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NAIDOC week celebrations get underway



ALWAYS Was, Always Will Be.

While the dates may have changed for NAIDOC Week 2020, the message was still the same.

The November 8-15 dates followed the decision by the National NAIDOC Committee to postpone NAIDOC Week from the original July dates due to the impacts and uncertainty from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic across our communities and cities.

The postponement was aimed at protecting Elders and those in our communities with chronic health issues from the disastrous impacts of COVID-19.

Many organisations still held events, although many scaled down due to restrictions. And many others moved their NAIDOC celebrations online.

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One of the youngest members of the Karadi Aboriginal Corporation men's group, Baden Maynard, had the honour of raising the flag for NAIDOC Week in Hobart. Picture: Jillian Mundy

Government push on cashless welfare card



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MY FAMILY Anita Merritt, Dubbo



Members of the Merritt clan enjoy the Tribal League at Apex Park, Dubbo.

MY name is Anita Merritt and I am a Wiradjuri woman from Dubbo. When this photograph was taken I was enjoying a day out with family at the Tribal League rugby league competition at Apex Oval in Dubbo.

It was the first time for a very long time that we have been able to gather as a family.

I have four children: three girls – Michaeli, Kimberlee and Tegan – and my son Mark who was playing on the day with the Wiradjuri Googars.

I also have 11 grandchildren and a bunch of nieces and nephews, a number of whom were at the Tribal League.

We also enjoy going to the Knockout when it's played in Dubbo, and my bother always puts together a memorial side for my dad, Billy Merritt.

That side is usually made up of family members – nephews and cousins.

My family loves the footy, and my uncle,

Steve Merritt, played for Manly.

I was born and bred in Dubbo, and have two older brothers and four younger siblings – two boys and two girls.

Only one brother has left Dubbo for Tuncurry, but the rest of us get together when we can for family barbecues, or to go to the pool or the water park.

It's been a tough year and I've been looking after family members who have been sick, including my poor old mum.

Because of that I have no plans for Christmas yet.

In fact, I haven't even had a chance to think about it, but I am hoping that we will all have the chance to get together.

We stayed at the football all day and watched some wonderful games. Then it was home to babysit for my daughter while she went out for the evening.

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OUR CHILDREN



Laylah and Bronte Duncombe from Launceston wear the their 'nayri' (meaning 'good') participation ribbons. They had competed in running races, tug of war and a sack race at the Generation Cup, during NAIDOC Week. Picture: Jillian Mundy ● Full report, page 6

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Gomeroi activist Gwenda Stanley at the 2018 Invasion Day rally in Melbourne.

Gwenda Stanley: a warrior in the fight for justice

"Next time you're marching those streets, remember the sacrifices of those who walked before us, give respect to those behind the scenes that you don't see, who are doing all the hard work. But most of all remember what we are fighting for: land rights, justice and equality."

— Gwenda Stanley

By DANNY TEECE-JOHNSON



YAAMA and welcome to the last edition of Women on the Frontline!

And yes, I've saved the best till last – although I am biased –

but this edition celebrates my deadly cousin from Top Camp Mission in Moree, the one and only Gwenda Stanley.

I know many readers out there will have heard of Gwenda, or will know Gwenda's face or just know her personally. When I think of Women on the Frontline, I think of my cuz Gwenda screaming into a megaphone with one black fist permanently raised in the air.

Tiddas like Gwenda are a rare breed, and I mean this as a true compliment, but Gwenda is unique. She's one of a kind when it comes to her unwavering support and commitment for her community and the Aboriginal struggle. She puts everything and everyone else first. She always has and she always will.

You see for Gwenda, she doesn't really think of herself; she thinks of others.

You can see this on her

Facebook posts. She is constantly travelling to support Black actions. She is constantly travelling to support families burying their loved ones. She is constantly travelling to spread the truth. She is constant. She does not stop. She does not quit.

I've been very fortunate as a Gomeroi journalist to be connected to Gwenda.

We work as a team, constantly passing each other information to tell stories and support our mob. Most of this comes from Gwenda, who is so deeply connected to our grassroots that I wouldn't know half of what I do if it wasn't for sisters like her keeping me updated – and keeping me in check. Haha, she does that too. As I say, you are not a Black journo till Gwenda has called you out.

Gwenda Stanley is a Gomeroi Yinnar and she is the quintessential Woman on the Frontline. Thank you for all that you do Gwenda, the Gomeroi nation is proud of you. We hope that this article pays respect to your families and recognises what you do for us.

Meet the incomparable and staunch Gwenda Stanley on pages 29-31.

Racist system snubs Baby Charlie's family

By DARREN COYNE



AN Aboriginal woman whose baby was sexually assaulted and murdered by her partner after he violently assaulted her has had her request denied for a public inquest into the role of police.

Tamica Mullaley's 10-month-old son Charlie was tortured over 15 hours by her partner Mervyn Bell, after he had assaulted her and left her naked on the street in Broome in March 2013.

Ms Mullaley was arrested after allegedly assaulting a police officer.

The child's grandfather, Ted Mullaley, asked officers to take the baby, but the child was instead passed to friends before Bell took him from their house about half an hour later.

Mr Mullaley repeatedly went to the Broome police station to try to get officers to search for his

grandson in the hours that followed, but when an alert was put out, it contained the wrong registration plate for the car Bell was driving.

Bell had the child for about 15 hours, torturing him, before taking his lifeless body into a roadhouse near Karratha, almost 1000 kilometres away.

Bell was found guilty of murder in 2014 and sentenced to life with a 27-year-minimum, but took his own life in September 2015.

Tamica Mullaley, her family and lawyers had asked that the role of police in Charlie's death be subjected to an inquiry, but Western Australian Attorney-General John Quigley rejected the request.

Ms Mullaley said she could not understand why the AG had rejected a public inquiry.

"Why aren't they going to have a parliamentary inquiry on my son? The Attorney General should be helping people, not knocking them

back. The whole system in WA is just not right," she said.

"It's really sad to hear the Attorney-General doesn't want to help. I am so upset – I feel like crying. It's just so draining and depressing. I want them to just do something, so it might stop other things like this happening."

Grandparents Ted and Julie Mullaley said they "felt penalised for who we are".

"Through this whole episode, we feel like we've been treated harshly, and now we're not getting the help that we could be getting," they said in a statement.

"We feel we haven't had a fair go. It's been a problem right from day one, and it's still going on today."

"The Attorney-General knows what's happened to us. He should take another look at the whole thing. He should want to investigate Baby Charlie's death to ensure that no other child is treated this way by WA Police."

Curtin University associate professor in law Hannah McGlade told the *Koori Mail* that the AG's decision reflected the inherent racism and bias in the justice system.

"Issues of violence against Indigenous women often go unaddressed due to a serious problem of bias and racism in policing," she said.

"The discrimination that exists throughout the justice system is killing our people and must stop."

Dr McGlade said the AG's decision confirms the prejudice towards Aboriginal victims.

"In this day and age we are still seeing casual racism in the justice system as if Aboriginal lives don't matter," she said.

"It's well known that the police are engaging in racial profiling of Aboriginal women. They are under-policed as victims and over-policed as offenders, and they are made so vulnerable as a result."

"That's partly why the AG and

the courts have refused to support the legal request of the family in this matter."

National Justice Project lawyer George Newhouse said it was upsetting that the AG had approved a parliamentary inquiry into a mass-shooting of a white family at Margaret River but had rejected the request from the Mullaley family.

"The Mullaley family's experience is not one-off. Police discrimination against First Nations people is a systemic problem in Western Australia, as is the criminalisation of survivors of domestic violence," Mr Newhouse said.

"The Attorney-General's decision is a slap in the face to the Mullaley family, who have long been calling for a public inquiry to investigate the role of police in the death of Baby Charlie."

"Any average person looking at both cases could easily conclude that this is a snub to a First Nations family."

“*Walganyagarra buru* – which translates as ‘long time ago in country’ in our Yawuru language, *nganga* – is a song in which I hoped would bring elements of storytelling in traditional, krio! and English; and in the music, folk, country and Djabi melody,” Pigram said. “The powerful and beautiful string arrangement by Iain Grandage and the performance of the ASQ when we play it live takes me back to the late 1890s early 1900s when this story is set, about the journey of my great-grandmother Minybal Esther, moving off her traditional lands into the shanty pearling camps of Broome and meeting Santiago, the father of my grandmother Petronella, Mimi, matriarch of a very large family in our buru today.”

A portrait of a woman with voluminous, curly brown hair, wearing a bright red collared shirt. She is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. A small black microphone is positioned in front of her. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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Community hub name honours legacy of beloved leader and friend Rex Burgess

By JILLIAN MUNDY



A COMMUNITY hub at the Karadi Aboriginal Corporation, in the Hobart suburbs, has been named the Rex Burgess

Community Shed, in honour of a proud Aboriginal man and founding member of the organisation's men's group.

Family members unveiled a plaque with the words "May his spirit and passion for his community live on" at the organisation's NAIDOC flag raising.

Rex was a well-known, much loved and respected member of the Aboriginal community, a friend, sportsman and mutton birder who passed away in March last year.

Men's group coordinator Michael Paxton said Rex shared the diagnosis of his terminal cancer with them.

"It was quite a journey for all of us to know that one of us was dying. We slowly went through that process with him," he said.

"He wanted to leave a new way of being in the community down here amongst the men.

"Rather than taking each other down, lift each other up. If you've got issues with people go and sort it out rather than let it fester into feuds.

"He was already a leader of the men's group. I spoke to him about wanting to continue his work and what things he wanted to leave behind in his life and asked, "Could we name



Rex Burgess, during the mutton bird season of 2017 on Big Dog Island, looking out the crib room door across the islands toward Cape Barren.

the shed after you?"

"And he said yes, he'd be honoured.

"The really cool thing about the men's group being named after him is that his energy, his open heartedness, his courage lives on in how we all treat each other.

"I think he died with the courage and bravery that he lived with.

"He died with his eyes open, talking about regrets in his life and how he'd like the community to go forward without him, in terms of people to stop fighting amongst themselves and just get on with each other; bury the hatchet."



Garry Burgess, Wayne Gordon, Karen Burgess (front), Emily Burgess, Harney Burgess with son Bruce Roland, and Terry Walker, with a dedication plaque and a photo a photo of Rex outside the shed named in his honour.

No stranger to hard times and hard living at times, Rex encouraged men to communicate.

"To talk to people about it and get it off your chest, so it comes out in a healthy way, rather than an unhealthy way on the drink, or with violence or whatever," Michael said.

His sister Emily said that Rex loved the men's group.

"And that they showed respect to him," she said. "He was proud of his heritage, his Aboriginality, and proud of who he was.

"Once he found out the doctors couldn't do nothing for him, it was just a waiting game.

"He didn't want to see it as a waiting game. He put a bucket list together."

He visited old family homes, gravesites of family members and Cape Barren Island, where he lived as a baby and then as an adult for a time, and where lots of his family grew up.

The group assisted where they could, helping him fulfil his bucket list.

Two weeks before his passing the men's group get-together was taken to visit him in palliative care.

And, in a rare move for a palliative care patient, Rex was discharged for the visit to Cape Barren.

Michael escorted him and helped with his medical care.

"He was welcomed like royalty there.

"Rex was friends with everyone. He cut across all the different groups.

"He had so much credibility."

Government moves to roll out cashless card



THE Federal Government is pushing to make the Cashless Debit Card permanent and roll it out across the Northern Territory. That's despite Families and Social Services

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The decision to make the CDC permanent was made as part of the 2020 federal Budget, announced on October 6. But during Senate estimates last month, it was revealed the decision was made before Minister for Families and Social Services Anne Ruston got hold of the report from Adelaide University that evaluated whether the card was in fact working efficiently in the trial sites.

The minister revealed at Senate estimates that she still had not even read the report.

Senator Malarndirri McCarthy asked Senator Ruston, "Minister had you read the Adelaide report?" to which the minister replied, "No."

Ms Burney said the Government had also revealed that it had set up a formal working

group with the big banks and Australia Post to work on making the Cashless Debit Card part of mainstream accounts and point of sale technology.

"It is clear that the Government is absolutely determined to ram through and roll out this ideological obsession with broad-based compulsory income management," she said. "The Government's Cashless Debit Card legislation – which disproportionately impacts First Nations people (68% of the people who will be put on the card are First Nations Australians) – has been brought on by the Government in NAIDOC Week.

"The Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association says members have contacted them about how very fearful they are of being put compulsorily on (Income management/Cashless Debit Card) if the Government is not stopped.

"The Government's determination to roll this card out more widely should have pensioners asking if they're next."

The proposed legislation to roll out the cards across the Northern Territory has also been condemned by Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APO NT).

APO NT spokesperson John Paterson called on all members of Parliament to oppose the bill.

"Support for the bill would directly

contradict the recent National Agreement on Closing the Gap that was supported by all levels of government including the Commonwealth. It is not in keeping with the spirit of the agreement and its emphasis on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self-determination," Mr Paterson said.

"We did not ask for the card, yet 22,000 of us will be affected if the card is imposed on NT income recipients."

Mr Paterson said the card required regular and reliable access to the internet and mobile phone coverage, which is difficult in many remote parts of the NT.

"What works in other CDC trial sites will not work for the NT. 82% of people who will be transferred to the CDC are Aboriginal and most live on remote communities," he said.

"Face to face Centrelink support has been stripped back out bush and will be replaced by a 1800 number or an internet site. This is grossly inadequate for a population who lack digital literacy and where English is a second language.

"The bill is a new Intervention. It will perpetuate the torment of our powerlessness. It denies our basic freedom to control our lives. It locks the many of us who live below the poverty line out of the cash economy and undermines our small businesses that rely on cash payments."



Helen Akee, left, of Mer descent and Michael Sailor (Darnley) at his Nindi Arts and Craft Stall.



Wulgurakaba Walkabout dancers.



Linda Saltner, right, and Akira Barney, aged 11, volunteer at a food stall.



Brenton Creed and Ashley Saltner are all smiles.



Singers from 2 Jam Deadly, Trevor Prior and Nathaniel Surha.



Mala Jina Julbu female dancers.



Komet TS dance group performs.



Jaeda Lenoy, Claudinia Lenoy and Millianna Davey at the weaving display.

Community celebrates the diversity of culture

By ALF WILSON



A NAIDOC Art Expo in Townsville was a great success despite restrictions, which were in place due to COVID-19.

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This year's theme was: Always Was, Always Will Be.

The Townsville Big Eye Theatre hosted the art expo.

More than 200 people

attended the final day to see arts and craft exhibitions, workshops, stalls and entertainment.

There was a Welcome to Country and flag raising at nearby Walker Street then people proceeded to the Dancenorth headquarters nearby.

Dance groups which performed to generous applause included Aboriginal Wulgurukaba Walkabouts, Komet TS, Mala Jina Julbu women and Mala Jina Waran men.

Guestspeakers were Helen Akee, one of the organisers Ros

Sailor from Big Eye Theatre, and Phillip Obah.

Coralee Cassady's emotional poetry recital was well received as was the performance by singers Trevor Prior and Nathaniel Surha from the group 2 Jam Deadly.

One of the highlights of the day was a handover ceremony in the auditorium by Townsville Cultural Centre Trust to the Museum of Tropical Science Queensland.

Many of the Townsville NAIDOC events normally held,

such as the street march and family fun day, had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 rules.

However the Townsville NAIDOC committee still organised a flag-raising ceremony on November 9 which was live-streamed.

Also an Elders lunch is scheduled for December 11 and a NAIDOC party a week later.

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Mob get out to play

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE crowd turned out and the weather turned it on for Generation Cup in Launceston last week, where youth come head to head with experience.

It was the first big Tasmanian Aboriginal community event since COVID struck. And while the pandemic has thrown so many events into chaos, the changing of the dates meant that the annual sporting fixture fell in NAIDOC Week.

Players' ages spanned more than five decades, where teams divided (roughly) into over 30s and under 30s for friendly contests in netball, softball and football.

This year the overs 30s took out the netball with a final score of 5-4, with the close contest decided in the final 30 seconds. The unders took out the softball 11-5 win. And the unders were also victorious in the football, 6-6-42 to 6-4-40.

Jay McDonald, a youth worker from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre who helps organise the event each year, said the day was a welcome relief for players and spectators after so many winter sporting cancellations.

"They came out in droves to be around community and each other," he said. "It was uplifting for people. Our community hasn't been all together for a while. We haven't been able to be."

This year's oldest player David Sainty ditched his mobility scooter for the day in favour of a football guernsey. The 61-year-old uses the scooter to get to shops and services because of his asthma and describes his fitness as not very good. But that didn't stop him.

"People were hoping for me to bring it, but I thought that would look a bit stupid – go around on a mobility scooter then I go and play football. I walked up here today from Mowbray, just to prove a point," he said. "While I'm walking and getting about a bit, I will have a game."

Mr Sainty has played games in the Generation Cup for decades.

"It means everything to me. You get up here and meet all your people, and all the young kids, I reckon it's great, and people from the mainland when they come across."

Not only did he kick a couple of points in the match, but arrived at 8.30 to cook the barbecue. When asked how the day was: "It was great, great, great."

Others played across all three sports, including Brock Lavell, who took out the Best and Fairest for the under 30s football and for over 30s in netball.

Other Best and Fairest awards went to Carlinda Lynch (under 30s netball), Leo Lynch (over 30s softball), Matthew Collins (under 30s softball) and Jarrod Hughes (over 30s football).

Brian Summers was this year's inductee into the Tasmanian Aboriginal Sporting Hall of Fame. The all-round sportsperson has excelled in boxing, cricket and football.

"Brian is an inspiring role model to his 10 children and the Aboriginal community as a whole, through his focus on keeping fit and strong by regular gym exercise," the dedication read. "He shares his expertise and experience by visiting a variety of boxing clubs around the state to help boxers with their upcoming fights by sparring with them, and participating in exhibition matches."



After the game – one big happy mob in two football teams.



Football's Best and Fairest for each team: Brock Lavell and Jarrod Hughes.



Tasmanian Aboriginal Sporting Hall of Fame inductee Brian Summers.



On any other day, to keep his asthma at bay, you might find David Sainty scooting off to the shop on his mobility scooter. He ditched it for the day in favour of a football guernsey.



Rae-shell Kay from Burnie keeps the netball from Carlinda Lynch.



Carissa Maney beats the pack, with Graham Stonehouse hot on her tail.



In the nick of time: Teyarlee Lavell from Burnie scores a home run.

Deborah shares the joy of Christmas with you

By NICK PATON



YORTA Yorta soprano and composer Deborah Cheetham adores Christmas.

Deborah creates Christmas light displays adorning her home, after days spent up a ladder in the early December sunshine, to bring festive cheer to her entire neighbourhood.

And she's been getting into the Christmas spirit for more than 30 years.

This year Deborah is inviting all Australians to join her – and the 2700 singers who have already registered – to take part in an online choir to sing her new Christmas carol *Christmas With You*.

Deborah told the *Koori Mail* that her Christmas carol is about sharing hope and what it means to come together with family, in whatever shape or form that may be, over the Christmas period.

"2020 has been a year of challenge and change, and our loved ones have never felt so far away," she said.

"Aboriginal people know the meaning of tradition so well, and Christmas, with its promise of family, joy and festivity, has been a light at the end of this long tunnel.

"This year has brought about feelings of helplessness and hopelessness in many people, so after the year we've all had, ABC Classic radio bringing together Australia through song is just what we need.

"So we want anyone and everyone to jump online and register now to take part in singing with the ABC's Classic Choir online."

Deborah is the artistic director of Short Black Opera, a not-for-profit opera company devoted to the development of Indigenous singers that she established in 2009.



Yorta Yorta soprano and composer Deborah Cheetham has written a new Christmas carol, *Christmas With You*, and she is inviting you to join in, singing the carol with an online choir for ABC Classic radio.

She has worked on commissions for major Australian ensembles including the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Australian String Quartet, and the West Australian Symphony Orchestra String Quartet.

Deep into Melbourne's second period of lockdown, Deborah received a phone call from Toby Chadd at ABC Classic with a request, which, Deborah said, seemed so unlikely but also a perfect fit.

"When Toby invited me to write a Christmas carol to share with Australia I was so excited that I did need to 'compose' myself," Deborah punned, with a giggle.

"But I didn't even need a second to think about it. I needed this opportunity to reconnect with a year that had been spinning out of control and this was my chance.

"As a composer I like my ideas to brew for as long as possible – weeks, months, sometimes years – but the lead time for this project was never going to allow that kind of brewing time so I got to work on the project right away."

Deborah said people can take part by registering with the choir online.

"Simply download the sheet music and corresponding recording of your voice part (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) so you can practise at home," Deborah said.

"People should have a listen to each part to see what best matches their voice range.

"Then join one of the online rehearsals on November 18, 19, 23, or 24 at 5pm AEDT."

After you've been to a rehearsal, ABC Classic want



Wadawurrung artist Deanne Gilson painted *Nyirram turt-barram (The Morning Star Story)* to accompany Deborah Cheetham's new Christmas carol, *Christmas With You*.

you to film yourself singing *Christmas With You* and send it to them by Friday, November 27.

ABC Classic will then put everyone's contributions into a single video and recording for release on Tuesday, December 15.

Deborah said the carol is her response to trying to make sense of a year of loss and separation felt around the world.

"It came as a single thread of consciousness, my thoughts moving too fast for my pencil on the page and fingers at the piano," Deborah said.

"It's the longing I am sure we have all felt at some time this year, in wishing to be with those we love, when the choice

was not ours to make."

Wadawurrung artist Deanne Gilson has painted a new artwork to illustrate these themes through ancient stories.

Deborah said the incredible artwork depicts the hope that the Nyirram turt-barram (Morning Star) brings us all.

"And the story of Bundjil, the creator, and his wife Koonawarra (the Black Swan) who gave birth to the morning star child," Deborah said.

"Today, the star child represents all our children, and through them our future hopes and dreams."

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Stolen wages reveiw option

By CHRISTINE HOWES



LIMITED face-to-face financial counselling services have been made available to more than 10,000 eligible

claimants and just over 11,000 beneficiaries to the \$190 million won for them in the Hans Pearson-led Stolen Wages case.

And claimants have only until November 23 to seek a review if they are unhappy with the amount.

Administrator for the funds Grant Thornton partner Anthony Bevan said it was a compromise.

"In the Settlement Distribution Scheme the Court allocated up to \$200,000 for financial counselling services," he said.

"It would be great to have financial counsellors available face-to-face in every community but not everyone wants to take that up and it would be an additional cost that has to be met by everyone with money from the pool. So the Court has tried to come up with some common ground of making financial counselling available but capping the cost."

He said the contract had gone to Cape York Partnerships, who would visit Torres Strait communities, Aurukun, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal, Mossman, Yarrabah and Palm Island.

"Hopefully people in Woorabinda, Cherbourg,



Hans Pearson and Anthony Henry at Woorabinda in 2017. Mr Pearson was the lead claimant in a successful \$190 million Stolen Wages class action.

Brisbane, Perth, Western Australia, Tasmania, if they do need financial counselling, at least the telephone service will point them in the right direction and may be able to assist them."

He said there were two telephone options, Cape York Partnerships and the National Debt Helpline, which automatically gets diverted to a financial counsellor.

"Cape York Partnership has a lot of background in relation to

Stolen Wages. They've helped many people with their claims and they understand it intimately. So as a first port of call we always recommend people call them because they have that background and experience," Mr Bevan said.

Mr Bevan said all distribution amounts of under \$5000 related to a claimant's distribution being split amongst multiple beneficiaries (children and/or spouses).

"The amounts vary per person, because if Dad was subjected to the Stolen Wages practices, and has passed away, and then three of his children have made a claim, Dad's payment is divided by three," he said.

He said there were privacy and confidentiality concerns around disclosing other people's distribution amount.

"The Court, in the Settlement Distribution Scheme, has prescribed a person can only

seek a review of their own distribution. They can't get a review of someone else's distribution, such as their sister or brother," he said.

Mr Bevan said the deadline for asking for a review of their amount is November 23.

"If we get a large number of reviews and people are expecting their payment by December 6, we just want to start flagging there could be delays.

He said it was also possible the amounts might change.

"So what people are receiving in their distribution statement is an estimate only," he said. "The actual final payment to people may go up or down, depending on reviews, people approaching us about errors they may have found in their distribution statements – it just may vary slightly in terms of the final payment.

"The request has to be made in writing. They have to provide any documents or information that supports their request and the fee to seek a review is \$800.

"The reason for that fee, which was set by the Court, is that we don't conduct the review. It goes off to an independent barrister who then makes a determination. We're advising people, before they seek a review to give our office a call and there may be something we can resolve on the phone."

For more information call Grant Thornton on 1300 591 545 or email stolenwages@au.gt.com

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Dr Khyarne Biles

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BLAKitecture looks to build with the values of country

By NICK PATON



PALAWA woman Sarah Lynn Rees wants the people who work in the construction industry to consider First Nations values in their professional capacity.

Sarah spoke with Boon Wurrung Elder Parbin-ata Carolyn Briggs for the first in a new series of four BLAKitecture talks.

BLAKitecture brings together Indigenous and other built-environment practitioners (architects, planners, surveyors and engineers) for important conversations about how to better Indigenous urban design.

Now in its fourth year, the annual talk series focuses on Indigenous voices in conversations about architecture and the future of our built environment.

The new series was launched last Thursday on Yaluk-ut Weelam land in Victoria as part of MPavilion 2020, Australia's leading architectural design event.

Sarah Lynn Rees is a built-environment practitioner and curator of this year's BLAKitecture talk series.

She is the leader of Indigenous advisory, architecture and design services for Jackson Clements

Burrows Architects in Melbourne.

Sarah told the *Koori Mail* the BLAKitecture talk series is accessible to everyone, especially the professions associated with the built environment, so that practitioners can begin to understand how their actions can have implications on Country.

She said they hope the series will draw attention to issues involving First Nations architecture and design.

"The talks will look at what the built-environment profession can do collectively to ensure we are working in alignment with the values of country," Sarah said.

"We aim to address the understanding of cultural authority and what implications this has for the built environment."

The first forum, *With(out) Engagement*, was held online involving conversations around improving design processes so that the voices of traditional owners are heard.

Carolyn Briggs talked with Sarah about cultural authority, and the idea that not every project has the capacity to undergo a direct engagement process with traditional owners.

"A classic example of this is when a couple looks to build a new suburban house, where

engagement with traditional owners is rarely on the cards," Sarah said.

"And so we really wanted to have a conversation within the profession that asks, 'What are the values of country?', and 'How can these values be embedded in projects?', which means even when we can't undergo engagement, we are still working with country rather than against it."

Sarah said the second talk, *Pulse Check*, will be a conversation with Maori colleagues about the similarities between Australia and New Zealand, and how we can learn from each other.

She said the third talk, *Design Obligations*, will focus on responding to our collective obligation to care for country, while the final talk, *Co-design?*, *Collaboration?*, *Consultation?*, brings together two built-environment practitioners and two traditional owners to share their experiences of projects they have done together.

"Our intent is to ensure that we are not so much reactive to some of the situations unfolding around the world, but, instead, we are setting the agenda for the types of conversations we want to have as Indigenous built-environment practitioners," Sarah said.

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Carolyn Briggs, senior Elder of the Boon Wurrung people, and Palawa woman Sarah Lynn Rees record the first talk of the 2020 BLAKitecture series.



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Remote laundry keeps it clean



ABORIGINAL Investment Group's (AIG) Remote Laundries Project opened its second laundry unit in Casuarina last week.

Remote Laundries Project aims to improve the health and quality of life for Aboriginal people living in communities across the Northern Territory.

AIG chief executive Steve Smith said that access to clean clothing and bedding reduces the prevalence of diseases such as scabies, rheumatic heart disease, and trachoma.

"The health consequences of these diseases are catastrophic and entirely preventable," he said. "It is unacceptable that 70% of Aboriginal children living in

remote communities will contract scabies before their first birthday."

The design of the newest unit follows the success of the pilot project in Barunga, which launched in February 2019. The new laundry houses four washing machines and four dryers and is set in a secure, purpose-built container.

"We've learned a lot about what works well with the existing unit and what should be changed," Mr Smith said. "There are quite a few changes in the functionality, serviceability and connectivity."

"We have also been conscious of supporting local businesses by sourcing the whole build team from Katherine."

The project aims to deliver seven laundries to remote communities over the next year.

"We've identified a need for this valuable service in local communities as well as for those who are long-grassing in the Darwin area," Mr Smith said.

"This central location will also serve as a training facility where remote-based staff can be trained in laundry operations, maintenance and servicing."

Remote Laundries Project expects to see similar success in the Darwin City laundry as it has seen in the Barunga laundry.

In the first year of operation, the Barunga unit has remained 100% Indigenous owned, staffed and operated while creating five sustainable employment positions.

The community has also recorded fewer cases of scabies and skin sores and has operated over 3500 cycles.



The Remote Laundries Project pilot venture in Barunga.

KAC back in control



THE Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Selwyn Button has announced the end of the special administration of Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation (KAC) and its return to members' control. Based in Port Augusta,

South Australia, KAC's primary responsibility is to manage the native title rights and interests of Kokatha people, traditional owners of around 140,000 square kilometres of land in central SA.

After an examination of the books identified governance issues, the corporation was placed under special administration in September last year.

That arrangement was extended twice.

Mr Button said that the special administrator worked with a group of Kokatha advisors to solve chronic problems in their corporation.

Changes included: simplifying the structure of the KAC group, to save the corporation money and provide the board with clearer oversight; the boards of KAC and its subsidiaries are now skills-based and include independent directors; subsidiary boards are required to prepare an annual operating plan and budget for approval by the KAC board, and provide quarterly reports on performance and budget variances; an independent corporate trustee is in place for Kokatha's two trust funds and the rule book has been strengthened to establish a clear, process for decision making in relation to membership applications. The process is transparent and includes a right of appeal if prospective members think their application was not given proper consideration.



Proposed Gas Fired Power Station, Kurri Kurri, NSW

Notice and registration of Aboriginal interests

Snowy Hydro Limited (Snowy Hydro) are proposing the construction and operation of a gas fired power station, electrical switchyard and associated infrastructure (the "Proposal"). The Proposal would be situated on land previously occupied by the former Hydro Aluminium Kurri Kurri Pty Ltd aluminium smelter located in Loxford in the Hunter Valley region of New South Wales, approximately 3 km north of the town of Kurri Kurri. These activities would be within the Cessnock Local Government Area.

As per the consultation guidelines, Jacobs, on behalf of Snowy Hydro is seeking registrations of interest from Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to the Proposal site. The purpose of consultation with the Aboriginal community is to assist Snowy Hydro in the preparation of a cultural heritage assessment report, and to assist the Director General of Heritage NSW in their consideration of any subsequent applications.

Jacobs, on behalf of Snowy Hydro, is therefore seeking to establish Registered Aboriginal Parties for all upcoming Aboriginal Heritage assessments associated with the site.

You can register in writing (email or letter) to:

Ian Smith
Snowy Hydro
c/o Alison Lamond
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Mother and daughter team creates homewares inspired by country

By DANNY TEECE-JOHNSON



MOTHER and daughter duo Lauren Jarrett and Melissa Greenwood were inspired by the Gumbaynggirr land that they live on for their latest homewares collection.

The pair are the creators of Miimi and Jiinda and the homewares range – a collaboration with Adairs – proved so popular it sold out across the country in just two days, highlighting the desire for Aboriginal culture in Australian homes.

“Our creations are works of cultural renewal, telling visual stories that reflect our unique perspective and distinctive experience as Aboriginal women,” says Melissa, who was raised with a strong focus on Indigenous culture by her mother Lauren, a member of the Stolen Generations.

Taken when she was just nine years old, Lauren returned to her family nine years later, determined to rediscover her roots.

“She had to relearn the culture and was determined to raise us children culturally strong,” says Melissa, who was educated in weaving, painting and the local language by her proud mother, setting the scene for what was to come.

Names don’t get much blacker than the Jarretts from Bowraville on the NSW North Coast and, for Melissa, her mother’s story, history and life is the inspiration for her work.

“Mum (Lauren) has strong memories growing up in the bush all along the coast from Burnt Bridge, Kempsey, up to old Coffs mission and Corindi, Red Rock, Grafton. Learning from her Elders about bush medicine, bush foods, family, kinship, language, stories and songs.”

The Adairs collaboration was



Melissa Greenwood was inspired by Gumbaynggirr land.

designed with both men and women in mind.

“The deeper rich earthy tones represent masculinity and their grounded energy.

“On the other hand, the brighter, more bold colours are very soft and feminine but also strong and empowered, representing the matriarch.

“The collection holds a deep respect for land, culture and our Elders.

“My goal, in the future, is for Miimi + Jiinda to be a platform to support other artists. My heart is always in supporting and giving back to community.”

And in welcome news for all of those who missed out, there will be a restock of some select ‘Miimi + Jiinda for Adairs’ items in January 2021.



One of the paintings for a recent collaboration with homewares company Adairs.



Melissa Greenwood and Lauren Jarrett are the creators of Miimi + Jiinda.

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Community Member (non-remunerative role) Legal Aid Review Committee

Applications are invited from persons interested in serving as a community member on a Legal Aid Review Committee (LARC). Applicants should be persons who are **not legal practitioners** but who have an appreciation of the problems of the economically and socially disadvantaged and a capacity to absorb and understand legal material and policy issues.

An eligibility list will be created from this recruitment to fill any future vacancies that occur in 2021/ 2022. Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply for these roles.

Applications Close: Wednesday 2 December 2020

Contact **Glenn Sofinowski** by phone (02) 9219 5880 or email to discuss. Applications must be in writing with a curriculum vitae and covering letter addressed to LARC Secretariat, Legal Aid NSW, and submitted via email to glenn.sofinowski@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

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Darebin Community Awards 2021 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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Darebin Community Awards, will be given in the following seven categories:

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- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Emerging Young Community Leader of the Year
- Sustainability Award
- and Lifetime Achievement Award.

If you know a person or group who has made a positive impact in our community, now is the time to nominate them for a Darebin Community Award.

Nominations are now open and close February 11, 2021

For further information please contact Bronwyn, Senior Producer, Creative Culture and Events on **8470 8551** or e-mail bryanmer@darebin.vic.gov.au

A new storyteller for Belvoir



YUIN woman Jorjia Gillis has been awarded the 2020 Balnaves Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Fellowship.

A \$25,000 paid residency, the Balnaves Foundation Fellowship gives the fellow the opportunity to work at Belvoir, in Sydney, as a resident artist to create a work for the stage.

In Gillis' new play, an excited Cassandra is about to make history as the first Aboriginal female artistic director of a major theatre company. On the eve before her first season launch, with a lucrative season of programming in the barrel, Cassandra is suddenly called back to her hometown on the coast with some pressing family news. But returning home doesn't always look like what you thought it would be.

The work is a sentimental comedy about family, community and moving forward by stepping back into the past.

Gillis is a proud Saltwater woman of the Budawang tribe of the Yuin nation from the South Coast of NSW.

As an actor, theatremaker, emerging writer and arts facilitator, she has trained in Sydney and the UK and worked across a number of theatre and TV productions.

Gillis performed with Cope

St Collective in *BAD*, co-wrote and performed in the comedy show *The Office at the End of the World*, and took part in the Muru Salon playwriting program with Playwriting Australia and Moogahlin Performing Arts. Gillis is a graduate of the University of New England and the Academy of Film Theatre & Television.

"I'm excited and honoured to be the 2020 Balnaves

Fellowship recipient," she said. "15-year-old Jorjia would be very proud right now.

"I look to all the storytellers who have come before me and who have paved the way, previous recipients like Leah Purcell, who have mentored and inspired me as an artist.

"2020 has been a tough year, and to have the opportunity to develop my play through the Balnaves

Fellowship is life-changing. I look forward to working with Belvoir over the next 10 months and to be back with community making theatre."

Belvoir said the fellowship seeks to be deeply collaborative, offering an invitation to have a voice in Belvoir's artistic decision-making processes and the opportunity to support other Indigenous artists through

Belvoir's creative development and programming.

Balnaves Foundation chief executive Hamish Balnaves said that previous recipients (including Leah Purcell, Nakkiah Lui, Ursula Yovich and Nathan Maynard) have submitted exceptional works that consistently affirm the depth of talent amongst our nation's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander theatremakers.

"We believe that philanthropy can make a significant contribution by supporting the next generation of artists and funding new Australian work at the creative development stage," he said.

"New Indigenous works that educate and challenge play an important part in truth telling, treaty and reconciliation. We would like to congratulate Jorjia on the award and are excited to see how she will use the fellowship to further her exceptional work to date."

Belvoir artistic director Eamon Flack said the work of previous Balnaves fellows has had an impact on the stage.

"The work of Kodie Bedford and Nathan Maynard over the last couple of seasons has been outstanding and they've been fantastic contributors to the Belvoir stage. I know Jorjia will be too, and we're looking forward to having her in the building – and introducing another new voice to our audiences," he said.



Jorjia Gillis has won this year's Balnaves.

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A dish called Murriyang



TO mark the start of NAIDOC Week, CSIRO's Parkes radio telescope has been honoured with a

traditional name chosen by Wiradjuri Elders and revealed at a local naming ceremony.

The 64-metre telescope is located on Wiradjuri country in central west NSW, approximately 380km west of Sydney.

It received the name Murriyang, which represents the Skyworld where a prominent creator spirit of the Wiradjuri Dreaming, Biyaami (Baiaame), lives.

Two smaller telescopes at CSIRO's Parkes Observatory also received Wiradjuri names.

Wiradjuri Elder Rhonda Towney conducted the naming ceremony, and Elder Dr Stan Grant Senior revealed the telescope's Wiradjuri names.

"This is something that has been coming for a very long time," Dr Grant said.

"The naming of the telescopes is one of the biggest things to happen to our people."

Over two years, CSIRO's local Parkes staff worked in collaboration with Wiradjuri Elders, the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and the North West Wiradjuri Language & Culture NEST on the telescope naming project.

CSIRO chief executive Dr Larry Marshall said, as Australia's national science agency, CSIRO is committed to building genuine partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through education, science, innovation and research.

Dr Marshall said Australia had a rich heritage of exploring the world and the stars, and it's humbling to link our early steps to connect to the universe with



Wiradjuri dancers at the naming ceremony. Pictures: C Watson/CSIRO

that ancient wisdom.

"Science is the search for truth," he said. "Often we think we are the first to discover it, but much of the knowledge we seek was discovered long before us."

"We're honoured that the Wiradjuri Elders have given traditional names to our telescopes at Parkes, to connect them with the oldest scientific tradition in the world."

Wiradjuri Elder and representative of the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group David Towney said language was "everything about who and what we are".

"We teach language to understand country, culture and sky stories," he said.

"Connecting our language to the telescope is connecting the telescope to country, and commemorating this during

NAIDOC Week is a way for people to come together and celebrate Wiradjuri culture."

Executive manager of CSIRO's office of Indigenous engagement Louisa Warren said giving the telescopes traditional names acknowledges and pays respect to the astronomical knowledge of Indigenous peoples.

"The plan affirms our commitment to reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the oldest living culture in the world," she said.

"It recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first people of Australia and respects their enduring connection to lands, skies, waters, plants and animals."

The Wiradjuri names for the three telescopes are:

Murriyang for the 64-metre

Parkes radio telescope

In the Wiradjuri Dreaming, Biyaami (Baiaame) is a prominent creator spirit and is represented in the sky by the stars which also portray the Orion constellation. Murriyang represents the Skyworld where Biyaami lives.

Giyalung Mill for the 12-metre ASKAP testing antenna

Meaning 'Smart Eye' this telescope was commissioned in 2008 as a testbed for a special new type of receiver technology (phased array feed, PAF) used on CSIRO's Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder (ASKAP) antennas. The PAF is able to see different parts of the sky simultaneously making it a 'smart eye'.

Giyalung Guluman for the 18-metre decommissioned antenna.

Meaning 'Smart Dish' this antenna had the ability to move



Wiradjuri Elder Dr Stan Grant Senior revealed Wiradjuri names for the telescopes at CSIRO's Parkes Observatory.



CSIRO's 64-metre Parkes radio telescope has been given the Wiradjuri name Murriyang. Picture: D McClenaghan/CSIRO

along a railway track while observing, and when linked to the main 64-metre antenna became pivotal in early work that determined the size and brightness of radio sources in the sky. The antenna was originally assembled at the CSIRO Fleurs Radio Telescope site, Penrith, NSW in 1960, was transported to Parkes in 1963 and became operational in 1965.

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Vax rates for kids rise



RECORD numbers of parents are having their children vaccinated, notably among five-year-old Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people,

where the coverage rate stands at 97%. The rate for all five-year-olds continues to grow towards the aspirational 95% target, rising to 94.9% in the year to September 2020.

Federal Health Minister Greg Hunt said that the Morrison Government invests more than \$400 million in the National Immunisation Program to protect young and vulnerable Australians.

"The most recent phase of the campaign specifically target parents of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0-5 years," he said.

Among all two-year-old children, the coverage rate has risen to almost 92.4%, which is the first time it has climbed above 92% since 2014.

The Indigenous two-year-old vaccination rate has also risen to almost 91.2% in the current quarter.

The overall vaccination rate for one-year-olds has also increased in the last year, reaching 94.7%, while the Indigenous one-year-old vaccination rate increased to 93.5%. — AAP

Report finds much room for improvement



A NEW report shows Indigenous Australians over 40 have had three times the rate of vision loss than other

Australians. However, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) paper, showed there had also been "substantial improvement" in the rate of Indigenous people accessing eye health services.

Most of the blindness and vision impairment experienced by Indigenous people was caused by preventable conditions or in response to treatment.

The report showed Indigenous people who had an eye health check as part of a health assessment increased from 11% per cent in 2010-11 to 30% in 2018-19. Similarly, the rate of Indigenous people screened for diabetic retinopathy — a complication of diabetes which can cause vision loss — increased from 31% to 37% between 2008-09 and 2018-19.

The rate of cataract surgery has increased by 42% since 2008-10, according to the report, from around 5200 procedures to 7400 per 1,000,000 in 2016-18.

The prevalence of trachoma—a highly infectious eye disease that can cause blindness if left untreated—has fallen significantly among Indigenous children aged five to nine, from 15% in 2009 to 4.5% in 2019.

Changing seasons



IN celebration of NAIDOC Week, Perth Zoo launched a new education program which honours the changing Noongar seasons.

Gwabba Boodja (Beautiful Bushland) has been designed for pre-primary to Year 2 to develop a greater connection to the environment thanks to traditional knowledge.

Through costume and storytelling, the program introduces children to the six Noongar seasons and the animals found in the South West of Western Australia – many of which reside in the zoo's Australian bushwalk.

Developed in conjunction with Nyungar and Yamatji man Justin Martin, owner of tourism and art business Djurandi Dreaming, and Perth Zoo's educators, the lessons help children discover more about the animals of the South West, the importance of country, and how the bush changes to meet the needs of the animals.

WA Environment Minister Stephen Dawson said he believed the lessons will be popular and help inspire students to learn more about Whadjuk Noongar seasons, while developing a greater respect for the land on which the zoo sits.

"Perth Zoo sees more than 14% of the state's school children for a formal

education lesson every year, so it was important to us that we help our youngest Western Australians discover more about the world around them, thanks to the knowledge of the Whadjuk Noongar people," he said.

"Unlike the European calendar, there are six Noongar seasons in WA's South West region, which are indicated by changes in local plants and animals.

"Thanks to this new program, students will come to understand that changing seasons are marked by the flowering of many different plants, the hibernation of reptiles and the moulting of swans rather than by looking at the dates on a calendar."



Artist Justin Martin, owner of Djurandi Dreaming, helped to develop a new education program about the Noongar seasons for Perth Zoo.

Heritage Act 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

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

The Heritage Council of NSW is considering whether to recommend the place below for listing on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

Newcastle Recreation Reserve at 3 & 5A Ordnance Street, The Hill, 41 The Terrace, Newcastle, and Shortland Esplanade (part), Newcastle.

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by **13 November 2020 to 7 January 2021**. Enquiries to David Hoffman on (02) 9873 8582.

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

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at

heritage.nsw.gov.au/protecting-our-heritage/nominate-listing-on-the-state-heritage-register/nominations-being-considered/

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For information on how to apply, visit:
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Applications close 31 January 2021.

For further information, please contact the AMA on (02) 6270 5400 or email indigenousscholarship@ama.com.au.

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New program giving Palm kids chance to get back to the bush

By ALF WILSON



FIFTY primary-school-aged Palm Island children recently signed up to participate in a Back To The Bush program, designed by local Bwgcolwan woman Deniece Geia.

While Ms Geia is the Deputy Mayor of the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, she created the program as a citizen. It is not a Council-driven program.

The program involves the youngsters spending time in the bush to hunt, fish, collect food such as berries and nuts, learn activities such as spear making and palm weaving.

"This will reconnect them with their culture and teach them the importance of respect to Elders, of attending school and how to be leaders of the future," Ms Geia said.

"They will have to clean and cook the fish and parents can come and help eat it. Also (they will learn) how to make damper and catch possums."

Ms Geia had the idea a decade ago.

"I have written it from the heart and will be the facilitator and will have Elders Rosina Norman and Margaret Parker as overseers,"



Palm Island's Deniece Geia with Federal Member for Herbert Phillip Thompson.

she said. "I wanted something for local people and it will assist the youngsters to make good decisions and have a brighter future."

"Some youngsters are affected by family breakdown."

The Morrison Government is providing \$405,000 over two years to support the design of the youth engagement program.

Herbert MP Phillip Thompson praised Ms Geia and her program.

"This is a great example of the Palm Island community working closely with Government to develop a program that directly addresses the needs identified by community leaders," he said. "Being led by community and

developed in partnership with the National Indigenous Australians Agency shows our commitment to work differently with Indigenous Australians and support communities to drive positive outcomes at the local level. Like many things, COVID-19 has delayed the project, but we're pleased it is now on track."

Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt said the program, backed by the Queensland Police Citizens Youth Welfare Association, will support up to 50 young people to re-engage in services and school and divert them from harmful behaviours.

"Helping young people engage with and contribute to their community is so important to lay the foundations for a positive future," he said.

"A strong and supportive network of family, friends, school and co-curricular activities underpins social and emotional wellbeing and leads to reductions in violence, crime and other destructive activity."

"The Back to the Bush program, designed by the community for the community, will reconnect people in a positive way in a culturally appropriate and safe setting so they can reach their potential and achieve their goals."

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+Health, A.G.D. of (2019). Roadmap for Hearing Health - Hearing Health Sector Committee. [online] www1.health.gov.au. [Accessed Sep. 2020].

Goolgul on Snowy Mountains road



A SNOWY Mountains road project is helping preserve local Aboriginal storytelling through the ages and bringing information about sacred sites to the community, passing motorists and tourists.

Bogong moths, endemic to the area, and the dreaded Goolgul who has always lived in the mountains, are among the stories captured in interpretive signs at Tumut and Gundagai.

"The high country was a place where people from many different Aboriginal groups came together, travelling hundreds of kilometres from the plains, the tablelands and the coast. They met at places on

the edges of the high country, meeting at Tumut and Gundagai before travelling further up into the mountains," reads one of the signs.

"You are standing in a rich cultural landscape with many places of significance including mountains of Mudjarn, Minjary and Thelbingug (Talbingo), the Bogong Peaks and the Murrumbidgee River."

As Uncle Jimmy Ingram tells it, the Goolgul lived in those mountains and guarded the Bogong moths until they were ready to fly. He also tricked young kids and collected them.

"The only way you could get him out is throwing water over him because he couldn't swim, and 'cause he smelt to high heaven, he

didn't like water," Uncle Jimmy said.

Aunty Alice Williams, who represents the Wiradjuri and Wolgalu peoples, said the community welcomed the opportunity to preserve local cultural heritage.

"These signs are a great opportunity to educate and inform the wider community about the cultural significance of the landscape of the surrounding areas to the local Aboriginal people," Aunty Alice said.

The signs are located at Carberry Park in Gundagai and about 200 metres along the Snowy Mountains Highway from the intersection with Gocup Road, just past the State Emergency Services building in Tumut.



Snowy Mountains Aboriginal storytelling and history has been captured in two new signs installed at both ends of Gocup Road, at Tumut and Gundagai.

Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Location:

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Corner Sandon and Bourke Streets Brewarrina
NSW 2839

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Assessments Notification and Registration of Interest in Consultation

What is happening?

Essential Water (the Proponent), assisted by Public Works Advisory of the Department of Regional NSW, is proposing to construct water pumping stations, water pipelines and associated infrastructure for the:

- Stephens Creek to Sunset Strip Water Supply Project
- Menindee to Sunset Strip Water Supply Project

The projects are located between Stephens Creek Reservoir, near Broken Hill in NSW and Menindee, NSW.

Niche Environment and Heritage (Niche) has been commissioned by Public Works Advisory to conduct Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments for the proposed works. The proposed works will result in the application for Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits (AHIPs) under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW)*.

Essential Water is seeking to consult with any Aboriginal persons or groups who may hold cultural knowledge of, or who have the right or interest in Aboriginal cultural heritage of the Subject Areas. The purpose of the consultation will be to assist the Proponent in the:

- Preparation of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment.
- Determining the significance of any Aboriginal objects and/or places within the Subject Area.
- Developing appropriate management recommendations for any Aboriginal objects and/or places that might be identified during the process.
- Preparation of Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits to manage any Aboriginal objects identified during the Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment and to assist the Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet in his or her consideration and determination of the application.

What do you need to do?

Aboriginal people or groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to the Subject Area are invited to register their interest in the consultation process. All registrations should be directed in writing to:

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Heritage Consultant
Niche Environment and Heritage
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Public Works Advisory (Regional New South Wales)
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Parramatta NSW 2150
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When must you register by?

All registrations for the project must be received by **5 pm on 3 December 2020** and should be directed in writing to:

Please be advised that, as per Section 4.1.6 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents* (OEH, 2010) the names of Aboriginal persons and groups who register an interest will be forwarded to the HeritageNSW in the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Menindee and Broken Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council unless the person or group specifies that they do not want their details released.



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Traditional owners of the Pila Nature Reserve (formerly the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve).
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Western Australian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ben Wyatt and Environment Minister Stephen Dawson meet with traditional owners to sign the agreement at Mina Mina, near Patjarr, in the Gibson Desert.

WA historic settlement



THE McGowan Government has executed a historic native-title settlement agreement with the traditional owners of the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve that will provide economic, social and cultural benefits for Aboriginal communities in the area.

Western Australian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ben Wyatt and Environment Minister Stephen Dawson met with traditional owners to sign the agreement at Mina Mina, near Patjarr, in the Gibson Desert.

The Gibson Desert Nature Reserve Compensation and Lurtjurrululu Palakitjalu Settlement Agreement covers an area of approximately 18,900 square kilometres.

Lurtjurrululu Palakitjalu translated into English means 'we will do it together', reflecting the intention of the State Government and traditional owners to jointly manage the country covered by the reserve.

Under the agreement, the Gibson Desert Nature Reserve will be renamed to a traditional Aboriginal name – the Pila Nature Reserve.

'Pila' describes the prevailing geography of the reserve area, which when translated to English means plains/flat country.

Pila Nature Reserve will be jointly vested with the Warnpurru Aboriginal Corporation and Conservation and Parks Commission, and will be jointly managed for both conservation and cultural values under a joint management agreement.

The settlement package sets aside \$7.5 million over 10 years to support the joint management activities over the reserve, providing meaningful work and training opportunities for the traditional owners at Patjarr, Warburton and surrounding communities.

In addition, the settlement package will provide funding to

improve infrastructure within Patjarr community to support joint management activities.

Acknowledging the importance of recognition of their traditional rights and cultural responsibility for the reserve, the agreement includes a commitment to work with the traditional owners to achieve recognition of native title over the area of the reserve.

The agreement resolves the State Government's liability arising from the extinguishment of native title by the creation of the reserve in 1977.

The agreement represents a significant achievement for both parties, particularly the traditional owners who have strived over a very long period to achieve recognition of their traditional ownership of the country covered by the reserve.

"All those who have worked so hard to get to this day appreciate the significance of signing this agreement to jointly manage the Pila Nature Reserve," Mr Wyatt said.

"It will not only deliver positive economic and social benefits for the traditional owners, but is also a just outcome that all Western Australians should feel proud about."

Environment Minister Stephen Dawson said the McGowan Government was working hard to build stronger and better partnerships through agreement making and joint management arrangements.

"Today is a historic day for the Warnpurru Aboriginal Corporation and the State Government, who will work together to jointly manage the reserve," he said.

"I am pleased that the rights and interests of the traditional owners are now being recognised by the reserve being jointly vested with the Warnpurru Aboriginal Corporation, and that the area will be renamed Pila Nature Reserve, to reflect traditional language and its cultural significance."

Koorie culture on the map

By **NICK PATON**

 A NEW online interactive experience is offering participants the chance to explore Aboriginal communities in Victoria in a culturally safe and appropriate way.

Launched on October 7, the Koorie Culture Map brings together Koorie culture, languages and stories at the Koorie Heritage Trust's KHT Online, a media platform that honours Aboriginal voices, culture and art.

The interactive map invites people to learn about the cultural customs of Bangerang, Jaara and Wamba Wamba country, watch animations of creation stories, hear language, visit culturally significant sites of Koorie communities, and gain a better understanding of the diverse Koorie cultures of Victoria.

Established in 1985, the Koorie Heritage Trust (KHT) is an innovative not-for-profit arts and cultural organisation located in the Yarra Building at Federation Square in Melbourne.

Aboriginal owned and managed, the KHT provides opportunities for all people to learn about the rich living cultural heritage of



Narungga Trawoolwaway man and Victorian production manager for the SharingStories Foundation Daen Sansbury Smith.

Aboriginal Victoria.

The interactive map was produced in partnership with the SharingStories Foundation, which works with Indigenous communities to protect, maintain and grow language, stories and cultural heritage through digital technologies and art forms.

Each map contains several touch points, giving the user access to a Welcome to Country, and depictions of ancient sites of significance from the area.

Wamba Wamba Elder Uncle Ron Murray is involved with the project.

He told the *Koori Mail* that he is very keen to share his stories with the broader community.

"When young Koorie people and communities see their stories and culture appreciated by others it builds confidence and self-esteem, and they are able to participate in the cultural fabric of Victorian life," Uncle Ron said.

"Building respect and understanding for these stories and our culture is critical to reconciliation and I consider it to be very important.

"Our stories need to be told,



Wamba Wamba Elder Uncle Ron Murray is keen to share his stories through the Koorie Heritage Trust's interactive Koorie Culture Map.

heard and experienced so that Koorie culture is a vital, living part of Victorian life, and the SharingStories Foundation is helping us make that happen.

"What we would like is for people to start working with us Indigenous people, and listen to us about how spiritual and important our country is to us.

"Aboriginal people have looked after country for 60,000 years.

"Let's start looking after it together. That's reconciliation."

The map combines work from a number of Koorie

communities, including primary school students.

Narungga Trawoolwaway man Daen Sansbury Smith is the Victorian production manager for the SharingStories Foundation.

He has managed the relationship and production of content with several Victorian Aboriginal communities, collaborating with language speakers and linguists to ensure that multiple stories are recorded and appropriately interpreted as part of the SharingStories Digital Storytelling Programs.

"I am always honoured to be trusted with the responsibility of producing culturally appropriate content with the community programs I manage," Daen said.

"Over the past few years, I have overseen programs that utilise current technologies and art forms to convey the ancient stories and cultures of the various communities I continue to collaborate with.

"The Koorie Culture Map is a testament to all the hard work we have put into the project and I am thrilled the project has now been launched."

Additional Koorie communities, stories and knowledge will be added to the online map as more information becomes available from communities.

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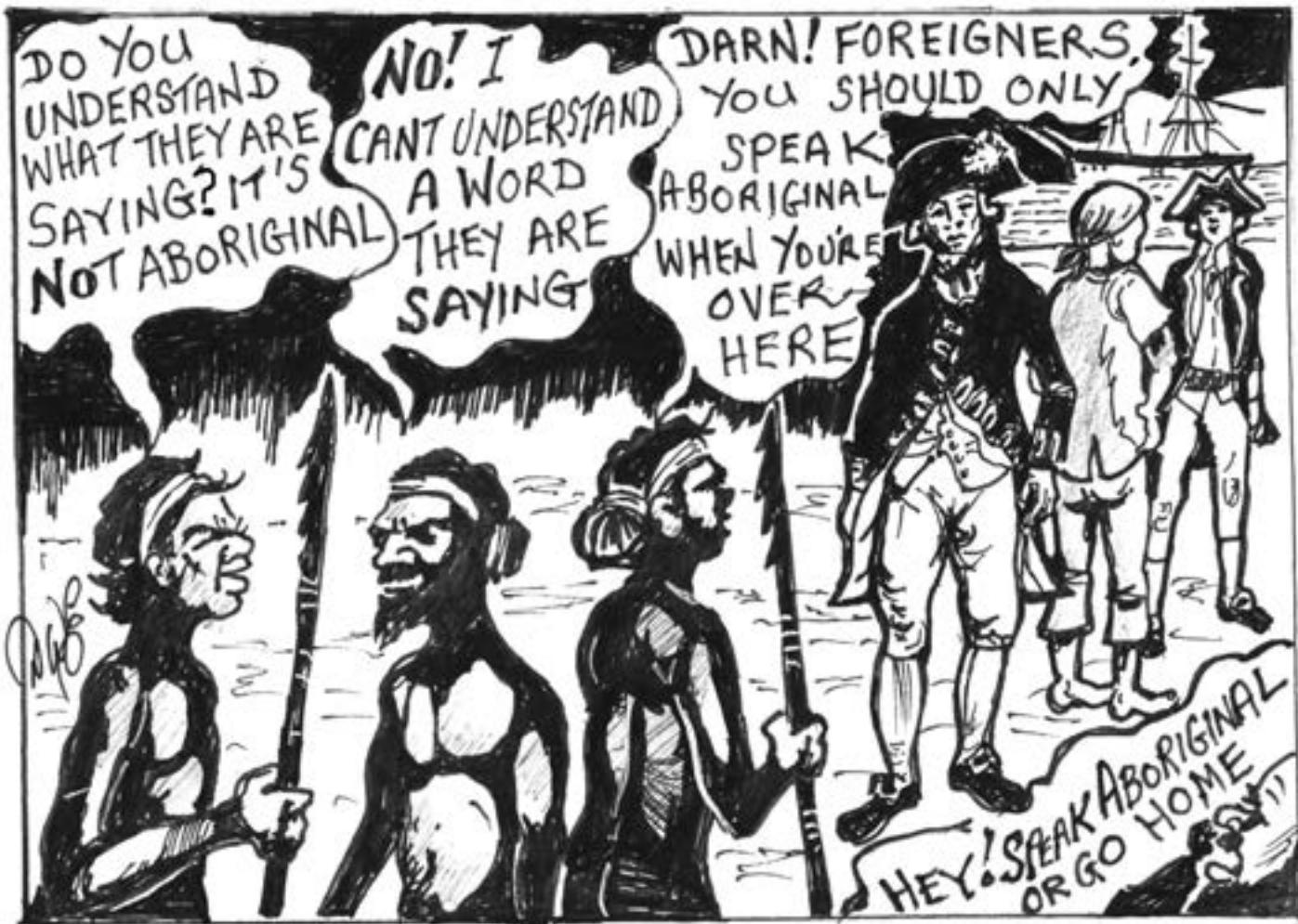
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Favourite other food?
Eggs.

Favourite drink?
Flat white coffee.

Favourite music?
Motown.

Favourite sport?
Rugby league.

What are you reading?
The Big O by Patrick Skene.

Favourite holiday destination?
Hawaii.

What do you like on TV?
Stan series, *I'm dying up here*.

What do you like in life?
I am inspired by people who take opportunities and make the most of them.

What don't you like in life?
People who wrong others.

Which Black or Indigenous person would you most like to meet?
Whoever would be happy to meet me...

Which people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My family, someone to make me laugh, someone to sing, someone to maintain the fire because I'm hopeless at it.

What would you do to better the situation for Aboriginal People
Provide opportunities for blackfullas to be what they want to be and take away obstacles from them achieving it.

Quote



"What we would like is for people to start working with us Indigenous people, and listen to us about how spiritual and important our country is to us."

Wamba Wamba Elder Uncle Ron Murray is sharing his stories through the Koorie Culture Map project.

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Unquote

Welfare cards condemned

THE Federal Government appears intent on pushing forward with its plan to introduce the Cashless Welfare Card across the Northern Territory, impacting an estimated 23,000 people, the majority of whom will be Aboriginal.

That's despite a \$2.5 million report coordinated by the University of Adelaide which found the card had no substantive impact on drug and alcohol abuse, crime and gambling on its trial sites.

What is concerning is that the minister responsible, Family and Social Services minister Anne Ruston, has not even bothered to read the Adelaide report, as revealed under questioning during a Senate estimates committee meeting.

Which begs the question. Why waste money on an independent report only to ignore it if it makes findings which go against the Government's wishes?

How about actually reading the report before racing to introduce legislation during NAIDOC week? Surely the findings of the report could help craft legislation that is not seen as onerous by those to be impacted by it.

The proposal to roll out the card has been widely condemned, with the Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APO NT) calling on all members of Parliament to reject it. APO NT spokesperson John Paterson said



that support for the bill would directly contradict the recent National Agreement on Closing the Gap that was supported by all levels of government, including the Commonwealth.

Mr Paterson described the bill as a new intervention in that it will "perpetuate the torment of our powerlessness."

"It denies our basic freedom to control our lives. It locks the many of us who live below the poverty line out of the cash economy and undermines our small businesses that rely on cash payments."

Surely it's time for the Federal Government to actually start listening to the people it purportedly serves.

Meanwhile, across the nation, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have marked NAIDOC week with perhaps the least fanfare since it was first introduced because of COVID restrictions.

But while the pandemic may have stifled the usual celebrations, the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people live on, proud and strong.

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Cursed! is a blessing for Chenoa Deemal

By NICK PATON



WHEN Chenoa Deemal found out she had been cast in Sydney's Belvoir Street Theatre Company's newest play, she wondered if she might just be *Cursed!*

Chenoa is a Thithaarr Warra (Guugu Yimithirr) and Kaanju (Hopevale and Coen Murri) woman who grew up in far north Queensland near the mining town of Cape Flattery.

Although a relatively new face to the theatre world, Chenoa has racked up some noteworthy performances. She appeared in *Black Cockatoo* at the Sydney Festival in 2020. In 2017, Chenoa toured with the acclaimed Grin and Tonic Theatre Troupe and the Queensland Theatre Company (QTC) co-production of *The 7 Stages of Grieving*, a one-woman show written by Wesley Enoch and Deborah Mailman. This followed an earlier role with QTC in Enoch's 2013 adaptation of Bertold Brecht's signature play, *Mother Courage*.

And now, after many months off stage, dealing with the coronavirus lockdowns, Chenoa is back in Sydney, appearing as the character Bernadette in *Cursed!*, the debut play from Jaru woman and 2018 Balnaves Fellow Kodie Bedford.

"The last show I did finished up in February, and so by not working during that lockdown period really reminded me of the fitness it takes to be an actor," Chenoa said.

"So getting back into rehearsals after pretty much spending six months on the couch watching Netflix was a bit of a challenge.

"But getting back into that rehearsal room after so long and being around other actors and creatives just feels so good."

Chenoa said when she first received the script for *Cursed!* she thought to herself, "Wow, this play looks hilarious," and couldn't wait to get onto the stage to play her part.

She said that being able to perform on stage at the Belvoir Street Theatre in Sydney is like a bucket list thing for actors to do.

"So when the opportunity came up to play Bernadette, I was like, 'Yeah!', and jumped at the chance," Chenoa said.

"What jumped out at me about the character Bernadette is that when you go to see theatre shows the main character is rarely a Black woman.

"The play really focuses on the fact that this country has a mixture of cultures, and people who have relatives from all different backgrounds, and that's what really drew me to the play and to take on the



Chenoa Deemal plays Bernadette in *Cursed!* a new play by Jaru woman Kodie Bedford.
Picture: Luke Currie-Richardson

character of Bernadette."

Cursed! covers themes of death, family and mental illness through inappropriately clever anecdotes and black comedy.

It follows the story of an estranged family who are called to gather in Geraldton, Western Australia, to be with their grandmother, who is in the final days of her life.

Three siblings from a blended family face some family secrets and revelations while coming to

understand the legacy of mental illness, all through a lens of rich dark humour laced with real pain and a serious subject.

Loosely based on playwright Kodie Bedford's 'mad as cut snakes' family from Geraldton, and their 'curse' of trying to escape from family and the home state, *Cursed!* is a story for everyone with a 'crazy' family trying to do their best.

Kodie said that most people inherit money from their families.

"I inherited crazy," Kodie said. "I thought it was a curse. But now I can make money by writing about it."

Cursed! is directed by Jason Klarwein, co-creator and director of 2018's *My Name is Jimi* and features a stand-out cast of some of the country's finest talent including AFI-Award Winner Sacha Horler (ABC's *The Letdown*), Valerie Bader (Channel 7's *All Saints*), Shirong Wu (Channel 10's *Neighbours*),

Alex Stylianou (Belvoir 25A's *The Greater Sunrise*) and Bjorn Stewart (ABC's *Black Comedy*).

Chenoa said she is honoured to work with such a stellar cast.

"Working on this play has been a massive learning curve for me, and I'm so lucky to be working with some exceptionally talented people," she said.

"When Sasha Horler, who plays the character Dawn, rocked up to day one of rehearsals, she came in with guns blazing, and I was like, 'OK, she's set the standard now, so I've got to match that,' and, considering the calibre of actors, the bar is high.

"The cast are incredible and give so much of themselves, so you learn to give back as much as you've taken."

Production of the play was only made possible through the support of the Balnaves Foundation, who, since 2012, have supported an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Fellowship, previously called the Belvoir Indigenous Playwright's Award, in the creation of a new play by an Indigenous writer.

Recipients have included Nakkiah Lui, Jada Alberts, Leah Purcell, Katie Beckett, Ursula Yovich, Megan Wilding and Nathan Maynard.

After six long months without performances, *Cursed!* is the second show to be presented at Belvoir following its reopening in September, with strict COVID-safe protocols to ensure patron and artist safety.

Belvoir's artistic director Eamon Flack said *Cursed!* is the perfect play for right now.

"It's a joyous mad comedy about struggle, loss, identity and trying to get the hell out of your home state," Eamon said.

"It's not about COVID, but it's just what we need, a portrait of a bunch of wayward souls doing their hilarious best."

Chenoa said there are themes and characters in the play the audience will be able to relate to, or at least know of someone a character or scene reminds them of.

"As much as the play is absolutely hilarious, there are parts of it that I can only describe as heart-wrenching," Chenoa said.

"There are some really deep moments in the play because it addresses themes of mental illness, and the hereditary nature of mental health.

"But the amazing thing Kodie does with her writing on these serious themes, is her use of humour to tackle the taboo nature of these issues, just like mob have been doing for thousands of years."

Cursed! is currently playing in the Upstairs Theatre at the Belvoir St Theatre with an extended run until November 29. For tickets visit belvoir.com.au/productions/cursed/

Young men share a country connection

By NICK PATON



ABORIGINAL men are rarely encouraged to share their emotions and feelings, which can often have

devastating consequences for their mental health.

That's why descendants of the Nykina clan from Derby in Western Australia took part in a special cultural leadership camp, aimed at young men who are at risk of alcohol and/or substance abuse.

Held for the first time in September, the Nykina cultural leadership camp came about thanks to the Garnduwa Amboorny Wirnan Aboriginal Corporation, a not-for-profit organisation that promotes and supports sport and recreation in the Kimberley region.

The leadership camp gave 10 participants the opportunity to connect with their culture and family ties on country for a massive 60km hike that lasted for four days.

Nyul-Nyul woman and Garnduwa Derby Active Communities coordinator Aunty Fiona Smith is passionate about empowering young Aboriginal people.

Aunty Fi told the *Koori Mail* that she came up with the idea for the men's leadership camp and hike after participating in a women's leadership camp a few years back.

"That camp involved being on my country and sharing stories with my Elders, and to participate, people also had to be from a clan of that country," Aunty Fi said.

"It was all to do with the importance of knowing your cultural bloodlines, and the other Nykina women who did the camp with me at the time were able to learn about their songlines in the area.

"This type of cultural leadership camp didn't exist for our men, and because our men need to understand their cultural obligation to protect and care for their Country, it made sense for something to be available to them."

Starting at Langi Langi Crossing in WA, the hike took the men on an adventure stretching all the way to Jinaree camp on Nyul Nyul country between Derby and Broome, following the tracks of their ancestors' trading routes, with stops at traditional water points along the way.

Participants were required to undergo a five to eight week physical endurance course facilitated by Garnduwa in preparation for the hike, while tracking their experiences in a journal.

Nykina man and former Garnduwa employee Lachie Walley led the endurance training and planning, helping to coordinate the walks and hikes with increasing intensity as the



The Nykina cultural leadership camp is aimed at young Nykina men who are at risk of alcohol and/or substance abuse.



Nykina man employee Lachie Wally.

weeks progressed.

Once or twice a week Lachie would take participants walking across the marsh to Derby Jetty, and then from Bungarun to Devil's Elbow, sometimes in blistering 36-degree heat.

He described the camp as "like none he had ever done before".

"We would sit down each night after dinner and yarn about what our thoughts were during the hike that day, what we thought our challenges were, and our achievements too," Lachie said.

"It was so good to be active during the day, which beats just sitting around doing nothing, because we were out there being active, and exercising, and taking

part in things we normally wouldn't have access to.

"And the whole time we had so many amazing and supportive Elders and mentors who guided us along the way and made sure we didn't fall down."

The men even faced a few obstacles on the way, including a fire that prevented them from completing an extra 30km of the track.

Santana Rose from the Kimberley Mental Health and Drug Service (KMHDS) provided ongoing support for participants, helping them identify emotional triggers and concerns through journaling.

Ms Rose structured an alcohol and drugs awareness course that

required participants to analyse and understand addiction, encouraging them to challenge their understanding and stigma around mental health.

Garnduwa board director Sonny Ozies supported the men to find the strength and resilience within themselves to complete the hike, helping them learn how to navigate in the bush, how to work together as a team, and how to be a better mentor and role model in the community.

Registered nurse Anthony Edgar was on hand as medic on the hike and in the lead-up to the camp, checking in on the mental wellbeing of all participants, keeping a close eye on their physical health and ensuring



Nyul-Nyul woman and Garnduwa Derby Active Communities coordinator Aunty Fiona Smith.

everyone was safe at all times.

When the group arrived at Jinaree camp, the exhausted young men were given damper with barramundi, and a history lesson about the land on which they met and their cultural connection to that country.

Each night the group would have a Knunga (yarning) Circle, to debrief about the men's feelings that arose during the day, providing them with a unique opportunity to yarn in a safe space. Aunty Fi said the Knunga Circle was central to the overall healing process for the participants, and a chance to connect with senior Elders and custodians of Nykina country.

She said she designed parts of the leadership camp with physical endurance training to work holistically towards positive self-esteem outcomes for the participants.

"Throughout the training period, the young men were able to access emotional support, strengthen their cultural ties, and improve their quality of life," Aunty Fi said.

"And as a result, many participants lost weight, dramatically increased their fitness, and committed to a healthier lifestyle in general.

"The boys are so thankful to Patrick, Herbie and Narelle for their hospitality, and allowing them to stay at Jinaree camp and for the special guidance they received from Anthony Watson, Rona Charles, Dora Charles, Margaret Buck and Sylvia Buck, who shared with us connection to country, knowledge of significant sites, and a warm embrace through kindling fire under a full moon."



I am inspired by my strong connection to family, community, culture and history. As a proud Indigenous woman I am able to share my culture and that gives me a sense of confidence. – Lache Knight



What inspires me the most about NAIDOC week is feeling connected to my culture and community. It makes me proud and gives me resilience. – D'Andre Middleton



I am inspired by the strong history, culture and relationships I have with my family. I'm very proud of my Aboriginal history and to be able to share my culture with the rest of the world. – Tishari Morgan

NAIDOC 2020: Always Was, Always Will Be

The theme for NAIDOC Week this year is Always Was, Always Will Be, which recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country. We want all Australians to celebrate that we are the oldest continuing cultures on the planet and to recognise that our sovereignty was never ceded.

Tishari Morgan
D'Andre Middleton
Lache Knight,
Inverell High School, NSW

Indigenous Party wants to do things differently

The Indigenous Party of Australia is pleased to announce that it has over 500 signatures and is now putting together a constitution.

It only took about six weeks to get the signatures. Most of our members are from regional NSW but we do have some from Victoria. There is a lot of excitement in the bush in regard to what we can achieve as the Indigenous Party of Australia.

Members of the party are holding meet and greet sessions for interested Indigenous communities in Victoria and NSW. To get Uncle Owen and his crew to come to you for a good yak around the campfire and burn a few sausages, simply email Charlotte and Gab at indigenouspartyofaustralia@gmail.com.

We want the Indigenous Party of Australia to be more than just a group of people who only think about politics and how to influence those big fellas in Canberra. We want it to be the kind of party that actually helps ordinary Indigenous people on the ground. For example, if a young Indigenous bloke needs someone to write a letter for him or to visit his local member, or to ring the local school principal about how the schools



The Indigenous Party of Australia is holding meet-and-greet sessions in Victoria and NSW.

can better cope with Indigenous kids, then you call on us to do that job.

Charlotte and Gab are the Office of the Secretary and they are available three days a week. They get a lot done and they can provide fantastic support to any

Indigenous group or any Indigenous person who is struggling with the madness with the non-Indigenous world.

In addition, we have two lovely young Indigenous women who are helping out behind the scenes. Laylah Al Saimary is our Victorian

youth coordinator. She has not had a chance to do much because of COVID, but we hope she will be active in 2021 listening to the voices of young Indigenous people in Victoria. We would really love more members from Victoria and also from Western Australia. We know they tried in Western Australia to put together an Indigenous Party about five years ago, and we know it didn't work out. However, we would love to pick their brains and work together to start again. Acacia Johnson, from Newcastle, is providing support with research.

Another big concern that we have is to make schools in the regions, where many Indigenous kids live, places that are far more Indigenous friendly. Every local Indigenous community should have a small registered school which it controls. The big, hard departments of education would keep their grubby fingers off these schools and allow them to do the good work of connecting Indigenous kids to Indigenous cultures. Some of the changes can be simple too! For example having most of the classes outside in the open and only the occasional class indoors. We know they are trying to get Indigenous control of education in

the Northern Territory, and we really support this move. We would love someone from the Northern Territory to contact us to let us know the progress they are making.

And homework centres... What in the hell has happened to homework centres? Some kids are fine to stay at their local school but they need the support of a homework centre that provides a quiet, happy place to complete their homework. The government has abandoned homework centres. We have many issues to concern ourselves with and we know we will make slow progress. But you have to start somewhere.

We suggest people look at our web address, which is: www.indigenouspartyofaustralia.com to find out more, and people can also follow us on Facebook at First Indigenous Party of Australia.

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Finding justice in the system

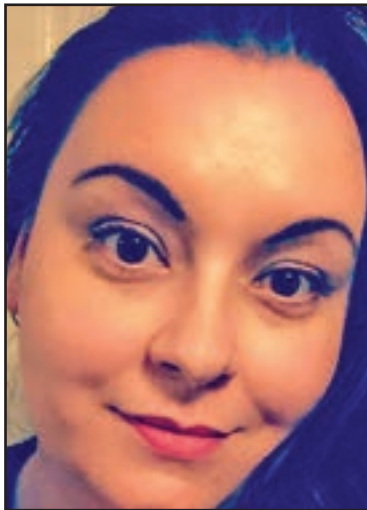
WHEN I think about the term justice, I cannot help but think about how powerfully devastating it is to be marching with your people in protest against yet another injustice faced by our people and hear “there is no justice, there is just us” and know that statement is so disturbingly true.

Most people have a sense of what justice is and what it means to them. The justice system, however, does not bring about justice as a matter of course because the process and means are flawed and inherently unjust.

Such a statement would likely be viewed by many as a sweeping statement to many in this country, but to those who don’t fall into the privileged middle class and above in Australia, they know the truth of this statement because this truth is experiential.

Another truth that we are aware of is that the police who are investigating deaths in custody are not only conflicted as they investigate their own cohort, they often lack the skills required to assess, collect and interpret evidence to draw factual conclusions that support the pursuit of justice. Such failures culminate in unclear evidence that makes the task of the coroner overwhelmingly difficult.

A study in the UK in 2016 is supportive of the fact that police do not inherently possess the requisite analytical skills for a significant portion of their duties. Further, findings from the analysis suggest



Natalie Cromb

that while crime analysis is acknowledged as being central to the business of everyday policing, police officers also not only lack the analytical skills within their own role, they also lack understanding of how analysts work, which means that even where police officers lack the skills they are also failing to use the resources of people that do possess the analytical skills.

While this is a UK study, the same can be said for the Australian police force who are tasked with investigating themselves in matters of not only deaths in custody that they may have been causative of or a contributor to, but also matters such as racial profiling, corruption and other offences of police officers.

A recent suggestion by Qld barrister Josh Creamer was that investigating police should be left to the professions that are skilful at analysis such as lawyers, and evidence gathering and compilation to those skilful at objective interpretation such as scientists. His argument makes sense because the current policies and process that govern police conduct are arguably manifestly inadequate and require reform.

In New South Wales, the NSW Police Force Standards of Professional Conduct states that “Any NSW Police Force employee who is found to have acted contrary to the Code of Conduct and Ethics will be subject to management action proportionate with their actions and the circumstances surrounding those actions.” Again, this is something that is determined internally by the peers of the police officer in question, rather than by the community being ‘served’ and the peers of the person targeted by the subject police officer.

Additionally, the Standards of Professional Conduct states, “Depending on the circumstances, management action may mean informal discussion, or even a decision to take no action. However, serious misconduct can lead to transfer, loss of income or removal from the NSW Police Force.”

We know, through experience, that this often means that justice for the victim does not happen without us actively fighting for it because the police handling employee

behaviour and our community seeking justice for wrong done to a member of our community are two very different things.

By all means, pursue the necessary employment law avenues to address the employment of the officer. However, the behaviour of officers on many occasions that we can all recall off the top of our heads goes beyond employee discipline and is well within the clearly defined parameters of the criminal laws.

So when police officers are assaulting members of the public in the course of their duties, when they are directly involved in the events that lead up to the death of a person that they have held in custody and where they have acted in a manner that prejudices justice or the investigation process – this cannot be addressed as an internal matter of employment. This requires investigation for criminal culpability and such investigation cannot, in good conscience, due process or in discharging obligations of natural justice be performed by fellow officers.

Independence and objectivity are paramount in ensuring that the accurate fact set is provided to the judiciary, a fact set supported by evidence. Only when coroners are provided the unhindered access to properly collected evidence and rigorously investigated facts are they able to properly preside over an inquest.

Our people call for justice, rightly so, but we are doing it from within a system so erroneous that

justice is left wanting. We must continue our calls for justice, continue to fight for our people and use every legal avenue we can for this purpose – but we must also collectively call for the reform needed to ensure that justice has a chance.

There is power in our people and the calls for justice – we have seen it at play. Only when there were cries of justice did we force the system to address its own racism and corruption by adopting policies and procedures that condemn the racist practices that gave rise to the atrocious statistics of not only incarceration but interaction with the criminal justice system and our people know how dangerous this system is. It was the work of justice fighters that led to the acknowledgement of a problem so commonplace that it has a term – racial profiling. It was justice fighters, many of whom are the families of members of our communities who have died in custody, who have forced the arrest of police officers who have played a role in the death of members of our community and a significant case is underway currently thanks to the staunch fight for justice from the Yuendumu community.

We must join these calls for justice, but we must also join the fight of our Aboriginal lawyers fighting for reform because – without reform – justice doesn’t have an equal chance.

● Gamilaraay woman Natalie Cromb is a writer and advocate.

A climate for change

YALIWUNGAA-GI gi yaliwungaa-nga dhabi, (Always was always will be.) That’s this year’s NAIDOC theme in my own Gomeri language. By now readers will be aware of the decision by the Federal Government not to fly Australia’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags inside the Senate.

The motion, raised to coincide with NAIDOC Week by Labor’s Pat Dodson and Malarndirri McCarthy, along with the Greens’ Lidia Thorpe, was voted down 29-28, with the government and some crossbenchers saying the only “appropriate” flag to be hung in the Senate is the national flag.

“There are many places and circumstances to appropriately display the flags of our nation, including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags,” Families and Social Services Minister Anne Ruston said.

The debate against flying the flags was led by Ms Ruston, which does not go well in regards to sensitivity, understanding and compassion towards better services for our Indigenous families and communities.

The vote was 29-28. We can’t lose sight of that. This also demonstrates an overwhelming momentum towards change and a



Woolombi Waters

brighter future. It was not that long ago there would not even have been a mention, let alone a vote, and one so close, so let’s not lose sight of the bigger fight here.

The negativity and focus on that one vote that stopped the motion does not give credibility to the changing face and recognition that is slowly occurring in this country. Yes, it is painfully slow, but it is happening. Never before have we had so many Indigenous people in Federal Parliament and this is our future, not the one vote that keeps us bound to the past for one more year.

It amazes me that in such a climate that our representatives are constantly attacked on social media, like those who slammed Lidia Thorpe for making an oath before taking office, which is a federal requirement. This does not mean she denounces her Aboriginality. Have people never heard of a means to an end and long-term strategy in creating change?

How many more birthing trees need to be cut down, how many more sacred sites destroyed before people realise without our participation and inclusion in the most racist of institutions there will be no change? Tupac Shakur’s aunt, Assata Shakur, once said, and it’s true, “Nobody in the world, nobody in history, has ever gotten their freedom by appealing to the moral sense of the people who were oppressing them.”

Make no mistake. Linda Burney, Ken Wyatt, and Lidia Thorpe would also represent families, communities and identify outside of their roles in public life. In fact, having met all three (can’t say I know them) but having met them and spoken candidly to each and every one of them, and many others in the public eye, they are doing everything they can under extremely difficult

circumstances to create change.

My skin father, Nguru buruwi-y gaba binaal-ga (May he rest in peace), Tauto Sansbury, used to say to me, “Son, if you are not sitting at the table you are on the menu.”

The battle is to now have these decisions made in serving our people, and in prioritising our own language and having our cultural life journey recognised. We have improved entry level across all form of government agencies, educational and health organisations, but we do not have anywhere near the same level of executive and senior management staff at policy and decision-making levels that can effect real change.

As a nation, Australia has to acknowledge, much like New Zealand does with Māori, that there are parallel forms of learning, both Black and White, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, and that when we have individuals who prioritise their own Indigenous pedagogy over and above the corporation, and/or other Western forms of practice, they are not penalised and can continue to advance. So that Aboriginal knowledges and life learning become more than just catchcries for feel-good humanities courses and

conferences and traineeships within government organisations and learning institutions.

Truth is that the knowledge we share as the oldest living culture in the world is invaluable. This is why in my journey I have gravitated towards the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, as, out of a real need to survive, our traditional knowledges are finally being requested and acknowledged in trying to save our water systems. It is within this space we have been successful in negotiating funding towards Aboriginal water rights and licences, the Aboriginal Rangers Programs and other initiatives that should generate a benefit to a number of communities across the Murray-Darling Basin in the near future.

I was always told that any education gained was in serving my people and becoming a voice to those most vulnerable. Only recently we organised a number of water meetings, eight in the last two weeks with more to come, which are taking place on country, not Sydney or Canberra. That has not been easy, but we do not give up. We can’t afford to. We have been neglected for far too long.

I could not think of a better

way to celebrate NAIDOC week than to represent our people and have our say in regards to our water, which is our survival. We need to come together and show unity. We need to put a stop to the individuals who wreak havoc in our communities, spreading hate and gossip.

We won’t win this war sitting on the sidelines and throwing insults. You have to get in the ring do the hard yards. We need to support our politicians, our artists, our historians and academics as well as those protesters and those who march, but also the teachers, the lawyers, the aunties and uncles, our songmen and our cultural woman, the parents and children.

We need to stop running down each other. It’s time to focus on what we have to do as individuals to benefit our communities. Time to ask ourselves what legacy have we left for those who are coming after us. And spreading lateral violence in our communities, and hate through social media, does not help.

Nginu ngiyani madhanbaa dhurra-li walanbaa. (Our mob’s support makes us stronger.)

● Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail correspondent.



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Talisa Smith and Ken Francis, Indigenous students at Western Sydney University. Picture: Sally Tsoutas

Western Sydney University students excel in traineeships

KEN Francis and Talisa Smith are two Indigenous students who are benefiting from traineeships that are part of the university's 20-year partnership with NSW Health. The university partners with leading organisations — including NSW Health and local councils — to provide hands-on experiences and traineeships connected to its courses.

Both students are studying the Bachelor of Natural Science (Environment and Health) part-time — meaning they study online and in on-campus workshops — they receive full-time employment, mentoring, and on-the-job training as Aboriginal trainee environmental health officers at local councils and NSW Health.

Ken Francis found out about his course and traineeship on SEEK where the position was advertised.

In February 2020, Ken started work with NSW Health and Wollondilly Shire Council.

"It's been a big challenge working full-time across two

organisations and keeping up with my studies — but it has been a hugely rewarding experience," Ken said.

In his role as a trainee environmental health officer, Ken has been assisting with site visits during the coronavirus pandemic.

"It's a very different situation. Going out to make site visits has made me more aware of the challenges we're facing as a community."

"From gyms to shopping centres and restaurants, we're there to inspect the safety plans of organisations, to provide advice, and to make sure legislation is followed."

Ken said people working to combat coronavirus are all facing something new. And despite being a trainee, his contributions are valued and like his colleagues, he is doing his absolute best.

"I'm finding the majority of people want to do the right

thing to protect their customers and their families and friends.

"My role is really all about helping people to understand and stay up to date with the legislation."

"My major piece of advice is to believe in yourself — you are smart enough. I was worried about not being able to finish a university degree but now I'm here and I'm confident — I'm doing it."

— Wiradjuri woman and trainee environmental health officer, Talisa Smith

After an extensive career in animal welfare, including working for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Ken made the decision to return to study.

"I've always cared for animals and people.

"Retraining to take care of people and the environment more broadly seemed like the next challenge to take up. No one is ever too old to try something new."

Ken has connected with

fellow students online and has struck up a friendship with fellow student and trainee, Talisa Smith.

Talisa, who is a trainee environmental health officer with Bathurst Regional

Council, said her studies complement her traineeship because she's armed with the knowledge to do her day job well.

"I'm passionate about the land. As a proud Wiradjuri woman, I know

that living and working on the land is really important," Talisa said.

"For me keeping the waterways clean and the airways free of pollution while making sure everyone living on country is comfortable is crucial."

The 27-year-old was working in a health service when she applied for a traineeship with her local council so she could study at Western Sydney University.

Talisa finds studying, and the preventive action she takes working as a trainee environmental health officer rewarding.

"My major piece of advice is to believe in yourself — you are smart enough. I was worried about not being able to finish a university degree but now I'm here and I'm confident — I'm doing it."

Western Sydney University's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student community is made up of over 700 talented and diverse students who study a range of courses.

They are supported through the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education, which provides 24/7 access to computing, printing and kitchen facilities, and support with tutoring, scholarship applications, administration and timetabling.

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A stain on the soul of our nation

AS we celebrate NAIDOC Week, the world is on tilt. As I write this, US President Donald Trump is bunkered down in the White House, in a world of denial, lost in his own lies and refusing to concede he has lost the election.

America is a divided country, split almost down the middle. It is lacerated by class, race and culture.

Despite President-elect Joe Biden's call for calm and his pledge to unify the nation, the truth is there are blue states and red states and the people stopped believing politicians a long time ago.

In the so-called 'land of the free' and the 'beacon of democracy', democracy itself is under threat.

The US is devastated by COVID-19, its economy shattered, and it is haunted by the darkness of its history.

America is in many ways a microcosm of our world. Freedom House – which measures the health of democracy globally – now counts 13 straight years of declining freedom worldwide.

This is the era of the autocrat – the strongman. They have an iron grip on power from China to Russia, India, Turkey, Brazil, Hungary, Iran, Saudi... on and on.

Politics is tribalised and polarised, it is an 'us-versus-them' law of the jungle.

As democracy is in retreat so authoritarianism is on the rise. China is cracking down ever harder on dissent at home while spreading its influence abroad.

It is on track to supplant the US as the biggest economy in the world by the end of this decade. While it has embraced elements of market capitalism it vehemently rejects liberalism and freedom.

So what does this have to do with us and with NAIDOC Week? Everything.

The plight of First Nations people here is tied to the plight of our world. Australia's democracy is stronger now than in other places. We are wealthy, well-governed, with a strong health system and social safety net. And we have survived the worst of COVID-19.

Yet in this 'lucky country', the First Peoples remain the most impoverished and imprisoned. This is the stain on the soul of the nation. Australian democracy did not include Aboriginal people, our Constitution was written to not count us in the population.

At the time, Australia believed Aboriginal people would die out. First Nations have endured segregation, exploitation, poverty and violence.

Yet the struggle for justice has never waned. From the time Captain Cook sighted land at Botany Bay, Indigenous people have resisted.

From the 1938 Day of Mourning,



Stan Grant

to the Wave Hill walk-off for land rights, to the 1967 Referendum to include Aboriginal people in the nation, the Freedom Rides, the Tent Embassy, the historic Mabo ruling by the High Court of Australia – Indigenous people have never relented.

In 2017, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people came together for the Uluru Statement from the Heart, a document calling for "voice, treaty, truth". It was an invitation for Australians to walk with the First Nations people for a better future.

As people who had been locked out and left behind, for whom the Constitution was written to exclude, they were telling Australia that they still believed in the country, that they still believed in democracy.

Yet Australia did not believe in itself. The Uluru Statement was rejected and another moment lost.

As the world faces a volatile future – poorer, more disrupted and dangerous – with the increasing prospect of major conflict between the great powers, Australia celebrates NAIDOC Week uncertain of its own future.

We are a nation restless and illegitimate. How can we be otherwise when we fail to extend the promise of this country to its First Nations people?

There is a truth here that we cannot run from – indeed we must embrace. It is a truth that would set all of us free, which would give us all a fair stake in this country and allow ourselves to say we are one.

The truth is this is, was and always will be Aboriginal land.

• Professor Stan Grant Jnr is Charles Sturt University's Vice-Chancellor's chair of Australian-Indigenous Belonging.

Gwenda Stanley is a Gomeroi warrior

By DANNY TEECE-JOHNSON



GWENDA Stanley is like a big sister to a lot of us Gomeroi mob and she never gets the accolades or credit she deserves, but rest assured she is a strong heartbeat for the Gomeroi nation and there are literally thousands of Gomeroi young people she has helped mentor, teach and educate and we are forever in her debt. She gives us strength because she does what she does best: She leads from the front.

Tell us about your mob, your nation and where you come from. What does this all mean to you?

My people are Gubadhin Dhillbi Gomeroi, of the Rising Sun, black soil plains, big river country, the second largest nation of Australia. Since time immoral, we've lived according to customary traditional laws of Baiame, our creator, with the land and its environment.

By the 1820s, the invasion of emancipist and free settlers enforced pastoralist law, bringing with them guns, diseases and poison concoctions. Poison flour, shot on sight – retaliatory reprisals by station hands and their masters for loss of sheep and cattle.

Our homelands became the open killing fields for Imperial Mounted Police regiments, dressed in Napoleonic uniforms, with heavy cavalry swords and Martini rifles. From 1838 there were several years of punitive expeditions across the plains leaving blood stained trails on the black soils, skins hanging in trees, left to embed fear, rivers and creeks running red. There was a stench of burnt carcasses laid 14 yards in length, the eagle preying from above, whilst the dingo scavenged remains.

More and more settlers started moving further into the Maranoa, Darling Downs district for fertile pastures, the gold rush and other mineral explorations.

The first native police of the region were based at Callandoon station near Goondiwindi in 1848, their duty was servicing the North West and Darling Downs regions, dealing with the 'troublesome ones'. Defunct in 1861, the native police would be replaced by newly appointed NSW Police Force in 1862. The extent of countless massacres, silent atrocities, will never be known.

My people were forced from country and survivors put on station runs, herded onto the missionary reserves and fringes, dwelling on the outskirts of towns.

I grew up in Stanley Village, aka Top Camp, Moree. This reserved parcel of land, named in



Gwenda Stanley holds up an image in support of Kevin Henry at the 2017 Invasion Day rally in Brisbane. Picture: Rudi Maxwell

honour of my great grandfather Alexander Stanley, was established in the mid 1960s, and consisted of 27 weatherboard homes, to rehouse those like my parents and grandparents who were living on the riverbanks of the Mehi, in old shanties. Moree is my camp. This is where my parents' grandparents before me lived, now home to our children and grandchildren. My eldest great-aunt, born at Terry Hie Hie, is aged 91 and still lives on Mehi Crescent Mission.

Generation after the next we are still here. Gomeroi country is our home, our birthright. It is in our DNA. We owe it not only to the ancestors, but more importantly we owe it to ourselves and the future generations to remember who we are.

You come from an incredibly staunch and talented family. Can you please tell us about them and what influence they have had on you? Like a lot of mob our childhoods don't always work out like the movies. How was your childhood?

I come from a long line of resistance warriors.

Like many big clans in our communities the talents of our mob ranges from boxers, athletes, musicians, dancers, artists, stockmen and women, hunters, gatherers, carvers, barbers, mechanics, academics and, of course, activists.

The biggest influence on me would be my community and parents. The struggle and reality of living black embedded values from a young age: independence, work for myself, rely on no one and travel; always reminded of our fight for land rights; don't stand or sing the national anthem and raise our flag high; know our rights and educate myself.

My own families and many others have shaped me to be the woman I am today, resilient and proud of who we are and where we come from. Yes, we may argue amongst our own, but gee we solid when we come together.

I was born in the Big Smoke, Sydney, in an era when Black politics was at the forefront, the days of police brutality of Regent Street division (Redfern). For the first few years we lived in Balmain and the Settlement at Redfern, then my dad left his job at Concut in Concord before moving home to the Big M.

With my parents we moved to the banks of the Gwydir river.

My dad made our home from tin and canvas tent. Other family members lived nearby in caravans on the Gwydir opposite Yarraman.

We stayed for about a year, until Peel Cunningham County Council demanded that we all be removed.

We then moved to paddock at the back of Top Camp near old Uncle Geoff Dillon's property. Again, another tin shack was built

then again PCCC removed us.

We then moved onto Top Camp and lived with my grandmother, Ma Toots.

Due to overcrowding we stayed with Aunt until we finally moved into Warilla street after Aunt Heather Boney and Uncle George Brown moved back to Walgett.

Like many, we were poor in materials. We did not have much, but what we did have we shared. Moree was very divided due to racism, segregation and pastoral law, which still exists. Not much work was available to our people due the class classifications.

My dad was lucky to be one of those few who were employed to build Balo Square.

Cotton chipping was an annual seasonal income so most of my summers were spent travelling with my parents, camping out in bush to travel to cotton farms in Wee Waa and Moree. I recall one year where everyone walked off the fields due to spraying.

Another occasion the cocky wanted the chippers to use hands, no hoes.

I sat with my grandmother and we designed her first home, under the Aboriginal Community Development Program, which was finished in 1990. Passing away in 88, she never got to see her five-bedroom home.

By 1991, the disarray of Moree Local Aboriginal Land Council was governed by administrators and pastoral owner real estate

agents that started to evict my people from their homes. Both Mehi Crescent and Top Camp lost all independence. Moree LALC decided to establish Nindethana, which is now closed and all assets sold off.

In 1991, I moved to Mount Druitt, worked as a CDEP participant at Gamilaroi Arts and Dance.

Today, 28 years later, I am self-employed, without government assistance or funding from any organisations. I run my own business in the education, tourism, retail industry. All my advocacy work for my people is free of charge. I do not get paid for that.

What you see in Moree and every other community in north-west NSW today is the result of greed and oppression, done for and on behalf of Gubbament, by those sitting in power positions, to annihilate the once staunch Gomeroi.

Can you tell us about the matriarchs in your family and what they have passed onto you?

The eldest daughter of Lyla Wightman and James Priestley (Taroom), my grandmother Mavis was born at Eurabah Boomi. Forced under legislation to move to Toomelah, as a young woman she moved to Moree where she met and married my grandfather William Stanley.

My mother was born on the



"Generation after the next we are still here. We owe it not only to the ancestors, but more importantly we owe it to ourselves and the future generations to remember who we are."

Mehi river on an army duct during the 1955 flood.

Family matriarchs: my mother, great-grandmother Rachel Munro Bowden and her daughters, my grandmothers Ma Toots and Jeannie Moe, sisters and cousins of both my parents and many well-respected matriarchs of Top Camp, Mehi and town.

In recent years, I've had the opportunity to learn and stand frontline with one of Wiradjuri staunchest women, my teacher and advisor Aunty Jenny Munro, who I love and respect always. It's been a journey through all the tears of joy, laughter and sorrow. We survived the storm of the decade, rain, hail or shine; we kept that fire burning.

I grew up with many cousins, travelling between Moree and Sydney. It was a time where we slept on the lawn, windows, doors open, and we were taught respect. You were told off by the old people, clipped and booted should we muck up and they settled any conflicts by kicking up dust, bare knuckles and sitting and talking.

We made forts and cubbyhouses and swam the rivers; home when streetlights came on.

If there were ever a woman Moree police knew, it was our Ma Toots. She taught me to advocate from a young age.

Besides being blessed with their stunning good looks, I have their blood running through my veins – and that's something that can never be taken from me. I hope that I have and will continue to pass on their morals of integrity, respect and cultural knowledge, of clan, kin and country.

What Aboriginal activists have inspired you to do what you do

and why is activism something you are so passionate about? What has influenced you, a life event, sacrifices made by our Elders etc?

Growing up in Moree, I thought everyone was an activist.

My inspiration comes from the old-school radicals, the Aboriginal Tent Embassy activists. Many have passed away. Only a few remain.

I would like to acknowledge Wayne Wharton, Jenny Munro, Adrian Burragubba, Karen Coghill, Judulu Neal, Sam Watson, Valda Coolwell, Ali Gater, Eddie Ruska, Dennis Walker, Shan Doolan, Duncan Johnson, Country Mathieson, Lyall Munro, Norman Johnson, Shirley Lomas, Marianne Mackay, Selina Davies, Murradoo Yanner, Lex Wotton, Alec Doomadgee, Lionel Fogarty, Robert Thorpe, Donna Ruska, Viv Malo, Leonie Roberts, FISTT and WAR, Brisbane Blacks and Sydney Mob for your tremendous support, advice, love and life lessons over the years. It's certainly been an honour, without you all it would not have been possible.

My passion comes from my Gomeri black heart, the love of my people and country. We've had years of silence in this country.

Our issues of justice, equality and our fight for basic human rights are being swept under the mat. I see changes, but I do not see changes for myself and my people. We have been forgotten while others benefit around us from the richness of our country.

I'm also influenced by the Aboriginal Tent Embassy's 40th anniversary mandate of SOVEREIGNTY and the sacrifices made 48 years ago by the Aboriginal Tent

Embassy in Canberra.

What are your thoughts on treaty, sovereignty and constitutional recognition? Can they all work together or is it one or the other?

Treaty – heard it in the 80s, 90s and now 2020, yet all it seems to be is a fancy word that looks good to appease gubbs.

A propaganda tool: same game, same old players.

Treaty is not a new concept and radicals have already laid precedent. Why aren't we using this?

Again, just like the gammin Statement from the Heart, another blank document, running around consulting with everyone else but us, the people. How many more years do we have to reconcile?

The pen is mightier than the sword and action speaks louder than words of broken promises.

We need inclusive decision making of clan treaties based on our own terms and conditions. Let's talk of unpaid rent, reparations for the war crimes, and continual genocide, ecocide and the injustices happening in the colony of NSW. Let's see Gubbament giving back land to the people in perpetuity.

Sovereignty belongs to us, our birthright. It was never ceded. We are the generations determined to control and run our own affairs, come for what our ancestors were denied: justice, equality, freedom and liberation.

No, I do not speak for every Gomeri. I speak for me and my clans. They know who they are and together we demand inclusiveness and control in decision making for the affairs of our people and country.

It's time now to decolonize, gather our clans, unite the nations

and seek international solidarity under the UN General Assembly Resolution 1514. We do not need a referendum. Push for a plebiscite.

Constitutional recognition is a con in disguise, which compromises our sovereign legal human rights. It's a tokenistic gesture of integration of Indigenous rights into a repetitive cycle, a systemic bucket of crabs.

We have still not been given legal advice, nor has there ever been any publicised open debate on whether the people are for or against. The Statement from the Heart is a fraudulent document. It does not represent the consensus of the First Nations people.

The National Constitutional Convention in 2017 was a flawed process. Only 12 Regional Dialogues – exclusive invite-only meetings – were held. I was invited by the NSWALC NW Regional Councillor to attend the exclusive invite-only Dubbo Dialogue. I was one of 10 delegates elected by the hundred people in attendance. From this, we attended the Convention, as a strong collective voice with a mandate.

There was only one set agenda at the Convention. Dictated to, we were not allowed to ask questions nor could we recommend any alterations and we were shut down each time concerns were raised about the legal implications that will affect us all.

NSWALC convened and facilitated NSW dialogues three years later, but have not made any attempt to hold inclusive dialogues with delegates and communities. Despite continuous demands through NW Regional Councillor, the NSWALC CEO has not met with people and

refused to return my calls.

What is NSWALC doing?

Abolish the the Statement from the Heart.

I will not cede my sovereignty by signing a blank document that will legally affect my and my people's rights.

I strongly support the demand for truth telling, which identifies the past and ongoing genocide, violations of human rights that have been enforced here in Australia.

The truths of Australia's history – denial of the holocausts, punitive expeditions, frontier massacres – have been hidden for way too long.

Reconciliation is over, done and dusted. If there is ever to be true reconciliation, why hesitate on clan treaties? We know what we want.

Thinking Sovereignty by Jessica Savage discusses the options we can take to proceed.

Decolonise not recognise. Mark the date, December 14, 2020.

Can you tell us about life in activism and about your mob on the frontline? What are some of the struggles you are facing and what are some great things happening out there, led by young black youth?

I moved to Brisbane in 2010, lived on Northside, Keperra and Caboolture. I started attending rallies organised by Uncle Sam Watson and Wayne Wharton from the Brisbane Murri Action group.

We travelled to Canberra for the 40th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in 2012. On our return we held community meetings to discuss the establishment of an embassy.

Nations gathered in Musgrave



“My passion comes from my Gomeroi Black heart, the love of my people and country.” – Gwenda Stanley

Park for the opening of the Brisbane Aboriginal Sovereign Embassy on March 24, 2012.

Looking back over the past eight years at all the rallies I've done in Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Rockhampton, Gold Coast, Tamworth, Newcastle, Moree, Toowoomba and Clermont, and the time spent at the Canberra, Brisbane and Redfern Embassies, I'm amazed by the ripple effect it has had around Australia and internationally.

I've seen the Invasion Day rallies grow from a few hundred to tens of thousands.

Sovereignty, treaty and justice are at the forefront of our political affairs. We still have a long way to go and we do not intend to stop any time soon.

Brisbane Embassy and Woomera Sovereign Union is calling for a national gathering 2021 to be held at Tent Embassy Canberra to discuss the long overdue Genocide Museum.

One of the current struggles we are facing, beside our own Black media denying activists a platform, is that we have organisations piggy backing off the grassroots movement and we have a number of non-First Nations people speaking on our behalf. This needs to stop.

Don't get me wrong, I'm all for solidarity and assistance, but when it comes to our affairs some people need to take a back seat.

I have not put myself on the frontline for johnny come lately or selective activism media attention, academia seekers, to infiltrate our movement.

This platform was created for our youth, our future leaders, people living the struggle in communities.

Fighting in Solidarity Towards

Treaty (FISTT) and the Warriors of Aboriginal Resistance (WAR) have created platforms and space for youth.

Tameeka Tighe and Ruby Wharton are both staunch young leaders of our clans, giving powerful speeches at rallies, attracting media attention and educating people on the ongoing injustices.

Kyah Patten took the lead reinstating the NSW Aboriginal Stop Black Deaths in Custody Watch Committee, advocating for justice and truth for her Uncle Eddie Murray and many others.

Do you think our activists are revered as they should be, or do you think they are still seen as troublemakers?

Activism isn't about seeking accolades or being put on a pedestal nor does it make us more special than others. Activists are not revered for the amazing hard work they have done and do in this country.

The curriculum doesn't teach about the Black activist history in human rights, which has paved the way for many organisations in health, housing, legal and education that we have today. Many scholars and academics have made a living off the backs of unpaid activists.

Activists are the backbone of the grassroots movements. People must educate themselves on the historical movement and the people of history, those who have come before and those who are still with us. For without their wisdom, resilience and fortitude, we may have not the basic human rights.

Being humble, we must be okay with discomfort.

So next time you're marching those streets, remember the

sacrifices of those who walked before us, give respect to those behind the scenes that you don't see, who are doing all the hard work.

But most of all remember what we are fighting for: land rights, justice and equality.

What are your thoughts on the mainstream media's portrayal of our activists and Aboriginal issues, and where do you think Black media is at? Are they doing their job?

The biggest problem in mainstream media is the lack of equal employment opportunities. The mainstream media does not employ First Nations journos. They continue to discuss our issues without speaking with activists. They prefer to portray some random at a rally, sport stars and non-Indigenous people, giving them a platform to speak on our behalf.

In Black media, only a few I know are doing an amazing job, others silence the voices of grassroots. They do not provide platforms to non-compliant Blacks. I've observed over the years how they snip and edit rallies, using the parts they want to make look good, another media propaganda tool.

NITV is not doing their job and I am not the only one calling this out. They discriminate and are selective in who they deal with. In the past eight years I have not once seen any known frontline activist given an opportunity to discuss the issues that really matter. NITV has refused to have open public debate regarding constitutional recognition and its fraudulent statement.

They refuse to highlight the disarray of NSWALC and homelessness and death rates.

If either mainstream or NITV was doing their job it would not have taken George Floyd's murder to bring international media attention to the forefront of Black deaths in this country.

We need independent grassroots Black media that will tell the truth, not sanitise or silence.

Moree is a beautiful but tough community. Sorry business and sickness plague us and has since we were both little kids, and the town has one of the highest cancer rates in Australia. Now we have gas exploration. Can you tell us about some of that history?

I learnt to deal with death from a young age. I watched Greenbush Road expand. I've been to more funerals than weddings. In the early 80s I recall losing lot of our old people. Many carried a bag of tablets, like a walking chemist. One can only estimate the tuberculosis, asbestos and malnutrition related deaths prior to the mid-80s.

The death toll in Moree in recent months has community in disbelief and grief, burying one and losing two. Sclerosis, emphysema, skin cancers, liver cancers, aneurisms, tumours and disabilities amongst our children have increased in recent years.

Lyall Munro has been calling this out for years. There needs to be an investigation into what's killing our people.

Since the 1960s, cotton farms and other producers in our region have been using chemicals that are banned in other countries but our own Black media won't do the story. New England Area Health and the Indigenous Doctors Association need to be supporting our communities in the process.

Our communities throughout the north-west are constantly mourning. Stop the chemical warfare.

As the nations mourn, Gomeroi organised a gathering on November 14, in Narrabri, to stand up against the approved stage 1 of Santos Narrabri gas project and future projects. The great artesian basin is the largest underground freshwater reservoir in the world, covering over one fifth of Australia. The impacts of the Narrabri gas project will not only contaminate by poisoning water, but also do environmental and ecological damage to country and people. Yanay Santos, Gamil means no.

For those wanting to support MEHI cause www.mycase.com.au/page/231219/stop-coal-seam-gas-in-gomeroi-country

Ten years from now what is your vision of Black Australia? What do you want to see?

Unless imperative measures are made to address the ongoing issues on the ground in communities tomorrow, we will continue to suffer. At present the future looks scary for the next generation. My vision is to see justice and strong Black empires based on independent community- and family-owned businesses, people living on country, building stronger communities with adequate affordable housing and employment opportunities. It's a vision of environmental ecological living, food sustainability, less incarceration, no deaths in custody, hospitals, and no CSG.

Self-determination starts with people living on the ground. Our communities must be given our lands and the funds and resources to empower our people and break generational cycles of oppression.

Footy fans get a



Michaeli Gordon and Kaylan Gordon, 2, from Dubbo.



Victoria Fing of Walgett with Ava Wright, 3, and Rhea Wright, 6.



Joan Sutherland, Vicky Sullivan and Lyn Mundine, catch up at the Tribal League.



Cedric Boney from Sydney, with Kal-al Boney and Minjarli Boney, enjoying the action.



Les Draper with his uncle Clive Suey of Moree, enjoying the games.



Kerstie Ball, Nikkie Ball and Di Rodgers were kept busy all day in the canteen, feeding the crowd of hungry footy fans.



Leilanie Andrews played for the Newcastle Hawks.



Tameeka Tighe from Newcastle and Lateisha Peachy from Dubbo.



Traie Merritt, Blake Ferguson and Caleb Wardman.



Missy Bell from Lake Cargelligo with Mabel Clarke, 15 months, and Iniaah Burns and Bonnie Merritt, all from Dubbo



Quindon McIntosh, Rick McGrudy, Will McIntosh, Anthony Mundine, Troy Adams and Daniel (Carb) Walford catch up at the Tribal League in Dubbo.

kick out of comp



AFTER more than six months of restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Aboriginal rugby league players and supporters finally got their fix of footy at the inaugural Tribal League competition held at Dubbo's Apex Oval.

After a Welcome to Country from Auntie Marg Walker – and warnings from tournament director Geoff Simpson to comply with social distancing requirements – the games got underway, featuring six men's and four women's teams.

Current NRL stars lined up alongside their countrymen in what proved to be an exciting, action-packed display of rugby league that had the crowd roaring its approval.

The second round of the Tribal League was set to be played last Saturday on the Central Coast, with the final round in Sydney this weekend.

Launched by the National Indigenous Rugby League Administration, the tournament has a \$100,000 prize pool.

The *Koori Mail* sponsors the women's competition.



Dean Kelly from La Perouse, with his son Waratah Kelly, enjoy the footy.



Janice Edwards and Sandra Riley were kept busy ensuring everyone maintained social distancing to comply with Covid restrictions.



Edward and Rosemary Vale from Kempsey with their granddaughter Lakoda Vale, found a spot in the shade to watch the action.



Auntie Marg Walker welcomed players and supporters to the inaugural Tribal League competition being held at Apex Oval in Dubbo. Six men's teams and four women's teams gathered in Wiradjuri country for the event, which had a capacity of 2000 people because of COVID restrictions. Tournament director Geoff Simpson told the *Koori Mail* that the new National Indigenous Rugby League gave Aboriginal people the opportunity to have control of their very own competition.



DJ Ginzel adds to the festival feel, keeping the music pumping throughout the day.



Muriel McMahon, Myrene Elemes and Ursula Semmler got in the spirit of the day, barracking for the Wellington Castlereagh All Blacks.



Rob Briggs and Wayne Griffiths. Rob Briggs had four sons – Jacob, Scott, Randall and Isaac – playing for Newcastle Hawks, as well as grandson Callum.



Jaime Keed, Juanita Keed and Jaedyn Murray.



Dennis Moran, Joe Flick and Ricky Walford.

Higher education lacks Indigenous leadership



WIRADJURI woman Professor Michelle Trudgett highlighted the need to cement Indigenous leadership in higher education to drive whole-of-university approaches to Indigenous success in her delivery of the annual Frank Archibald Memorial Lecture at the University of New England last month.

Professor Trudgett noted that while there has been a dramatic increase in the number of Indigenous pro vice-chancellor positions recently there has been little movement at the top.

"While the pace of change seems rapid, the extent of the corridors to which Indigenous academic leaders have access remain narrow, with trajectories impeded by invisible barricades," she said.



Professor Michelle Trudgett

"Overall this is just not good enough for a nation's higher education sector that prides itself on being inclusive, innovative and ethical. There is a stark void at the provost and vice-dhancellor levels of university leadership."

Professor Trudgett said while there have been a couple of

appointments to deputy vice-chancellor and chancellor roles, no mainstream university in this country has ever appointed an Indigenous Australian person to the position of vice-chancellor.

"We now have well over 100 Indigenous professors, many of whom have held senior leadership roles for some time. They are expected to have the same leadership attributes to that of non-Indigenous leaders plus an additional skillset that encompasses complex cultural pieces and considerations."

Professor Trudgett has also in the course of her research into Indigenous leadership asked several vice-chancellors when they think an Indigenous person may be appointed to the role. Answers varied from as soon as five years to a long way off.

"Let's think about this. Why might it be a long time before we

see an Indigenous vice-chancellor? The answer was clear. They believed that most of the senior Indigenous leaders held Indigenous specific portfolios and that these portfolios were indeed too narrow and limited, not encompassing enough broader university work.

"Now this is indeed an interesting observation, as when we asked the Indigenous leaders a set of similar questions, they believed their positions had both breadth and depth – encompassing all areas of the university.

"The question I pose is how do we get the senior leaders across the higher education sector to acknowledge and even respect the size and scope of such positions so that those holding these positions are in fact deemed suitable candidates for provost and vice-chancellor roles? How do

we convey that our leadership is informed by tens of thousands of years of survival and resilience?"

Professor Trudgett concluded by saying that every university in Australia should aspire to having a senior Indigenous position that is trusted and supported to drive whole of university approaches to Indigenous success.

"Predicting what the sector might look like in the future is a gratifying task, as there is so much opportunity to transform it.

"We need to alter the architecture of our institutions so that they deliberately consider and respond to incorporating Indigenous people in the strategic design."

Professor Trudgett is a proud Wiradjuri woman and the Pro Vice-Chancellor Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, Strategy and Consultation at Western Sydney University.

Support helped captains graduate



SCHOOL captains and proud young Wiradjuri men Tyren Dixon and Nick Clarke have acknowledged key Canobolas Rural Technology High School (CRTHS) support staff and a VERTO Aboriginal Youth Leadership Program for helping them remain in school and successfully graduate in late September.

The Aboriginal Youth Leadership Program is delivered by VERTO's Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) coordinator, Aunt Mary Croaker, who works with the school and local communities acting as a mentor to help improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal students.

Tyren and Nick believe the support they received not only enhanced their cultural experience at school through dancing and Aboriginal studies classes, but helped them build inner strength and create strong community links.

"I absolutely hated school when I started and was desperate to drop out as soon as I could in Year 10," Vice captain Nick said. "If it wasn't for Aunt Mary, the VERTO Aboriginal Youth Leadership Program and the CRTHS teachers there's no way that I would have stayed and graduated."

School captain Tyren said he felt the same way.

"It's funny now that I look back. The senior years were the best years at school and I'm so glad my teachers, Aunt Mary and other support from Clontarf Foundation helped me stay in school," he said.

Tyren and Nick's decisions to complete their HSC were well rewarded at their graduation ceremony. Tyren was awarded the highest marks in the school for Aboriginal Studies, and the CRTHS Prize for Leadership.

Nick's awards included the highest marks in the school for mathematics one, The Rotary Club of Orange Daybreak Youth Service Above Self Award and the Archer Prize for Demonstrating Outstanding Leadership from an Indigenous Student.

Aunt Mary said she'd loved working with the students.



Canobolas Rural Technology High School captain, Tyren Dixon, Aunt Mary Croaker and vice-captain, Nick Clarke.

"It has been the best experience working with Tyren and Nick. I'm just so incredibly proud of them," she said.

"I still remember when they started in Year 7. To see them now, I'm humbled to know we had a small impact on how far they have become and how they see themselves now: strong Aboriginal men.

"I'm so grateful to be a part of their lives. They're great people, great role models and have big futures ahead of them."

For Tyren, he hopes that his future includes working with his local community

in the sporting or community services field, while Nick has his eyes set on becoming an apprentice heavy diesel mechanic.

Either way, both students are keen to work with young Aboriginal people and let their actions lead by example.

"I love dancing and expressing my cultural identity and I'm looking forward to teaching primary school students all of these things," Tyren said.

"If I had just one message for the next generation of students, it would be stay in school and make the most of it. The

teachers are there to help, so build good relationships with them. It can be hard at times, but staying in school and graduating is definitely worth it," Nick added.

As well as thanking Aunt Mary and the VERTO Aboriginal Youth Leadership Program for helping them graduate, Tyren and Nick also made special mention of their parents, their adviser and Aboriginal Studies teacher Amy Morris, CRTHS support learning officer Hayden Gibbs-O'Neill, and the team from the Clontarf Foundation.

With a passion for learning, Rebecca is paving her own way to success

REBECCA, a proud Kokotha woman, hasn't had a straightforward university experience, but her passion for learning has seen her excel in all of her endeavours at the University of Adelaide.

Rebecca was drawn to university because of an appetite to continue learning after high school and to be surrounded by like-minded individuals striving for success. Rebecca is an alum of Wirltu Yarlu's Karnkanthi (Kaurna for 'lifting up') Indigenous education program, which saw her complete a research-based internship at the university and attend many leadership and education camps and workshops. As such, she feels very much at home in a university environment.

This, of course, doesn't mean there haven't been challenges for Rebecca as she's pursued further education. After

completing one semester in an engineering degree, Rebecca made the decision to transfer to a Bachelor of Health and Medical Science (Advanced) and has aspirations to major in neuroscience and eventually become a speech pathologist. Like all university degrees, these required a lot of commitment and hard work from Rebecca, who at first struggled with the autonomous learning environment of a university: "As someone who entered university straight out of high school, being self-disciplined as an independent adult without teachers constantly reminding you of the assignments due and test dates was rather foreign at first."

By using the services and expertise available to her through Wirltu Yarlu Aboriginal Education, Rebecca was able to find her feet and was eventually supported to transfer into a program that more closely

aligned with the career goals. Rebecca, and all of her peers, have access to academic and financial assistance, tailored support from experienced student support officers and cultural advisors and social programs which foster a sense of community. "The people in the Wirltu Yarlu office have been students before or have dealt with students facing similar issues so they are able to offer such an amazing level of help," she says.

For all those young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people looking to study at university in the coming years, Rebecca has this advice: "Seek help when you need it. Student services exist for a reason and that is to provide any form of support that you need. And at the end of the day, don't put too much pressure on yourself. Sometimes you need a bit of disappointment to learn and make you want to work harder."



Engaging with Wirltu Yarlu, and the cohort of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff it supports, helped Rebecca to meet new people and form lifelong connections.



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Right Tracks program is a sporting approach to share a healthy message



THE Right Tracks program is helping young Aboriginal people in Alice Springs and surrounding areas to keep their health in check and create positive change.

The Aboriginal-led program, originally founded by Ian McAdam and Rob Clarke, and now run in partnership between the Central Australian Football League, Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (Congress) and the Australian Drug Foundation's (ADF's) Goodsports Program, is designed to support young people through a targeted intensive support environment using sport as a key hook.

"There's two parts to our program: one is sport and the other side is about health," Ian said. "During the day, we concentrate on getting our football teams that are lined up with our program to start thinking about doing a lot of health programs with our participants."

As part of the program, participants complete a 715 health check with Congress, the local Aboriginal community controlled health service, or their local health clinic in remote areas.

The annual health check is designed to support the physical, psychological and social wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and is free at Aboriginal Medical Services and bulk billing clinics nationally.

Ian says it helps the participants to understand the benefits of good health.

"In our environment the barrier to health, and our young people accessing it, is remoteness.

"A lot of people who play in our footy competitions and within our teams come from remote communities, so getting support around being able to access a clinic is very important for our participants in our footy teams. Without that assistance, they just wouldn't go.

"Right Tracks definitely encourages young people to really understand the benefits of health checks and being healthy, because it can only benefit them in their sporting careers."

Participant Dominic Forbes agrees,



Ian McAdam, Right Tracks program coordinator, is encouraging young people to get health checks.

saying it helps young people overcoming any fear associated with going to the doctor.

"It's not as scary as people think it is," he said. "One day at training the guys were like, 'Oh, would you guys like to get a health check?'"

"So I just put my hand up and did it."

Dominic is encouraging anyone who hasn't had a health check recently to go and see their local Aboriginal health

worker: "Go get it done as soon as you can," he said.

"You can see if you have anything going wrong with your body, like if you have unprotected sex, to see if you have any STIs there, or just if there's anything in your blood, to see if you're healthy or not."

Tallira Anderson, an Aboriginal health practitioner at Congress, agrees.

"For anyone who hasn't had a health

check, come and see one of us, the Aboriginal health workers," she said.

"Everything is kept private.

"Come down, sit with us, have a yarn with us. Taking control of your health means a chronic disease does not have to be part of your future."

Further information, including resources for patients and health practitioners is available at www.health.gov.au/715-health-check.

Top surgeon honoured



AUSTRALIA's first Aboriginal surgeon, the highly acclaimed ear, nose and throat surgeon, Associate

Professor Kelvin Kong has been awarded the prestigious Menzies Medallion.

Presented with the award at Menzies School of Health Research last week, Associate Professor Kong was recognised for his leadership in Aboriginal health service delivery, advocacy and research, in particular his work to improve ear health in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

A Worimi man from Port Stephens, the breadth and depth of Assoc Prof Kong's work over the years is far reaching and includes his role as chief investigator for the Menzies-led



Kelvin Kong examines a young patient in Broome.

Centre for Research Excellence in Ear and Hearing Health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children.

He currently practises in

Newcastle (Awabakal country) as a surgeon specialising in paediatric and adult otolaryngology, head and neck surgery (ear, nose and throat

surgery), and lectures in allied health at University of Newcastle plus participates in a project group at the Hunter Medical Research Institute carrying out research investigating *Alloiococcus Otitidis* (a bacteria found in middle ear fluid).

Menzies director Professor Alan Cass said he was delighted the award was presented to someone who has made such a contribution to improving hearing outcomes for Indigenous children.

"I am very pleased to see Associate Professor Kong receive this year's medallion. Kelvin brings passion, energy and expert skills as a surgeon and researcher to improve ear health in remote, rural and urban communities," Prof Cass said.

"Kelvin has a strong and clear voice in advocacy to close the gap

in educational and social disadvantage associated with the high prevalence of otitis media (OM) and hearing loss in Australian Indigenous children.

"In particular, Kelvin has been instrumental in raising awareness of ear health problems in the Australian community and bringing this issue to the attention of governments. His work has had a profound and measurable impact."

Associate Professor Kong is also joint chair of the Hearing for Learning Initiative; a community-based training initiative that focuses on prevention through early detection of ear issues in young children by a locally trained and community-based workforce.

The Menzies Medallion is the highest award offered by Menzies School of Health Research.

Dennis Golding with his award-winning work *Cast in cast out*. The work references the cast iron panels seen on terrace houses in Redfern.



Dennis awarded \$30,000 fellowship



KAMILAROI/Gamilaraay artist Dennis Golding has been awarded the 2020 NSW Visual Arts Emerging Fellowship (valued at \$30,000), making him the first Aboriginal artist to win in the award's more than 100-year history.

Golding's winning work *Cast in cast out* reflects on his childhood in Redfern and he has created resin sculptures of the Victorian cast-iron panels seen on the terrace houses of the area to explore practices of colonial occupation and Western structures of land ownership.

The winning work will be on display free to the public alongside the seven other finalists at Artspace, Sydney, until December 13.

This work provokes the histories and experiences of Golding's family as well as many other Aboriginal families who lived in terrace homes in the Block.

Cast in cast out acknowledges Aboriginal people's connection to community and land, as well as the stories of dispossession and removal.

NSW Arts Minister Don Harwin congratulated all eight shortlisted recipients for their exceptional works.

"Congratulations to Dennis Golding," he said. "The fellowship will support his research and tell important stories of his people through the exploration of contemporary Aboriginal cultural identity."

The fellowship recipient is chosen by a panel of industry peers.

"We are proud to support Kamilaroi/Gamilaraay artist Dennis Golding as the first Aboriginal artist to win the Visual Arts Emerging Fellowship from a field of exceptional emerging artists," the judging panel said.

"This fellowship is a timely and important opportunity for Dennis to develop

his work locally and continue his exploration of memory, identity and community through a decolonising lens."

Artspace executive director Alexie Glass-Kantor and co-curator Elyse Goldfinch said they were thrilled Golding had won.

"It's timely that this accolade aligns with NAIDOC Week, an important recognition of Australia's First Peoples," they said.

"Spanning artistic and curatorial disciplines, Dennis is an emerging leader in his community, and we are excited to see where this opportunity will take his continued research and practice."

Young inspired by family



YARRA Valley Water and Moreland City Council celebrated NAIDOC Week with the launch of a new O Fountain, which features Indigenous artwork painted by local artist Robert Young.

The drinking fountain in Morgan Court in Glenroy, is the first O Fountain to be decorated with Indigenous art in Melbourne. Its distinctive, sculptural O shape makes it perfect for displaying artwork while still being functional as a fountain. A total of six new drinking fountains will be installed in the Moreland area in time for the start of summer.

Robert Young was chosen to create the artwork for the O Fountain because of his unique Indigenous storytelling ability, and his commitment to sustainability and protecting the environment.

The fountain's design symbolises the need to refill our drink bottles with fresh, clean tap water rather than

buying single-use plastic bottles, which can often end up in the local waterways threatening the fish that live in them.

The inspiration for the artwork also came from Mr Young's own family.

"The painting is the story of my grandmother, when she was a little girl. She watched her father Tommy Johnson who was an old Black tracker who found people that were lost," he said.

"On Easter, he would catch a Pondi Murray Cod.

"When cleaning, he would take the stomach lining, lay it out on butcher paper and tell the story of the fish through the veins of the fish. The veins are like the river it lived its life in."

Yarra Valley Water managing director Pat McCafferty said that using one of the new water fountains is an easy way for locals to refill their drink bottles.

"We have made great strides in reducing our reliance on bottled water in recent years, however we can do more.

Australians spend more than \$736 million on bottled water each year, making it one of the most common and expensive single-use purchases nationwide," Mr McCafferty said.

"These new fountains have been strategically placed at some of the busiest spots across Moreland, so it will be more convenient than ever for locals to refill their drink bottles when they're out and about."

Yarra Valley Water has gifted these fountains to the local community through Choose Tap.

This is a national partnership of water retailers, started by Yarra Valley Water, to achieve better outcomes for communities and the environment.

Over the past few years, Choose Tap has worked with councils and water retailers around Australia to install more drinking fountains at parks, walking tracks and busy shopping precincts.

The fountains make it easier for people to refill their drink bottles instead of buying bottled water, helping to reduce the amount of plastic waste.



Robert Young with the fountain featuring his artwork.

Indigenous tourism focus



THE Queensland Government has extended their Year of Indigenous Tourism from 2020 to 2021, to make up

for lost opportunities due to COVID-19.

More than 120 business leaders, employers, government representatives, tourism organisations, native-title holders and community organisations met at the Pullman Hotel in Brisbane last week to discuss and strategise opportunities for First Nations tourism in Queensland.

The event, Destination Indigenous Queensland, was

hosted by the Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) under guidance from the QTIC Indigenous Champions Network, celebrating 10 years of initiatives through the network.

QTIC deputy chair Cameron Costello updated the forum on the progress of the implementation of the Queensland First Nations Tourism Plan, launched at last year's event. He said the plan will see major initiatives for Indigenous tourism in Queensland implemented over the coming years.

Rhoda Roberts, a member of the Bundjalung nation and Widjambul clan of northern

NSW and south-east Queensland, was the keynote speaker at the event.

Rhoda heads up First Nations programming for the Sydney Opera House, is festival director of the Boomerang Festival/Bluesfest and is the creative director of the Paritjima Festival in the Northern Territory.

Cooking demo

There was also an Indigenous-inspired cooking demonstration by Ryan Battersby from the National Indigenous Culinary Institute.

Following the event was a celebratory dinner for the Champion Network as they

reflected on the accomplishments over the past 10 years.

QTIC chief executive Daniel Gschwind said that 2020 hasn't been without its challenges from COVID-19, not only for First Nations tourism, but for the whole industry.

"Bringing the industry back together is an important part of the recovery process and we are excited to have such commitment from First Nations people," he said.

"It was great to see that the Queensland Government agreed to extend the Year of Indigenous Tourism to 2021 so that we can continue to drive the engagement,

commitment and genuine progress to make the most of First Nations tourism in Queensland.

"Our Destination IQ event looked a little different this year with the added online component, allowing people from across the state to listen in on speakers sharing their experience, challenges and opportunities available for First Nations people."

Destination IQ was a sold-out event with participants leaving with a new understating of the opportunities and challenges First Nations tourism businesses face and a plan to move forward with a more sustainable approach.



Leonard Beckett, third from right, with helpers at the opening of his new cafe in Townsville.

Kupp Murrie cafe opens



By ALF WILSON

ABORIGINAL disc jockey and former chef

Leonard Beckett has opened a Kupp Murrie café in Townsville, which he believes is the first of its kind.

"I have 12 employees including two chefs and some trainees and most are Indigenous," Mr Beckett told the *Koori Mail*. "We have traditional Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander food and dishes like sticky pork and vermicelli chicken. Also pastries, coffee and lots of other things."

Mr Beckett already has an established mobile food service named Lenny's Kupp Murrie Catering Services and delivers in a yellow van and that will complement his popular café.

"I knew there was a need for something like this café and we are centrally placed near the entrance to Vincent Village.

You can't miss us," he said.

Eddie Savage, who has Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage, was the first customer.

"It is great to have a Kupp Murrie café and I am sure it will be well supported," he said.

Mr Beckett hails from Cherbourg and has been in Townsville for 25 years.

Since 2003, the 52-year-old Mr Beckett has been a DJ who has travelled extensively.

His travelling disc jockey business has been to all

Australian mainland states and also to remote communities.

"Such as Hope Vale, Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw, Bamaga, Seisia and Cherbourg where I am well known and have been in demand. Also to Palm Island and we went over by the barge," he said.

Mr Beckett gained a qualification as a chef many years ago and the mobile side of his catering business has a motto of "hot meals on wheels".

Govt targets pump \$850 million into businesses



THE Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman (ASBFE) Kate Carnell says

Indigenous businesses secured over \$850 million in Commonwealth contracts in 2019/20, proving that procurement targets are working.

According to figures from the National Indigenous Australians Agency, over 900 Indigenous businesses won 7,749 Commonwealth contracts valued at \$857 million in total during the 2019/20 financial year.

"The Federal Government has exceeded its annual Indigenous procurement targets which is helping to support this fast-growing sector," Ms Carnell says.

"According to data from Supply Nation, the number of Indigenous businesses is growing by 12.5% each year, which goes to show how effective procurement targets can be when adopted by governments.

"Encouragingly, the number of Indigenous-owned businesses is projected to grow from 16,000 to 18,000 by 2026. This is good for the sector and good for our economy more broadly.

"We know that every dollar spent with an Indigenous business goes a long way. According to Supply Nation, for every \$1 of revenue, certified Indigenous suppliers generate \$4.41 of social return.

"Procuring from Indigenous businesses is an investment in both Indigenous employment and economic development, with Indigenous businesses 100 times more likely to employ other indigenous staff.

"NAIDOC Week is a time when we celebrate Indigenous culture, but we should also be recognising the significant contribution indigenous people make to the Australian business community and to our economy."

ASBFE has published a series of *Indigenous Success Stories*, profiling a number of inspiring Indigenous business owners.

Employment

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Training supports jobs in remote communities

By ALF WILSON



OVER the past 18 months security courses have been conducted at Bamaga in the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA), at Weipa

on Cape York and on Palm Island, by BARS Training Australia, which have resulted in participants gaining employment.

Similar courses are planned for Thursday Island, Mount Isa and Aurukun in the coming months.

Remote communities such as these face difficult accessibility challenges in every aspect of their lives, including access to Vocational Education and Training (VET). For those communities in the NPA, it means travelling to centres such as Cairns, thousands of kilometres away. With the cost of travel and accommodation and the social impact of being away from their families – many of which still rely on hunting and fishing to put food on the table – the prospect of being able to complete any VET training becomes an impossible task.

BARS aims to overcome these challenges, providing training that has the potential of gaining employment.

Comprised of a multidisciplinary team of committed professional trainers with a wide range of experience, BARS delivers specialised security training throughout Queensland. This team is led by director Garry Oliver who served over 24 years in operational policing with the Queensland Police Service reaching the rank of senior sergeant.

Mr Oliver is a national director of the Security Providers Association of Australia (SPAAL).

Training is subsidised by the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training as BARS is a Skills Assure supplier



Bamaga course participants, from left: Arthur Bagie, Victor Blanco, George Mosby, Henrietta Kennedy, Jardine Kiwat, Genua Warria, Lacquita Atu, Alison Gowa and Raylene Tabuai with BARS Training's Brooke Colless.

under the Certificate Three Guarantee program, supporting eligible Queenslanders to complete their first post-school Certificate III qualification and increase their skills to move into employment, re-enter the workforce or advance their career.

Bamaga community was the first to recognise the need for security personnel to cover existing local businesses such as the Bamaga Tavern and Bamaga Lodge.

"In the last 18 months, BARS Training Australia has delivered three courses now to the NPARC region with students successfully

completing either the Certificate III or II in Security Operations," Mr Oliver told the *Koori Mail*. "Not only do students receive training in the fundamental skills of a security officer, but also specific scenario training focusing on current issues affecting the local community. Students practise hands-on techniques, removing people under liquor licensing requirements, patrolling premises, setting alarms and first-aid response."

Cameron and Deshanka Holmes created Cape York Protection in December 2019.

Cape York Protection's main

goal is to offer employment to all local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who complete the course successfully.

"In many remote communities other security companies will offer FIFO work to security officers living outside communities," Cameron said.

"We didn't want to see this happen. We want to see the traditional owners of the land in this region protect the area and the businesses within NPARC."

"When COVID-19 shut down our community and restrictions were put in place, the police and local council approached us to help secure the area.

"During the five months of lockdown, Cape York Protection was able to employ local.

"As the business owner, I couldn't have been prouder of the way the security performed. We intercepted both cars and boats with people trying to enter the restricted area, working closely with police.

"Bamaga and the NPARC region had no cases of COVID 19 and know we played a vital role in this."

Brooke Colless is a senior facilitator for BARS Training Australia.

"It's an incredible feeling when I fly back into Bamaga and I see students wearing a security uniform, working locally, or getting texted a photo prior to the start of the first shift. I feel very honoured to be a part of this community and help play a small role in changing lives," she said.

Weipa has also had two BARS Training Australia security courses during the past 18 months.

"All students gained a security providers license obtaining employment in the Weipa Airport and the Rio Tinto mine site.

Additional courses are planned for Weipa, Thursday Island, Mount Isa and Aurukun in the coming months," Mr Oliver said.

Palm Island has also benefited from the courses resulting in the newly formed Bwgcolman Security under the wings of the Palm Island Community Company.

This is a not-for-profit organisation that delivers human services, community capacity building and economic development programs on Palm Island.

BARS Training Australia's Principal has personally started a series of security courses on Palm Island, with the aim to assist the newly created Bwgcolman Security to employ locals to address the security needs of the local community.

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Executive Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts

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As the Executive Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts you will have significant impact and influence within Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and cultural sector. You will be the strategic lead in maximising the public value of Australia Council's commitment, recognition and investment towards First Nations arts.

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Applications close 29 November 2020 at 11:59 pm (AEDT)



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CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGER

JOB SUMMARY:

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- Provide program management, supervision and direction to staff regarding the provision of services originating from the Chronic Disease Building
- Develop, and enhance systems and processes that ensures clients receive timely health interventions, assessments and care plans from suitably qualified staff
- Consult with staff to ensure services in the Chronic Disease Building are well resourced and continue to meet the needs of clients
- Assisting with continuous quality improvement and accreditation
- Maximise Medicare revenue through identifying opportunities for claiming
- Proactively support staff education through supervision, guidance and mentoring
- Other duties specified in accordance with your classification under the Award and other such associated duties as may be reasonably required or directed by the Employer from time to time, and are within your skill set.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this role is to provide safe, compassionate person-centred care through assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of care in collaboration with individual/s and multidisciplinary health care teams to achieve quality care outcomes for patients and clients – including, but not limited to:

- Support Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service complies with its external regulatory requirements and internal policies and procedures

ESSENTIAL:

- Hold and maintain registration with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA), without any restrictions to practice
- Hold and maintain current First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification
- Hold and maintain a current New South Wales Driver's Licence
- Hold and maintain a current New South Wales Working With Children's clearance
- Hold and maintain a current National Police Check clearance
- Ability to communicate effectively with the general public
- High level of computer literacy
- Maintain strict client and staff confidentiality

DESIRABLE:

- Knowledge of the Communities serviced by Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Limited

Interested in applying, or want to know more about the role:

Please submit a 1 page cover letter and resume prior to Friday 13 November 2020 to the Human Resources Manager on email: gavint@walgettams.com.au or Mobile: 0400 355 361.



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PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOLLOW THE DREAM PROGRAM PORT AUGUSTA

Commencing Term 1, 2021

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- Assists students in successfully completing secondary education.
- Supports students to fulfill their chosen post-school career pathways.

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Aboriginal Engagement Manager

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- A wide knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs, with exposure to various advisory bodies and peak organisations
- Able to build cultural competency both internally and with key stakeholders including project partners and deliver reconciliation action plans
- Experience in managing project priorities, preferably in a Utility, NGO or Advisory environment
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For enquires, please contact Craig at recruitment@watnsw.com.au but please note that you must apply online at www.watnsw.com.au/about/careers, as email applications will not be considered.

Aboriginal Health Worker

Department: Northern NSW Local Health District
Location: Tweed
Employment Type: Temporary Full-Time (24 weeks)
Position Classification: Aboriginal Hlth Worker
Remuneration: \$54,220 - \$79,857 per annum
Hours Per Week: 38
Enquiries: contact Tomasina Darling on Tomasina.Darling@health.nsw.gov.au

Applications must be lodged electronically at healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number **REQ195268**.

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Project Officer Aboriginal Health

Department: Northern NSW Local Health District
Employment Type: Permanent Full-Time
Position Classification: Health Manager Level 1
Remuneration: \$74,406 - \$100,090 per annum
Hours Per Week: 38
Enquiries: Cameron Johnson on Cameron.Johnson@health.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 2 December 2020

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- Full-time ongoing appointment
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About the role

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How to apply

The NSW Department of Education is committed to a diverse and inclusive workforce as an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) employer. We encourage diverse applicants from a range of backgrounds to apply for roles in the department.

To apply for this role, please submit an application by clicking "Apply Online" below. To apply, you will need to 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** in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

This is an Aboriginal identified role. When applying for an Aboriginal identified position, applicants must provide confirmation of Aboriginality and a certified statutory declaration upon interview as defined in the Confirmation of Aboriginality Guidelines.

education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/jobs-and-opportunities/employing-aboriginal-peoples#Confirmation2

In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check to determine your suitability for employment.

If you are called to interview you will need to provide the following:

Proof of Identity information
 Informed Consent Form
 Declaration for child-related work

Essential Requirements

- Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this role. The role has been identified as an Aboriginal role in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
- Working with children check for paid employment
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies

Note: A recruitment pool may be created through this recruitment process. A recruitment pool is a group of applicants who have been assessed and identified as suitable for this role or similar roles, and who may be considered for a range of similar roles, including temporary, term or ongoing roles, over the next 18 months.

Applications Close: 25 November 2020

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- 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
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To be a child protection practitioner you need a current and valid driver's licence and one of the following: A recognised Social Work degree or a similar welfare or behavioural related degree OR a recognised Diploma of Community Services Work.

Make the decision to pursue a fulfilling professional career and make a difference in vulnerable children's lives.

To find out further information regarding Child Protection Practitioner opportunities, classifications and area locations, please visit

<https://childprotectionjobs.dhhs.vic.gov.au/roles> or email childprotectionjobs@dhhs.vic.gov.au

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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Electronics Technician (Cert III) Apprenticeships, Canberra

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Do you have?

- An interest in electronics and demonstrated mechanical aptitude;
- Good hand-eye coordination skills;
- Good communication skills and the ability to follow instructions;
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- Sound knowledge of mathematics and physics (Year 12 completion preferred);
- Good Computing skills, particularly Microsoft Office Suite;
- Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

CEA offers excellent benefits and conditions. All applicants must be eligible for an Australian Government Security Clearance, initially at baseline (5 years checkable employment/residential history).

To find out more about these opportunities, email your resume to hr@cea.com.au

Vacancies closing: 18 December 2020



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collection Manager

- **Salary package up to \$135,269**
- **Full-time fixed term position to 30 Dec 2021**

MAAS is Australia's leading Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences, Embodying the best of design ingenuity and innovation.

The ATSI Collections Manager will plan, develop, implement, and monitor procedures, recruitment and procurement for the care, documentation and logistics related to Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property in the Museum's custody and care.

You will have:

- A well-developed knowledge of Indigenous culture and protocols
- Understanding of the sensitivities around working with ATSI cultural material
- Demonstrated knowledge of museum collection management practice and systems.

For enquiries please contact Trish Stokes on 02 9217 0409 or trish.stokes@maas.museum

Applications can be made at iworkfor.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 11:59pm, Sunday 29 November 2020.

This position is open to Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander only as described under s 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* (NSW).



SOFTWARE DEVELOPER/CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIST

ACMI is the museum of screen culture. Navigate the universe of film, TV, videogames and art with us. ACMI celebrates the wonder and power of the world's most democratic artform – fostering the next generation of makers, players and watchers. ACMI's vibrant calendar of exhibitions, screenings, commissions, festivals, and industry and education programs explore the stories, technologies and artists that create our shared screen culture. Explore our universe on a variety of online platforms before we reopen our doors in 2021.

Our redevelopment has involved a complete redesign of the delivery of our content and the technology that underpins it. The technology we're creating will be used by millions of visitors and will set a new standard for international museum practice.

Our Experience and Engagement team has a fantastic opportunity for a talented front-end developer to join their team, as a key contributor to the success of the XOS team. This role will see you creating, deploying and maintaining the front-end for the online services including the new ACMI website and ticketing path, ACMI's inhouse interactives, and everything between.

We have an extensive technology stack to work with and you will bring with you experience that is represented by a portfolio of product launches—across web front-end with RESTful API integration. You will have intermediate to expert level skills in in HTML, CSS, Python, Javascript, NodeJS, or similar languages with collaborative approach to working with the business.

This Grade 4 role is offered on a full-time basis until 30 June 2022.

We welcome creative applications, however, if you'd prefer a written application this is equally welcomed and we suggest 500-word response and a brief resume, demonstrating your ability to meet the requirements of the role outlined within the position description. If applicants would like guidance on how to apply for this role, please contact Francesco Ramigni, Manager, Software Development & Cloud Services on recruitment@acmi.net.au.

Applications close: **22 November 2020 at 11:59 pm**

Please note interviews will be held **27 November 2020**

For further information on this role and to apply, please refer to the position description listed on the careers section of our website www.acmi.net.au.

ACMI is a child safe workplace and actively promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children from all backgrounds. ACMI is an equal opportunity employer, committed to building an inclusive workplace that supports diverse thinking and innovation. ACMI encourages applications from First Nations People, people of culturally diverse backgrounds, people with disabilities, and people from the LGBTIQ+ community. If you need assistance or an accommodation due to a disability, please contact us at recruitment@acmi.net.au or 03 8663 2200



Boarding Manager

Richmond Victoria

Commencing January 20217

Head the Team to create a home environment for 22 Indigenous students from remote and regional communities. Strong leadership, cultural and operational awareness are key to success in this innovative environment.

Boarding experience essential.

For a full position description and details go to www.mits.vic.edu.au



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Training Advisor

- **Department of Education**
- **Clerk Grade 5/6**
- **Full-time ongoing appointment**
- **Identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only**
- **Location: Illawarra South East (Wollongong)**

\$104,561 Package includes salary (\$85,488 – \$94,327), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About the Department of Education

We ensure young children get the best start in life by supporting and regulating the early childhood education and care sector. We are the largest provider of public education in Australia with responsibility for delivering high-quality public education to two-thirds of the NSW student population.

For more information about the Department of Education, please visit education.nsw.gov.au

Training Services NSW (TSNSW) leads and manages the implementation of funded vocational education and training programs and services across the NSW training market including contracting and funding providers, quality assurance, leading reforms and administering apprenticeships and traineeships and Aboriginal programs.

About the role

Support the delivery of vocational education and training and employment programs and services to the community, apprentices, trainees, and their employers. It forms part of a team of staff providing regulatory, quality assurance, program administration and advisory functions to support the participation and completion of people in vocational education and training and related programs across the region.

Talent Pool

A talent pool may be created through this recruitment process. A talent pool is a group of candidates who have undergone an assessment process and have been identified suitable for this role or similar roles. The talent pool will be valid for a period of 18 months. Being part of a talent pool means that you may be considered for ongoing, temporary or term employment for a range of similar roles. This offers exciting opportunities for you to gain a wide range of experiences to build your public service career.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role, please apply online and include a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) in either Word or PDF format, which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees. Please address any pre-screening questions and any essential requirements. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the role description in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw
No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

The targeted questions are:

- How do you ensure you respond to enquiries from a broad range of customers in a timely and effective manner? (300 words maximum)
- Explain how you have responded positively to changes that have occurred in your workplace? (300 words maximum)

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 is an essential requirement for this role. The role has been identified as an Aboriginal role in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
- A Working with Children Check is an essential requirement for this role. The role has been identified as requiring a check in keeping with the *Child Protection (Working With Children) Act 2012*.
- Current drivers licence and a willingness to travel

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Applications Close: 25 November 2020

Enquiries: Mitchell Lowrie, Training Services Manager
on 0438 427 028.

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 000080JW

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Seeking Social & Emotional Wellbeing Workers on Thursday Island

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For any queries please contact Corey on (07) 4069 2978.

For further information see our ad on the Koori Mail website under JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS



Health
Justice Health and
Forensic Mental Health Network

Aboriginal Health Worker (Integrated Care Service)

Classification: Aboriginal Health Worker

Location: Silverwater Men's Correctional Centre,
Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

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: 24 November 2020

Applications must be lodged
electronically at [healthnswgov.referrals.
selectminds.com](http://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com) and search
Job Reference Number **REQ194251**.

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Digital Manager

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You will manage the development and implementation of the Australia Council's digital communications strategy to optimise performance and effectively engage diverse stakeholders in support of Council's strategic objectives and goals.

To obtain further information about this position, please visit our careers page at
<http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers/>

Applications close 6 December 2020 at 11:59pm (AEST)



Specialist Family Violence Case Manager – Aboriginal

The Sexual Assault & Family Violence Centre (The SAFV Centre) is currently recruiting for a Specialist Family Violence Case Manager – Aboriginal.

This role provides intensive support for a 12 week period to women and children who are experiencing or have experienced family violence and is run in collaboration with the Wathaurong Co-operative. It aims to provide a cohesive service approach to addressing the needs of local Aboriginal women and children, (particularly those at higher risk) whilst enhancing access to child and family support, health services and justice services for Aboriginal women. This role will provide an innovative and culturally appropriate range of support services that encourages positive engagement of Aboriginal women within the services provided.

For more details please view the advertisement on the Koori Mail website under JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS



Walgett's Dharriwaa Elders Group is recruiting its newly designed Youth and Community Team.

Make a significant contribution to systemic change led by an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation.

Positions:

- **Youth and Community Program Manager**
- **Youth and Community Project Officer**
- **Youth Co-ordinators x 2**
- **Youth Worker Trainees x 2**

Go to:

<https://www.dharriwaaeldersgroup.org.au/images/downloads/YNYouthTeamCombinedPosition%20October2020.pdf>

For information about each of the Youth and Community Team positions we are currently recruiting. See how the positions fit in the team and decide which position you are best suited for. Each position description has its own application process.

Further information is available by emailing info@dharriwaaeldersgroup.org.au ph: 0268282619

Applications Close 5pm Friday 27 November 2020.



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Targeted

Administration Support Officer

Location: John Hunter Hospital

Enquiries: Mitchell Griffin on Mitchell.Griffin@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference ID: REQ192231

Closing Date: 25 November 2020

Administration Officer Level 3

Location: John Hunter Children's Hospital

Enquiries: Clarissa Robertson on Clarissa.McIlwain@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference ID: REQ196780

Closing Date: 25 November 2020

School Based Trainee – Allied Health

Location: Manning Hospital and Wingham Community Hospital

Enquiries: Lisa.Cantwell@health.nsw.gov.au (Wingham Hospital) or
Philip.Blenkin@health.nsw.gov.au (Manning Hospital)

Reference ID: REQ194014

Closing Date: 25 November 2020

Clinical Information Officer

Location: John Hunter Hospital

Enquiries: Nyssa Autenzio on Nyssa.Autenzio@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference ID: REQ197536

Closing Date: 25 November 2020

These are targeted Aboriginal Positions. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

Identified

Aboriginal Counsellor – New Street

Location: Hamilton Campus

Enquiries: Elisabeth Akioka on Elisabeth.Akioka@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference ID: REQ142016

Closing Date: 22 November 2020

Aboriginal Mental Health Professional Trainee

Location: Taree Community Health Service

Enquiries: Bron Rose on Bron.Rose@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference ID: REQ193489

Closing Date: 22 November 2020

Aboriginal Health Worker – Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Strategy (AMIHS)

Location: Quirindi Community Health Service

Enquiries: Michelle Gallagher on michelle.gallagher@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference ID: REQ197157

Closing Date: 23 November 2020

Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician

Location: Moree Community Health Service

Enquiries: Jennifer Gallagher on Jennifer.Gallagher@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference ID: REQ196715

Closing Date: 25 November 2020

These positions are identified for Aboriginal people and exemption is claimed under 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

Department: Hunter New England LHD

Closing Dates: see above

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to
healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and
search for Job Reference Numbers above.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Officer, SEO1 (ETS)

- **Department of Education**
- **Temporary Full-Time Appointment from 27 January 2021 – 29 January 2024**
- **Position number and location: 174270, Wagga Wagga**

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).

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 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 current transitional arrangement for the recruitment of Non-School Based Teaching Service positions, has been extended to include all Senior Education Officer 1 (SEO1) and Senior Education 2 (SEO2) positions across the Department.

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.

education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/careers-at-education/why-work-at-education/diversity-and-inclusion/aboriginal-peoples

Applications Close: 25 November 2020

Enquiries: Petrina Evans on (02) 6937 3817.

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: Ref#: 174270

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**Applications close 5pm
Friday, 27 November 2020**

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Early Years Advisor, SEO2 (ETS)

- Department of Education
- Temporary full-time appointment up to three (3) years from entry on duty
- Position number and location: 192512, Parramatta/Flexible

Total remuneration package valued to: \$157,742 p.a. (salary to \$142,302 p.a. including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading).

Providing high level support and advice to the Director, School Strategy and other key stakeholders in all aspects of Aboriginal education and in particular, strategies to address the key elements relating to Early Years education.

Please address the selection criteria in relation to the Statement of Duties for the position in your application. Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

This is a child-related role. If you are the successful applicant you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit 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*.

This is an Aboriginal identified role. When applying for an Aboriginal identified position, applicants must provide confirmation of Aboriginality and a certified statutory declaration upon interview as defined in the Confirmation of Aboriginality Guidelines.

education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/careers-at-education/why-work-at-education/diversity-and-inclusion/aboriginal-peoples#Confirmation2

Applications Close: 2 December 2020

Enquiries: Sam Ricketts on 0402 877203 or Samuel.ricketts@det.nsw.edu.au

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Thank you!

WaterNSW

NSW Border Rivers Upstream Keetah Bridge Alluvial Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Lyndale Ag Pty Ltd** for a New Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval, for a bore with a capacity of 400 ML/year at Lot 1 DP 402660, Parish Bora, County Ararawatta, and water use for irrigation on Lot 1 DP 402660 and Lot 7 DP 750074, Parish Bora, County Ararawatta. The application relates to NSW Border Rivers Upstream Keetah Bridge Alluvial Groundwater Source, subject to Water Sharing Plan for the NSW Border Rivers Alluvial Groundwater Sources 2020.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1251 Tamworth NSW 2340 or to customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A025099. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact David Thomas, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

Sydney Basin Nepean Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Susan Jean Tankard** for a New Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval, for a bore with a capacity of 50ML/year at Lot 53 DP 800284, Parish Joadja, County Camden, and water use for Irrigation, Stock & Domestic. The application relates to Sydney Basin Nepean Water Source, Management Zone 2 subject to Greater Metropolitan Region Groundwater Water Sharing Plan

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A025146. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Wayne Connors, Senior Water Regulation Officer on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

Sydney Basin Nepean Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Sabian Mandaean Association in Australia Limited** for a New Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval, for 2 x bores with a capacity of 10ML/year at 60 Bents Basin Road, Wallacia NSW 2745. Lot 6 DP 1067758 Parish: Warragamba County: Camden and water use for Industrial Purpose. The application relates to Sydney Basin Nepean Groundwater Source on subject to Greater Metropolitan Region Groundwater Sources 2011 Water Sharing Plan.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or to customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A025123. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Martin Holland Senior Water Regulation Officer on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

Leycester Creek Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **John Martin and Carol Alma SOMERVILLE** for a New Water Supply Work Approval, for an existing In-River Dam with a capacity of approx. 6ML at Lot 4 DP813647, Parish Tomki, County Rous. The application relates to Leycester Creek Water Source, on Post Office Creek, subject to Richmond River Area Unregulated, Regulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2010.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1400 Grafton NSW 2460 or customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A025129. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Melissa Hundy, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au.

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Australian Wool Culture Centre/Cattai NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment – Community Consultation Stage 1

Nanshan Group (the Proponent) are preparing a Local Development Application (DA) to The Hills Shire Council for 161 and 177 O'Brien's Road, Cattai, legally referred to as Lots 1 and 2 in DP1103918 (the subject area). Urbis is assisting the Proponent in undertaking an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) to accompany the DA for proposed eco-tourism and mixed rural use development. The proponent can be contacted via:

Nicholas Lau
M 0433 672 378
E: nicholas.lau@nanshan.com.au
Nanshan Group

In accordance with Section 4.1.3 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW, 2010)* and Clause 80C of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2009, the Proponent is seeking the registration of Aboriginal persons or groups who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) that may be present in the subject area.

The purpose of community consultation with Aboriginal people is to assist the Proponent in the preparation of the ACHA and the assessment of the cultural heritage significance of the subject area.

Please register your interest in writing to the contact details provided below by 5.00pm 2 December 2020.

Andrew Crisp
Senior Consultant
Urbis
Level 8 123 Pitt Street,
Sydney, NSW, 2000.
acrisp@urbis.com.au

Please be advised that the Proponent is required to forward the names of Aboriginal persons and groups who register an interest to the Department of Premier & Cabinet and the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council; unless the person or group specifies that they do not want their details released.

WaterNSW

Lachlan Regulated River Water Source 2016

WaterNSW has received an application from **John Francis O'Donnell and Heather Mary O'Donnell** to amend an existing Water Supply Work Approval by replacement pump, increase in capacity to 900 l/sec on Lot 16 DP 133285, Parish South Condobolin, County Gipps. The application relates to the Lachlan Regulated River Water Source, subject to Lachlan Regulated River Water Source 2016 Water Sharing Plan.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW PO Box 291, FORBES NSW 2871 or customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A024795. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Holly Orr, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au

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WaterNSW

Tweed – Brunswick Coastal Sands Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Duane John JOYCE and Kerry Douglas PRICHARD** for a New Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval, for a groundwater excavation with a capacity of 10ML/year at Lot 102 DP866795, Parish Cudgen, County Rous, and water use for Irrigation. The application relates to Tweed-Brunswick Coastal Sand Groundwater Source, subject to North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources 2016.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1400 Grafton NSW 2460 or to customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector.

You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A025128. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Melissa Hundy, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au

KH0680



Notice Under Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) Mining Lease Application 593 (Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

Description of the nature of the act

The Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade intends to grant a mining lease under the *Mining Act 1992* (NSW) on land subject to native title.

Should a lease be granted, the lease holder may apply to renew or transfer the lease prior to it expiring (including partial renewals or partial transfers).

In the case of any leases resulting from a partial renewal or partial transfer, this notice applies to any renewals and other future acts across the lease area of such leases.

Note: If the lease is granted, all subsequent future acts involving the renewal, re grant or re-making (including partial renewals or partial transfers) or extension of the term of the lease may be validated pursuant to section 26D of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) without further notification, provided the requirements in that section are satisfied.

Applicant's details

Sunshine Reclamation Pty Ltd (ACN 635 946 806) is the applicant for Mining Lease Application 593 which, if granted would authorise the mining of copper, gold, iron, lead, silver and zinc for up to 21 years.

Description of area that may be affected

The entire area of Mining Lease Application 593 that covers an area of approximately 3.91 hectares situated approximately 9 kilometres west south west of the town of Portland, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

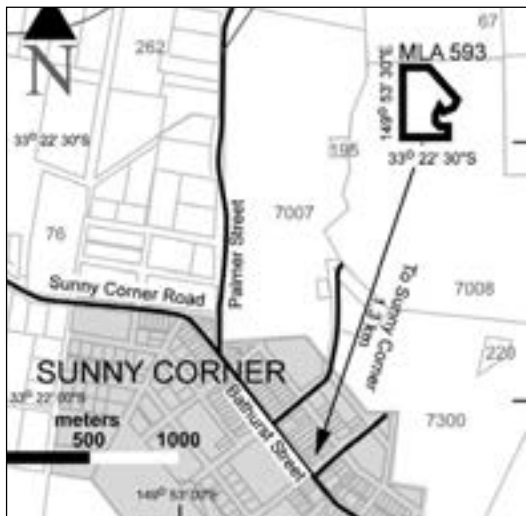
Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade
PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from; Mining, Exploration and Geoscience, Resource Operations, Regional NSW on (02) 4063 6600 or resource.operations@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Notification Day

For the purposes of section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) the notification day is 3 December 2020. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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BANDJALANG PEOPLE #3 AND BANDJALANG PEOPLE #4 NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP: AUTHORISATION MEETING TO AUTHORISE A CONSENT DETERMINATION OF NATIVE TITLE

Date and Time: Monday, 7 December 2020
10:30am – 3:00pm

Venue: Woodburn Evans Head RSL Club

Note: NTSCORP Limited will also be holding a Bandjalang meeting to give information on a proposed Land Management Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) at the same venue on the following two days: Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 December 2020.

NTSCORP Limited, the native title service provider for NSW, provides assistance and legal representation to the Bandjalang People in relation to their native title determination application Bandjalang People #3 and Bandjalang People #4 (Federal Court proceedings NSD 426/2016).

NTSCORP is convening a meeting for all members of the Bandjalang People #3 and Bandjalang People #4 native title claim group for the purpose of authorising a Consent Determination to settle the Bandjalang People's native title determination application.

Background

Prior to the consent determination of the Bandjalang #1 and #2, a number of parcels of land held by Aboriginal Land Councils were removed from the claims. This was done following negotiations with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council and other Local Aboriginal Land Councils. The Bandjalang #3 and Bandjalang #4 claim relates to those parcels which were removed from the Bandjalang #1 and #2 matters.

Who should attend:

All Bandjalang native title claim group members being the descendants of:

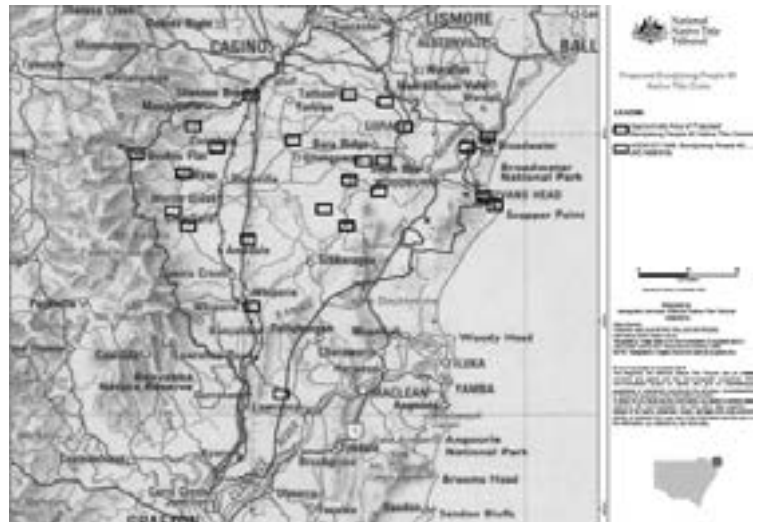
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| • King Harry | • Michael 'Mundoon' Wilson | • Frank Jock Jnr |
| • Jack Wilson | • George James | • Ada Jock |
| • Susannah mother of Frank Jock Jnr. | • Eliza Breckenridge | • Gibson Robinson |
| | • Jack Breckenridge | • Grace Bond |

and persons adopted or incorporated into the families of those person and who identify as and are accepted as Bandjalang People in accordance with Bandjalang traditional laws and customs (and the biological descendants of any such adopted or incorporated persons).

MAP OF THE PROPOSED CONSENT DETERMINATION AREA

The area proposed to be subject of the Consent Determination includes land and waters within the external boundary of the Bandjalang People #3 and #4 Native Title Determination Application (Federal Court Proceedings NSD 426/2016) as shown in the maps below:

Map of the Bandjalang #3 Claim Area



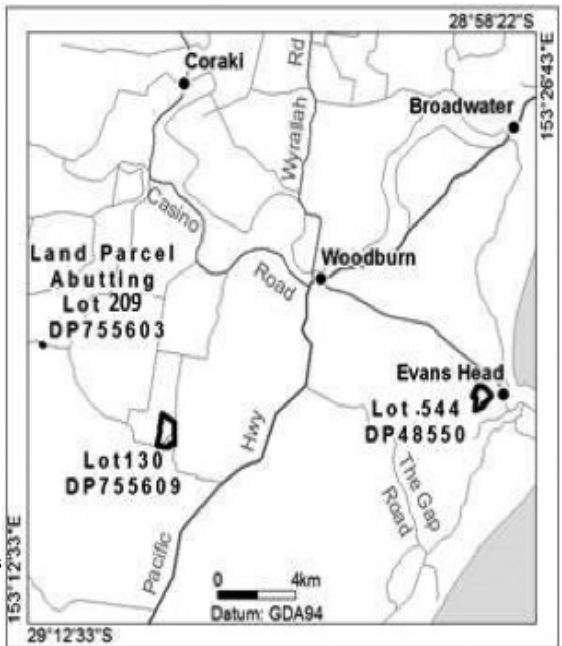
The AGENDA for this AUTHORISATION MEETING is as follows:

1. provide an update on the proposed consent determination;
2. To confirm the decision-making process for the authorisation of the proposed section 87 agreement and consent determination;
3. To consider and make decisions in relation to the authorisation of the proposed section 87 agreement and consent determination recognising Bandjalang People's native title rights and interests in some parcels of land, and the extinguishment of native title in others;
4. To consider and make decisions about nominating and authorising the Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation Prescribed Body Corporate RNTBC (ICN 7930) to act as the trustee for Bandjalang People to hold their native title rights and interests in relation to the Bandjalang #3 and Bandjalang #4 lands; and
5. Any other business as determined by Bandjalang People.

We encourage you to attend this meeting as important decisions will be made with regard to your native title application. We will need to provide advice and get clear instructions from the native title claim group in relation to the above matters.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. If you wish to attend the meeting, please contact NTSCORP Limited by no later than **Monday 30 November 2020** so that all relevant arrangements can be made.

Map of the Bandjalang #4 Claim Area:



Our details are:

Freecall 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188
Post: P.O. Box 2105, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012
Fax: (02) 9310 4177
Email: CFC@ntscorp.com.au

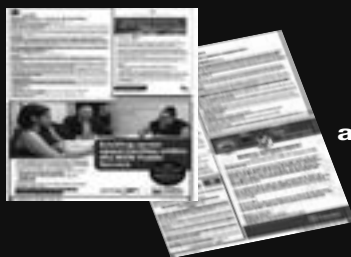
Mileage assistance and accommodation may be available to persons attending this meeting in accordance with NTSCORP's meeting assistance policies, subject to reasonable adjustments due to COVID-19. If you require accommodation, **you will need to provide NTSCORP with a completed meeting registration form, or telephone NTSCORP with confirmed details, by no later than Monday 30 November 2020.**

Please note if you do not contact NTSCORP by Monday 30 November 2020 to confirm your request for travel and accommodation assistance, NTSCORP cannot guarantee we will be able to assist with travel and accommodation arrangements – although you would still be more than welcome to attend the meeting.

DUE TO COVID-19, THE VENUE WILL HAVE A MAXIMUM CAPACITY IN ORDER TO ATTEND THIS MEETING YOU MUST RSVP IN ADVANCE:

Please provide NTSCORP with a completed meeting registration form, or telephone NTSCORP with confirmed details, by no later than **Monday 30 November 2020.**

Should you have any queries or simply require further information, please do not hesitate to contact: **Annika Rotumah – Senior Community Facilitator, Helen Orr - Solicitor or Sandy Chalmers – Deputy Principal Solicitor on Freecall: 1800 111 844 or ph: (02) 9310 3188.**



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or call
02 6622 2666

WaterNSW Black Creek Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Greig Andrew Chadban and Nicole Louise Chadban** for a New Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval, for a 50mm Centrifugal Pump with a capacity of 15 litres/sec located at Lot 2 DP 260641, Parish Pokolbin, County Northumberland, and water use for Irrigation. The application relates to Black Creek Water Source, on Black Creek, subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2009. Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or to customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waterNSW.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A025111. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Georgina Tuaoimalii, Senior Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au.

KH0677

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland Notification day: 2 December 2020



This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court, **on or before 1 March 2021**. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from www.fedcourt.gov.au. After **1 March 2021**, you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to become a party.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Colin McLennan & Ors on behalf of the Jangga People #3 and State of Queensland
Federal Court File No: QUD296/2020
Date filed: 21 September 2020
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration

Description: The application area covers approx. 21,912 sq km and is located about 15 km north west of Clermont and about 74 km north east of Barcaldine
Relevant LGAs: Isaac Regional Council and Barcaldine Regional Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Sylvia Jagtman on 02 9227 4000 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Adelong Creek Water Source

Forestry Corporation NSW has applied for a **water supply work approval** for a pump with a capacity of 2L/s, to German Creek Lot 38 DP 757234 in the Parish of Hindmarsh, County of Wynyard for industrial purposes (forestry) (ref: A024408). If you object to this application, write to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, Licensing and Approvals—West, Locked Bag 5022, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124 or nrar.enquiries@nrar.nsw.gov.au within 28 days of this notice being published. You must include your name and address and the reason for your objection. If you have questions, call Water Regulation Officer Bryson Lashbrook on (02) 6937 2708. SB1907



52 Orchardleigh Street, Yennora, NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment – Community Consultation Stage 1

Architecture Design Studio (ADS) (the Proponent) are preparing a State Significant Development Application (SSD-9080531) for Lot 102 DP 602844 at 52 Orchardleigh Street, Yennora, NSW (hereafter referred as the subject area) which will involve construction of a new independent primary school and high school for 600 students. Urbis is assisting the Proponent in undertaking an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) to accompany SSD-9080531. The proponent can be contacted directly via:

Ihab Shams
ADS Architects
11 Egerton Street,
Silverwater NSW 2128
P: 02 9648 6663
E: ihab.s@adsarchitects.com

In accordance with Section 4.1.3 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW, 2010)* and Clause 80C of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2009, the Proponent is seeking the registration of Aboriginal persons or groups who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) that may be present in the subject area.

The purpose of community consultation with Aboriginal people is to assist the Proponent in the preparation of the ACHA, potential test excavation program and the assessment of the cultural heritage significance of the subject area.

Please register your interest in writing to the contact details provided below by 5.00pm 2 December 2020.

Andrew Crisp
Senior Consultant
Urbis Pty Ltd
acrisp@urbis.com.au
Level 8 123 Pitt Street,
Sydney, NSW, 2000.

Please be advised that the Proponent is required to forward the names of Aboriginal persons and groups who register an interest to Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Regulation Branch of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, unless the person or group specifies that they do not want their details released.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

South Australian Native Title Services Ltd (SANTS) invites all Ngadjuri people (described below) to attend a native title authorisation meeting in relation to the Ngadjuri Nations native title application SAD304/2011.

Date: Saturday, 28 November 2020
Venue: Adelaide Royal Coach Hotel, 24 Dequetteville Tce, Kent Town, South Australia 5067
Time: 12 noon

Who may attend the authorisation meeting: The meeting is open to all Ngadjuri people in the native title claim group, being descendants of the following ancestors:

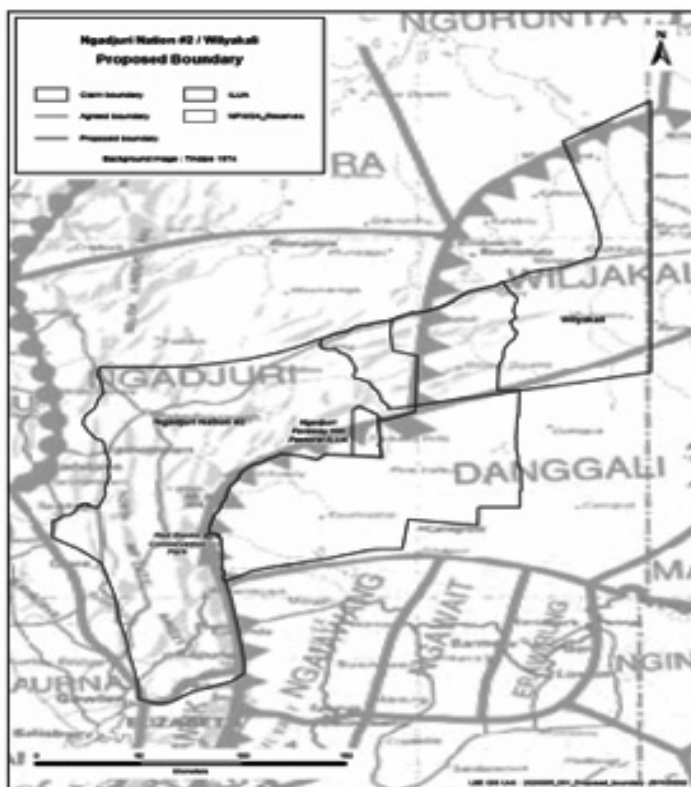
Fanny, who was born at Winnininnie and her spouse Gudjari
Richard (Dick) Warrior
The un-named mother of Ned Edwards, who was born at Booyoolee, near Gladstone
The un-named mother of the Armstrong siblings who was born at Canowie
The un-named mother of Alice Morris, who was born at Canowie
The un-named mother of William John Miller and Amelia Miller
Eliza McGrath, antecedent of the McGrath family

Purposes of Authorisation meeting

- To consider the response of the State of South Australia in relation to a possible consent determination
- To decide whether to authorise the applicant to make the following proposed amendments to the Ngadjuri Nation claim:
 - changing the area claimed in what is known as Part B to remove the overlap with the Wilyakali native title claim as agreed at a mediation meeting on 22 September 2020 (see map below)
 - changing the area claimed in what is known as Part A to the proposed boundary (see map below)

Registering for the meeting

All members of the Ngadjuri Nation are invited to contact SANTS to register to attend the authorisation meeting on 1800 010 360 or email at kellyl@nativetitlesa.org or jodiem@nativetitlesa.org. Some limited assistance including accommodation and transport will be available for the meeting and lunch and refreshments will be available during the day.



Department of Justice and Community Safety Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010

Recognition and Settlement Agreement reached with the TAUNGURUNG

The State of Victoria and the **Taungurung Land and Waters Council Aboriginal Corporation** (ICN 4191) (the Corporation) have entered into a Recognition and Settlement Agreement (the Agreement) under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* (Vic) (the TOS Act). The Corporation is appointed by the Taungurung Traditional Owner group as the Traditional Owner group entity. The Agreement between the State of Victoria and the Corporation **commenced on 11 August 2020** and commits the parties to an ongoing partnership, and includes obligations and benefits for both parties.

The Agreement under the TOS Act recognises the Taungurung as the Traditional Owner group in the Agreement area (see map below), and their rights to access and use the land and its natural resources in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. It also provides a regime for the Corporation to comment on, negotiate about, or consent to certain activities on public land in the Agreement area.



The Agreement provides for the transfer of up to five sites in fee simple to the Corporation and the granting to the Corporation of 'Aboriginal Title' of nine parks within the Agreement area, to be jointly managed with the state. It also includes a funding agreement for the Corporation to manage its obligations, undertake economic development activities, and improve social and cultural outcomes for the Taungurung people.

The Corporation can be contacted by **email** on enquiries@taungurung.com.au, by **telephone** on (03) 5784 1433 and by **mail** at 37 High Street Broadford Victoria 3658.

For further information, visit www.justice.vic.gov.au and follow the links to: **your-rights/native-title/taungurung-recognition-and-settlement-agreement**, or contact the Native Title Unit by telephone on (03) 8684 7523 or by email nativetitle@justice.vic.gov.au

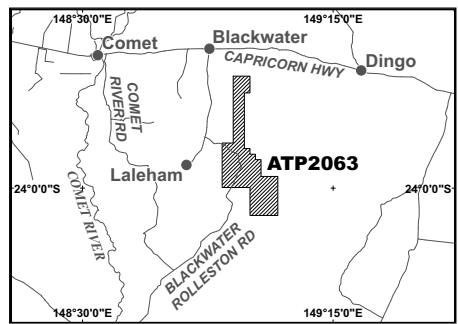
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF AN AUTHORITY TO PROSPECT AND ANY SUBSEQUENT PETROLEUM LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of an Authority to Prospect (ATP) 2063 and any subsequent Petroleum Lease shown below under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) (Future Acts).

Proposed grant of Authority to Prospect 2063 sought by COMET RIDGE MAHALO FAR EAST PTY LTD, ACN 642 386 534, over an area of 108 sub-blocks (338 km²) centred approximately 35 km South East of Blackwater, in the localities of Central Highlands Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Authority to Prospect under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for petroleum for a maximum term not exceeding six (6) years with the possibility of renewal for terms not exceeding six (6) years. The subsequent grant of any Petroleum Leases under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) would authorise the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce commercial quantities of petroleum for a term not exceeding thirty (30) years, with the possibility of renewal for terms not exceeding thirty (30) years.

Name and Address of person doing Act(s): It is proposed that the Future Acts be granted under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) by the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of a Authority to Prospect. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*

1993 (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the Future Acts, may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy on Telephone: (07) 3199 8119 or Email: petroleumhub@dnrme.qld.gov.au.

Notification Day: 9 December 2020



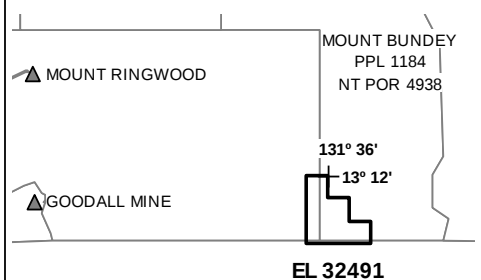
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Nicole Manison MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mining and Industry, C/- Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of her intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

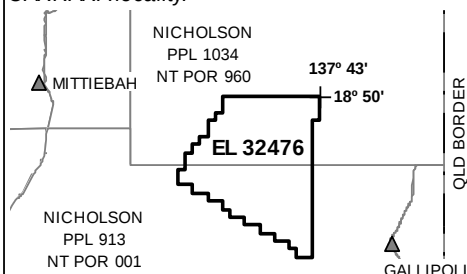
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 32491 sought by ROSS ANICTOMATIS over an area of 6 Blocks (21 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MCKINLAY RIVER locality.



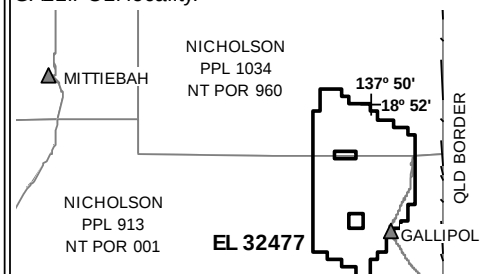
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Exploration Licence 32476 sought by BAUDIN RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 618 455 593 over an area of 248 Blocks (806 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CARRARA locality.



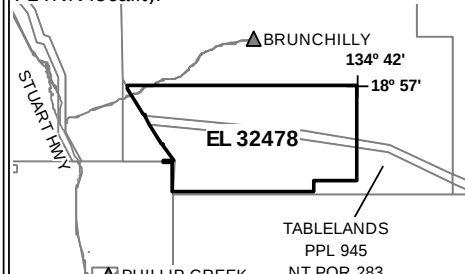
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Exploration Licence 32477 sought by BAUDIN RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 618 455 593 over an area of 248 Blocks (806 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GALLIPOLI locality.



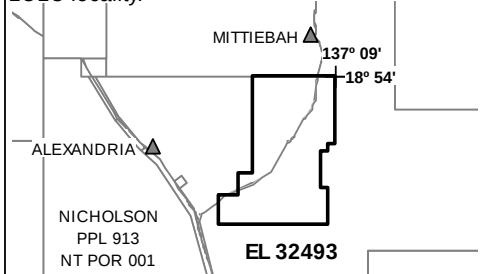
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Exploration Licence 32478 sought by BAUDIN RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 618 455 593 over an area of 250 Blocks (799 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FL YNN locality.



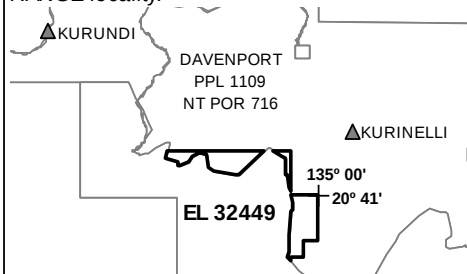
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Exploration Licence 32493 sought by BAUDIN RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 618 455 593 over an area of 250 Blocks (812 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LULU locality.



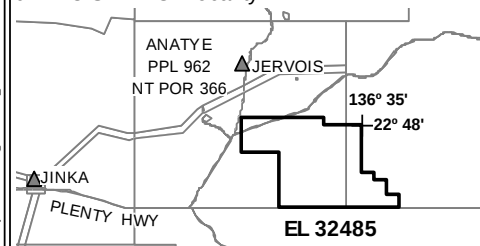
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Exploration Licence 32449 sought by FUTURE MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 625 372 661 over an area of 26 Blocks (46 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DAVENPORT RANGE locality.



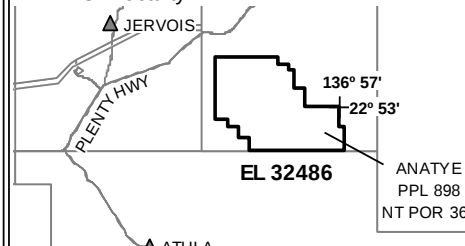
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Exploration Licence 32485 sought by INCA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 128 512 907 and MRG RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 614 946 164 over an area of 215 Blocks (679 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JERVOIS RANGE locality.



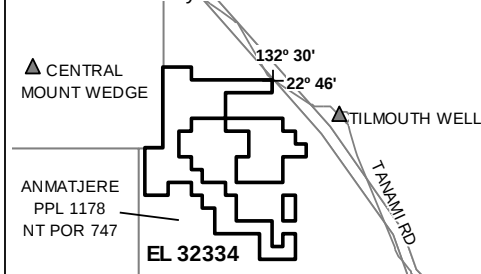
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Exploration Licence 32486 sought by INCA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 128 512 907 and MRG RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 614 946 164 over an area of 250 Blocks (791 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TARLTON locality.



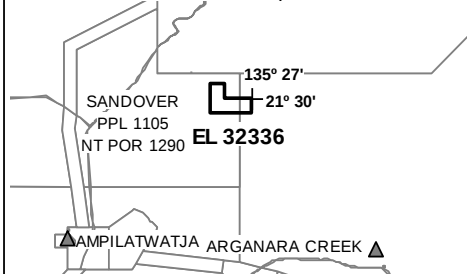
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Exploration Licence 32334 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 86 Blocks (259 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MT WEDGE locality.



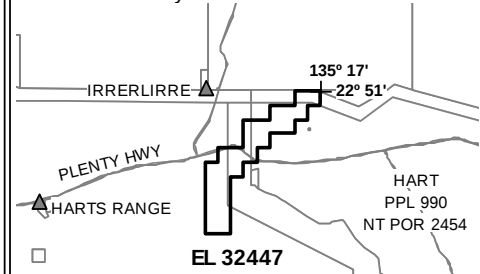
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Exploration Licence 32336 sought by KIMBERLEY ALICE SMITH AND SCOTT WILLIAM SMITH over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the AMMAROO locality.



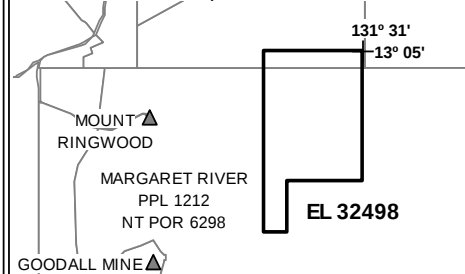
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Exploration Licence 32447 sought by BRIAN RICHARD WALLACE AND RAYMOND CEDRIC WALLACE over an area of 25 Blocks (80 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DNEIPER locality.



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Exploration Licence 32498 sought by WESTERN FRONTIER PTY LTD, ACN 622 913 071 over an area of 22 Blocks (74 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act 1993* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane QLD 4001, or telephone (07) 3307 5000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act 1993*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 18 November 2020



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/3175	GREAT SANDY PTY LTD	36BL	61.9km SE'ly of Onslow	Lat: 22° 4' S Long: 115° 28' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/3180	BELRES PTY LTD	29BL	55.3km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 50' S Long: 115° 50' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/3206	FQM EXPLORATION (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	62BL	45.9km N'ly of Mt Augustus	Lat: 23° 54' S Long: 117° 2' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/3214	MARQUEE RESOURCES LIMITED	22BL	132.5km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 49' S Long: 116° 7' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2390	SOUTHERN STAR EXPLORATION PTY LTD	69BL	136.3km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 27° 18' S Long: 115° 34' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2407	RWG MINERALS PTY LTD	24BL	64.9km SW'ly of Mt Augustus	Lat: 24° 35' S Long: 116° 20' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2408	RAREX LIMITED	79BL	169.7km S'ly of Mt Augustus	Lat: 25° 50' S Long: 116° 56' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2409	RAREX LIMITED	79BL	180.2km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 26° 15' S Long: 116° 25' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2410	ERRAWARRA PTY LTD	12BL	127.8km S'ly of Mt Augustus	Lat: 25° 27' S Long: 116° 54' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2411-2	FQM EXPLORATION (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	157BL	40km NE'ly of Mt Augustus	Lat: 24° 2' S Long: 117° 10' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2413	NARRYER MINERALS PTY LTD	200BL	173.8km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 56' S Long: 116° 37' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2417	REED EXPLORATION PTY LTD	7BL	93km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 10' S Long: 116° 7' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2424	ZOHAR, David Alan	33BL	81.9km SW'ly of Mt Augustus	Lat: 24° 50' S Long: 116° 20' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2427	BUXTON RESOURCES LTD	200BL	148.9km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 26° 10' S Long: 116° 0' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2429	BUXTON RESOURCES LTD	200BL	168.4km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 26° 15' S Long: 116° 13' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1771	WOLSKI, Edmund Karl	4BL	38.6km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 27' S Long: 121° 23' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1776	CH2 INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	55BL	51.2km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 20' S Long: 120° 52' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1777	KALGOORLIE MINING ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	22BL	40.5km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 27' S Long: 121° 21' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1781	MARQUEE RESOURCES LIMITED	5BL	29.8km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 25' S Long: 121° 29' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1783	KALGOORLIE MINING ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	20BL	33km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 15' S Long: 121° 10' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/543	ORIGIN COMPANIES PTY LTD	7BL	43.5km W'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 120° 37' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/544	ORIGIN COMPANIES PTY LTD	1BL	39.2km W'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 120° 39' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/548	MORGANTI, Romano Natale	4BL	81.3km W'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 13' S Long: 120° 14' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/549	MORGANTI, Romano Natale	1BL	79.4km W'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 120° 14' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	24/219	BURCHELL, Owen Michael	8BL	26.4km N'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 12' S Long: 121° 17' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	24/225	THUNDER METALS PTY LTD	25BL	17.5km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 121° 25' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2989-90	BRONTON, Christopher John	2BL	67.8km SW'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 122° 4' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/3004	GOLDTRIBE CORPORATION PTY LTD	11BL	66.6km S'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 122° 36' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/3010	GOLDTRIBE CORPORATION PTY LTD	1BL	63.5km S'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 122° 33' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/3011	GOLDTRIBE CORPORATION PTY LTD	7BL	72.6km S'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 122° 36' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/3012	GOLDTRIBE CORPORATION PTY LTD	5BL	70.5km S'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 122° 33' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/3045	CREST INVESTMENT GROUP 1 LIMITED	89BL	139.2km N'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 17' S Long: 123° 19' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/1087	SILATEC PTY LTD	28BL	34.4km N'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 8' S Long: 121° 23' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/1094	THUNDER METALS PTY LTD	2BL	35.7km NE'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 5' S Long: 121° 15' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/504	CARNEGIE GOLD PTY LTD	2BL	51.9km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 2' S Long: 120° 40' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/524	MCCONNON, Gail Myrle	19BL	128.6km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 27' S Long: 119° 44' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/525	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	9BL	124.3km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 28' S Long: 119° 46' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/527	BAUDIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL	41.8km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 48' S Long: 120° 37' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1220	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	8BL	7.5km NE'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 46' S Long: 122° 25' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1242	ORECORP HOLDINGS PTY LTD	5BL	42.9km SE'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 0' S Long: 122° 44' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1259	SATURN METALS LIMITED	15BL	53km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 121° 38' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1409	GREENSTONE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	3BL	54.2km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 28' S Long: 121° 1' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3362	GREAT SOUTHERN MINING LIMITED	20BL	28.3km E'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 34' S Long: 122° 41' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3364	GREAT SOUTHERN MINING LIMITED	70BL	30.7km E'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 36' S Long: 122° 42' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3400	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	15BL	8.6km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 33' S Long: 122° 27' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3407	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	2BL	27.6km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 39' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3425	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	6BL	9.5km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 122° 18' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3504	MILFORD RESOURCES PTY LTD	6BL	29.9km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 122° 41' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3510	TIGERS PAW PROSPECTING PTY LTD	70BL	51km E'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 122° 55' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2182	DISCOVEX RESOURCES LIMITED	30BL	43.5km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 48' S Long: 122° 48' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2186	DISCOVEX RESOURCES LIMITED	18BL	38.8km NE'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 34' S Long: 122° 38' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2187	ORECORP HOLDINGS PTY LTD	27BL	56.4km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 121° 50' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2188	YERILLA NICKEL PTY LTD	6BL	64.9km N'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 14' S Long: 122° 11' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2196	DOBBIE, Kristina Marijke	1BL	59.2km N'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 122° 13' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/392	RESOURCE ASSETS PTY LTD	2BL	33km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 9' S Long: 121° 28' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5585	GTTS GENERATIONS PTY LIMITED	155BL	94.6km W'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 37' S Long: 121° 19' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5675	FUTURE METALS GROUP PTY LTD				
Exploration Licence	45/5689	SIPA EXPLORATION NL	70BL	31.8km SE'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 20° 27' S Long: 119° 48' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5689	RUMBLE RESOURCES LIMITED	158BL	128.5km NW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 5' S Long: 121° 10' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5695	ATLAS IRON PTY LTD	25BL	37.8km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 33' S Long: 120° 1' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5706	KERAS (PILBARA) GOLD PTY LTD	4BL	11km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 16' S Long: 119° 44' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5713	BEATONS CREEK GOLD PTY LTD				
Exploration Licence	45/5713	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	3BL	63.8km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 28' S Long: 119° 13' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5740	SIPA EXPLORATION NL	70BL	40.4km SE'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 20° 32' S Long: 119° 50' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1354	REDSTONE METALS PTY LTD	11BL	27.9km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 48' S Long: 119° 51' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1965	BLACK RAVEN MINING PTY LTD	28BL	86.2km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 16' S Long: 117° 42' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1966	BLACK RAVEN MINING PTY LTD	12BL	78.8km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 22' S Long: 117° 44' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1967	SANDFIRE RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	42.4km SW'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 58' S Long: 118° 31' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1968	SANDFIRE RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	42km S'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 59' S Long: 118° 34' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1969	MARLEE GOLD PTY LTD	51BL	49.8km SW'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 52' S Long: 118° 18' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1970	SANDFIRE RESOURCES LIMITED	18BL	31km S'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 55' S Long: 118° 44' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1972	DEBNAL PTY LTD	20BL	15.3km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 29' S Long: 118° 23' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1973	DEBNAL PTY LTD	13BL	30.6km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 20' S Long: 118° 21' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1975	HOTTUB PTY LTD	69BL	54.6km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 44' S Long: 117° 58' E	CUE SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1978-9	CLATWORTHY, Mark Roy	2BL	48.4km SW'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 59' S Long: 118° 26' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1982	RED MOUNTAIN MINING LTD	5BL	75.7km W'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 44' S Long: 117° 58' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1984	MORNING STAR MINING PTY LTD	4BL	43.2km E'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 46' S Long: 119° 7' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1993	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	68BL	78.2km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 21' S Long: 119° 29' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3836	KRAKATOA RESOURCES LIMITED	24BL	155.2km S'ly of Mt Augustus	Lat: 25° 41' S Long: 117° 9' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1149-50	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	137BL	105.5km NE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 118° 40' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1155	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	70BL	82.5km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 4' S Long: 118° 30' E	MENZIES SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2408	ELEMENT 25 LIMITED	58BL	132.3km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 27° 17' S Long: 116° 1' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2415	FI JOINT VENTURE PTY LTD	12BL	22.4km NE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 11' S Long: 116° 50' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/2050	DUKETON MINING LTD	10BL	87.3km SE'ly of Marvel Loch	Lat: 31° 52' S Long: 120° 16' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5382	SOUTHERN STAR EXPLORATION PTY LTD	79BL	115.9km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 27° 29' S Long: 115° 26' E	MURCHISON SHIRE, NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5383	AUSQUEST LIMITED	145BL	111.6km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 27° 32' S Long: 115° 37' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5389	AUSQUEST LIMITED	78BL	53.1km N'ly of Dalwallinu	Lat: 29° 49' S Long: 116° 28' E	DALWALLINU SHIRE, PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5458	DIAMANDIA PTY LTD	70BL	42.1km NW'ly of Dalwallinu	Lat: 29° 59' S Long: 116° 23' E	COOROW SHIRE, DALWALLINU SHIRE, PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5521	ST GEORGE MINING LIMITED	69BL	29.5km NE'ly of Northampton	Lat: 28° 8' S Long: 114° 49' E	CHAPMAN VALLEY SHIRE, NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5522	ST GEORGE MINING LIMITED	40BL	37.4km NE'ly of Northampton	Lat: 28° 6' S Long: 114° 53' E	NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5554	KOOJAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	39BL	65.1km N'ly of Dalwallinu	Lat: 29° 42' S Long: 116° 32' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5593	KOOJAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	78BL	40.2km E'ly of Corrigin	Lat: 32° 19' S Long: 118° 18' E	KONDININ SHIRE, NAREMBEEN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5595	GREENWOOD RESOURCES PTY LTD	20BL	28.6km NE'ly of Katanning	Lat: 33° 34' S Long: 117° 49' E	KATANNING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5596	QUADRIO RESOURCES PTY LTD	56BL	40.5km NW'ly of Kojoonup	Lat: 33° 33' S Long: 116° 53' E	WEST ARTHUR SHIRE, WOODANILLING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5597	STUNALARA (OPERATIONS) PTY LTD	22BL	57.9km N'ly of Walpole	Lat: 34° 27' S Long: 116° 45' E	CRANBROOK SHIRE, MANJIMUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5598	WHEATBELT MINERALS PTY LTD	16BL	57.8km N'ly of Narrogin	Lat: 32° 26' S Long: 116° 57' E	BROOKTON SHIRE, PINGELLY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5637	KILONOVA METALS PTY LTD	24BL	26.3km N'ly of Gnowangerup	Lat: 33° 42' S Long: 117° 58' E	KATANNING SHIRE, KENT SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2671	MOHO RESOURCES LIMITED	18BL	31.5km NE'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 18' S Long: 118° 32' E	MERRREDIN SHIRE, WESTONIA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2675	NETLEY MINERALS PTY LTD	7BL	42.8km NE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 30° 58' S Long: 119° 39' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2682	DUKETON MINING LTD	19BL	133.7km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 26' S Long: 119° 2' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2683	NIMY PTY LTD	9BL	108.4km SE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 55' S Long: 118° 30' E	MOUNT MARSHALL SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2684	AUSTRALIAN SILICA QUARTZ PTY LTD	14BL	44.2km NE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 119° 35' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2686	MARDA OPERATIONS PTY LTD	2BL	155.5km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 119° 26' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2688	CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	20BL	129.2km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 119° 0' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2689	MERCHANT VENTURES PTY LTD	4BL	121.4km N'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 30° 8' S Long: 119° 23' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2695	WEST AUSTRALIAN PROSPECTORS PTY LTD	2BL	8.7km SE'ly of Marvel Loch	Lat: 31° 32' S Long: 119° 32' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2696	WEST AUSTRALIAN PROSPECTORS PTY LTD	27BL	27.9km S'ly of Marvel Loch	Lat: 31° 43' S Long: 119° 27' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2700	LAKE BARLEE GOLD PTY LTD	64BL	144.1km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 119° 14' E	MENZIES SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2701	JINDALEE RESOURCES LIMITED	5BL	73.8km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 32' S Long: 119° 41' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/762	API MANAGEMENT PTY LIMITED	174.43HA	55.6km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 3' S Long: 116° 1' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6480	MICHLANGE PTY LTD	181.66HA	27.9km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 120° 52' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6540	BROSNAN, Allan Neville	40.22HA	14.5km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 121° 3' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6551-2	EVERETT, Chadwick Doughton				
Prospecting Licence		FRIELING, Ronald	204.34HA	12.5km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 2' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		FRIELING, Carol				

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 18 November 2020

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **18 February 2021**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 18 March 2021**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518. * - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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WaterNSW

New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Kamaljit Singh DHARIWAL, Amandeep Kaur DHARIWAL, Pritpal Singh DHARIWAL and Raghvir Kaur DHARIWAL** to amend a Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval, by adding a work bore, capacity of 30ML per annum located at Lot 1 DP1186782, Parish of Orara, County of Fitzroy. The application relates to New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source, subject to North Coast Fractured and Porous Rock Groundwater Source.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1400 Grafton NSW 2460 or customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A024732. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register (“closing date” column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Stephanie Wight, Water Regulation Officer 1300 662 077 or by email at customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au

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NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Southern Recharge Groundwater Source

Warrumbungle Shire Council has applied for a new **water supply work approval** for a 154.2mm Bore with a capacity of 0.5L/s on Lot 1 DP 18607 Parish of Coonabarabran, County of Gowen for town water supply purposes (ref: A023676).

If you object to this application, write to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, Licensing and Approvals—West, Locked Bag 5022, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124 or nrar.enquiries@nrar.nsw.gov.au within 28 days of this notice being published. You must include your name and address and the reason for your objection.

If you have questions, call Water Regulation Officer Jeanette Nestor on (02) 68417447.

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GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	37/1350	SUMMERS, Richard Michael	200.70HA	7.3km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 121° 23' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1145	LEGACY IRON ORE LTD	1404.11HA	41.6km N'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 27' S Long: 122° 29' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	45/1289	KERAS (PILBARA) GOLD PTY LTD BEATONS CREEK GOLD PTY LTD	149.86HA	26.7km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 20' S Long: 119° 55' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	51/889	ZEUS MINING PTY LTD	189.43HA	15.4km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 27' S Long: 118° 27' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE

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

Notification day: 18 November 2020

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **18 February 2021**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 18 March 2021**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

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

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GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Prospecting Licence	15/6559-60	KENEX PTY LTD	398.98HA	23.1km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 120° 55' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6569	DOBBIE, Kristina Marijke	198.53HA	19.4km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 6' S Long: 121° 3' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6570	MT EDWARDS LITHIUM PTY LTD	133.95HA	28.8km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 26' S Long: 121° 32' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6571	WOLSKI, Zygmund	194.77HA	7.4km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 58' S Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6581	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	161.86HA	19.8km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 121° 27' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	15/6583	SMITH, Christopher Grant	113.50HA	21.2km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6588-9	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	349.59HA	18.5km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 121° 1' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6591	ALLIANCE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	130.16HA	26.4km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 10' S Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6592-3	BEST, Peter Brian	228.10HA	6.5km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3220	WOODLINE GOLD PTY LTD	154.61HA	26.5km S'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 121° 0' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3275	DAMPIER GOLD LIMITED	139.64HA	24.5km S'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3277	BROWN, Michael John Barry	9.87HA	37.1km SW'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 120° 46' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3279	WHITTARD, James Barry	110.12HA	36.8km SW'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 120° 46' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3281-2	OWEN, Tristan David	350.12HA	36.9km SW'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 120° 51' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3285	CZAPLINSKI, Paul Edward	192.24HA	32.4km S'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 121° 1' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5449	STEHN, Anthony Paterson	162.96HA	12.5km N'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 121° 1' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5456	SLEEK LINES HOLDINGS PTY LTD	63.99HA	12.5km N'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 121° 2' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5461	COONEY, Sean Thomas	30.04HA	9.4km NW'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 14' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5462	MILLER, Brett Francis	9.98HA	11.2km NW'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 120° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5463	BARTLETT, Glen Michael John	70.00HA	14.8km NW'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 121° 13' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5464	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	113.35HA	10.5km NW'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 121° 14' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5468-73	SLEEK LINES HOLDINGS PTY LTD	1147.57HA	13.4km SE'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 121° 10' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2649	DOBAJ, Elizabeth Virginia	10.02HA	40.1km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2676	BEACON MINING PTY LTD	172.33HA	36.4km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 121° 49' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2691	MILLER, David Andrew	129.91HA	23.7km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 42' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2692	MANSEN, James Karl	97.62HA	18.2km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4545	RESOURCE GROUP (WA) PTY LTD	100.59HA	7.4km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4549	DURHAM, Clinton Victor Jude	33.50HA	6.1km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence		DURHAM, Sean				
Prospecting Licence		BEVAN, Simon				
Prospecting Licence		DURHAM, Deborah Ann				
Prospecting Licence	26/4568	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	138.60HA	21.5km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 121° 29' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4577	YANDAL RESOURCES LIMITED	192.20HA	15.5km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 121° 30' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4579	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	10.04HA	7.9km W'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 23' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4580	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	2.79HA	9.9km W'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 22' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4582	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LIMITED	27.24HA	22.3km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2461	YANDAL RESOURCES LIMITED	184.74HA	15.9km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 121° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1356-7	PUMPHREY, Andrew Ian	292.89HA	40.5km S'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 10' S Long: 122° 25' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence		DAFFEN, Michael Timothy Harold				
Prospecting Licence	28/1382	LASSEY, Darren William	68.57HA	69.6km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 122° 4' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence		LASSEY, Kyle William				
Prospecting Licence		KITCHEN, Jon				
Prospecting Licence	28/1387	GOLD GEOLOGICAL CONSULTING PTY LTD	0.15HA	76.6km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 122° 13' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2572-S	HOOPER, Stuart Leslie	5.99HA	81.4km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 120° 30' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2590	BORROMEI, Rino	7.49HA	9.7km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 44' S Long: 121° 6' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2591	BORROMEI, Rino	10.00HA	9.9km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 121° 6' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2597-8-S	UNWIN, Christopher Robert	15.18HA	3.6km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 121° 4' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	30/1151	WHITTARD, James Barry	186.44HA	50.5km NW'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 3' S Long: 120° 40' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2139	MCCAHOON, Vincent	9.98HA	16.3km W'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 47' S Long: 122° 11' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9349	SANDHU, Tanvanth Singh	179.62HA	19.7km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 121° 14' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9368	DIXON, Trevor John	195.01HA	24.6km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 121° 34' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9370	DIXON, Trevor John	192.97HA	22.7km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 121° 33' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9374	BHASIN, Neelesh	184.46HA	33.5km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 121° 40' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		CREW, Ross Frederick				
Prospecting Licence	38/4518	CHASSAING, Henri Vincent Andre	199.94HA	52.5km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 122° 51' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6180	DUBBERLEY, Kateva Lillian Susan	200.84HA	63.3km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 8' S Long: 122° 8' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6185	JOHNSON, Robert William	14.93HA	61km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 121° 56' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6201	LITTLE RIPPER GOLD INC	195.65HA	51km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 121° 51' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6204	PILKINGTON, Anthony Gerald	9.61HA	53.9km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 121° 52' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6205	PILKINGTON, Anthony Gerald	9.58HA	53.4km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 121° 52' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6207-8	MCWILLIAM, Gordon John	345.90HA	54.1km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 121° 52' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/3154-S	MILLSTEED, Brendan James	7.52HA	14.9km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 16' S Long: 119° 49' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		BURFORD, Rodney James				
Prospecting Licence	46/1972	KERAS (PILBARA) GOLD PTY LTD	194.57HA	15.4km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 49' S Long: 120° 14' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1995-6	BEATONS CREEK GOLD PTY LTD	334.43HA	25.7km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 49' S Long: 120° 21' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/2001	MILLENNIUM MINERALS LIMITED	139.37HA	25.8km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 49' S Long: 120° 21' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/2002	MILLENNIUM MINERALS LIMITED	31.94HA	32.7km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 48' S Long: 120° 25' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/2008	BEATONS CREEK GOLD PTY LTD	112.42HA	31.5km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 46' S Long: 120° 23' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/2016	BEATONS CREEK GOLD PTY LTD	2.33HA	8.6km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 57' S Long: 120° 9' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/2017	BEATONS CREEK GOLD PTY LTD	169.55HA	9.9km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 57' S Long: 120° 10' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3180	DI NUNZIO, Daniel Mark	176.53HA	47.3km SW'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 26° 0' S Long: 118° 28' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3187	PEARCE, Mitchell Hamish	199.18HA	52km SE'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 51' S Long: 119° 10' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3188	NUAMNUAN, Rungthip	152.75HA	53km SE'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 51' S Long: 119° 11' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4568	COLLING, Jason	99.77HA	106.9km NE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 119° 50' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1870	PIGRAM, Alan Edward	200.04HA	37.1km S'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 32' S Long: 127° 32' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		PIGRAM, Gavin John				

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 18 November 2020

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **18 February 2021**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 18 March 2021**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518. * - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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Port Adelaide Magpies' Charlize Callaghan is about to pitch a rocket from the mound in the Softball SA Premier League NAIDOC Round match against Sturt Falcons at West Beach in Adelaide. *Pictures: Peter Argent*



Tarni Stepto throws the first ceremonial pitch.



Sturt's Bella White takes a catch with the Falcons' kit on full display.

Stepito, NAIDOC Round celebrate culture in softball



Iteka Sanderson-Bromley (left) and Tarni Stepto catch up at the match at West Beach.



Charlize shows she is handy with the bat.



AUSSIE Spirit star Tarni Stepto stepped into unfamiliar surrounds to call a game of softball as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations in Adelaide.

The rising Australian softball star was special guest during the Softball SA Premier



Charlize shows her versatility for the Magpies at backstop.

League NAIDOC Round match between Port Adelaide and Sturt at West Beach.

The Magpies and Falcons featured playing strips with traditional designs by artist Iteka Sanderson-Bromley.

Teenager Charlize Callaghan showed her versatile skills for the Magpies from the mound as a pitcher and with the bat throughout the game.

Stepito, originally from Brewarrina in far western NSW, is a proud Kamilaroi and Ualarai woman who first represented Australia in 2017 at the Japan Cup and has since tallied over 20 caps with the Aussie Spirit team at the top level.

"It was an honour to be asked to be part of the celebrations of our culture for NAIDOC Week and to see the girls from the Softball SA Premier League on the diamond for such a special occasion," she said.

Internationally, Stepto had a standout 2019 with the Salt Lake Community College Bruins in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) competition in the US, where she helped the Bruins to a 47-8 overall record, a Scenic West and Region-18 title and a berth in the NJCAA National Tournament.

She was also part of the Aussie Spirit squad who blitzed their Olympic qualifier, going 5-0 to secure one of six spots in Tokyo, which has been re-scheduled to 2021 following the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The NAIDOC Round featured an Acknowledgement to Country by Iteka Sanderson-Bromley before the Magpies and Falcons got the action underway.

Later, Stepto suited up to play for Hills Heat in their game against West Torrens to complete the round.

"We were so excited to have Tarni joining us for the Softball SA Premier League NAIDOC Round," chief executive of Softball SA James Harris said.



Iteka Sanderson-Bromley gives an Acknowledgement to Country as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations.



Charlize tracks a Sturt Falcons ball while fielding.

Born to ride the buggy

By KRIS FLANDERS



JIMMY Brown reckons he didn't stand a chance: His father, Colin, took a young Jimmy to his first harness race meeting at Sydney's famous Harold Park when he was just a kid, and he was instantly hooked.

Brown says it was the colour, the excitement from the big crowd, but mostly it was the horse.

Brown connected with the animal from the very beginning which led him to getting work experience with a horse trainer near his home at Menangle Park in Sydney's south west.

"You can have a bad day, but the horse just loves you and is happy to see you," he said.

"They're just a beautiful animal. To sit behind one is just the most sensational feeling and I just appreciate being part of that."

With his silky driving skills, Brown quickly came through the ranks and made his winning debut drive in 1994.

Today, the 47-year-old has over 500

racing victories to his name and is a five-time Group One driver and trainer.

"With my career, I suppose I've been in the right place at the right time. I have had some great memories and dreams come true," he said.

"I've trained some good ones; trained some that were fast, some that were slow and everything in between."

One of Brown's favourite horses was Standelle and together they developed a wonderful combination. He trained and drove Standelle to victory in the Group One Queensland Derby in 2008. Another highlight came when Brown teamed up with Sheezallattitude to win the Group One Australian Pacing Gold at Melton, Victoria, in 2011.

With a cheeky grin and a great sense of humour, Brown is highly regarded and considered one of the true characters in harness racing by his peers. He says it's that sense of family and belonging that has kept him in the sport for over 25 years.

"Everyone helps each other. Everyone supports one another. It doesn't matter if you win the race or come last in the race; everyone is just as equal," he said.

"You can travel anywhere throughout

the bush and people will open their home to you and welcome you."

In 2011 Brown saw his vision of an invitational race for Indigenous harness drivers come to life. For many years before it, Brown dreamed of such an event after seeing the pride shown by drivers with Maltese heritage in the Maltese invitational.

Ten years on, the Indigenous invitational JC Caffyn Plate is one of the biggest and best races on the Menangle Park Harness Racing Club's calendar. Through a series of heats held around NSW it attracts some of the best Indigenous drivers all competing for a start in the Caffyn Plate final.

"JC Caffyn paved the way for me and others and I hope I'm now paving the way for the younger ones too," Brown said.

"I've got plenty from the sport and as you get older you want to put back into it."

Brown isn't ready to hang up the reins or put the buggy away just yet. He believes there's still plenty for him to achieve.

As his mother once said to him, "If you aim for the stars you might just land on the moon."



Jimmy Brown, a stalwart in harness racing.

Indigenous T20 Cup a hit with Sixers, Thunder



Sydney Thunder's Sara Darney (left) and Maddison Spence are ready to make some runs for their team against the Sydney Sixers at the Indigenous Twenty20 Cup at the Raby Sports Complex in Campbelltown in Sydney last week. Pictures: Cricket NSW



Thunder's Ben Patterson in full flight with the ball.



Thunder Women's captain Julie Muir (left) with Sixers' Women's captain Roxy Van Veen.



Thunder Men's captain Ben Patterson (left) and Sixers' Men's captain Jack Hartigan.



INDIGENOUS cricket received a welcome boost last week when the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander four-team Twenty20 Cup got underway in Sydney; the Cricket NSW concept where men's and women's teams representing the Sydney Sixers and Sydney Thunder play a series of games as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations.

The game with which Aboriginal people gave Australia its first-ever national sports team – the 1868 all-Aboriginal side that toured England – brought cricket and culture together to also explore ways to bring Aboriginal and the non-Aboriginal communities together.

While creating cultural awareness, the T20 Cup event provided something of a pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cricketers. Several of the players across the four teams are regular and seasoned representatives for NSW at the annual National Indigenous Cricket Championships which are held in Alice Springs.

Teams

Sydney Thunder Men's

Brayden Wilson (Darug); Ben Patterson (c) (Wiradjuri); Luke Jones (Eora); Yarran Fair-Townsend (Kamilaroi/Biripi); Daniel Dellow (Wiradjuri); James Whiting (Wiradjuri); Ethan Fitzpatrick (Ngunnawal); Jacob Murphy (Dharawal); Jack McDonald (Wiradjuri); Adam Burton (Kamilaroi); Taine Martin (Biripi).

Women's

Amali McNeill (Wiradjuri); Dimity Parton (Wiradjuri, Yuwaalaraay); Naomi Woods (Kamilaroi); Jordan Cooper (Koori); Maddison Spence (Wiradjuri); Sara Darney (Wiradjuri); Julie Muir (c) (Wiradjuri); Lauren Woods (Kamilaroi); Callee Black (Wiradjuri).

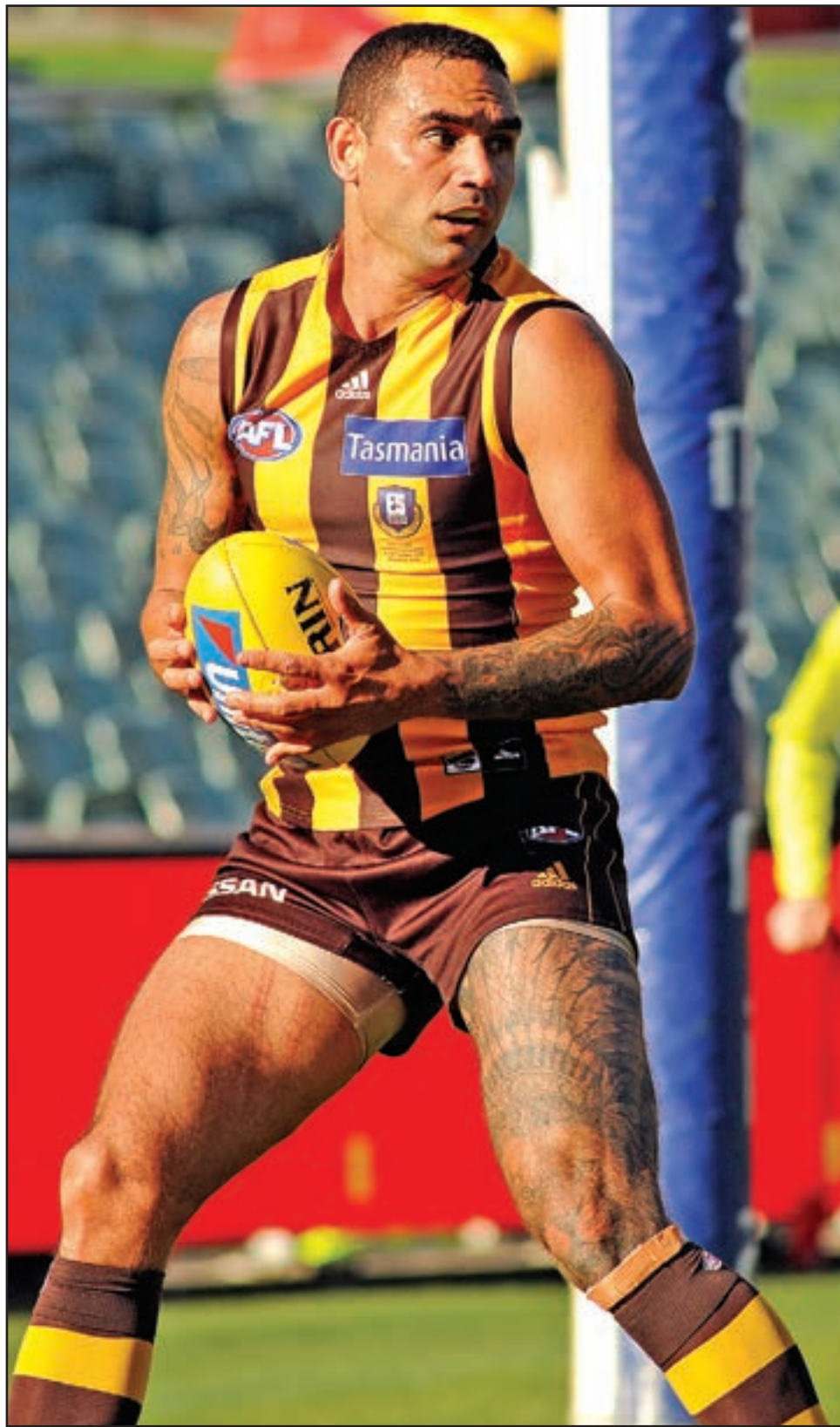
Sydney Sixers Men's

Brett Russell (Dunghutti); Aaron Kelly-Parsons (Dunghutti); Charlie Anderson (Kamilaroi); Ashley White (Kamilaroi); Trae Smith (Wongaibon); Jaycob Price (Gomeri); Blake Small (Kamilaroi); Logan Donovan (Gumbaynggirr); Nicholas Hay (Kamilaroi); Raymond Steadman (Negmba Worimi); Jack Hartigan (c) (Gundungurra); Braithan Winsor (Kamilaroi).

Women's

Piper Hooke (North East Wiradjuri); Roxy Van Veen (c) (Gundungurra); Lara Graham (Anaiwan/Kamilaroi); Zoe Fleming (Kamilaroi); Sally Keeler (Kamilaroi); Taylor Ling (Plangermaireener); Aili Martin (Wiradjuri); Bree Muldoon (Gundungurra); Emily Cross (Darkinjung); Caitlin Keen (Wiradjuri).

Milestones and misses



Hawthorn's Shaun Burgoyne has signed on for a 20th season in the AFL and is on track to become the first Indigenous player in the V/AFL to play 400 games. *Pictures: Peter Argent*

AS the COVID-affected 2020 AFL Premiership season rolled through to October, the league's Indigenous players across 17 of the 18 clubs each impacted the competition in their own way. Also, because of COVID, AFL teams were left without feeder competitions for their players when not selected at AFL level, which meant that many players on the fringes did not get the opportunity to show their wares as they would have in a regular season. Longtime *Koori Mail Sport* correspondent PETER ARGENT runs through each of the AFL's 87 Indigenous players.

Adelaide (4):

Ben Davis, Shane McAdam, Wayne Milera, Tyson Stengle

In a year of frustration, the Adelaide Crows collected its first wooden spoon in its 30th AFL season. Ben Davis, played in round 1 against former club Sydney before the lockdown, but didn't receive any further opportunities. Perhaps the big highlight for the season was raw young forward Shane McAdam who displayed patches of spectacular brilliance and finished seventh in the club's Malcolm Blight Medal count in his first season of AFL footy. The Crows were without up-and-coming star and the ever-reliable Wayne Milera after round 2 with a foot injury which required surgery. While Tyson Stengle played 12 games in his second season at the club, issues outside football gained more media attention.

Brisbane (6)

Callum Ah Chee, Charlie Cameron, Allen Christensen, Keidean Coleman, Cedric Cox, Cameron Ellis-Yolmen.

In his first campaign in Brisbane colours, heading up the road from the Gold Coast, Callum Ah Chee had a breakout season in the 18 games he played as a regular contributor. Goal-kicking livewire Charlie Cameron has become a lynchpin to the Lions' future success. Allen Christensen was unable to force his way into the Lions team this year and the 11-year veteran announced his retirement after 133 games in the AFL which included the 2011 flag with Geelong. Katherine, NT-born Keidean Coleman made his AFL debut in the win over Collingwood in round 15, securing 12 disposals, four marks and four tackles. Cedric Cox from Halls Creek endured a frustrating season after failing to add to his



Patrick Ryder and the Saints proved to be a perfect fit this year.



Essendon's Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti.

13 matches over the previous three seasons. In his first season at the Lions following a frustrating tenure at Adelaide, Cameron Ellis-Yolmen managed just four games.

Carlton (4) Eddie Betts, Liam Jones, Jack Martin, Sam Petrevski-Seaton

Returning to his original club for the first time since 2013, Eddie Betts kicked 13 goals from 15 games this year, the first yield of less than a-goal-a-game since 2006. Liam Jones continues to grow as a key defender at the Blues and has made an impact on the competition from the backline. In his first season with Carlton, Jack Martin added his special skills across 15 games. Sam Petrevski-Seton continued his growth as a footballer in 2020 in which he played 16 senior games; he is set to become an elite player in the next couple of seasons.

Collingwood (1) Travis Varcoe

Two-time premiership player Travis Varcoe retired at the end of 2020 after 230 games. He played the final nine matches of



Harley Bennell, who played five games for Melbourne this season, has retired.

his 92 appearances for the Magpies this year.

Essendon (3) Lachlan Johnson, Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti, Irving Mosquito

Lachlan Johnson, the son of Brisbane triple-premiership defender Chris, suffered an ACL injury last year which kept him on the sidelines in 2020. Now a senior member of the Bombers' outfit at 27, Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti passed the 100-game milestone in 2020 and played in all the club's 17 games. Lightning quick Northern Territory product Irving Mosquito made his AFL debut in round 13 at the Dreamtime in Darwin game where he kicked two goals and excited the crowd. He would play another four games before injury finished his year early.

Fremantle (10) Isiah Butters, Jason Carter, Joel Hamling, Liam Henry, Stephen Hill, Brandon Matera, Alex Pearce, Leno Thomas, Michael Walters, Nathan Wilson

Untried forward Isiah Butters was

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of unique footy season

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delisted in August and told he would not be offered a contract for 2021. Jason Carter, after playing two games in 2019, was released from his contract during this year. Dealing with a troublesome ankle injury, tall defender Joel Hamling missed the entire 2020 season; he underwent two surgeries on a left ankle he first dislocated in February. First-round draft selection Liam Henry made his debut in round 13, during Sir Doug Nicholls Round, against Sydney, and played one more. Stephen Hill was injured during a pre-season game and got started in round 4 from which he played 12 games. Brandon Matera was axed at the end of 2020 after playing 43 games with the Dockers from 2018 including five this year while Alex Pearce missed the entirety of the 2020 season after complications with his recovery from a broken ankle. Category 'B' rookie Leno Thomas faced sanctions after pre-season indiscretions. Key defender Nathan Wilson played 15 of the 17 games in 2020 and game-breaker Michael Walters was at least consistent for the Dockers in the club's first season under a new coach.

Geelong (5)

Nakia Cockatoo, Nathan Kruger, Quinton Narkle, Brandan Parfitt, Blake Schlenso

Nakia Cockatoo's tenure at Geelong this year was extinguished with the speedster heading home to undergo surgery in early September. After performing strongly in the Cats' practice matches, forward Nathan Kruger returned to Victoria after developing knee soreness in the Gold Coast hub in September. Quinton Narkle produced a couple of break-out performances early in the campaign, his third, but struggled later in the season. While frustrated with his grand final performance, Brandan Parfitt can take heart from his efforts in the two minor finals and during the regular season, becoming a key option in the Cats' line-up. Despite a strong pre-season, Blake Schlenso didn't see any AFL opportunities in 2020.

Gold Coast (5)

Jy Farrar, Jarrod Harbrow, Sean Lemmens, Izak Rankine, Malcolm Rosas

Halls Creek product Jy Farrar made his debut against Hawthorn. Jarrod Harbrow, a foundation player at the club, played 13 games in his 10th season at the club. Utility Sean Lemmens managed just six in 2020. After not playing a game in his first year on the Suns' list, Izak Rankine exploded onto the AFL landscape in round six this year against Melbourne where he produced breathtaking skills, with candidates for goal of the year intermingled with a few frustrating errors. Speedster Malcolm Rosas was denied opportunities to impress.

GWS Giants (3)

Jeremy Finlayson, Ian Hill, Zac Williams

Jeremy Finlayson's 2019 and 2020 seasons reflected the performances of his club: Last year, Finlayson kicked 44 goals and the Giants played in the grand final; in 2020 he kicked 19 goals and the club didn't make the major round. Ian Hill, a cousin to Brad (St Kilda) and Stephen (Fremantle), on occasion produced mercurial performances, with the game at Adelaide Oval in round 16 among the best in his five games. Zac Williams was offered a multi-year extension with the Giants at the end of 2020 after 113 games, but he secured a lucrative six-season deal with Carlton.

Hawthorn (5)

Shaun Burgoyne, Jarman Impey, Harry Pepper, Matthew Walker, Chad Wingard

Having signed for his 20th AFL season in 2021, Shaun Burgoyne was a solid



Adelaide's Shane McAdam leaps high on the back of a Collingwood opponent to take what could have been a genuine contender for mark of the year, although it wasn't to be. Picture: Peter Argent

contributor in this unique season where he played 13 games and now has to play just 11 more matches to become the first Indigenous player in the V/AFL to play 400 games. Now in his seventh year in the AFL system, Jarman Impey managed to play five games in 2020 after returning from an ACL injury in round 18 last year. A Category 'B' rookie selection, Harry Pepper spent all of 2020 on the sidelines. Draftee Mathew Walker was presented with former player Cyril Rioli's now-famous number 33 for the Hawks, but he didn't get the chance to wear it in 2020. The mercurial Chad Wingard collected a top three placing in the Peter Crimmins Medal, the Hawks' best and fairest, this year.

Melbourne (5)

Toby Bedford, Harley Bennell, Neville Jetta, Steven May, Kysaiah Pickett

Small forward Toby Bedford played his first two AFL games in 2020, debuting in round 1 and his second in round 16. What started with plenty of promise at the Demons, his third club, ended in tears for Harley Bennell. After playing five games in the opening 10 rounds, the 27-year-old opted to retire at season's end. For a second successive year, Neville Jetta played less than 10 games in a season, compiling just six matches in 2020 to take his overall tally to 154. Gun recruit, big defender Steven May was runner-up in the club's Keith 'Bluey' Truscott Medal. After an indifferent first season with the AFL's oldest club last year, May was a leading light in the Demons backline in 2020. Kysaiah Pickett is a human highlight reel and he displayed many of his dynamic attributes in the opening 14 matches of his career in his first season.

North Melbourne (6)

Paul Ahern, Jed Anderson, Kyron Hayden, Matthew McGuinness, Jy Simpkin, Tarryn Thomas

Paul Ahern has endured two knee

reconstructions before getting his chance to play AFL footy and this year he added six more games to his career tally. While the Kangaroos endured a miserable season, journeyman Jed Anderson and the classy Jy Simpkin were both standouts for the club, finishing third and second respectively in the Syd Barker Medal, the Kangaroos' best and fairest. After playing his first game in 2019, Kyron Hayden added eight more this year. Matt McGuinness missed out on draft selection in 2018 but was picked by the Roos as a Next Generation Academy player last year. He is yet to get an opportunity at the top level. Tarryn Thomas was in the NRL club Penrith Panthers' academy when he was 12 before relocating to Tasmania with his family where he converted to Aussie rules. After six games in his second year in the AFL, ankle surgery finished his season.

Port Adelaide (7)

Karl Amon, Trent Burgoyne, Tobin Cox, Joel Garner, Jarrod Lienert, Steven Motlop, Sam Powell-Pepper

Karl Amon finished in the top 10 of the John Cahill Medal in a year that saw him produce a strong block of performances as a link-up wingman. With the Magpies taken out of the SANFL competition, Trent Burgoyne and forward Tobin Cox didn't see any football at all in 2020, with the latter being delisted. Noted for his leadership qualities, Joel Garner missed out on any opportunities in 2020 as well. Jarrod Lienert was a victim of Port's outstanding minor-round season (when they secured the minor premiership) playing just five games but showing enough that he was more than capable at AFL level. Enigmatic forward Steven Motlop may have fallen out of favour with Ken Hinkley in the middle of the regular season, but he shone in the qualifying final where he kicked three goals. Midfield bull Sam Powell-Pepper played 19 of a possible 20 games this year in what was a breakthrough season for him.

Richmond (6)

Shai Bolton, Shane Edwards, Derek Eggmolesse-Smith, Marlon Pickett, Daniel Rioli, Sydney Stack

Shai Bolton finished fourth in the club's Jack Dyer Medal in a season where he won the Yiooken Award in the Dreamtime in Darwin game and a second premiership medal. Veteran Shane Edwards spent time away from the team for the birth of his daughter Mya and then quarantined upon his return before winning his third flag in four years; he was a key performer in the grand final. Derek Eggmolesse-Smith added six games in 2020. Marlon Pickett, despite some modest form at the back end of the season, collected his second AFL flag in just his 20th game. Still just 23, Daniel Rioli has packed plenty into his first five years at the top level, including a third premiership medal. It was a year to forget for Sydney Stack who was booted out of Queensland after a COVID-protocol breach and suspended for 10 games. He had played nine games in 2020 before his indiscretion.

St Kilda (5)

Jade Gresham, Brad Hill, Ben Long, Matthew Parker, Patrick Ryder

One of the Saints' most consistent players in the first 11 rounds, Jade Gresham suffered a back fracture that finished his season early. Brad Hill arrived at his third club, but didn't exactly find his groove in the Saints' structures during the year in the 19 games he played. Ben Long copped a couple of suspensions in what was otherwise a strong season for him. After playing just two of his 19 games in 2020, Western Australian Matthew Parker was not offered a contract for 2021. Veteran big man, and in his first year in the red, black and white, Patrick Ryder finished eighth in the Trevor Barker Medal.

Sydney (3)

James Bell, Lance Franklin, Elijah Taylor

Adding to the two games he played last year, James Bell played eight games at the back end of 2020. Now 33, timing and injury ruined superstar Lance Franklin's 2020 campaign. After playing just 10 games in 2019, he didn't get onto the park this season at all. An excitement machine, Elijah Taylor entered AFL ranks this year kicking a freakish goal against Hawthorn in his second game, but struggled with the confines of hub life and was later sacked by the club.

West Coast (9)

Brendon Ah Chee, Jarrod Cameron, Lewis Jetta, Jamaine Jones, Tim Kelly, Willie Rioli, Liam Ryan, Anthony Treacy, Francis Watson

Brendon Ah Chee played perhaps his best season of football to date in 16 games. Jarrod Cameron strung a handful of games together but didn't impact on the scoreboard like he did in his first season. Two-time premiership player Lewis Jetta fell out of favour this year and played just six games and just two after round four; he currently remains without a contract for 2021. Jamaine Jones added two matches in Eagles colours this year to his seven for Geelong in 2018 and 2019. Seventh and sixth in the club's John Worsfold Medal were first-year recruit (from Geelong) Tim Kelly (148), and high-flying small forward Liam Ryan (150); both produced consistent seasons. Due to the ongoing ASADA case, Willie Rioli missed all of the 2020 campaign. Rookie-listed player Anthony Treacy was cut without playing senior football. Defender Francis Watson, who suffered a serious knee injury at training late in the season, was delisted after playing two games in 2019.

Western Bulldogs (0)



Brisbane's Kotoni Staggs has emerged as a key plank in the Broncos' quest to rise from the bottom. Pictures: Getty Images



When this guy fires, so does his team. Canberra's Jack Wighton was voted the game's best player and his 2020 Dally M Medal was thoroughly deserved.



New Zealand Warriors' Jamayne Taunoa-Brown.

League's greatest revival

One of the biggest hits the 2020 NRL Premiership season received was COVID-19, but not even that could stop the game. The NRL competition was sidelined for five weeks and it wasn't looking good until the ARL worked out a way to play out the season which would end in late October. What COVID-19 did do, however, was prevent many young fringe players across the 16 clubs from playing in the lower grades. *Koori Mail Sport* correspondent KRIS FLANDERS takes a look at how the 49 Indigenous players fared in 2020.

Brisbane Broncos (3)

Jack Bird, David Fifita, Kotoni Staggs

The worst season in the club's 32-year history ended with the wooden spoon. Centre Jack Bird's injury-riddled stint with Brisbane is over and he will head to Sydney to link up with St George-Illawarra. Bird didn't play a game this season and only 17 in the past three. Also on the move is prop forward David Fifita who signed a massive three-year deal with Gold Coast. He played 44 games for the Broncos and is considered one of the best forwards in the game. Centre Kotoni Staggs was one of the shining lights for Brisbane. The speedster scored 10 tries and kicked 18 goals for a tally of 76 points which earned him the Dally M Centre of the Year award. A huge 2021 lies ahead for this talented brother.

Canberra Raiders (2)

Sebastian Kris, Jack Wighton

The 2019 grand finalists couldn't go on with it in 2020 falling short in the preliminary final to eventual premiers Melbourne. Sebastian Kris didn't add to his first-grade tally of games this season after the club granted him time away to take care of personal and family issues. Kris is unsigned at this stage. Jack Wighton continued his

rise in the NRL with the gun five-eighth topping off a wonderful 2020 by taking out the Dally M Medal as the games best-and-fairest. He played 22 games for 13 tries. Put simply, when Wighton fires so does Canberra.

Canterbury Bulldogs (4)

Jake Averillo, Adam Elliott, Chris Smith, Reimis Smith

The Bulldogs narrowly avoided the wooden spoon and they have been busy in the player market and a better 2021 is expected. Jake Averillo won the club's rookie of the year award for his three tries and 12 goals. He has signed until the end of the 2023 season and the club is very excited about his prospects going forward. Injuries meant that Adam Elliott only managed eight games. He's a tough competitor who always digs in and will be looking forward to an injury-free 2021. Forward Chris Smith returned in 2020 from a serious injury and played three games and crossed for a try. Winger/centre Reimis Smith had an up-and-down season but still managed to cross for four tries from his 14 appearances. He was released by the club in November and will join premiers Melbourne.

Cronulla Sharks (5)

Andrew Fifita, Wade Graham, William Kennedy, Jesse Ramien, Braydon Trindall

The Sutherland Shire side finished eighth this year and played in the semis. Prop Andrew Fifita played 12 games and carted the ball for over 1300 metres and made over 220 tackles. Club captain Wade Graham made 19 appearances and was his reliable, hard-working self with four tries. He will bring up his 250-game milestone next year. Fleet-footed fullback William Kennedy had 17 games with four tries and 11 try-assists. Centre Jesse Ramien scored eight tries from his 19 games after settling back into the backline and where a big 2021 awaits. Braydon Trindall made his NRL debut at halfback, five-eighth and hooker and kicked five goals. The lad from Wee Waa will be keen for more game time.

Gold Coast Titans (10)

Ryan James, Jamal Fogarty, Brian Kelly, Tyrone Peachey, Jonus Pearson, Nathan Peats, Tyrone Roberts, Treymain Spry, Ash Taylor, Corey Thompson

Gold Coast were the surprise-packet in 2020 with many experts tipping the Titans to come last, but they finished ninth and just missed out on the finals. After 144 games, former captain and leading prop Ryan James will leave the club and join Canberra. He will be missed, but is a great pick-up for the Raiders. Halfback Jamal Fogarty had a breakout season with 18 matches for three tries and nine goals. In round 15 Fogarty was named captain in the

absence of Kevin Proctor. Centre Brian Kelly was the Paul Broughton Medal winner as the Titans' best this season. Tyrone Peachey played in every match in 2020 and again showed his versatility by playing in the forward pack and backline. Thursday Islander Jonus Pearson made his NRL debut, but was later struck down with a season-ending pectoral injury. Hooker Nathan Peats has played 76 games over five seasons but will continue his NRL career elsewhere. Tyrone Roberts is another to farewell the Gold Coast. The former captain lined up for over 50 games across four seasons, but endured an injury-riddled 2020. Treymain Spry made his NRL debut this year with five appearances. He is a quick outside-back who should press for more games next season. Ash Taylor played in the halves for his 19 games which included three tries and 36 goals. An integral member of the Titans, Taylor will bring up 100 NRL games next year. Corey Thompson started the season with Wests Tigers before signing with Gold Coast where the winger made 12 appearances for four tries – a very handy addition to the Titans backline.

Manly Sea-Eagles (1)

Joel Thompson

After 13 seasons and 234 NRL games, Joel Thompson, will play in the English Super League with St Helens in 2021. The tough second-rower is a six-game Indigenous All Star and had played two games for NSW Country Origin.

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Corey Thompson began 2020 at the Tigers but ended 2020 as a Titan.



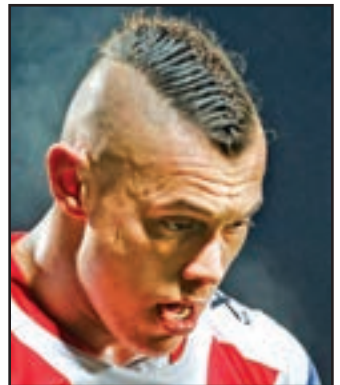
Cronulla's William Kennedy.



Penrith's Brent Naden was a standout player in a standout team in 2020. Pictures: Getty Images



Melbourne's Nicho Hynes.



Dragons' Tyrell Fuimaono.



Cowboys' Reuben Cotter.

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Melbourne Storm (3) Josh Addo-Carr, Nicho Hynes, Brenko Lee

Storm are the No 1 again after winning the 2020 NRL Premiership when they defeated Penrith in the grand final. Josh Addo-Carr reminded us again in 2020 that he is one of the game's best wingers and best try-scorers. He ran the ball for over 2700 metres for 16 tries in 21 games and has now won a second premiership at the club. NSW Origin selection was another highlight and he again was one of the best for the Blues. Nicho Hynes showed he has a big future with 11 appearances, crossing for three tries and kicking four goals. And what a season for Brenko Lee. After stints with the Raiders, Bulldogs and Titans, Lee was a consistent performer with the Storm in 2020. His 14 appearances culminated with a premiership ring and a call-up for Queensland in State of Origin. (Unfortunately he was later ruled out through injury.)

Newcastle Knights (3) Edrick Lee, Gehamat Shibusaki, Connor Watson

The Knights finished seventh for the season and played finals footy before being eliminated by South Sydney. Winger Edrick Lee had an injury-interrupted year, but managed to score six tries in 11 games including a double against Canberra in round 4. Centre/winger, Torres Strait Islander Gehamat Shibusaki was impressive in his 11 outings and five tries. Connor Watson's 2020 season was crushed by injuries to his ankle and Achilles. Some bright news though was Connor Watson winning the NRL's Ken Stephens Medal for his charity work in the community.

North Queensland Cowboys (3):

Reuben Cotter, Scott Drinkwater, Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow

While 2020 was disappointing for the Cowboys, the club considers Reuben Cotter as one of the best young hookers around and have signed him until the end of the 2022 season after just 10 games. Scott Drinkwater played 16 games for the Cowboys at five-eighth and fullback. Affectionately called 'The Hammer', Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow was electrifying on the wing scoring six tries in 14 games in his debut year. From Saibai Island in the Torres Strait, the 19-year-old, picked up the club's rookie of the year award.

NZ Warriors (2): Josh Curran, Jamayne Taunoa-Brown

Without the sacrifice of the Warriors the NRL 2020 competition may not have gone ahead. During COVID-19, the club shifted its base in NZ to Australia to play. They defied the odds and almost made the finals finishing 10th. Josh Curran was a shock selection for the Indigenous All-Stars where he scored a try. For the Warriors, the 21-year-old prop played three games. Taunoa-Brown also represented the Indigenous All-Stars this year and played 19 games for the Warriors with over 500 tackles and over 1800 metres made. 'JTB' recently extended his contract until the end of 2022.

Parramatta Eels (2) Blake Ferguson, Will Smith

The Eels were in the top four for the majority of the 2020 season but were bundled from the finals in successive weeks. Blake Ferguson is a try-scoring machine, but the brilliant winger found it hard to get four-pointers; he managed just four from his 20 appearances this season, but carted the ball up for over 3000 metres. Will Smith played the most of his five appearances from the bench but

scored a try and recently signed a one-year contact extension.

Penrith Panthers (1) Brent Naden

The 'Mountain Men' were competition leaders for most of the NRL year and nabbed the club's third minor premiership with a new club record for consecutive wins. Unfortunately for them, they fell at the final hurdle in the grand final to Melbourne. Still, it was a great season and an even better one from Brent Naden in which the brother from Wellington (NSW) played 18 games for 12 tries. His only loss for the entire season was the grand final.

Sydney Roosters (0)

South Sydney (6) Braidon Burns, Troy Dargan, Dane Gagai, Alex Johnston, Latrell Mitchell, James Roberts

The Redfern-based club finished sixth during this year, but went on a roll that saw the Bunnies make the preliminary final only to lose to Penrith. Centre/winger Braidon Burns played eight games with a try before an ugly dislocated knee ended his season. Troy Dargan made his NRL debut early in the season and the five-eighth played two games against the Roosters and Melbourne. Dane Gagai produced another big year with 11 tries and a goal from 19 matches. He represented the Maroons again in State of Origin where he seems to play his best football – Queensland's Black Superman! To say Alex Johnston is a try-scoring machine doesn't do him true justice. 'AJ' crossed for 23 tries from just 22 games which earned him the Dally M award for 2020's top try-scorer, including five against arch-rivals the Roosters. Injury hampered Latrell Mitchell's season after 14 matches. The fullback will have the off-season to get his hamstring right for 2021.

Have we seen the last of James Roberts on the footy field? Souths released 'The Jet' from his contract recently. There is no doubting his talent, so could he end up elsewhere next year? Gun five-eighth, Cody Walker had an incredible year scoring 10 tries in 21 appearances and having a hand in 21 try-assists. A NSW recall to Origin capped a remarkable 2020.

St George Illawarra Dragons (5) Tyrell Fuimaono, Josh Kerr, Jason Saab, Tristan Sailor, Jayden Sullivan

The Dragons struggled again this season recording just six victories and finished 12th; can they breathe some fire in 2021? Tyrell Fuimaono played his 17 games at second row or off the interchange bench and has shown enough to suggest he could cement a permanent starting spot in the forwards. Josh Kerr had a big season, representing the Indigenous All-Stars and scored two tries, ran for over 1800 metres and made over 500 tackles. He will get even better. Jason Saab played just four matches this year and has made it clear during the season that he would like to play elsewhere. The son of NRL legend, Wendell, Tristan Sailor was released from the club due to an off-field issue after playing five games this year. He has the talent and would be a handy buy at another club for 2021 and beyond. Jayden Sullivan is a local club junior and the 19-year-old made his NRL debut in the Dragons' win against Melbourne. He will get more time next year.

Wests Tigers (1): Corey Thompson

The Tigers missed out on finals football and finished 2020 in 11th spot. Corey Thompson started the year with the Tigers but ended the season at the Titans after signing a three-year deal. He played the opening two rounds at fullback and scored a try in the 24-22 loss to Newcastle.

High standard a happy surprise

By **DARREN MONCRIEFF**



WHEN even the organisers are taken aback at the standard of an event they themselves have created, it might just mean they are on to a good thing.

The new-look National Indigenous Rugby League championships will wrap up in Sydney this weekend after three weekends of solid Aboriginal football whose standard had an NRL premiership player

pleasantly surprised.

George Rose is one of several football identities behind the three-week Tribal League event that kicked off in Dubbo (November 7) before heading to Gosford (November 14) and which ends in Sydney this weekend (November 21).

Rose, a 2011 premiership player with Manly-Warringah, said he has been blown away by what he has been seen on the field this month.

The 10-team men's and women's competition sees sides representing a

broad range of mostly New South Wales with a smattering of current and former NRL, NRLW and state league players, but largely populated by country football talent.

"We know how good Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander football can be but I just didn't think we'd see this level of good, quality football. It's blown me away, really," Rose said.

"At least 95% of the games already played have been decided by two or four points and in the last few minutes of a game and by players who can turn a game

in a matter of seconds."

Each of the six men's teams will play one game each (for five games in total) in Sydney before final placings are determined, after which the finals will get underway.

The four women's teams played one game each (for three in total) in Gosford to determine the finalists for Sydney.

● **Look out for our next edition on December 2 for our coverage of the third and final week of the NIRL.**



Wellington Castlereagh All Blacks' Aiden Ryan questions the referee's call that disallowed his try in the match against the Redfern All Blacks.



Blacktown coach Paul Bent addresses his team at half-time.



Newcastle Hawks' Caitlin Johnson (left) and Tazmyne Luschwitz (right) upend a Blacktown Red Belly Warriors opponent in their match at Apex Oval during round 1 of the National Indigenous Rugby League championships in Dubbo. *Pictures: Darren Moncrieff*



Above: Former NRL referee Gavin Badger tries to calm things down as the ball gets forgotten as Newcastle Hawks and Coastal Connections exchange pleasantries during a tense moment in their match. The teams were fierce competitors but later shook hands after the game in a great show of good sportsmanship. Left: St George-Illawarra Dragon' Jayden Sullivan gets a read on the next play for Coastal Connections. Right: Veteran player Lavina O'Mealy shone bright for Redfern All Blacks, displaying her class, footy smarts and leading the way for the mostly young Sydney team.





North West Connections (red) and Blacktown Red Belly Warriors in a lovely show of mutual respect and support for each other after their game.



Cronulla Sharks' Braydon Trindall has a quick look to see if anyone can catch him on the way to scoring a try for the Wellington Castlereagh All Blacks.



Coastal Connections' 'TJ' McLean gets a pass away despite the immense pressure applied by Newcastle Hawks enforcer Ryan Walker in their match



Newcastle Hawks' Stacey Markham is brought down in a great tackle by a Blacktown Red Belly Warriors opponent in their match at Apex Oval during round 1 of the National Indigenous Rugby League championships in Dubbo.
Pictures: Darren Moncrieff



Above: Former NRL player and 2016 premiership fullback with Cronulla Ben Barba points out a few deficiencies with his Walgett Aboriginal Connections' defence after conceding a try to the Newcastle Hawks.



Left: North West Connections' Tarnayar Hinch about to spear a pass to a teammate in the match against Blacktown Red Belly Warriors.

Right: The Newcastle Hawks' men's team receives support as they run out for their next game from the Newcastle Hawks' women's team straight after their own game.



Gold Coast Titans teammates Tyrone Peachey (left) and Brian Kelly teamed up again in Dubbo for the Wiradjuri Googars Connections.



Brothers deliver in NAIDOC Week

WITH Queensland producing one of the biggest upsets in State of Origin history in Game I at Adelaide Oval, the pressure on NSW to turn things around quickly and regain respect for the NSW jersey was huge.



Dean Widders

With that in mind, Cody Walker was brought into the starting line-up and given a great opportunity to lock himself in as the premier playmaker in the game. And he did just that.

In Game II in Sydney, which the Blues won, Cody's performance at Olympic Stadium showed why I thought he was the man to help NSW take back this series from 0-1 to either square it or even win it.

I can definitely say that, as Blues fans, we weren't disappointed in Sydney in that display.

It was also extra special to see all the Koori Blues brothers play so well in the game that was played during NAIDOC Week.

Cody Walker, Jack Wighton and Josh Addo-Carr all scored great tries and were everywhere in the play to help the Blues to a great win in Sydney to level the series at 1-1.

I think in NAIDOC Week and during Indigenous Round our boys always have that sense for the big occasion and what it means to showcase that Black excellence and produce some stellar performances.

Back to the game in Sydney, and for me it was the little things we saw in Josh's performance that stood out.

The 'Foxy' is well-known for his attacking qualities and his speed, but in that game we saw his kick-chase game used as a weapon. It turned the tide against the Maroons more than a few times. Twice he caught Queensland in goal from long kicks and gave NSW two perfect opportunities to put points on early in the game. That came from amazing efforts because he chased for over 50 metres early in the tackle count both times to leave Queensland's Phillip Sami with nowhere to run; he simply terrorised the youngster with aggressive defence all night and you could see the energy he was bringing to the team.

Cody was doing what he always does and that is create opportunities for his outside men and give them space. There is no-one better with pass selection and the timing of his runs, particularly out the back of the block, shape why he runs so well. I love the way he moves, where his lower body is moving fast but his upper body and head are so still which gives him time to make clear decisions at speed when it comes to his pass selection and reading the defence.

With dangerous runners outside him Queensland struggled to stop the momentum, particularly as they lost Cameron Munster earlier in the game with a head knock.

It was a dominant performance from the Blues all over the park and the intensity they had was something they really missed in Game I.

And it set it all up for a great Game III series-decider at 'the cauldron' in Queensland that we all know as Lang Park.

**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.*



Queensland Maroons' Shaniah Power lifts a NSW Blues opponent in the women's State of Origin match on the Sunshine Coast last week. Pictures: Getty Images

The seat of Power has shifted to Queensland



QUEENSLAND'S Tamika Upton made a State of Origin statement, scoring a spectacular double to help break NSW's dominance with a 24-18 victory on the Sunshine Coast.

The touch football Indigenous All-Star and Origin debutante at fullback, Upton crossed in both halves to end the Blues' four-year reign in the win.

Coming off a NRLW premiership victory with Brisbane, Upton's first try in the 14th minute was an 80-metre special, running on to a NSW kick and stepping in and

around the defence before crossing to score.

The breakthrough win for the Maroons signals a shift in dominance of women's rugby league.

The Brisbane Broncos have won all three NRLW premierships and the Maroons side was stacked with Broncos players.

The game was the first of the women's Origin series to be held outside NSW.

Upton's metres, 240, were 100 more than anyone else in the game and it continued her good form from the NRLW.

Queenslander Shaniah Power was a rock and led the team in the tackle count.

Tallisha Harden's effort was also immense with a tireless workrate and her piercing runs helped shift the momentum her team's way.

The Blues' Quincy Dodd was another debutante who made an immediate impact when brought on to the ground with her trademark dummy-half darts

Shaylee Bent made a great start also for the Blues with some big tackles early, but in the 22nd minute she had to leave the field due to injury.

She returned for the final 10 minutes of the match, but with limited influence.

— with AAP



Tallisha Harden's efforts were immense for Queensland.



Quincy Dodd was in everything for the Blues when brought on from the bench.



Tamika Upton was arguably the game's best player and scored two tries for Queensland.

Souths, Tigers move quickly to grab talent

By CHRIS PIKE



WITH the 2020 WAFL grand final still fresh in the memory – happy for South Fremantle, raw for Claremont – both combatants have wasted no time making moves to improve their squads for 2021.

Souths aren't resting on their premiership laurels and have come to terms with former Carlton player Clem Smith.

Smith was originally drafted into the AFL from WAFL club Perth and played seven games for the Blues in 2015 but he was delisted at the end of 2016 and has been playing largely local football since. Souths know he is too good of a talent to pass up and at just 24 he has plenty left to offer.

One player the Bulldogs have missed out on, though, is another of their products in Brandon Matera. After playing 144 games with Gold Coast and Fremantle, his time at the top level appears over and he has decided to join younger brother Bailey at Subiaco for 2021.

While Claremont lost all three grades on grand final day, in league, reserves and Colts, its presence at least pointed to depth at the club. But the Tigers have been proactive and have loaded up on some exciting Aboriginal talent for 2021 by welcoming back Isiah Butters, Anthony Treacy, Jason Carter and Francis Watson fresh from stints in the AFL.

Butters spent time at Fremantle in 2020 on the back of winning a Colts premiership with the Tigers in 2019 and he returns to the club looking to bring that experience back also with the hope of earning another chance in the AFL.

Treacy moved to Perth from Broome two years ago and was so impressive in the WAFL that West Coast got on board with him at the draft. But after only one year on the Eagles' list he returns to Tigerland.

Carter played two games with Fremantle in the AFL in 2019 but midway through 2020 he and the Dockers parted ways. The Kimberley product has committed to return to Claremont in an attempt to resurrect his AFL career.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the four to lose their spot in the AFL was Watson. The exciting defender played two games in 2019 for West Coast and looked as though he was deserving of more opportunities, but it wasn't to be and now he too is back at the Tigers where it all began.



Former Fremantle rookie Isiah Butters will return to Tigerland for the 2021 WAFL season.



Carlton's Eddie Betts is universally loved in football.

The joy that Eddie brings to football

EDDIE Betts is someone who brings so much more than his incredible talents in football and to the game.

I don't know one football fan who doesn't love him. When Eddie smiles that cheeky smile he fills your heart with joy. He is one of those players that you go to the footy just to watch him and talk all about what he did afterwards. So to see him sign up for another season at Carlton brings everyone joy, except maybe some opposition players.

Eddie recently said, "I have loved every minute of being back home at the club this year, but it hasn't felt the same without all our members and supporters (at the games). I can't wait to play in front of them and play for them next season."

Even when Eddie played for the Adelaide Crows in a game against the Blues he played tribute to the Carlton cheersquad and the Blues fans. Player and fans maintained that relationship that was forged when Eddie started out in the AFL with the club, so it makes sense for all.

I sat down with Carlton cheersquad committee member Nic Wishart and asked him what he thought about what Eddie had said. Nic said, "During some of Carlton's darkest days, Eddie gave Carlton fans a reason to turn up each week. We knew he'd do something we'd never seen before and would likely never see again."

Eddie will be part of a community program at Carlton that will support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players and staff as well as the wider Indigenous community in an off-field capacity. Nic went on to say: "Not only is it special to see him back in the Carlton jumper again, producing magic like only he can, (this will show) how a person of Eddie's character and standing in the game can be an asset to the culture and fabric of a footy club." This is so true because the change at the club, on and off field, was immediate.

While I still have my Blues goggles still on – sorry, not sorry! – I took the opportunity to also ask Nic, a lifelong supporter, how the AFL trade period went for the club: "This trade period was the best time of year for Carlton fans while we were down the bottom of the ladder during our rebuild. It's a time where we can be optimistic and positive for the year ahead. After years of missing out on the 'big fish' and focusing on kids, we've landed players like Eddie, Jack Martin, Zac Williams and Adam Saad in the past two off-seasons and we're starting to look like a very competitive side again." Another trade period bringing hope for the Blues' season ahead – just the way it should.

**Shelley Ware is a proud Yankunytjatjara and Wirangu woman from Adelaide. She appears on AFL.com.au's Colour Of Your Jumper.*



Shelley Ware

AFLW clubs finalise lists ahead of 2021 season



THE stocks of Indigenous women in the AFLW continues its steady trajectory ahead of the new season in 2021, its fifth instalment.

Nineteen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women will play in nine of the 10 clubs next year.

Fremantle leads the way with five Indigenous women in its ranks, headlined by ball-magnet Sabreena Duffy and key-position player Gemma Houghton.

AFLW 2020 fairest-and-best Carlton's Maddie Prespakis will be primed to push the Blues ahead of the rest in 2021.

Veteran and foundation Lion Ally Anderson continues with Brisbane as does teammate Dakota Davidson. The pair will

be joined by Northern Territorian Courtney Hodder.

The 2020 AFLW season was ended abruptly on the eve of its finals series due to the outbreak of COVID-19 around the world with a 'No Result' marked against the season.

Meanwhile, West Coast utility Alicia Janz has joined the AFLW's competition committee ahead of its final meeting for 2020 to be held next month.

A proud Meriam Mir woman from the Torres Strait, Janz was an elite netballer before joining Fremantle ahead of the inaugural AFLW season in 2017 and later joining West Coast ahead of their first year in the competition in 2020.

Off the field, Janz leads young Indigenous women as part of the Deadly Sista Girlz program run by the Wirrpanda

Foundation and was voted the 2018 NAIDOC Sportsperson of the Year for Perth.

General manager, football operations at the AFL Steve Hocking said he was pleased Alicia will be joining the committee.

"Alicia is an outstanding leader for her club and a genuine role model in the community with a clear passion and commitment to providing equal opportunities for everyone," he said.

"We look forward to Alicia's unique insights and perspectives which will no doubt support the progression of the game both on and off the field."

The AFLW competition committee assists the AFL Commission with the future direction of women's football, covering areas such as the laws

of the game, tribunal, list rules and player movement, the competition structure, fixturing and talent programs.

2021 AFLW Indigenous players

Adelaide: Danielle Ponter;
Brisbane Lions: Alexandra Anderson, Dakota Davidson, Courtney Hodder;
Carlton: Natalie Plane, Madison Prespakis;
Collingwood: Aliesha Newman;
Geelong: Stephanie Williams
Gold Coast: Janet Baird,
Kalinda Howarth, Paige Parker;
Fremantle: Sabreena Duffy, Tiah Haynes, Gemma Houghton, Mikayla Morrison, Jasmin Stewart;
North Melbourne: Mia King;
West Coast: Imahra Cameron, Alicia Janz.

Shield trio's great start

By PETER ARGENT



IN the week that Australian cricket joined in the celebrations that were NAIDOC Week, three

Aboriginal cricketers produced first-class performances for their respective states in the final games of the Sheffield Shield player-hub in South Australia.

Victorian paceman Scott Boland produced a Herculean effort in the Bushrangers' two games against South Australia and Western Australia.

Boland, 31, was rewarded with an eight-wicket haul in the thrilling and ultimately frustrating draw with the Redbacks in round 3. On a bat-friendly pitch at Glenelg Oval, Boland secured an outstanding 6/61 from 33 overs in the second innings. This mammoth and lionhearted effort included 12 maidens.

And in the only bowling innings of the round 4 contest against the Warriors at Karen Rolton Oval, Boland claimed 3/106 from 28 overs that included five maidens.

Brendan Doggett's return to the Queensland side for the round 4 clash with South Australia at Glenelg Oval was highlighted by a venomous spell that netted him three top-order victims and the figures of 3/20 from 13 overs, including three maidens.

Doggett, 26, was on track for Test selection in 2017, but injury cruelled his plans.

Earlier in the match, Doggett's Bulls declared at 5/496 and his



Queensland's Brendan Doggett.

spell set the tone for the game which the Queenslanders would win by 62 runs. In the second innings for the Redbacks, Doggett captured 1/46 from 21 overs, including five maidens.

"After I went to the UAE in the Test squad in 2018, I played three first-class games since then," he said post-match.

"You sort of reach the peak of your career and then stuff doesn't really go your way and it was just blow after blow there for a few seasons. It has been pretty tough riding those highs and lows."

It was entirely appropriate, if symbolically so, that D'Arcy Short, 30, would mark his return to first-class cricket for Western Australia in round 3 game against Tasmania at Gladys Elphick Park, and to lose a ball after a big hit for six



Victoria's Scott Boland.

over the train tracks in the process.

Gladys Elphick (1904-1988) was an Aboriginal community leader and founding president of the Council of Aboriginal Women of South Australia 1964-1973, and spent a lifetime of championing her people. She was a founder of the Aboriginal Medical Service in 1977.

With this history around him, Short produced a vast array of strokes to hit an almost run-a-ball 57 (59) not-out, which included four boundaries and a six. It was the all-rounder's fifth half-century in 16 games of first-class cricket.

In the match against Boland's Victoria, and needing to play a more patient role, Short continued his strong form by making 48 (96) that included six boundaries.



Katherine, NT-born D'Arcy Short cuts a ball to cover in the Sheffield Shield round 3 match against Tasmania at Gladys Elphick Park in Adelaide. Pictures: Peter Argent

Shelby's Spirit rises with dream run to Bendigo

By CHRIS PIKE



SHELBY Britten is living the dream in her first season in the WNBL with Bendigo Spirit after a successful stint in college basketball in the United States.

The 23-year-old Yorta Yorta woman from Shepparton in Victoria was swooped up by Bendigo during the free agency period and is currently full swing into hub life and the 2020 season in far north Queensland.

Britten graduated from Newberry College in South Carolina in the US where she played for the Wolves. Upon learning of her return, and tracking her course through basketball, Bendigo swooped.

"It is huge and growing up all I wanted to do was get the chance to play in the WNBL," she said.

"My heroes, who I looked up to, all played in the league so it's so exciting to be part of it now. For someone my age, I have experienced a lot and had a lot of accomplishments, but this is definitely the icing on top to show that all the investments along the way were worth it.

"I'm just excited for the future now, to be honest, and trying to make the most of playing in the WNBL and to take my game further as I move forward."

The Spirit opened their WNBL season with a pair of tough losses; first to the superstar-laden Southside Flyers and then the Sydney Uni Flames. With most eyes on superstar Liz Cambage, it was actually the Flyers' other superstar, Leilani Mitchell, who demanded Britten's attention.

"Someone like Leilani definitely has the type of game that I strive for," Britten, who plays at point-guard, said.

"She doesn't have to score 20 points but

the way that she controls her team and the game is so impressive. That's something I hope to accomplish in the future."

"Tessa Lavey is such a character; on the court she is so competitive and works so hard. I was lucky enough before we even started our official pre-season to do some individuals with her over in Bendigo; just the level that she trains at you can see why she's an Opals player."

It has been a busy time for Britten.

"I'm definitely going to take a well-deserved break," she said.

"This has been the longest pre-season I've done in my whole life and before the season started I hadn't played a competitive game since college so it was a long time of training."

"Once I get home I'll just enjoy the summer because usually we don't get that chance because the WNBL season is usually on."



Bendigo Spirit's Shelby Britten. Getty Images

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The marathoners at the finish line in Alice Springs (from left): Zak Stephenson (Darwin), Maiquilla Brown (Illawarra), Libby Cook-Black (Cairns), Robyn Liddle (Alice Springs), Alex Blanco (Thursday Island), Samara Fernandez-Brown (Adelaide via Alice Springs for uni), Lena-Jean Charles-Loffel (Broadmeadows, Vic. via Shepparton), Rhett Burraston (Campbelltown NSW), Ethan Mulholland (Central Coast via St Marys, NSW), Cameron Manning, Peter Miller-Koncz (Adelaide via Koonibba) and Cassidy Goodwin (Alice Springs). Pictures: IMP

Midnight marathon was a boost for IMP

By STEVE HODDER



THE Indigenous Marathon Foundation celebrated its 10-year marathon project anniversary

with a triumphant return to Alice Springs for an historic midnight marathon under a full moon.

Local Alice Springs-based IMP graduate Ray Howard organised Australia's first-ever marathon under the stars on October 31 for a 10pm start, the closing event of its annual project back where selection originally began.

IMF founder and director Robert de Castella applauded the dedication and commitment of all participants and competitors in the past decade of Indigenous marathons.

De Castella said that every single one of the IMP competitors had achieved their primary goal and that that was an incredible testament to First Nations people's determination and to the success of the program.

"In so many ways, it is both a privilege and an obligation they carry," he said. "To now have 108 IMP graduates who have not just run a marathon but also completed the IMP education program is incredible."

The location this year was shifted for the first time since de Castella took Charlie Maher, Caleb Hart (Alice Springs), Joseph Davies (Kununurra) and Juan Darwin (Maningrida) to the United States to become the first Aboriginal men to run the famous New York City Marathon in 2010.

Adelaide resident Peter Miller-Koncz was the first to finish



Cameron Manning is embraced by IMP coach Adrian Dodson-Shaw at the finish line of the midnight marathon in Alice Springs.

the midnight marathon.

Four runners completed the marathon in under five hours, including former Sydneysider Ethan Mulholland who officially became the 100th IMP Graduate.

"The privilege of running your first marathon at midnight, under a

full moon, in the desert outside Alice Springs was the perfect way for us to celebrate our IMP 10-year anniversary, back where it all started," de Castella said, "and so much more appropriate and so much better than doing it in New York City."

Shepparton-raised Yorta-Yorta woman Lena-Jean Charles-Loffel's marathon ended in the desert on Arrernte country, but started 21 days earlier when she flew from lockdown in Melbourne to Darwin to endure 14 days of quarantine so she could run in Alice Springs.

The final participant to cross the line was Illawarra-based Yuin woman and single mother Maquilla Brown, who was joined by several IMP squad members and graduates over the final few kilometres.

It was a wonderful tribute by the men to show how much they respect and honour Brown's effort.

De Castella applauded all First Nations people and their representatives that have been involved with the foundation and program in the past decade.

"This has been the most challenging year ever and that is good because I want these men and women to know how strong they are and you only find this out in the tough times," he said.

"It also shows their family and the entire country just how determined and strong Indigenous people are."

Times, placings

- (1) 4:13.58 Peter Miller-Koncz
- (2) 4:18.13 Cameron Manning
- (3) 4:42.32 Zak Stephenson
- (4) 4:46.40 Ethan Mulholland
- (5) 5:20.31 Cassidy Goodwin
- (5) 5:20.31 Rhett Burraston
- (6) 5:21.50 Lena-Jean Charles-Loffel
- (7) 5:51.50 Samara Fernandez-Brown
- (8) 5:57.35 Alex Blanco
- (9) 6:17.20 Libby Cook-Black
- (10) 6:20.27 Robyn Liddle
- (11) 7:53.07 Maiquilla Brown

New shoes and big smiles at Yuendumu

By STEVE HODDER



ASPIRING runners in Yuendumu can tread easy now after members of the Indigenous Marathon Project

(IMP) delivered 400 pairs of running shoes and socks to the community during a recent visit.

The IMP team held a Colour Fun Run (2km) at Ntaria the day before.

IMP's Andrew Mathieson said the bush trips were well-received at both communities.

"Both communities participated in short fun runs where every participant who finished the race received an authentic Indigenous Marathon Foundation medal," he said.

In a community where many young people literally wear socks as shoes, Mathieson said the highlight of the trip to Yuendumu was the shoe-sizing and fitting where almost two dozen pallets of shoes were distributed to adults and kids.

"The main purpose was to encourage kids to run to reduce health risks such as heart disease, renal failure and diabetes," Mathieson said.

The squad, past graduates and staff camped out in swags under the stars.

IMF founder Rob de Castella and past graduates, including one of the original project alumni, Juan Darwin, spoke to students at the Yuendumu school.

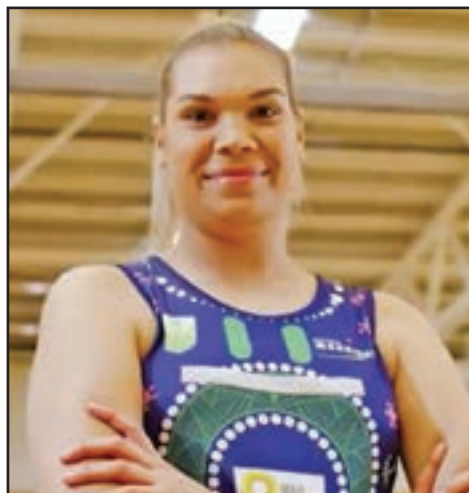
Coach Adrian Dodson-Shaw also spoke about his memorable marathon experiences including running at the North Pole and at 2000m altitude in Chile.

The IMP and the Indigenous Marathon Foundation celebrated its 10-year anniversary with a midnight marathon in Mparntwe-Alice Springs under the full moon on October 31.



Children at Yuendumu are happy with their new shoes and participation medals.

Wallam signs with Rhinos



Donnell Wallam will play professional netball in England for Leeds Rhinos.

By CHRIS PIKE



AUSTRALIAN netball's loss is England netball's gain after Nyoongar woman Donnell Wallam signed to play for Leeds Rhinos in England.

Wallam signed a two-year deal to play for Leeds in the 11-team England Netball Superleague (ENS) fresh from winning back-to-back West Australian Netball League (WANL) premierships.

Wallam, 26, has put together several dominant seasons as a goal-shooter in the WANL and she scored a phenomenal 54 goals from 61 attempts for West Coast Warriors in their 2020 grand final triumph to also win her second MVP award.

Despite this, she has had to look elsewhere to play professionally.

It was the opportunity to do just that

which prompted Wallam's move.

"I am so excited to get this opportunity and I think it's a great way to start my professional netball career," she said.

"We have got some exciting big names on the team and I'm looking forward to learning from them and playing with them. I can't wait to meet everyone and join my teammates for pre-season and start building as a team for the season ahead."

The Rhinos are part of the Leeds Rhinos 'family group' of sports clubs that include men's and women's rugby league teams. The netball team was formed this year and will make its debut next year. The ENS season runs from February through to July.

Wallam was a training partner with Super Netball club West Coast Fever during the 2020 season. She played in the winning WA All-Stars team against the Fever in a pre-season match where she

dumped 50 points on Australian Diamonds goal-keeper Courtney Bruce.

Dan Ryan, coach of Leeds, is looking forward to what Wallam can deliver for the Rhinos.

"I think she's going to give us great strength in that shooting circle," he said.

"She averages 63 goals a game in the WANL which is unbelievably high so she's going to give us that great target and that confidence when we turn and deliver the ball."

"Some of the players we've got around her are really crafty and creative with the feed and the touch the ball and she will become a real force with us."

"I think she will be an unassuming player initially until she finds her feet and gets going. When everyone sees her in full flight she is a sight to behold and we're looking forward to it."

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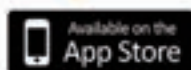
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Gardner revels big dream beyond the cricket field



WHEN she's not winning Twenty20 World Cups or belting sixes for the Sixers, Ash Gardner dreams of seeing more Aboriginal children complete high school.

Gardner recently spoke passionately about what she wants to achieve outside of cricket with the foundation that bears her name.

Gardner was part of the 2018 tour that retraced the steps of the 1868 Aboriginal cricket team that played a series of cricket games around England.

In March, she played a key role in Australia winning its second Twenty20 World Cup.

Gardner is a mainstay of the Australian national women's cricket team and is currently the only contracted Aboriginal woman in the side. But there is more to her than just sport.

"My big dream is to see more Aboriginal kids finish high school; that's the big goal for us and I would love to take it nationwide," she said.

Gardner is currently playing for the Sydney Sixers in the WBBL.

● Aboriginal international cricketer Ash Gardner. Picture: Getty Images





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Indigenous Round and around

CAN a concept that grew organically from an idea for a people in a sport played mostly in the southern parts of a country, but which is now practised widely across a broad range of Australian sporting teams and leagues be reclaimed by those very people it is/was actually intended for?



Darren Moncrieff

If you guessed the concept to be "Indigenous Round" then you'd be correct. And if you now are wondering why the need to reclaim that which is already or supposedly ours then that is a fair question.

To be clear, Indigenous Round is a great concept. It celebrates our contribution to sport each year, and serves as a reminder to the general public of that very thing. It grew from the AFL in 2007 and is now practiced on a yearly basis by any sport, league or association you can care to mention. This is also good.

What I personally have been growing uneasy about, however, is not the rising commercialisation of Indigenous Round's related merchandise, because that can serve two purposes for both merchant and customer, but the seemingly self-congratulatory nature of some clubs and leagues who are happy to 'do' Indigenous Round but who will also turn a deaf ear and a blind eye while hiding behind "administrative protocols" when complaints of their racism reach their ears, as we saw by the Dora Creek RLFC in NSW and the Flagstaff Hill Football Club in South Australia this year.

While not on the same scale as those shameful episodes, I think it was the debacle that was Super Netball's Indigenous Round that crystallised these thoughts for me. That the sole Indigenous player in Super Netball Jemma Mi Mi didn't see court time during Indigenous Round while promoting it in the lead-up to the weekend's events still makes me shame.

What these instances show is performative duty to a concept some leagues and clubs might not really believe in. It's like cute cupcakes with little Aboriginal flags on NAIDOC Day at work and nothing else.

The rise of Indigenous Round in Australian sport has been good to see; its trajectory now cannot be stopped; it is here to stay, and that is good. There are some decent and good whitefellas in sport that are true allies of our people but what's needed is more Black people in those key administrative roles.

Last week, Kim Ng became the first woman in sports history to become general manager of a team in any of North America's four major men's professional leagues when she was appointed to the position at the Miami Marlins in the MLB. It shouldn't escape notice that Ms Ng is also Asian-American in a largely White male-populated space. If our own people can earn these positions of responsibility in the major sports codes on merit here then maybe we can begin to re-set our path to real and honest growth as an industry, and reflect that back to the communities in which we live.

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Proud Wiradjuri/Samoan man Tai Tuivasa is back in the winner's circle in the Octagon in the UFC. Pictures: Getty Images

Tuivasa's triumphant return to the Octagon

By CHRIS PIKE



TAI Tuivasa's UFC career was hanging by a thread, but the Sydney heavyweight sensation has responded in the most emphatic fashion.

Tuivasa, the popular western Sydney heavyweight with a Wiradjuri mother and Samoan father, hadn't fought in the Octagon since October last year after he went down in the second round to Sergey Spivak, the third consecutive fight he'd lost up to that point. So when the opportunity came to fight 7ft-Dutchman Stefan Struve in Abu Dhabi at UFC 242 Tuivasa jumped at the chance.

The man the UFC calls 'Bam Bam' knew this fight would be his last opportunity to show he belonged in the UFC. And belong he did.

Tuivasa let loose with a clever array of body and head blows and he rocked Struve to his core before the referee called a stop to the contest with one second left for a first-round a TKO.

It was a significant result for Tuivasa



Tai Tuivasa has Stefan Struve on the backfoot in the first round.

who not only looked good while winning, which counts toward financial bonuses in the UFC, but to defeat a quality opponent who had won 29 of his 41 fights coming into UFC 242.

Tuivasa was all business in the lead-up to the fight and the result was perhaps the most impressive performance of his UFC career.

"He's a big boy and I had to 'butter' that body up when I was in there and I knew the rest would come after that," Tuivasa said.

"The plan was to stop trying to get in there and get that money real quick. I wanted to just take my time and then it would come and it's a big 'ups' to my team for working with me while I locked myself away this year for this moment."

Tuivasa had won his first nine mixed martial arts contests, three of which were in the UFC, but the three-fight losing streak to Junior Dos Santos, Blagoy Ivanov and Spivak meant the clash with Struve was a do-or-die professional fight.

Tuivasa had trimmed down considerably and looked more defined when he appeared in the Octagon. He was more polished in his fight than his giant opponent.

"It was awesome to get that feeling back again. It's addictive and you can't get that feeling anywhere else. I did feel pressure, but I trusted my team and I put in the work. I put my head down and arse up and I credit that to my team," he said.

Letter to the Sports Editor

Players should reconsider Origin selection

THE ARL has bowed to racism and has turned its back on our Indigenous players by deciding to play the national anthem at the State of Origin series.

Indigenous rugby league players made a stand against racism and the national anthem in the sport before but the game's governing body chose to ignore that and expose them to humiliation during the series and on national television.

The Blues have not once

condemned the racist undertones of the national anthem and how offensive it is. Our boys really don't care for the anthem. They have been basically silenced from making a statement after the Prime Minister got the ARL to backflip from their original decision to not play it.

Arthur Beetson would turn in his grave about this decision. This proud Black man is the whole reason why Origin became the iconic contest

between NSW and Queensland during game 1 of the first series in 1980.

I want the Indigenous players to know that we, the Indigenous people of NSW, stand beside you – our nephews Cody Walker, Latrell Mitchell, Josh Addo Carr, Jack Wighton and Dane Gagai – and that we also appreciate the support of Polynesian and non-Indigenous players who support our proud boys by also not singing this racist song.

All the boys want to do is just play football and not be exposed to ongoing racism by the public when they refuse to sing it.

They should reconsider playing in the State of Origin series if the anthem continues to be played.

The Origin concept is dead to me now that racism has won and will continue.

**Paul Towney
The Entrance, NSW**

Wallam signs with Rhinos



NYOONGAR woman Donnell Wallam will play professional netball in England for the next two years in what is a coup for her new club but a loss for potential Super Netball teams in Australia.

Wallam, who dumped 50 points on Australian Diamonds goal-keeper Courtney Bruce earlier this year, has signed a two-year contract with Leeds Rhinos in the England Netball Superleague competition. A deadly goal shooter, Wallam has dominated the Western Australian state

netball scene in Perth in recent years. She has won back-to-back West Australian Netball League premierships and MVPs with the West Coast Warriors. In March, Wallam was the focal point in attack for the WA All-Stars team that defeated Super Netball's West Coast Fever

in a pre-season match in which she was the game's top-scorer. The Leeds Rhinos are one of 11 teams in the elite-level netball competition in England.

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Tuivasa makes a winning return



TAI Tuivasa looked to have blown his chance toward enjoying a professional career in the UFC, but the proud Wiradjuri/Samoan man bounced back in the most emphatic fashion and has put the international heavyweight division on notice. The 27-year-old from Sydney was relentless against Holland's Stefan Struve in their heavyweight division bout in UFC 242 in Abu Dhabi recently. Such was Tuivasa's dominance over his opponent, the fight was stopped in the first round and he won via a unanimous TKO. It was Tuivasa's first fight in the Octagon in over a year. His place within the stable of fighters within the UFC was on shaky ground after losing three fights in succession in 2019 and the match-up with Struve was a 'do-or-die' career fight.

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● Tai Tuivasa celebrates his first-round TKO over Holland's Stefan Struve in the heavyweight division bout of UFC 242 in Abu Dhabi. Picture: Getty Images

Organisers surprised by standard at Tribal League



THE level of competition and overall standard of play at the new National Indigenous Rugby League championships has surprised even its founders after just two weeks of competition. The Tribal League three-week round-robin event is six men's teams and four women's teams playing a rugby league series of games with 20-minute halves. It wraps up in Sydney this weekend with concluding minor rounds and

finals and grand finals in both divisions. Rounds 1 and 2 kicked off in Dubbo and Gosford last fortnight and last week, respectively. The games have unearthed some special talent previously unseen by scouts and organisers have already fielded calls from city rugby league clubs keen to get a look-in first. There is also a host of current and former NRL, NRLW and state league players among the teams. The event brings together various teams

based on location and players connected to areas with teams largely representing NSW coastal areas, the far west, the north west and central regions. The 10 teams in both divisions are Blacktown Red Belly Warriors, Coastal Connections, Newcastle Hawks (x2), North West Connections, Redfern All Blacks (x2), Walgett Aboriginal Connections, Wellington Castlereagh All Blacks and Wiradjuri Googars Connections. ● More, pictures, pages 56, 57

