

Battles of the Pilbara



THERE were tears of joy and cries of heartache in the Pilbara last week, as traditional owners faced off against mining companies.

Members of the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation were celebrating last week, after the High Court ruled in their favour in their long-running battle with Fortescue Metals Group (FMG). The High Court found that FMG – the company founded by billionaire Andrew ‘Twiggy’ Forrest – could not appeal their exclusive native title determination.

But Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura people were devastated after mining giant Rio Tinto destroyed a significant site, dating back 46,000 years.

Rio detonated explosives in an area of the Juukan Gorge, destroying two ancient deep-time rock shelters. The mining giant was granted approval for work in 2013, but subsequent archaeological excavation had revealed ancient artefacts.

Rio suggested representatives of the traditional owners had failed to make clear concerns about preserving the site.

However, Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura Aboriginal Corporation (PKKPAC) spokesperson Burchell Hayes rejected the claim and said the significance of Juukan Gorge had long been emphasised.

“At all times, the PKKPAC has been direct and explicit in the archaeological and ethnographic significance of these rock shelters and the importance that they be preserved,” he said. “We believe Rio Tinto’s outrageous statement is a bid to minimise the adverse public reaction and community outrage about Sunday’s blast at Juukan Gorge, and the distress and upset caused to the Puutu Kunti Kurrama people.”

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Taliqua’s right on the money for Tokyo



TALIQUA Clancy – the first Aboriginal woman to represent Australia at the Olympics – now has her face on a special \$1 coin.

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Clancy is preparing for her second Olympics, in Tokyo, which have been rescheduled to next year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She reached the quarter finals in the 2016 Rio Olympics.

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Beach volleyball champion Taliqua Clancy now features on a specially minted coin.



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MY FAMILY Alice Moncrieff (Kuwinyardu – Carnarvon, WA)



THIS is Alice Moncrieff (fourth from left) with seven of her eight children at a long-awaited family reunion and return to country. Alice (grandmother of our sports editor, Darren Moncrieff) recently celebrated her 92nd birthday on May 5.

She is with her children here at Middalya Station near to where she was born in 1928 in a bough shed some distance away from the station's homestead.

Alice is a Thakarri/Ingaarda woman and is knowledgeable in her language, which she has shared with her family.

In 1946, Alice married Tony Moncrieff, a Wadjarri man from Meekatharra. Together they had seven children. The eighth child was Billy, her sister Peggy's son who they raised after Peggy sadly passed away when Billy – who now lives in Meekatharra – was 18 months old in 1947, when their own first child was just a few months old.

Alice and Tony later moved to Carnarvon, which is known also by its traditional name, Kuwinyardu (Neck of Water) near to where Tony worked at neighbouring sheep and cattle stations as lead stockman.

With their eight children, Alice and Tony had 19 grandchildren, which grew to 47 great-grandchildren and then 29 great-great grandchildren today. In this photo with Alice are (from left and in order of birth) Elaine, Jennifer, Helen, Cheryl, Phillip, Diane and Roxanne Moncrieff.

Elaine, Jennifer, Helen, Alice, Cheryl, Phillip, Diane and Roxanne Moncrieff.

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Visit East Arnhem from comfort of home



ABORIGINAL artists have been taking to the internet to share the beauty of East Arnhem and Yolngu culture in response to COVID-19 social distancing regulations. *East Arnhem Live* is an online concert series allowing people to experience Indigenous culture in the Northern Territory through song and dance from the comfort of their home.

In a special event to celebrate Reconciliation Week 2020, *East Arnhem Live* broadcast a Rirratjingu clan bunggul (traditional dance and song from the Rirratjingu clan, who are one of the two main traditional owner groups of the Gove Peninsula) last Saturday, May 30.

So far the concert series has seen performances from: Yirringa Yunupingu (NT Song of the Year nominee for *We Rise*), Yirmal Marika (singer-songwriter and grandson of Dr M Yunupingu, former lead singer of Yothu Yindi), The Andrew Gurruwiwi Band, and esteemed song man Djakapurra Munyarryun, which can all still be viewed online.

Ishmael Marika is a young Rirratjingu clan leader, and the grandson of Milirrpum Marika, the lead plaintiff in the Gove Land Rights case. He works as the creative director of The Mulka Project in Yirrkala and is an award-winning filmmaker.

He said that the theme of Reconciliation Week 'In This Together' was particularly poignant due to the coronavirus.

"COVID-19 brings everyone together," Ishmael said. "The Yolngu people here are always together because of our songlines and ceremonies. We are all one."

"Reconciliation is really important for me as a young man to stay together as one with the families, no matter what is happening on this earth."

"Sharing Rirratjingu stories helps everyone stay together as one, as a people, look after each other and help."



Gatjarrarra Marika is one of the Rirratjingu clan members who shared Bunggul (ceremonial dance and song) as part of the *East Arnhem Live* online concert series.

High Court: Yindjibarndi land is Yindjibarndi

By RUDI MAXWELL



"A RICH man's poor ambition has come to an end."

Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (YAC)

chief executive Michael Woodley couldn't keep the smile off his face on Friday after the High Court agreed with what his people have always known.

Yindjibarndi land is Yindjibarndi.

And Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) – the mining company founded by billionaire Andrew 'Twiggy' Forrest – cannot appeal the native title ruling that covers the Solomon iron-ore mine in the Pilbara.

Yindjibarndi people have been fighting for nearly 30 years for their land claim to be properly recognised.

They've been in almost every court in the land.

It's been a bitter and long fight, pitting family against family as some Yindjibarndi people wanted to take the deal offered by FMG while others vehemently opposed it.

FMG backed a breakaway group, the Wirlu Murra Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (WMYAC), with resources and support and claimed they'd therefore negotiated with traditional owners.

And all the while, Forrest grew richer off Yindjibarndi land and somehow carved out a reputation as a philanthropist and some sort



Yindjibarndi people celebrate after the High Court found that FMG could not appeal their exclusive native title. *Picture: Ngaarda Media*

of white 'expert' on Blackfellas. When he came to power in 2013, Prime Minister Tony Abbott – the self-proclaimed 'Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs' – handed Indigenous policy making to Forrest.

In the 1950s and 60s, Yindjibarndi people were forced off their land, with many people made to live in Roebourne.

But Yindjibarndi never lost their connection to their land – or their desire to have control of it back in their hands.

In 2007, YAC's non-exclusive rights to their traditional lands were recognised. But since that time they've faced court case after court case to have their exclusive rights recognised.

In 2015, Federal Court Judge Stephen Rares found FMG had provided support and resources to WMYAC, who were trying to convince Yindjibarndi people to take a \$4m deal with FMG.

Fortescue had also awarded millions of dollars worth of contracts on its Solomon hub to the Eastern Guruma and Wirlu Murra Aboriginal corporations.

Then, finally, in July 2017, the Yindjibarndi people were granted exclusive native title rights to their country.

FMG appealed that decision, but the full bench of the Federal Court ruled against the mining company in late 2019.

And now, with the High Court ruling FMG cannot appeal again,

the court process is over.

Except for compensation.

FMG has yet to pay any money to YAC. Mr Woodley said YAC would now begin preparing documents for a compensation claim – believed to be worth many millions – in the Federal Court.

Yindjibarndi Elders Margaret Read and Judith Coppin said they were "jumping for joy" when they heard the High Court decision.

"Today was a very special day and I'm extremely proud. We've been waiting for this for a long time," Ms Read told Ngaarda Media. "To be finally recognised as exclusive native title holder for our murra (land), we've been talking about it for so long, it's awesome."

"And especially for all the old

people we've lost and all the young people we've lost."

"All the Yindjibarndi people who stood for a cause and they've gone – today is their day as well."

"As I've said all along, money was never an issue. We have richness in our culture, customs and lore. Our people and our kinship – that is our richness, but this will help rebuild the Yindjibarndi nation into the once powerful tribe that we used to be."

"We can now focus on getting our young people up and educated to be our future."

Solicitor-General for Western Australia Joshua Thomson told the court the Yindjibarndi people had never stopped practising traditional law on their land.

He cited their requirement for strangers to seek permission to enter their land before and after Europeans arrived as an example, saying Fortescue's application lacked merit.

Justices Patrick Keane and James Edelman agreed. They dismissed the application after an hour of submissions.

WA Treasurer Ben Wyatt welcomed the court's decision. He said it marked the end of the Yindjibarndi people's 17-year struggle to have their native title rights properly recognised.

Fortescue said Friday's decision would have no impact on its current or future operations at Solomon Hub and it does not anticipate any financial impact.

Pilbara site destroyed

By NICK PATON



ANCIENT rock shelters that protected Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura people 46,000 years ago have been destroyed

by mining company Rio Tinto.

On Sunday, May 24, Rio Tinto detonated charges in areas of the Juukan Gorge on the Hamersley Plateau, about 60km north-west of Mount Tom Price, as part of its mining operations.

Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura Aboriginal Corporation (PKKPAC) Land Committee chair John Ashburton said a 2014 excavation had uncovered artefacts of extreme importance, which put the area among the most significant research sites in the region.

"This is one of the earliest, if not the earliest, sites in the upland Pilbara and is part of a rich landscape of places in the area that have not been studied in depth," Mr Ashburton said.

"There are less than a handful of known Aboriginal sites in Australia that are as old as this one and we know from archaeological studies that it is one of the earliest occupied locations not only on the western Hamersley Plateau, but also in the Pilbara and nationally.

"Its importance cannot be underestimated."

What is frustrating for the PKKP people is that the blast occurred as part of operations performed in accordance with official approvals and related consents.

Authorisation to destroy the site was granted by the Western Australian Aboriginal Affairs minister in 2013 under Section 18 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* (1972), which gave Rio Tinto permission to conduct excavation, cause destruction or damage to Aboriginal cultural sites.

But since the authorisation, archaeological research has revealed highly significant ancient artefacts which were found in two rock shelters at the site, known to date back at least 20,000 years before the last Ice Age.

In 2008, preliminary testing was conducted on the site and in 2014 salvage excavations were undertaken, led by archaeologist Dr Michael Slack.

Several significant artefacts were uncovered during the excavation, including grinding and pounding stones which represent the earliest use of grindstone technology in the Pilbara.

A macropod fibula (kangaroo leg bone) sharpened into a pointed tool believed to date back 28,000 years was found at the site and hair dating back 4000



Ancient Pilbara rock shelters dated with evidence of human occupation of over 46,000 years have been destroyed by mining company Rio Tinto.



Burchell Hayes, a director of PKKP Aboriginal Corporation and Kurrama Land Committee member.

years was also recovered from the excavations.

Burchell Hayes, a director of PKKP Aboriginal Corporation and Kurrama Land Committee member, told Ngaarda Media there was shock, devastation and pain associated with the loss of Juukan Gorge sites.

"It's terrible," he said.

"And it's really emotional when you hear that the sites have been destroyed and the age of those sites and that the Puutu Kunti Kurrama people and the Pinikura people have got a direct connection to that site.

"That's where our ancestors occupied that country. It's really, really hard to swallow that, that it's no longer there."

Mr Ashburton said the regulatory system was deeply flawed.

"We recognise that Rio Tinto has complied with its legal

obligations, but we are gravely concerned at the inflexibility of the regulatory system which does not recognise the importance of such significant archaeological discoveries within the Juukan Gorge once the minister has given consent," he said.

"We are now working with Rio Tinto to safeguard the remaining rock shelters in the Juukan Gorge and ensure open communication between all stakeholders.

"Losing these rock shelters is a devastating blow to the PKKP traditional owners. Our people are deeply troubled and saddened by the destruction of these rock shelters and are grieving the loss of connection to our ancestors as well as our land."

Clinton Walker is a descendant of the Ngarluma and Yindjibarndi people, the traditional owners of the coastal and inland areas of the West Pilbara region. This area



The ancient rock shelters prior to the blast at Juukan Gorge on May 24.

includes Karratha, the Dampier Archipelago, Murujuga and Millstream-Chichester national parks.

Mr Walker said he was shocked and angered when he heard about the destruction of the significant Aboriginal cultural heritage site.

"The connection the Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura people have had with this particular part of country over tens of thousands of years has been proved by science, and for these traditional owners to lose their sense of connection to their country, and their culture, is an act of vandalism," he said.

"We are really feeling for our Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura brothers and sisters because even on my own country, which is just next door to the blast site, I have seen the destruction of culture and heritage that is caused

by the big mining companies.

"It's almost as if Rio Tinto are happy to forgo their moral obligations simply due to the fact that they have fulfilled the necessary legal requirements.

"So in a way Rio Tinto are disregarding Aboriginal cultural heritage by saying, 'It's OK. We've done all we need to tick the right boxes, so that means we're not doing anything wrong,' and that's something I know is angering a lot of people.

"These types of attitudes are rife within the mining world, and considering I used to work for Rio Tinto myself, it's the same reason why I needed to leave the industry and seek out a career elsewhere.

"A career away from mining may not pay as well, but it certainly agrees with my conscience and need to take care of country."



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Linda Burney reflects on key moments of the journey towards reconciliation

By NICK PATON



IT'S been 20 years since Australia's biggest ever public political demonstration took place, when more than 350,000

people gathered for the Walk for Reconciliation across the Sydney Harbour Bridge as part of National Reconciliation Week's Corroborree 2000 celebrations.

Wiradjuri woman and Federal Labor MP Linda Burney was a leading member of the committee organising Corroborree 2000.

She said, including the hundreds of thousands of people who took part in other bridge walks around the nation, the number of people who actually took part in the Corroborree 2000 Walk for Reconciliation was close to one million people.

"I think the reason so many people gathered that day is a simple one, in that it gave all those people who had come on that journey with us something practical to do where they could demonstrate their support for reconciliation," Ms Burney said.

"Our idea for the Bridge Walk was to get as many people as we could on trains and buses into the Sydney city to take part in something tangible, and that's why I think the demonstration was so successful.

"So much went into planning the day and there were many other committees and organisations involved, which included collaborating with all of the various government agencies who were responsible for closing



Labor MP and member of the Wiradjuri Nation Linda Burney was in Sydney in 2000 for the Walk for Reconciliation across the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

the entire Sydney Harbour Bridge off to traffic and ensuring the safety of all the people who took part."

In 1996 the first National Reconciliation Week was launched by the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation. The week is bookended by two important dates: May 27, the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum to count Aboriginal

people in the census, and June 3, Mabo Day, the date of the successful High Court decision that recognised Terra Nullius as a legal fiction and paved the way for native title rights.

In 2000, Reconciliation Australia was established, which has remained the national voice providing leadership on reconciliation.

"And since then, I think there

has been enormous change," Ms Burney said.

"I can say that because I've seen it, and I've been part of it, and you only need to look at some of the obvious changes like the number of Aboriginal teachers, doctors, dentists, and Aboriginal people in the professions.

"But although we are seeing some changes in the

Government's Closing the Gap targets, in many other areas things for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are getting worse."

Ms Burney said the meaning of reconciliation for her is multifaceted. She said it's about the relationship between Australia's First Nations people and all of the other people who have made Australia their home, coming together and understanding the truth of our shared history.

"I don't see reconciliation as a destination; reconciliation is a journey," Ms Burney said. "It's also about the issues of social justice, and for reconciliation to be truly realised there needs to be a capacity for Aboriginal people to enjoy what Australia offers, as much as anyone else."

Ms Burney said the number of Aboriginal children being removed from their families and communities isn't getting better, and there are still too many Aboriginal people being locked up.

"And you need only look at all the chronic health issues experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, especially the discrepancy between the shorter life expectancy of Indigenous people compared their non-Indigenous counterparts," she said.

"A reconciled Australia in the future means an Aboriginal child in Australia having access to the same life choices and chances as any other child."

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Preventing removal of our kids top of agenda



SNAICC – the peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children – chair Muriel Bamblett believes it is important to learn from the past.

On National Sorry Day, May 26, Adjunct Professor Bamblett said SNAICC paid respects to the members of the Stolen Generations and called on Australian governments to work with SNAICC to implement the recommendations of the Bringing Them Home report.

"The report was tabled 23 years ago, and is a stark reminder of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children – and the impact it is still having on our children, families and communities today," she said.

"In these uncertain times, it is important to mark days such as National Sorry Day to pay our respects to the Stolen Generations and our Elders.

"It reminds us that the traumatic experiences associated with forced removal of children reverberate down through time.

"It is important that we implement the recommendations within the Bringing Them Home report and address the institutional and systemic issues that contribute to today's



Muriel Bamblett

overrepresentation of our children in out-of-home care.

"Our Stolen Generations remind us that our children of today are likely to experience the same lifelong disadvantage unless they have the opportunity to heal, remain connected to their culture and identity, and experience joy in their childhoods."

In 2018, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) reported that current

surviving members of the Stolen Generations experience higher rates of adversity than other Indigenous people who were not removed from their families.

The health and social outcomes for descendants are similarly poor – there is direct transfer of trauma and poverty between the Stolen Generations, their children and descendants.

Professor Bamblett said that the impacts of intergenerational trauma on children today are profound.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are being removed from their families at more than 10 times the rate of other children, continuing the legacy of child removal for our people," she said.

Family Matters – the campaign to reduce the number of First Nations children in out of home care – co-chair Richard Weston said Indigenous children need their mob.

"Every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child has a right to grow up in connection to their community, strong in their culture and identity to realise their full potential," he said.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people are 17 times more likely to be in juvenile detention, and they are 2.6 times more likely to be developmentally

vulnerable than other children when they start school.

"It is evident that intergenerational trauma can be passed through the generations and is still impacting today's younger generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. It affects behaviour and relationships, which leads to problems in school, increases families risk of vulnerability, and can lead to government intervention."

SNAICC is working in partnership with the Australian Government's National Indigenous Australians Agency, in leading the development of a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Childhood Strategy. The strategy will respond to the needs and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families, sector experts, lead agencies and front line service providers across a range of human service sectors.

"We are looking forward to connecting with communities across Australia," Professor Bamblett said.

"We will strive to be the voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families to ensure better outcomes for our children and lead us on the path to healing."

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Volleyball champ Taliqua gets a coin of her own

By PETER ARGENT



BEACH volleyball champion Taliqua Clancy is the first Indigenous female volleyball player to represent Australia at the Olympics.

And now the Australian Mint has produced a special coin commemorating Clancy's achievements.

Since she started playing in her mid-teens, just over a decade ago, Clancy's rise to the top of her sport has been outstanding, seeing her enjoy success on the international stage.

Her first title was at the World Junior Championships in Alanya, Turkey, back in 2012, and Clancy has been on an upward trajectory ever since.

The Kingaroy-born 184cm tall athlete is determined and passionate, and is seen as a gold-medal contender at the Tokyo Olympics, which were to have been held later this year, but had to be rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Clancy's career highlights include being a four-time Australian champion and a five-time Asian champion.

She reached the quarter finals in the 2016 Rio Olympics and was the silver medalist in the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

The Australian Mint is the producer of the official coin products for the Australian Olympic and Australian Paralympic teams competing in next year's Tokyo Olympic Games.

An Australian Olympic ambassador for the Royal Australian Mint, Taliqua Clancy's coin is a \$1 coloured, unfrosted, uncirculated item only available via order through the mint.

"To have a specially minted coin is a great honour for me personally and for my family, and also for the sport," Clancy told the *Koori Mail*.

"Also, because volleyball isn't a mainstream sport, to have it acknowledged in this way is a great honour as well.

"It's pretty cool to have a coin minted.

"It's an absolute honour. I can show further generations of my family."

While Taliqua Clancy will need to keep her focus for another 12 months on her goal of winning an Olympic gold medal she did concede it has been one of the longest pre seasons ever, preparing for her second Olympics.

The 2021 Tokyo Olympics have been rescheduled to begin on Friday, July 23, 2021, and will go through to Sunday, August 8.

Taliqua said that after her volleyball career is over she would like to work in Aboriginal health and wellbeing. She said she'd like to create and deliver programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children across the nation.



The Australian Mint has made a special \$1 coin featuring beach volleyball player Taliqua Clancy.



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Number of homeless women is on the rise



FIRST Nations women in regional areas are at significantly greater risk of homelessness than

other Australian women, and more likely to end up in prison, new research has found.

Nearly one third of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have been homeless in the past five years, and more than half have gone without meals to afford rent.

The research, conducted by the YWCA, found that 15% of First Nations women had lived in their car because they could not afford the private rental market, compared with 4% cent of other women.

Also, 36% knew at least one other woman who was currently homeless, compared with 19% of other women.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar.

The release of the YWCA report coincided with the release of research commissioned by the Keeping Women Out of Prison Coalition, which found that of the 2760 women released from prison each year about one third, or around

883, become homeless.

The research found homelessness was a major cause of women returning to prison within nine months of release.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar, a Bunuba woman, said "urgent action" was needed.

"What's needed is a community-led, trauma-informed preventative approach that tackles the entrenched social and economic disadvantage behind most of the minor crimes our women are incarcerated for," Ms Oscar said.

YWCA Housing director Jan Berriman said that the number of homeless Indigenous women was increasing.

Overall, the report found one in eight women living in regional Australia had been homeless in the past five years, a higher level

than previous studies and statistics.

"One quarter of women who had been homeless, either in the past five years or currently, did not share their situation with any family member or friend, reflecting the likelihood of a much higher level of homelessness than previously understood," Ms Berriman said.

"This research reveals the inadequacy of affordable housing stock in Australia and serves as a call to arms for the government and private sector as well as community organisations to come together to create innovative, affordable housing solutions for thousands of women and children across the country."

She said the number of women experiencing homelessness was expected to increase in the aftermath of bushfires, droughts and the

COVID-19 pandemic because housing and jobs would be lost and rates of domestic and family violence were likely to increase.

"Domestic and family violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women in Australia, and in regional areas the impacts are even more severe because social services and supports may be limited and strained to start with," she said.

Ms Berriman said the research revealed an urgent need to double and diversify affordable regional housing options or face a tsunami of homeless women and children.

"Government, philanthropic, corporate and community organisations need to partner to create and increase the supply of social and affordable housing options whilst funding housing support services across the country," she said.

Jabiru in Mirarr hands



JABIRU's traditional owners, the Mirarr, welcomed the recent introduction in the federal Parliament of legislation that, once passed, will pave the way for Jabiru to transition from a former mining town to an Indigenous-led tourism and services town.

Justin O'Brien, chief executive of Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation which represents the Mirarr, said the traditional owners are working towards a vibrant post-mining future for the Kakadu region and have long campaigned to have Jabiru returned to local control.

"The town of Jabiru, built four decades ago to support the Ranger uranium mine, is on the cusp of an exciting post-mining future," he said. "There are exciting construction and development projects planned for Jabiru which will significantly boost the national and NT economic recovery post COVID-19."

Work to prepare for Jabiru's transition is continuing locally via the joint operation between Gundjeihmi and the Northern Territory Government at Jabiru Kabolmakmen Limited. This work has been continuing even as the COVID-19 emergency unfolds.

"Mirarr will continue to work to protect the interests of the entire community and to explore new opportunities with other traditional owners, the Commonwealth and Territory governments and Energy Resources of Australia to transition Kakadu to truly realise its potential as an iconic cultural destination," Mr O'Brien said.

"The introduction of this bill has been a long time coming. We congratulate the Government on ensuring these important amendments are made as a priority despite the current interruptions to Parliament.

"Mirarr and Gundjeihmi wish to thank the many people in government and community who have supported the traditional



Mirarr traditional owners Yvonne Margarula, Simon Nabanardi, Nida Mangarrbar and Nonica Hardy with Northern Land Council representative John Christophersen at Jabiru Lake.



Senior Mirarr women Yvonne Margarula and Nida Mangarrbar.

owners through the difficult times and hope to welcome them as visitors in the exciting times ahead.

Northern Land Council chief executive Marion Scrymgour said the bill provides for the return of the Jabiru township to

Aboriginal control through a township lease.

The Mirarr people have been planning for the shutdown of the

nearby Ranger uranium mine in 2021 for many years and have developed a comprehensive masterplan that will allow for the transformation from an economy focused on mining and ancillary services to one based on the social, cultural and natural resource wealth of the region.

"On the passage of this bill later in the year, these amendments to the *Land Rights Act* will return land to the control of the Mirarr traditional owners and allow for a long-term township lease of the town area that will provide future opportunities and economic and social certainty for businesses and residents at Jabiru," Ms Scrymgour said.

"I am pleased that both the Federal and Territory governments have made substantial financial commitments to the Jabiru revitalisation plan.

"It is important to recognise the collaboration between the NT Government and the traditional owners to develop Jabiru Kabolmakmen Ltd, a company that will work closely with the NLC, other local agencies and ERA, the operator of the Ranger mine, to set the economic future of the township."

NLC chairman Samuel Bush-Blanasi praised the commitment of the Mirarr traditional owners.

"The Mirarr people have put up with uranium mining on their country for too long.

"It is a tribute to their strong cultural ties to country that they will now have a bright future for themselves, their kids and grandkids – not through mining on their land but by relying on their culture and tradition," he said.

"This bill proves the continuing importance of the *Land Rights Act* as a key to economic development and for cultural maintenance and integrity right across the Northern Territory.

"We look forward to joining the Mirarr mob for a celebration on country when their land is returned to them soon."



Thanks you mob for staying home and keeping deadly.

In Victoria, Prep to Year 2 and Year 11 and 12 students are welcome back on Tuesday May 26. All other students are able to go back on Tuesday June 9.

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Senior Sergeant Revis Ryder, Daisy Ward and Sergeant Wendy Kelly.

Discover a police station with a difference on NITV



IN a country with a deeply troubled history of relations between Aboriginal people and police, two Aboriginal police officers in Western Australia are trying something different.

And a new documentary, *Our Law*, looks at their story. *Our Law* is set to premiere on NITV as part of *Karla Grant Presents* at 8.30pm on Monday, June 22.

The documentary has been chosen as an official selection at Sydney Film Festival 2020 and is a finalist for Best Australian Documentary.

Our Law follows two Noongar police officers, Senior Sergeant Revis Ryder and Sergeant Wendy Kelly, as they police one of the most remote beats in the world, Warakurna in the Goldfields.

Ryder and Kelly learn Yarnangu Lore and culture and master the local Ngaanyatjarra language, in an attempt to gain trust and replace the historical black and white law enforcement

approach of the past.

"I don't think you can police effectively if at least you don't try to learn languages where you are," Sergeant Wendy Kelly said.

Warakurna is WA's first and only Indigenous-run police station. Speaking the local Aboriginal language or learning about how the mainstream law intersects with Aboriginal lore and law have never before been considered as police responsibilities or strategies.

Written and directed by Cornel Ozies and produced by Taryne Laffar and Sam Bodhi Field, the WA filmmakers hope that creating awareness of Warakurna police station could be the start of a radically different approach and could pave the way for many more Indigenous-run police stations across the state.

NITV commissioning editor Cieron Cody said they were proud to show the doco.

"*Our Law* is a heartwarming journey into remote Indigenous life, where the

power of traditional language is revealed to create common ground for two very different worlds," Cody said.

"*Our Law* takes a fascinating look at the junction between law enforcement, Indigenous agency and culture, asking can language offer a new kind of empathy in the conduct of policing? NITV can't wait to share this story with our audience."

Now in its second season, *Karla Grant Presents* is a selection of half-hour documentaries hosted by respected journalist Karla Grant.

Karla introduces the films, delving into each, offering her personal insights and contextualising each story for the audience.

All of the documentaries have been created by Indigenous filmmakers.

Watch *Our Law* on NITV on *Karla Grant Presents* on Monday, June 22, at 8.30pm or purchase tickets to a sneak peek virtual screening at Sydney Film Festival, running online from June 10-21.



Queensland police at the site where bone fragments identified as human and more than 100 years old were found by council workers.

Human remains found by Palm Island workers

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island Aboriginal Shire Council and police are working with traditional owners about the discovery of human remains on the island on May 25.

Queensland Police said in a statement that the bone fragments were found at the bottom of a 800 millimetre deep trench, and were identified as human and over 100 years old.

The site is near the service station, which is located not far from the Palm Island Reel Women Jetty and also close to Council offices.

Local Shire Council workers made the discovery while they were carrying out road maintenance.

Officer in charge of Palm Island Police Snr Sgt Dave Rutherford told the *Koori Mail* on May 30 that the site would be closed off until this week.

"The Council and police have been in contact with traditional owners about how to deal with the bones and site in a culturally appropriate manner," Snr Sgt Rutherford told the *Koori Mail*.

It is understood that a traditional owner will conduct a smoking ceremony of the site as part of the process.

The smoking ceremony will also extend to nearby areas along the Palm Island esplanade.

A post on the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Facebook page said the remains were believed to be "Aboriginal in origin and dated pre-settlement".

"While excavating a trench near the Service Station, some bones were located at a depth of approximately 80cm below the surface. The registered body for the traditional owners is being consulted in relation to the repatriation of the remains."

The road has been in place for more than 50 years.

WA police officer will fight murder charge



A POLICE officer will fight a charge of murder over the shooting death of an Aboriginal woman in Western Australia.

Joyce Clarke, 29, was allegedly armed with a knife when the constable shot her outside a Geraldton home on September 17 last year.

During an administrative committal hearing in Stirling Gardens Magistrates Court last week, a consent order was filed,

indicating the officer was pleading not guilty.

The policeman, whose identity is suppressed due to safety concerns for his family, will make his first appearance in the WA Supreme Court on August 17.

The WA Police Union is standing by the officer, who remains on bail with a \$100,000 personal undertaking and \$100,000 surety.

Police Commissioner Chris Dawson previously told reporters there were about

80 witnesses and CCTV vision from a house.

Asked whether it was the worst day of his career, Mr Dawson replied: "It's one of the saddest."

Ms Clarke, a mother-of-one, had mental health problems and had been recently released from prison when she was shot.

Family and supporters have demanded to know why lethal force was used.

Ms Clarke's adoptive mother Anne

Jones, who took care of her from the age of five months, said at the time that the Aboriginal community would watch the legal process with great interest.

The last time police were charged over a custodial death was in 1983 when five officers were acquitted of unlawful killing 16-year-old Aboriginal boy John Pat in Roebourne.

The royal commission into Aboriginal deaths in custody started a few years later.

— AAP

Young mob pitch in



WITH so many massive changes happening to everyone's lives during the COVID-19

pandemic, sometimes people can find it hard to keep positive, or know how to best adjust to the 'new normal'.

But three young Aboriginal people are facing the challenges head on.

Young First Nations people Nooky, Mi-kaisha Masella and Renee Thomson all have tips on how to look out for community and stay positive and healthy during the outbreak.

Hailing from Nowra on the NSW South Coast, proud Yuin man Nooky is a respected hip hop artist.

And, like everyone who makes a living in the performing arts, the coronavirus outbreak has caused Nooky to miss out on lots of performing opportunities.

Even though he can't perform, Nooky is transforming the need to stay at home into an avenue for creativity in the studio.

Nooky knows he has a great platform to reach out to young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people and sends messages of support from his studio in Sydney to his young followers and fans.

With some of his trademark humour, Nooky reminds young people they are important, that it's important to be patient during these times, and to keep themselves and their communities safe.

Just like Nooky, Mi-kaisha Masella is another talented First Nations musician whose professional life as well as her personal life has had some big changes over the past few months.

Mi-kaisha has made an effort to offer support to the younger members in her community and understands how important it is to reach out to family and friends during these challenging times.

If young mob find this difficult, Mi-kaisha wants the community to know there are many mental health services available to get support.



Hip hop artist Nooky has been channelling isolation into music. *Picture: Cole Bennetts*



Mi-kaisha Masella has been regularly checking in on her Elders by phone and Facetime to make sure they're OK.

For her own health, Mi-kaisha has been trying to keep her mind busy and making sure to stay mentally and physically strong. She's been trying new things, like basket weaving (which she's found very therapeutic), going for runs, and discovering new places in her area to sit outside when the sun is out.

Mi-kaisha regularly checks in on her Elders by phone and FaceTime to make sure they're ok. They yarn about lots of things and she's even helping them figure out how to use social media and technology. By doing this they are staying connected, just at a distance to protect their health and wellbeing.



Wiradjuri woman Renee Thomson has some advice on self-care: "It's OK to be feeling the way you feel at the moment. You are not alone throughout these unprecedented times."

And Mi-kaisha recently set up her home studio and has been embracing this time alone to hone her craft and get stuck into writing songs.

Once the pandemic is over, she is excited to head back to America where she is studying at New York University.

Another young First Nations

woman who has taken on a strong leadership role in her community is proud Wiradjuri woman Renee Thomson, who lives in My Druiit in western Sydney.

Renee has been busy making sure the older members of her family are looked after. She regularly drops off meals to her uncles and nan, who live alone, to try and alleviate some of the added stress they have on their minds, all while reassuring them that they are loved and have family just a phone call away if they ever need anything.

She's also reached out to lots of other young people and has some caring and encouraging messages for the younger members of western Sydney, especially those who are experiencing some tough times.

"It's OK to be feeling the way you feel at the moment. You are not alone throughout these unprecedented times," Renee said.

"Always acknowledge your feelings and ensure that you are reaching out to someone you love and trust to let them know how you are feeling."

Renee also knows how important it is to stay active, connect with others and practise some self-care.

"Just know that you are loved, you are valued and you belong. You are stronger than you could ever imagine and you will get through this," she said.

Being such a strong and passionate community member and leader, it's not surprising that once this is all over, Renee plans to call a meeting for the Western Sydney Aboriginal Youth Leadership Network so they are able to connect with one another and continue the work they have started to ensure the young people of their community have their voices heard.

If you need support for you social and emotional wellbeing call the Coronavirus mental health line: 1800 512 348 and for the latest information on COVID-19 visit health.gov.au or nsw.gov.au

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COVID crisis housing fail



ABORIGINAL people who were forced to return to remote communities in the East Kimberley due to the COVID-19 pandemic have found they did not have basic necessities, including running water, functioning toilets, electricity or access to waste and rubbish disposal.

An infrastructure audit of 25 remote communities in the region undertaken by MG Corporation – which manages the interests of the Miriuwung Gajerrong people – and its subsidiary MGC Building and Maintenance (MGCBM) has revealed many are in dire need of building works to make them habitable.

MG Corporation executive chair Lawford Benning said under the Western Australian Government's Remote Aboriginal Communities Directions order, Aboriginal people were required to return to and remain at their communities.

"MG people were told to return to their communities, which we understood was the safest course of action to prevent vulnerable people being exposed to COVID-19," he said.

"However, in many cases people have returned to communities which have little or no housing infrastructure or sanitation, which poses a severe risk to their health and safety.

"People who have done the right thing and returned to their communities as instructed are now living out there in very poor conditions, with no running water,



Ningbing community in the East Kimberley needs urgent funding for housing. Picture: MG Corporation

toilets, or habitable buildings.

"Some of the smaller communities are not usually occupied, meaning they don't have any working facilities, and the only option for people returning is to camp in tents. It is not good enough that Aboriginal people are being forced to live in these conditions in this day and age."

Remaining intrastate border

restrictions in WA were lifted on Friday, excluding the state's far north.

The Kimberley region, parts of the East Pilbara and the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku will remain off limit. The areas, including the tourism hotspot Broome, have been declared federal biosecurity areas.

The State Government has

applied to the Commonwealth to have the declarations lifted on June 5, a fortnight earlier than anticipated.

"At that point in time, parts of the Kimberley will be open, potentially with the exception of the remote Aboriginal communities," Premier Mark McGowan said.

The State Government remains adamant the interstate border will

remain closed for months.

"Our hard borders with the east and our isolation have worked to our advantage and we must keep it that way for now."

Mr Benning said the State Government had provided some funding to return people to their communities, however there had been no funding to ensure the communities were habitable.

He said MG Corporation took the initiative to visit each community and compiled a detailed audit of the works required to make them liveable, with the total works for around 15 of the communities estimated at almost \$4.5 million dollars.

The communities in the most dire need included Ningbing, Kneebone, Kumburumba, Worreworrem, Alligator Hole and Goose Hill, with \$50,000 needed immediately to make them safe.

Mr Benning said that MGC Building and Maintenance is able to undertake most of the work, and MGC has approached both the state and federal governments for funding to complete the work.

Some of the communities are on MG land and are owned by MGC, while others are on Crown land.

Mr Benning said that MGC has already assisted where it can, providing tents, rubbish removal and transport for people to attend medical and other appointments.

The corporation was also approached by the Yura Yungi Medical Service to undertake a similar infrastructure audit of communities around Halls Creek.

– with AAP



COVID-19

Dr Kelvin Kong

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People in Yarrabah are growing frustrated at the continued lockdown regulations.

Lockdown frustration boils over in Yarrabah



DOZENS of Aboriginal people from the community of Yarrabah protested the continuation of lockdown regulations due to the COVID-19 pandemic last week.

While restrictions were being gradually eased in most parts of Queensland – although there are still border controls in place – many Indigenous communities are subject to amended federal biosecurity laws.

Yarrabah is 50km from Cairns in north Queensland. Mayor Ross Andrews said

the community planned to write to the federal Health Minister for an exemption. “We’ve been restricted for the last 10 weeks and we need to try and support some of our community members,” Councillor Andrews told the ABC.

“People here have commuted for many years to and from Cairns, Gordonvale and Edmonton to do their shopping and banking and daily business, and we’ve got kids that go to school in Gordonvale as well.”

He said the council was considering what exemptions it would seek, while remaining aware of the effect

coronavirus could have if it made it into the community. “It’s a challenge for us to find a balance between public health and the best health advice while trying to accommodate some form of relief for community residents,” Cr Andrews said.

‘Brutal’

Federal Member for Kennedy Bob Katter joined the roadblock outside Yarrabah, labelling the rules a case of “brutal paternalism”.

“This is outrageous overkill. It is just another exercise in power, not an effort to look after us,” he said.

“If it’s to look after us, then

where are the market gardens that were promised to me 18 months ago? Why did you send an infected person from Brisbane into the Cairns Base Hospital?”

“What you are seeing here is the abrogation of our freedoms and the people enforcing this rule are sick and drunk with power. The health fascists are running amok and it’s about time politicians step up and I pray that the people hold the politicians to account if they don’t.”

“In Yarrabah they can’t get shoes, underwear or warm blankets. They can’t renew their registration or fix their cars.”

Communities remain off-limits



COVID-19 restrictions across the country are being eased, but restricted access to remote Indigenous communities remains in place.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australia will be the first state to abandon the nationwide four square metre rule as it lifts a raft of COVID-19 restrictions, raising the limit on gatherings to 100 people and allowing many businesses to reopen. Travel will again be permitted in the state’s far north if the Federal Government agrees to remove the biosecurity zone on June 5, but remote Aboriginal communities will remain off-limits.

- From June 6, WA will relax the national four square metre distancing rule to two square metres for indoor and outdoor venues.
- Public gathering limits will be raised to 100, including cafes, pubs and restaurants. Venues with multiple divided spaces can have up to 300 patrons.
- Beauty parlours, arcades, galleries, museums, cinemas, zoos, food courts, playgrounds and wildlife and amusement parks will reopen.
- Gyms and real estate auctions can resume with full contact sports permitted.
- Rottnest Island will reopen.
- Two people permitted to visit others at one time in public hospitals from June 2.
- Students are back in school full time.
- WA has reopened all intrastate borders apart from northern biosecurity zones.
- Borders remain closed to interstate travellers.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

The NT has relaxed restrictions on parks, golf, fishing and swimming, but the borders remain closed.

- Restaurants and bars can reopen with a two-hour limit, with entertainment venues to come.
- Restricted access to Indigenous communities remains in place until at least June 18.

NSW

- Up to 20 people will be allowed to attend weddings, 50 at funerals and places of worship from June 1.
- Up to 50 people allowed to dine in restaurants, pubs and cafes, from June 1, up from 10.
- Beauty salons can reopen from June 1 with no more than 10 clients at any time.
- Outdoor gatherings allowed for a maximum of 10.
- School students are back full time.
- Regional travel within NSW permitted from June 1, when museums, galleries, libraries, zoos and aquariums can reopen.

QUEENSLAND

- Public schools have resumed full-time classes.
- Shopping for non-essential items permitted and up to five members of one household can visit other homes.
- Up to 10 people allowed to congregate in parks, pools and playgrounds.
- Can travel up to 250km from their homes.
- Borders remain closed.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- Dining and drinking at cafes and restaurants allowed, with up to 10 customers indoors and 10 outdoors.
- Stage two easing of restrictions brought forward to June 1 to allow up to 50 people to attend funerals, up to 80 in large hospitality venues and up to 20 people in cinemas, theatres, museums, beauty salons, gyms and indoor fitness centres.
- Students are back in school full time.
- Some border restrictions apply.

TASMANIA

- Indoor and outdoor gatherings of 10 people allowed, including real estate, religious and wedding events.
- Restaurants and cafes can seat 10 at a time.
- Funerals can have 30 mourners outdoors.
- Kindergarten to Year 6 students and Years 11 and 12 back in school with the remainder to return on June 9.
- Racing expected to resume on June 13.
- Border remains closed.

ACT

- Outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people allowed. Restrictions on sport and recreation eased.
- Large clubs will be allowed more than 150 people, with a limit of 20 patrons in each room.
- Choirs, bands and orchestras will also be allowed to resume practice and national institutions can open to 20 people at a time.
- Students in Years 3, 4 and 10 back in classrooms. Years 5, 6, 8 and 9 to return on June 2.

VICTORIA

- Victoria’s chief health officer has ordered people working from home to keep doing so for another month.
- Victorians can have up to five visitors in their homes.
- Gathering limits relaxed to 10 for outdoor activities including fishing, hiking and golf.
- From June 1, the maximum of wedding guests will rise from 10 to 20, with up to 50 at outdoor funerals. A limit of 20 people will be allowed at indoor and outdoor gatherings, swimming pools, beauty and personal care services, libraries and other community facilities.
- Also from June 1, 20 people allowed in restaurants, cafes and pubs, increasing to 50 from June 22 and 100 in late July.



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Guugu Yimithirr is alive



THE revitalisation of an Aboriginal language in Cape York is at the heart of a series of videos launched on YouTube in March.

The video tutorials are a timely tool for teachers, who have recently had to adapt to catering for online learning environments.

Good to Great Schools Australia's Guugu Yimithirr language tutorials teach ancestral language.

Guugu Yimithirr was one of the earliest Australian Aboriginal languages to be recorded, with Sydney Parkinson recording 200 words during Captain Cook's stop-over in the area in 1770.

These words included 'kangaroo', which would become part of mainstream Australian English. Australia was once home to hundreds of dialects spoken by Indigenous people; however, as recently as the 1970s, many Aboriginal languages were actively suppressed by government policies.

It has been up to Elders and speakers of Guugu Yimithirr to keep it alive, and ensure language is passed on to future generations.

Guugu Yimithirr Elder Dora Gibson, who features in the online tutorials, grew up bilingual.

"I consider myself lucky to be part of a generation of people taught to speak Guugu Yimithirr at home by my parents and taught English at school," Ms Gibson said.



Cheryl Cannon is with students from the Hope Vale Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy.

"Our parents gave us the power of language.

"Subconsciously, we have learnt to code-switch, whereby we alternate between Guugu Yimithirr and English in the context of a single conversation.

"Traditionally, language is kept alive by telling stories and yarning with family members.

"This is still normal practice within our family homes; however, now we are also using video technology, like the tutorials, to keep our language strong.

"Even though our language has been suppressed over the years, our Elders have always managed to keep it strong. We don't want their hard work to go to waste."

Ms Gibson said she hoped the tutorials would have an impact for years to come.

"We want to support any initiative that ensures Guugu Yimithirr is passed on to future generations," she said.

Of the 1400-strong Guugu Yimithirr nation, only about half speak the language, with fluency

generally ending with the grandparents' generation.

"Of the up to 700 Australian Indigenous languages, only 13 are still spoken by children.

Research shows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families develop deeper connections with community, culture, family and history when they have opportunities to connect with their language.

Hope Vale Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy attendance and community engagement officer Cheryl Cannon said that, although statistics showed transmission of the Guugu Yimithirr language had declined, she was reassured that language was being maintained within the community.

"Many households with elders at home are maintaining language. I'm not worried it will be lost; we will continue to teach our children," Ms Cannon said.

"Singing in language is a great way for children to learn how words are pronounced, and the subtitles enable children to see how words are spelt."

Good to Great Schools Australia (GGSA) expects that the tutorials will be used by current and future generations to learn and practise their language.

The language tutorials feature video and audio recordings of Guugu Yimithirr Elders.

They are available online for free viewing and can be accessed on Youtube and Facebook.

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Victoria's spent convictions scheme: old records no longer a barrier to the future

By DARREN COYNE



THE Victorian Government has committed to the introduction of spent conviction legislation after a four-year Aboriginal-led campaign.

The legislation would protect people from being discriminated against because of irrelevant criminal records.

Victorian Attorney-General Jill Hennessy said the Government was committed to ensuring that old criminal records do not impact on a person's opportunity to gain employment and rehabilitate.

"Historical criminal records can have a lasting, damaging effect on an individual, limiting their ability to gain employment, secure housing, or undertake volunteer work," Ms Hennessy said.

"Victoria is the only jurisdiction that does not have a legislated spent convictions scheme – under the scheme individuals who have previously committed an offence and have since demonstrated their ability to rehabilitate, will be given a chance to fully contribute to society."

"An individual's historical criminal record for eligible offences will no longer show up in a police check after a set period of time, if they do not reoffend."

Ms Hennessy said certain convictions, such as serious sexual or violent offending, would not be eligible under the scheme. Former chief executive of the Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation Michael Bell



Michael Bell has been instrumental in a campaign for Victoria to introduce a spent convictions scheme

was the convenor of the Criminal Records Discrimination Project, which lobbied for the new legislation for four years.

"We felt that Aboriginal people were overrepresented in unemployment as a result of barriers relating to previous convictions," Mr Bell told the *Koori Mail*.

Mr Bell said such convictions impacted on a person's ability to find employment and also on people wanting to be carers.

While researching the subject, Mr Bell said it was discovered that Aboriginal children taken away from their parents and placed in children's homes were given a criminal record.

Uncle Larry Walsh is an example.

Through a Freedom of Information search it was discovered that he had a conviction recorded against him when he was just two years old, and taken from his family.

"As a seven-year-old he was stopped by police who asked if he

had ever been in trouble," Mr Bell said.

He said no, and started walking back home, Mr Walsh explained, when interviewed for the Criminal Record Discrimination Project.

"Next thing they came back, picked me up, took me to the police station, called me a liar, said I had a criminal record and gave me a beating," he told the project.

Historically, when children were taken into state custody, the notes on their record did not say whether they were taken in for protection, or for detention because they had broken the law.

Uncle Larry also ran away from his orphanage as a young child, which would have been mentioned on his record.

Mr Bell said Aboriginal people like Uncle Larry were disadvantaged by criminal record schemes generally, but also in relation to kinship care applications, where irrelevant convictions could mean that Aboriginal children aren't able to be placed with grandparents or family.

Mr Bell said removing irrelevant convictions was a first step while the next was helping people find employment.

He said Woor-Dungin – a coalition of Aboriginal community-controlled organisations, philanthropic foundations and donors – had developed fact sheets to help people understand their rights when applying for jobs.

Sessions had also been held with potential employers, including private companies and government.



Transport for NSW

Have your say on the Redfern Station Upgrade New Southern Concourse

The Redfern Station Upgrade - New Southern Concourse will involve the construction of a new pedestrian concourse between Little Eveleigh and Marian Streets, with lift and stair access to Platforms 1 to 10. It is the first stage in renewing the Redfern North Eveleigh Precinct.

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Action on searches



ABORIGINAL people who have been subjected to police strip searches in NSW are being urged to join a class action.

The Redfern Legal Centre has joined forces with class action experts, Slater and Gordon Lawyers, to coordinate the legal action.

The action follows a report from the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission, which found that a number of strip searches of young girls and boys were illegal, and that NSW Police failed to apply and understand strip search law.

That report recounted stories of police strip searches from children as young as 10 years old who were directed to strip naked, squat and cough, lift their genitals, and have a police officer look into their body cavities, without the support of a parent or guardian present.

By law, strip searches outside police stations can only occur when the circumstances are serious and urgent enough to warrant them.

Redfern Legal Centre police accountability solicitor Samantha Lee said the high numbers of strip searches in NSW indicate police were failing to meet legal thresholds and the law was failing to provide

much needed safeguards.

"By seeking long-overdue justice for people who have been unlawfully searched, this class action is also an important step toward achieving change to prevent more traumatic and unnecessary strip searches in NSW," Ms Lee said.

Aboriginal Legal Service principal solicitor Sarah Crellin welcomed the announcement of the class action.

"The ALS represents a number of young people who have been forcibly strip searched by police who already have backgrounds of trauma, cognitive and other disabilities," Ms Crellin said.

"The excessive use of personal and strip searches by NSW Police is causing significant emotional and psychological harm to Aboriginal communities, particularly children and young people."

Anyone who has been searched in an invasive or intrusive manner by NSW Police (for example, by touching beneath underwear or requiring clothes to be removed) since 2014 can register with Slater and Gordon Lawyers at stripsearch@slatergordon.com.au or can register their details at www.slatergordon.com.au/stripsearch

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Celebrating the work of First Nations artists



ALISON Milyika Carroll and Djon Mundine were honoured with the Red Ochre Awards for Lifetime

Achievement as part of the First Nations Arts Awards, which were announced in a live-streamed online ceremony last week.

Thea Anamara Perkins received the 2020 Dreaming Award for a young and emerging artist and Maree Clarke was the recipient of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Fellowship.

Lydia Fairhall was awarded the Community Arts and Cultural Development Fellowship and the Emerging and Experimental Arts Fellowship went to SJ Norman.

Formerly the National Indigenous Arts Awards, the First Nations Arts Awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding creativity and lifetime achievements of First Nations artists. These awards are held each year on May 27 to mark the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum.

Alison Milyika Carroll is a senior Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara woman.

She is an accomplished artist and a significant cultural leader. Alison's artistic practice includes batik, ceramics and painting. Her artwork communicates both Walka (design) and Tjukurpa (Law, Story and Dreaming).

Alison takes both old and new styles, melding them together to make her own unique visual language.

Over her four decades as an artist, Alison has been invited to show in more than 200 exhibitions.

Alison is also a well-known singer and a member of the Ernabella Choir. She appeared in the 2011 ABC documentaries *No Ordinary Mission* and *Nothing Rhymes With Ngapartji*.

Alison is an important advocate, leader and mentor for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and arts across the APY Lands.

She is the chair of Ernabella Arts, Pukatja Community, APY Lands and has been involved with the organisation as an artist and a director. She also works with Ku Arts, NPY Women's Council and has held advisory roles on projects such as Songlines at the National Museum of Australia.

She is also a member of the Tarnanthi Cultural Advisory Committee.

Alison relishes her role as a teacher to emerging artists. She actively develops and advocates for opportunities for young people in her community, so that they remain connected to culture.

She works through her cultural practice to support the mental health of her community in innovative, engaging and inclusive ways.

Bundjalung man Djon Mundine is an intellectual, an activist, and a cultural leader. He is a fierce advocate and a driving force, consistently contributing to the development and exhibition of



Clarence Slockee performs outside the Sydney Opera House. Pictures: Australia Council



The Stiff Gins perform at the 2020 First Nations Arts Awards to an empty Sydney Opera House. Picture: Flavia Rossler



Djon Mundine accepts his Red Ochre Award.

contemporary Aboriginal art in Australia, and internationally.

Djon was art and craft adviser at Milingimbi in 1979, and curator at Bula-Bula Arts in Ramingining in Arnhem Land Aboriginal communities for 16 years.

He has held senior curatorial positions at the National Museum of Australia, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Art Gallery of New South Wales, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Queensland Art Gallery and more, while also working with regional and community-based

organisations across Australia. He has also worked on significant international exhibitions, exposing audiences worldwide to First Nations art.

In 1987 Djon was a founding member of the Association of Northern, Kimberley and Arnhem Aboriginal Artists (ANKAAA). In all his endeavours, he has worked directly with communities and artists to ensure that First Nations voices are heard through the sharing of art.

Djon continues to be an important mentor, encouraging new



Aunty Yvonne Weldon performs Welcome to Country for the First Nations Arts Awards 2020.



Alison Milyika Carroll accepts her Red Ochre Award from Ernabella in the APY Lands.

talent and guiding artists.

His insistence that "art is a social act" underlies his practice, cultural leadership and inclusive vision.

Lee-Ann Tjunypa Buckskin, deputy chair of the Australia Council for the Arts and event co-host, said it was an important moment in the history of the awards, which have been held by the Australia Council since 1993.

"For the first time, everyone in Australia and globally had the opportunity to join the celebration of these outstanding First Nations

artists," she said. "It was incredibly powerful to be able to come together online in this way to recognise and celebrate the centrality of First Nations artists to Australian culture and share that with a global audience."

The event was also co-hosted by Wesley Enoch, chair of the Australia Council's First Nations Arts Strategy Panel.

The ceremony featured yidaki players performing from six locations across Australia and a live performance by the Stiff Gins from the Sydney Opera House.



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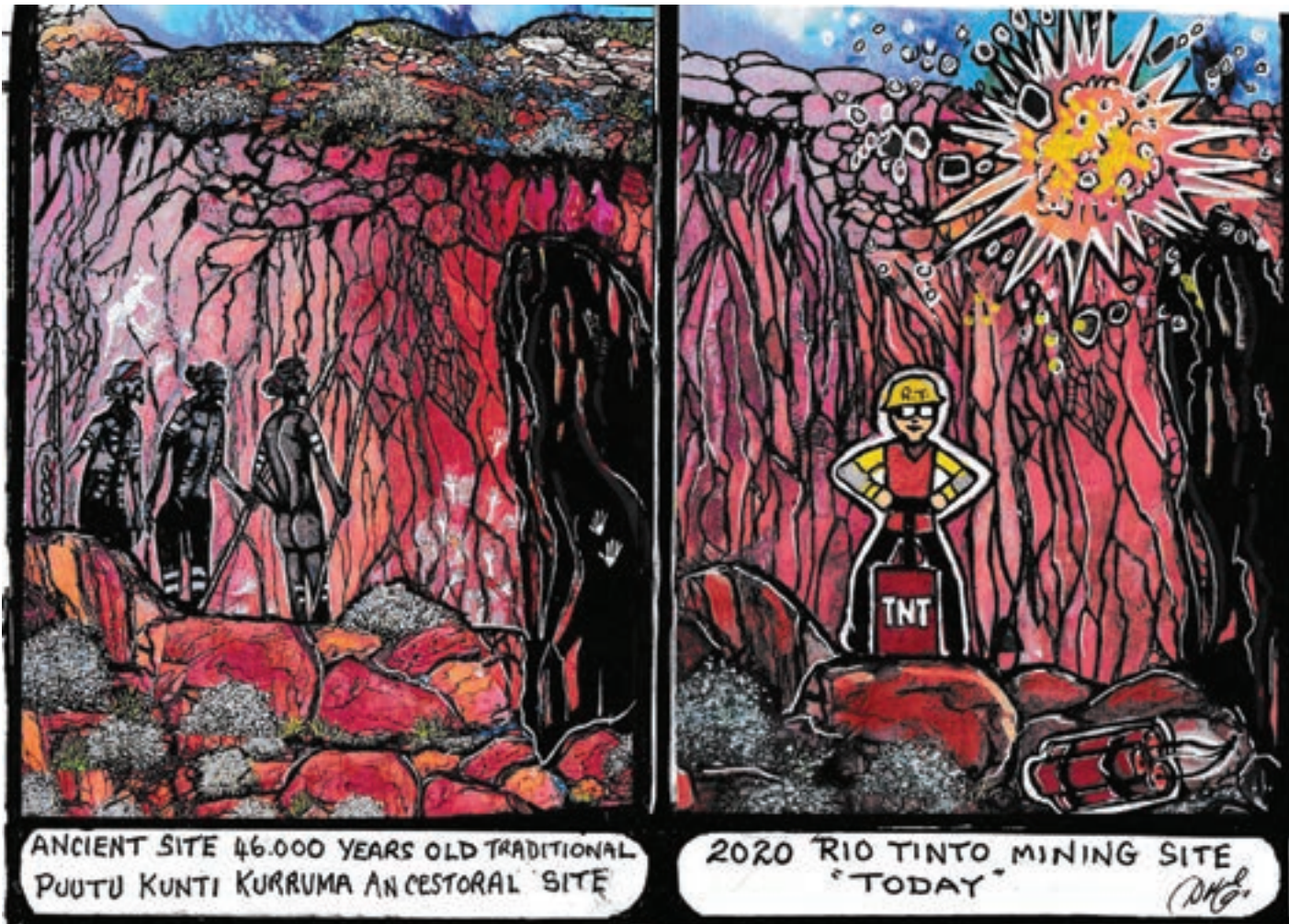
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What don't you like in life?
The suffering of my people continues.

What person would you like most to meet?
The Pope.

Which people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
All my family that have passed away.

Who/what inspires you?
People who are kind, generous and loving.

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

I have always been taught by my Elders that we can't help everyone but helping and supporting each other starts in the home and in your community.

Quote



"A rich man's poor ambition has come to an end."

Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) chief executive Michael Woodley on the historic High Court ruling that followed from a billionaire's attempt to appeal the Native Title over Yindjibarndi land

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Laws are failing First Nations

TWO stories from the Pilbara brought into stark relief the unequal relationships traditional owners often have with mining companies over their own land.

Yindjibarndi people have been fighting for years to be properly recognised by Fortescue Metals Group (FMG, the mining company founded by billionaire Andrew 'Twiggy' Forrest). FMG has dug up millions of tonnes of iron ore from Yindjibarndi land and is yet to pay the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation a single cent. The Elders who stood up to FMG always said it wasn't about money. It was about their land. And it was about having control of that land.

Australian legislation doesn't allow traditional owners to say 'no' to mining or even exploration on their own land. It requires mining companies to negotiate 'in good faith' with traditional owners.

FMG showed anything but 'good faith' in a battle that has raged for decades and seen families and communities on different sides. And finally, the High Court has said 'enough'. FMG must recognise Yindjibarndi people's rights. And Yindjibarndi can begin to heal the rifts.

In another part of the Pilbara, another mining company, Rio Tinto destroyed a site sacred to the Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura peoples. And Rio wasn't even acting illegally – it had the necessary State Government approvals. If a mining company can legally destroy an important site, then there is something terribly wrong with the system. It needs to



change and there needs to be more power and control in Aboriginal hands.

National Reconciliation Week began last week with the theme 'In This Together'. If Australia wants to truly be In This Together, then the laws that govern the entire country need to better protect Aboriginal people. And that doesn't only apply to mining companies.

While America, and many people in Australia, raged against the unjust killing of unarmed black man George Floyd by a white police officer, Aboriginal families mourned their loved ones who have also been killed by police.

Joyce Clarke, David Dungay Junior, TJ Hickey, John Pat, Mulrunji Doomadgee, Tanya Day, Mr Ward, Kumanjayi Walker, Kwementyaye Briscoe, Ms Dhu – these are all names of Aboriginal people whose deaths were caused by the actions of police.

They deserved protection too.

But they didn't get it. If Australian governments are serious about reconciliation then they need to start listening to First Nations people. Laws and systems need to change to better protect First Nations people before we can all be truly In This Together.

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A career built from childhood dreams

By KIRK PAGE



WHEN Meyne Wyatt was a child he knew he wanted to be an actor so he could make movies and

tell stories. Wyatt, who was born in Kalgoorlie*, predicted his own future, and is pushing boundaries on the screen and off.

A fine visual artist with a strong desire to create, Wyatt enrolled in the Aboriginal Theatre program led by coordinator Rick Brayford, which runs out of the Western Australian Academy of the Arts at the Edith Cowan University in Perth. This one-year bridging course is specifically designed to develop courageous team players looking to pursue career pathways in the arts. The rigorous training program had Meyne hooked and he successfully completed the course.

Wyatt wanted to continue his studies as an actor and chose to audition for Australia's two top acting schools, the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA) and the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA).

"I was successful and got into both. I chose to go to NIDA and was soon off to the big smoke in Sydney," Wyatt said.

Meyne spent the next three years developing his skills and working his craft.

Upon graduating in 2010 he scored his first professional job, playing high school student Squid in Lachlan Philpott's *Silent Disco*. Wyatt was recognised for his breakthrough performance and named Best Newcomer at the 2011 Sydney Theatre Awards for this role. Wyatt had made an impact and caught the attention of the industry, successfully auditioning for TV roles in *Redfern Now* and *Strangerland*, starring Nicole Kidman.

Meyne's success continued growing and the recognition came thick and fast, earning nominations for the AACTA Awards and the Logies.

Proving your success as an actor in the industry takes hard work, steely focus and commitment, a healthy relationship with rejection and change, as well as having a knack for not taking yourself too seriously. Throw all of that together and you have a small taste of life as an actor. The industry is tough and sometimes ruthless, so making it as an actor sometimes leads to self producing and that's



"My dad would say, 'Go for it. No one's going to give it to you. You have to take it. Nothing gets handed to you, so make the most of all of your opportunities and capitalise on them. You never know if there will be another job or a second chance down the road.'"

– Meyne Wyatt

exactly what Meyne put his attention to during a break from acting.

"There was a period of time where I stopped working for about a year and a half. My dad died, which was really tough," he said. "I needed time to put things into perspective, together with the time off and some deep reflection."

"I started to write. I always knew that I wanted to write, but

thought it would be later in my career. I was in a mild state of flux and I began writing.

"I began to write about a boy and his father, and as I continued to develop my writing practice it became something else. The work began to get political. I didn't set out to be political but it was inevitable."

The story evolved into *City of Gold*, a wryly funny, at times brutal, play about the modern

Indigenous experience in Australia today.

City of Gold enjoyed a very successful season in both Brisbane and Sydney once again putting Meyne Wyatt on the list of artists to continue to watch out for.

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opportunities and capitalise on them. You never know if there will be another job or a second chance down the road."

In *City of Gold*, Wyatt starred as Breythe, a young actor who left Kalgoorlie dreaming of a dazzling career. He found himself starring in a controversial Australia Day ad that pays big, but draws the ire of his mob. Racism is subtle but persistent in an industry where directors request he darken up for 'authenticity' and typecast him as 'tracker', 'drinker' or 'thief'. Returning home, Breythe is just as alienated from country and lore. His cultural capital distances him from furious brother Mateo and activist sister Carina, all of them struggling with regret and responsibility after their father's death.

"When a person leaves home they grow in a different way and when they return things are often still the same," Meyne said about the context of the play.

Shari Sebbens was also in the cast of *City of Gold* and said the play resonated with her.

"Growing up on country you can't help but be connected to it, but the inconvenience and the most frustrating thing about home is the ongoing effects of colonisation and the continuing impact of generations of racism," she said.

Meyne's work puts a mirror to the face of Australia's relationship with its Indigenous brothers and sisters, revealing a complex microcosm that should provoke a bigger discussion about our shared responsibility when it comes to racism in Australia and our relationships with each other.

"Working on your own play there is a bit more investment, as it's your own design and reputation. There was stress but I was working with a group of very talented actors (Shari Sebbens and Matt Cooper) who brought their best from the start and that really helped," Meyne said.

"There was a time when I had to put the play aside and be an actor, I was juggling and tweaking and killing some babies while spinning many plates with a couple of hats on."

*Kalgoorlie, the name, is the bastardised version of the Wongutha word Karlkula, which is a fruit native to the Goldfield's region of Western Australia. It's commonly referred to by the non-Indigenous population, as the silky pear or the bush banana.



Kineis Nanosatellite, which is planned for launch in 2022. *Picture: David Ducros*

Space cowboys ready to track buffalo herds



MORE than 1000 feral buffalo and unmanaged cattle roaming northern Australia will be tagged and tracked as part of the world's largest satellite herd-tracking program, announced by Australia's national science agency, CSIRO.

The \$4 million, 3.5 year project aims to turn the destructive pests into economic, environmental and cultural opportunities for Indigenous communities across the region, as well as create new best practice for managing large herds using space technology.

Satellite GPS-tracking tags will be attached to the animals' ears and deliver real-time, geographically-accurate insights into herd density, accessibility, and transport costs.

The animals will be tracked across a combined area of 22,314 square kilometres, taking in the Arafura swamp catchment in Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory, and Upper Normanby and Archer River on Cape York Peninsula in Queensland.

The collaborative program will see CSIRO and Charles Darwin University develop the data management tools, James Cook University create the GPS-tracking ear tags, satellite company Kineis provide access to their satellite fleet and technical expertise, and the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management



Water buffalo in Northern Australia. *Picture: Peter Cooke*

Alliance Ltd (NAILSMA) drive efforts on the ground in partnership with Mimal Land Management Aboriginal Corporation, Aak Puul Ngangtam Ltd and Normanby Land Management.

NAILSMA chief executive Ricky Archer, a Djungan man, said the program would create opportunities for economic development, landscape restoration and the protection of cultural sites.

"Using the information the ear tags generate, rangers and land managers can access more

precise decision-making tools about where they focus efforts to reduce the impacts of buffalo and cattle grazing and eroding native flora and fauna," Mr Archer said.

"As our environment recovers, it will be more resilient in the face of fires, invasive plants and climate change, and we'll be able to protect sites of cultural significance to Indigenous Australians.

"Over the course of the project, we'll also be developing best-practice ethical mustering and handling guidelines so

these animals can become part of the ethically sourced meat industry, creating more jobs in our communities."

CSIRO chief executive Dr Larry Marshall said the program demonstrated the opportunities for Australia growing its space capabilities and supply chains.

"Australia's burgeoning space industry is creating exciting new possibilities for innovative science and technology to solve our greatest challenges, like using satellites to manage our wide, open land in more culturally and environmentally



Ricky Archer, chief executive of NAILSMA.

sensitive ways," Dr Marshall said.

"This unique partnership is a reminder that the new frontier of space is an opportunity to learn from the mistakes of our past, and work alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to ensure that space-enabled technology is being put to best use to improve the land we all share.

"The benefits of space should be available to all Australians, which is why we and our partners will make the schematics, software and code that power the system publicly available for free under creative commons, so other communities can also benefit."

The project is being funded by Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment under the National Landcare Program, Smart Farming Partnerships initiative.



Gurindji traditional owner Rob Roy at last year's Freedom Day Festival, which commemorates the Gurindji's stand against the pastoral industry and their long battle to regain their land.

Gurindji take hard decision to cancel Freedom Day fest

To all our supporters, friends, volunteers and festival attendees, As organisers of the Freedom Day Festival, we at the Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) have recently made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Freedom Day Festival. This is due to the uncertainty and risks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The community's decision is about keeping people safe and mitigating risk.

So far, we've managed to keep our community free from this disease.

With this in mind, holding a big festival is just too much of a risk. A lot of mobs travel to Freedom Day and we feel cancelling this year is the right thing to do, and it helps

other communities in their efforts to keep their people safe.

While we understand that the government might ease travel restrictions, at this stage it is still unsure, and each remote community will need to make its own decisions.

The Gurindji are now looking forward to Freedom Day 2021 (August 27-29), which will be the major 55th Anniversary.

We look forward to welcoming everybody to Gurindji Country for the 55th next year.

This will be the biggest Freedom Day ever.

Rob Roy
Gurindji Aboriginal
Corporation spokesperson and
Gurindji traditional owner

We don't want another generation to be stolen

On National Sorry Day, May 26, Family Matters acknowledges the Stolen Generations who were forcibly removed from their families, and the ongoing impact and trauma that prevails from historical government policies embedded into our child protection systems today.

After 23 years since the Bringing Them Home report was tabled, our Stolen Generations continue to experience higher rates of adversity than Indigenous people who were not removed, with poorer health and socioeconomic outcomes. This continues to impact on our children, families and communities today.

It is deeply concerning that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are being removed from their families at 10.6 times the rate of other children, pointing to a new stolen generation. Every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child has a right to grow up in connection to their community, strong in their

culture and identity to realise their full potential.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people are 17 times more likely to be in juvenile detention, and they are 2.6 times more likely to be developmentally vulnerable than other children when they start school.

It is evident that intergenerational trauma can be passed through the generations and is still impacting today's younger generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. It affects behaviour and relationships, which leads to problems in school, increases families risk of vulnerability, and can lead to government intervention.

With the decreasing rate of placement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with Indigenous carers, our children are at risk of losing their connection to culture. From 2018 to 2019, it dropped from 49.4% to 45% and there has been a continuous

decline from 65.3% in 2006.

Family Matters has long called for greater investment in early intervention and prevention services, and support for family carers, to redress the over-representation of our children in out-of-home care.

It is concerning that best-practice models of family-led decision making, evident in Victoria and Queensland, are not reflected across the country. A recent joint statement by SNAICC and Noongar Family Safety and Wellbeing Council called for Western Australia's Children and Community Services Amendment Bill 2019 to include greater depth of consultation with a child's extended family members in the decision-making process.

Currently, the Bill allows for an Aboriginal child to be removed from their parents following consultation with only one of the child's family members.

Family Matters is also concerned that AbSec – NSW Child, Family and Community Peak

Aboriginal Corporation faces 50% reduction in funding levels at a time when advocacy for systemic and legislative change within the child and family sector is crucial. The Family Is Culture Review found that Aboriginal children in NSW are 10 times more likely to be in out-of-home care than other children, with reports of traumatic removal of babies, and children suffering abuse from their carers.

SNAICC, the national peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, and the Family Matters campaign join more than 140 organisations and commissioners calling for a national commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in Australia. SNAICC and Family Matters continue to call on a dedicated national commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to help ensure that government commitments are being implemented and that our children's rights are being respected.

We are proud that Family Matters co-chair Natalie Lewis will now lead as Commissioner for Queensland Family and Child Commission, joining commissioners in Victoria and South Australia to work towards improving outcomes for our children in those states.

A national commissioner dedicated to advancing the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people is essential to end the intergenerational impact of trauma, and ensure we never again have a Stolen Generation.

Family Matters urges the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) to work in true partnership with the Coalition of Peaks in formulating the new Closing the Gap Partnership Agreement to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children remain connected to culture and community.

Richard Weston
SNAICC chief executive and
Family Matters co-chair

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New act is an opportunity to create better protections for our heritage

RECENT media commentary about the events at Juukan Gorge in Western Australia's Pilbara has highlighted the crucial need to improve current legislation around Aboriginal heritage.

It is unfortunate that, presently and historically, Aboriginal heritage is not treated the same as colonial heritage. In this context, if an act can deliver an economic outcome, then development activity appears to override any other interests every time.

The work to advocate for change has been a long process. It was triggered by the Yule River On-Country Bush meetings facilitated by the Yamatji Marpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC), recommencing in September 2014 as a response to concerns over amendments to the legislation.

A significant outcome of the 2014 meeting was the decision to send a delegation to State Parliament, to meet with then Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Peter Collier, Lower House MP Brendon Grylls, and now current Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ben



Simon Hawkins

Wyatt. The delegation raised their concerns about the proposed amendments and presented a petition signed by over 1600 concerned community members.

Fortunately, we are now seeing a brand-new act being drafted to replace the outdated *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (AHA).

Both state-sanctioned and illegal destruction of sites

significant to Aboriginal people is a regular occurrence throughout WA. In relation to state-sanctioned destruction, the current legislation allows proponents to appeal decisions they are dissatisfied with. There is no such right for Aboriginal people or the broader community.

YMAC believes the new draft *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act* presents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to address the fundamental imbalance of power inherent in the existing legislation.

More importantly, it can give a powerful message to the Western Australian community of the significance of Aboriginal heritage as the original and irreplaceable part of Western Australia's collective cultural heritage.

YMAC has been active in trying to ensure this opportunity to improve Western Australian cultural heritage is not lost. YMAC has met with Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage multiple times to discuss how the new *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act* will be implemented, and to provide feedback on the proposed implementation of the new act to promote greater balance.

Based on YMAC's most recent conversations, the status quo, in terms of developers being able to receive permission to destroy sites of significance, remains the same in the proposed new act, as what is in the current *Aboriginal Heritage Act*.

The current process is proposed to be replaced by an agreement regarding the management of heritage values between the parties to be developed at the start of the project. Ultimately, if the traditional owner group does not agree to the destruction of a site, the proponent will be able to appeal to the minister, who will still have the power to override the agreement.

Under the proposed new legislation, the minister will have to publish the reasoning for their decision. Currently, no such mechanism exists and the increased transparency in the decision-making process is a step in the right direction.

YMAC looks forward to future collaboration with Minister Wyatt's office, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, and other organisations and

individuals within the Aboriginal community to ensure robust processes are in place to honour the heritage of our country and enable reasonable economic development.

Simon Hawkins is the chief executive of the Yamatji Marpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC), the Native Title Registered Body for the Pilbara, Murchison and Gascoyne regions of WA. YMAC is run by an Aboriginal Board of directors and represents 23 native title claims through its offices in Geraldton, Hedland, Tom Price and Perth. As chief executive, Simon has overseen the largest native title negotiations in Australia's history, including the multi-billion dollar agreements between Pilbara traditional owners and Rio Tinto Iron Ore and BHP. In addition to this, YMAC has negotiated hundreds of agreements with national and international bodies, on behalf of the traditional owners including securing a National Heritage Listing and Indigenous Protected Area partnerships. Simon is an inaugural board member of the National Native Title Council.

Sorry does not cut it

IWOKE up on Sunday, May 26, not realising it was National Sorry Day, which marks the tabling in Parliament of the Bringing Them Home report into the Stolen Generations. No wonder I felt so sad.

My birth mother did not rear me. I was one of the many children taken. This was a separation that has had a massive influence over my life, my mother's life, her grandchildren and now her great-grandchildren.

You can't begin to imagine the damage done, nor can I put into words the collective trauma that sweeps over Aboriginal people who in their tender moments of infancy were assigned to white parents, foster homes or the dormitories and the boys' and girls' homes to endure abuse, alienation, torment and a life as an indentured labourer. To be told that you were "worthless" – less than worthless – and in many cases beaten and sexually abused.

Truth is that between 1860 and towards the end of the 1970s, Australia effectively had state-sanctioned slavery over our people. Historians Dr Rosalind Kidd and Dr Thalia Anthony have documented how Aboriginal Australians of all ages were forcibly sent to work on sheep and cattle properties across Australia under government schemes that were supposedly



Woolombi Waters

'designed to protect them'.

There were laws that allowed Aboriginal children to be sent from the age of 12. The conditions were often horrific: 16-hour days, floggings, rape, child molestation and forced removal from their families. Slavery was practised in this country well into the 1970s, which included the sexual abuse of our children.

What happened and is continuing to happen in Australia is one of the greatest unstated crimes against humanity seen in any modern civilisation. An extension of the Stolen Generations is the Australian Government's continued

efforts to displace people from their traditional homelands in denial of our custodial obligations and responsibilities.

Aboriginal people are still today forcefully being denied access to their land and all its creation – the rocks, the trees, the rivers and animals, as central to our belief systems forged over tens of thousands of years.

Under the framework of Native Title, we divide clan groups as separate nations and breed hate as kinship groups turn on one another chasing a dream that one day the land may be returned.

But only after the irrigators, farmers, cotton growers, local councils, mining companies, federal and state governments, and the descendants of those who took us from our families and worked us as domestic slave labour take their bits first – then and only then we may just get some of it back.

The weekend before this year's National Sorry Day a sacred site in Western Australia representing 46,000 years of continual occupation and a 4000-year-old genetic link to present-day traditional owners was destroyed to allow the expansion of an iron ore mine.

Mining company Rio Tinto received ministerial consent to destroy the site in 2013 under WA's outdated Aboriginal heritage laws,

which were drafted in 1972 to favour mining proponents. Meanwhile our Prime Minister remained silent on National Sorry Day, with no formal statement or acknowledgment.

Such displacement has created a loss of 'feeling' and 'belonging' to country, identity and place that is leading our people into despair, such is the importance of family and connection to land within our traditional kinship systems.

These connections denied through generations of child removal to ensure the legacy of cultural memory is best removed by a people who become lost in trauma and then turn on one another.

As a result, substance abuse, domestic violence, and poverty lead to Aboriginal Australians representing among the highest rates of suicide in the world with children as young as eight taking their own lives. Our incarceration rates today remain significantly higher than blacks during the peak of Apartheid in South Africa.

These are figures that demonstrate not only the deep psychological damage resulting from being denied our connectivity to family, country and culture, but Australia's entrenched institutionalised racism that maintains our oppression. With every word I write I am attempting what was meant to be a transition into healing.

But I always find myself coming back full circle to the hardships of living in Australia as Aboriginal in the year 2020: Capturing the atrocities of the past spills over to my contemporary identity.

What I want is to instead capture the resilience and rebirth of my internal holy place, cast as survival in overcoming obstacles so great that, despite all that has been done to destroy us, we are still here.

That being said, taking a positive outlook does not change Australia 2020, where my Aboriginal people are under constant attack in the remote communities relegated within a social and economic apartheid.

As a black man, my heart is wailing against the ongoing hostilities our people continue to face worldwide as the violence of our past becomes embedded within the present.

My reflection then on realising I had woken up on National Sorry Day:

I was born at a time, 52 years ago, when my people were not allowed to vote, were still living in missions with our children being taken from their parents in a cultural genocide known as the Stolen Generations.

I am now living in a time when my people are still living in missions and our children are still being taken from their parents in having

to live through yet another Stolen Generation.

The incarceration rates of black people, not only in Australia but in Western countries across the world, are higher now than they were then, but still the percentage of home ownership, steady employment and educational outcomes remain much higher for white people across the world. Yes, their wealth keeps growing while many of our people continue to live in third-world poverty.

I don't want sorry.

I want stability – the right to earn the same wage, build on my values and ensure my children receive the same standard of education that whites have.

And I don't want to have to move to the city for this to happen. I want to be able to go home to traditional country and buy a house and make the same living as they do.

I want to remain secure in knowing that every cent I earn is spent in building local businesses that employ my people and this allows them to buy houses and send their kids to the same school my kids attend.

Just like white people do.

Yeah – that would be better than sorry.

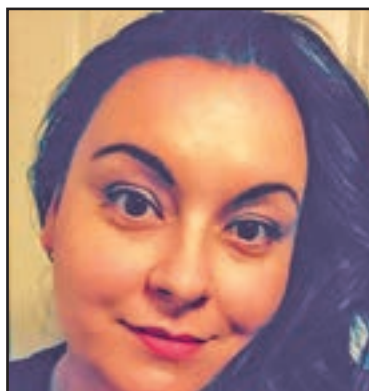
A call to back a brother

AS Latrell Mitchell's teammates come out in support calling for the cessation of the persistent (and racist) attacks against him, we are all reminded how Australia continues to learn nothing of its past: outspoken, brilliant black man attacked by the mainstream media, by media personalities and by the Australian public – incessantly, with condemnation and condescension.

Attacks of this nature being levelled at Mitchell are nothing new. He is a proud and outspoken advocate for our people and with this comes a level of criticism that is reprehensible and certainly draws parallels to Adam Goodes' experience chronicled in the documentary *The Final Quarter*.

Not unlike Goodes at the time, those attacking Mitchell are saying that they are attacking his behaviour – not the man. If that were true, they would discuss behaviour of all players consistently and not continue to attack Mitchell to the excess he is currently experiencing and has for some time.

Even in isolation, the NRL highlighted the racial divide when it comes to fairness. The football players are not even lacing up their boots to run on the field for a game yet and there is controversy that results in an inequitable outcome. The issue this time is breaching of the rules of isolation. Aboriginal players went camping so they were reprimanded, while multiple non-Indigenous players also breached



Natalie Cromb

the social isolation rules with parties, but the reprimand differed significantly.

When we call this out, however, we are labelled as "divisive". We are told that "race has nothing to do with it" and, yet, we continue to see the difference and know, from experience, that race has everything to do with it.

Perhaps more insidiously, race is more of an issue for the public figures who are Aboriginal and proud of it, vocal in their pride and political in their actions, highlighting continued oppression of our people. The other Aboriginal athletes that these racists point to as people they don't have a problem with are those who are decidedly less outspoken on the issues of racism in Australia.

That does not mean that they do not hold those views, just that the racists haven't heard them speak on them and haven't then formed the view that they have stepped outside of the box Australia likes black athletes to stay in.

In Australia, people do not like to be reminded that they treat us poorly – they want to be applauded as white saviours and want congratulations for watching us play sports. They want us in a box because it is far more comfortable for them. When we are in that box, their narrative is unchallenged.

So as history repeats, once again we receive the signal being sent. We are to remain in the box or they will use the power of mainstream media to destroy and rile up the masses who will come for us. The thing is, they know their power and their use of it is deliberate, despite how many times they will fall over themselves to tell us that they are not racist. They want to destroy our brother and we simply cannot let them – we see this time and again and we know the toll this takes.

The mental-health research is available for all to read in this country – particularly that of Associate Professor Tracy Westerman, an Aboriginal psychologist. Her research found that racism reduces Aboriginal life expectancy more than smoking does. In fact it accounts for 30% of depression and 50% of chronic

stress in this country and that is for those of us who are not subjected to the heightened racial attacks like those levelled at Goodes in the past and Mitchell right now.

Enough is enough. Our people are far too important to be weighed down by this incessant racism because that is exactly what it is. No amount of framing it as 'behavioural' will make it less racist when the attacks centre on one man – a brilliant black man who has had to carry the weight of this for far too long already.

The racism is not about Latrell Mitchell, but he is the man that is receiving it and it is for a very specific reason that he is.

Yes – this racism is being directed at him as an individual, but we cannot mistake this as being in isolation. This is targeted, systemic and a tried and true rolling out of the racist play book: Incite the masses and let them loose on an individual. These masses are well practiced in their racist attacks. Ever since Mitchell spoke out about the anthem and its history, he has been the target and will continue to be unless there is an awakening I fear is not coming.

Racism is damaging. It hurts when we feel the force of it as individuals, when you are slurred or told you are not enough because of stereotypes levelled at you. But what is more damaging, at least in my mind, is the structural racism that continues to decimate

communities and contributes to epidemic levels of suicide within our communities. Racism hurts, but racism with the full force of the government behind it – that destroys.

Our kids in communities are watching what Mitchell is currently going through and this will devastate them.

They will look at how a brilliant footballer, a brilliant advocate for mob, is being piled on by the troglodytes in this country and it will dampen their hope.

Now, more than ever, we need to demonstrate our solidarity for Latrell Mitchell so he knows that we have got him. He needs to feel the warmth of mob having mob and, in turn, those kids watching on will see how our community works on a national scale and how we protect each other and how we make sure our people have soft places to fall even when this country and its structures are designed to destroy us.

Racism is powerfully destructive, but we are stronger – always have been, always will be.

● Gamilaraay woman Natalie Cromb is a writer and advocate.



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Storyteller in the

By KIRK PAGE



MURUWARI man Allan Clarke is driven by a sense of injustice.

"The system is meant to be colour blind but clearly it's not," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"Our community and family are such a precious thing and people have been taken away from that. We've lost people who are close to us.

"Personally, I just try to love harder and to have more empathy and really appreciate my mob and community and family."

Allan was born in Bourke NSW. He is an award-winning investigative journalist, producer, presenter and has recently branched out to be a documentary maker and director.

The first project Clarke has approached as a documentary maker comes from his fierce commitment and tireless work with Aboriginal deaths in regional NSW and the intersection between the Indigenous community and the judicial system.

His extensive reporting on suicide and juvenile justice in remote communities had him nominated for a Walkley Award and an Amnesty International Media Award.

Allan's three-part television series *Cold Justice* was the first of its kind – a raw and unfiltered look at the unsolved deaths of Stephen Smith, Theresa Binge and Lois Roberts.

Gone but not forgotten – the quest for justice is vital and the loss of our loved ones and community members has deep repercussions. Justice won't bring them back but it can help to heal the loss of grieving family and friends.

"Their trauma is compounded by frustration with a justice system that has failed to deliver closure. The question is: Does the justice system view Aboriginal victims differently?" Clarke asked.

Allan continues to fight for those who are voiceless and cannot fight, sharing their stories and spreading awareness. His previous reporting on teenager Mark Haines' death led to the case being reopened, a police review of the initial investigation and the posting of a reward for information, by authorities.

Allan sees the role of a journalist is to report on how things are.

But he's approached the role of director in a totally different way.

"I'm able to explore things in a way I wouldn't be able to as a journalist. The medium of filmmaking creates another way of telling this story," he said.

"As a journalist working on an assignment or under deadlines, you're often having to condense information while sacrificing the urge to tell the personal stories



"I've learnt that I am privileged to be allowed to tell people's stories, sometimes of their darkest days. Those tragedies compel me to keep making a space for those voices, for our mob ... but until you've spent years fostering relationships with communities and families who have survived multiple tragedies, you can't truly appreciate that sentiment – until you have given someone a voice to be heard with."

– Allan Clarke

within it. For me this documentary allows me to give a voice and much more agency to the victims and the families and to explore something much deeper about Australia, particularly the inequality within our judicial system."

Exploring the forms of media as a reporter and storyteller has taken Allan from the news desks

on NITV, BuzzFeed and the ABC, to travelling abroad and to studying short theatre courses at EORA college in Redfern, Sydney.

"The form of documentary allows you to explore more – rather than just covering the court hearing or dates. Documentary making is more of a deeper dive into all of the detail

and evidence," he said.

Why journalism and what was the pivotal moment that had him leave home to pursue study?

"I wasn't very good at school. I didn't know what I was going to. I was really fascinated by the media and how they covered stories on Aboriginal people. Often it was negative. It seemed ignorant and I thought, 'That's

not the reality of my community and the lives we live,'" Allan said.

"I left Bourke to live in Sydney to attend university and studied journalism. I worked for Fairfax on one of the newspapers and it wasn't long till I became disillusioned with the media in my early 20s and needed to take a year off so I took up studies at EORA college in Redfern.

"Enrolling in an acting course led by Lisa Marie Syron (director at Mooghalin Theatre) really opened my eyes and helped to develop my skills even further in listening and storytelling which has made me a better journalist."

After the one-year course, Allan returned to writing, trying his hand at playwriting and working as an actor and developing new theatre works. The new skills expanding his approach to journalism and reporting to camera.

"I wore many hats and started working for SBS with Karla Grant on *Living Black*. I had to pick up the camera, do my own filming and sound. It was an incredible experience. I would take a look at a map, find a community, go there with a back pack and find a story."

His newfound confidence on and off screen taught him the power of connection in a new way, allowing communities to tell their own story and have the flexibility rarely afforded to journalists in the main stream media.

"Perhaps the style of journalism I was taught felt a bit limiting but working with the *Living Black* program was liberating and we were allowed to find the story and shape it from that community," Clarke said.

Allan wanted to continue extending his journalism and took on roles on other networks appearing on the ABC as a reporter and journalist.

"My philosophy is to say yes to everything, especially in the media profession. It's the only way you grow and develop yourself."

Allan soon returned to SBS and began research and preparation for *Unsolved*, a TV series investigating Aboriginal victims of homicide. This led to a podcast called *Blood on the tracks*. One of the stories looked at the death of Mark Haines from Tamworth NSW in the 1980's.

Clarke had made contact with family members during the *Living Black* program and since that encounter was trying to keep the family's voice out there, drawing attention and letting the country know about the unsolved case.

He took all of that research and information and made a two-part story for *Australian Story* on ABC.

"This helped push the case and that is a good example of how the media can create a platform and advocate for those without a voice: to demand that the system sit up and listen to us," Allan said.

pursuit of justice

During the making of the program a new detective began working on that case full-time. The attention caused a reward to be released from the police.

"All of that happened because we pushed it. People say that journalists shouldn't be advocates for certain causes, but when it comes to the continuing injustices that are happening in communities we have to call it out and make sure we can make things right," Clarke said.

He was approached by producers who wanted to make a documentary on the Bowraville case of three murdered and missing children.

"I had witnessed the power of what solid and sustained coverage can do for a case so this really appealed to me.

"We've been filming the families for the past few years, and their ability to keep fighting through all of the rawness, mustering all of their will, was absolutely powerful. The families' strength to continue in the face of adversity is just so very inspiring to me and once I had seen some of the footage I immediately knew that I wanted to direct this. This story is an incredibly important thing for all Australians to see.

"Doing the research I realised this could be my family – these three victims Colleen, Eveyln and Clinton – they could be me or anyone of us and the thought that justice still hasn't been served is just stifling to me. So I feel compelled to go on and the least I can do is to continue to give the families a voice in the hopes of finally getting justice served.

"It doesn't matter if you're living out bush or a Blackfella in the city, it proves that any one of us could be denied justice. We could possibly slip through cracks and not have the law on our side.

"I try not to let it take a personal toll. As it's not my story, it feels selfish to get emotional. I try to be stoic. It does impact me greatly, but I can put that aside so as to make sure the stories get told."

Allan believes Aboriginal voices are starting to be heard by the rest of Australia.

"Our voices and vision must be at front and centre when it comes to what's affecting us. There is a changing appetite for the truth and people are slowly beginning to listen to our issues.

"The documentary *Australian Dream* with Adam Goodes and Stan Grant is a great example of our stories by us. That really made Australia sit up and listen. Two black men making a film about racism in sport and how as a nation we refuse to deal with it.

This film, in a way, demands that something happen – you can't watch that and not see what's going on. It's loud and clear.

"I think the only way we can get people to listen is to put it right in their face. There are two



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judicial systems; one for white people and one for black people and here it is in play. Nothing defines that more than this Bowraville case and the deaths of the three children. This isn't for shock value; it's to compel people to start a conversation to try make change when it comes to race and the law in this country."

Allan says a sense of injustice keeps him passionate about telling stories.

"I've learnt that I am privileged to be allowed to tell people's stories, sometimes of their darkest days. Those tragedies compel me to keep making a space for those voices, for our mob. It sounds corny – all journos say they want to give voice to the people, but, until you've spent years fostering relationships with communities and families who have survived multiple tragedies, you can't truly appreciate that sentiment – until you have given someone a voice to be heard with.

"Beyond journalism, storytelling is inherently in my DNA as a black man.

It's something we have done for hundreds of thousands of years and it keeps coming back to me that I am born to tell stories and the stories of the ones who can't."



Allan with Rae Hodgson from NITV.



In 2014, there was a gathering of people, with visiting American mob, to show solidarity for the 'Black Lives Matter' movement. The Block in Redfern was a proudly Aboriginal neighbourhood and a historical site for black activism and presence in Sydney. Sadly, the Aboriginal flag mural was torn down in 2019 to make way for development.

Telling our stories from behind the lens

Pictures by Barbara McGrady



FOR decades Aunty Barbara McGrady has been telling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stories with her camera.

And now, the Australian Museum is featuring a gallery of her photographs online.

A proud Gomeroi/Gamilaraay Murri yinah (woman), Aunty Barbara has documented important social, political, and cultural events over 30 years.

Aunty Barbara's photographs form a significant visual record of First Nations identity and contemporary representations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly the positive contributions they make to culture and community. This is especially true of Aunty Barbara's photography at sporting events, including games at the NSW Koori Knockout – where she has been a familiar face for many years – NRL and AFL, as well as boxing title fights.

The collection of Aunty Barbara's photographs includes images that show powerful and empowering images of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people against backdrops of historical, social, political, and cultural change in Australian society.

"Our warriors on the sporting ground, activists on the streets, mob dancing up our culture, sistagirls out to party, our proud Elders – these photographs celebrate our people," she said.

To see the full collection, go to australianmuseum.net.au



At the ninth anniversary memorial service in 2013, marking the untimely death of young Redfern youth TJ Hickey, Aunty Barbara's image conveys the pain and anger of his mother Gail and relatives as they told the crowd of their grief and sorrow of losing young TJ when he was pursued by police, and the horrible nature of his death.



The Golden Child: This photograph is a special personal image for Auntie Barbara, and shows another aspect of her impressive body of work. This is her 'golden child' – granddaughter Alkira, who was ten years old when this photograph was taken in 2014, at a beach in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs.



Dr Gary Foley, Gumbainggirr activist, artist and academic, has been a longtime friend of Auntie Barbara.



The late Uncle Steve Williams, Wiradjuri Elder, performed a Smoking Ceremony at the 2015 Glebe Street Fair on Glebe Point Road, Sydney. The adults appear oblivious to Uncle Steve's presence, "going about their business", as Auntie Barbara said. "Except look at the children," she pointed out. "See how fascinated they are."



Uncle Jimmy Wavehill (Uncle Vincent Lingiari's first cousin – brother) from the historic Wave Hill Cattle Station in the Northern Territory, at former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam's state memorial service on November 5, 2014, at Sydney's Town Hall. A group of senior Gurindji people travelled to the service. Mr Whitlam remains an important figure for the Gurindji people living in Kalkarindji and Daguragu.



Aboriginal AFL Sydney Swans team members Adam Goodes, Lewis Jetta, and Lance (Buddy) Franklin with the AFL Indigenous Round trophy at the MCG in 2012, after the Swans played Collingwood. The Swans won the AFL Indigenous Round, which celebrates the contributions players, fans, and Indigenous communities bring to the game.



Women and girls from the Wagana Aboriginal Dancers group perform at the 2017 Dance Rites competition. Based in the New South Wales Blue Mountains, under the direction of Wiradjuri dancer and choreographer Jo Clancy, the group honours Gundungurra, Darug, and Wiradjuri peoples and cultures through traditional and contemporary Aboriginal dance.

Celebrations mid-pandemic are challenge for organisers

By ALF WILSON



A COMMITTEE of seven men and women explored culturally appropriate options for the delivery of an alternative Mabo Day commemoration in Townsville during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

For Australia's Torres Strait Islander communities and their people, one of the most significant dates on the calendar is June 3, which is known as Mabo Day.

This important annual day commemorates Eddie Koiki Mabo's campaign for Indigenous land rights and is the anniversary of the subsequent landmark decision of the High Court of Australia on the June 3, 1992.

That overturned the legal fiction of 'terra nullius', which had been an integral influence of Australian law with regards to sovereign island and title since the arrival of Captain James Cook in 1770.

COVID-19 restrictions have meant a number of public events have been forced to be cancelled or postponed across the country.

This group of Townsville Torres Strait Islander community members formed to ensure this year's Mabo Day can still be proudly acknowledged and celebrated by Australians.

Helen Akee, Moses Nelliman, Topsy Tapim, Marita Akee, Genus Passi, Rick Phineasa and Muriel Bin Dol are aiming to deliver a Mabo Day event that honours this landmark



The Eddie Koiki Mabo memorial at Central Park, near the Townsville CBD.

decision and is both culturally appropriate and socially responsible.

"In this COVID19 era, community gatherings are restricted and it is recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and the community are still highly vulnerable, despite the relaxation of social distancing measures," Mr Nelliman said.

"Our working group has engaged the professional services of a video production company.

"The aim is to pre-record filming from the Mabo monument prior to June 3.

"Community and business leaders have been invited to share what Mabo Day (and reconciliation week) means

for them. The production company will then edit content into a professional package."

The video will be released to the community today, June 3, via the Townsville Zenadth Community website, YouTube and FaceBook pages.

Mabo Day has been highly successful in past years when many Torres Strait Islanders, Aboriginal and other people have gathered near a Eddie Mabo memorial on the banks of Townsville's Ross Creek.

Acknowledged on Mabo Day are the achievements of Eddie Mabo and fellow plaintiffs James Rice, Reverend Dave Passi, Sam Passi and Celuia Mapo Salee.



Reconciliation, a continuing journey of growth and togetherness by Nikita Ridgeway. Picture: National Capital Authority

Messages of reconciliation projected in Canberra



FOR the first time, the National Carillon in Canberra has been used as a stunning electric canvas to project a fabulous series of narratives and imagery for National Reconciliation Week

2020.

The display was designed to encourage all Australians to reflect upon the part they play – whether big or small – on their journey towards reconciliation.

Each night of National Reconciliation Week the Carillon showcased a different image overlaid by touching messages about the nation's journey to reconciliation. The projections ran for eight nights from 6-11pm, on Wednesday, May 27, until tonight, Wednesday, June 3.

National Capital Authority chair Terry Weber is proud to be part of these National Reconciliation Week activities.

"With the National Carillon being such an iconic landmark within the Canberra landscape, what better way be part of these national activities than lighting up the Carillon for the nation to see," he said. "These are powerful messages and images and I would like to personally thank everyone for their contribution to this important project. We hope the nation enjoys seeing these messages against the backdrop of Lake Burley Griffin," he said.

Biripi Bundjalung artist Nikita Ridgeway created the designs on which the logo and artwork for National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2020 are based, and her projection was the first on the Carillon. Nikita said her artwork, titled *Reconciliation, a continuing journey of growth and togetherness* has design elements representing Australians together on a national journey of reconciliation, while paying homage to the past and recognising the present.

"Reconciliation does not have one representational colour or symbol," Nikita acknowledges, and said she is inspired by the respect and relationships First Nations peoples have for and with the natural world around them.

Nikita uses vibrant reds and purples to represent wild bush berries; browns and yellows for seeds collected for food; ochre for ceremony and culture; turquoise for our rivers and oceans; and black and brown for the scales and claws of animals that roam this land.

"The symbols show Australians at different stages of the journey of reconciliation: The smaller dots and circles on the track represent the different stages of the journey of growth and constant connection," she said.

"The larger circles represent community. The track represents the story and the many ways reconciliation is celebrated throughout Australia."

Celebrate Mabo Day 2020 online



DUE to the COVID-19 pandemic South East Queensland Mabo Day

Celebrations are going virtual.

The MABO DAY CELEBRATIONS 2020 Facebook page will be the main portal for all events planned as a part of National Reconciliation Week.

The South East Queensland Mabo Day Working Group has partnered with National Reconciliation Week, Reconciliation Queensland (RQI), Arts Front, Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC), Teralba Park Stolen Generations Support Group Inc, Digi Youth Arts and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to bring Mabo Day 2020

celebrations online.

From 9am today, Wednesday, June 3, 2020 MABO DAY virtual events begin with the streaming of the 2019 Mabo Oration with Luke Pearson (Indigenous X) at QPAC.

At midday, the Mabo Day Webinar will feature speakers including Charles Passi (whose father was one of the Mabo plaintiffs), Dr Rose Elu, Kevin Smith and Hannah Duncan.

At 2pm, check out the MABO DAY CELEBRATIONS Facebook page for the #MDC2020 Virtual Gathering with performances by Jessie Lloyd, Rochelle Pitt, Chris Tamwoy and a very special shout out from the three-time Olympian and NBA Champion Patty Mills.

At 7.30pm Digi Youth Arts brings the voices of Torres

Strait Islander youth to the front with a Mabo Day virtual event.

On June 3, 1992, 28 years ago to the day, the High Court ruled that the lands of this continent were not terra nullius, overturning the 200-year-old myth.

Terra Nullius was the legal understanding that prior to British Colonial settlement in 1788, this land was 'empty' (or literally 'nobody's land' in Latin) and therefore free to be claimed by the British Empire, despite the presence of between 750,000 and 1 million Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who had lived on the continent for more than 80,000 years.

Mabo Day, June 3, marks the end of National Reconciliation Week, which begins on May 27, the anniversary of the

1967 Referendum.

The South East Queensland Mabo Day Working Group said that usually they stage Mabo Day events and celebrate.

"We celebrate with our music, we get together, we sing, we eat, we remember Eddie Koiki Mabo and how in May 1982 he and fellow Murray (Mer) Islanders David Passi, Sam Passi, James Rice and Celuia Salee campaigned for Indigenous land rights and overturned the legal myth of "terra nullius" which systematically denied land and human rights to Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples for too long," they said.

"Please join us for the MABO DAY CELEBRATIONS 2020!"

#MaboDay #MDC2020 #NRW2020 #InThisTogether



John Wayne Parsons will perform as part of online Mabo Day celebrations.

Celebrate historic anniversary online



PORT Phillip Council, together with the Boon Wurrung Foundation, will mark Mabo Day remotely this year with a series of online events.

Mabo Day, June 3, is the anniversary of the successful High Court case by Edward 'Eddie' Mabo, known as Koiki, the Torres Strait Islander man who paved the way for the *Native Title Act* and changed the course of history.

Hosted on the Yaluk-ut Weelam Ngargee website, the celebrations will be streamed live today, June 3, from 11.30am to 1.30pm, with a selection of music performances and activities available to be viewed until June 10.

Parbin-ata Carolyn Briggs AM of the Boon Wurrung Foundation will open Mabo day proceedings with a powerful Mabo Day Welcome to Country.

The program features music performances from the Maza Sisters,

John Wayne Parsons and Pirritu.

Meriam chef Nornie Bero, from Mabo's home island of Mer (also called Murray Island), will share her love of Torres Strait Islander dishes and how to incorporate native ingredients into home cooking in a cooking class.

Mayor Bernadene Voss said Mabo Day remained an important day on the Port Phillip calendar.

"Even though the COVID-19 pandemic prevents us from joining together for our

usual Mabo Day celebrations this year, this online program allows us to continue to mark the importance of Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo's achievements," she said.

"If you're unable to join us live on June 3, I encourage you to 'catch up' online – there really is something for everyone."

Mabo Day is celebrated as part of Reconciliation Week which runs from May 27 to June 3.

For more information, go to ywnf.com.au/maboday2020

Aunty Lorraine takes over as army's Elder



IN the lead-up to National Reconciliation Week Aunty Lorraine Hatton was announced as the army's Indigenous Elder, taking over from Uncle Roy Mundine after his five years in the role. She served 20 years in the army as an operations signaller and radio operator in the Royal Australian Corps of Signals, before retiring in 2007 as a warrant officer class two.

The role of army Indigenous Elder focuses on engaging both soldiers and Indigenous communities, along with advising the Chief of Army and storytelling

to soldiers. Aunty Lorraine is a Quandamooka Elder of the Noonuccal and Ngughi tribes in south-east Queensland.

Aunty Lorraine joined the Australian Army in 1986 and was posted to the 7th Signals Regiment as an operations signaller before transferring to a Joint Service position at HMAS Coonawarra, Darwin. In 1992, Lorraine was promoted to Corporal and posted to 72 Electronic Warfare Squadron. Throughout this period, she was a competitive sportswoman, representing the army in both squash and athletics.

Changing roles within the Signals Corps to a radio operator,

Aunty Lorraine was posted to the 6th Signals Regiment before posting as a detachment commander with the 1st Signals Regiment, Enoggera.

In 1997, Aunty Lorraine was promoted to the rank of sergeant and subsequently posted to Headquarters Northern Command. During this period, she was the first female signals sergeant to deploy as the communications manager in Irian Jaya, for humanitarian and famine relief operations and then on to the Multinational Force and Observers, Sinai.

In 2003, Aunty Lorraine was the first Indigenous female to be promoted to Warrant Officer Class

Two and posted to the Battlefield Command Support System Project Team in Townsville. The following year, she was posted to the 5th Aviation Regiment and deployed to Afghanistan as the first female communications manager with the Special Forces Task Group to establish the communications network in Kandahar.

Aunty Lorraine retired from the Australian Army in 2007. She is a mentor to the Preston Campbell Foundation and Beyond Broncos Youth Academy. Lorraine is also the board president of the Queensland State Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dedicated Memorial Committee.



Quandamooka woman Aunty Lorraine Hatton.

Mosaic made from many hands to pay tribute to the Stolen Generations



A MOSAIC has been unveiled in Mildura as a moving gesture to acknowledge past and present members of the Stolen Generations.

Revealed for the first time last week on National Sorry Day, May 26, the mosaic is an impressive result of two years of work by Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) clients and staff members.

MDAS Bringing Them Home case worker Angela Yates said the mosaic was a beautiful way to pay tribute in a respectful way to Aboriginal people who were taken from their families.

"This mosaic is dedicated to the past and present members of the Stolen Generations," she said.

The mosaic has been under development since the idea for the project emerged at a community event held in Mildura in 2018 to mark the 10th anniversary of former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's Apology to the Stolen Generations.

Since then, members of the MDAS Bringing Them Home and the Koori Women's Diversion programs have steadily worked on it.

But a last minute push was required to get the mosaic complete and installed for its unveiling, with Angela and her colleague Justine Bowden working on it intensively in recent weeks.

"We've been grouting, sanding, putting tiles in the right



Mallee District Aboriginal Services' Bringing Them Home case workers Angela Yates and Justine Bowden.

place – it was a really, really big job, but we are so pleased it is up now," Angela said.

"It took a lot of time and effort, but we were so determined to get it completed."

The mosaic has been installed at the MDAS Social and

Emotional Wellbeing Hub on Orange Avenue, where it will be seen by many of those who have worked on it.

"Through the Bringing Them Home program we work very closely with our Elders and Stolen Generations, so we

thought National Sorry Day would be the perfect time to reveal the mosaic," Angela said.

While COVID-19 restrictions have limited visitors to the site, Angela and Justine are looking forward to Elders eventually seeing the artwork.

"When the Elders come back, we will be able to show it to them and dedicate it to the Stolen Generations to acknowledge what has happened in the past," Angela said.

"We are really proud of it and can't stop looking at it!"

WA called to act on Bringing Them Home



LIKE most events, the 23rd anniversary of the tabling in Federal Parliament of the Bringing Them Home Report on May 26, National Sorry Day, was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bringing Them Home WA and the Western Australian Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation (WASGAC) had planned to host a major commemorative event at Wellington Square, in Perth, but due to COVID-19 restrictions instead developed an online event in partnership with Curtin University.

The landmark Bringing Them Home Report by the Australian Human Rights Commission was the culmination of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families.

The online event featured interviews with Stolen Generations survivors and documentaries from Curtin's Noongar Dandjoo television program.

WASGAC managing director Jim Morrison



Bringing Them Home WA co-chair Tony Hansen.

said the organisation had consulted widely with its 400 members, who are predominantly Stolen Generations survivors and their descendants, about the priority issues that are of concern to them.

"Sadly, there is still widespread concern

about the ongoing trauma associated with their removal from families and the intergenerational trauma that impacts on their children and grandchildren," he said. "These Stolen Generations survivors are still looking for psychological support and long-term strategies for healing.

"It is important for all levels of government to understand that this trauma has been heightened through the social isolation requirements associated with COVID-19. The general health of all Aboriginal peoples, but particularly for the Stolen Generations, is significantly worse than the broader community so many families have been forced into lockdown to avoid the risk of infection, but this has impacted on their psychological wellbeing."

Bringing Them Home WA co-chair Tony Hansen, a Stolen Generations survivor from Marribank Mission, said another issue for Stolen Generations survivors that the WA Government needed to address quickly was the ongoing fight for compensation.

"Survivors who suffered sexual abuse have options open to them to pursue

compensation through the Redress Scheme established as a result of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse or through the Civil Courts, but this comes with the added burdens associated with re-traumatisation," he said.

"However, Bringing Them Home Report Recommendations 3 and 4 proposed compensation or reparation for all survivors to acknowledge the trauma associated with removal from their families and loss of culture and Survivors are still waiting for the WA State Government to take action in this regard. The NSW, Tasmanian, South Australian and Victorian Governments have all established compensation schemes and Survivors in WA, where the impact of removal policies was most profound, are still waiting.

"As we commemorate the 23rd Anniversary of the Bringing Them Home Report, it is time for the WA Government to stand up and acknowledge the unfinished business associated with the Bringing Them Home Report."

Closing the Gap process goes digital



THE Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled peak organisations

(Coalition of Peaks) has launched a website aimed at engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on the new National Agreement on Closing the Gap to be agreed with Australian governments.

The new website tells the story of who the Coalition of Peaks is, why it formed and how its community-controlled members are working with Australian governments to improve life outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

It also details the historic Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap between the Coalition of Peaks and Australian governments, introducing the Coalition of Peaks' Joint Council members and providing background on the priority reforms that will



The Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled peak organisations (Coalition of Peaks) at a gathering before social distancing rules were introduced.

underpin the new National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

Pat Turner, the chief executive of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, lead convenor of the Coalition of Peaks, and co-chair of the Joint Council, said

that Coalition of Peaks gives a voice to First Nations communities.

"The Coalition of Peaks is negotiating with Australian governments so that the new national agreement is built around what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

have said for a long time is needed to improve the lives of our people, and is informed by Coalition of Peaks-led engagements with our communities late last year," she said.

"The Coalition of Peaks wants Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander communities and organisations across Australia to be fully engaged and take ownership of the new Closing the Gap strategy. This is fundamental to improving the life outcomes of our people; making sure our communities' priorities are at the centre of Closing the Gap; and holding governments accountable for the actions they commit to.

"We built this website so that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations across Australia can be part of the work of the Coalition of Peaks with governments. It will be updated when the new agreement is in place with practical resources that can be used by communities to make sure they know and benefit from the agreement."

For more information go to coalitionofpeaks.org.au

The new National Agreement on Closing the Gap is expected to be in place before the end of July.

BHP backs our health services



MINING giant BHP's Vital Resources Fund is providing more than A\$3.3 million in funding to Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander-controlled community health services, as part of new partnerships established to support communities through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Longstanding health inequities and high rates of chronic illness make Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 infection.

The funding will support peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health bodies and local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical services to continue to deliver comprehensive and culturally competent critical healthcare services, distribute supplies and educate communities about transmission risks associated with COVID-19.

The partnerships are with the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council, Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW, Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia and Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services (ACT).

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) chief executive Pat Turner said the financial donations from BHP directly to frontline primary healthcare services were most welcome.

"It is extraordinarily generous and will be used to directly benefit the health outcomes of First Nations people during these difficult times presented by COVID 19," she said.

"The additional work and costs arising from our exemplary efforts to protect our families and communities from COVID 19 has been a huge drain on our budgets and this additional investment will certainly ease those burdens. I am truly proud of, and most grateful to, BHP for their amazing support."

BHP's chief external affairs officer Geoff Healy said the partnerships build on measures BHP has put in place to assist and protect Aboriginal communities. These include halting face-to-face engagements with Aboriginal people from (or connected to) remote communities, implementing strict social protocols for all BHP employees and contractors in regional areas, and providing financial and in-kind support for local health authorities and community organisations.

"BHP is determined to play its part in the collective response to COVID-19, and a critical area is how we support our regional and remote Aboriginal communities," Mr Healy said.

"The Aboriginal community-led health sector moved early in a way that has saved so many lives. They are working incredibly hard to address the needs they have identified, and we are pleased to support with significant funding that enables their vital work."

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Nation's contested history on display



FLINDERS University Museum of Art (FUMA) puts the complex and contested legacy of Captain Cook (1728-1779) under the lens in a new exhibition *In the hold / Decolonising Cook in contemporary Australian art* – 250 years since his landing on Dharawal country, on the southern headland of Kamay, also now known as Botany Bay.

Co-curated by Flinders University colleagues Dr Ali Gumillya Baker, multi-disciplinary Mirning artist and senior lecturer in Indigenous and Australian Studies, and FUMA director Fiona Salmon, the exhibition features works by Indigenous and non-Indigenous contemporary Australian artists that challenge Eurocentric representations of Cook and the nation's recent past.

"Armed with secret orders to seek the 'Great South Land' and take possession of it in the name of the King of Great Britain, Cook is celebrated and mythologised in the grand narrative of white Australia as a founding father," Dr Baker said.

"However this version of nation's genesis – and dominant representations of Australian history that follow – have come under intense scrutiny in public discourses since the late 20th century.

"*In the hold* pays tribute to many of the artists who have been at the forefront



***They all look the same to me* by Therese Ritchie.**

of these discussions and debates, who have enabled us to see Cook in an alternate light by deconstructing and disrupting representations that venerate his achievement, and by exposing the devastating effects of his legacy."

Comprising prints, photography, moving image and sculpture, the exhibition draws on FUMA's expansive collection of art, one of the

largest and most diverse of any university in Australia, to include acclaimed artists Christian Thompson, Julie Gough, Danie Mellor, Leah King-Smith, Queenie McKenzie, Darren Siwes, Fiona Foley, Judy Watson, and the late Gordon Bennett.

In addition, the show contains a number of loans, among them the Art Gallery of South Australia's *Close Contact* (2018) by Western Aranda artist

Vincent Namatjira, which was recipient of the prestigious Ramsay Art Prize in 2019.

Other works brought into the frame are Ali Baker's majestic photographic print *Sovereign Fleet* (2013); the frank and vibrant *Cook* paintings by Sandra Saunders (2002-2011); and the recently released graphic works by Chips Mackinolty – *The first pandemic* (2020), and

Therese Ritchie – *They all look the same to me* (2020). (Both will be showing for the first time.)

"Exquisite and unsettling in equal measure, *In the hold* contemplates our collective responsibility to our histories," Ms Salmon said.

"Viewers cannot help but question the memorialisation of Cook's landing and grapple with what it means in the present day."

In the hold / Decolonising Cook in contemporary Australian art will be open to the public from Tuesday, June 2, to Wednesday, September 30, at FUMA Gallery, Flinders University, Bedford Park, Adelaide.

The gallery has said that, in accordance with government advice, physical distancing and hygiene measures will be in place.

A different view of Cook



THE State Library of NSW's latest online exhibition *Eight Days in Kamay* invites visitors to revisit James Cook's legacy and European accounts of the *Endeavour's* short stay in Kamay (Botany Bay) 250 years ago.

Damien Webb, head of the State Library's Indigenous Engagement team, said that Cook's time in Kamay is one of the most misunderstood events in Australia's colonial history.

"250 years later, these events are still being debated, contested, felt," he said. "And what is missing from almost every non-Aboriginal retelling of Cook's voyage is any sense of Aboriginal agency or humanity."

On April 29, the State Library published a statement that the Gweagal people of Kamay discovered Cook on this day in 1770 – a view rarely spoken or written about in history.

NSW State Librarian John

Vallance said the statement caused a stir on social media.

"The library is committed to ensuring that Aboriginal voices are properly heard alongside all the others that make up our shared

'We discovered them before they even set foot on land!'
– senior Gweagal knowledge holder Shayne Williams.

history," he said. "We are always encouraging individuals and communities to add their traditions and perspectives to the record."

The online exhibition explores first contact and what those fateful eight days looked like from the perspective of the Gweagal people, with knowledge gained through community consultations in La Perouse and by senior Gweagal knowledge holder

Shayne Williams.

The exhibition:

- brings together a selection of the sketches and samples collected by Sydney Parkinson, Joseph Banks and Daniel Solander of this newly 'discovered' natural world with the original Gweagal context and knowledge associated with them;

- explores Aboriginal agriculture and technology as witnessed by the Endeavour crew;

- confronts and reflects on 'Cook the Hero' v 'Cook the Pirate' through contemporary artwork by Aboriginal artists Vincent Namatjira, Jason Wing, Michael Cook, Karla Dickens and Daniel Boyd; and

- challenges visitors to revisit or view the journals of Banks, Cook and other *Endeavour* crew members from a different lens.

Visit the online exhibition at www.sl.nsw.gov.au/kamay. The physical exhibition opened on Monday, when the State Library reopened to the public.



Montage featuring a page from the journal of Peter Briscoe where he records the name Stingerray Bay (May 4, 1770), and a pencil drawing of the common stingaree (*Urolophus testaceus*) by Herman Sporing (April 1770), courtesy of the Natural History Museum.

Law student Ainsley is looking forward to a career helping others find justice



IT may not have been all smooth sailing, but the journey to becoming a legal professional is now in sight for central Queensland's Ainsley Frost.

Ainsley began her CQUniversity journey as a Vocational Education and Training in Schools student studying Certificate I and II in Business Administration from which she progressed into a Certificate III, after finishing high school, before enrolling in the Bachelor of Laws course.

Ainsley said she really enjoyed doing the certificate courses at school and when she was offered the chance to continue her studies at TAFE after school she jumped at the opportunity.

However, it wasn't long before Ainsley was drawn to the law and enrolled in CQUniversity's online law course.

Last week, May 18-24, was Law Week, an annual national event that aims to foster a better understanding of the roles law and justice play in our society.

"I later chose law as a profession to help those in need of legal services and to advocate for justice, no matter what a person's socioeconomic background may be," Ainsley said.

Ainsley has a keen interest in criminal law and would also like to work in probate once she has gained experience in the legal industry.

"I'm hoping to gain a position with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service to assist with criminal matters," she said.

"This would be my dream job, but I'd take any position I could to get my foot in the door of the legal industry."

Ainsley explained that the passing

of her father was the pivotal moment in her life which led her to consider the law as a possible career.

"When my father passed away, I was introduced to the world of probate law. This is where my interest in probate comes from.

"There's just something so fulfilling to me about helping a person plan the last part of their life."

Ainsley is the recipient of the Arrow Energy Go Further Indigenous Scholarship, which is a one-year, \$10,000 merit-based scholarship to assist and support Indigenous students in their educational objectives.

She has also had overwhelming support from her family during her study journey.

"I'm sure they're excited for my graduation after dealing with all my near-meltdowns during exams!" she said.

Ainsley has just one subject to complete in term 2 before graduating in December.

"I have enjoyed studying the Bachelor of Laws. I struggled with the course work in my first year, however, I have always received help from my lecturers. Approaching graduation, I believe my degree has given me the tools to strive as an individual and a professional."

CQUniversity's Bachelor of Laws is a three-year, full-time or four-year part-time online course designed for students wanting to work in a range of law fields.

Students learn all the areas of law required to satisfy professional accreditation through the Legal Practitioners Admissions Board.

The course enables graduates to proceed to practice as a legal practitioner after completing the required professional training.



Ainsley Frost is close to finishing a Bachelor of Laws at CQUniversity.

Boarders stay on top of studies at local school



BOARDING school students who have returned to study at a remote central

Australian school while their interstate school is closed in response to COVID-19 are becoming role models among other school-aged children within their community.

Eleven boarders from Unity College in South Australia returned to Areyonga Community School when the nation's boarding schools were forced to close their doors to help curb the spread of COVID-19.

The students, ranging from Year 7 to 11, have been supported by Areyonga School to continue secondary learning

with a view to returning to boarding school when it's safe to do so.

Areyonga School teaching principal Jonathon Fernando said returning boarders had displayed resilience in continuing their studies while back on country and their commitment was setting an example to other students.

"Getting these boarding school students into school is vital because it would be quite easy for them to stay at home with friends and family their age, and other less engaged kids are seeing them making the effort," Mr Fernando said.

"When they've finished their own work these students are invited into the classrooms to see how their younger siblings and relatives work, and sit

down and support them in class.

"Our teachers encourage them to come in because it's an extra support in the classroom and they really are positive role models."

Returned boarding school students attend in small, staggered groups to access Unity College teachers and materials online and complete tasks with support from staff and support workers at Areyonga School.

Having 11 new students arrive in a small school with about 35 enrolled students has been a challenge, but one the school and wider Areyonga community have embraced.

"Regardless of our level of capacity it was a no-brainer to

take these kids in and support them," Mr Fernando said.

"The main thing is we want to make sure that when it's safe these students can return back to school with a smooth transition.

"If they were to stop attending school altogether while they're here it would make it so much harder to return back to boarding school which would alleviate all the hard work that the students, the community, our school and Unity College have put in."

The NT Department of Education is supporting more than 1000 boarding students who have returned to 92 Northern Territory communities due to COVID-19 to continue to engage, grow and achieve on their education journeys.



Ishmael Windy returned home to his community of Areyonga (Utju) in central Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic and has been studying hard at the local school.

Calls for government consultation as Indigenous business sector in decline



VICTORIA's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business sector is in severe decline from the impact of COVID-19,

according to the preliminary findings of a survey by the sector's peak body.

Kinaway Chamber of Commerce said it began comprehensively surveying its 150 members early this year, initially in response to Victoria's bushfire crisis, and then during the ongoing pandemic.

Kinaway chair Karen Milward said the survey had revealed a sector in serious trouble with more than 22% of businesses immediately ceasing operations in March 2020.

"We expect that figure to have increased significantly by now with the survey predicting that, by the end of May, 58% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-owned businesses in Victoria would be closed," she said. "Nearly every business surveyed said they would not remain operating beyond three months of the March lock downs."

"This is a catastrophe that eclipses even the impact on mainstream small businesses."

"And, unfortunately, many of the financial packages that have been released by the Federal and Victorian governments to assist small businesses have failed to apply to our sector, and we've seen no packages specifically targeting Indigenous businesses."



Yorta Yorta woman Karen Milward, chair of Kinaway Chamber of Commerce.

Ms Milward said the sector was overwhelmingly made up of sole traders who were not eligible for the jobs packages offered by the Federal Government.

"Most of our businesses employ only contractors, who are ineligible for the job seekers package, and most are in the early stages of developing their enterprises so they are particularly exposed to a crisis like the one we are currently

experiencing," she said.

"After so many years of our people being denied opportunity, the growth in Indigenous entrepreneurialism and small businesses in Victoria has been one of the great success stories of the past decade and it would be a major setback to lose this momentum simply because government assistance is not carefully targeted."

"We need governments to

urgently consult with our sector to ensure that this is rectified."

The survey found that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business revenue came largely from corporate, education and government sources and specifically from tourism and events.

Ms Milward said the massive hits to the tourism and tertiary education sectors had been particularly hard on Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander-owned businesses.

"Government, corporate and university procurement policies have fuelled the growth of our sector and this means that the Victorian Aboriginal Business Strategy 2017-2021, and the Social Procurement Framework will be even more critical in the recovery phase from COVID19," she said. "We are also deeply concerned at the likely impact of the current crisis on our people's long-term economic circumstances with 26% of the business owners surveyed indicating they are likely to access their superannuation and most indicating that they had taken this decision without consulting a financial planner."

"This will diminish the retirement incomes of our people, further exacerbating the economic inequality that we've experienced over generations."

"There is some good news as well, however, with the survey confirming the incredible tenacity and resilience of our mob, borne out of more than two centuries of repression and neglect, as 95% of businesses surveyed, reported seeing opportunities even amidst the current hardships."

"Kinaway commends the Victorian Government for the initiatives implemented to support and encourage the growth of our sector, but it is clear that more needs to be done to minimise the number of businesses lost and the impact on the financial wellbeing of future generations."

Indigenous suppliers are keeping shelves stocked



INDIGENOUS businesses have supplied supermarket giant Woolworths Group with more than

300,000 litres of hand sanitiser to keep its retail store teams and customers safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Woolworths Group approached small Indigenous-owned businesses Supply Aus, Cole Workwear and Position Promo when COVID-19 was at its peak to get much needed hand sanitiser supplies to its stores.

Woolworths Group has invested over \$5.9 million to back these local Indigenous businesses to ensure these companies could continue to operate.

Victorian-based Indigenous company Supply Aus was on the brink of collapse with only \$5000 in their bank account due to the impact of COVID-19 on their business.

Supply Aus chairperson



Supply Aus director Dion Devow, chief executive Adam Williams, director Jolleen Hicks and chair Shawn Andrews.

Shawn Andrews said through Woolworths Group's upfront investment, Supply Aus was able to go above and beyond, chartering a plane to bring over 100 tonnes of hand sanitiser into the country to help those at risk at

a time it was needed most.

"In the first week of March, we were discussing the real possibilities of how a company with less than \$5000 in the bank account would survive," he said. "With the support of

Woolworths, we have been incredibly proud to be able to supply hand sanitiser to frontline workers, keep our business running and continue to grow employment opportunities."

"This is proof that Indigenous businesses are dynamic and capable. We are familiar with working under pressure and are solution finders."

"It's a personal one for us – my mum works in a Woolworths supermarket and they are using the very same hand sanitiser we have brought in at their store."

"We are extremely grateful for the opportunity."

"The flow-on effect of a brand like Woolworths partnering with a small Indigenous business like ourselves will provide higher comfort levels for more Indigenous businesses to come on board."

Woolworths Group chief executive Brad Banducci said he was pleased the investment had paid dividends for both Supply Aus and Woolworths.

"We have deep respect for Indigenous businesses like Supply Aus and do not take lightly the impact that our support can have not just on the business, but for the communities in which they operate," he said.

"We are grateful to work with the many Indigenous businesses who have gone above and beyond during this crisis."

"They were innovative in their solutions and quick to turn around the much needed supplies to help keep our teams and communities safe during an uncertain time."

Similarly, Cole Workwear is a proudly Noongar owned and operated business which was able to supply Woolworths with 150,000 litres of locally sourced hand sanitiser in Western Australia through this period.

Woolworths Group engages with nearly 20 Indigenous suppliers and employs more than 3800 team members who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

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Vocational education is turning lives around



A PROUD Dunghutti/Gamilaroi woman is celebrating her personal success as the first person in her family to complete a TAFE NSW qualification and to pursue a career as a nurse at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney.

Maroubra local Shanae Brown was encouraged by her high school teacher to complete the Youth Engagement Strategy (YES) program at TAFE NSW when she left school at the age of 16. The program, aimed at encouraging young people to gain qualifications and employability skills, has equipped her with the confidence and skills to pursue further qualifications and enter the workforce.

"I have always wanted to work in the health industry because I believe that I am a good carer, having spent my life helping my sister to care for her 11 children," Shanae said. "I love them all and know I do a good job caring for them; it's not uncommon for me to have four or more children in my sole care at a given time.

"I want to show my family and wider community that if I can study and obtain a qualification at TAFE NSW, and pursue my dream career, they can too."

Shanae graduated from the YES Program with a Certificate II in Retail Services and commenced part-time employment at Glue Store. She has now completed Certificate III in Health Services Assistance and is employed as an assistant in nursing.

Shanae is fulfilling a growing need for more Indigenous health workers, with Aboriginal people representing only 2.5% of the NSW Health workforce in 2016. Strengthening the Aboriginal health workforce is one of the core priorities for the St Vincent Health Network's Aboriginal Health Plan for 2017–2020, which details several existing programs, services and initiatives specific to improving health and social justice outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

TAFE NSW supports the state's overarching initiatives to strengthen the Aboriginal health workforce by providing meaningful pathways for Aboriginal people to secure local skilled work or study at university, and in turn improve the cultural competence of healthcare services.

"I would recommend TAFE NSW to



Proud Dunghutti/Gamilaroi woman Shanae Brown is the first person in her family to complete a TAFE NSW qualification and to pursue a career as a nurse at St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney.

anybody and especially to those who are struggling to engage in education and training for whatever reason. It has not always been easy for me and I struggled with assessments along the way, but I had

a teacher who believed in me and supported me to keep going," Shanae said.

TAFE NSW teacher Natalie Coulter said Shanae was a great example of what

"I would recommend TAFE NSW to anybody and especially to those who are struggling to engage in education and training for whatever reason. It has not always been easy for me and I struggled with assessments along the way, but I had a teacher who believed in me and supported me to keep going."

– Shanae Brown

dedication can achieve.

"I have witnessed an educational turnaround that is the greatest success story I've experienced in my 13 years of teaching at TAFE NSW," she said.

"Shanae is a shining example of how vocational education and training can transform people's lives and equip them with the skills that they need to pursue the career of their dreams."

Current students will continue to study the Certificate III in Health Services Assistance at TAFE NSW this term using electronic and online media as well as modified face-to-face teaching. This type of connected learning supports social distancing, while enabling students to progress their studies and pursue employment opportunities.

TAFE NSW has adopted connected learning as a new mode of delivery because it supports social distancing during COVID-19 and allows students to be connected to their teacher and to fulfil the required coursework.

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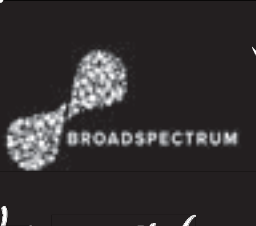
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Head of Combined Arts

Full time (3-year contract)

You will enhance the relationship between the Australia Council and the Community Arts and Cultural Development, Emerging and Experimental, and Multi artform sectors through the delivery of strategic and corporate goals. This will include collaborating with key partners to continuously advocate positive change in the sectors. To obtain further information about this position, please visit our careers page at <http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers/>

Applications close 21 June 2020 at 11:59pm (AEST)



Aboriginal Health Worker

Department: Hunter New England LHD
 Tamworth Community Health Service
 Enquiries: Meredith Harper on
Meredith.harper@health.nsw.gov.au

This position is identified for Aboriginal people and exemption is claimed under 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria. Applicants must be female - under Section 31 (2) (h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date: 7 June 2020

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ155470.

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Teacher of Painting and Decorating

TAFE NSW is looking for individuals with current industry experience and knowledge in **Painting and Decorating** to join our team of teachers on a part-time casual basis at **Maitland and Grafton**.

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 knowledge** in **Painting and Decorating**
- Want to work as a part of a collaborative and **dynamic teaching team** and are committed to building the skills of diverse learner groups
- Have a **demonstrated commitment** to or previous experience in delivering training in an adult learning environment.

Closing Date: Sunday 14 June, 11:59pm

Job Specific Enquiries: Please contact Linda Dewbery, Recruitment Officer (02) 6581 6395.

For more information go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for job reference number 00007RD4.

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Child Protection Practitioners

Job description

- A strong commitment to develop and support Child Protection Practitioners
- Work collaboratively with your team to strengthen case practice and to provide effective service delivery
- Highly rewarding career opportunities

Being a Child Protection Practitioner means making real change to the lives of our community's most vulnerable children and families. A career in child protection will provide a range of professional pathways that support your personal growth and development.

We offer a supportive team approach, quality supervision with great training and development.

Skills and Experience

We are looking for experienced child protection/child and family welfare professionals to join our child protection teams.

Key responsibilities include

- Assessing children and young people to bring about the changes necessary to ensure their safety, stability and development
- Conducting risk assessments and investigations
- Working collaboratively with families, community services organisations and other professionals to develop and implement effective plans for children
- Managing complex cases, problem solving and presenting matters to the Children's Court of Victoria as required
- Be responsible for supporting and developing Child Protection Practitioners in the integration of theory and practice while demonstrating your expertise through case practice
- Working collaboratively with the Team Manager to strengthen case practice
- Provide effective service delivery and support other practitioners

To be a child protection practitioner you need a current and valid driver's licence and a recognised Social Work degree or a similar welfare or behavioural related degree.

Make the decision to pursue a fulfilling professional career and make a difference in vulnerable children's lives.

Salary

- Child Protection Practitioner (CPP3) \$68,884 to \$83,640
- Advanced Child Protection Practitioner (CPP4) \$85,279 to \$96,759
- Team Manager and Senior Child Protection Practitioner (CPP5) \$98,396 to \$119,052

For more information about the role descriptions of Child Protection Practitioners at different levels, please email childprotectionjobs@dhhs.vic.gov.au or visit <https://childprotectionjobs.dhhs.vic.gov.au/roles/role-descriptions>.

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health and Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

The department is committed to the safety of its clients. The department takes a zero tolerance approach to abuse, including child abuse and abuse of people with disability.

Departmental employees are required to comply with all legal requirements including the Child Safe Standards to keep children safe from harm and abuse.



K-6 Advisor

- Department of Education
- Senior Education Officer 2 (ETS)
- Temporary full-time appointment up to three (3) years from entry on duty
- Position number and location: 192510 - Negotiable

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

Providing high level support and advice across Public Schools NSW to accelerate educational outcomes for Aboriginal students K-6.

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.

Applications Close: 17 June 2020

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Des Crawford on 0437 328 235.

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Exciting Management Role with Great Benefits!!!

(Salary up to \$80,000.00 plus Salary Sacrifice benefits)

Are you looking for an exciting new challenge and have a desire to work directly with community members in a rewarding and fulfilling career?

This is a re-advertised position and previous applicants will be brought forward.

The Thungutti Local Aboriginal Land Council (TLALC) are searching for an experienced and committed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who can take the organisation in a positive direction and accomplish a number of key projects that will secure the financial future of the TLALC. This role requires a person with key organisation and planning skills and an ability to multi task You will be surrounded by a supportive and committed Board and Membership and have access to great salary benefits including salary sacrificing. The TLALC are one of the region's largest land owners and have unlimited potential in terms of economic and social development opportunities. For information on the position and to obtain a recruitment package please contact the contact officer Ken Craig on 0265 672 050 or tlalc.lot8@gmail.com to obtain further information.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply Applications marked "Confidential" and posted to:
The Contact Officer

Post Office Bellbrook NSW 2440 or e-mailed to above address.

Applications close: 12 June 2020

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Remuneration Package Negotiable)
Full Time/Permanent

The Brewarrina Local Aboriginal Land Council (BLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of full-time Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Brewarrina LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA) (or the ability to rapidly acquire), the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer John Reidy, by email: ceo@brelalc.org or on 0438 286 477.

Applications can be forwarded to ceo@brelalc.org or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

**The CEO Recruitment Panel
Brewarrina Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 105
BREWARRINA NSW 2839**

Applications close 26 June 2020

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



Project Officers – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

- **Do you have a passion for work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities?**
- **Do you enjoy working in a fast-paced environment?**
- **Would you like to work in Australia's community-controlled HIV response?**

In partnership with Anwernekenhe National HIV Alliance (ANA), two Project Officer positions, responsible for ensuring HIV related issues of relevance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are more meaningfully integrated into Australia's HIV response, are now open for recruitment.

Organisational context

AFAO leads the national effort to end HIV transmission on behalf of its member organisations who represent the diverse communities most affected by HIV – lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) communities, sex workers, people who inject drugs, people with HIV and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

AFAO's members include the AIDS Councils in each State and Territory and national organisations collaborating with AFAO to enable the appointment of this position. These organisations are the National Association of People With HIV Australia (NAPWA), the Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL), Scarlet Alliance, the Australian Sex Workers Association, and the Anwernekenhe National HIV Alliance (ANA). ANA is Australia's national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HIV community-led organisation and aims to ensure the voice of Indigenous Australians is heard, supported and has impact within the Australian HIV response. AFAO's affiliate member organisations – spanning community, research and clinical workforce – share AFAO's values and support the work we do.

Key Skills and Experience

- Understanding of and commitment to communities most affected by HIV, including LGBTI communities, sex workers, people who inject drugs, people with HIV and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- Connections with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, including those also part of other key populations most affected by HIV.
- A proven track record of community work, including with Indigenous people.
- Ability to work collaboratively and communicate effectively, including with various stakeholders.
- Ability to work well both within a team environment and autonomously.
- Organisational and time management skills, including the capacity to manage concurrent projects and meet deadlines.
- Attention to detail

For more information, including how to apply, please see the full job listing on the AFAO website at www.afao.org.au/careers/.

AFAO strongly encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

Applications close: Sunday 14 June 2020.



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Project Officer

- Clerk Grade 7/8
- **Temporary full-time appointment for a period up to 22 March 2021**
- **Position number and location: 178636 – Broken Hill**
- **Identified role for Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders only**

Total remuneration package valued to: \$119,209 p.a. (salary \$97,152 to \$107,541 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Aboriginal Affairs NSW works alongside Aboriginal people and communities to make sure their voices are heard and their interests represented in government. By leading and influencing policy change in government, we support the long-term social, cultural and economic aspirations of Aboriginal people in NSW. Our agency works closely with Aboriginal communities and our staffing reflects the diversity of these communities. Over 50 percent of our staff, including senior leadership, identify as Aboriginal. We are also committed to providing a culturally safe and supportive workplace with flexible working arrangements for all staff. To learn more about our work visit www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au

About the role

As part of a Regional team, the Project Officer works across government agencies and communities to facilitate partnerships that address AA priorities and broker solutions to matters requiring cross-agency collaboration with, and for Aboriginal communities within the region. The role assumes a leadership role for Aboriginal community self-governance and economic development, improves information flows, and works collaboratively to build capacity amongst Aboriginal governance bodies and achieve better outcomes.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) in either Word or PDF format which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees. Please address the pre-screening questions and the essential requirements. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the role description in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw
No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Outline your experience working with Aboriginal people and/or communities. What have you learnt and how would you apply these learnings to the role? (300 or 400 words maximum).
2. This role often requires managing relationships with a number of stakeholders, whose own priorities and expectations may not coincide with your own priorities. Please provide an example of where you have to influence others to achieve your outcome and keep the integrity of the interpersonal relationships intact? (300 or 400 words maximum).

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Current Driver's Licence
- Willingness to undertake regional travel and frequent travel to Mascot Central Office
- Demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with, and understand issues impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Applications Close: 17 June 2020

Enquiries: Tegan Hinchey Gerard on 0475 961 295

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 00007RC4 or 178636

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Senior Child Protection Practitioner

West Division – Western Melbourne Area

In the context of a whole of community approach, Senior Child Protection Practitioners have a specific statutory role in protection children and young people from harm and promoting their rights and healthy development.

An initial focus will be to support the transition of Aboriginal clients to the case management of an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation(s) (ACCO).

Are you

- Committed to working with children, young people and families?
- Able to effectively engage to provide families with the optimum capacity for change?
- Continually improving your skills and knowledge to further develop your professional practice?

This role may at times be required to operate outside normal office hours (at night and on weekends and public holidays) with relevant overtime or time in lieu provisions applying. Rural employees may be required to participate in an on call roster.

We strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates to apply.

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au

Eddy De Nardis on 0437 120 914

Job Reference number: **DHHS/WWD/379913**

Applications close: Midnight Wednesday 10 June 2020

DHHS is building an inclusive workplace that embraces diversity of backgrounds and differences to realise the potential of our employees for innovation and delivering services aimed at enhancing the lives of vulnerable Victorians. All jobs can be worked flexibly and we encourage job applications from Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, LGBTI and people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

In particular, our focus is on increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Practitioners. If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, contact our Diversity Unit DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

DHHS takes a zero tolerance approach to abuse, including child abuse and abuse of people with disability. Employees are required to comply with all legal requirements including the Child Safe Standards to keep children safe from harm and abuse. Police Checks form part of the Department of Health and Human Services recruitment process.

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FLALC

Forster Local Aboriginal Land Council

19 Breckwidge Street, Forster NSW Australia
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Chief Executive Officer

Exciting Management Role with Great Benefits!!! (Salary up to \$80Kplus Salary Sacrifice benefits).

Are you looking for an exciting new challenge and have a desire to work directly with community members in a rewarding and fulfilling career? The Forster Local Aboriginal Land Council (FLALC) are searching for an experienced and committed **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** who can take the organisation in a positive direction and accomplish a number of key projects that will secure the financial future of the FLALC. This role requires a person with key organisation and planning skills and an ability to multitask. You will be surrounded by a supportive and committed Board and Membership and have access to great salary benefits including salary sacrificing. The FLALC are one of the region's largest land owners and have unlimited potential in terms of economic and social development opportunities.

For information on the position and to obtain a recruitment package please contact the contact officer Vincent Hall on 0499039494 or vincenthall@outlook.com.au to obtain further information.

Applications marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Contact Officer
P.O Box 384 Forster, NSW 2428
Applications close: July, 1, 2020.




DATA AND INSIGHTS ANALYST

- 12 Month Fixed Term
- Full-time Role (part-time and other flexible working arrangements may be considered)
- Rare opportunity to join NCIE's Black Impact team working on First Nations social impact measurement

National Centre of Indigenous Excellence Ltd (NCIE) is a not-for-profit social enterprise. We build capabilities and create opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples by delivering life-changing programs from our heritage-listed facilities in Redfern.

NCIE is looking for a Data and Insights Analyst to work on Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander impact measurement projects within the newly established Black Impact team that is shifting the narrative for First Nations social impact measurement.

The Data and Insights Analyst is responsible for analysing and synthesising data to produce key insights for our stakeholders. This role will also scope and establish appropriate systems and processes to assist in clients' data management needs, as well as First Nations sector data solutions for impact.

Reporting to the Black Impact Lead, **key objectives and accountabilities will include:**

- Application of advanced data analytics to drive fact-based decisions
- Manage, coordinate and execute the collection and reporting of impact data for NCIE
- Develop a data and insights platform and modelling for internal and external use to support and drive Social ROI.
- Scope sector solution for impact data measurement and analysis
- Identify, design and implement the use of visualisation tools (Tableau, Power BI, Analytics etc.)
- Lead the experimentation, development and continued improvement of systems and processes to support the collection of data to improve business performance, monitoring, reporting and continuous improvement
- Participates and provides sound advice in business planning impact reporting, and other internal processes as required.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have an interest or passion for data insights, analytics and visualisation are encouraged to apply.

NCIE offers attractive salary packaging and free on-site gym & pool membership. Our values are Excellence, Inclusiveness, Integrity and Growth.

Enquiries: please contact Skye Trudgett, Black Impact Lead: 0434 617 923 / skye.trudgett@ncie.org.au

The Position Description and more information about the role is available on our website <https://ncie.org.au/about/our-jobs/>

To Apply: Email your CV and a cover letter addressing the selection criteria to jobs@ncie.org.au - subject title should state "Data and Insights Analyst Position."

Applications close Sunday 14 June 2020.



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Graduate Management Program

Department: South Western Sydney LHD
 Temporary Full-Time - 38 hours per week
Remuneration: Administration Officer Level 4, \$1,211.59 - \$1,240.78 per week

Enquiries: Please indicate in your application if you identify as either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and contact our Aboriginal Workforce team via **SWSLHD-AboriginalWorkforce@health.nsw.gov.au** if you are interested in applying.

Information: To be eligible, you must have completed a tertiary degree by the start of the program in February 2021.

SWSLHD is committed to developing Aboriginal leaders within its workforce and the two year graduate management program gives you on the job training, experience and mentoring support in the Health Industry, combined with completing your sponsored Master's Degree. Aboriginal Graduates will also receive support and mentoring from the SWSLHD Aboriginal Health Unit.

This position is advertised under the SWSLHD Aboriginal Targeted Recruitment Program. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply and, where found suitable, will be given higher priority. Aboriginal applicants may have to cite their Aboriginality in addition to the selection criteria

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles in NSW Health organisations.

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au/>

Applications are now open and will close on the 26 June 2020.

For more information and to apply, go to www.swsllhd.health.nsw.gov.au/graduate

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Leader Secondary Education Initiatives CEO (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).

About Role

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.

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.

Applications Close: 17 June 2020

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Lisa Muir (02) 4357 5347.

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 00007R5M or 207490.





Senior Male Aboriginal Counsellor (New Street Services) Temporary Full-Time

Department: South Western Sydney LHD
Remuneration: Dependant on Qualifications
(Social Worker Level 4 or Psychologist)
Enquiries: Michelle Scheidel on 0428 679 282

In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement, and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997 (NSW).

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles in NSW Health organisations.

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au/>

Closing Date: 21 June 2020

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ166348.

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Female Aboriginal Liaison Officer (Permanent Full-Time)

Department: South Western Sydney LHD
Remuneration: \$54,220 - \$79,857 per annum
Enquiries: Alison Pryor on (02) 8738 8833

In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement, and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997 (NSW).

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Closing Date: 21 June 2020

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Located in Dubbo, this permanent, full time position is also an Aboriginal Identified position.

Salary package: \$132,923

Job Ref No: 00007R47

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All applications close 10 June 2020

For more information, contact
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Policy Officer

- Department of Education
- Full-time ongoing appointment
- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Position number and location: 192507 - Parramatta

Total remuneration package valued to: \$119,209 p.a. (salary \$97,152 to \$107,541 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About role

The Policy Officer is responsible for researching, analysing and evaluating information. The role involves preparing submissions, briefings, Ministerial correspondence and other policy advice on matters relating to Aboriginal education.

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 the pre-screening questions and the 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.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Please describe how you have built relationships and facilitated collaboration with key stakeholders during the course of a project. What were the particular challenges and how did you resolve them. (300 words).
2. What experience would you draw on to prepare advice on a policy issue that is culturally appropriate for Aboriginal communities in NSW? (300 words).

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal Education Policy and the Partnership Agreement with the NSW AECG Inc.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Applications Close: 17 June 2020

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact
Emma Wenham (02) 7814 2702.

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 00007RBQ or 192507.

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Team Leader

Housing Advice and Assistance Team



Health
and Human
Services

West Division - Central Highlands Area - Ballarat

Salary: \$85,279 - \$96,759 plus superannuation

Position is Ongoing - Full-time

The Housing Advice and Assistance Team (HAAT) is responsible for the Waiting List Management of Housing Applications, vacant property inspections and allocations in the Central Highlands Area.

As the HAAT Team Leader you will be leading a high functioning team in day to day operations providing direction, support and feedback for team members to facilitate the delivery of quality outcomes to tenants. You will contribute to asset and service delivery planning and make decisions in relation to asset utilisation and maintenance in line with department policy and community expectations.

Are you a leader who?

- Can build and maintain positive collaborative relationships?
- Is a supportive and successful mentor?
- Has an in-depth knowledge of the social and legislative frameworks governing the provision of public housing services?
- Has effective organisational and time management skills?

Please Note: ONLY INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY AS THIS POSITION IS EXEMPT UNDER THE SPECIAL MEASURES PROVISION, SECTION 12(1) OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT 2010 (VIC)

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au

Please contact **Simon Walter** on 5333 6530 for further information.

Job Reference number: **DHHS/WWD/0379415**

Applications close: **Midnight, Thursday 11 June 2020**

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au. To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au. Police Checks form part of the Department of Health and Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

The department is committed to the safety of its clients. The department takes a zero tolerance approach to abuse, including child abuse and abuse of people with disability. Departmental employees are required to comply with all legal requirements including the Child Safe Standards to keep children safe from harm and abuse.

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Anglicare NT is a local community organisation that supports people, strengthens communities and advocates for social justice.

Case Manager - Housing Options Pathway Program

Based in Darwin | Full Time

In the role of HOPP Case Manager, you will provide culturally sensitive and strengths based, casework and practical support to individuals and families living in the community and Garaworra Transitional Housing Service, whose tenancies are at risk. You will assist and empower clients to build their capacity to address issues impacting on their tenancies and assist Garaworra tenants to explore and access a range of long term, independent housing options.

To be successful:

- This position will only be open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants.
- The minimum qualification required is a Certificate IV in Community Services or equivalent and or 3 years' experience in the Homelessness /Community Services sector.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in implementing culturally appropriate case management practice within a housing support framework.
- The ability to engage and build respectful and trusting relationships with people in order to assist them to identify their rights, needs, strengths and opportunities.

For further information, please contact: **Thelma White, Program Manager HOPP on 08 8985 0000.**

Applications will be assessed as received
To apply, visit our website: anglicare-nt.org.au/vacancies

Anglicare NT is a Child Safe, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) organisation. We strongly encourage Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people to apply. All positions require a Working with Children Clearance (Ochre Card), current National History Clearance and Driver's Licence.



Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

- Department of Education
- Full-time appointment
- ACLO
- 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

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.

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Applications Close: 17 June 2020

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Gabrielle Sheather (02) 6200 5041 or by email gabrielle.sheather@det.nsw.edu.au

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 174283 or 00007NLJ.

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Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Officer

- Temporary full-time appointment for a period up to 16 July 2023
- Senior Education Officer 1 - SEO1 (ETS)
- Position number and location: 174271 - Queanbeyan

Total remuneration package valued to: \$145,541 p.a. (salary \$121,273 to \$131,295 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About the Role

Providing high level support and advice to schools, educational services teams and key stakeholders in the implementation of strategies relating to Aboriginal education and engagement.

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: 17 June 2020

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Jessica Harris (02) 6200 5000.

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 174271.

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Wardsperson (Identified) Nepean Hospital

Nepean Blue Mountains Health District
Permanent Full-Time
Wardsperson
Salary: \$51,519.55 - \$51,904.11 pa
Enquiries: Sean Dickson via email:
Sean.Dickson@health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date:
16 June 2020

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ163068.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Registered Nurse Aboriginal Chronic Care

Department: Northern NSW Local Health District
Far North Coast
Employment Type: Casual
Position Classification: Registered Nurse
Remuneration: \$32.37 - \$45.45 per hour
Enquiries: Marilyn Tolman on
Marilyn.Tolman@health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date:
17 June 2020

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ164637.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Government of Western Australia
Western Australia Museum

Visitor Services Officer

Web Search No: Pool Ref 11860

The stunning new museum for Western Australia is on track to open in November and we're looking for full-time, part-time and casual Visitor Service Officers to help provide a welcoming, inclusive environment and high-quality museum experience for everyone who comes to see us. The new museum will share the stories of our incredible people and places. It will act as a gateway for visitors to explore the wonders of Western Australia from the Kimberley to the Great Southern, and all the places in between.

To Access Detailed Information: see jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search: Pool Ref 11860

For Specific Inquiries: Sarah Wright on (08) 9327 5444

Location: Perth CBD

Closing Date: Tuesday, 23rd June 2020 @ 5:00pm

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7-12 Advisor

- Department of Education
- Senior Education Officer 2 (ETS)
- Temporary full time appointment up to three (3) years from entry on duty
- Position number and location: 192515 & location is negotiable

Total remuneration package valued to: \$157,742 p.a. (salary \$142,302 p.a. including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading).

About the directorate

The Aboriginal Education and Communities Directorate (AECD) values its strong partnership with the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. (NSW AECG Inc.) in supporting NSW Public Schools to deliver high level, quality teaching to maximise learning outcomes for Aboriginal students.

The work of the AECD is underpinned by this objective, and provides leadership, strategic advice and direction on all matters relating to Aboriginal education across the NSW Department of Education. The AECD contributes to national and state policy development for Aboriginal education including language and culture programs in schools

About the role

Providing high level support and advice across NSW Public Schools to accelerate educational outcomes for Aboriginal students 7-12.

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*.

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Applications Close: 17 June 2020

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Adrian Bell on 0488 524 601.

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 192515 or 00007QWP.



Aboriginal Community Advocate

(Disability Royal Commission)

Identified Position

Location: Unit 14, 6 Gritten Street, Weston ACT.

Term: Permanent; Full-Time (30-38hrs/week)

Remuneration: SCHADS Award Level 5 (\$76,473, - \$80,248), 9.5% superannuation & Salary sacrificing opportunities

Reports To: Team Leader – AAT Appeals and Disability Royal Commission

The ACT Disability Aged and Carer Advocacy Service (ADACAS) is a human-rights focused organisation, which will celebrate its 30th year of operation in 2021. We provide a range of services including individual advocacy, support coordination, Redress support and is looking to fill a new position that has been created to support people with disability who wish to make submission to the Disability Royal Commission.

The Disability Royal Commission commenced in 2019 and is due to conclude in 2022. ADACAS has been funded to assist individuals with disability, who have been affected by the types of abuse, exploitation and disadvantage outlined in the Commission's Terms of Reference, to engage with the Royal Commission and also to receive whatever form of legal and/or counselling assistance they may require. This position has been developed in collaboration with the First Peoples Disability Network of Australia (FPDN).

The Advocate will provide culturally appropriate individual advocacy support and deliver information to people with disability from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds to connect to the Disability Royal Commission and to access services. The Advocate will be required to exercise professional judgement and initiative in response to moderate to complex advocacy issues whilst maintaining accountability within the organisation's frameworks. The Advocate will be required to develop a sound knowledge of legislative, regulatory and funding context in which they undertake their advocacy.

The Advocate will increase knowledge of best practice and challenges in delivering culturally safe and appropriate disability advocacy to people with disability from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds. Advocates work collaboratively as a member of the ADACAS team and may be required to undertake other duties such as client intakes and systemic advocacy research, and taking on Advocacy matters related to ADACAS' other contracts.

How to apply

Please call ADACAS on (02) 6242 5060 or email adacas@adacas.org.au for the candidate information pack, including the full position description and selection criteria. The candidate information pack can also be found on the website at www.adacas.org.au.

Your application should consist of:

- a statement of claim, addressing all of the selection criteria;
- a resume;
- details of at least 2 referees [(email and phone contact) who can verify your claims; and
- a covering letter explaining why you are interested in this role

CLOSE DATE: 11:59PM MONDAY 15th JUNE 2020

Family Services Manager



An exceptional opportunity to be a part of the leadership team responsible for guiding the Wathaurong Co-op into an exciting new phase.

The Role

A full time vacancy is currently available for a qualified and experienced leader to oversee operational aspects of a range of programs within our Family Services Unit. This position will provide effective daily management to achieve service and program targets and objectives that reflect the social and cultural needs of the community, with a focus on quality system and continuous improvement based management, and person-centred care and services.

The friendly, experienced and knowledgeable team is made up of indigenous and not indigenous workers who are passionate about making a visible difference supporting the local indigenous community.

About You

To be successful in this role, candidates will have experience and knowledge of case management and service delivery in the social and community sector; with an understanding of Aboriginal culture and the challenges encountered by the Aboriginal community members who may access child, youth, and family services. You will be resilient, with great team working skills, the ability to communicate with respect, and coach team leaders to supervise the case management team. You will be able to work under pressure in a fast-paced environment, and demonstrate diplomacy and discretion.

Benefits

Geelong (Victoria) boasts beautiful beaches, award-winning wineries, laneway dining, a fascinating heritage and an enormous range of recreational opportunities from fishing and golfing to diving and surfing. Victoria's second largest city offers a fantastic lifestyle with affordable housing, stress less traffic and fantastic employment opportunities.

This role is based in contemporary offices at the beautifully redeveloped Federal Mills Park in North Geelong.

Our employees enjoy a range of benefits including:

- Generous annual leave
- 9.5% superannuation
- Not for profit salary packaging options
- Employee Assistance Program
- Accredited training opportunities and study leave

The filling of this position is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth), and s12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic) and s8(4) of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic).

Applications for this position are invited from suitably experienced and qualified applicants who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Applications may be submitted via SEEK or emailed to jobs@wathaurong.org.au

Please visit our careers page to view the Position Description for this role at:

<http://www.wathaurong.org.au/careers-with-us/>

Applications COB Monday 22nd June 2020

**For all your advertising needs
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or call 02 6622 2666**



NEW SOUTH WALES

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Practice Specialist

Relationships Australia NSW (RANSW) believes everyone is entitled to positive, supportive and healthy relationships. Our work is centred on building strong family relationships and community connections. As a leading independent non-profit organisation, we focus on those in greatest need, and we conduct our work with respect for difference and social inclusiveness.

We are seeking an experienced Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Practice Specialist to build on our capability to engage with and work alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. In this permanent, part-time role you will be part of the CEO office and work with the leadership team and across the organisation to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural knowledge, leadership and strategic advice related to the support, development and growth of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce, and ensure that programs and services are culturally inclusive, safe and appropriate. You will in partnerships with the internal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander network (Mariang Malang) continue RANSW's journey to provide culturally appropriate services to First Nations people.

This part time position can see the successful applicant working 3 or 4 days per week, with salary to be negotiated with the successful applicant, based on skills and experience.

As the successful candidate you will have the following:

- This is an identified Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander position Relationships Australia NSW considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW);
- You will have some experience in a senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander position or be ready to take the next step in your career;
- Relevant Tertiary qualifications or relevant work experience in social work, social welfare, health promotion, community development or similar field;
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, needs and relationships and the demonstrated ability to effectively communicate this internally and externally to engage organisational stakeholders;
- Leadership and influencing skills and the ability to build a positive and mutually respectful team culture;

For further detail about the role please refer to our website www.relationshipsnsw.org.au to review the position description. Alternatively, please email recruitment@ransw.org.au to schedule a phone call to discuss the role in more detail.

If you believe that you have the experience and qualities to guide and provide advice on best practice to create a supportive and inclusive culture, we want to hear from you!

Send your updated CV and a brief Cover Letter outlining how you meet the key requirements of the role to recruitment@ransw.org.au.



THE UNIVERSITY
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AUSTRALIA

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Animal Attendant Traineeship – School of Veterinary Science

The University of Queensland (UQ) is one of the nation's top three universities with a 45,500-strong student community and more than 7,500 academic and professional staff. Its major campuses are at St Lucia, Gatton and Herston, in addition to teaching and research sites around Queensland and Brisbane city.

UQ is offering a great opportunity to combine work and Cert III level study with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traineeship Program. This trainee position will be based at Gatton. The Traineeship Program is part of a wider program to redress the under-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at The University of Queensland and is an identified position in accordance with the equal opportunity measure under section 105 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991.

As a trainee, your duties will look to reflect the requirements of a Certificate III in Animal Studies and may include but are not limited to: feeding and hydration care for animals, cleaning and hygiene maintenance of kennels, cat condominiums, and wards in veterinary clinics and research facilities, undertake laundering and hygiene management task, bathing and grooming animals, food preparation and assisting with collection and movement of animals.

This is a full-time, fixed term appointment of 18 months at HEW 1 level. The salary will be in the range of \$51,067 – \$53,173 p.a., plus employer superannuation contributions of 9.5%.

You will enjoy great working conditions including 4 weeks paid leave per year; time allocated to complete your diploma study and a supportive team environment to help you to succeed.

Applications close 17 June 2020

Job No. 510311

Visit jobs.uq.edu.au for more career opportunities and to obtain a copy of the position description and application process. The University of Queensland values diversity and inclusion.

This is an identified position and the occupant must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent under section 25 and 105 of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act 1991.

Manager, Indigenous Student Success

Charles Darwin University
3 year fixed-term, full time appointment

Professional Level 10 Salary \$114,395 to \$126,960 p.a.
17% superannuation and 6 weeks annual leave
Casuarina Campus, Darwin, Northern Territory

To apply or view more information, please visit
<https://www.seek.com.au/job/50024661>

For a confidential discussion please contact Professor Reuben Bolt, Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Leadership and Regional Outreach on 08 8946 6060 or email reuben.bolt@cdu.edu.au

Applications Close: Sunday 14 June 2020

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Support Workers CDS

- Casual opportunities based in Lismore / Tweed Heads AND Grafton
- Schedule B Level 2.1 (SCHADS) + superannuation + salary packaging benefits

At Wellways, Consumer Directed Services (CDS) are led and funded at the individual consumer level. In this context, the consumer is empowered to direct their supports in a way which meets their individual needs and aspirations, within defined parameters such as a budget and menu of available supports. Initiatives such as the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), the Lifetime Care and Support Scheme, and private fee-paying arrangements create the environment in which these services are delivered.

Support Workers are the front line of our Consumer Directed Services, providing consumers with personalised, evidence-based supports that assist consumers to meet their individual needs and achieve their aspirations. Accordingly, Support Workers deliver a wide range of supports from personal care, to support to access the community, to 1:1 skill development and more.

This is an ongoing program over 7 days a week. The successful worker will be someone with the flexibility to work for short and long shifts.

To apply and to download a copy of the position description please visit our Careers page
www.wellways.org/careers-wellways

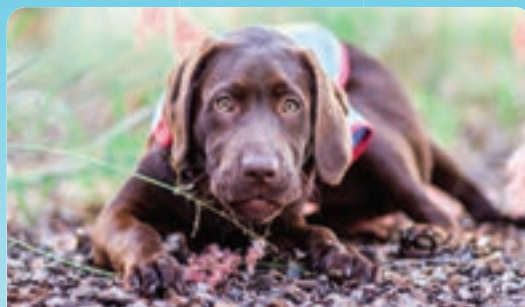
For a confidential discussion about the role, please contact Jessica Raizenberg, CSO on jaizenberg@wellways.org or 0408 936 598.

We warmly encourage people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and people with a lived experience of mental health and disability to apply.

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Or visit www.assistedogs.org.au



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PO Box 503, Surry Hills, NSW 2010 or fax it to 02 9699 1171

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Health
Justice Health and
Forensic Mental Health Network

Aboriginal Sexual Health and Harm Reduction Officer

Location: Malabar Correctional Complex

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$54,220 – \$79,857 p.a plus employers contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Enquiries: Thomas.Wright2@health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 9 June 2020

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ166986.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Health
Justice Health and
Forensic Mental Health Network

Aboriginal Health Worker (Female)

Location: Silverwater Correctional Complex

Employment Status: Temporary Full-Time

up to 15/01/2021
Salary: \$54,220 – \$79,857 p.a plus employers contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

Enquiries: shahana.Vanjour@health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 9 June 2020

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ166488.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Work FOR NSW

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Senior Female Aboriginal Counsellor (New Street Services) Temporary Full-Time

Department: South Western Sydney LHD
Remuneration: Dependant on Qualifications (Social Worker Level 4 or Psychologist)
Enquiries: Michelle Scheidel on 0428 679 282

In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement, and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997 (NSW).

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles in NSW Health organisations.

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au/>

Closing Date: 21 June 2020

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ166342.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Work FOR NSW

BLZ_KH0185

Notice of Withdrawal of Notifications of Proposed Grant of Exploration Licences

The Director Mineral Titles, Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry and Resources, C/- GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice of the withdrawal of notifications of proposed grants of exploration licences notified in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) and section 71 of the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* (NT), effective 28 May 2020.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 32334 sought by Sandfire Resources Limited over an area of 86 blocks within the Mt Wedge locality and notified on 12 February 2020.

Exploration Licence 32336 sought by Kimberly Alice Smith and Scott William Smith over an area of 4 blocks within the Ammaroo locality and notified on 26 February 2020.

WATERSNSW

Hawkesbury To Hunter Coastal Sands Groundwater Source

An application to amend a water supply work approval has been received from **Magenta Shores Golf and Country Club Limited** for a bore on Lot 2 DP 270492 for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to PO Box 2157 Dangar NSW 2309 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (Ref: A023050).

Any queries please call Georgina Tuaoimalii on 0457 535 957. KH0213

WATERSNSW
SYDNEY BASIN-NORTH COAST
GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **SCONE RACE CLUB LIMITED** for a bore on Lot 72 DP 852547 for stock, domestic and irrigation 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@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name address and specify the grounds of the objection. (Ref: A023185).

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Georgina Tuaoimalii Senior Water Regulation Officer North.

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WATERSNSW

UPPER GLOUCESTER RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application to AMEND A WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **BRENDON RONALD AND ELISSA ANNE CLARKE** for a 500mm Centrifugal Pump, a 125mm Centrifugal Pump, a storage-off river and a dam with a diversion channel on Lot 42 DP 1004084 for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 2157 Dangar NSW 2309 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice.

The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (Ref: A023074).

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Georgina Tuaoimalii Senior Water Regulation Officer Coastal.

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WATERSNSW
HAWKESBURY AND LOWER NEPEAN RIVERS WATER SOURCE
CAMDEN WEIR MANAGEMENT ZONE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **JOSIP ANDRJA AND KERRY ANN BRIC** for a 50mm submersible pump on Lot 640 DP224250, Parish Camden, County Camden for the irrigation of 1.0 hectare on Lot 640 DP224259 (A023805). Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Wayne Connors, Senior Water Regulation Officer Coastal.

KH0214

WATER NSW

NEW SOUTH WALES MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application to amend an existing WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from: **BARRY RONALD GOREY AND MARGO ELIZABETH GOREY** for a 250mm pump (increase in pump size) on Lot 2 DP536330, Parish Nyang, County Wakool. (Application No. A23792).

Objections to granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 453, Deniliquin NSW 2710, or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Objection forms can be downloaded at:
<https://www.waternsw.com.au/customer-service/water-licensing/objections>

Jenny Campion, Water Regulation Officer South.

WATER NSW

WOOLGOOLGA CREEK WATER SOURCE

An application for a NEW WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **NAVINDER DANNY DOSANJH AND MANJIT DOSANJH** for 1 new 50mm centrifugal pump and Bywash Dam on unnamed watercourse on Lot 134 DP 1211077 for irrigation purposes in the Parish of Woolgoolga, County of Fitzroy. (Ref: A023299).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or email to customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Objection forms can be downloaded at:

<https://www.waterNSW.com.au/customer-service/water-licensing/objections>

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Diana Smith, Water Regulation Officer North.

WATERSNSW

SOUTHERN RECHARGE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK & USE APPROVAL has been received from **JOSHUA CAMPBELL and ERICA LOUISE CAMPBELL** for one (1) x 140mm bore located on Lot 371 DP754944, County of Nandewar, Parish of Narrabri for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, P O Box 1251, Tamworth NSW 2340 or email to helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address, specify the grounds of your objection and note the application number – A23808.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Ben Hanks, Senior Water Regulation Officer North.

WATERSNSW
ALSTONVILLE BASALT PLATEAU GROUNDWATER SOURCE AND TUCKEAN
AREA WATER SOURCE

An application to amend an existing WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL (30CA300777) has been received from **QIF NINGI PTY LIMITED** to authorise one (1) replacement bore (18ML) and to authorise one (1) existing storage for irrigation of 2ha (indoor decorative plants) all within Lot 21 DP715431, Parish of Lismore, County of Rous (Application number A022326). and Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 1400 Grafton NSW 2460 or by email to customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name address and specify the grounds of objection. Objection forms can be downloaded at <https://www.watersnsw.com.au/customer-service/water-licensing/objections> Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Melissa Hundy. Water Regulation Officer. Murwillumbah. KH0225

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR
Lachlan Fold Belt Murray—Darling Basin Groundwater Source
Central Darling Shire Council has applied for a **water supply work approval** for a bore to supply water for town water supply purposes on road reserve adjacent to Lot 978, DP 762178 in the Parish of Thoolabool, County of Killara (ref: A023699).
 If you object to this application, email the Natural Resources Access Regulator, Licensing and Approvals—West, at nrar.enquiries@nrar.nsw.gov.au within 28 days of this notice being published. You must include your name, address, and the reason for your objection.
 If you have any enquiries, call Water Regulation Officer Chris Binks on (02) 6763 1465.

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WATERSNSW

BUCCA BUCCA CREEK WATER SOURCE

An application for a NEW WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **HARPREET KAUR PANNU** for 1 new 50mm centrifugal pump and 2 x Bywash Dams on unnamed watercourse on Lot 42 DP 1065257 for irrigation purposes in the Parish of Moonee, County of Fitzroy. (Ref: A023321).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Objection forms can be downloaded at:

<https://www.watersnsw.com.au/customer-service/water-licensing/objections>

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above. Diana Smith, Water Regulation Officer North.

WATERSNSW

MIDDLE HASTING RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application to amend WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE by WaterNSW has been received from **WUTHERING HEIGHTS SUPER PTY LTD** for two (2) By wash dams 12 ML & 9.7 ML respectively, and an 80mm centrifugal pump located on an unnamed watercourse on Lot 8 DP754408, Parish of Cowangara, County of Macquarie. (Ref: A021926).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 1400 Grafton NSW 2460 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Objection forms can be downloaded at:

<https://www.watersnw.com.au/customer-service/water-licensing/objections>

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Kristin Blain, Water Regulation Officer North.

WATERSNSW

EDEN CREEK WATER SOURCE

An application for a NEW WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **SHELDON WADE LUCK AND DEBORAH LUCK** for 1 new 65mm centrifugal pump on Eden Creek on Lot 11 DP 1093604 for irrigation purposes in the Parish of Geneva, County of Rous. (Ref: A023350).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 796, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. Objection forms can be downloaded at:

<https://www.watersnsw.com.au/customer-service/water-licensing/objections>

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Melissa Hundy Water Regulation Officer North.

WATERSNSW
HAWKESBURY AND LOWER NEPEAN RIVERS
WATER SOURCE
UPPER HAWKESBURY RIVER (GROUSE RIVER TO
SOUTH CREEK) MANAGEMENT ZONE

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **TURF2GO (NSW) PTY LIMITED & MICHAEL LOUIS GALEA** to include Lot 103 DP1102439, Parish Wilberforce, County Cook as lands to be irrigated (Amending 10CA104182) (A023726)

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or email to customer.helpdesk@watersnsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection.

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.

Krystle Moore, Manager, Dealings Verification and Water Regulation Coastal

KH0200

WATERSNSW

**UPPER NAMOI ZONE 10 WARRAH CREEK
GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **IAN ARTHUR CARTER AND MARILYN LESLEY CARTER** for one (1) X 270mm New Groundwater Work/Bore on Lot 22 DP879221 County of Buckland, Parish(s) of Warrah and Borambil, for Irrigation and Farming purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, P O Box 1251, Tamworth NSW 2340 or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection and note the application number - A023757.

Objection forms can be downloaded at:
<https://www.waternsw.com.au/customer-service/water-licensing/objections>

Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Ben Hutt, Water Regulation Officer North.

KH0199

WATER NSW
LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS and USE APPROVAL has been received from: **ICM FARM PRODUCTS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD** for a bore (1,300ML per annum) on Lot 47 DP753732 Parish Collendina, County Hume for the purpose of Irrigation on Lots 47 DP753732 and 1 & 2 DP544176 (Application No. A023737).

Objections to granting of this Approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 829, Albury NSW 2640, or email to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of objection. Objection forms can be downloaded at:

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Any queries please call 1300 662 077 or email the above.
Stephanie Wight Water Regulation Officer South.

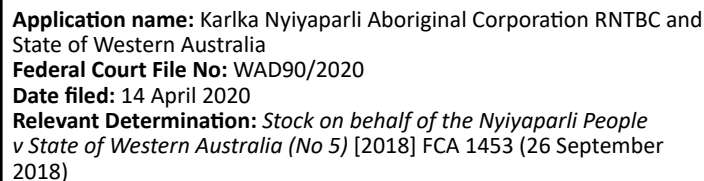
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These are applications by two registered native title bodies corporate asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to vary determinations of native title in the areas described below.

The Karla Niyiparli Aboriginal Corporation NTBC is seeking to vary the relevant determination to disregard extinguishment of native title over areas covered by certain exploration licences.

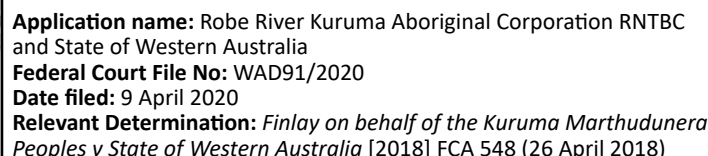
The Robe River Kuruma Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC is seeking to vary the relevant determination to (a) disregard extinguishment of native title over areas covered by certain exploration and prospecting licences; and (b) include a particular significant site in the determination area.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 16 September 2020**. After **16 September 2020**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Description: The application area covers approximately 36,874 sq km and is located around Newman, approximately 230 km southeast of Port Hedland

Relevant LGAs: Shires of Ashburton, East Pilbara, Meekatharra, Wiluna



Description: The application area covers approximately 5,689 sq km and is located around Pannawonica, approximately 82 km southwest of Karratha

Relevant LGAs: City of Karratha, Shire of Ashburton

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Claire Smith on 08 9425 1000 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

Port, Adelaide Showdown to restart season in the south

By PETER ARGENT



POST- COVID-19 football in South Australia will begin with the Showdown – the match that sees the state's two AFL teams Adelaide and Port Adelaide square up.

The match has been pencilled for Saturday, June 13, at Adelaide Oval, which will be empty.

Contact training has resumed across the AFL as teams prepare for round 2 and the resumption of the 2020 AFL premiership season.

"This Showdown will certainly be different," Karl Amon, Port Adelaide wingman, said.

"There certainly is always a fair

bit of buzz off the field around town before the event and it will still be a big game."

Rising Adelaide star Wayne Milera said the Crows started contact training on May 25.

"I'm confident I will be match-fit by the time the Showdown comes," he said.

"It's pretty handy for us to stay in Adelaide for an extra couple of weeks to do a bigger training block and have the Showdown before moving to Queensland.

"There's still a huge rivalry and plenty of hype pre-game. When it is a Power home Showdown their crowd is very parochial. The positive for us is we won't hear the Port supporters booing us as we run out onto the ground.

"It's already a big game for us in the context of our season."

The AFL will persist with 16-minute quarters for the remainder of the season, which it applied to in round 1.

Amon is a fan of that.

"Having shorter quarters means you need to be brave and bold with your ball movement," he said.

"This makes for more exciting football and as I've said previously it helps my type of game."

Following the game, the two teams will move to the Gold Coast for a block of four games.



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Adelaide's Wayne Milera is primed for the 2020 Showdown. Picture: Peter Argent

Palm Islanders win big at fishing comp

By ALF WILSON



SPORT-starved Palm Island residents got their competitive fill when they decided to organise a fishing contest.

Boating had been banned under the Federal Government's Biosecurity Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a move that drew strong criticism by many

locals.

When it was announced that fishing would allowed on a trial basis during the weekends of May 16-17 and 23-24 (between 7am and 5pm) in a restricted zone around Palm Island, locals organised the fishing competition at the first opportunity – May 16.

Participants had to register their boats – outboard motor-powered dinghies – and fish in a 'virus-proof fishing zone' and launch only from the

public ramp next to the Reel Women Jetty. In total, 22 boats took to the water.

There were some big catches. Malcolm Larry took out the major prize with a 3.2kg coral trout and fellow competitors Todd Pearson and Ena Archibald also caught impressive fish.



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Ena Archibald shows off the result of her expert skills with the line.



Malcolm Larry with his winning catch: the biggest coral trout.



MAIN: Happy fishers launch into the waters off Palm Island for the fishing competition. Inset: Todd Pearson with his catch of the day, a coral trout. Pictures: supplied

The IMP squad that will run



THE Indigenous Marathon Project's (IMP's) 2020 program will be one of its most different and toughest yet. Its participants will be training for a marathon they may have to run in isolation. With COVID-19 restrictions still in place the class of 2020 will undergo an intense program run online and away from each other.

The program will include physical training, completing timed running events and education, such as a Certificate IV in Business through the AFL SportsReady program. While IMP officials remain hopeful the squad will be able to run a major domestic or international marathon by the end of the year, they are also prepared to do this virtually. The squad is from all states and territories except for ACT and Tasmania.

Alex Blanco (29) – Murray Island/Thursday Island, Qld

Torres Strait Islander Alex has been following the journeys of previous IMP graduates from the Torres Strait and has been inspired by their stories. "I have witnessed how the program has had an impact in a positive way," he says. "I want to share my story and be a role model to younger generations." Alex experienced domestic violence at a young age, and is passionate about being a positive role model for his younger siblings and community members.

Maiquilla Brown (30) – Illawarra, NSW

Born in Melbourne and raised in Orange, Yuin woman Maiquilla is an Illawarra South Deadly Runner, youth worker and single mum to a two-year-old son. Maiquilla started her running journey in November 2018 with toughest run the Sydney City2Surf in 2019. Her brother, Layne Brown, was part of the 2017 IMP squad and inspired Maiquilla to apply. "I wear my Deadly Runner shirt at every event and the support is always amazing with strangers recognising the top and giving me words of encouragement. I want to share running and how it can help," she says.

Rhett Burraston (29) – Campbelltown, NSW

Ngemba, Mandandanji and Wiradjuri man and Aboriginal education officer, Rhett was inspired to apply for IMP after seeing the flow-on effect from previous graduates. "I've done a few leadership courses which results in a short burst of momentum," he says. "IMP is different. I think there's a real potential for lasting change for me." While running a marathon is a bit of a daunting task, Rhett is ready to put himself out there and be a healthy role model for his three children.

Lena-Jean Charles-Loffel (28) – Shepparton/Melbourne, Vic

IMP has been a goal for Yorta Yorta and Gunai Kurnai woman Lena ever since she watched her best friend cross the finish line at the New York City Marathon in 2016. She started her own running journey and completed a half-marathon last year. "Over the past three years I have learnt a lot about myself and who I am as a person just by the challenges I have faced with running," she says.

Libby Cook-Black (26) – Thursday Island/Cairns, Qld.

Born on Thursday Island and raised between Mackay and Cairns, Torres Strait Islander Libby is a former rugby league player for the Jillaroos. After two knee surgeries and as a single mum to her two-year-old son, Libby is hoping to regain the confidence from sport with the IMP. "An opportunity like this isn't just an opportunity for me," she says. "But an opportunity for my community. I want to show my community that if you put yourself out there and work hard you can do anything."

Hellena Djiagween (29) – Karratha/Port Hedland, WA

Yawuru woman Hellena had been thinking about applying for IMP for the a while and decided 2020 was the time. Between raising two daughters and working as a nurse, sport has always been something Hellena can rely on for herself. "I want to inspire and be a role model to my people in the community and my daughters," she says. "It's time to put our health and fitness first to lead by example for our First Nations peoples because our lives matter."

Tikesa Docherty-Cole (26) – Darwin, NT

Born and raised in Darwin, Tikesa plays basketball and Aussie rules. Recovering from an injury and raising two children led Tikesa to see how strong she is and helped her become a better leader in her community. "Running is my escape and alone time," she says. "It's helped me excel in all my sports and although I've got a lot of practice ahead of me to make it to the finish line of a marathon, I'm excited for the road ahead."

Samara Fernandez (22) – Adelaide, SA

Growing up in Adelaide, Samara spent her holidays visiting family in the tiny community of Yuendumu where her mother still lives. "As an individual doing IMP it's not just about me," she says. "Coming from such a small place, it's for them; the most rewarding part is to share the experience. And I'm excited to be part of another community too: the IMP community."

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Tikesa Docherty-Cole



Alex Blanco Pictures: Supplied



Lena-Jean Charles-Loffel



Libby Cook-Black



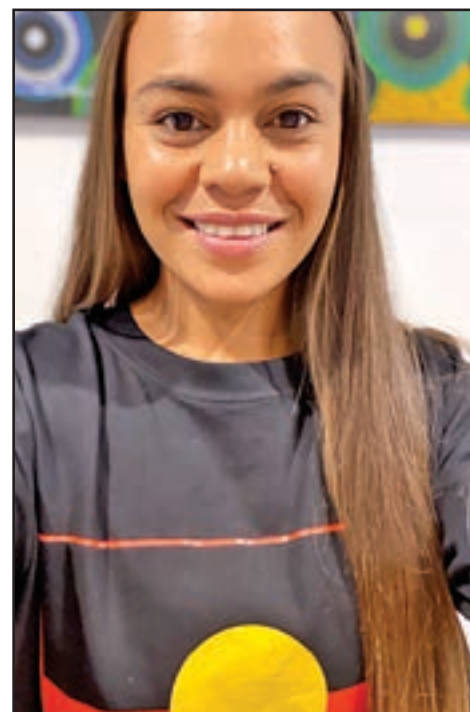
Maiquilla Brown



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the toughest marathon yet



Peter Miller-Koncz with his son, Jaikobe. Pictures: Supplied.



Andrew Thorpe



Ethan Mulholland



Jyi Lawton



Cassidy Goodwin

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Cassidy Goodwin (30) – Alice Springs, NT

Born and raised in Alice Springs, Arrernte and Luritja woman Cassidy applied to be a part of IMP to make a difference in her life and for her two daughters. Cassidy's best friend Kate Axten was selected for IMP last year and they trained together and Cassidy completed a half-marathon. "I want to be a good role model for my kids and show them that anything is possible if you give it a go," Cassidy says.

Jyi Lawton (29) – Mackay/Ipswich, Qld

Bidjara man and entrepreneur Jyi is a big believer in 'healthy body, healthy mind' and is looking forward to running a marathon to put his motto to the test. The CEO of Brisbane Indigenous Media Association and a father of two, Jyi wants to further challenge himself mentally and physically. "I believe that if I can work towards achieving a significant milestone like running a marathon, it will provide great ongoing preparation for my journey in the roles I play and will continue to play in the Indigenous community," he says.

Robyn Liddle (26) – Alice Springs, NT

With a strong sporting background, Arrernte and Alywarr woman Robyn is still in disbelief that by the end of the year she'll be running a full marathon. She applied for IMP in 2015 but now, after having two children, she feels like she's in a better place to achieve greater things for herself. "I want to do something for myself," she says. "Running isn't my thing so to achieve this will open so many doors for me." Her future goal is to establish some community activities for young people in Alice Springs.

Cameron Manning (27) – Hunter Valley, NSW

Proud Gomeri man Cameron lives and works on Wonnarua country in the lower Hunter Valley with his partner and two daughters. He first applied for IMP in 2017 and has applied each year since. "I believe that I am now ready for this journey ahead and I am completely focused and driven to make my dreams a reality," he says. As a youth worker and full-time student, Cameron is keen to apply the skills learnt during IMP to his life, family and community, as well as continue to promote healthy living and the importance of cultural connections.

Peter Miller-Koncz (29) – Koonibba/Adelaide, SA

With family across Wirangu, Kokatha, Mirning and Ngarrindjeri country Peter is a proud Aboriginal man with strong ties to his



Zak Stephenson

culture. After taking up running to combat mental health issues, Peter found his new passion. "I always had my eyes set on helping the youth and helping them get through those harder times of life with a bit of guidance," he says.

Ethan Mulholland (27) – Western Sydney/The Entrance, NSW

A former client and current staff member of The Glen Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre on the Central Coast, Gurindji man Ethan was inspired to apply for IMP after participating in the IMF's WARRIOR Run. "I didn't think I'd get this far," he says. "Running is not my strong point; I find it a challenge. But this journey is going to be a good one for me, and I'm looking forward to getting out of my comfort zone."

Zak Stephenson (27) – Darwin, NT

This has been six years in the making for Zak. Following in his brother Justin Miller's footsteps, a 2013 IMP graduate, Zak is a good runner and wants to see how far he can go. Zak is keen to learn about other cultures and build some leadership skills. "I'm hoping the IMP program will push me more in the direction I want to be in," he says.

Andrew Thorpe (28) – Melbourne, Vic

For Gunai and Gunditjmara man Andrew, joining IMP has been a dream since the project first started. He started his own carpentry business which took up a lot of his time. Now Andrew has found time to pursue other interests. "It's going to be quite an accomplishment for me in many ways," he says. "Running is my healthy change and I want to be a role model for my community and my daughters."



Cameron Manning



Robyn Liddle

The big issues facing a 2020 Koori Knockout

THIS year marked the 50th of the Koori Knockout and plans were how we would celebrate that and the people who have contributed greatly to what is an incredible event on our sporting and social calendar.



Dean Widders

We were looking at seeing the biggest KO ever and the bonus of having it for the first time on the beautiful South Coast region, but then COVID-19 came along, changed the world and threw the biggest spanner in the works over the event.

I know for a fact that host club South Coast Black Cockatoos are doing everything they can to run the event and I'm hopeful that restrictions are lifted and life returns to normal in time for us to have a great KO in October.

Still, there are a lot of issues that need to be addressed – issues that could prove too much of a hurdle for there to be a KO in 2020.

For one, sponsorship will be hard to come by. A lot of towns and their businesses have been hit hard and sponsorship is the big thing that gets teams formed and kits made and transported to and from the event.

Then there are the crowds. If this coronavirus hasn't been eliminated we could be risking our Elders, and of people unknowingly taking it back from the KO to their own communities. This is a huge concern.

The facilities and the time needed to have everything in place in good time would be another issue that would need to be worked through.

Another thing, if it is still going to be held in the first weekend of October, the NRL finals series will be in its first weekend, which means our brothers in half of the NRL teams will be unavailable to play in the KO. Would that take away a lot of what makes a good KO and good KO teams? You would hate to see community teams playing without their brothers who have made it in the NRL.

I am interested in what you think could be other options for the KO.

If we played it next year, in the 51st calendar year since it was first held, would that change what we're celebrating?

Is there another ideal time to play it besides October? I just struggle to see where it could fit in this year.

And if crowds are restricted and the event is not at its usual full capacity, would that take away from what the KO is all about – families, communities and footy? And what would this cost the host club?

And what about the kids' and women's competitions which add so much to the KO – would they need to be omitted to meet regulations?

These things worry me.

I just hope over the next few weeks and months things will start to fall into place and the South Coast and the Black Cockatoos get to run the event they deserve in October.

But if this year's event has to be cancelled, maybe it will give us time to step back and somehow, outside of the KO, properly recognise the people behind this remarkable achievement of building an event that so many people have come to cherish.

**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.*

Inglis answers the call from English Wolves



IT was just over a year ago when Greg Inglis insisted he was retiring from rugby league because he couldn't perform at his best as a leader.

Now the South Sydney champion is preparing to rewrite the final chapter of his career after making the shock decision to play in the English Super League next year.

Inglis, 33, last week stunned the rugby league community by signing a one-year deal with Warrington for next season.

The seeds for his comeback were understood to have been planted in April following a conversation with former Rabbitohs teammate Jason Clark.

Clark now plies his trade with the Wolves under coach Steve Price, who currently boasts a line-up that includes Gareth Widdop and Blake Austin.

"I can't wait to get over there and play for a club that has so much rich heritage," Inglis said in a statement.

"I've played over in England many times in representative footy and love how passionate and vocal the supporters are.

"To get the opportunity to live in the UK, to play for such a powerhouse club that I believe is on the rise is something I'm looking forward to and hopefully I can add value to the team."

South Sydney were never an option for a return given the controversial circumstances around his exit last year.

Despite being dogged by a litany of knee and shoulder issues late in his career, Inglis declared in his retirement announcement that injuries weren't a factor. – AAP

● Greg Inglis will come out of retirement to join Warrington in the English Super League next year.

Picture: Getty Images



Island of Origin the latest big event to fall

By ALF WILSON



THE iconic Torres Strait Island of Origin rugby league carnival looks certain to be cancelled this year – if so, it will be only the second time in its rich

history.

Uncertainty surrounding the return to normality over the COVID-19 crisis was given as the reason for the cancellation of the event first held in 1985.

The last time, and the first time, it was cancelled was in 2012 due to a lack of volunteers and financial constraints.

It was modelled on the popular State

of Origin rugby league series between Queensland and NSW.

Currently in the Torres Strait, there are travel restrictions and permits are needed to travel from island to island.

QRL northern region manager Scott Nosworthy was asked if the carnival would be held.

"I am not sure, but I would say it would be unlikely under the current conditions," he said.

The Island's Origin series have been held on either Badu Island or Thursday Island and mostly in June.

The popular series attracts teams, men's and women's, and players from throughout the islands and the Northern

Peninsula Area on the mainland.

The 2019 series at Badu Island produced some of the most exciting football seen on the islands and local team Badu United defeated Mabuiag Island side Goemu Bau Raiders 26-25 in the grand final.

A common sight at the event is the many outboard motor-powered dinghies at nearby beaches arriving with fans and players.



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Can this Harley roar back to full throttle?

By CHRIS PIKE



IF there is at least one silver lining to the COVID-19 pandemic it is perhaps the possible return to the AFL of

Harley Bennell.

Bennell joined Melbourne after recurring injury saw him play just two games in four years at Fremantle (2016-2019) after playing 81 at Gold Coast (2011-2015).

Bennell was tracking toward a round 1 debut for the Demons earlier this year until his troublesome calves gave out which, ordinarily, would hurt his chances of a career revival. Then COVID-19 hit and the 2020 season was suspended.

Self-isolation gave Bennell, and Melbourne, plenty of time to recover and assess his calves. Reports suggest that when the AFL returns next week, he will be fit to play.

The fitness staff at Melbourne are world class and after concerns

over the way he was treated at Fremantle, Bennell feels confident with the Demons' strength and conditioning team headed up by the world renowned Darren Burgess.

A fully fit Bennell, who is 27, is a sight to see.

While both parties are taking a more cautious approach, in that one more calf injury might be career-ending, Burgess is buoyant over his prospects of being ready for selection when the season resumes.

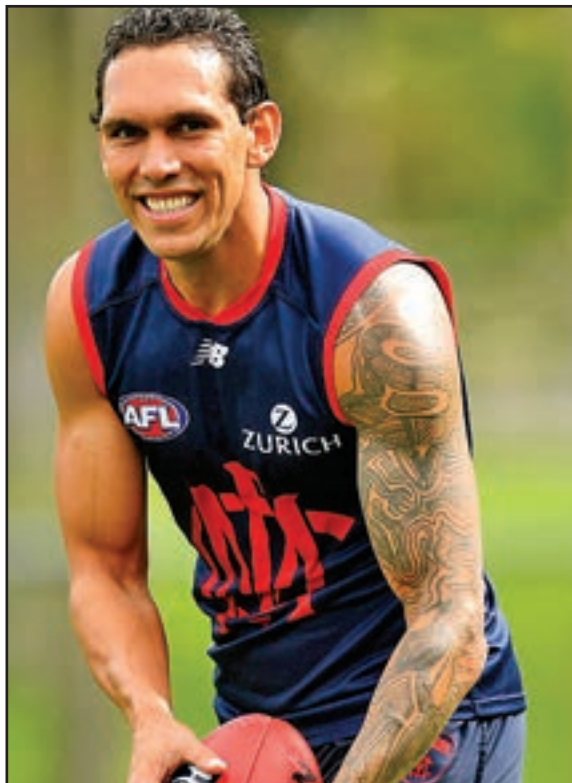
"He'll certainly be ready to train with the group, but we have to be a bit cautious because it's the first time he's done footy training since June last year," Burgess said.

"We'll be taking it slowly with him but he'll certainly be training with the main group, which will be exciting for the whole group to see because at this stage we haven't seen that."

"Everyone's looking forward to seeing what he can do."



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Harley Bennell Picture: Getty Images



Shai Bolton displays Richmond's 2020 Indigenous jumper that he and his family created. Picture: Richmond Media

AFLM makes its long-awaited return

SO the footy is back and it is game on with the restart of the 2020 AFLM premiership season – a shorter format and hopefully a healthy one.

I've made no secret of the fact that I am not comfortable with it. I am, however, thrilled the football media will have football to talk about and not each other.

Unfortunately, we won't see Buddy Franklin running around, if at all this year. He is apparently devastated by the injury as would every Sydney Swans fan. I am a huge Buddy fan and I'm devastated too.

Melbourne's Neville Jetta is set to play his 150th game against Carlton in round 2 and that's been a long time coming, and no, I'm not being funny. Two operations on his knees and COVID-19 left Nev waiting a very long time for this milestone. It's a shame he won't be able to have the traditional milestone run-out onto the ground with family and a huge crowd acknowledging what has been a brilliant one-club career.

A few weeks ago we would have celebrated the Sir Doug Nicholls Round and showcased the enormous contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players to the game. The Richmond Football Club were, I believe, the only club to publicly release their 2020 Indigenous jumper design. I got to speak to Tigers player Shai Bolton who designed it, the club's 10th Dreamtime at the 'G jumper, with his mother, Kylie Pickett and Nan, Beverley Pickett.

He said, "It's not just my jumper; it's everyone's, all the Indigenous boys ... we'll celebrate it together."

His design told the story of all the players at the club and their respective journeys to the club. It features each Indigenous players' language groups. There is a strong warrior figure on the back and the dreaming of the Seven Sisters.

Also, Richmond have had this jumper available for sale. Shai was pretty confident the Tigers will get to wear it when they play Essendon. Maybe we will see a Dreamtime at the 'G in 2020 after all. I'm actually hoping at least for a whole Sir Doug Nicholls Round to still be held.

Apparently this is the final year that Indigenous Round will be called Sir Doug Nicholls Round. I spoke to Aunty Pam Pedersen, daughter of the great man himself, and she said her and her family had been honoured by the round being named after him and that they hope the Indigenous Round concept continues to grow and celebrate other Aboriginal players while also showcasing our history and culture.

**Shelley Ware is a proud Yankunytjatjara and Wirangu woman from Adelaide. She appears on AFL.com.au's Colour Of Your Jumper.*



Shelley Ware

Davis happy to be in the Double Blue

By PETER ARGENT



ABE Davis, like many of his counterparts in football, has felt out of sorts without playing or training for the past six to eight weeks, but now, after the SANFL

announced last month it plans to start the 2020 season, he is looking forward to the return of on-field action.

"Ever since I was four or five I've been playing football each and every season so not playing feels weird and frustrating," he said.

"We got back to non-contact training on Tuesday (May 19). Our strength and conditioning coaches gave us a fantastic program, but there is a bit of a different type of fitness for actually playing football. I just can't wait to get started now."

"Naturally protocols are in place because we don't want a second wave of this pandemic, but I'm keen to play football soon."

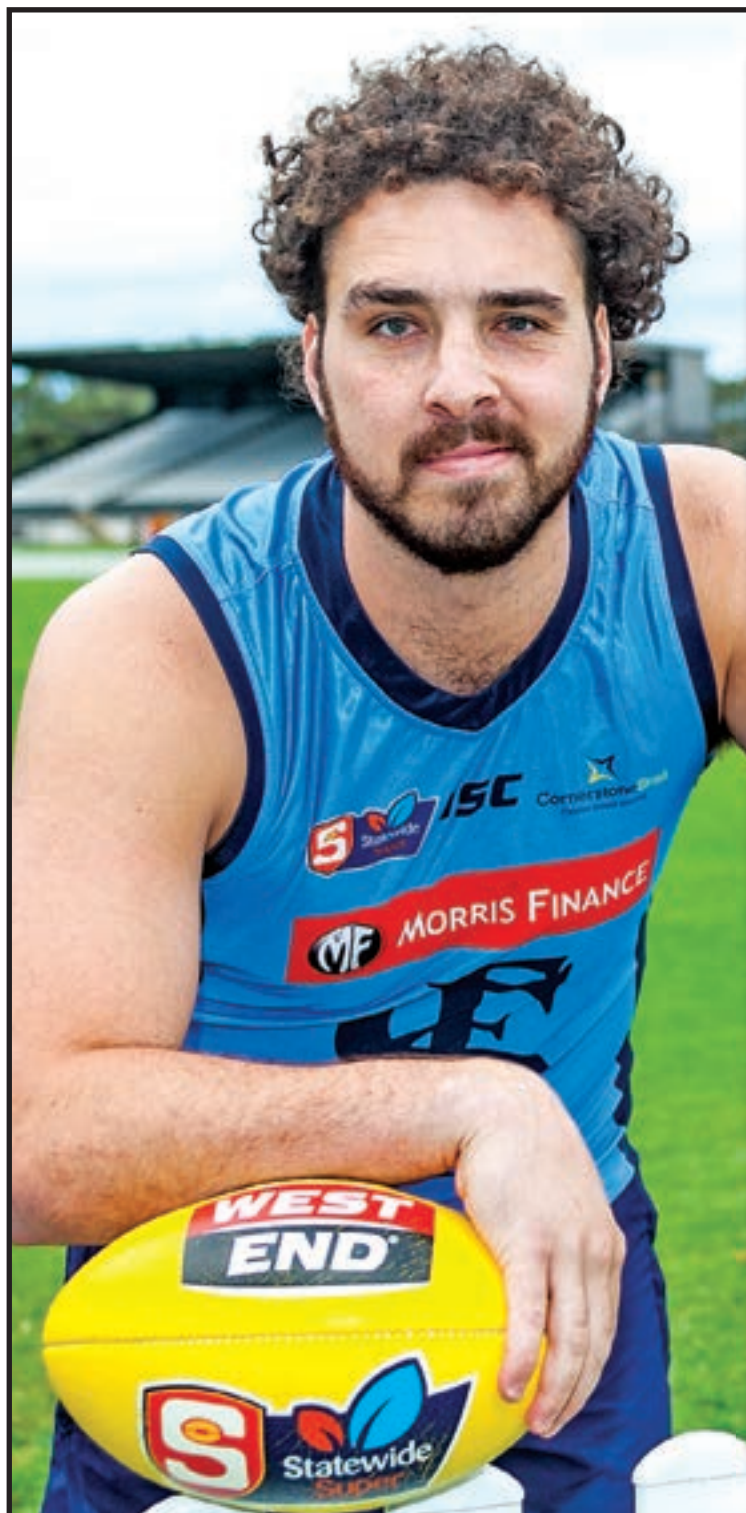
Originally from the Maroubra Saints JAFC in Sydney, and a Sydney Swans reserves player, in 2019 Davis decided to leave South Adelaide to join Sturt for the 2020 SANFL season.

"I was sold on the direction of the football club, and with the on- and off-field culture, which is elite, that helped me to make my decision to move clubs," Davis said.

● Abe Davis joined Sturt for the 2020 SANFL season after several seasons with South Adelaide. Picture: Peter Argent



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Ambah, Bek are likely to cross paths in US college basketball

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



TWO teenagers who are national Indigenous basketball representatives will cross paths as opponents on the other side of the world, but first they face a big decision.

Bek Dallinger and Ambah Kowcun, both 19, have accepted offers to join two separate colleges in the United States to play basketball and study.

The pair are gold-medal-winning players with the Australian Indigenous Basketball (AIB) senior women's team that defeated



Bek Dallinger

Kingdom of Hawai'i in March and played against the same team twice in Melbourne, one of which was the Australian Boomers-USA Dream Team curtain-raiser in August last year.

Dallinger will land at Miles Community College in Montana while Kowcun will enrol at the North Dakota State College of Science.

Montana and North Dakota are neighbouring mid-western states. Their basketball teams compete in an eight team two-state program called the Mon-Dak Athletic Conference. It is here where the pair will cross paths on the courts. Both those college teams are at the top end of the scale.

"We've been teasing each other about this; our teams over there are the biggest rivals," Kowcun said.

"We're good friends and we played together in New Zealand and we met at the AIB trials in Melbourne."

The big decision, however, is when or if the pair are able to travel to the US to take up their placements. School restarts in September.

Montana and North Dakota have recorded the least cases of COVID-19 in mainland United States.

Kowcun got word late last week that should travel restrictions ease her school will get her over there by August so she can quarantine and be ready when school starts. Dallinger could join her school around the same time. The travel paperwork for both has been finalised.

"I'm really excited about it and the nerves will kick in once it gets close," Dallinger said.

"It should be fun, a different experience. They play a different basketball style so that should be interesting."



Ambah Kowcun is ready to hit the courts in the US as soon as travel restrictions ease.

Decision looms for TDRL

By ALF WILSON



AN imminent decision for either a return to the field or the season's cancellation was how one Townsville and District Rugby League (TDRL) competition official described moves toward the plan for 2020 for the top-level football competition in far north Queensland.

The TDRL is a hotbed of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander talent with many of its players either former NRL or up and coming Queensland Cup players.

A final decision on 2020 will be made at

a league-wide meeting next week on June 12.

The TDRL like many sporting competitions across the world was shutdown following the COVID-19 crisis.

A full meeting of the TDRL board was held last week (May 27) and TDRL chairman Ross Anderson said publicly that the league would not be making any haphazard decisions.

"At this stage the organisation will wait until stage two of the State Government's road map out of the pandemic begins on June 12 before making further calls," he said.

Guidelines for return to play for

community contact sports are set to begin on July 10 when stage three kicks in, with people at venues to be capped at 100 and COVID-19 safety officers to be called upon by clubs.

QRL northern manager Scott Nosworthy echoed Anderson's sentiments.

"The QRL is currently in a consultative period with our leagues and clubs and looking at all options and opportunities for the game to continue in 2020," he said.

"We don't want to make rushed decisions at this stage.

"We want all our customers to be provided with all the information relevant to the current situation so they can make an

informed decision as to whether they want to resume playing in 2020.

"All leagues will meet in the next few weeks with their clubs and discuss the way forward for each area."

The TDRL is played by Townsville clubs Brothers, Centrals, Western Lions, Norths and Herbert River from Ingham and Charters Towers and Burdekin.

It also has a women's competition that has become an integral part of the league.



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Cook happy with WAFL return

By CHRIS PIKE



THE WAFL will construct a 2020 season much to the relief of the football community in Western Australia and the many Aboriginal players across the league, and, while televised, it will most likely be without crowds.

South Fremantle's Steven Edwards, Cody Ninnette and Ben Rioli, East Fremantle captain Jonathon Griffin, East Perth's Shaquille McKenzie and Joel Houghton, Peel Thunder's Traye Bennell,

Perth's Michael Bennell and Brant Colledge, and Swan Districts' Warrick Wilson to name a few will be looking at developments with interest.

Former Perth, Fremantle and Sydney Swans champion and AFL Indigenous All-Star Troy Cook, now director of football at the Demons, was a relieved man when he got the news.

The good news however was tempered with players being asked to take a 50% pay cut.

"As a club, even now if we don't get to have crowds come to our games, it is just such a relief to know we won't lose a whole

season of football," Cook said.

"I never thought that day would come and while it was close I'm glad we'll be playing football this year and from a Perth Football Club point of view let's hope we break our finals drought.

"I'm just happy for the players.

"There are guys in our team who can now try and impress to get an AFL opportunity or there are players just desperate to play and to try and achieve some success.

"We all can't wait for August now."

The crowd-free 2020 WAFL season will begin on August 1 and will be an eight-

team nine-round competition after which the top four will play off in the finals in October. There is some talk the entire season could be played at a single venue.

AFL club West Coast's WAFL team of the same name will not take part nor will Fremantle's players at Peel Thunder, the Dockers' feeder club, due to AFL policy. Peel is currently sourcing players from its region to fill those gaps.



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NBL, WNBL given go-ahead for 2020/21 season



THE start of the 2020/21 WNBL season has been pushed back to November with the eight-team competition starting six weeks later than last season with the opening round scheduled for November 20-22.

The decision to delay the start of the season was made in alignment with the expected state and federal governments COVID-19 restrictions regarding return to play guidelines for elite sport and public movement between states and territories.

Officials expect to play at empty stadia up until Christmas, though that could change.

"There's flexibility there if things open up a lot sooner," Lauren Jackson, Basketball Australia's head of women in basketball, said.

"If we are allowed to have crowds then obviously we would look to move the season forward if clubs agreed."

Many of the Opals are again expected to play in the WNBL in the lead-up to the rescheduled Tokyo Olympics.

Pushing the end of the season back to March could prove beneficial to the Australian team heading to the Olympics.

Meanwhile, the next NBL season is likely to start at least one month later than normal to avoid clashing with Australia's football finals and maximise the potential of crowds being able to attend.

The coronavirus pandemic has created a sporting log-jam later this year, with the AFL and NRL grand finals now slated for late October. Basketball is more reliant than the football codes on gate takings.

NBL owner Larry Kestelman was hopeful the competition would not have to follow a similar 'fan-free' model as he announced plans to delay the usual early-October tip-off.

"The lifeblood of the NBL is its fans and basketball is a product for live fan entertainment. We will be doing everything possible to start our season in front of our much-loved fans." — AAP



Leilani Mitchell pushed the Southside Flyers to the WNBL final last season.



Ally Wilson and the WNBL will make a return to the courts a littler later than usual. Pictures: Peter Argent



Bids for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup have begun. Picture: AAP

World Cup a 'game changer'



FFA boss James Johnson says hosting the Women's World Cup in 2023 would be a game changer for Australian sport.

FIFA, world football's governing body, is scheduled to announce who will host the tournament later this month with Australia putting in a joint bid with New Zealand.

South American nations Brazil and Colombia, as well as Asian women's football powerhouse Japan, are the other countries in the running.

Johnson says sport in Australia will never be the same if FFA's hosting bid is successful.

"I think it would change the entire sporting landscape of Australia," Johnson said on ABC's *News Breakfast*.

"It would extend beyond football.

"We would have more than one billion people from all over the world who will be watching women's football played on our shores.

"You're going to see the impact, not just in Australia, I would say also in the Asia-Pacific region because this will be the first time we've had a major football senior event that would be played in the Asia-Pacific region."

The FIFA council will conduct an online meeting on June 25 to vote on the bids, with technical evaluation reports set to be published earlier this month.

Johnson said he was confident the way the Australian and New Zealand governments had handled the COVID-19 crisis would prove beneficial when the bids are assessed.

"Our governments have done a fantastic job handling the pandemic," he said.

"We have had to work as football governing bodies very closely with our governments and FIFA have noticed that and I think they will see us as a safe pair of hands." — AAP

Decision out of our hands

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



ORGANISERS members of the 2020 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival say the decision on whether the event will be held is out of their hands.

The organising committee and the hosts are in limbo and can only begin to put concrete plans in place when given the green light from the NSW Government following expert medical advice, and the NSWRL for official sanction and insurance.

But time is running out.

The 2020 Koori Knockout was scheduled to be held at Nowra on the NSW South Coast after the 2019 event was won by South Coast Black Cockatoos, which won the right to host it.

It is held during the first weekend in October which includes the public holiday

Monday, which is still the plan.

"We're still hoping it will go ahead in October. It is a major event on our calendar and what we all look forward to, but at this stage we haven't heard anything from the NSW State Government and the NSWRL," Edward Smith, a senior member of the Knockout's new governing body, said.

"But ... if it doesn't go ahead this year, South Coast Black Cockatoos will still be hosts for next year; I'll tell you that now."

The Black Cockatoos revealed their frustration recently.

"We truly are frustrated as much as everyone else as we know how important the KO is for all of our mob across NSW and we want to hold the best KO for all communities and teams in a safe environment," it said in a statement.

"We ask for your patience and to stand with us in unity during this difficult time."

The Black Cockatoos have faced a

'perfect storm' of catastrophic events since winning the tournament last year – region-wide bushfires and flooding, together with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Since November (2019), we have been working in collaboration with our governing body, affiliates and city council to plan and host the 50th NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival on the October long-weekend (2020)," the statement continued.

"We have worked tirelessly to ensure that we would have appropriate playing fields and facilities. The Shoalhaven City Council came on board to redevelop the Bomaderry Sports complex with work to start in the New Year (but) by December our momentum came to a halt as the catastrophic bushfires ravaged the communities, and raged through most of our Koori communities. It wasn't long after that we faced flash flooding.

"(We) had our first team delegates meeting (in January) and we felt that the worst was behind us. Then came COVID-19. We were later informed from the NRL and NSW Government that collaboration for the KO would also be on hold.

"However, we have been planning among ourselves and are only now back in discussions with our main sponsors and affiliates. The SCBC executive cannot give you a final answer; it is out of our hands.

There were a number of special events to celebrate the event's 50th year, but those too could be put on hold and revisited next year. If the 2020 Koori Knockout is cancelled and held next year the 2021 Koori Knockout will still be its milestone 50th event, just that it will be held in the 51st calendar year since it was first held.

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KO caught in the middle of council, ratepayer bunfight

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



THE 2020 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival has been drawn into a fight it has no beef in while facing the prospect of making the biggest call of its 50-year existence.

The 2020 Koori Knockout was scheduled to be held in October at Nowra in the Shoalhaven region on the NSW South Coast. The Shoalhaven region was hit hard by the 2019 bushfires with tragic loss of life, almost 300 homes lost and 80% of the region directly affected. Nowra is the administrative hub of the Shoalhaven City Council. The city council received \$1.4 million from the Federal Government's bushfire recovery fund and it is planning on spending \$400,000 of it on upgrades to the Bomaderry Sports Complex. The upgrades at the Bomaderry Sports Complex were to coincide with the Koori Knockout. The complex is 6km from the Nowra CBD and was untouched by the fires and this is what has angered the region's ratepayers.

Robyn Kerves, president of the nearby Conjola Community Association, said she was happy and looking forward to the Koori Knockout coming to the region, but took aim at the city council for their disregard of local infrastructure adversely impacted by the bushfires.

"We love the idea of the Koori Knockout being held in our region and we support that totally, but what we have issues with is the Shoalhaven City Council," she said.

"The funding for the sports complex (upgrades) should not come out of the fire rescue money. It's just a bad mismanagement of funds which shouldn't happen. It's putting the political into the sporting and that to me is bad mismanagement."

In the Federal Government's Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (2018) document, councils are guided on what they can use the money for. Under Guideline 1.5 - An Essential Public Asset, "sporting facilities, e.g. ovals, are examples of assets which the department would not consider to be essential public assets for the purposes of these (funding) arrangements".

However, an earlier guideline (1.4) says, "For those assets which are not listed, the state must write to the department seeking approval to treat the asset as an essential public asset for the purposes of the (funding) arrangements".

The Shoalhaven City Council was contacted for comment.



Mariah Williams' return from injury and into good form has been a huge boost for the Hockeyroos. Picture: AAP

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Games delay in Williams' favour

By CHRIS PIKE



MARIAH Williams was confident the Hockeyroos were on track for a successful Olympics in Tokyo, but the Games' postponement might actually work in her favour on a personal level.

Williams' professional career was skyrocketing but injury struck in 2017 – a debilitating adductor injury to her pubic synthesis joint wasn't working despite resting for eight months.

Surgery was the last hope and that proved successful. Her return to the pitch after almost two years on the sidelines has been nothing sort of remarkable.

Williams, one of two Aboriginal women in the Hockeyroos team alongside Brooke Peris, feels she is back to her best and has no doubt the delay to the Olympics can only help the Hockeyroos' prospects.

"We were getting ready for the Olympics and building nicely during the Pro League, but we all feel we can be even better prepared now for next year and it will be great for me to have some more time back

playing under my belt too," she said.

"Obviously I was out for a fair while so I was pretty happy with the way I came back in the new Pro League last year.

"The previous 18 months were obviously a really big struggle, but I love the game and it is always good to push through and get back to play with the girls.

"It was the hardest rehab I had to go through but I think I'm in a good place now body-wise, mentally and physically.

"It's tough being kept away from the game when you are healthy after what I've been through."



Maddie Allen was a key player in Rockingham Flames' 2019 championship season in the WA SBL.



Vanessa Michael was set for a big 2019 with South West Slammers.

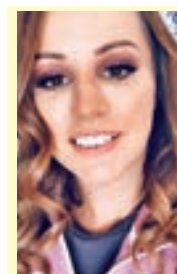


Aaron Kearing had consolidated himself at Mandurah Magic.

Why we should care about the Olympic Games

AS the global COVID-19 pandemic forced society to reflect on what really matters in life, the role of sport and its importance has become a hotly debated topic.

Non-essential services and activities were put on hold. Sport took a back seat. And as major events were either postponed or cancelled the impact was felt at grassroots level.



Liana Buratti

When the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Games was announced in April there was a level of disappointment, but also of understanding, from our Olympians and Olympic hopefuls. However their spirits were quickly lifted when plans were announced for a Tokyo Olympic Games in 2021.

The response from the Australian public was equally passionate, and varied. Social media was filled with comments like 'No one cares about the Olympics anymore', 'The cost outweighs the benefit', 'It's corrupt', 'It's not what it used to be', 'It should be cancelled entirely'. A quick perusal of the internet will find many an article or opinion piece on the subject, but as someone who sees the impact and influence of athletes every day in my role at the AOC, that thinking is phenomenally short-sighted.

It would be naïve to think that Olympic sport is without fault. As in all walks of life, there will be those who will take advantage, who will cheat and who do not represent the true spirit of the movement, which is why it is vitally important that we uphold the Olympics' original values and come down hard on those who don't.

In its true and intended spirit, sport has an unmatched power to inspire people to be their best, creating a positive snowball effect. Sport gives hope to the global community, fostering teamwork and togetherness. It inspired Cathy Freeman, one of Australia's most decorated athletes.

On that glorious Magic Monday at the Sydney 2000 Games, Freeman won gold and proudly carried both the Aboriginal and Australian flags, and we all celebrated with her. That was never just a win or just a gold medal. Freeman created a movement that embodied what the Olympic spirit, and human spirit, are all about.

She inspired young Aboriginal athletes who we see today, like the Boomers and NBA star Patty Mills, world women's No 1 tennis player Ash Barty, Matildas Kyah Simon and Lydia Williams, and so many more, who, in turn, are inspiring current and future generations.

From her success and the platform it gave her, Freeman founded the Cathy Freeman Foundation which has changed the life trajectory for thousands of Aboriginal youths.

Sport inspired the Socceroos' first Indigenous player, John Moriarty, to establish the JMF Foundation.

I like the saying 'You can't be what you can't see'. Sport elevates role models such as these and they are seen. And as the great Nelson Mandela once said, "Sport has the power to change the world; it has the power to inspire and unite people in a way that little else does."

The Olympic Games are a universal unifier and what better platform in sport is there to inspire? This is why we should care.

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Players left in limbo

By CHRIS PIKE



HER best season in the WNBL could count for nothing if Maddie Allen can't get back on to the court anytime soon.

Allen, 26, suited up for Perth Lynx in the 2019/20 WNBL season and had her best season yet in Perth's 21 games.

But with Basketball WA cancelling its 2020 SBL season due to COVID-19-related restrictions, and the Perth club in the hands of new owners, Allen and first-year Lynx teammate Nes'eya Williams must rely on recent history to further their claims for contract security.

WA's SBL is not alone. Several state basketball league's under the NBL1 banner have either cancelled 2020 or are waiting until the last moment to make a call either way.

Allen, who is off-contract, was the MVP in the 2019 SBL grand final when she helped power Rockingham to the championship. She followed that up with a

stellar 2019/20 season in the WNBL with Perth. Her plan in the SBL this year was to play with Perth Redbacks.

While her immediate WNBL future remains unclear, Allen is not overly concerned just yet.

"Everyone was out of contract after the last WNBL season so that's just the way it was," she said.

"I don't know what I'm doing yet but I'm confident that that will take care of itself when the time is right.

"Even though I won't get to play with the Redbacks this season, I've tried to help work with the community associated with the club. I've been running some online workouts and now that things are starting to open up, I'm pretty excited to get started working with the kids.

"That's a big part in why I went to the Redbacks because they do that and they make it pretty easy to get involved."

Williams, 18, is one of the brightest young basketball talents in the country.

She was eased into the WNBL in her first season and her court time was limited and a shift to Joondalup in the SBL was

the first step toward further growth as a player.

But with that now not going to happen, and with no guarantees she will remain in WA, Williams like others will undergo rigorous individual workouts to impress clubs ahead of the 2020-21 WNBL season.

The numbers of Indigenous players in the SBL are few but steady.

In the men's competition, Oliver Cross works the boards at Warwick Senators, Aaron Kearing plies his trade at Mandurah Magic and Ronan Coppin is at Perth Redbacks, while Vanessa Michael signed on to play for South West Slammers in 2020.

Their development has now been put on hold for another year at least.

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Decision 'out of our hands' – KO



ORGANISERS of the 2020 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival are no closer to knowing if the event will go ahead at all this year and have pleaded for patience and understanding. This year's hosts South Coast Black Cockatoos were hit with a triple-whammy that saw bushfires devastate their communities, local flash flooding and, along with the rest of the world, the COVID-19 pandemic. The club's executive, however, has received full support from the Shoalhaven City Council should the event get the go-ahead.

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St George-Illawarra's Josh Kerr pushes through the New Zealand Warriors' defence in round 3 at Central Coast Stadium as the NRL made its return to the field at the weekend. *Picture: Getty Images*

Footy returns with huge ratings, big hits, fake noise and cardboard cutouts



THE NRL's ambitious push to be the first Australian sporting code to emerge from the COVID-19 shutdown has paid off after attracting its biggest television audience in more than six years.

A combined 1,306,938 million people

across the country tuned in to watch the opening match of round 3 of the 2020 NRL premiership season that saw Parramatta pummel Brisbane in the first live Australian sport played since March.

And while there were no fans at the grounds, replaced instead by cardboard cutouts and fake noise on TV, those numbers were added to over the course

of the remaining seven games as the round was completed.

The league earned positive reviews for its radical new six-again rule which was designed to eliminate the wrestle in the ruck.

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Nes'eya Williams (left) and Maddie Allen played in WA's SBL in 2019 which gave them a springboard into the WNBL at Perth Lynx.

SBL timeout could have ramifications



THE Western Australian State Basketball League's decision to cancel plans for a 2020 season could have a negative flow-on affect for a number of

Indigenous players on the cusp of breaking through to the professional level or maintaining their places in it.

The SBL in a statement last week said that it was unable to complete a season within the required time due to restrictions from laws surrounding COVID-19.

That decision, while understandable, could impact on the progression of a number of Indigenous players on the verge of WNBL contract offers or extensions, and the development of talent coming through state ranks.

First-year WNBL player Nes'eya Williams and teammate Maddie Allen at Perth Lynx were due to return to Joondalup Wolves and Perth Redbacks respectively in the SBL's 2020 season.

The pair had promising seasons at the Lynx in the WNBL and another season in the SBL would have developed their overall game and experience.

The increased numbers of Indigenous players at SBL level also means that their development will be put on hold for another year.

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