treated us abysmally. Sport has delivered a massive platform for us to be seen and heard far and wide. This shouldn't have had to fall entirely to sport but it has.



Darren Moncrieff

For a lot of people, however, sport is the least of their worries and right now staying healthy and remaining alive is all our priorities.

Here I will digress for a moment to Carl Sagan, an astrophysicist who did not have a sporting bone in his body but who penned one of the more insightful pieces that I have read regarding our place within the universe. See that photo up there? Well, that arrow points to planet Earth within the vastness of space. And of that image, in 1994 Sagan wrote, in part:

"Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. (All) of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilisation, every young couple in love, every mother and father, every hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every corrupt politician, every 'superstar', every 'supreme leader', every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there."

Life's fragility has never been more apparent. The COVID-19 global pandemic has ended thousands of lives and compromised many thousands more. The despair and disappointment at organised sport having to suspend or radically modify their current seasons due to coronavirus can, for me at least, be tempered and softened by a perspective offered by people like Sagan.

Sport will return how we remembered it, and so will the footy. I feel for those whose work and livelihood is dependent upon sport (it's my livelihood, too) but if sport and footy have to take a back seat to keeps us all alive, then so be it. I say this after someone once asked me: "How can you say that you 'just LOVE' football? What's the big deal with it anyway?" Lucky for me, flowers and chocolate helped end that tricky conversation.

But seriously, our collective health should be our priority. When this is all over, maybe we won't be so harsh on that opposition player, and we might be a little more forgiving toward our own team's inevitable failures, or maybe we'll just pick right up where we left off and tell everyone just how crap their team really is. Now that's something to look forward to.

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Gardner, Southern Stars win second T20 World Cup

By PETER ARGENT



ASHLEIGH Gardner is a dual World Cup winner after she and the Southern Stars defeated India to win the ICC Women's T20 title in front of an Australian women's sport record crowd of 86,174 at the MCG.

Fittingly, Gardner's catch at mid-wicket that would dismiss India's Poonam Yadav as the final wicket sparked riotous celebrations on the field, in the stands, at home and from the players.

It was a surreal moment.

"The home crowd was amazing," Gardner said, still catching her breath after the game.

"As an Indigenous Australian it is an absolute honour to represent my culture.

"To be the first Aboriginal player in female World Cups, I will never take this for granted."

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● Ashley Gardner sends down a wrist-spinner in the match against New Zealand in Melbourne at the recent ICC Women's T20 World Cup for Australia. Picture: Peter Argent



Nightcliff players celebrate their grand-final triumph in Darwin.

Tigers take Top End title



YORTA Yorta man Chris Baksh has masterminded back-to-back flags in Australia's premier summertime football competition when his side

Nightcliff defeated St Mary's to win the 2019/20 NTFL Premier League Grand Final in Darwin last weekend.

The Tigers, captained by Aboriginal man Phillip Wills, and the Saints, led by Aboriginal men Raph Clarke and Shannon Rioli as co-captains, put on a game for the ages in which the yellow-and-black prevailed by 13 points, 10.13 (73) to 9.6 (60), in front of a packed crowd at Marrara Oval.

Where last year's grand final result came from a grinding, dour affair, this year's showed all that is great about Aussie rules football, bringing together two of the best performed and most skilful sides in the competition.

St Mary's was competing in its 50th senior grand final and were attempting to win the premiership after having finished the previous season last on the ladder.

The 'Green Machine' got to within two points at three-quarter-time before the hungry Tigers pulled away to complete a big day of football.

With the highest proportionate Aboriginal population in the country, Aboriginal footballers feature highly across the NTFL senior, reserve and junior men's and women's divisions.

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Chris Baksh is mobbed by his players after Nightcliff wins the 2019/20 NTFL Premier League grand final in Darwin.

Global pandemic has sport in a spin



AS major sporting leagues and events around the world continue to fall like dominoes, the NRL, AFL and Super Rugby will press ahead in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The administrations of those competitions last week pushed on with their seasons, albeit with some major modifications, and are being played in empty stadiums.

It comes as Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced a series of new restrictions designed to help curb the spread of coronavirus in Australia.

He said that some measures, such as preventing crowds from attending sports events, could last at least six months, but he



Round 1 of the AFL at an empty MCG. Picture: Getty Images

had stopped short of telling either of the football codes what to do.

All competition, however, will be postponed immediately if and when any player or official tests positive to coronavirus.

The AFL curtailed its season to 17 games where each team plays each other once before the finals series.

The AFLW scrapped its two remaining home-and-away rounds and went straight into a three-week finals series.

The NRL began its season in front of big crowds before following the new directive.

Super Rugby, which got to round 7, will see the four Australian teams and the privately-owned Western Force

playing in a round-robin series against each other

Elsewhere, the French Open, Euro 2020 and Copa America, in which the Socceroos were to take part, became the latest sporting events to be postponed because of the health crisis.

There are expectations that the Tokyo Olympics could be cancelled or postponed despite organisers and the IOC insisting it will go ahead.

The V8 Supercars said racing would be postponed until June.

And the Perth Wildcats have been awarded the 2019/20 NBL championship after leading the five-game finals series 2-1 against Sydney Kings before it was abandoned. —AAP

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