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Uncle Carb spreads the Christmas love. Picture: George

Black Santa gives back



FOR the past nine years Uncle Daniel 'Carb' Walford has been dressing up as Santa and giving presents to the children of Walgett.

But why would anyone in their right mind put on a heavy

suit in the blistering heat of north-west NSW?

"Because I asked one little boy what he was getting for Christmas and he said, 'Nothing', so he got the first gift ever," Uncle Carb told the *Koori Mail*.

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Dream big and aim high



WHEN Bunuba woman
June Oscar became the
first female Aboriginal
and Torres Strait
Islander Social Justice
Commissioner she
wanted to know what

other Indigenous women were saying. So she embarked on an ambitious listening tour, travelling to cities, remote regions, prisons and schools.

Always with the one aim: To hear Wiyi Yani U Thangani –

women's voices.

Last week Ms Oscar shared what she learned, launching the Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices) Securing Our Rights, Securing Our Future report in Perth.

"This year we have been forcefully reminded of how countless Black lives are lost to these broken systems, where the boot of power constricts our breath so we cannot speak," Ms Oscar said. "And still, we rise up.

"First Nations women never stop fighting even when exhausted, driven by their uncompromising pursuit for a society capable of realising basic rights and ideals of equality, inclusiveness and respect.

"Let 2020 be the turning point, where it is recognised that all Australians hold these ideals in common, and when we stand together our fight is shared and can take us toward the future, we all want and deserve. But, to be equals on this journey, we must overcome inequalities and institutional discrimination by guaranteeing our women and girls self-determination. That is the call of our women's voices, of Wiyi Yani U Thangani."

Ms Oscar's recommendations from



June Oscar is given a Meriam farewell from the Torres Strait.

the report include designing a First Nations women and girls' National Action Plan, establishing an advisory body, and setting ambitious targets and benchmarks for our women and girls to lead across all sectors.

"These are recommendations to enable our women and girls to be the change makers who dismantle the structures that silence and reconstruct frameworks that empower," she said.

"Ultimately, hearing and responding to their voices is to give proper recognition to what we continuously overlook and undervalue: that our women are the backbone of our societies and have been for millennia.

"Read Wiyi Yani U Thangani. Listen and respond to the voices of our women and girls so we can design the policies and legislation that matches their needs and meets their aspirations. My message to our First Nation women and girls, carried throughout the report, is: Dream big, aim high, be ambitious and never stop believing that your actions can remake a society that embraces and celebrates all of who we are."

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MY FAMILY

Naomi Moke nee Pedro, Cairns



N the picture on the left is our honorary family member Ally Wilson, who plays in the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) for Adelaide Lightning. Next to her is Mya Moke, 11, me, my husband Andrew is holding Matua, 2, and in front of them with her medal is Nahla, who is eight years old.

You may notice there's a basketball theme going on here: Nahla and Mya played in their grand final that morning, Mya for her A Division under-14s team and Nahla for her B-Division under-14s team - yes, Nahla doesn't play like an eight-year-old, she made the Under-12s when she was five.

She's a very confident, very skilful little competitor!

Not in the picture here, but also living in our massively full house, where there is always a lot of activity going on, is my 18year-old nephew Marcus Pedro and my father, Gehmat Pedro.

I'm recovering from a torn Achilles injury right now, so 2020 has been really tough because Andrew and I were coaching many different teams whilst trying to parent the girls who play three sports, with a nephew

finishing Year 12 and a two-year-old to chase

The three sports my kids are involved in are basketball, which brings me joy being a former WNBL player myself, netball and AFL.

AFL is the game where we just get to be the parents, we can sit there with our coffee, watch and cheer, and not have to be involved or coaching, which is a nice little break.

I met Ally when we played together for the Australian Indigenous side in Melbourne last year. The first time she came to Cairns and we all got together, she just gravitated to my

That sisterhood is massive in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and she just became family straight away.

We keep in contact via social media and we see her every time she comes to Cairns. She's my little sister and an aunty to my kids.

And she was a role model before the girls even knew she was a professional basketball player, but that was just her nature, and when they found out she played basketball they were like, "Oh my goodness!"

- as told to Christine Howes

Adelaide Lightning player Ally Wilson, Mya, 11, Naomi, Andrew and Matua, 2, and front Nahla, 8.

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OUR CHILDREN



Dragons player Jayden Williams helps out kids at the Coomaditchie Learning Club. Read the story on page 39.

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An extraordinary story of resilience and hope



Dressed as a little Christmas elf, Ochre-Rain King and his parents Bronwyn Dillon and Anthony King (and you were thinking he was Black Santa?) will visit the staff of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of the Royal Hobart Hospital again this Christmas. It's where Ochre-Rain spent the first 120 days of his life. "It's important for them to see what the reward is for all their hard work, that he is a beautiful healthy little boy, they can't believe it. He's fine, he's got a massive scar, but scars tell a story," says Anthony. Read their story by Jillian Mundy on pages 27-29.

Cashless welfare card gets two more years

THE Federal Government's bid to make the cashless welfare card scheme permanent and also to roll it out in the Northern Territory has failed, but a last minute deal means

thousands of people – including a large proportion of Aboriginal people – will stay on the card for another two years.

Labor's social services spokeswoman Linda Burney said the Government had underestimated community resistance and resentment of the plan.

"Continuing this policy is a massive mistake," she told parliament.

Labor supports income management if it's voluntary, but opposes the mandatory nature of the scheme.

Australia's top Indigenous, human rights and welfare groups are dismayed the "discriminatory and punitive" cards will continue.

"The CDC is dehumanising and attempts, unsuccessfully, to treat the symptoms of colonialism and dispossession," Amnesty International Indigenous rights campaigner Nolan Hunter said.

"What we need from Government is to trust Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to know what's best for us and to support us in community-led solutions."

As part of the last-minute changes, more than 20,000 people in the NT and Cape York can volunteer to move onto the card.

The controversial program appeared on

track to be scrapped last Wednesday evening when independent Senator Rex Patrick signalled he would vote against it in the Upper House, along with Labor, the Greens and Tasmanian Senator Jacqui Lambie.

But Centre Alliance's Stirling Griff helped paved the way for an amended version to pass 34-33 in the Senate in the early hours of Thursday, by dodging the vote.

Senator Griff had promised to oppose the original bill and his lower house colleague Rebekha Sharkie voted against it.

Up to 80% of welfare benefits are quarantined on the cards so money cannot be spent on alcohol, gambling or withdrawn as cash.

Welfare recipients in Ceduna in South Australia, the East Kimberley and Goldfields in Western Australia, and Bundaberg and Hervey Bay in Queensland are on the cards.

Labor and Greens senators labelled the program racist in a series of scathing speeches, and Senator Jacqui Lambie spoke through tears as she reflected on living in poverty on welfare and loved ones struggling with drug addiction.

The Tasmanian independent senator, who opposed the bill, despaired that the Government had not taken any action to improve the scheme after starting trials. The first trial sites started in early 2016, meaning some people could be on the card for almost seven years when the new expiry date is

Senator Patrick criticised the Coalition for pointing to an unreleased report about its effectiveness in stopping welfare recipients from drinking, gambling or using drugs – the stated reasons the Government has given for enforcing the card.

Guardian Australia last week published a story claiming that the evaluation was unfavourable.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak organisations, legal services and human rights organisations have slammed the decision to extend the trial of the card.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (NATSILS) co-chair Priscilla Atkins said the fact that the card was continued without conclusive evidence of its effectiveness was deeply concerning.

"This Bill will have harmful and damaging consequences for our people, is in direct conflict with the Closing the Gap agreement and should have been abolished in favour of Aboriginal community-controlled and -led solutions and services," Ms Atkins said.

Change the Record co-chair Cheryl Axleby described the decision as devastating and a continuation of punitive policy first started under the guise of the Howard Government's Northern Territory Intervention.

"For 13 years compulsory income management has denied Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples the same basic rights as everyone else – to make decisions about their own money, and their own lives," Ms Axleby said.

"It is devastating to have this legacy of paternalistic and discriminatory policy making continued with the Cashless Debit Card.

"We call on the Morrison Government, Centre Alliance and all members of Parliament to start walking the walk if they are genuine about Closing the Gap, and start listening to First Nations peoples and our communities."

The Greens have vowed to continue the community campaign against the card.

Greens Family and Community Services spokesperson Senator Rachel Siewert said the campaign was not over.

"We've had 13 years of income management in this country and the Government has no evidence to support that it has done any good," Sen Siewert said.

"The Government has not collected any baseline data in any of the trial sites.

"This Government has let communities in the trial sites down by promising wrap-around services to go along with the card, with little to nothing to show.

"I'd really like to know what the Government thinks they can achieve with a two-year extension to the card because it's very clear it is only making people's lives worse.

"The country is watching and they will not be hoodwinked with the ideological obsession this Government has with punishing people just because they are on income support."

Stellar turnout for Dreamtime Awards night

Murri boy Quaden Bayles' fight against bullying was

recognised last weekend by earning him the Dreamtime Awards Person of the Year Award.

The Dreamtime Awards were held at the Star Event Centre in Sydney on Saturday.

Quaden, who turned 10 last weekend, moved people around the world in February, when his mother Yarraka posted a video of the young boy's heartbreaking reaction to being bullied at school, when he sobbed his heart out.

But there were only smiles at the Dreamtime Awards ceremony, with stellar performances from top Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performers, including country music legend Roger Knox, pop star Jessica Mauboy, Dan Sultan and the Muggerah dancers.

• Find out all the award winners and check out the pics, pages 32-33.



Country music legend Roger Knox was just one of the big stars to perform at this year's Dreamtime Awards ceremony. Picture: Joseph Mayers

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Noongar challenge fails in High Court



High Court dismissed all special leave applications challenging the registration of the six

Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs), that form the South West Native Title Settlement in Western Australia.

The High Court's decision means that all avenues for review of the Native Title Registrar's decisions to register the ILUAs in October 2018, dismissed by the full Federal Court in late 2019, are now exhausted.

It's been a long and bumpy road to what's been described as the country's biggest native title settlement and has included multiple court challenges and a change to the Native Title Act.

The ILUAs will become registered in late January, 40 business days after the final legal proceedings are exhausted.

Other conditions were met in 2016, when the WA Parliament passed the Noongar (Koorah, . Nitja, Boordahwan) (Past, Present, Future) Recognition Act, recognising the Noongar people as the traditional owners of the South-West, as well as other enabling laws to allow key elements of the Settlement to take effect.

The South West Native Title Settlement will resolve all native title claims in the South-West in exchange for around \$1.3 billion



Vanessa Kickett

in land and other benefits for Noongar people.

South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) chair Vanessa Kickett welcomed the High Court decision.

"The High Court's decision brings to a close five years of appeals to the negotiated agreement that was accepted by the Noongar people in six authorisation meetings in 2015," she said.

"Today I remember the Noongar Elders who fought so long to win justice for our people and who passed before they were able to see this day come

"The path to date has brought many challenges, but we remain focused on honouring the vision of our ancestors, our Elders and our communities, whose guidance and dignity inspire us to be strong and proud."

But, while the High Court decision brings to a close a bitterly disputed process, things are by no means settled at SWALSC.

In October the board sacked chief executive Wayne Nannup, who has since launched a claim for unfair dismissal. And there have been questions raised regarding several property deals, authorised by the former SWALSC board under then-chair Jeanice Krakouer.

In May, SWALSC established Aboriginal Housing Foundation (AHF) - a special purpose charitable trust overseen by joint trustees, the Noongar not-forprofit Aboriginal Housing Recovery Centre Limited (AHRCL) and Equity Trustees.

At the time, Mr Nannup said the AHF "hit the ground running with the acquisition of the El Caballo Lifestyle Village in the Wheatbelt town of Wundowie.

"It will ultimately be developed into a multi-purpose complex offering accommodation for up to 180 vulnerable Noongar people and will include specialist aged-care facilities," he said.

"A rehabilitation centre, domestic violence refuge and childcare centre for up to 50 Aboriginal children will add vital care and support services."

But by October excitement for the plan had soured, leading to the sacking of Mr Nannup.

Last month the Federal Government appointed business consultants Grant Thornton Australia as 'project manager' for SWALSC, to perform the duties of a chief executive and manage selection of a new CEO.

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Trans-Tasman play *Hide the Dog* presents a First Nations celebration of strength in unity

By JILLIAN MUNDY



"IMAGINE if all First Nations people from around the world stood together – we'd be too strong."

That's a message playwrights Nathan Maynard and Jamie McCaskill hope audiences will take away from *Hide the Dog*, an adventurous trans-Tasman creation that opens at the Sydney Festival in January.

The play tells the story of a palawa girl Niarra and Māori boy Te Umuroa trying to save a Tasmanian tiger they have found by taking it across the ocean to Aotearoa in a hybrid palawa/Māori canoe.

Nathan Maynard is palawa man from Lutruwita (Tasmania), and Jamie McCaskill a Ngāti Tamaterā/Te Ati Haunui a Pāpārangi/Ngā Puhi man from Aotearoa (New Zealand).

The pair first met at an industry event, then spent time together at a Tasmania Performs artists residency in 2018 where they shared stories of invasion, colonisation and survival.

"After a blossoming bromance, we decided we wanted to collaborate," explained Maynard.

"We shared stories from our respective cultures and Jamie was really intrigued by the Tasmanian tiger and I've always wanted to write something about the Tasmanian tiger that actually celebrated the strength and continuation of palawa culture.

"We're both dads and we were dead keen to write a show for children that was rich in our respective cultures.



A bunch of local palawa children and their parents were the first to see Hide the Dog at an open rehearsal in Hobart.

"The plot formed organically and very quickly."

A bunch of young'uns, their parents, the *Koori Mail* and part of the creative team via video link from Aotearoa, were treated to an open rehearsal of *Hide the Dog* last week.

Even without its magical theatre lighting and some of the costumes, and with the backdrop still being created, the audience was engaged and excited.

The high-energy performance covers a lot of ground, with rich and complex, yet understandable, themes.

There are warring palawa spirits and Māori Gods, history, culture and language lessons, some lip syncing drag, conversations on the complexity of friendship, vulnerability and First Nations identity and connection in a modern world, jokes for all ages, flamboyant

costumes, subtle touches on some heavier themes and a peppering of child-friendly poo gags – so convincing that some young ones in the audience were holding their noses.

Almost all the cast, crew and creative contributors are First Nations, and where a First Nations person was not available a mentor was found for one.

While Tasmania Performs are the producers, Annette Downs,

the company's senior producer, explained that they take a step back, providing a producer 'scaffold'.

"It's Black led. It's a unique voice," she says.

Hide the Dog is at Sydney
Festival on January 13-17, and
will return to Hobart on March 1921 for the 'Ten Days on the Island
Festival'. When COVID-19
restrictions ease, it will tour to
Aotearoa and Australia.

Protesters around nation tell Santos to 'frack off'

By DANNY TEECE-JOHNSON



THE mighty Gomeroi Nation, from NSW's north west, held rallies in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra last week to tell oil and gas giant Santos to frack

Protestors took aim at Environmental Minister Sussan Ley, who signed off on the Federal Government's environmental

approval of the Narrabri gas project last month.

The Gamilaraay Next Generation activist group who organised the nationwide actions want Santos to "frack off", cultural heritage laws amended, for governments to meet with Gomeroi people to "undergo proper consultation" and for the NSW

Mining Act of 1992 to be abolished.
Gomeroi traditional owner and event organiser Polly Cutmore travelled from Moree to Parliament House in Canberra to have her message heard.

"We are calling on all our mob, and anyone who loves and respects Gomeroi country to let these politicians know they don't make decisions for us," Ms Cutmore

"Sussan Ley has not taken notice of the majority of people who live on Gomeroi



The Gamilaraay Next Generation activist group in Canberra.

country and oppose this gasfield. She has ignored us, the scientists, the farmers, so many people, and we've had enough.

"She should meet with us and tell us directly why she has ignored 23,000 submissions opposing this gas field, and why she is relying on Santos' word."

Ms Ley said she was satisfied the conditions and the staged nature of work in the area would safeguard the biodiversity of

the Pilliga Forest, where many of the gas wells would be situated.

"My approval has also been informed by advice from the Commonwealth Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development to ensure the ongoing protection of precious water resources," Ms Ley said.

However, Gomeroi Activist Gwenda



Polly Cutmore, right, travelled from Moree to Canberra to take a message from Gomeroi people. *Pictures: David Flannery*

Stanley said Ms Ley had never discussed nor heard any of the First Nation's concerns.

"We're going to fight this gas field because it threatens to poison our people, our country – yanaay Santos," Ms Stanley said.

Santos was contacted for comment but had not replied by the time the *Koori Mail* went to press.



Walgett's Black Santa with young ones from the community getting into the Christmas spirit. Pictures: George Williams Photography (local blackfulla from Walgett)

Black Santa delivers spirit of community

By DANNY TEECE-JOHNSON



referred to as the worst town in Australia. Search Walgett in Google and you can see all this mainstream stories pop up to paint such a bad picture of such a beautiful town.

But those Whitefullas don't know shit! They've probably never been to the community let alone met someone like Uncle Daniel 'Carb' Walford. After couple of Lillymans Club Nectars with him, the real Walgett emerges from the racist ashes of mainstream media.

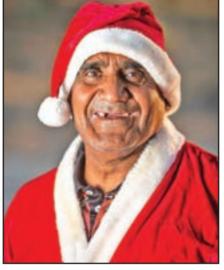
For nine years now, Uncle
Carb and his family have
relentlessly given back to the
community of Walgett and
surrounds, as each year he takes
on the role of the famous Black
Santa of the North West.

Walgett, affectionately known as 'the Gate', is nestled on the junction of the Namoi and Barwon rivers, which makes sense because it takes its name from the Gomeroi word meaning the 'meeting place of two rivers'. Its small population of around 2200 people is made up of nearly 50% of Blackfullas, giving it a real sense of Aboriginal identity and strength

Walgett has a staunch history of resistance. Think of the Freedom Rides in the mid-1960s. The Freedom Riders, consisting in the main of Sydney university students including Charles Perkins, arrived in Walgett on February 15, 1965.

They protested outside the Walgett RSL Club because they had been told the club was refusing to admit Indigenous exservicemen. They also picketed a ladies' dress shop (Sheehan's), protesting the fact that the proprietor would not allow Indigenous women to try on dresses.

After their protests, the Freedom Riders left town and headed for Narrabri when, a short



Black Santa himself, Uncle Daniel 'Carb' Walford spreads the Christmas love.



Uncle Carb and family get ready to host another community Christmas gathering.



Uncle Carb, with his rock, Aunty Andrea Walford, by his side.

distance from Walgett, their bus was forced off the road by a car driven by a local farmer.

This event led to Walgett, the Freedom Riders and the plight of Indigenous Australians receiving national and international media attention.

And while Uncle Carb's charity work hasn't received anything like that sort of attention, his own community recognises what he does.

Year after year he makes sure families who can't afford Christmas presents for their kids are looked after. On his watch no child goes without in Walgett.

You see Uncle Carb is a true

reflection of the community, the spirit, the culture and the people of Walgett. They are funny, fierce, hard-working, caring. They look after each other and they have got each other's backs. While White reporters quickly jump to report on negative social issues that occur in every community and every society in Australia, you know, for that click bait, they miss the real story of the community and the real heart of who they

They do it tough out there: Long hot days (just last week it was the hottest town on Earth at 48C), water crises, limited employment opportunities and poverty are daily challenges. But what isn't reported is how the community looks after each other and what I call 'the one percenters' in our communities – the people who wake up every day and just give, give, give and keep on giving.

Like Uncle Carb and his wife Aunty Andrea Walford.

Uncle Carb lives and breathes this. He feels it and he knows it.

For he has lived for community his whole life.

He is spreading the Christmas spirit across north-western NSW like Vegemite on white toast. Every corner of that piece of bread is covered with his strong Black flavour.

He does this all off his own back, raises money all year through raffles and reaches deep into his own pockets so no kids wake up on Christmas morning with a tear in their eye, looking at their mums with disappointment.

I've been that kid – many of you reading this have, especially the older ones who had nothing to begin with. I know what it's like to wake up on Christmas morning with nothing but stale bread in the toaster and a hole in your heart. Santa didn't make it to Moree that year I thought, and the only thing that softened the blow was the fact that I wasn't alone. Still, if you've ever had a Christmas with

no presents, you will know the feeling of a seven-year-old full of despair.

It's that compassion and love that Uncle Carb gives that the community appreciates, including the deputy mayor of Walgett Manuel Martinez.

"Carb Walford is indeed an asset to Walgett and surrounding towns," the deputy mayor told me. "He is a beautiful, community-minded individual who takes lead in community charities and advocates for his people.

"I applaud him for his continuing efforts as he does not do it for recognition or accolades."

Uncle Carb's niece Natasha Walford reflected on what he does for the community.

"My uncle comes from one of Walgett's matriarchs, Marjorie Phyllis Walford. The Namoi Bridge is named after his mother, our grandmother. Walfords are one of Walgett's biggest families. He's carrying on the legacy of kindness and making sure the kids in our community are being looked after, just like Nan would do. Nan would volunteer back in the day, supporting all the youth, helping them at court and with the organisations such as the ALS (Aboriginal Legal Service) and being a positive role model.

"We are so proud of him and very supportive of our uncle.

"Nan would be so proud knowing that her son contributes to this day supporting his community. He deserves recognition.

"He is truly a hero of the town. What more can I say?"

No Limit Boxing promoter and Walgett Knockout legend Matt Rose said, "Seeing Carb Daniel Walford do Black Santa makes me so proud and the smiles and happiness from all kids doesn't get any better! Congrats bred!"

This is why Uncle Carb does what he does. Year after year, without wanting anything in return for it, not even a pat on the back. It's his duty to his mob and while "thanks" means a lot to him, it's the smiles on the kids' faces that make him the richest man in Gomeroi country. His wallet may be empty, but his heart is full.

Women and girls: It's time to hear our voices

A LANDMARK report that surveyed Indigenous women and girls in every corner of the nation has called for a

National Action Plan to address the disadvantage they face on many fronts.

Over the past two years
Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Social Justice
Commissioner June Oscar held
meetings with Indigenous women
and girls across Australia, in
remote communities, cities and
prisons.

Her report, Wiyi Yani U Thangani, which means 'women's voices' in Bunuba language, is the first time in more than three decades such a survey has been attempted.

The feedback Ms Oscar received was overwhelming – Indigenous women and girls need more support to break cycles of crisis in many areas of their lives.

She is calling on the Federal Government to create a National Action Plan and establish an advisory body in consultation with Indigenous women and girls.

"As women and girls have frequently pointed out, governments are investing in crisis, not in preventing crisis," the report reads.

Ms Oscar says the COVID-19 pandemic has proved Government can mobilise to address the well-known challenges Indigenous women and girls face.

"The decisiveness and rapidity of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic stands in stark contrast to the political inertia and policy incrementalism that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities have otherwise faced in recent years," she said.

"What the COVID-19 pandemic has proven is that necessary and large-scale change is possible, particularly in moments of crisis."

The wellbeing of Indigenous women and girls is indeed a crisis in many areas, she said.

Chief among them is the incredibly high rate at which children are being removed from their homes and placed in to state care, Ms Oscar says.

Urgent and total reform of the child protection system, with a focus on prevention rather than intervention, is needed.

"No longer can we allow history to repeat itself," she said.

"Tinkering around the edges is no longer an option ... if we do not act now, we risk even more generations being stolen from us, the erosion of our culture, and cycles of trauma to continue."

A child protection notification system that automatically refers families engaged with the system to culturally safe legal advice should urgently be introduced by all states and territories, Ms Oscar says.

Other recommendations made in the report include: setting targets for the representation of Indigenous women in advisory and decision-making roles, creating a



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar at Thursday Island High School. Picture: Wayne Quilliam

First Nations women and girls have diverse strengths that support all aspects of life

Women and girls spoke about drawing strengths and responsibilities from their culture and Law, within which they form the basis of their identities the means to protect, nurture, heal and adapt.

Every day, First Nations women and girls make extraordinary contributions to the social, spiritual, economic and political life of their communities and all of Australia.

Investing in First Nations women and girls is an investment in society

Women and girls bring to their life and work ways of knowing, being and doing that are key to overcoming disadvantage.

Much of the work and the knowledge women carry is unseen and undervalued. Where services and supports are lacking, women and girls are always filling the gaps, while juggling multiple responsibilities. Acknowledgement of, and investment into, our

Major findings

women is crucial to improving life outcomes for everyone.

It is structural forces, not individual behaviours alone, which overwhelmingly determine our life outcomes

Discrimination and social, economic and political marginalisation have trapped generations of women and girls in cycles of poverty and trauma.

Women – as the primary carers – have taken the lead in trauma recovery work but this burden is too great for our women to carry alone.

Without truth-telling about how structural forces laid down at colonisation continue to undermine them, the causes of the problems First Nations peoples experience are obscured and are at risk of being seen as their fault alone, isolated in the present.

First Nations women and girls want systems and services to be preventative, place-based, culturally safe, healing-

oriented and trauma-informed

The lack of effective services that currently exists means that homelessness, early life trauma, family violence and cognitive disabilities are increasingly becoming the causal pathway to punitive interventions which women and girls want to see replaced by systems and services that are community-controlled and provide integrated wrap-around supports.

We need to support First Nations women and girls' leadership and participation in all decisions that impact their lives

Our women and girls are calling for mechanisms and institutional arrangements to guarantee that their voices are heard and responded to on all matters that affect them. Ensuring the effective representation of our women and girls embraces their leadership, which is essential for this nation to enter into genuine processes of truth-telling, healing and agreement-making.

Overarching recommendations

The recommendations set out key structural reforms to address cross-cutting systemic issues of marginalisation, trauma and intersectional discrimination, and to fundamentally shift how Australian governments engage with First Nations women and girls

A National Action Plan on advancing the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls

All Australian governments are urged to commit to a co-designed and adequately funded National Action Plan that addresses the challenges, priorities and aspirations raised throughout the report and sets out benchmarks and targets for achieving – and effectively measuring progress towardsm – the equal enjoyment of human rights by Aboriginal and Torres Strait women and girls. It is proposed that the Plan – which would be reported on annually – build upon the recommendations of previous reports that it complement, as well as contribute to the refinement of, existing national frameworks.

Conduct a National Summit and establish a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Women and Girls Advisory Body
The Australian Government is urged to fund a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Summit to design the key elements of the National Plan on advancing the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls, and the establishment of an independent National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women and Girls Advisory Body to engage with government about the implementation of the report's recommendations including through leading the development of the National Summit and assisting in the formulation of the National Action Plan.

Empowering women's leadership on the ground

All Australian governments are urged to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other key stakeholders to strengthen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls' leadership through setting targets for their representation in advisory and decision-making bodies, embedding gender equality as a key principle across Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations, empowering First Nations women through strategic investment in leadership and governance support, and providing government support for broad-based and community-led capacity building and leadership programs.

national framework for mandatory trauma-informed training for the entire human service sector, and addressing systemic racism.

All of this must take place in

consultation with the women and girls it affects, who have been ignored for too long, Ms Oscar says.

"Our women on the ground know what they are talking about,

that they are leaders, survivors, teachers and healers," she said.

"They carry with them a wealth of inherited, lived and learnt expertise."

"What I do not want, for any of

us, is to have to wait another 34 years to be listened to and heard."

• Read June Oscar's speech and see some more photos from the women who participated in Wiyi Yani U Thangani, page 25.

Mixed message in return of petroglyphs

By JILLIAN MUNDY



A LARGE section of Aboriginal engravings and other smaller pieces, stolen by Tasmanian

museums over 50 years ago are set to be returned to country in the new year.

Sawn from their location at Preminghana in the north west of Tasmania in 1962, they were displayed by the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) in Hobart until a new Aboriginal gallery was built in 2005.

They are part of an extensive sandstone coastal 'gallery' of hundreds of engraved symbols, thought to be made thousands of years ago.

Other smaller pieces are at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in Launceston.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal community is yet to decide whether they will be returned to their exact spot or kept elsewhere on country – either way their return will require complex planning and logistics, and most likely a helicopter.

The Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania (ALCT) is in talks with the TMAG to get them there.

Since the 1995 return of Preminghana several tracks through fragile dunes leading into the area, which may have made access easier, have been revegetated.

Talks to return the stolen engravings started decades ago. The Tasmanian government would not allow the return without their laws being adhered to – a permit was issued last month.

ALCT chairperson Michael Mansell says the laws are hypocritical.

"The government publicly



Aboriginal Lands Council of Tasmania chair Michael Mansell.

backed museums handing back petroglyphs, agreeing they belong to Aboriginal people, not some white institution," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"Yet, hypocritically, the Aboriginal Heritage Act effectively places ownership of all in situ Aboriginal heritage with the crown.

"The Act needs to be amended to provide for ownership of Aboriginal heritage, like land returns, being returned to the inheritors of the heritage created by our ancestors, not the crown."

The Aboriginal Heritage Act, was formerly the Aboriginal Relics Act 1975, until amendments were made in 2017, changing the name, removing an ignorance clause, removing the date to only

protect heritage created before 1876 (the year Truganini died), increasing penalties, adding a government appointed advisory body and a statutory review three years after amendments.

It is currently under review.
Meanwhile, a couple of weeks
ago, at Eaglehawk Neck, south of
Hobart, Aboriginal people and
supporters protested to stop
government-sanctioned
archaeological investigations in
the vicinity of a known burial site.

A number of human remains had been uncovered, documented and reburied there in the past. There were plans to dig 90 tests pits.

Protesters pulled out markers and explained to attending media why they wanted the investigations stopped.

Later that day the office of Minister Roger Jaensch, whose portfolios include planning and Aboriginal Affairs, said urgent consultations would be entered into before proceeding with roadwork.

A spokesperson from the Department of State Growth said they were committed to reviewing the design in order to minimise, and if possible to avoid, any impact to Aboriginal heritage values.

While the road widening has been planned near half a decade, many Aboriginal people with knowledge of the burial area only found out in the weeks before digging was set to start.

"What is needed is a decent

management plan for the burial area so that, if necessary, traffic is slowed instead of further desecrating the site by widening roads," Michael Mansell said.

"We cannot get through to the government that it should consult with Aboriginal people before some of these hare-brained schemes are cooked up which inevitably leads to conflict."

Several public submissions to the review of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* remind the government of its failure to integrate it with planning legislation such as the *Land Use and Planning Approvals Act 1993*. This also has been discussed for decades.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Heritage Council also said the Heritage Act was "seriously flawed".

"There is no strength in the Act for the Council to protect and preserve sacred sites in Tasmania," they said in a statement.

"There is no self-determination for Aboriginal people as decisionsmakers.

The Act is not connected with other Acts within legislation, to make sure planning decisions have to consider Aboriginal Heritage.

"We have continued to lose sites in the name of economic development.

"Council has had extensive discussions regarding the review of the Act, and has made submissions to make sure the highest priority is the protection and preservation of Aboriginal Heritage in Tasmania."

A submission from the Environmental Defenders Office says "a 2018 review identified Tasmania with Western Australia as having the worst Aboriginal cultural heritage laws in Australia".

Calls for new anthem

By DARREN COYNE and NICK PATON



AUSTRALIA'S first Indigenous senior counsel Tony McAvoy has argued that the national anthem should be replaced by one written by the likes of Dan Sultan and Paul Kelly.

The top barrister has weighed into the ongoing debate over the anthem, which sparked up again when the Wallabies Rugby team sang along to a version of the anthem in the Eora language.

Olivia Fox – a young Wiradjuri singer from the Newtown High School of the Performing Arts – delivered a stirring rendition before the Wallabies clash against Argentina, which ended in a 16-all draw.

The rendition drew praise from many quarters, but copped criticism from South Sydney Rabbitohs star Latrell Mitchell and boxer Anthony Mundine.

Mitchell sparked controversy with a post on social media, saying: "When will people understand that changing it to language doesn't change the meaning."

"Be proud but understand what you're being proud of.

"I stand for us, our mob! Be proud of the oldest living culture.

"Always was, always will be."
Mundine joined in, telling *The Daily Telegraph* that the anthem remained a
"theme song for the White Australia policy".

"If they want to change things then actually change the words of the anthem. But you can't just sing the same original text in Aboriginal language and think it's going to fly with people," he said.



Yorta Yorta soprano and composer Deborah Cheetham.

"It got people talking, but it still ain't the right message. It looks good and sounded good when the Wallabies sang it and it looks like they're giving back — but they're not really giving back."

Mr McAvoy told the Koori Mail that while the Wallabies' intention was sound, the problem was that the anthem was "anachronistic", in that it belonged to an earlier period in time.

"It's not just the language, it's the meter, the melody ... it's a product of its time and just seems anachronistic with what modern Australia aspires to be," Mr McAvoy said.

"There is an opportunity to re-embrace all the aspects of modern Australia that we can jointly hold aloft and rejoice."

Mr McAyov posted his thoughts on

Mr McAvoy posted his thoughts on social media, saying the anthem "cannot be repaired".

"All respect to those working to bring about some introduction of language, but this song is colonial in word, rhythm, melody and spirit. It cannot be repaired," he wrote.

"We or the government should commission Paul Kelly and Dan Sultan (or equally exceptional songwriters) to write something new.

"It should have the first verse in a language from the centre (Arrente?), maybe second verse coastal language, and third verse in English for national events but local mob should provide lingo for local events and institutions."

Mr McAvoy was careful to say that he was not being critical of Olivia Fox or the players, saying "the young singer of this song should be commended for her performance" and that it was "encouraging to see Wallaby players singing along with the Eora words.

"You only had to watch the players singing the national anthem in traditional language to see they had learned the words and were singing with pride and their intent was pure.

"That's not to be disregarded, but the reality is we can't fix that song in my view. It's time for a new song that we can all learn the words and sing along with, and is reflective of where we've been and where we are going."

It's been a controversial year for the national anthem.

In October, the Australian Rugby League Commission moved to scrap the anthem from Origin matches before backflipping under pressure from the public, as well as Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

In November, NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian said she feels for Indigenous Australians who say the national anthem doesn't reflect them and their history and it's time to make "a small gesture" and change some lyrics.

She backed the idea to change the opening lines of Advance Australian Fair from "we are young and free" to "we are one and free".

Yorta Yorta soprano and composer Deborah Cheetham told the *Koori Mail* the Premier is right when she calls for change to Australia's national anthem.

"I applaud Premier Berejiklian for seeing the need for change, but I think she should leave the crafting of the song to the poets and the songwriters," she said.

"There is a need for change, but changing the word 'young' to 'one' really doesn't capture the sentiment, it's not accurate, and it's just not correct.

"If COVID-19 has taught us anything, it's that here in Australia we are many nations, not just one.

"There is already an alternate version of the anthem, written by Judith Durham of The Seekers and Mutti Mutti musician Kutcha Edwards, that has fantastic lyrics.

"I helped to launch this version in 2009, so I haven't sung the lyrics 'for we are young and free' for well over a decade now.

"Lots of people who I have had the privilege of speaking to, and delivered keynote addresses to, I have shared with them Judith and Kutcha's words that I use instead, which are: 'Australians all let us rejoice in peace and harmony'."

Last week, the ARLC confirmed that the national anthem won't be played at future All Stars events, a decision praised by league legend, Jonathan Thurston.

Juukan – never again

RIO Tinto has been dragged over the coals in a scathing parliamentary report into the

mining giant's destruction of the sacred Juukan Gorge caves.

The Northern Australia Standing Committee last week tabled its interim report, 'Never Again', into the blast, having heard months of evidence.

Rio blew up the 46,000-yearold rock shelters in Western Australia's Pilbara region in May to extract \$188 million worth of high-grade iron ore.

The Puutu Kunti Kurrama people (PKKP) were left devastated and the incident sparked global outrage.

Committee chair Liberal MP Warren Entsch said that Rio Tinto's role in this tragedy was inexcusable.

"Rio knew the value of what they were destroying but blew it up anyway," he said.

"It pursued the option of destroying the shelters despite having options which would have preserved them.

"Rio knew of the site's archaeological significance and its cultural significance to the

"It had funded studies which had uncovered some 7,000-odd artefacts, including a 4000-yearold human-hair belt that linked the site directly to the ancestors of the current traditional owners."

Labor Senator Pat Dodson, who was on the committee went further, pointing out that the heritage system in Western Australia had allowed the destruction.

"A country that engages and permits that by way of crown writ has got some culpability



Yawuru man and Labor Senator Pat Dodson at Parliament House, Canberra last week, for the launch of 'Never Again', the report examining Rio Tinto's destruction of the sacred Juukan Gorge caves.

associated with it, and wanting to wipe out the heritage of First Nations peoples, that's really about destroying them as a people. That's got to be an incremental process of genocide," he said.

The cross-party committee has called upon Rio to negotiate a restitution package with the PKKP, undertake a full reconstruction and remediation of the site at its own expense, and commit to a permanent moratorium on mining there.

Significantly, it has also urged Rio to hold off on any new

applications to destroy sites until WA's heritage laws have been strengthened or stronger protocols are negotiated with traditional owners.

Rio had approval under Section 18 of WA's outdated Aboriginal Heritage Act, but has since apologised and conceded the blast should not have happened.

Expert reports had outlined the caves' outstanding archaeological and cultural significance long before they were blown up.

Rio's chief executive Jean-

Sebastien Jacques, corporate relations chief Simone Niven and iron ore boss Chris Salisbury all resigned in September amid significant investor pressure.

Committee members met with PKKP representatives last month and visited the Juukan sites, describing the traditional owners' grief as "overwhelming".

"They had lost more than a piece of heritage – they had lost part of themselves, a piece of their living culture which was infused with the still present spirits of their ancestors and pregnant with the future stories of

their descendants," the report

WA's new draft Aboriginal heritage laws, viewed as insufficient by Indigenous groups and heritage experts, won't go before Parliament until after the March election.

The report recommends WA's government refrain from considering any new Section 18 applications before the new laws pass, "unless it can be ... verified that there is current free, prior and informed consent obtained from traditional owners".

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ben Wyatt has repeatedly ruled out such a move.

The report also recommends federal MPs urgently review the adequacy of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984.

Such a move will be opposed by the mining industry, which has called for heritage protection to be left to the states.

The inquiry, which will deliver a final report next year, has also placed scrutiny on other big miners.

It was revealed Andrew Forrest's Fortescue Metals Group withheld \$1.9 million in royalties to a Pilbara Indigenous group after traditional owners declined to sign land access deeds.

Other Aboriginal groups said they had been rushed into signing complex land use deals that left them with little ability to protect sites.

Rio is reviewing participation agreements struck with Pilbara traditional owners and has agreed to a temporary moratorium on mining in the Juukan Gorge area.

It has also pledged not to enforce any potential gag orders against Indigenous groups.

- with AAP

Stolen Wages recipients disappointed

By DARREN COYNE



THE Queensland
Government's decision last
year to settle a long-running
Stolen Wages case for \$190
million was meant to heal old
wounds.

Instead, payments described as paltry by recipients are causing problems among family members, and have been described by many as unfair.

Steven Broome of Rockhampton told the

Steven Broome of Rockhampton told the Koori Mail that he was disgusted with the amount he received given his mother, Veronica, was forced to work as a domestic from the age of 12 until she was 16.

"She grew up in a dormitory and White people's homes and had to keep their houses clean for them," he said.

Mr Broome – one of nine children – said his parents worked hard, but the family lived without comforts.

"I never saw a toy in my life," he said. When news of the Stolen Wages settlement was first announced, Mr Broome said the expectation was that payouts would be substantial.

"I got \$1880, and the other kids got the same amount. I was expecting at least 30 to 40 thousand for the work they did back then. They worked for a couple of years and what was a year's work worth back then? About 16 to 18 thousand a year."

Mr Broome said that while he had received money into his bank account that was owed to his father Edgar Broome from Woorabinda, he was unwilling to spend any



Stolen Wages claimant Steven Broome.

of it because he had lodged an appeal against the amount received for his mother's work.

"I don't want to touch the money in my account, but I've got family members ringing up asking for money. It's upsetting to see the money changing everyone."

The entitlements are being distributed to more than 10,800 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for wages earned, but never paid, between 1939 and 1972.

Among the recipients was Francine George, whose mother died in 2017.

Ms George told the ABC that her mother only received an entitlement of \$12,000 for more than 40 years' work on cattle stations as a domestic.

"They worked for rations. They worked for flour, sugar, syrup, tin meat and, if they smoked, cigarettes," she said.

Ms George said the Government had the means to calculate the hours her mother worked, but her entitlement was a lot less than expected.

"There are records within Queensland Government for a lot of people who worked during that era. How did they come to that calculation?" she said.

"We were shipped off to Palm Island to the dormitory so that our parents could work ... That wasn't a choice of our parents; that was a choice of the government."

Townsville resident Hans Pearson led the class action and once the government decided to settle, Grant Thornton Australia was appointed as the administrator of the Stolen Wages Settlement Distribution

The firm's lawyer, Anthony Beven, said due to the lack of evidence and records of earnings, time passed, and the death of many claimants, a methodology relying on anthropological evidence was used to determine the entitlements.

"The court said that the only way to do this in a fair way was to group people based on their age, whether they were Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, male, whether they were still living or deceased," Mr Beven said. "The court acknowledged that this isn't a calculation of how much — in terms of wages and savings people may have been deprived — but it's a way to try and allocate the money in a fair way.

"It was never intended to be a precise calculation of how many years people worked, how much their savings and wages had not been properly paid to them because that was just too difficult to prove."

Despite that, Ms George and Mr Broome both said that lawyers' fees had taken a substantial slice of the \$190 million settlement.

"It's not \$190 million that the people are sharing in, it's more like \$120 million or even less and that's going out to 11,000 to 20,000 people," Ms George said.

Mr Broome said the legal fees for the settlement should have been paid for by the Queensland government.

A guide has been released by the Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN) to assist stolen wage recipients.

It was produced by the North Queensland Consumer Taskforce (NQCT), which is chaired by ICAN and made up of community groups, government agencies, consumer protection regulators and Ombudsman

Fair Trading North Queensland regional anager Len Curran said the guide has been developed to support community workers and financial councillors who are providing assistance to claimants under the Stolen Wages Settlement Distribution Scheme.

The guide can be downloaded at https://ican.org.au

Forecast is for change



translated to less racial prejudice in 2020.

The 2020 Australian
Reconciliation Barometer – a
national research study conducted
by Reconciliation Australia every
two years—shows that the global
and local Black Lives Matter
movements have challenged
experiences and understanding of
racism in Australia.

But Reconciliation Australia chief executive Karen Mundine said that this year's Barometer showed that more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reported an incident of racial prejudice than in 2018.

"Just over half of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander respondents reported to have experienced at least one form of racial prejudice in the last six months," she said.

"More Australians now agree with the statement that 'Australia is a racist country', a rise across the board in understanding how racism operates.

"In 2020 we have seen increasing political and social polarisation due to uncertainty and disruption from COVID-19.

"The heightened awareness

What the numbers say

- 95% of the general community and 94% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people believe it is important for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to have a say in matters that affect them.
- 81% of the general community (77% in 2018) and 88% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (86% in 2018) believe it is important to protect an Indigenous Body within the Constitution, so it can't be removed by any government.
- 86% of the general community and 91% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people believe it is important to establish a representative Indigenous body.
- 52% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have experienced at least one form of racial prejudice in the past 6 months (43% in 2018).
- 60% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander respondents agree that Australia is a racist country (51% in 2018).
- 43% of respondents in the general community also agree with this statement (38% in 2018).
- 89% of the general community and 93% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people believe it is important to undertake formal truth-telling processes in relation to Australia's shared history.

and sentiments around the global and local Black Lives Matter movements have translated into our research, as would be expected.

"Through the 2020 Barometer we hear many more people speaking up, speaking the truth, asking the hard questions, seeing the hard facts, and moving from a space of safe to brave on issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"Reconciliation gives Australians a framework for understanding our race relations and provides a framework for moving forward to a reconciled future."

Ms Mundine said that community will continue to lead and governments must also act.

"Our barometer shows that community attitudes are well ahead of the political response to issues around self-determination, representation, treaty, and in understanding and learning about history.

"This provides a basis for demanding more of our political leaders," she said.

"Change doesn't happen without governments, parliaments,

corporate and civil society, and the broader community playing their part."

Ms Mundine said that the Australian Reconciliation Barometer 2020 reminds us all that reconciliation takes action.

"The vital importance of maintaining protections against racism, of supporting anti-racism campaigns and education, and to truly understand the insidious effects of racism on people's abilities to live their lives cannot be overstated," she said.

Ms Mundine said Reconciliation Australia was



Reconciliation Australia chief executive Karen Mundine.

encouraged by results in the Barometer that show that more than 90% of Australians place high importance on the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

"Reconciliation is built on relationships and we are encouraged to see that support for this key relationship remains high even in these testing times," she said.

"Overall, the Barometer tells us that even in a changing world, engagement with reconciliation is still a priority."



Opportunity for Regional Recovery Officers

- Inform the Australian Government's approach to drought and flood response and recovery
- Work directly with communities in your region
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The National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency (the Agency) was established by the Prime Minister to lead a national response to the drought affecting large parts of the country while continuing to support North Queensland communities affected by wide-spread

flooding in early 2019. The Agency reports directly to the Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management.

This is your opportunity to play a key role in working across all levels of government and with individuals, businesses and communities impacted by drought nationally, as well as those areas impacted by the 2019 flood in North Queensland. As a Regional Recovery Officer you will:

This is your opportunity to play a key role in working across all levels of government and with individuals, businesses and communities impacted by the early 2019 floods in North Queensland as well as those areas of Australia impacted by drought. As a Regional Recovery Officer you will:

- play a key role in connecting communities with the Australian Government's response to drought and flood, while providing on-the-ground advice.
- draw on your in-depth knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting your community and surrounding region to help inform the Australian Government's response to the flood and drought.
- work under limited direction and have responsibility for a designated region comprising several Local Government Areas.
- travel extensively within your designated region, on a regular basis, using an Agency vehicle.

Our ideal candidate

Regional Recovery Officers will have excellent stakeholder engagement, communication and interpersonal skills, and a demonstrated understanding of their region.

Regional Recovery Officers will be based across Australia in drought and North Queensland flood affected areas. Final locations will be dependent on the home location of successful applicants.

How to apply

Visit www.droughtandflood.gov.au/aboutus/recruitment for more information on the role and to begin your application.



Australian Government

National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency The University of Sydney School of Rural Health

Seeking an artist from the Wiradjuri nation

The University of Sydney School of Rural Health (Dubbo/Orange) is seeking Expressions of Interest from a Wiradjuri artist to create a collection of unique Indigenous artwork.

The artwork will reflect the cultural identity of our communities and will be used as part of the school's new visual identity. The successful applicant will be awarded \$2500 to create a suite of three designs in the following key themes:

- Medicine, healing, health and wellbeing
- Teaching and learning
- Communities

Applications close Friday 15 January 2021.

sydney.edu.au/medicine-health/wiradjuri-art



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Senator Thorpe sets agenda

A TREATY with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people must be the first step in healing wounds created by the

nation's colonial past, the new Greens senator for Victoria says Lidia Thorpe used her first

speech to Parliament to call for a treaty and to outline the connection between Indigenous and environmental justice.

"A genuine national treaty would elevate Aboriginal voices and reframe us as a more caring society, where nobody is left behind," she said.

"If we write it together, a treaty can be a blank canvas to reframe the story of who we want to be as a country.

"We can celebrate what unites us, protect the rights of First Nations people and acknowledge injustices, both past and present."

Senator Thorpe makes history as Victoria's first Aboriginal upper house representative.

She outlined her past struggles, proudly explaining she enters Parliament not as a career politician but someone with real life experience.

The Victorian grew up in public housing and left high school at 14 before becoming a mum three years later.

"I take my seat in this chamber today for every person who has been discarded, discounted or left behind,'



Greens Senator Lidia Thorpe makes her first speech to the parliament.

she said. "It's time for your voices to be heard. For too long, power has been tightly held in the hands of the privileged."

Senator Thorpe explained caring for country was central to Indigenous culture, meaning environmental justice was woven

She pointed to mining giant Rio Tinto's destruction of 46,000year-old caves in Western Australia and the sacred trees in Victoria removed for a highway. "We're tired of watching

governments and their agencies pay lip service to acknowledgement of country

while at the same time destroying the very land they claim to respect," the new senator said.

"When we lose these sacred sites, we sever the deep spiritual ties that connect our culture and language to this land.'

Senator Thorpe also urged

"We're tired of watching governments and their agencies pay lip service to acknowledgement of country while at the same time destroying the very land they claim to respect. When we lose these sacred sites, we sever the deep spiritual ties that connect our culture and language

- Lidia Thorpe

Australians to keep fighting for justice on deaths in custody, noting huge protests sparked by the death of US man George Floyd at the hands of police.

to this land."

But why did it take the death of a Black man on the other side of the world to wake up Australia, when our Indigenous people are the most incarcerated people on

When Senator Thorpe first strode into the chamber in October she had her fist in the air and possum skins cloaked over her shoulders.

She carried a memory stick with a line burnt on it for each of the 441 Indigenous people who have died in custody since the 1991 royal commission. - AAP



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For COVID safe information visit nsw.gov.au



Do you have strong views and values about the **Bundian Way?**

On behalf of the Heritage Council of NSW, GML Heritage is inviting Aboriginal people with strong attachments to the Bundian Way (State Heritage Register Listing No. 01906) to participate in oral history interviews as part of an independent assessment of the heritage listing.

How do I get involved?

Please contact the GML Heritage team at heritage@gml.com.au or 9319 4811 telling us why you would like to participate.

All correspondence will be treated confidentially. Interviewees will have the opportunity to participate anonymously and have the right to determine how their interview is used for the purposes of the project.

Submissions close 5pm, Tuesday 12 January



ESR Logistics Park Development/Kemps Creek NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment – Community Consultation Stage 1

ESR Australia (the Proponent) are preparing a State Significant Development Application (SSD-9138102) for Lots 11, 12 and 13 in DP 253503 at 290-308 Aldington Road, Kemps Creek, NSW (hereafter referred as the subject area) which will involve the development of a logistics park. Urbis is assisting the Proponent in undertaking an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) to accompany the SSDA. The proponent can be contacted

Riley Sampson Assistant Development Manager ESR Australia Level 29, 20 Bond Street Sydney NSW 2000 E: riley.sampson@esr.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

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 31st 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 Deerubbin 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.



TAFE NSW Western Sydney Construction Hub Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment -**Community Consultation Stage 1**

TAFE NSW (the Proponent) are preparing a State Significant Development Application (SSD-8571481) for the TAFE NSW Nepean Kingswood campus at 2-44 O'Connell Street, Kingswood (hereafter referred as the subject area) which will include the construction of a Construction Hub within the north-eastern part of the campus. Urbis is assisting the Proponent in undertaking an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) to accompany the SSDA. The proponent can be contacted directly via:

Sam Gibson Project Manager Cadence Australia Pty Ltd (on behalf of TAFE) 1/10 Mallett Street Camperdown NSW 2050

E: sgibson@cadenceaust.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

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 31st December 2020.

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New approach to family court

By NICK PATON



ABORIGINAL children in Victoria are 16.4 times more likely to be removed from their families than

other Australian children, the second highest overrepresentation of any state or territory.

A recent review identified that more than 60% of Aboriginal children were placed with a non-Aboriginal carer and more than 40% were placed separately to their siblings after being removed from their families.

So to prevent these numbers from getting even worse, the Children's Court of Victoria is taking a different approach to child protection and youth justice through an innovative program, Marram-Ngala Ganbu - the Koori Family Hearing Day.

Marram-Ngala Ganbu means 'We are one' in Woiwurrung language, and with Koori-led design and services and Koori staff working in the courts to support the strengthening of connection to culture and kinship, it's a really different model compared to the mainstream court process.

Gunditjmara (Western districts of Victoria) man Ashlev Morris is Koori Services and Programs manager for the Children's Court of Victoria.

Mr Morris told the Koori Mail that Marram-Ngala Ganbu has supported almost 400 families through the court process in the Family Division of the Children's Court.

He said the program enables culturally informed decision making.

"It's more of a conversation than a hearing," Mr Morris said.

"There's three main features that really make the program stand out, and the first feature is that it is Aboriginal-focused.

"The second feature is what we refer to as 'adapted court

settings', and the difference here is that we all sit around the table and have a conversation on the same level.'

Mr Morris said the third feature of Marram-Ngala Ganbu is that family and Elders are invited to take part in the process and be included in discussions.

He said this feature is key to meeting the needs of the Koori community.

"And for some of these kids, the program really does provide a safety net because when their family is right there in the room with them, they feel safe and confident to talk." Mr Morris said. "The program helps because it's educational, informative and helps to settle those nerves, and really makes the court a more welcoming and culturally safe space for Koori families.

"So instead of the traditional process of court where you're given a report at 10am, assigned to a lawyer at 11am, speaking to your lawyer at 12, and then being called into court at 12:05, only to have your kids leave you for out-ofhome-care, all on the same day, Marram-Ngala Ganbu allows us time to explain to families what's going on."

Marram-Ngala Ganbu was first launched in August 2016 at the Broadmeadows Children's Court in Melbourne.

Aboriginal flags, artwork and maps are fixed to the walls of the courtroom to create a welcoming environment.

Participants sit at a round table, including the magistrate and sometimes children, in the format of a Yarning (or dialogue) Circle.

At the centre of the table are fresh gum leaves, along with a possum-skin cloak, created by Koori children from the region.

A Koori services coordinator, Koori family support worker and a Department of Health and Human Services child protection practice leader coordinate the hearing list and assist family members in

obtaining legal representation and understanding the court

Staff also facilitate referrals to appropriate support agencies, many of which are local and Aboriginal community-controlled organisations, and everybody present is invited to introduce themselves and their connection to family.

Mr Morris said magistrates sitting on Marram-Ngala Ganbu hearings adhere to the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle in making orders about child placements, including requiring parties to show that they have properly investigated suitable kinship placements.

Last year the Children's Court of Victoria commissioned an independent evaluation to assess the performance of Marram-Ngala Ganbu with the veiw to build an evidence base to support future expansion of the program.

Led by Meriam woman Professor Kerry Arabena, along with Dr Wendy Bunston from Social Ventures Australia Consulting, the recent evaluation shows great outcomes for Koori court users.

Mr Morris said one of the other advantages of the program is that staff can remind participants of their obligations.

"And to make sure they feel supported throughout the whole court process," Mr Morris said.

"That way we can ensure families feel safe enough to come to court and really explain what's been going on at home, giving them a better chance at returning home

"Kids who haven't returned to their parents have returned home to their communities, and that's just as important, because if it wasn't for Marram-Ngala Ganbu. and the input from extended family and community members, some kids would most likely be still be in an outof-home-care situation."

Fight for Dungay goes on

"I CAN'T breathe." The last words of both David Dungay Junior in Long Bay Jail and George Floyd in

Minneapolis in America, have become a tragic rallying cry for the Black Lives Matter movement.

David, a Dunghutti man, died after being held down by prison guards and screaming out in pain.

And now, more than 250 people from families of victims, Indigenous-led organisations, legal professionals, politicians, unionists and academics have signed an open letter calling for the NSW Government to bring to account those responsible for the death of David Dungay Jnr.

David's mother Leetona Dungay said her family was devastated after an inquest into her son's death decided not to pursue any disciplinary action against any of the prison guards.

"For almost five years my family has fought for justice for David,' she said. "The DPP, WorkSafe NSW, and the NSW Government shut the door on us at every turn. Is killing a Black man legal in NSW?

"Many thousands of goodhearted people have overwhelmed us with support to answer 'No! Black Lives Matter, and charges must be laid.'

"We stand in solidarity with other grieving Aboriginal families to demand systemic change and justice for all.

Eminent lawyers and senior



NSW Greens MP David Shoebridge and Leetona Dungay. Picture: Tim Ginty/National Justice Project

legal scholars who signed the letter support the legal advice that there are grounds to investigate the death in custody of David Dungay towards criminal prosecutions of NSW Corrective Services and its staff.

Greens MP David Shoebridge delivered the letter to NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Attorney-General Mark Speakman.

It builds on the momentum of a petition which was signed by more than 110,000 people calling for

accountability for David Dungay Jnr's death.

The open letter's call for an independent, First Nations-led body to investigate deaths in custody has come out of the consistent failure of current legal processes to deliver justice in deaths in custody cases. The Dungay family are sorely disappointed in the Coroner's decision that failed to consider the criminal culpability of correctional officers. That disappointment has

been compounded by a continued refusal of the NSW DPP and Worksafe NSW to investigate the case.

Elizabeth Evatt, former Chief Judge of the Family Court, said that David Dungay Jnr's death must be examined so that justice may be served.

"We must identify every failure in policy and every failure in action which contributed to David's death and hold accountable all those responsible for each and every

such failure," she said. Karly Warner, Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) chief

executive, called for urgent reform. "Whilst governments fail to act, more Aboriginal people are dying in custody and more families are being forced to grieve and seek

justice simultaneously," she said. 'This is not a choice we need to keep making. We're calling for an investment in solutions to keep Aboriginal people strong in culture and with their families - all we need now is the political will.

Priscilla Atkins, co-chair of National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, supported the Dungay family's calls for iustice and accountability.

"Police, prisons and governments must stop investigating themselves," she said. "Until there is accountability, self-determined solutions and systemic change, there is no justice. Our people will continue to die in custody at horrific rates.'

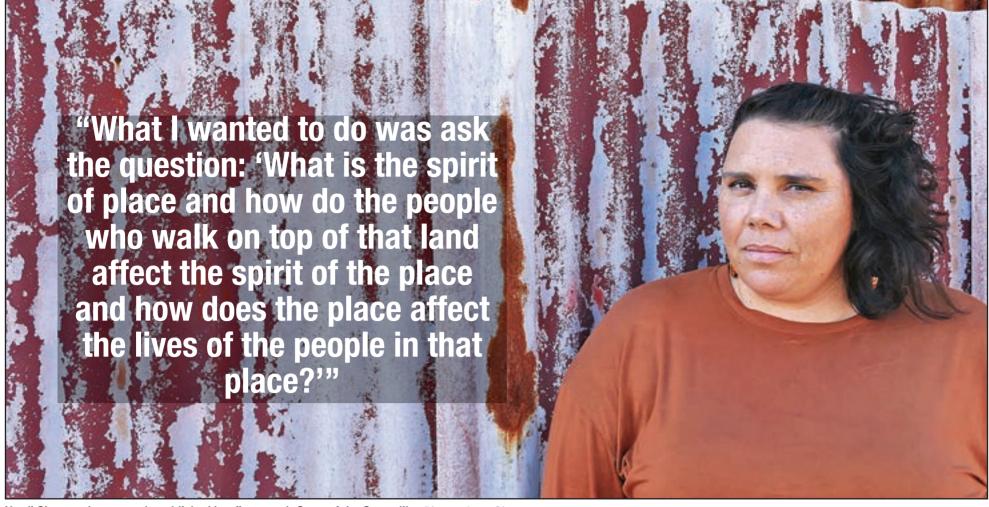
George Newhouse, principal solicitor and director of the National Justice Project, said the Government needed to act.

The distressing images of David's death have shocked the community and brought thousands of people onto the streets to demand an investigation, yet the DPP and WorkSafe NSW still refuse to bring accountability to those responsible for David's horrific death," he said.

The failure of WorkSafe to engage with the Dungay family has been shameful."

• Read the open letter, page 23





Nardi Simpson has recently published her first novel, Song of the Crocodile. Picture: Lucy Simpson

The rhythm of story

By KIRK PAGE



years ago she would have described herself as a musician

In a relatively short space of time, Nardi has recreated herself from musical songstress to author, having recently published her first novel Song of the Crocodile.

Simpson began her journey into the performing arts while studying a music course at the EORA TAFE college in Redfern in 1997.

"I remember reading the description of the course and it said at the end of the course you will be able to set up a PA system and play in an RSL. I thought to myself, 'I want to do that. I'm in, sold," Nardi said

"There were courses in

Aboriginal studies and performing arts and it was a beautiful journey for everybody from very different places and communities, and some of the students there were only just learning about the histories of their own families and communities.'

During her studies Nardi met fellow musicians Emma Donovan and Kaleena Briggs. The trio would later come together to create the musical sisterhood known as the

The incredibly talented trio performed across festivals and concerts nationally and internationally, sharing their moving harmonies and personal stories with a blend of tender truths and lyrical activism.

"We where young back then and everything was amazing to us.

"Émma had sung for a long time with her uncles, and Kaleena had sung a lot at school, so they both had a solid singing background, but together we took our first steps forward into a singing group and it was a really beautiful time," Nardi says.

"When I think back on those days - we all had varying degrees of skills and experience, but what I loved is we were all learning together. We all progressed together. They were beautiful beginnings. We will always have that time together.

"As artists we live for surprise and are in our happy place when we can share with an audience, as frightening as it may seem sometimes.

Nardi's deep commitment to telling yarns and sharing stories has evolved over time. Her musical experience had imprinted strongly on how she told stories and this passion helped when it came to writing her debut novel.

"I thought I had it all sorted. I thought I was leaving one creative process and moving to another with my writing, but the way it worked was I needed to draw on what it was I knew musically to write the

book. I thought I was stopping one and starting another," Nardi said.

Song of the Crocodile is a lament to choice and change and the unyielding land that sustains us all. When the town's secrets start to be uncovered the town will be rocked by a violent act that forever shatters a century of silence.

In this 'fictional' story we get to know three generations of family who are living in a country town. The Whites are in town and the Blackfellas are on the outskirts.

"What I wanted to do was ask the question: 'What is the spirit of place and how do the people who walk on top of that land affect the spirit of the place and how does the place affect the lives of the people in that place?' Nardi said.

"The first character I wrote was called the songman and I did that on purpose. With writing the book, I felt I was moving into something I knew nothing about and I needed something that was recognisable to start with, so I began writing this

Jackie Bird songman character.

"He is waiting for this choir to arrive and they sing this song that triggers a story.

"I needed to bring these things together: the world of music and song and the story of the songman.

'I started to see that music can be in words and that a sentence is a song in itself, the melody of the words and timing – all the stuff we talk about in music is in writing, the pauses and the stops, and thank god for that because I'd probably still be blindfolded in the forest trying to find those recognisable

"If I hadn't had my experience of music, I never would have finished that book. I don't just use music to tell a story. I'm swimming in words to tell a story these days. We don't have clearly defined disciplines as Aboriginal people we have this beautiful dancing between mediums.

"For me there is song in words and movement in sound.



Title handover is bittersweet

TRADITIONAL Aboriginal owners of land in the Northern Territory's remote Barkly Tablelands welcomed

the gesture by Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt, who delivered to them the deeds of title to the Gagaguwaja Aboriginal Land Trust last month.

Inalienable title to the 6km2 of land comprising the Gagaguwaja Aboriginal Land Trust was handed back to traditional owners and their families at an emotional ceremony at Lake Mary Ann, north of Tennant Creek, on November 26.

Northern Land Council (NLC)

general manager, executive services Trish Rigby congratulated traditional owners on the longoverdue return of their country, following the settlement of the Anthony Lagoon Area Land Claim.

NLC chairperson Samuel Bush-Blanasi said traditional owners had mixed feelings about the day.

"This is a bittersweet and long overdue day, when the Wampaya people and clan groups associated with country right across the Barkly Tablelands country get a small parcel of their traditional lands back as Aboriginal Land under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976," he said.

"It is a bitter day because the land won back is so small.

"But it is a sweet day because any day the Northern Land Council can help get land back is a good

NLC member and cultural advisor Jack Green told the ceremony that the Anthony Lagoon Area Land Claim was lodged in 1983 under the Land Rights Act.

"Thirty-seven years to get this land back was way too long," he

"Too many of our old people who struggled and strived to get that land back have passed away.

"We have to honour their lives and their fight for their land. They kept our laws, our language and our lives strong. Without them we'd have nothing."



Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt delivered the deeds of title to traditional owners of the Gagaguwaja Aboriginal Land Trust.

Water allocation is a first for Victoria

WATER ownership in a river system will be made available to traditional owners for the first time in the Victoria's history.

Recognising traditional owners' deep connection to water, the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) will receive two gigalitres of unallocated water in the Mitchell River.

Minister for Water Lisa Neville confirmed Southern Rural Water will make a further four gigalitres of unallocated water available on the open market.

This announcement comes 10 years since the Gunaikurnai people gained native title over much of Gippsland and entered into the first Traditional Owner Settlement Agreement issued by the Government. This agreement led to the first joint management plan for parks between the Gunaikurnai and the Government, which is now being successfully implemented across 10 parks and reserves.

The next Sustainable Water Strategy for the Central and Gippsland Region will consider how water is shared and the opportunity for traditional owners' to have a voice.

GLaWAC chief executive Roger Fenwick said it was a momentous outcome for the Gunaikurnai

"It recognises the importance of gaining rights to water to restore customary practices, protect cultural values and uses, gain economic independence and heal country," he said.

NSW boating safety program launched

TRANSPORT for NSW has launched a plan to reduce the likelihood and consequences of boating incidents involving Aboriginal people on NSW waterways.

Transport for NSW Deputy Secretary Safety, Environment and Regulation Tara McCarthy said the Aboriginal Maritime Safety Plan included boating safety programs and data

"The plan also aims to increase Aboriginal participation in the maritime economy by supporting opportunities for career pathways," she

In the 10 years to July 1, 2017, there were nine involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. In NSW, there were 90 boating-related serious injuries involving Aboriginal people between July 2005 and December 2019.

Ms McCarthy said the new plan will support delivery of a range of key actions to reduce the likelihood and consequences of boating incidents involving Aboriginal people on NSW waterways over coming years.

"Aboriginal communities are connected through history and culture to waterways, often using lakes, streams, rivers and the ocean as a transport option to attend school and work," Ms McCarthy said.

"A waterway is also an important place for Aboriginal people to connect with family members, attend funerals and participate in cultural events. In this way, boating safety is linked to cultural, as well as physical and economic, wellbeing."





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Protecting Worimi midden sites is a focus for the Worimi Conservation Lands Board.

Worimi put site protection first

Aboriginal-owned Worimi Conservation Lands, north of Newcastle, hosted a series of Aboriginal

site identification courses, to improve understanding and protection of Worimi cultural

Worimi Conservation Lands Board of Management chair Jamie Tarrant said that the Aboriginal-owned park is host to an extraordinary number of significant cultural sites that contain a diverse range of artefacts and values.

"The sites provide a window into the past and showcase the connection and harmony to the land held by the Worimi for thousands of years.

"Sharing cultural knowledge to better protect sites is integral to the board's vision for the park, and the two-day Aboriginal site identification workshops provided hands-on experience for both Worimi custodians and non-Aboriginal caretakers."

Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council chief executive Andrew Smith said the workshops provided an opportunity to come together and listen, learn, share stories and connect.

"The training strengthened practical skills focused on artefact types, site identification, recording, and understanding cultural heritage legislation," he

"Better still, it shaped new understandings and relationships, creating greater appreciation for the important role everyone has in protecting Australia's oldest living and continuous culture.'

NPWS Hunter Central Coast branch director Kylie Yeend said that the training was reflective of the park's cooperative management approach and was delivered in partnership with the Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council, the Worimi Conservation Lands Board of Management and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

"The opportunity to share time on country with the Worimi owners was a privilege and the generosity in sharing their cultural knowledge and



Worimi Visitor Service Assistant Rachel Syron studies an artefact.



Worimi Ranger Warren Mayers shares his knowledge.

stories highlighted their deep connection to this special place," she said.

The Worimi Conservation Lands lie within a dynamic coastal landscape which often experiences extreme weather conditions and large numbers of visitors, presenting significant

challenges for protecting the park's cultural sites and values.

"The training course drew on many years of cultural knowledge and management expertise to boost the skills required to meet the challenge of safeguarding Worimi cultural values in the park for the future."

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Description of the nature of the act

The Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade intends to grant an exploration licence under the *Mining Act 1992* (NSW) on land subject to native title.

Should a licence be granted, the licence holder may apply to renew or transfer the licence prior to it expiring (including renewals, partial renewals, transfers or part transfers).

In the case of any exploration licences resulting from a partial renewal or part transfer, this notice applies to any renewals and other future acts across the licence area of such exploration licences.

Note: If the licence is granted, all subsequent future acts involving the renewal, re grant or re-making (including partial renewal or part transfers) or extension of the term of the licence 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 detail

Arumpo Bentonite Pty Limited (ACN 001 831 483) is the applicant for Exploration Licence Application 5962 which, if granted would authorise the prospecting for Group 5 minerals for an initial term of up to six years.

Description of area that may be affected

The entire area of Exploration Licence Application 5962 that covers an area of approximately 14 units situated approximately 51 kilometres south southeast of the town of Pooncarie, 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

Notification Day
For the purposes of section
29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993
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Grinding stone artefact faces uncertain future

By NICK PATON



WHEN
Bundjalung
man Tony
Tonkin went to
check out his
mate's new

place on the Maroochy River near Yandina in Queensland, he was shown a large sandstone boulder with peculiar engravings.

"And I knew in my gut what it was instantly," Tony said.

"I distinctly remember looking at the grinding marks with my mate and I told him that this is exactly what my own mob would use for the grinding and sharpening of their stone axes and tools.

"I told my mate that I had seen similar engravings before down on Bundjalung country, and some engravings I've seen have been estimated at being thousands of years old."

Aboriginal people created grinding grooves when shaping and sharpening their axes and spears by grinding certain types of stone against sandstone.

Tony's hunch was soon confirmed by a Kabi Kabi traditional owner who was taken to the rental property and shown the grinding

Tony said he has spent time building a relationship with Kabi Kabi traditional owners who have told him about the importance of the Yandina area for mob, in particular the significance of Mt Ninderry, which can be seen from the area where the artefact was found.

"I can't speak for this country as it's not my own, but where the artefact now lays is close to where mob from this country may have had a Bora ring, or ceremonial site, further up the hill near where the homestead being rented is

located today," Tony said.
"In the river at the back of
the rental property are
Aboriginal fish traps too,
which in their own right are
an ancient artefact, that will
most likely pre-date
colonisation.

"The fish traps alone hold great importance to the local mob, not to mention the Bunya nut trees in the area, which also are culturally significant."

Tony said it appears one of the land owners over time has moved the stone artefact from its original location, and rolled it down a hill, to where it now lays precariously close to the river's edge.

"And that act alone has infuriated me since I found out the artefact existed,"



Bundjalung man Tony Tonkin with an Aboriginal axe grinding stone found on property near Yandina in Queensland.

Tony said. "I think its original location, before it was rolled down the hill, would be closer to the ceremonial area near the homestead."

Tony said he can spot a site of cultural significance a mile a way, and felt compelled to do more for the artefact's safekeeping.

"So I contacted the land owner to alert them about the grinding grooves," Tony said.

"But the land-owner said to me, 'Don't worry. It's nothing. That rock is just yard art,' and suddenly I became really concerned for the wellbeing of the artefact.

"It's not yard art,' I told him. 'It's an ancient Aboriginal artefact!"

He said the land owner is concerned about confirming he has Aboriginal artefacts on his property, because he believes that Aboriginal people will come to take the artefacts off him.

"And that is just not

true," Tony said.

"If anything, having ancient Aboriginal artefacts on your property might even increase the value of your property, as this type of thing can often open up doors for joint land use ventures between private land owners and local traditional owners.

"So the real value here is the cultural value.

"Even just acknowledging

that these artefacts mean something to people, and appreciating that they're special and important, means they need to be catalogued in some shape or form, and registered as a historic site for future generations to appreciate," Tony said.

"At this rate, the grinding stone looks like it's a metre or so from being pushed into the river and lost forever to the elements."

Tony said there is a similar site with ancient Aboriginal axe grinding grooves being managed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service in Landsborough, not far from Yandina.

"At this particular tourist site, the area is fenced off to protect the axe grinding grooves, and tours are held by an Aboriginal person for visitors who want to know more about the artefact," Tony said.

"The Kabi Kabi traditional owners I've been speaking to have begun the process of having the axe grinding grooves at my mate's place inspected.

"So I'm hoping to see the site registered on the Queensland Government's Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships' cultural heritage database, as a site of cultural significance in the near future."

Qld youth have a say on health

THE Queensland

Aboriginal and **Torres Strait** Islander Youth Health Strategy was launched last

week by Assistant Health Minister Julieanne Gilbert and the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Youth Health Network

The strategy has been developed in response to youth needs and driven by the voices of young Indigenous leaders who attended the 2019 Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Health Summit.

The summit provided a

platform for participants between the ages of 18-29 to inform how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth in Queensland want access to healthcare. To ensure continuation of youth voices and leadership, the Youth Health Network was developed.

The Youth Health Network has been a critical part of the Strategy's development process. They have debated, critiqued and endorsed the Strategy, facilitated by the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC).

"As the next generation of leaders and Elders in our communities, investing in our health and wellbeing today will ensure all of us young mob are here to keep our culture alive and strong," the Youth Health Network members said in a statement.

QAIHC's acting chief executive Cleveland Fagan said youth health was important to all Indigenous community-controlled organisations.

"As providers of holistic health services, they know the importance of providing services that are responsive to community needs and to build, strengthen and enable self-determination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," he said.



Members of the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Health Network with MPs Michael Berkman, Julieanne Gilbert and Lance McAllum, along with acting QAIHC chief executive Cleveland Fagan.

Leeanne Caton to chair ABA advisory board

FEDERAL Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt has appointed Leeanne Caton as the chair of the Aboriginals Benefit Account Advisory Committee (ABAAC) for a two-year term.

The Advisory Committee assesses and makes recommendations to the minister on appropriate projects to be funded from Aboriginal mining revenues that directly benefit Indigenous Australians in the Northern Territory.

"Each year, the ABA allows for investments of up to \$30 million of royalties generated from mining on Aboriginal land," Mr Wyatt said.

"It enables projects outside of mainstream services that improve Aboriginal communities and that support Indigenous enterprises, employment, community infrastructure and cultural projects.

"Ms Caton will bring her breadth and depth of experience to this significant position that facilitates the disbursement of Aboriginal money delivering projects for Aboriginal people.'

Ms Caton lives in Darwin and is the chief executive of the Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation. She has previously worked in a variety of positions in the Northern Territory Government and in the private sector.

Online resource of songs and dance launched

THE National Film and Sound Archive of Australia (NFSA) marked NAIDOC Week 2020 with the release of Carriberrie, an online journey of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander song and dance from the traditional to the

contemporary, set across stunning Australian

Carriberrie features 156 dancers, 23 performances and nine cultural groups, and is available online at

http://www.nfsa.gov.au/carriberrie.

The new Carriberrie website has been reimagined from the Carriberrie VR experience, which was initially conceived by producer and director Dominic Allen.

Carriberrie was developed in extensive consultation with Aboriginal cultural advisors and produced by a team featuring multiple Indigenous key crew members.

Carriberrie features, among other performers, the work of Bangarra Dance Theatre, Bunyarra Dubay Dancers, The Lonely Boys, Joey Nganjmirra, May Wunba, Nayaygayiw Gigi Dance Troupe Mua Island with Hans Ahwang, and Marliya with Spinifex Gum. Locations range from the Sydney Opera House to Uluru and the Arnhem wetlands. A Carriberrie teacher's guide will be available in January 2021.



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Danny Eastwood's view



4 Quote



"I'm hoping participants have walked away from the workshop with a sense of knowing that on the other side of trauma lies joy."

Bundjalung writer Melissa Lucashenko on the aim of poetry workshop Healing Racism, which she ran with Carlie Atkinson.

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Farewell 2020 – happy holidays

O much has happened in 2020. A global pandemic. The Black Lives Matter campaign both here and overseas.

And last week, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar launched the Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices) report.

"This year we have been forcefully reminded of how countless Black lives are lost to these broken systems, where the boot of power constricts our breath so we cannot speak," June said.

"And still, we rise up.

"First Nations women never stop fighting even when exhausted, driven by their uncompromising pursuit for a society capable of realising basic rights and ideals of equality, inclusiveness and respect.

"Let 2020 be the turning point, where it is recognised that all Australians hold these ideals in common, and when we stand together our fight is shared and can take us toward the future we all want and deserve."

That is easily the best message to



take out towards the end of what has been for many a difficult year.

Thank you June Oscar for amplifying the voices of First Nations women

Let's hope she's right and 2020 is a turning point for the better for all our peoples.

APPY holidays from our little family here at the *Koori Mail*! We love doing what we do and telling your stories and we couldn't do it without you mob.

So thank you from the bottom of our hearts for letting us know when you've got something to say.

We'll be back early next year with some big announcements about what we're going to do for our 30th birthday celebrations.

Be safe and kind and we'll see you in 2021.

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A YARN WITH...



Noel KingWidjabul

Favourite bush tucker? Buninj nga dhandul (porcupine and bread).

Favourite other food?
Right now it's Japanese curry.

Favourite drink?
Not the healthiest, but coke and

coffee balanced with water.

Favourite music?

Favourite sport? Rugby league.

Jack Johnson.

What are you reading? Literature on bush foods and medicines.

Favourite holiday destination? Vanuatu, by far.

What do you like on TV? True crime docos.

What do you like in life? That racism isn't as strong as it was, although it still exists!

What don't you like in life?
The Aboriginal unemployment rate.

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

Hands down, David Gulpilil.

Which people would you invite for a night around the campfire? My grandmother and Barack Obama.

What would you do to better the situation for Aboriginal people? I would like to create as much Black employment as possible.

Samuel proudly pays it forward with new label

By AARON SMITH



wasn't just his love of fashion that drove him but rather his conviction to make a difference for people doing it tough.

His brand of urban streetwear, JST RLSD, abbreviated from 'just released', is focusing on printed tshirts, but they are looking at soon expanding into socks, silk shirts, ties and caps.

"The brand was inspired by the issues that are prevalent in our communities and a dedication to a close brother our family lost to suicide a few years ago," Samuel

"We aim to create a supportive community around racism, mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

"I've always prided myself on who I am, but I have always felt the impacts around the issues of racism, mental health and the struggle.

"I have also had a lot of friends and family be affected by suicide, which takes a toll on everyone especially in our communities."

"We want people to know that they are not alone out there and to empower others to become 'just released' from these issues, or even just released from the pressures and judgement they put on themselves.'

Samuel said he was motivated by a combination of things, from growing up as an Indigenous kid to the impact of Covid 19 in 2020 on people's mental wellbeing, as well as witnessing the widespread support worldwide of the Black Lives Matter protests.

"I was fortunate to be employed through the whole COVID crisis, but I realised not everybody was as lucky as I was,"

"I felt like I wanted to give back, so I came up with a brand that dealt with something dear to

JST RLSD has already been involved in events on the Sunshine Coast by partnering with One Mob Youth Mentoring, an organisation that offers support for Indigenous Youth who are disengaged from education, culture and at risk of entering the justice system.

"We did some hip-hop workshops, had a yarning circle and shared our journeys. It was awesome to see the young people involved and for them to be proud of who they are was amazing and powerful to witness,"

Throughout November, the JST RLSD team also donated 50% of the proceeds from sales to five families who are struggling.

"We want these families to have a good Christmas after a hard year," Samuel said.







Clockwise from top left: Harlym Carroll models a kid's T; creator of JST RLSD clothing label Samuel Carroll; Jst Rlsd clothing varieties; Jordell Vea models a white t-shirt. Centre: Brett Davis, Sam Carroll, Kyidan Davis,Taythan Carroll, Jyran Davis, Bec Davis and

In the future Samuel aims to use his brand to work towards running cultural camps on country for Indigenous kids whose parents have been incarcerated.

Samuel said growing up in a musical household was a big part of the brand's style, and hip hop is something that has been a part of much of Samuel's life.

As a young man, Samuel worked with Deadly Vibe Australia, touring and delivering performances and workshops to communities around Australia.

"Hip hop dancing to promote getting kids active and living

healthy lifestyles was what we were about," he said.

"The impact it had was wonderful and we were able to inspire them to be good role models for their communities."

However he owes much of his sharp sense of style to his late grandmother.

"My grandmother was a proud Wiradjuri woman and she had a standard we all had to keep, and we all still stick to that standard today," Samuel said. "I remember one day I hadn't seen her for about a year and I just arrived. I had a bit of facial hair, but before I got in to give her a kiss and say hi, she said, 'Son, there's a razor in the bathroom. Go and get that off your face.' So in I went.

"I've never seen anyone get whites back to their full glory in the laundry like my grandmother.

"What you wear does tell a message, and when you are well dressed people do take note, which is what our brand is all about.

"Having great mentors, role models and a supportive family unit around me got me to where I am today and that's why we are now giving back.

"When you wear the JST RLSD brand you become part of the family and can be proud of who vou are.

"It's up to each and every individual to discover that and we're here to help empower them and help them share their journeys.'

"Sometimes we are tested, not to show our weakness but to discover our inner strength."

JST RLSD clothing can be found on Facebook and Instagram at Jst.rlsd, also on their website: JSTRLSDclothing.com

Mother Mountain sets new standard for film

By NICK PATON

ABORIGINAL
woman and
producer from the
Yuin nation Fran
Dobbie wants
Australia's film and
entertainment industry
to acknowledge and respect the
Aboriginal lands they work on.

Fran would like to see a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony before any future production begins.

"You can't just come barrelling in onto someone else's country just because you're a big film producer from Sydney," Fran said.

"If you come on to work on someone's country, there is a reason for it, and even though you think you might just be attending a production as a crew or cast member, there is a bigger reason for you being there than you think.

"The land will tell you why you are there, and too many times, actors and crew members in the film and entertainment industry are not be aware of the significance of the land they are working on."

Fran is a film producer, a school teacher and author of the novels *Whisper* and *Paperbags* and *Dreams*.

She is the director of Earthstar Productions, a production company striving to bring cultural awareness through film, television and interactive workshops.

Fran lives in Windsor, NSW, and is currently back on her Yuin homelands working on *Mother Mountain*, a new Australian film written by non-Indigenous woman Celina Stang.

Fran told the *Koori Mail* that the film explores the cultural stereotypes of a modern Aboriginal family combined with a dysfunctional Jewish family from Sydney.

"The film really centres on the journey of a mother who finds herself travelling down from Sydney to Tilba on the south coast of NSW and the way she navigates through different sorts of trauma affecting her life," Fran said.

"Her daughter meets a local Aboriginal boy after a bullying incident at her school and the two kids soon become friends.

"The kids learn about each other and their respective cultures, Aboriginal and Jewish.

"Through some ups and downs the kids learn about the effects of intergenerational trauma that have existed within both of their cultures, which indirectly helps to heal the two families at the same time."

Last month the cast and crew met at the Mystery Bay Cottages on the NSW south coast for a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony before any filming started.

As the film's cultural advisor and producer, Fran said every production filmed in Australia should begin with a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony



Cast and crew of new film *Mother Mountain* prepare to take part in a special smoking ceremony as a show of respect to the local mob's country and culture.



Vikki Parsley, Fran Dobbie and Leroy Parsons.



Guluga dancers Warren Foster Jnr and Warren Foster Snr with Yuin Elder and Djaadjawan dancer Aunty Vivienne Mason, Guluga dancer Nicholas Hoskins, writer and director of *Mother Mountain* Celina Stang.

to show respect to the local mob.

"Leading up to beginning production of the film, I did a lot of work liaising with the many groups of Gulaga people who have connections to the Yuin land we would eventually be working on," Fran said.

"I spoke to land councils and their boards and have checked that we are undertaking the correct protocols and practices on country with local mob, and have advised the cast and crew of the information they need to know before they start working on the film.

"Gulaga Mountain, where the movie is being filmed, is a sacred mountain to the Yuin people

mountain to the Yuin people.

"It's a women's mountain and an ancient birthing area, and we

had an Elder from Narooma come and talk to us about her significance."

Fran said Gulaga Mountain is the backdrop in many scenes in the film and its significance and power is similar to that of Uluru.

She said the cast and crew were absolutely enthralled learning about the mountain, especially that it's an area of healing.

Some team members had never heard about this type of connection Aboriginal people have with their country.

"Anyone who lives down this way, whether they are Indigenous or not, knows about the power Gulaga mountain holds," Fran said

"I often hear 'Oh that's just

Gulaga' whenever something happens that can't be explained.

"When I mention the mountain, people always have something to say about Gulaga: that she takes hold of you, that she can transform and heal whatever needs to be healed inside of you."

Yuin Elder Aunty Vivienne Mason gave the Welcome to Country and asked everyone in the cast and crew to respect the land that they would be working on during the film.

"It was important to the director Celina Stang, who lives on Yuin country, and to me as a member of the Yuin nation, that the cast and crew were welcomed to such sacred country," Fran said.

"The smoking ceremony was explained to everybody, as well as

"As the cast and crew were being cleansed by the smoke, they knelt in front of the fire, and it was almost as if they were being blessed as they were being welcomed to country."

Fran Dobbie

the importance of the lands to the Yuin nation, so that everyone understood the need to have respect for the country they are working on."

Founder of the Gulaga Dancers, Warren Foster Snr along with Nicholas Hoskins and Warren Foster Jnr performed the smoking ceremony.

"Every single person went through the smoke," Fran said.

"As the cast and crew were being cleansed by the smoke, they knelt in front of the fire, and it was almost as if they were being blessed as they were being welcomed to country.

"They loved every second of the experience," she said.

"It's extremely important to me that every person living in Australia has respect for our cultural protocols, and things need to be done right because there are forces out there that we don't know about, that are stronger than we are, and we must all respect that."



A letter to NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and NSW Attorney-General Mark Speakman

David Dungay Jnr was a proud Dunghutti man who tragically died at Long Bay Prison on December 29, 2015.

Dungay Jnr was 26 years old. He was a diabetic. He needed health care. He was a sportsman, a poet and an uncle. He was a patient in a hospital, even if it was in Long Bay Prison. He did his time and was meant to be coming home to his family in the weeks after his death.

On the day that he died, Dungay Jnr was alone in his cell, eating rice crackers. Some of the nurses were concerned about Dungay Jnr's high blood sugar. Prison guards told Dungay Jnr to stop eating his biscuits. When he didn't, a guard called the Immediate Action Team and they responded with overwhelming force. Following an inquest into Dungay Jnr's death, the Coroner found that it was neither necessary nor appropriate for Dungay Jnr to be moved at all.

The images of what happened to Dungay Jr have been viewed all over the world: He was held down by prison guards while being sedated, crying out 12 times "I can't breathe". His pleas were ignored while he was dying. His family cannot forget the guards dismissing David's



David Shoebridge and Leetona Dungay. Picture: Tim Ginty/National Justice Project

panicked pleas. We've seen deaths like this too many times in Australia without accountability.

Dungay Jnr's death was unwarranted and pointless. He died over a packet of rice crackers. He had so much life to live and

should be alive today.

No one has been held accountable for Dungay Jnr's death.

According to one of Australia's most respected criminal lawyers, Phillip Boulten SC, there is ample evidence for the

Director of Public Prosecutions to consider prosecutions for the death of Dungay Jnr.

Workplace health and safety barristers, Kylie Nomchong SC and Linda Barnes, say that there are grounds for SafeWork NSW to prosecute. But the NSW Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and SafeWork NSW have declined to investigate Dungay Jnr's death.

There have been over 440 First Nations deaths in custody since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. This number continues to increase yet no one is ever answerable for those deaths.

Over 110,000 people have signed a petition demanding accountability for Dungay Jnr's death. We call on the NSW Government to ensure the matter is properly investigated and prosecuted.

We call on the NSW Parliament to establish an independent, First Nations-led body to investigate First Nations deaths in

We call for accountability for the death of David Dungay Jnr and all First Nations deaths in custody in Australia.

Full list of signatories can be seen at www.natsils.org.au/dungayjropenletter/

Is this country ready for truth and justice?

The Ebony Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Institute stands for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence, where Black leadership influences broader Australian policies, calling on over 60,000 years of excellence, wisdom and dreaming.

Ebony's vision is for a sustainable and cohesive Australia based on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander wisdom, removing the White lens that distorts Black leadership and history.

To do this, Australia must reconsider its White standpoint and come to terms with its past and the resulting genocide, social and physical crimes and racism, wrapped in a system framed by

Truth-telling and truth-seeking demand a reckoning with both the



Professor Gregory Phillips.

injustices of the past and their impacts on today's outcomes.

The inequalities Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders face command a need for national healing for a stronger sense of belonging.

The missing link is the 'how to' where Indigenous people must lead and dictate processes for desired outcomes, using innovative methodologies such as transformational scenario planning to clarify what could and what should happen.

Concerned with genuine and full truth-telling, deep healing and learning, and substantive and lasting justice, the key objective for the Indigenous led and run Ebony Institute is to promote its 'Hear my Heart' Truth, Justice and Healing (TJH) Project.

With evidence-led purpose, it closely examines the strengths and weakness of truth-telling initiatives in Australia and around the world, to support the primacy of First Nations People's voices, opinions and views, to better inform national conversations and outcomes.

Truth-telling should not be confined to the narrow legalistic terms of reference. It must also take into account social and political realities and the social and emotional wellbeing of First Nations People.

In Australia, while there has been no formal truth-telling commissions, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and communities have long advocated for truth and truth-led reform over many generations.

The issues covered in the 'Hear my Heart' discussion papers are as diverse as deaths in custody; the stolen generations; stolen wages; health; justice; education; housing; child protection and land rights.

Rather than truth-telling being avoided for reasons of guilt of shame, fear of retribution, or

KEEPING YOUR SAY SHORT AND SWEET

merely being an opportunity to gloss over the truth, the Ebony Institute advocates truth commissions and truth-seeking initiatives as an avenue to allow substantive justice and institutional reform, and for deep healing of long festering wounds.

Telling the truth can allow individuals, communities and nations to heal and tell renewed national narratives of strength and belonging, creating a shared platform that benefits the future of not only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples but all Australians.

Is Australia ready for truth and justice rather than just the politeness of reconciliation?

> **Ebony Aboriginal & Torres** Strait Islander Institute chair **Professor Gregory Phillips**

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The struggle continues

S we breathe a collective sigh, looking cautiously in the rear-view mirror as we leave 2020 behind, we know that it laid a foundation of a big 2021. The struggle continues; the power paradigms still need to be disrupted and shifted; land protected; rights pursued and asserted and sovereignty continued to be asserted in the pursuit of land rights, self-determination and reparations.

Among the ever-present fears for our people in the midst of a pandemic, we have seen the destruction of sacred sites by Rio Tinto, we have seen the destruction of sacred trees by government contractors, we have seen governmental decisions against the preservation of country despite an overwhelming community resistance effort.

Adani, renamed Bravus, have tied up traditional owners in legal cases and costs claims simply because they are asserting their right to protect country against its destruction despite the failure of the government to do so. The leadership of our people is perpetually punished because we are supposed to play a role in this nation, one that is subjugated, and we continue to fight against this false representation of who we are, as our ancestors did before us.

Our frontline justice campaigns have been denied by governmental decision makers. Raising the Age was a legislative change being pushed for, but was refused and such a change would mean some of



Natalie Cromb

our children would be returned to their families, a real and meaningful change in the midst of so much against us and even this incremental change was denied.

There were calls from our tireless frontline community organisations for amendments to strengthen requirements for Aboriginal family and community participation in decision making, in the Children and Community Services Amendment Bill 2019 (WA), but the calls have gone unanswered and our community organisations are continuing the fight to address this so that this does not become one more tool of discrimination.

We have had our hearts hurting as we support our people and communities that are having to pursue justice for their loves ones in a system where justice is not assured and often left wanting, particularly for Aboriginal people. The staunch fight by the family of Aunty Tanya Day as they had to endure the evidence of the inquest, the devastating evidence in the death of Wayne Fella Morrison, the inhumane treatment of Nathan Reynolds, the numerous inquests called for or delayed by COVID-19 and the fight for justice by Yuendumu – to name just some of the justice struggles.

The power structures established during our dispersal and dispossession seeks to retain and reinforce their power through a continuation of colonial violence against our country, and the trauma of this has hit our people hard.

We have seen continued vilification in mainstream media when we have protested for justice and in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement following the violent murder of George Floyd. In fact, when politicians and commentators falsely accused WAR in Melbourne of spreading coronavirus (which has been proven false), the media outlets platforming such claims did not fact check but allowed them to stand without challenge.

Although 2020 has felt like trauma compounded, we can take comfort from how our communities responded to the COVID-19 pandemic, the public health response in our communities has been cautious and care centred and as a vulnerable group in the overall population, it has been so good to see how we have cared for one

another. The love among our communities, despite the trauma and concerted efforts to divide us, remains strong and can only get stronger as we ready ourselves for the struggle ahead.

Looking ahead, we know that the odds remain stacked against us, but as the oldest living culture on the planet – this is nothing new for us. We know that 2021 will hold more challenges and setbacks. We also know that we have tools and resources to collectivise, we can organise them to align our nations and clans and call upon our allies to use their privilege for our benefit – to amplify our message and campaign for change.

All too often, concepts borne out of our struggle have been used in a tokenistic manner by governments. They do this for a reason. They seek to destabilise and undermine our community cohesiveness and collective. We have seen it with the compensation scheme in Queensland that is downright offensive to our people but purports to be a governmental response to reparations. We have seen it with state-based treaty efforts - again that fail to have the communities steering due process and protocol and thus creating a structure that risks undermining mob in a foundational way which purports to be the governmental response to calls for treaty. And we continue to see it through ILUA's and native title which have long been proven not to be land rights despite all of the governmental assertions to the

As we look ahead at 2021, the road is clear but we need to support each other because it will not remain that way. Obstacle after obstacle will present itself as the power structures seek to destabilise our movement and pit us against one another as they have done so strategically in the native title framework. We must not let this happen. We must use our tools, our connections and our ally framework to put in place measures to protect mob from the obstructive practices of the power brokers.

For each fight, we must join. We cannot all be in the one place at the one time, but we are connected through technology and need to use it to support every single community with what lay ahead. The thing is, our struggle feels a lot like putting out grassfires on a hot dry day: Each one you put out, another pops up, but what we are fighting for is just as important.

We are fighting for community, country and survival. We deserve to live well without defending our humanity. We should be afforded rights to determine what happens on country with land rights in the true meaning of the term. Our communities should be self-determining and reparations framework funding the work that will be required to resource the establishment of our self-determining communities.

Always was and always will be you mob.

• Gamilaraay woman Natalie Cromb is a writer and advocate.

Taking steps towards a better life

THINK it's safe to say most of us are looking forward to putting 2020 behind us. The issues that surfaced through the coronavirus spoke to the core of what social justice activists have been saying for years: the need for the world to examine the way people are treated and particularly Indigenous peoples and those most vulnerable.

Pivotal in this discourse is the need to design and sustain a harmonious relationship with the Earth, a philosophy that remains central to the worldview of Indigenous peoples across the globe. As the fires ravaged Australia, early in the year the pandemic was calling on world leaders to give thoughtful consideration to the way Indigenous peoples have been treated and to incorporate philosophies of respect for the environment and communal living so central to the way we see the world.

The result: the exact opposite. A move away from previous climate change agreements, more deforestation, and the ongoing destruction of ancient sites, and extracting fossil fuels from our sacred lands. If we are to survive, we must loosen the grip of First World arrogance erected on the tenets of individualism and allow for an inclusion to take the lead in cleansing the



Woolombi Waters

moral, philosophical, environmental and the abundance of filth that has overtaken our globe.

During such trying times feelings of anger and resentment have become more widespread and intense. This anger related to recent and current events and the resentment it fuels are contributing factors to ever-greater levels of interpersonal conflict and animosity – including among friends and family, and unfortunately it ravages our community, particularly on social media.

A brotha said to me recently, the three worse things the Whiteman brought to us were hate, fear and

ego, I agree with him. For 80,000 years we were isolated, but we are still human, and, like every other race, once introduced, hate, fear and ego have ravished who we really are.

Hate is an emotional response to a real or imagined "wrong" or injustice, and yes, this is the history of this country, but what I am witnessing over and over again is people getting angry simply because things don't go their way. In this way, anger has a destructive effect — a "fight" against our present-moment reality, a refusal to accept what is happening and take responsibility for ourselves.

For many people, this revealing of vulnerability creates so much distress that the underlying emotions become anger. What we need is strategy, reeducation, healing and unity. The anger is dividing us, not bringing us together, and therefore it is destructive. Too often it provides a sense of power and control directed to anyone other than ourselves, and this builds resentment.

Resentments form when people get angry toward a person, institution or situation, and they choose to hold on to that anger rather than look for solutions or hold themselves accountable. They say that when you resent somebody, you

become their slave.

Ultimately, the person holding the resentment is the one who suffers most. The 12-step program for recovery from substance abuse states, "Holding a resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die."

I am talking from my own lived experience. For years I allowed abuse, neglect and hurt suffered when much younger to control my life. I was immersed in a world of substance abuse and pain, and everything just seemed to go wrong, and I couldn't see any way out of the hell I was living in.

They say now is the time for giving so in my final article for the year I would like to share some of the steps I took in getting my life

1. Forgiveness. Yes, the first step I took on my path to redemption and overcoming was to forgive the people who had hurt and abused me. Many religions and faiths state that forgiveness is the first step to happiness, and for good reason. For me it lifted a tremendous load I was carrying, and over the years I rarely think of these people, where before they dominated my life and my thoughts.

Once this burden was lifted, I was able to identify the underlying emotions that were hidden deep underneath the anger – allowing me to acknowledge the hurt and fear that was controlling my life.

3. Take responsibility. This was massive. Identify how you have contributed to the situations that make you angry. Acknowledge your own bad decision making and think of how you could have done things differently.

4. Practice being present, in the moment. Don't allow your past to hijack your future. Everything you do today has consequences.

5. Share these feelings with safe, supportive individuals whom you trust. I had to break the circle of people I was hanging around who were supporting my negative behaviours rather

than challenging them.
6. Learn and practice relaxation and self-calming techniques. Slowing down my breathing when I was being confronted was massive. This allowed me to think of how I would have reacted in the past and make positive changes. I would instead look towards some resolution rather than conflict – it's true what they say: It takes a bigger person to walk away.

7. Practice treating the people you feel angry at or resent with kindness and compassion. This takes patience and you will be amazed how over time, these people disappear from your

circle. They can no longer feed your anger, you don't react the way they want, and they will move on to another victim. It also helps you grow spiritually, mentally and physically as a person. The anger and resentment of others can be addictive, like a drug. Don't buy into it; resist the urge to join in their negativity and or gossip.

Negative behaviour is a habit, and habits are difficult to break. Many of the negative behaviours also bring immediate reward, just watch how people get excited when they gossip and watch how people are addicted to drama, but this is immediate, we have a lifetime to deal with our deeper issues.

I always say to loved ones, we can't afford to become 'victims of circumstance'. If you are born poor, your parents on substance abuse, your father absent, this becomes your life purpose, to negotiate it, and to overcome it. You can never change the event, only how you react to the event.

I now take responsibility for my own happiness. I saw that my anger was stopping me from growing, holding me back, so, after years of trying, and with help and, yes, counselling, I stopped feeding it.

 Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail correspondent.

Wiyi Yani U Thangani: Hear the call to rise up

ACKNOWLEDGE the Nyoongar ancestors, their families and their courageous spirit. In particular today, I want to acknowledge our matriarchs, our girls, our female leadership and our senior women who carry wisdom, knowledge, nurture and the words of determination and reassurance that nothing is impossible. They have shown us that we can achieve. That we never give up - that our women bring balance and care to all of life.

I am extremely proud and excited on this Human Rights Day to announce the release of the Wiyi Yani U Thangani – meaning 'Women's Voices' in my language Bunuba - Securing Our Rights, Securing Our Future Report 2020. What I hold in my hands and present to you all today is a landmark report; it is no ordinary document.

It is the culmination of a multiyear partnership between the Australian Human Rights Commission and the National Indigenous Australians Agency. But first and foremost, Wiyi Yani U Thangani belongs to our First Nations women and girls. This is their report.

It is the first national engagement project of its kind in 34 years, since the Women's Business Report in 1986. This was intentionally a project without agenda. It was driven by our women and girls, who set the tone and determined the dialogue.

The result is a report shaped by their candid and fearless conversations that is not confined to a single sector or someone else's interpretation of their lives. Like them, the Wiyi Yani U Thangani report is full and expansive in its scope.

I'll give you a taste of what women and girls said and what has come to frame this report, and I

'women are the social fabric', 'the heart and soul of our communities', 'the embodiment of women itself is strength', 'we are teachers, we are leaders, we are dancers, we are singers'

From Cairns, Hobart, the Torres Strait and Geraldton across Wiradjuri country and Noongar, Arrente, and Miriuwung lands, this is how First Nations women and girls define who they are, on their own terms in Australia today, in 2020.

The stories of our women and girls thread the five thematic parts of the Wiyi Yani U Thangani report together.

They have spoken of the need for systems which recognise and support their holistic realities. The report reflects this. It spans the major areas of our entwined existence, from healing and recovery to the practice of Law and culture; the mitigation of climate change; educational journeys and the growth of First Nations-led

Against this dynamic backdrop, in every chapter, Wiyi Yani U Thangani charts the imposition of Western systems. Since colonisation, the structures that



June Oscar

have come to govern over us are so divorced from our realities that they continuously fragment our lives and relegate us to the margins. In a system without voice and control, women and girls describe being trapped in intergenerational poverty and powerlessness, increasingly vulnerable to the harms of violence and addictions that manifest from the despair of dispossession; from unresolved trauma.

These structures that are detached are unresponsive. They deepen cycles of crisis and punitive interventions and silence our women even when their pain is deafening.

Make no mistake, our women are not to blame for this narrow frame of hurt and pain, which barely scratches the surface of their stories. Systems that fail to value and invest in the incredible worth and consequence of our women and girls' actions are broken. Wiyi Yani U Thangani proves that time and again.

This year we have been forcefully reminded of how countless Black lives are lost to these broken systems, where the boot of power constricts our breath so we cannot speak.

And still, we rise up. First Nations women never stop fighting even when exhausted, driven by their uncompromising pursuit for a society capable of realising basic rights and ideals of equality, inclusiveness and respect.

Let 2020 be the turning point, where it is recognised that all Australians hold these ideals in common, and when we stand together our fight is shared and can take us toward the future, we all want and deserve. But, to be equals on this journey, we must overcome inequalities and institutional discrimination by guaranteeing our women and girls self-determination. That is the call of our women's voices, of Wiyi Yani U Thangani.

In responding to this call, we have put forward seven overarching structural reform recommendations. They include such things as designing a First Nations women and girls' National Action Plan, establishing an advisory body, and setting ambitious targets and benchmarks for our women and girls to lead across all sectors.

These are recommendations to enable our women and girls to be



Thursday Island Aged Care.



Elaine Gordon from Emerton.



June Smith from Fitzroy Crossing.

the change makers who dismantle the structures that silence and reconstruct frameworks that empower

Ultimately, hearing and responding to their voices is to give proper recognition to what we continuously overlook and undervalue: that our women are the backbone of our societies and have been for millennia. Their hard efforts and legacies weigh heavy



Bronwyn Penrith from Redfern



Murray Island farewell event.

on the arc of our moral universe. With their voices elevated to Australia's corridors of power, now is the time to act.

Read Wiyi Yani U Thangani. Listen and respond to the voices of our women and girls so we can design the policies and legislation that matches their needs and meets their aspirations.

My message to our First Nation women and girls, carried

throughout the report, is: Dream big, aim high, be ambitious and never stop believing that your actions can remake a society that embraces and celebrates all of who we are. I know we belong to an Australia that can commit to this; that our fellow citizens will walk alongside you in striving to achieve shared ideals, and that they will put in the hard yards to bend the arc towards justice for us all.

Sisters united in fight for precious country

VIVIANNE McKenzie, Heather Stuart and Regina McKenzie were acknowledged last week as Human

Rights Heroes by the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC).

The three sisters, who are Kuyani and Adnyamathanha women, were recognised with the prestigious award for their protection of country and culture in the face of a planned Federal Government nuclear waste dump in the Flinders Ranges.

In December 2019, then Resources Minister Matt Canavan accepted that deep community opposition meant the region near Hawker was not suitable to host the waste facility. The plan is now focused - and hotly contested around a site near Kimba on the Eyre Peninsula.

In a statement, the women thanked the AHRC and described being "shocked and honoured to receive the 2020 Human Rights Award. We are proud to receive this together and we always said 'Vatarni Wanthuko' which means 'Leave the poison' - in our Adnyamathanha language.'

Heather Stuart said the women's fight for culture and heritage had been difficult but necessary.

"It's been a hard and long battle considering the loss that we faced, including the loss of my one and only son, Kerwin. But in the end - we won," she said. "The nuclear waste dump is not there. We pushed it away.

"It was the words of my late son repeating over and over again that kept me going. I took the stand that I took for people of the past, present and future.

"Our land is like a book. If you destroy a site it is like removing a page from our book and that story will never be complete again. I dedicate my part in this award to my late son Kerwin."

Regina McKenzie condemned the Federal Government's efforts to "place a nuclear waste dump on our land without our consent.

"The disrespect of our cultural lore and laws was an offence to all that human rights stand for," she said.

the cultural genocide of this tore our family, town and region apart and the Government caused lateral violence to sweep over our region.

"We stood for our human rights and for our culture and heritage alongside the wider community.

"Aboriginal people, pastoralists and our state came together to stand as one to say no to a poison that does not discriminate.'

Vivianne McKenzie spoke of the importance of country in the women's struggle.

"From the Earth we came, to the Earth we shall return," she said. "The land is mother to all



Regina McKenzie and her sisters have been honoured by the Australian Human Rights Commission for their work protecting country.



Vivianne McKenzie: "When our family was blessed with the Yappala properties and the land surrounding it, my late mother said, 'You care for the land and the land will care for you.'

mankind. When our family was blessed with the Yappala surrounding it, my late mother said, 'You care for the land and the land will care for you.'

"With my sisters I accept this recognition as a Human Rights Hero because we believe in the social justice for our people, the Adnyamathanha people and for our friends in the wider community. From the bottom of my heart I thank everyone who stood by us - the individuals and the organisations from near and far and our brothers and sisters from Muckaty, Western Australia, Brewarrina and those who fought before us and the people from every walk of life that played a

role in this historic triumph.

"The Government brought genocide on our culture and on our family. They caused destruction of our story lines, our songlines, our waterways, our animals and tried to stop our

"The systemic abuse that we had to put up with was more than many could handle.

"But we never ever gave up. We stood up for our rights. We stood in unity and we got the outcome that we went for. You live by the truth and die by the truth until you are taken back to the Earth to rest. But you never ever give up.'

The three sisters have a



Heather Stuart: "I took the stand that I took for people of the past, present and future.'

message to all people working to protect their country and culture.

When all seems dark, find that spark within yourself, push through the injustice and stand for what is true. This is what human rights are. Our efforts and

compassion are not just for humans, but the environment that sustains us, for all living things. We must stand, for we are the voice of this world, to bring justice to all living things.

"Thank you."



Dressed as a little Christmas elf Ochre-Rain King and his parents Bronwyn Dillon and Anthony King (and you were thinking he was Black Santa?) will visit the staff of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of the Royal Hobart Hospital again this Christmas. It's where Ochre-Rain spent the first 120 days of his life. "It's important for them to see what the reward is for all their hard work, that he is a beautiful healthy little boy, they can't believe it. He's fine. He's got massive scars, but scars tell a story," says dad, Anthony.

Ochre-Rain brings a little ray of hope

By JILLIAN MUNDY



SOME years hard luck hones in on your own little world; other years it's the whole world

2020 it was the whole world, but for a family in southern Tasmania hunkering down for the COVID-cursed vea has been a breeze and a blessing – a stark contrast to the year before.

Palawa woman Bronwyn Dillon (Bron) and Wakka Wakka/Bigambul man Anthony King (AJ) first met in 2008, becoming a couple a decade later, and by mid 2018 they were expecting an addition to their blended family.

Events the year before had been cause for reflection. AJ had lost his father, Bron both her grandmothers, and just before Christmas AJ had risked his life to rescue an unconscious

teenager in rough seas off the north-west coast of Tasmania. Sadly, the teenager died in hospital six days later.

Residing in their neighbouring homes in the hills of picturesque Pelverata, south of Hobart, Bron and AJ were living off the land where they could, commuting to and from Hobart for work, spending weekends and spare time building a home from shipping containers for their growing family, and relishing their new-found love. Even shared parenting with respective ex-partners was developing well.

Life was rolling along pretty smoothly, even idyllic.

Being 37, in the medical world Bron was a 'mature maternal age' and attended all her pre-natal check ups. At the 20-week scan they found out they were expecting a boy everything was perfect and there was not one cause for concern.

Little did they know they were about to be cast into a world of

medical procedures, mercy flights and uncertainty, with all three of their lives hanging in the balance.

Early on the morning of October 29, 2018 Bron had an upset stomach. Stoically downplaying the increasing intensity, she left Anthony to get the five children off to school and then drove herself to the Royal Hobart Hospital

In the wee hours of the next morning, just shy of 24 weeks gestation, Ochre-Rain Bani King came into the world, weighing just 700 grams (one and a half pounds).

Bron and AJ were given the choice of holding their baby as he died, or medical intervention.

"We had never discussed it before. We had no idea we would have a preterm baby, but there wasn't ever any question what we were going to do as parents. We both just said, 'Save our baby," Bron explained.

It was the first time a

neonatal incubator had been taken into the delivery suite. Tiny Ochre-Rain was immediately transferred into what looked like a zip lock bag, and straight to the incubator - teams of specialists hooked him up to lifesaving equipment over the next three hours.

"He didn't even have a face," Bron said.

"He looked like a skun rabbit Then I heard this tiny little noise. He sounded like a little kitten. It was a choking noise, but it was a noise. I was so happy he made a noise - my baby's not dead."

Bron drifted off to sleep. Their new temporary home was the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and in no time the staff became akin to family.

At the time Ochre-Rain was the youngest baby in Tasmania, the state with the highest rate of pre-term births in Australia. The odds for survival at 23 to 24 weeks gestation, with intensive

treatment, are around 50-50, and chances of complications and disabilities are high.

Ochre-Rain was the recipient of another first, which his parents have no doubt contributed to his survival against the odds and his health. He was part of a clinical trial of the award-winning 'OxyGenie' a machine that regulates oxygen supply to preterm babies leaving no room for human error, and the 'Hobart Method' of delivery of a lung medication. It was developed in Hobart and is now used around the world.

But things took turns for the worse when he was six days old.

Blood was noticed near the side of his mouth, leading to the discovery of a perforated bowel.

Emergency surgery was performed on him in the incubator, more than 30 doctors and nurses crowded into the NICU cubicle for the four-hour surgery. They found the perforation was caused by a rare

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hernia and unrelated to his early arrival. It was the first of four surgeries.

It was touch and go.

"They don't give you odds but they made it perfectly clear that the chances of him surviving were very small. But we pressed them and looked at all the statistics online of course. If he did survive he'd have lifelong complications, medical issues and developmental issues," AJ

Family, friends and community were kept updated via Facebook posts - any pause and everyone feared the worst.

"At the times we returned home, we'd be ready to collapse into a heap and realised we had to tell everyone what was going on. We'd be laying in bed half dead and like, 'Oh my god we've got to write something," Bron explained.

On day 45, Ochre-Rain opened his eyes for the first time.

"I nearly passed out. I bawled and bawled and bawled, I started hyperventilating. It was the first time he was seeing me, like 'That's my Mummy.

"It was just the most beautiful thing I had ever seen. It really was," Bron said.

"It was one of my most favourite days.

"And the day he wore clothes. It was the second most beautiful thing I've seen in my life, they were size 0 000 000.

But it was not only the life of their tiny newborn baby hanging in the balance.

'In it together' took on a whole new relevance.

The morning of January 15, 2019, was shaping up to be what was becoming a typical day kids off to school, AJ off to work and Bron was going to cuddle Ochre-Rain, express milk, breastfeed him and sit by his side. She had pulled into the carpark, opposite the hospital the same one a stranger carried her from when she was in labour. Bron got out of the car, dropped a few things and thought 'that's weird'. She was concerned enough to ring Anthony, who was only working blocks away, telling him she had a funny feeling down her arm and NOT to call an ambulance.

(She swears she will never go back to the Argyle carpark again in her entire life – even driving past nearly two years later raises a sweat.)

It pays to know your first aid, and AJ did.

"I knew it was serious," he

"I got off the phone and called an ambulance. Within minutes I was by her side and so were the paramedics."

A CT scan, questions and observations pointed to a 'silent migraine'. A follow-up appointment was booked Bron was sent home to take some over-the-counter painkillers.

Instead they went next door back to their second home in the NICU and sat with Ochre-Rain.

Minutes later the whole stroke team rush in with a wheel chair -Bron had in fact suffered several small strokes and was wheeled off to the stroke ward.

But the day wasn't done - a life-threatening clot was discovered in Bron's carotid artery, the one situated in the neck that does the job of carrying blood from heart to brain.

Hooked up to life support



Ochre-Rain's first Christmas photo shoot.



Bron came out of hospital in a wheelchair for the Invasion Day Rally 2019. She said she'd have to be dead not to go. Picture: supplied

"They thought I was going to die. It was very emotional. The nurses who were there were very upset because they're thinking 'she's f****d, you know, and this is going to be her last cuddle with her baby'. It was very, very dismal. It was pretty brutal."

machines, Bron, Anthony, and a coat donated from a nurse, were put on a mercy flight to

Before they left, Bron was wheeled down to give Ochre Rain

'They thought I was going to die. It was very emotional. The nurses who were there were very upset because they're thinking 'she's fucked, you know, and this is going to be her last cuddle with her baby'. It was very, very dismal. It was pretty brutal," she

"Even in Melbourne, they said if they had to operate there was more chance of her dying," Anthony said.

Bron spent the next five days

in the Brain Centre's high dependency unit of the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

"It was a super shit time," she recalls.

"They tried to get AJ to leave the unit. I couldn't deal with it. I chucked on the biggest turn. I carried on like a pork chop. I was hysterical and absolutely petrified. I was really needy."

"It was horrendous. The whole thing was horrendous," AJ added.

Determined to stay by his partner's side, and experienced in bureaucracy, AJ got onto the health minister's office - he was allocated a couch to sleep on outside the ward

Back in Hobart the NICU team was caring for their tiny baby son



Date night at the Royal Hobart Hospital.



Ochre-Rain, at his home in Pelverata with a photo of himself at only 15 minutes old.

and sending regular updates.

"The nurses in the NICU are the best. They were incredibly funny. They don't have a choice: they've got to have something. It's an emotional place to be. Not all babies make it," Bron said.

"They were absolutely beautiful. They were like family, they are your family."

Against the odds, medication dissolved the clot in Bron's artery. Determined to get back to cuddle and feed her baby, she was pulling through.

The rocky road was not at its end yet though.

The couple had returned to Hobart, Ochre Rain was two and a half months old and still in NICU, when AJ had a seizure.

He was rushed to hospital and placed in isolation.

On the way to see her partner nd baby, the following day Bron had another small stroke.

"It was the worst," says Bron. "MRIs, CTs, ultrasounds, blood medications, cannulas, heart plugs, occupational therapy, speech therapy, high dependency unit, blah, blah, blah. And I was

The three were now in hospital all together, albeit, on different floors and in different high dependency units.

still pumping breast milk."

AJ was treated as potentially contagious and anyone near him was required to be 'gowned up' in PPE (personal protection equipment), until he was

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Arlo and Oliver McAnally, Akala King, Bronwyn Dillon and Anthony King with Ochre-Rain King, Alex King and Nawitja King.



Ochre-Rain doesn't get any special treatment these days. "He's out there eating dirt like any other kid, doing all the things that babies do.'

diagnosed with meningitis four days after the seizure.

It was what it was and they just had to make the most of their 'super shit' time.

"We had a date night, on a Friday night," Bron explained with contagious laughter.

"It's so naughty, but one night I told the stroke ward I was going

to see my baby, and they had to let me, but instead I snuck down to AJ, covered head to toe in PPE.

He woke up to find her beside him. Even covered head to toe in the PPE he instantly knew who it

It's obvious it's a fond and bonding memory, still bringing laughter to them a couple of years on.

On January 19, 2019, Bron and AJ returned home to Pelverata. Exactly a month later, 120 days old and on his due date, it was Ochre-Rain's turn.

Almost two years on, they find looking back surreal.

From all the pain, uncertainty

and anxiety they have drawn meaning, purpose and perspective.

"To look back on that period of life and know that we just got through it, and we got through it unscathed, it's just a miracle," says AJ.

"So for us, and we talk about it quite a bit, the way in which we measure complexity or issues or problems in our lives, is perspective.

"And it's bench-marked against 'is someone going to die, are you going to lose one of your children, are you going to lose the love of your life?' No - well it's not a problem. It's very simple.

"Got no time for bullshit and small petty problems.'

"And I would not have wanted to do it with anyone else," adds

AJ's eyes well up - he blames it on the smoke from the fire they have lit in honour of a pre-term baby who didn't make it. Bron has been providing emotional support to the mother and had only just found out.

Just as others reached out to them, the couple now reach out to parents with babies in the

"It's having that little bit of hope and support that other parents have been through that

"You've got to keep going. You don't have a choice," she says.

"Obviously, it's wonderful having your family and friends support, but that invaluable support you get from somebo that has been through that experience, you need it, you need to have it."

Late last month was World Prematurity Day. Last year AJ spoke about his experience on radio, to spread awareness. remove taboos and encourage people to donate blood. During his time in the NICU Ochre-Rain needed nine lifesaving blood and plasma transfusions from donated blood. This year a photo of AJ dressed in purple (the colour of World Prematurity Deek) with the nurses was on display for the week in the NICU.

"Until then I hadn't heard of World Prematurity Day, but suddenly we found ourselves emerged in a world of premature babies. Something that gave us immense hope was hearing stories of other premature babies," he explained.

The wide net of support, from those closest, to people they have never met, has also been heartening - the supportive shared parenting, both their mums caring for the five children for what turned into months on end, a woman Bron had never met going out and buying clothes for her when she was in Melbourne with only a hospital gown and a coat, an Aboriginal organisation in Hobart delivering takeaways in the middle of the night, the chief executive of a Victorian Aboriginal organisation driving hours through the night to deliver them food, and their "fairy godparents" of neighbours.

"Tracy and Steve, every night they lit our wood heater, put food in the fridge and put the porch light on.

"When we'd come home after 12 hours in the NICU, the house was warm, every single night. Tracy also nursed AJ at their home after the seizure.

"We call them our fairy godparents," explained Bron.

This Christmas, COVID restrictions permitting, as they did the one before, Bron, AJ and Ochre-Rain will take time out to visit the staff in the NICU.

'They see so many babies die. It's important for them to see what the reward is for all their hard work, that he is a beautiful healthy little boy, they can't believe it. He's fine. He's got massive scars, but scars tell a story," says AJ.

"He's little, but he's perfect," adds Bron.

They both agree 2020, for them, has been a breeze.

"It's changed our lives for the better. It's hard to say that when so many have been sick and died and it's been horrible for some people, but overall in terms of how it has impacted our lifestyle, it's been positive," AJ explains.

Bron spent much of the year home schooling six children and there was less commuting to town for both of them.

"There is nothing more important to me than spending time with the kids, and I love it. I really, really love it," she said.

"I really enjoyed it, so we turned a negative into a positive.

"What else are you going to do? Sit there and cry about it? We're not here long enough to do that."

Of course, living out of town and being fairly self-sufficient has made COVID times easier too.

"We can put food on the table whatever happens," says AJ.

They hope this year will give ners a cause to reflect, as they have over the past few years.

"I think it will make people stop and think about the way they live their lives and how they help people out.

"Maximising the time we have here, with the children, the influence on the children and their positive experiences," says AJ.

"I hope it does," says Bron. "And teaching them what's important in life.

"The kids have taken bits from the whole experience. It has definitely changed them for the better. They appreciate little things now. And each other."

Wiyapurali the croc rides the ferry for Tiwi culture

By ADELE BOOTH



THIS is the story of an ancient hunter culture facing change, a painted crocodile and a young storyteller named Anna.

Our story begins on the Tiwi Islands, where there is a ferry that crosses the Apsley Strait, joining Bathurst Island with Melville Island.

Music is pumping and the water is a turquoise blue. The ferry driver, clad in a bright orange shirt, looks amused at the 4m crocodile boarding the vessel, and, with a laugh, he asks him for a ticket. Unlike the crocodiles he sees cruising the strait, this creature was made with paper, glue and ochre by the students at Tiwi College.

The crocodile, named Wiyapurali, is bound for the Patakijiyali Museum on Bathurst Island, a museum that was established in the early 2000s by Sister Anne Gardiner to preserve the history, language and culture of the Tiwi people. Located 80km north of Darwin, the 11-island archipelago has a unique language, spirituality and mode of visual expression that has survived European invasion.

At Tiwi College on Melville Island a young girl with long hair and an intelligent manner is holding up a crocodile skull found by her father, examining the size of the teeth with reverence. Meet 13-year-old Anna Simon, who has been a fixture at the college's art space since the Wiyapurali project began.

It's 8.30 in the morning and the school bell is still ringing as Anna sits down to paint the crocodile. She dips her brush into the yellow (arrikirninga), white (kirijipuni) and red pigments (yaringa) that she and her grandmother prepared together. While white and yellow ochres are naturally occurring on the island, Anna explains the process of oxidizing the yellow ochre to create a red pigment.

"My grandmother went down to the beach and she got the ochre from the cliff, then, when she came back, she asked me to help her, so I sat there all day using the sandpaper to make it into a powder. Then after that when I had heaps of yellow, I took some of it and left it in a saucepan to cook for a couple of hours, until it turned red."

Saltwater crocodiles or 'salties' are a recurring theme in Tiwi art, ceremony, scarification and weaponry, and are abundant on Tiwi Islands, growing more than 5m in length.

Anna has been learning about crocodile symbols in Tiwi art and is integrating marntinya (a Tiwi word meaning dots in painting and points on a crocodile's back). She has been using a comb or pwaja (a wooden instrument that imitates the spikes on a crocodile's back) to replicate the textures of the reptile's skin. As Anna paints, she shares tales of crocodile adventures. To live alongside these prehistoric predators is to learn how to be watchful, and the students all have their stories of close encounters.



Wiyapurali is transported across the Apsley Strait from Melville to Bathurst Island to the Patakijiyali Museum at Wurrumiyanga. *Picture: Courtney Higlett*



Anna Simon holds the ochre she collected with her grandmother. *Picture: Kate Sunderland*



Taitum Tipuamantamerri with a wooden painting instrument called a pwaja. *Picture: Adele Booth*



Anna Simon holds a crocodile skull that her dad found. Picture: Stacie Conway



Standing next to Wiyapurali the crocodile is Maletta Warrior, Anna Simon, Rusinya Brooks, Ilisapeci Bari, Talima Tipuamantamerri and Tennelle Daniels. *Picture: Kate Sunderland*

Anna first heard the crocodile dreamtime story from her father around a campfire at the beach. As the story goes there was a man who lived alone at Wiyapurali, near Cape Fourcroy, who sat sharpening his tribal spears. Others saw him do this and were both threatened and angry because he was not sharing his country or respecting his neighbours. They speared him in the lower back and ribs and the man jumped into the ocean, mouth open wide, contorted and screaming in pain. As his body hit the water he transformed into a crocodile (Yirrikipayi), his spear becoming the spiky tail. Stories

like these are the kind that Anna wants to pass down to her own children one day.

"When I was really young my dad told me lots of dreamtime stories," she said.

"I would always listen very closely to learn about the tribe names and the names of the country. He would draw in the sand and show me the tribes and everything. If I get old and have kids, I'm going to pass (the stories) onto them."

Since the arrival of European missionaries in 1911 there has been a rapid pace of change on the islands. Today, Tiwi youth have their fair share of challenges, with behaviours such as truancy, crime, drug use and roaming the streets all night. Anna is a young storyteller who wants to help improve literacy levels to empower the voices of young Tiwi people.

"When I leave school, I really want to write stories and become an author. If it's a good story, you can encourage others to read and write and come to school every day," she said.

Back in the college's art space, a group of Year 7 boys gather, clapping their hands as one young boy demonstrates the crocodile dance, twisting his body with slow intensity like a predator stalking its prey. These students are using a

diverse range of communication skills such as visual, aural, gestural and spatial language to tell stories. The development of literacy skills through experiential and engaging art projects can connect classroom education to country.

As Anna discusses the importance of keeping cultural identity strong, she holds out two hands with ochre in them to symbolise balancing two worlds.

"My mum says that some people go to school and become strong in education but lose their culture. My mum wants me to be strong in education and culture. You have to have it balanced out," she says.

It's time for the crocodile sculpture to cross the Apsley Strait for installation at the museum.

He sits regally on the ferry ledge, looking like a tattooed emperor being carted to his royal chamber as mangrove trees rush by on the water's edge.

Wiyapurali's tail is silhouetted against the horizon like the jagged spikes of a Tiwi tribal spear (numwariyaka). With teeth sharp and claws outstretched, his liveliness is a reminder that Tiwi culture is breathing, persisting and evolving amongst the younger generation.

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Currently based on Tiwi Islands, on Mantiyupwi country, Adele has been working with teenagers to encourage the next generation of Tiwi artists.

Remote communities focus on a sporting approach to stay connected in tough times

By DARREN COYNE



PETER Gibbs gets emotional imagining the day the Bourke and Brewarrina Aboriginal cricket teams face off against

each another.

"Every day we see misery. That's all we see. We've got to give them something. We've got to find out whatever it is and get behind it just to see if it can make a difference.

"It gives someone a chance to get away from the crap lives some of them are living."

Mr Gibbs is a Gamillaroi man from the community of Weilmoringle on the banks of the Culgoa River in far west NSW.

He is a former NRL player who now manages the Regional Enterprise Development Institute (REDI.E) service, based in Dubbo, which coordinates employment, training and community development programs aimed at improving the lives of Aboriginal people.

In a year plagued with COVID-19 lockdowns that has proved difficult

"Living in remote communities is bad enough," he told the *Koori Mail*. "Here in Dubbo we complain about no toilet paper but go out there and toilet paper was the last thing on people's minds. Getting fresh food into places was the challenge. It's been horrific."

Mr Gibbs said REDI.E had been working with governments to alleviate social problems but was limited in what could be done.

"Most of our programs are Community Development Programs (CDP) so it's basically work for the dole and while we're not critical of the government entirely, they have restricted what we can do, and they've reduced our income as well," he said.

"Our agenda is people.
"Every person in these communities matters and we



Gamillaroi man Peter Gibbs has worked for 30 years working in Aboriginal public affairs.

deliver lots of opportunity to communities to engage, but unfortunately we are at crisis levels, especially in the outback.

"It's a place not many people worry about because it's small populations but they're heavily populated with our people.

"The CDP model is a very difficult model to manage. I've been here 12 months, but worked in Aboriginal public affairs for 30 years. It's a model that needs a lot of work and not the model we want into the future.

"We've got to find new models, but while we're dealing with what we're dealing with what else can we do?"

Mr Gibbs said sport, and proper facilities, were integral to improving conditions in remote communities.

"During this crisis time we're using sport, and our support for sport in these remote communities, to alleviate a lot of pressure of so many negative things happening," he said.

"The drug ice is killing our

communities, the depression of no jobs, more money, substance abuse and domestic violence is at epidemic levels. It's worse than the virus

"This is what our communities are experiencing, just like many others around the country ... We see sport as the vehicle to try and assist, some way to alleviate problems."

Mr Gibbs said REDI.E covers a large area, from Menindi in the south, up to Goodooga, Bourke, Wilcannia, Brewarrina, and other small and remote communities.

"Some don't even have a police station. They don't have a pub. But drugs and grog find their way in there, followed by violence," he said.

"In Bourke and Brewarrina we've used our staff and our jobseekers to join up and become Aboriginal cricket teams and we sponsor those cricket teams.

"It gives a chance to build camaraderie but at the end of day it's about getting men to participate in something fun that is building relationships, and it's inter-town competition, so they get to travel, playing against other sides, including non-indigenous sides."

Mr Gibbs said that while NRL had traditionally been popular in the area, cricket had the potential to provide a good alternative.

"We tell our people that it can be part of the job they do during the day. We have 12 sites using cricket to bring people together and we're going to have a 2020 competition to bring all the teams to Bourke, and then use it as a mens' gathering doing cultural stuff.

"Cricket is better than footy because we don't knock our heads off. In the Knockout we can't wait to smash people."

Mr Gibbs said government had to do more to improve conditions in remote areas.

"They're happy enough to build jails. We have jails in nearly every community in the western region. If it's not a juvenile centre; it's a big jail " he said

"The government really needs to put some effort into the prevention side. It's about community cohesion. We have so much disconnect in our communities which is why drugs and grog become so much more attractive."

Mr Gibbs said the problem of drugs was raised at a recent meeting involving staff and stakeholders.

"The question was: 'If I was an ice dealer or someone offering you a job who would you talk to?' and the young 18-year-old bloke said, 'We'd take ice every day of the week because we see it as a way to get away from the problems.'

"The young fella said, 'You've got to give us something to do – boxing, touch footy, NRL and swimming. We've got to play.' These things need to be embedded into community.

"So my advice to government is not to just have a national conversation about these issues. Have a regional and local conversation and listen to what people are actually saying and then you can see what is required."

Mr Gibbs said sport was the equaliser that brings black and white people together and that the government should be investing in sporting fields and possibly a regional sports institute.

"Little kids shouldn't need to worry about whether they can have a game of footy or soccer.

"When I grew up out here in the 60s out this way we were picking up the milk tin because we had no football. Now there's a football but no competition.

"We're not talking about finding the next Cathy Freeman. It's about participation. You can see the distinct difference between where our people live and where other people live. It's like driving into another world.

"We want our kids to be proud, to grab the footy and go to their own oval where they're safe."

Role of koalas unveiled



NEW research has unveiled the overlooked and misunderstood history of the koala and the sometimes

tragic consequences this led to for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Among the findings, researchers have unveiled a raft of names for the species from various Indigenous languages as well as colonists' patchy understanding of the koala's behaviour and its role in Indigenous communities, which ranged from spiritual totem to occasional food source.

CQUniversity koala expert Dr Rolf Schlagloth has co-authored new research into the post-colonial history of the koala species in conjunction with Aboriginal cultural experts Associate Professor Dr Fred Cahir and Professor Dr Ian Clark of Federation University.

Their second paper in a threepart series on the topic, 'The Historic Importance of the Koala in Aboriginal Society in NSW, Australia: An Exploration of the Archival Record', was recently



The limited evidence from post-colonial records suggests that koalas had different roles in different Aboriginal language groups.

published in the United Statesbased research journal *ab-Original* from Penn State University.

Dr Schlagloth said accounts of koalas were sparse among early colonists.

"We found that there is not enough evidence in the historical archives to provide a clear or consistent view of the koala's role in Aboriginal societies," he said.
"It is intriguing, given the general prevalence of koalas reported in

"It is intriguing, given the general prevalence of koalas reported in the early literature, that many explorers in colonial NSW, including Oxley in 1820, Sturt in 1833 and Major Mitchell in 1839 and 1848, do not refer to koalas in their journals," the report states.

Of the limited evidence available

from the early European settlers, there are different accounts of the role of koalas among different tribal groups.

As well as identifying more than 20 different names for the species across the eastern seaboard, the archival records show that in some areas the koala was considered a food source and in others a dreaming totem.

This variance was reflected in the meaning of its names, which ranged from 'biter' to 'no drink' (referring to its preference for obtaining water from leaves), and 'our little favourite'. Sydney language groups used the name Cola or Koolah which are the closest to the current name of

In the Darkinoong tribe of the NSW Central Coast, women were not allowed to use koalas for food as it was considered the symbol of motherhood. In other areas it was reported by colonists that Aboriginal people did not care for the fatty flavour, while yet other anthropologists reported the meat as a delicacy in some tribes with the best cuts distributed according

to social hierarchies.

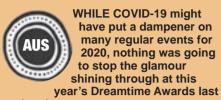
Elders within some communities in the Goulburn area were observed using koala skin at initiation ceremonies, demonstrating a symbolic significance for the koala, however, in other Indigenous communities some members accepted payment for hunting koalas for their pelts destined for export.

"By the time the koala's unique characteristics were recognised by governments in the 20th century, this inadequate knowledge of the role of the koala in Indigenous communities often led to tragic outcomes as some Indigenous people found themselves being punished for killing or eating a species that became protected under the Fauna Protection Act," Dr Schlagloth said.

Dr Schlagloth said researching the koala's place in Indigenous communities was an important element in understanding Australia's cultural heritage and the researchers welcome collaboration with interested Indigenous representatives to document their recollections of the koala.

Bright stars shine

Pictures by JOSEPH MAYERS



Actor Luke Carroll was MC for the ceremony at the Star Event Centre in

Performers on the night included country star Roger Knox, Dan Sultan, Jessica Mauboy and rapper Barkaa.

But the biggest cheer for the night went to Dreamtime Person of the Year Quaden Bayles. A heartbreaking video of nine-year-old Quaden, who has a form of dwarfism, sobbing after being bullied went viral after his mum Yarraka posted it earlier this year.

The Indigenous All Stars rugby league side was so moved by Quaden's plight that they invited him to walk out onto the ground with them for the annual fixture against the Maori All

The other Dreamtime award winners were: Lifetime Achievement award winner Aunty Ann Weldon, Health award winner Donna Jeffries, Sportsperson of the Year Jack Wighton, Actor of the Year Elaine Crombie, Media Person of the Year Rachael Hocking, Excellence in **Education award Kerrie Kennedy, Community Person of the Year Doug** Mooney, Business of the Year Clothing



Worthy winners show off their dreamtime awards.



The Muggerah Dance Group gave a lively performance.



MC Luke Carroll hosted the night with style.



Jessica Mauboy performs at the awards ceremony.



South players Braidon Burns, Cody Walker and Latrell Mitchell with their partners Tiannan Pennini, Nellie Bell and Brielle Mercy.

out for Dreamtime



Lifetime Achievement award winner Aunty Ann Weldon.



Media Person of the Year Rachael Hocking.



Dreamtime Person of the Year Quaden Bayles with his mum Yarraka.



Tyra Nolan Carr and Lisa Mundine.





Jimmy Bonner and Frances Lomas from Inala 4077. Sisters Thea Perkins, Lillie Madden and Madeleine Madden.



Pauline Clague and Kristy Masella.



Luke Currie-Richardson and Bianca Hunt.



Dancer Jacqui Cornforth.

Business is building

The Koori Mail's Danny Teece-Johnson sat down with Balanggarra woman Elle Davidson, town planner and director of Zion Engagement and Planning to talk about the built environment and the benefits of designing places and spaces that empower our communities and show respect to culture and country.

Can you tell us why you set up Zion **Engagement** and Planning? I mean you could have worked for a

corporate or government agency, but you set up your own Aboriginal business.

I started my career in local government and then transitioned to a corporate role, gaining over 13 years experience. In 2020, I started with the University of Sydney as an Aboriginal planning lecturer. These opportunities built some really important skills to understand both the public and private sector and created the foundation for Zion.

As I built my reputation with clients and confidence in my unique skillset, it became clear that going out on my own was a reality. Ultimately, I wanted the opportunity to carve out my own space, set my own business culture and establish my own reputation. As blackfullas we are not able to switch between work, community and family mode. The three are intrinsically woven. It's a burden that we carry in today's mainstream working culture and also the reason why Aboriginal businesses that can align their work with their values is so important.

I guess when we think about town planners we don't associate that with anything Aboriginal, but you are flipping that and leading the way. Can you paint a picture for our mob on what a town planner is and what they do?

Planners make decisions about the future of country, community and culture, and that's why I am passionate about my work. We work at national, state, regional and local levels to shape our future places and spaces, which ultimately influences the next generation.

Most planners I know are driven by the cause of social justice and want the best outcome for the wider community. Many are not informed about what is important to mob, so unfortunately they miss the mark when it comes to decision making. You only need to look at the examples of the Djab Wurrung birthing trees or the devastation at Juukan Gorge examples to see ill-informed decisions that were approved under planning legislation.

For this reason we need more mob in planning so we can share these insights. We need to change the system from the inside out and build the capacity of communities to stand up and be heard.

Our urban landscape is dominated by white colonial architecture and structures, and as you know, for our mob this is depressing to look at and serves as a constant reminder of invasion. How can Zion change this?

A major commitment of mine



Elle Davidson



Elle Davidson with her parents, Sue and Uncle Peter Birch Marshall, holding Noogi.



From left, Robert Appo, Elle Davidson, Danny Teece-Johnson, Krista Briffa and Leweena Williams at a

is to see the future of Australia's built environment embedded with balanced storytelling and designed to celebrate country, community and culture. The events of BLM highlight a need for us to think about the narratives that dominate our towns and cities and consider how we make places safe and welcoming for mob.

Zion works alongside clients to empower the voice of community when it comes to stories of country and culture. We help to manage the sensitivities of cultural narratives whilst ensuring communities are given the licence to bring forth their values.

There has been a rise in planning and design focused on 'placemaking'. It's all about how to create unique places with a strong identity. If you ask me, the stories of country, community and culture that have existed for thousands of years and have been passed down through the generations are pretty unique and strong. By sharing these stories and insights and the voices of community, Zion hopes

to promote awareness and knowledge that will be incorporated into future planning.

It seems as though the work you do is bringing culture into local councils. But with that it seems you are trying to change the culture within local councils? Is this correct and how have those conversations

Systems need to change from the inside out and the planning system is no different. For too long our voices have been excluded from decision making and not been given the authority we deserve. Your local council is where the planning system comes to a head. They make decisions about how country will be used in the future and have responsibilities for community and culture. It makes sense then to help them be more informed about what is important to mob and assist in building relationships with community.

It's not easy for any professional from any industry to be confronted by how little they know about what is

important to us.

More frequently within planning and local government there is an expectation for change that places more value on who we are as mob and what we value. However many in decision-making roles don't know where to start. Ultimately, I am a very relational person. The more I explore my own identity, the more I realise this is part of my cultural expression.

My approach is to come alongside my clients, including local government, and build their confidence and awareness. I like to think of it as sowing seed for the future because Aboriginal communities need more allies and people dedicated to making a difference in a way that is informed by what mob want. It brings me great joy when someone who was at first uncomfortable to even talk about Aboriginal interests has been empowered in their influence through knowledge and relationship.

Long term, can you tell us what Zion hopes to achieve,

what's the vision for Black Australia on the street.

I want mob to be proud and to feel seen in the places they live, work, play and practice culture everyday. As my Aunty Delta Kay, Arakwal woman from Byron Bay shared, "For too long Aboriginal people have been pushed to the outskirts and not been seen, that needs to change." Zion wants to make that a reality by helping our clients work better with country, community and culture and through empowering the voice and knowledge of mob.

What does the theme for NAIDOC mean to you?

This years theme is so close to my heart that it is difficult to separate personal and professional reflections. I am motivated by our old people to bring the stories of country, community and culture into our modern world. These stories, our people have always been here and will always be here and this personally brings me great joy to see them being honoured and respected.

During NAIDOC week this year, Zion Engagement and Planning is launching a three-part training module called 'Working with country, community and culture'. We understand that town planners and professionals working in the built environment are eager to consider working country, community and culture into their practice. Currently, there are limited training opportunities to learn about these integral topics. We have developed a suite of training materials to build confidence and awareness in how to work with Aboriginal country, community and culture.

I am also excited about the opportunity this training possesses to raise the profile of planning with mob and to help build the capacity of people working with country, community and culture. Some of the content might not be new to mob, but the training is flexible enough to be delivered as a solutions-focused yarn about how to better understand planning.

East Kimberley traditional owners keen to develop agri business for their communities

owners in the East Kimberley have received official titles to traditional lands, meaning they can progress their agricultural business.

The Yawoorroong Miriuwung Gajerrong Yirrgeb Noong Dawang Aboriginal Corporation (MG Corporation) officially received the titles from Western Australian Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan.

An official signing ceremony was held to hand over the titles to Goomig Lots 15 and 16 which cover 665 hectares of land earmarked for irrigated agriculture under the Ord East Kimberley Expansion Project.

MG Corporation executive chair Lawford Benning said the land transfer honoured a native title settlement under the Ord Final Agreement, which was signed in 2006.

"We are excited that our country is officially back in the hands of traditional owners," he

"It has taken work, patience and cooperation to get to this point, and MG people have shown heart and determination throughout the process.

"We would like to thank our local farmers who have been supportive of us in our striving to achieve mutual benefits, as well as the Honourable Alannah MacTiernan for her strategic leadership, respect and ongoing commitment.'

Mr Benning said the title transfer would enable MGC to progress its agricultural aspirations for the land, after a successful first cotton crop this year under a joint venture with Cubbie Farming.

The cotton crop on Goomig Lot 16 was harvested in early September, with processing at



Lawford Benning, Carol Hapke, Alannah MacTiernan, Teddy Carlton and Trevor Bass from Cubbie Farming.

Cubbie's ginnery at Dirrabandi in south-west Queensland completed in October.

Mr Benning said he was encouraged by what the success of the crop meant for the organisation's commercial agriculture plans.

"Establishing a viable cotton business on MG land is a key part of our pathway to realising our economic potential," he said.

"This first crop could be the first step in establishing a substantial agricultural portfolio to benefit MG people."

Cubbie Farming chief executive Paul Brimblecombe said the outcomes of the first cotton crop provided hope for the industry's future.

"The first crop grown and harvested from MG land has been extremely successful, further supporting the initiating of an expanded cotton industry in the East Kimberly region," Mr Brimblecombe said.

"This season has also provided a greater insight regarding farming in the north. "The final product will be in demand on the international

Cubbie is preparing to plant next year's Goomig 16 cotton crop in February.

Mr Benning said the official transfer of title would now enable MGC and Cubbie to focus on developing Lot 15 to replicate the success achieved on Lot 16.

"As a traditional owner, not only are we proud of what's been achieved so far at Goomig, but we are also proud to be part of the farming community in the Ord Valley," he said.

"It honours our spiritual connection to country to know that so many diverse crops which are being produced from MG land will be distributed all over Australia and overseas.'

MGC and Cubbie Farming are also working with other organisations in the region to progress plans to establish a cotton gin in the East Kimberley.

Cultural Choice takes the first bite of BOAB funding



CULTURAL Choice, an Aboriginal owned and operated supplier of stationery and office products, has become the first business to benefit from

the new Wesfarmers Building Outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Businesses (BOAB) fund.

Retail giant Wesfarmers established BOAB to support the growth of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses.

Cultural Choice, located on the NSW Central Coast and supplier to Officeworks, was announced as the first recipient, receiving \$100,000 from the fund.

The funding will assist with product development for Cultural Choice's private label Indigenous range and the purchase of plant and equipment for its first dedicated warehouse in Tuggerah, NSW.



Gamilaroi man Mark Watson

Cultural Choice was founded in 2016 by Mark Watson, a Gamilaroi man from Walgett in NSW, and his wife Jodie, who is the business's general manager.

It currently distributes more than 6000

products to government and corporate customers, including a private label Indigenous range of more than 30 products in hygiene, office and washroom categories, with artwork designed by Mark.

Officeworks currently sells 11 Cultural Choice products online, including copy paper, notebooks, tissues and hand

Cultural Choice donates 10 cents from every private label product sold to assist in prevention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth suicide.

Jodie Watson said Officeworks had been very supportive of Cultural Choice and the BOAB funding would support the business' growth and product development.

"As an Indigenous business, it is good to be able to work with companies that do support the community and want to support the business as well," she said.

Wesfarmers Managing Director Rob Scott said BOAB has been launched to provide funding and business support to small to medium Indigenous businesses who are existing suppliers to the Wesfarmers Group, to support them to develop and scale.

"Increasing the diversity of our supplier base is an important area where we can make a real difference to the economic prosperity of Indigenous people and communities, while also enhancing our own businesses," he said.

"Linking the funding to emerging businesses which are current suppliers to the Group is important because our engagement as a customer can deliver ongoing income and dedicated support which directly helps the businesses to innovate and grow."

Embracing culture is the key to improving health

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JACKIE Brodie is a strong woman who has a lot to be proud of, including a successful career, having recently been appointed district

manager of Aboriginal health at Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

"I didn't come into health to criticise anybody, I came in to empower the organisation to do a really good job," she said.

"We talk about people-centred care. We really need to make that happen.

"When it comes to health care, Aboriginal people should be the first thought, not the last thought."

But to understand why Jackie is so driven to make a difference to Aboriginal health, it's important to listen to the stories of her family and childhood.

Jackie's maternal grandfather was a talented stockman who drove cattle through treacherous stock routes from the Top End to South Australia or from Queensland to Victoria, riding and camping the whole way with his six children after his wife passed away.

"He was the first and only
Aboriginal person who rode for the
Queen when she came to
Australia in 1940," says Jackie,
who treasures a photo of him
dressed for the occasion.

"It was a time when Aboriginal people were suppressed, but he was one of the stand-outs, and they were trying to display the skills and ability of Aboriginal stockmen."

Having had such a nomadic, adventurous childhood, Jackie's mother fell in love with a man also accustomed to outback journeys. The proud Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka woman from Innamincka, SA, was working as a barmaid at the Tibooburra Hotel when she met Jackie's father, who did the Cobb & Co mail runs and food deliveries for remote farming communities.

"At that point in time, in the early 50s, it was forbidden for a White man to marry an Aboriginal woman," Jackie said.

"Even in 1962, when I was born, Mum didn't have voting rights and we were still considered bastard children."

Her parents settled on a cattle station called Princess Royal near Burra, a tiny mining town east of the Clare Valley in SA. Her father worked as a station hand and her mum became a well-respected cook at the local hospital, also catering for shearers.

Money was tight – Jackie remembers her parents earning just \$25 a month – but the family was resourceful. They raised and sold chickens and ducklings, and also did a rabbit run. On Friday nights they would head out bush and set up 100 rabbit traps. Saturdays were spent collecting and dressing the rabbits, ready to sell fresh in town.

The kids were up early to catch the school bus at 6.30am and



Jackie Brodie has a passion for health care for Aboriginal people.

when they got home there was work to do.

"We worked as hard as the men on the property, mustering sheep or getting cattle in after school," she said.

"There were always chooks and ducks to feed and cows to milk."

But there was also time for making billy carts, horse riding and catching yabbies in the local creek. Jackie remembers her brother driving the few kids from the station around in their family's Model T Ford, which had wooden wheels and a crank start.

"We did everything in that old girl," she said.

"I don't know how we never killed ourselves."

When Jackie was about 10, the family moved into town when her father got a job in mine exploration. Initially lost without farm chores to keep her busy, Jackie soon scored herself a job at the local service station, cooking toasted sandwiches and working the till.

After completing Year 12, she started work in a haberdashery shop, where she prided herself on the quality of her customer

service. The couple who owned it trusted Jackie implicitly and treated her like their daughter, but regularly made racist comments, usually about Aboriginal people.

"I used to stand and listen and never say a word," Jackie said. "I didn't identify to them and

"I didn't identify to them and they just thought I had a lovely tan."

Jackie had been working at the shop for about three years when her mum popped in to take her out to lunch.

"I introduced Mum and they were horrified; you could see all of the racist things they had said come back into their minds."

Identity

Jackie also chose not to identify publicly when she moved to Kalgoorlie, which had a reputation for being one of the most racist towns in the country. For the first 12 months she lived there, Aboriginal people were not allowed within the town limits after 5pm.

"You didn't identify as Aboriginal in Kalgoorlie – otherwise you wouldn't have got a job," Jackie said.

"At first I took it on the chin, but

my moral compass and my upbringing meant I learned stereotypes of people are never accurate; you don't say all English people are whingers, or that all Aboriginal people are thieves and dole bludgers, fringe dwellers and drunks.

"But at that time it was still about picking your battles and knowing the right time to say you were Aboriginal."

Jackie worked as an enrolled nurse for about six years, rostered across Kalgoorlie's two aged care facilities – one for Whites and the other for Aboriginal people.

She had the privilege of nursing an Aboriginal spiritual leader – a feather foot – who was blind and had fallen into a fire while having a stroke. But before being able to care for him, Jackie had to go to his country and attend a ceremony.

"A feather foot never marries or has a family, but they are the ones that weed out the wicked and keep spirits safe for people," she said

She enjoyed the diversity of Aboriginal culture within the 50bed facility, as residents were from many different districts, each with different dialects.

"The routine for the Aboriginal people was shower, clean clothes, breakfast and then tobacco to chew which was rolled in ash. Then the fire was lit outside and we'd put a blanket on the ground and they would sit out there all day with their little mob talking language.

"We had to understand the languages and learn them quickly, otherwise how do you nurse people if you're not speaking their dialect?" Jackie said.

Having spent much of her life being cautious about declaring her Aboriginality, Jackie's life took a dramatic turn in 1995. She started work with the Aboriginal Torres Strait islander Commission, where her cultural background was valued and celebrated, and she kicked off a 20-year career in the public service and the not-for-profit sector.

However, working for government agencies sometimes left her conflicted. During the controversial Northern Territory Intervention, Jackie walked a difficult line working in local communities.

"There were some good things and it was done with some good intent, but it did take away rights, and working through that with community people was very hard and very challenging," Jackie said. "And up there in the Territory, a

"And up there in the Territory, woman's place is not up front; they're not the speakers.
Culturally, it's not a woman's place.

"So you've got to earn the community respect and privilege to be able to speak as well."

Jackie says working in remote communities gave her insight into how limited health services are, and the distance people need to travel for health care.

"The hardest part for me was watching communities bury people every day. It's really heartbreaking to watch, sometimes three funerals a day for long periods of time.

"Health has always been a passion and bringing health to the table has been paramount in any role that I have been in. Health holds the key."

In her role as district manager, Aboriginal Health (strategy, policy and performance) Jackie's focus is on achieving a culturally competent workforce; people who are not judgemental, who embrace Aboriginal culture, and who care for people rather than just treating symptoms.

"For me, that would mean that Aboriginal people were not worried about walking in the door and being judged, or feeling supressed or not welcome. And that they would trust us to treat them with respect and understand them as person.

"We need to move from an output focus where output is the data, to an outcome focus which is about the person, whether they are satisfied and whether we have looked at their situation holistically."

SWAMS push for health hul

SOUTH West Aboriginal Medical Services (SWAMS) and the City of Bunbury have been working together to deliver a

multi-faceted and holistic health hub for Aboriginal and Indigenous clients living in the South West.

SWAMS chief executive Lesley Nelson said that the hub has been in planning stages for many years and now has the final council approvals, which means it is shovel ready.

Ms Nelson said that despite many applications for funding, completed business cases, visioning documents and environmental analysis SWAMS is yet to be given a commitment for funding from state or federal governments.

Last week Ms Nelson travelled to Perth to present their petition for funding, signed by over 1400 local residents, to Bunbury MP Don Punch who has agreed to present it to Parliament.

"Don has been a great support for this project as has the City of Bunbury," she said.

'SWAMS has outgrown our current facility in Bunbury and even after over 20 years of providing important culturally appropriate health care to the Aboriginal community in the South West and providing huge cost



Don Punch MLA and SWAMS chief executive Lesley Nelson at Parliament House with the petition for funding for the new SWAMS Health HUB.

savings to the local public health system, we still do not have a place to call home. Instead we spend copious amounts on rental premises.

"We must continue to push forward and make Closing the Gap a bigger priority in the South West, as well as up north and in remote communities.

"We have a large Aboriginal and Indigenous population here in our South West and we cannot continue to be forgotten

"Avoidable and serious health problems are costing our local economy millions of dollars every year.

"There are tragic losses happening here on our doorstep which can be prevented with

appropriate services being given a bigger role. It is time to put money into providing infrastructure for these services."

Lesley said that the SWAMS HealthHUB will provide an innovative, world class facility to the South West with a major focus on technology and research.

Mr Punch said he was pleased to be able to present the SWAMS petition to Parliament for consideration.

"SWAMS are to be congratulated on the enormous amount of work they have done to advance the project to a point where I am proud to put it forward on behalf of our local community,"

Don acknowledged that further support is needed to get this project over the line for funding and called on the Federal Government to help.

Ms Nelson said that SWAMS has also been busy presenting to, and lobbying, local governments in the region to provide support for the project and has seen very positive feedback and acknowledgment of the need.

"Our local governments have been very supportive because they see the need firsthand," she said. "They see the issues here and they see the good work we do. The time is now, or we risk the gap widening catastrophically here in the South West.'



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Rangers program gets mob back on country

WURUNDJERI
man David
Mullins hopes his
family and
descendants can
enjoy their country

in the years to come, the same way he has been able to.

Thats's why he took part in the Warreen Beek Rangers Program, graduating with a Certificate III of Conservation and Land Management.

Mr Mullins said the course provided him the tools and education necessary to care for country and protect his homelands for future generations.

"The most memorable part for me was planting native grass trees," Mr Mullins said.

"And knowing my kids and grand kids can go and visit them in the future too."

Mr Mullins is part of a new round of students who have graduated from a land management course designed to provide technical skills and future employment opportunities for Aboriginal Victorians, and support traditional owners to work on their country.

The Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation have partnered with Trust for Nature, one of Australia's oldest conservation organisations, and the Holmesglen, a vocational education and higher education institute in the south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne to deliver the course.

Now in its third year, the program follows on from the highly successful Certificate III of Conservation and Land Management first held in 2018 at the Holmesglen.

The initial program was so successful, all of the graduates gained employment in land management roles after taking part in the course.

The program has been designed specifically for traditional owners to learn skills to work on country, and provides participants with accredited training skills in pest and plant control, revegetation, construction, chainsaw use, occupational health and safety and cultural studies.

Bunurong Land Council
Aboriginal Corporation land and
waters manager Dr Rohan Henry
said the course gives students
the opportunity to learn landcare
skills such as plant identification
and threatened species
conservation techniques.

He said said the students have been working in coastal areas and on properties that have conservation covenants, providing landholders with the chance to understand traditional knowledge.

"It's been extremely encouraging to have neighbouring traditional owners and other Aboriginal Victorians working collaboratively with



Trust for Nature regional manager Ben Cullen and Wurundjeri Naarap ranger Mark Gardiner.



Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation manager Dr Rohan Henry.

"There are so many opportunities for the graduates. A wide range of organisations have conservation jobs, such as local councils, natural resource management groups and other government organisations."

- Trust for Nature's Ben Cullen

Bunurong traditional owners on Bunurong country in order to nurture our broader Port Phillip Bay traditional lands and coasts," Dr Henry said.

"The Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation appreciates the Trust's facilitation of the Warreen Beek Rangers program which has ultimately resulted in getting Bunurong people back on and learning about and caring for Bunurong country."

The course is free for participants thanks to support from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's Port Phillip Bay Fund, Zoos Victoria, and the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority.

Trust for Nature's Port Phillip

and Westernport regional manager Ben Cullen said it was fantastic to get support to run the course again.

For more than 45 years, Trust for Nature has secured 100,000 hectares of habitat as 'on-title agreements' on private land, known as conservation covenants, as a way to protect native plants and wildlife.

Covenants cover areas that are home to some of Australia's rarest species such as the helmeted honeyeater, Victoria's critically endangered bird emblem.

"There are so many opportunities for the graduates, Mr Cullen said.

"A wide range of organisations have conservation jobs, such as local councils, natural resource management



Wurundjeri course participant David Mullins.

groups and other government organisations," he said.

"Last year we partnered with 10 landowners on the Mornington Peninsula who had Trust for Nature conservation covenants on their properties and were able to complete works on their properties through the course."

Mark Gardiner was thrilled when he graduated from the program, finding work as a ranger for Trust for Nature's Wurundjeri Naarap team after completing the course this year.

He said it was great to take part in the course because caring for country and other environmental work he is doing now will have a huge impact on others. "Through the work that we do, we are protecting sites for future generations to come," Mr Gardiner said.

Dr Henry said the main benefit of the program is Aboriginal people being out on country doing work with other Aboriginal people, caring for the land, and the many different types of biodiversity work this involves

"But also it gives the people in the community the opportunity to work and talk with other Aboriginal people", Dr Henry said.

"And they can hear the issues that they face, and how they maintain that connection to country and the interests they have there."

New scholarships on offer to Indigenous researchers

TO help address
some of the barriers
facing Indigenous
researchers, the
University of
Newcastle has
launched a new

scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander PhD candidates.

Established with support from the Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP), the new Indigenous priority scheme aims to support Indigenous PhD researchers achieve success during their studies.

Ian Perdrisat was recently named as the first recipient of the scheme. Mr Perdrisat's research in the field of education will seek to develop a holistic approach for improving the lives of Indigenous youth in remote communities.

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PhD student Ian Perdrisat.

Wangkamurra traditional owner, who grew up in Western Sydney, has been living in the Kimberley region of Western Australia for the past 30 years.

He studies remotely with the University of Newcastle.

"Colonisation of the Kimberley region of WA has had a profound and lasting impact on the original people, environment, society and culture. The colonial framework continues to marginalise Indigenous people through the region, particularly youth," Mr Perdrisat said.

"The aim of my research is to identify a model to influence policy and attract investment to improve the wellbeing of Aboriginal youth in the Western Kimberley region. My research is focused on changing the narrative to support solutions on the ground, particularly regarding Aboriginal youth suicide, and the scholarship from the University of Newcastle will help me be able to tell that story through the completion of my PhD."

Nathan Towney, Newcastle Uni pro-vice chancellor Indigenous strategy and leadership, said the scholarship scheme was critical for addressing the inequality and barriers facing Indigenous researchers, and to help improve outcomes for Indigenous people through Indigenous-led research.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people bring a unique and valuable expertise to the field of research, and a scholarship like this will allow recipients to fully immerse themselves in their research, without the worry of financial burden," Mr Towney said.

Interim Dean of Graduate Research, Associate Professor Kylie Shaw, explained the successful scholarship recipients would receive a living allowance for four years, thereby providing financial support over the length of a full-time PhD.

"Often it is the financial barrier that prevents prospective PhD students from taking that next step," Associate Professor Shaw said. "Through the Indigenous Priority Scheme, we aim to break down those barriers so that Indigenous researchers can reach their full potential."

Vice-Chancellor Professor Alex Zelinsky congratulated Mr Perdrisat on his scholarship and said he welcomed the focus on Indigenous PhD Researchers.

"Higher degree researchers make a big contribution to our university's research profile, but historically, Indigenous academics in this category haven't been afforded the same opportunities as their non-Indigenous counterparts," Prof Zelinsky said.

"This scholarship is a fantastic initiative that seeks to address these inequalities and highlights the University of Newcastle's commitment to improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, wellbeing and educational opportunities."

Mentors love giving back by helping kids at Coomaditchie Learning Club



COOMADITCHIE United
Aboriginal Corporation
and not-for-profit
organisation The Smith
Family hosted a
celebration of their

learning club at Port Kembla recently.

Coomaditchie, in partnership with The Smith Family, hosts a learning club that supports both Aboriginal and other students with their studies after school hours.

Despite facing setbacks due to COVID earlier this year, the club is back in full force and has held seven sessions this term, with some St George Dragons players even dropping in to volunteer.

To celebrate the partnership between The Smith Family, Coomaditchie, the Dragons and Kemblawarra Public School – and what it has done to empower the young people at the club – they held a celebration to mark the end of the year with some special guests, including Dragons players Jayden Sullivan and Tyrell Sloan, who plays in reserve grade.

Tyrell's three younger siblings have taken part in the program for over two years. When his rugby league career is finished, he wants to become a social worker.

"I've seen difficulties in my childhood, it made me grow up a bit quicker than other children," he said. "I want to give back to all kids with a tough upbringing. For me it's a role I relate to, I can relate to those kids and I want to give back.

"It's great seeing the smiles on the kids' faces, not only do they get something out of it, but I get something out of it. Sometimes I'll come in and the kids will be upset, but if I can make their day or help them out then that's my goal.

"I've been supported by The Smith

Family since primary school ... It's been great to have help financially and to be able to speak to someone if I need help with anything, whether it's homework or school fees.

"I like to see myself as a role model. Some of these kids have had a difficult upbringing, so I want to help them set a goal in their life. That's what I did and now I have a full time position for the Rugby League. If they can set their goals and achieve it, I'd be happy with that."

Role models

Dragons halfback Jayden Sullivan said he also wanted to give back.

"I grew up down the street, my dad grew up on Coomaditchie and my Aunty Nicky is here working too," he said. "I wasn't too great at school, so I want to show them not to do what I did. It's good to help out. I have three younger siblings who are in school and I help them out with their homework, so it's been easy.

"Obviously if you stay in school there are better jobs and more career paths. It's a given to be a mentor; I grew up here. This is where I like to come. Most of my family is in this hall! It's not a job or a task; it's something I like to do."

Volunteer Alison Day has been helping out at the Learning Club for 15 years.

"I was going through a difficult time, so I stared coming in and doing art," she said. "I love what I do, and I love the kids too. And they love the people here. It's been a structure for them always. You want them to be happy with themselves.

"The people here make you feel welcome. If I didn't have this community, I don't know what I'd do. You feel like you're wanted and appreciated. It's really rewarding to see the kids happy. I wasn't a good reader and writer, so I wanted to give back."



Coomaditchie Learning Club facilitator Nicole Archibald and volunteer Alison Day.



Dragons player Tyrell Sloan helps out at the Coomaditchie Learning Club.

Women hit the stage

By KIRK PAGE



TWO Black women have drawn on their shared – and separate – experiences to create Jalbu Meri (Woman Woman), a

new play.

Phoebe Grainer is a Kuku Djungan, Muluridji, Wakaman, Tagalaka, Kunjen, Warrgamay and Yindinji woman from far north Queensland.

She is a graduate of the WAAPA Aboriginal Theatre course where many of our esteemed actors began their professional studies.

Wendy Mocke comes from the Madang and Simbu provinces in Papua New Guinea. Wendy is an inter-disciplinary storyteller and the creative director of Melanin Haus, and she is a staunch advocate for equality.

Phoebe and Wendy met during their studies at the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA) and were drawn together through their shared experiences of being Black women in a very Anglo-dominated institution.

It was during the height of the Black Lives Matter wokeness that Wendy Mocke noticed a lack of support from NIDA allies and its social media platforms and so she called them out on it.

Wendy wrote a letter to NIDA accusing the performing arts school of failing to support Black and Indigenous students and students of colour.

NIDA chief executive Liz Hughes apologised "wholeheartedly and sincerely" to current and former students who had distressing experiences at the prestigious theatre school in Sydney.

In an email to NIDA's staff and students Hughes pledged to quickly "drive substantive change" within the institute.

This example of stepping up to address these systemic problems is a bold move and this is why our voices are important and how artists can bring about change.

"Resistance is important because it's a way to reclaim what we have lost and to a way to create our own future moving forward," Wendy said.

"There is a lot of pressure for us to talk or write about our trauma, but whilst I think that is important and it has its place it's also vital that we celebrate our joy and why our blackness makes us excellent and nuanced people – not just stereotypical tropes."

The playwrights spoke passionately about preserving culture for our next generation.

"We want to tell stories that are fun, but also acknowledge our shared histories of colonisation," Wendy said.

In the play we get to hear of 'sheroic' acts of survival in a precolonial landscape and comical moments that only two girlfriends can experience on a night out.

"The impact of colonisation has disrupted us and it influences the way we think about our future and our past," Wendy said. "It's



Actress and writer Phoebe Grainer is a Kuku Djungan, Muluridji, Wakaman, Tagalaka, Kunjen, Warrgamay and Yindinji woman from far north Queensland.



Wendy Mocke is an inter-disciplinary storyteller from the Madang and Simbu provinces in PNG.

important to tell the stories so we can reimagine our future while acknowledging what was taken away from us in the past. So I guess it's about the legacy that we want to create for ourselves."

Some of us choose art as our weapon and its impact should not be underestimated. Sharing our stories is a way of healing – we get to see ourselves and reflect on where we have come from

and who we want to be. The act of resistance can not be measured or overrated when it comes to raising our women's voices.

"These women throughout time all participated in acts of resistance. We don't really often hear about this," Phoebe said. "In the play there are characters from different generations and we wanted to imagine these

voices. How did they respond to Captain Cook landing?

"And, to be honest, we also wanted to write something that we could act in as Black women."

It's important for theatre companies to step up and create space for our stories – there are a few opportunities and initiatives out there and Darlinghurst Theatre's 'Next in Line' program creates space to test new writing.

"It's important to tell our stories as a form of cultural maintenance.

I am really interested in working with my own language being spoken – when I hear it it reminds me of how significant it is to put our voices on the stage.

It's about cultural

- Phoebe Grainer

"I think the First Nations Blak female voice hasn't really been heard on the stage – where we see a real perspective and get to experience Black writers and authentic representations of who we are," Phoebe said.

continuation."

Their play Jalbu Meri explores the lived experiences of an Aboriginal woman and a Papua New Guinean woman growing up as Black women in Australia.

Jalbu (Muluridji dialect) Meri (Tok Pisin dialect) is an intercultural story. Jalbu and Meri mean the same thing: Woman. There is language from both Phoebe's and Wendy's dialects threaded through the story.

"It's important to tell our stories as a form of cultural maintenance.

"I am really interested in working with my own language being spoken. When I hear it it reminds me of how significant it is to put our voices on the stage. It's about cultural continuation," Phoebe said.

"Every time I am thinking of potential things to create I am always thinking about an Indigenous future. That is always at the forefront of my mind, and to celebrate First Nations people from all over the world, and to me that is what the future looks like," Wendy said.

The play inhabits three seperate worlds: two best friends talking about the ridiculousness of dating and the haphazard nature of intercultural love, a young tribesman who witnesses the massacre of his family then escapes to warn the remaining clans, and the voices of ancestors passed that recall cultural practices and the power of ceremony and ritual.

"We wanted to write a story about us and our two different cultures and our sisterhood. When we met we instantly connected and this connection is strong. We wanted to celebrate this. It celebrates our Blackness and what it means to be First Nations women, especially here in Australia," Phoebe said.

Jalbu Meri was created through The Darlinghurst Theatre Company's 'Next in Line' program.

For information on performances go to www.darlinghursttheatre.com



Wiradjuri dancer Ella Havelka with Judy Watson's bunya, proclamation and grandmother's song, TarraWarra Museum of Art. Picture: Sean Fennessy





Cloud Chamber by Yhonnie Scarce.

Looking Glass: Judy Watson and Yhonnie Scarce. Picture: Andrew Curtis

Reflecting on beauty and truth in the looking glass



ABORIGINAL artists Judy Watson, Yhonnie Scarce and Ella Havelka are inviting people to peek through a virtual window to see their new

works.

In celebration of its new exhibition Looking Glass: Judy Watson and Yhonnie Scarce, TarraWarra Museum of Art will hold a special online event on this Sunday, December 20, from 4-5pm.

The online event will include a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony by senior Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Joy Murphy Wandin, a live panel discussion between exhibition curator Hetti Perkins and artists Judy Watson and Yhonnie Scarce, followed by a powerful dance performance by Ella Havelka.

Wiradjuri woman Ella Havelka will premiere her new work Fragmented, developed for and inspired by the Looking Glass



Kokatha and Nukunu artist Yhonnie Waanyi artist Judy Watson. Scarce. Picture: Janelle Low

exhibition, with an original score composed by Eric Avery and Ronald Smith.

Havelka is an Australian Ballet and Bangarra dancer.



Picture: Jo-Anne Driesssens

"I've drawn inspiration from Looking Glass by creating a dance piece that expresses the ways in which trauma can cause continual knock-on effects; the power of

resilience and resistance; the healing that is only effective after time has passed and when cycles are renewed and, finally, the importance of returning to country, she said.

Arrernte and Kalkadoon woman Hetti Perkins, who curated the exhibition, says the artists are concerned essentially with Australia's 'secret war'- a battle fought on many fronts from colonial massacres and Stolen Generations through to the British atomic bomb tests at Maralinga.

"The seductive beauty of Watson's and Scarce's works belies their powerful message about the sustained campaign of the destruction of country, culture and community in Aboriginal Australia; their work is a kind of 'tender trap'. With the devastating evidence of climate change in Australia, manifest in apocalyptic wildfires and storms, this exhibition delivers an urgent message," Ms Perkins said.

The exhibition features Scarce's spectacular new installation, Cloud Chamber, 2020, comprising one thousand glass yams cascading from above. The work is an evocation of the nuclear test of the 'Breakaway' bomb in Maralinga, which sent radioactive clouds across the land of Aboriginal people living in the area.

Watson's works feature ochres, charcoal and indigo pigments pooled upon washed canvas, revealing Aboriginal histories and following lines of emotional and physical topography that centre on particular places and moments in

Looking Glass: A Virtual Celebration will take place online on Sunday, December 20, from 4-5pm. Audiences can view this free event live on TarraWarra Museum of Art's website or Facebook page.

To register for event reminders,

https://www.twma.com.au/events/ looking-glass-a-virtual-celebration/

Lucashenko has the write stuff for healing

By NICK PATON

WHEN awardwinning Bundjalung writer Melissa Lucashenko noticed a

friend was going through severe trauma, she wondered if there was something she could do to help others in a similar situation.

"I have wanted to design some workshops that centre on writing, trauma and connection for a long time, and it was only that I happened to be on social media a couple weeks back, and I could see someone who was going through severe grief after losing a loved one," Melissa said.

"So I decided on the spur of the moment that I was going to do something, not muck around or procrastinate, and just do it."

Melissa told the Koori Mail that the 'Healing Racism – A Poetry Workshop on Healing Trauma through the Power of Words' was designed in collaboration with Dr Carlie Atkinson from We Al-li, a Supply Nation certified business who offer the Culturally Informed Trauma Integrated Healing Approach (CITIHA) training to individuals, family, community and organisations.

Held on Saturday, December 6, in Lismore, NSW, Melissa said a third of the participants at the workshop were Bundjalung, along with Ngunawal, Biripi and Darug mob. She said she hopes people went away from the workshop feeling more connected than when they first walked into the room.

"I've been living back on Bundjalung land for a while now and this is something I thought I could do as a way of giving back to my community," Melissa said.

"It's always good to contribute something to the community that you're living in, doubly so if it's your country, so putting on a workshop was the right thing to do.

"It was an intense experience for all of us involved, but at the same time we had a lot of fun."

Uncle Herb Roberts gave a moving Welcome to Country before the workshop began, asking everyone to be respectful when taking part in the yarning circle.

"Uncle Herb is just such a beautiful Elder," Melissa said.

"I've only just begun to form a relationship with Unc, and I absolutely love him to death!

"When Carlie got in touch with Unc, he was very keen to support us and contribute his time to welcome us to the space we had created for the workshops, and he was there to invite us to take part," Melissa said.

"In a way it wasn't just my workshop because although I initiated the idea, it was Carlie who came in and contributed so much to make it happen, and together with Uncle Herb, it was a meeting of countries and spirits working together in harmony.

"For one activity we got out the butcher's paper and wrote up on the wall all the racist slurs most of us have heard being thrown around, if not by ourselves, our



Melissa Lucashenko, Darug sisters Talise and Brielle Wenham and Eriu Badu Besi (Mabiaug) Kooma Gamilaraay Birrbay Dhanggati jarjum (child) Wayila Mairu.



Dr Carlie Atkinson (centre) and participants at the workshop.

"At the beginning of the workshop, I said to the group that we haven't come here to do this work just to sit around and be miserable, and cry and be unhappy. We do this work so we can move through our issues and come to the other side. And on the other side lies a joyful life, a life that we were all born to live as Blackfullas, as human beings."

Melissa Lucashenko

families, and the pain that is associated with those words. Uncle Herb was visibly moved when he was talking about racist words he had heard like 'oxygen thief' and 'boong', and so we unpacked those words, and talked about the way they are used to maintain White supremacy and maintain power over Aboriginal people, and stop us from being the people we were born to be," she said. "It was unplanned, but the best part of that exercise was when we tore the sheet of paper off the wall, and scrunched up all the racists words, and threw it in the bin for the rubbish that it is.

"Then to strip away the power those words represent, we put up a fresh piece of paper and replaced the words to reflect that we are strong, and beautiful, and worthy, and honourable people."

Bundjalung and Yiman woman Dr Carlie Atkinson from We Al-li said the trauma amongst mob is complex. It is intergenerational, compounded and cumulative.

"What I have experienced in the work I do and the work that we do through We AI-li, which was founded by my mum, Emeritus Professor Judy Atkinson, is that the deep healing work requires creative approaches, approaches that focus on culture, approaches that focus on the arts, and approaches that do not shy away from the truth-telling that needs to happen," Carlie said.

"I have followed Melissa's work over the years and witnessed her deep commitment to community and her deep integrity in all she does. When she mentioned that she would like to do a workshop focusing on writing as a conduit to addressing racism and trauma I quickly put my hand up to help support her to make that happen!"

Carlie said it was incredibly valuable to have Uncle Herb stay for the whole workshop as he held the space the proper way throughout. She said he was able to share deeply moving stories in such a gentle way that all could all relate to.

"I feel from talking with the participants post workshop that they felt they were safe within the workshop to drop into their story, stories that needed to be released but within safety," Carlie said.

"There was a sense of belonging and being heard and a sense of pride and strength – these were all words spoken to me after the workshop. I think the workshop has really helped some of the participants and provided a catalyst for further healing work."

Melissa said she is always very careful not to speak for anyone else, or imagine she might know what's going on for someone else.

"Which is part of my cultural understanding, in that we can stand in a particular place, and we can only know our own position," she said. "But in saying that, I'm hoping participants have walked away from the workshop with a sense of knowing that on the other side of trauma lies joy.

"At the beginning of the workshop I said to the group that we haven't come here to do this work just to sit around and be miserable, and cry and be unhappy. We do this work so we can move through our issues and come to the other side. And on the other side lies a joyful life, a life that we were all born to live as Blackfullas, as human beings.

"This type of work never ends and it's part of our cultural obligation as Aboriginal people to do the work that needs to be done to keep communities functioning and healthy and so this is just a small way of me contributing."

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Tim finds his station

LIKE many highschool graduates. Nhanda-Bardi teenager Timothy Mallard didn't have a firm plan for the future, but when a traineeship at a cattle station in the Kimberley came up he jumped at it - despite never having ridden a horse in his life.

Tim, 18, is from Western Australia's mid North West, but moved to Roebuck Plains Station on Yawuru country in January after six years at school

He's just completed the first year of his traineeship with the end of mustering season, which capped off another successful year for the station.

"I never thought I'd be doing this, if you told me months ago this is what I'd be doing, I never would've believed it," Tim said.

"Yawuru country is closer to my country. I love it out here and the traineeship gave me a chance to learn as well.

Roebuck Plains Station is owned by traditional owners through their corporation, Nyamba Buru Yawuru Limited (NBY) and leased by the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC), which takes on a group of young Indigenous trainees every year and shows them the ropes of the cattle industry.

Tim Mallard is one of six new trainees who was selected from 15 young people who participated in an eight-week Warrmijala Murrgurlayi preemployment program.

Warrmijala Murrgurlayi program coordinator Carol-Anne Bernard said the program was created by NBY and delivered in partnership with Transition to Work to assist the ILSC in its recruitment for the 2020 trainee

"The program's focus is to give them skills, develop appropriate behaviours and link them with other services to ensure the transition into fulltime employment is achievable," she said.

Transition to Work case



Each year the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC) takes on a group of young Indigenous trainees at Roebuck Plains Station, an Indigenous-owned cattle station, where they learn the ropes of the cattle industry.



Tim Mallard has just completed the first year of his traineeship at Roebuck Plains Station on Yawuru country. Picture: courtesy ABC Kimberley

manager Kera McKenzie said students were given individual mentoring throughout the

"It gave me the opportunity to

work in closely with Tim and the other trainees. I was able to be a part of the whole process from recruiting and mentoring and supported them through the preemployment program, following into their placement at Roebuck Plains Station," she said.

The new trainees are working at Roebuck Plains Station while also completing a Certificate II in Agriculture at North West TAFE in Broome.

Tim said how much he had learned already surprised him.

"Mustering cattle, horseriding, fencing, working the stockyard and driving heavy machinery, I'm learning it all," he said.

"My favourite part is the riding. It's the first time I've ever ridden a horse and at first I found it scary but now I'm more natural.

"Each person is given two horses and one of mine is an exracehorse, so he knows what he's doing and he's fast."

It hasn't all been smooth sailing though, according to Tim.

"Some parts are easy, but there are times where it's very difficult because of the heat and the dust," he said.

"I find it very weird after living

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Tim Mallard

in Perth for six years and then coming here straight after high school - it's a huge change."

Luckily for Tim, he's not having to go it alone.

The ILSC-run program has provided training for almost 150 Indigenous people since it launched in 2008.

Of those, more than half were employed at the Roebuck Plains Station and many others went on to work in other stations in WA, the Northern Territory and Queensland.

The nature of the program means that the trainees have to rely on each other, and Tim said this had led to close friendships among the group.

"I've bonded with the other trainees. I call them my brothers," he said. "We trust each other with our lives, live together and work together."

Tim's traineeship will last for 18 months and he hopes to stick around for another year when he's finished.

Whatever the future holds for Tim, the lessons he has learned through this experience will stay with him.

"Working by myself has taught me to think of new ways to do the job and to rely on yourself," he said.

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- Senior Lawyer Bairnsdale
- Lawyer After Hours Service
- Paralegal Support Worker After Hours Service
- Djirra Connect Worker (x3)
- **Quality and Capacity Building Project Officer**

For further information please go to: https://apply.workable.com/djirra or see our on-line web ad on the Koori Mail website under

JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS.

Chief Executive Officer

The GO Foundation considers that being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) for this role.



Reporting to: Chairperson and the Board

Sydney is the preferred location for this role. Location:

Work type: Full-time, but we are flexible. If full-time doesn't suit you let us know. The remuneration package will be sufficient to attract, retain and motivate Salary:

an outstanding candidate.

The GO Foundation was established in 2009 by Sydney Swans footballers Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin and their friend James Gallichan. The Foundation's Purpose is to empower the next generation of Indigenous leaders through education. The GO scholarship is an entry point to the GO Ecosystem, a model of collaborative impact where our partners work with us to provide GO students with a broad range of opportunities and career options. At the heart of the GO Ecosystem is a burning desire to strengthen our students' cultural identity - to connect them in a meaningful way to their culture and heritage.

The Opportunity

Reporting to, and working collaboratively with, the Founders, Chair and Board you will be the first Indigenous Chief Executive of the GO Foundation and will lead the organisation into its next stage of growth. You will have overall strategic and operational responsibility for the GO Foundation's staff, programs, expansion and execution of its mission and purpose. You will continue to build the GO Foundation scholarship program across Australia through our GO Ecosystem and the development of a sustainable funding pipeline. You will foster exceptional relationships with a wide variety of stakeholders and continue to develop and build the dedicated GO team.

Your Profile

You are excited by the opportunity to improve outcomes for Indigenous children and young people through education. You have demonstrated experience in leading a team and working with a diverse range of stakeholders to deliver outcomes of high impact and quality. You are someone who can bring the GO values of Integrity, Equality, Opportunity and very importantly Strength in culture to life. You will be a role model for our GO Scholars.

You Will Have

- Relevant tertiary qualifications
- Excellent leadership skills that demonstrate a positive action orientation, the ability to inspire and influence others and represent an organisation's interests in a compelling manner to stakeholders
- Strong written and verbal communication skills; a persuasive and passionate communicator with excellent interpersonal and project skills
- Proven senior executive leadership experience incorporating business plan development, implementation, operations and reporting
- Highly developed strategic, analytical, conceptual and problem-solving skills

For the full job description please visit www.gof.org.au/ceo Applications Close: 23 December 2020.

To apply, please send a short letter (maximum of 2 pages in length) detailing your interest and claim to the role, along with your CV to interim CEO Jason Glanville at jason@gofoundation.org.au by close of business Wednesday 23 December 2020.

Jason can also be contacted on this email should you have any queries on the role and this first stage of the recruitment process.

Opportunity. Equality. Strength in Culture. Integrity.



Generalist Solicitor

An exciting opportunity exists at Shoalcoast to join our legal team as a Generalist Solicitor for the Bega Valley.

This position requires an experienced Solicitor who can provide a broad range of legal advice and community legal education to disadvantaged clients in the Bega Valley local government area. The job will be largely autonomous and would suit someone who is driven and requires minimal supervision.

The successful applicant will be required to provide legal advice over the phone and in face to face appointments in outreach locations. You will be required to provide community legal education and contribute to law reform submissions as needed. The successful applicant will attend scheduled outreaches at various outreach locations, as well as training in the office in Nowra. At other times the successful applicant will work from their home. This position is 4 days a week and the successful applicant should live in either Bega Valley or Eurobodalla LGAs.

Please email emma@shoalcoast.org.au for position information

Phone 4422 9529 for more information

Applicants are asked to submit a current resume and a cover letter addressing selection criteria. The resume should name of two referees and be sent to

> Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre PO Box 1496, NOWRA 2541 or emailed to emma@shoalcoast.org.au

Closing Date is 13 January 2021



Training Services Manager, Clerk Grade 9/10

- Department of Education
- Temporary full-time up to September 2022
- Identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only
- Chatswood location

\$135,279 Package includes salary (\$110,745 - \$122,038), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

About the Department of Education

The NSW Department of Education serves the community by providing world-class education for students of all ages

We ensure young children get the best start in life by supporting and regulating the early childhood education 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. We are committed to fostering vibrant, sustainable and high-performing vocational and higher

We are responsible for enacting NSW Government policy, driving improvement in education, and overseeing policy, funding and compliance issues relating to non-government schools. We respect and value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as First Peoples of Australia.

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 2pages) 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.

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.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal Education policies.
- 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: 23 December 2020

Enquiries: Derek Hennessy, Regional Manager on 0403 342 975.

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 00008255.





INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

- · A chance to effect change in the careers of people in regional Australia
- A lifestyle perfect for those looking to escape the city rat race
 Full-time position with flexible working arrangements

Screenworks is a growing screen industry service provider based in Ballina, NSW that delivers professional development and networking programs, events, opportunities and services for film & TV content creators and workers living in regional Australia.

Reporting to the CEO, the Industry Development Manager is a key role in organising and developing the industry development programs and events for the organisation, as well as nurturing and increasing the organisation's membership and ensuring that Screenworks' programs, initiatives and events meet and/or exceeds expectations set by the organisation.

We're looking for a new team member who is passionate about effecting change in the lives and careers of regional people, is highly organised, has experience working in the film and TV industry and has extensive knowledge of the Australian screen industry.

More details about this position and how to apply are available on our website at https://screenworks.com.au/about/jobs

Applications close: Sunday 3 January 2021

To have a confidential conversation about this position, please contact Ken Crouch, Chief Executive Officer – email ceo@screenworks.com.au or call 0400 301 230

Screenworks is an equal opportunity employer, committed to building an inclusive workplace that supports diverse thinking and innovation. Screenworks encourages applications from First Nations People, people of culturally diverse backgrounds, people with disabilities, and people from the LGBTIQA+ community. If you need assistance or an accommodation due to a disability, please contact us at ceo@screenworks.com.au or 0400 301 230.



Family Connect & Support new program opportunities

We value relationships with our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and strongly encourage applications from its members

On 1 January 2021, the well-known Family Referral Service, managed by NSW Health, will Support and The Benevolent Society will have teams in The Hunter, Central Coast and New England. transfer to the Department of Communities and Justice. It will be called Family Connect and

Just like the Family Referral Service, the new Family Connect and Support brings together families, support services and community resources so that our children and young people are safe and well. Universal and flexibly tailored to a families individual needs, Family Connect and Support offers help as early as possible.

While there will be some changes, lots of service features remain the same. For example, how referrals are made and the quick turnaround on referral requests.

The new Family Connect and Support streamlines access for families, referrers and service providers, providing consistency across the state, while also maintaining local-level flexibility and

It builds on the great features in Family Referral Service, and has been enhanced to include program-wide features such as:

- Family Group Conferencing
- · increased outreach into universal settings
- targeted service delivery
 planning to priority populations (Aboriginal families, families with children aged 0–5 years, and children and young people affected by mental illness)
- increased support to families
- service responses tailored to family need.

You will engage and support at risk families make different choices for their children. You will undertake an initial assessment of family strengths and needs, and develop case plans that build on the family's resilience to enable them to overcome risks by using evidence informed practices, partnering with other services and supporting the family to shape their next chapter.

We have the following permanent roles available please see our website to view these current opportunities search by keyword FCS:

Team Leader (full time), New England

Senior Practitioner (part time), New England

Child & Family Practitioners (full time and part time), Hunter, Central Coast and New England Who's the team?

The broader team that you will work with is dynamic with diverse skills and experiences. We have a supportive Leadership team and have access to a Practice and Impact Management unit for development.

We are committed to high quality work, very welcoming and believe with the right support every parent has potential to make lasting life changes.

Some of the benefits we offer

- Salary packaging,
- Flexible work arrangements, Purchasing additional leave,
- Discounts on everyday purchases,
 - Accrued days off,
 IT tools/devices to support working remotely,
- Long service leave after 5 years & more!

As an experienced Social Worker, Psychologist, Case Worker or Case Manager you will have

- At least 12 months case management experience working with at risk children, young people and/or families in a child protection focused role, including experience undertaking comprehensive assessments
- Excellent understanding of child protection issues and client vulnerabilities such as drug and alcohol use, domestic violence, mental health issues, and the impact of trauma and the effect on child behaviour and development
- Excellent IT skills and ability to use technology in service delivery
- Ability to work remotely
- · High level of professional accountability and integrity and a belief that every parent has potential A relevant degree qualification and current driver's license

Contact: Jane Hynes, Manager tel: 0420 959 392

We welcome diversity in all its forms; applications from underrepresented communities are We value relationships with our local Aboriginal community and welcome applications from its

We see ability not disability, if you identify as a person with a different ability please get in contact.

Successful candidates will be required to clear probity checks including National Criminal History Record Check and Working with Children Check or similar (where relevant to the role).



Human Resources Advisor Aboriginal Community Elders Services

BACKGROUND

Since 1987, ACES has been providing programs and services to Aboriginal elders. In the Australian context, ACES is unique in being both an Aboriginal community controlled organisation and specialising in provision of both planned activity group and residential aged care services. At ACES, culture is recognised as central to individual and community health. Further, the integration of a range of programs on the site ensures continuity in the assessment and delivery of appropriate care to Aboriginal elders in a culturally appropriate environment as

ENVIRONMENT

Amidst the hustle and bustle of East Brunswick, the Caring Place nestles in the serenity of lush, well maintained, bush-like gardens and the Merri Creek. The setting provides residents with a friendly, relaxed culturally relevant home-like environment which is important to their health and

POSITION OBJECTIVES

- Promote HR practices to support the Vision, Values and Cultural Safety of ACES.
- Provide effective and timely advice and support to managers across the full range of staff leadership and management.
- Build strong, collaborative partnerships with internal and external stakeholders.
- Ensure compliance with relevant legislative requirements and industrial instruments.

For further information on key responsibilities, selection criteria and to apply, please see our ad on the Koori Mail website under JOBS AND GENERAL WEB ADS



Child Protection Practitioners



and Human

Benefits

- A career within a department striving to achieve the best health, wellbeing and safety of all Victorians
- Work collaboratively with your team to strengthen case practice and to provide effective service delivery
- · Highly rewarding career opportunities and ongoing professional development

Being a Child Protection Practitioner means making real change to the lives of our communities most vulnerable children and families. A career in child protection will provide a range of professional pathways that support your personal growth and development.

We offer a supportive team approach, quality supervision with great training and development. We are building an inclusive workplace that embraces diversity of backgrounds and differences to realise the potential of our employees for innovation and delivering services aimed at enhancing the lives of vulnerable Victorians

Skills and Experience

We are looking for entry level, Advanced and Senior child protection/child and family welfare professionals to join our child protection teams.

Key responsibilities include

- Assessing children and young people who are in need of protection
- · Conducting risk assessments and investigations
- Working collaboratively with families, community services organisations and other professionals to develop and implement effective plans for children
- Managing complex cases, problem solving and presenting matters to the Children's Court of Victoria as required
- Be responsible for supporting and developing Child Protection Practitioners in the integration of theory and practice while demonstrating your expertise through
- Working collaboratively with the Team Manager to strengthen case practice
- Provide effective service delivery and support other practitioners

To be a child protection practitioner you need a current and valid driver's licence and 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://childprotectioniobs.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

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.



Training Coordinator, Clerk Grade 7/8

- **Department of Education**
- Temporary full-time up to 22 months
- Identified role for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only
- **Dubbo location**

\$119,209 Package includes salary (\$97,152 - \$107,541), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

About the Department of Education

The NSW Department of Education serves the community by providing world-class education for

We ensure young children get the best start in life by supporting and regulating the early childhood education 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. We are committed to fostering vibrant, sustainable and high-performing vocational and higher

We are responsible for enacting NSW Government policy, driving improvement in education, and overseeing policy, funding and compliance issues relating to non-government schools. We respect and value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as First Peoples of Australia.

For more information about the Department of Education, please visit ${\bf education.nsw.gov.au}$

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

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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

The pre-screening questions include:

- How do you tailor your approach to communicate with different stakeholders? Describe a situation in which you varied your usual approach, why you did so and what was the outcome?
- Describe a time when you managed multiple priorities with similar deadlines? How did you manage it and what was the outcome?

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

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.

The targeted questions include:

Essential Requirements:

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- 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.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal Education policies
- 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: 23 December 2020

Enquiries: Jason Wright on 0436 856 060.

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 000081UF.





THE UNIVERSITY Of Queensland

AUSTRALIA

is focused on making a real impact on some of the world's most

pressing health challenges. Two positions (below) are currently

available within the School working on a new Medical Research

Future Fund Indigenous Health Research Grant, IMHIP-Youth: A

social and emotional wellbeing care for Indigenous adolescents

multi-disciplinary collaboration to embed and evaluate a model of

who experience detention. The positions are co-located within the

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The role Work collaboratively with other project team members to undertake consultation and co-design to support the development of a culturally valid in-reach and transitional model of social and emotional wellbeing care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people who experience detention, and implement a model of service. The coordinator will work closely with the project's research team to support evaluation of this service.

Remuneration \$98,298 - \$110,376 plus super of up to 17%. Full-time fixed term position for two years at HEW Level 8.

Job No. 511889

Research Fellow

The role Undertake research work within a multidisciplinary team to develop, implement and evaluate a culturally valid model of social and emotional wellbeing care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people who experience detention.

Remuneration \$70,729 - \$94,637 (FTE) plus super of up to 17%. Part-time or full time (flexible), fixed term position at Academic Level A.

Job No. 511721

Visit **jobs.uq.edu.au** for more career opportunities and to obtain a copy of the position description and application process. The University of Queensland values diversity and inclusion.

These are identified positions and applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent under sections 25 and 105 of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act 1991.

| work FOR NSW

WABC Audiences Assistant

This vacancy is open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, reflecting our commitment to the ABC's Reconciliation Action Plan, ABC Diversity & Inclusion Plan 2019 - 2022 and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.

- Salary Circa \$60K + Choice of 15.4% Super
- Ongoing Full-Time role
- **Ultimo Location**

Amazing opportunity for an Indigenous candidate with great communication skills to engage with and support our online audiences. If you have an innate passion to help and engage with people and a naturally collaborative workstyle this role is

Applications close: 7 January 2021

For more details visit abc.net.au/careers

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Murdi Paaki Services Ltd (an initiative of Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANCY **SERVICES**

Murdi Paaki Services Ltd (MPSL) invites Expressions of Interest (EoI) from suitably qualified and experienced individuals and firms to be added to a Register of Approved Suppliers to undertake potential consultancy projects, research and analysis in support of Aboriginal communities in the Murdi Paaki Region.

MPSL will use the Register to identify, assess and engage both individuals as contractors and corporate entities to undertake specific projects or pieces of work that relate to the delivery of one or more strategic initiative(s) which have the objective of improving the cultural, environmental, health, social and economic status of Aboriginal people in the Murdi Paaki Region

The EoI is the first stage of a two-stage engagement process. The objective of the process is to identify and pre-register individuals and firms interested in entering into a proposed contract with MPS and have the capacity, capability and experience to help drive a process of change. Eols will be assessed in accordance with designated criteria

To commence the engagement process, please email Kerry Grant-Mackay on kerry.grant-mackay@mpra.com.au and request an Eol form. Further information in relation to this process will be supplied at that time. Please note that the deadline for submission of the EoI form via email to MPSL is Thursday 24 December 2020.

Should further clarification be required, please contact Kerry Grant-Mackay, RAHLA Program Coordinator on mobile 0498 009 104.



DIRECTOR HEALTH **SERVICES**

- Culturally attuned position
- **Full Time**
- Based in the beautiful seaside town of Narooma
- Generous salary packaging options available

Katungul Aboriginal Corporation is seeking applications for

We strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

The objectives of this role are

- To improve the health outcomes of Aboriginal Australians within the Katungul region of influence
- As part of the Executive Management Team, (one of four Directors reporting to the CEO), develop and implement new services and programs, which address the health needs and improve the health outcomes of Aboriginal people
- To oversee the ongoing development and management of the Health Services provided by
- Ensure that services and programs are delivered to quality standards, comply with relevant legislation and achieve contract requirements
- To develop, implement, monitor, review and evaluate Health Services.

NOTE: All appointees to positions at Katungul ACRH&CS are required to obtain a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check (Police Check) and where applicable, a Working with Children Check. Employment is conditional pending the outcome of these checks.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THIS POSITION

Applications who do not address the Selection Criteria will not

The closing date for applications is 5.00pm Monday 11th January 2021.

Contact Person regarding conditions of employment and for a copy of the Position Description: Chris Heazlewood chrish@katungul.org.au

Contact Person regarding enquiries relevant to details of the role: Joanne Grant - ceo@katungul.org.au



Department: South Western Sydney LHD Remuneration: Dependent on Qualifications (OT / SW Level 1/2, Psych or RN)

Enquiries: Ann Baker on 0459 871 540

In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997.

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about

applying for roles in NSW Health organisations. For more information, please visit:

steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au Closing Date: 3 January 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com Search for Job Ref Number: REQ202430.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Aboriginal Health Worker (Child and Family) - Temp FT

Department: South Western Sydney LHD **Remuneration:** \$1,039.12 - \$1,530.45 per week **Enquiries:** Anne King on (02) 9794 0235

In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997.

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Closing Date: 3 January 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com Search for Job Ref Number: REQ196345.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

(an initiative of Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly)

Economic Development Officer

- Attractive Remuneration Package
- Salary Packaging available
- Based in Cobar

Murdi Paaki Services Ltd (MPSL) is seeking applications from motivated people interested in undertaking the role of Economic Development Officer (EDO).

The Economic Development Officer will require empathy with all parts of the business community- small business to large multinational firms, bricks and mortar premises to ecommerce, heavy industry to professional services, retail, tourism education and hospitality. You will need to understand the drivers of change in the commercial sector and ways to enable businesses to develop, adapt to change, understand the competitive advantages of Murdi Paaki Region as a place to do business and work tirelessly to capitalise on growth

Develop business plans, attract new businesses and promote families relocating to Murdi Paaki Region.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and Selection Criteria and must address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Acting Manager. Des Rogers des.rogers@mpra.com.au , or for further information please contact Smiley Johnson 0432 034 968.

Applications can be forwarded to admin@mpra.com.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

> **Economic Development Officer** Murdi Paaki Services Ltd PO Box 48 **COBAR NSW 2835**

Applications close 5pm, Friday the 21st of January 2021. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply









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Identified

Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician

Location: Tamworth Hospital Enquiries: Tiffany.Cotton@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference ID: REQ180800 Closing Date: 23 December 2020

Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician

Location: Moree Community Health Service Enquiries: Jennifer.Gallagher@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference ID: REQ196715 Closing Date: 23 December 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.

Targeted

Registered Nurse - Transition to Speciality Practice Acute **Care Team**

Location: James Fletcher Hospital, Newcastle Enquiries: Bec.Mosely@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference ID: REQ199650 Closing Date: 20 December 2020

Clinic Administration Officer

Location: Maitland Hospital

Enquiries: Katie.McFayden@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference ID: REQ192839 Closing Date: 23 December 2020

Ward Clerk - ICU

Location: John Hunter Hospital

Enquiries: Caran.Playtong@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference ID: REQ200702 Closing Date: 23 December 2020

Mental Health Clinician Whole Family Team

Location: James Fletcher Hospital, Newcastle Enquiries: Jackie.Townsend@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference ID: REQ194860 Closing Date: 3 January 2021

selection criteria.

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

In the event there are no suitable Aboriginal applicants, then applications from non-Aboriginal applicants will be considered.

Department: Hunter New England LHD

Closing Dates: see above

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to

healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Numbers above.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Care Coordinator - Aboriginal Chronic Care Program Temporary Full-Time

Department: South Western Sydney LHD **Remuneration:** Dependent on Qualifications (Exercise Physiologist Lvl 3, Dietitian Lvl 3, CNS Gde 2, Psych, Physiotherapist Lvl 3 and OT Lvl 3) Enquiries: Julie Cherry on 0447 397 425

In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles in NSW Health organisations.

For more information, please visit: steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 3 January 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com Search for Job Ref Number: REQ202563.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice





Principal Advisor, Aboriginal Engagement

MW EA 7 Band \$104,242 + super **Permanent Full Time**

We love water and love life. What we do makes a vital contribution to Melbourne's famous lifestyle. We achieve this by supplying high quality drinking water, providing outstanding sewerage services, integrating drainage systems, building resilience to flooding and by enhancing our waterway and land for greater community use. It's a pride we share in helping to make greater Melbourne a

The Role

Reporting to the Relationship Manager, Traditional Owners you'll have the opportunity to make a difference and add to our work environment, within a place where you can learn and perform to your fullest potential

As the Principal Advisor, Aboriginal Engagement you'll be responsible for developing and implementing strategic programs and initiatives to enhance Melbourne Water's engagement with Traditional Owner groups and the broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Victoria.

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NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

(Lachlan Fold Belt Mdb Groundwater Source)

Greater Hume Shire Council has applied for a Combined Water Supply Work and Use Approval for a bore with a capacity of 2L/s, on Lot 7006 DP 1052657 in the Parish of Burrumbuttock, County of Hume for recreational purposes (ref: A023704).

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, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above.

If you have questions, call Water Regulation Officer David Finnimore on 02 6051 7746.

WaterNSW

Lachlan Fold Belt MBD Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from James Alexander Stead, Gavin Francis Allbut, William Bruce Hales, Julian Wayne Beattie, John Robert Wallace for New Water Supply Work Approval, by adding a bore with a capacity of 3ML/year at Lot 5 DP 1175085, Parish Mount Pleasant, County Bathurst. The application relates to Lachlan Fold Belt MDB Groundwater Source, subject to NSW Murray Darling Basin Fractured Rock Groundwater Sources 2020.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018, Dubbo, NSW, 2830 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 A025176. 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 Tracy White, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

KH0746

WaterNSW

Floodplain Management Plan for the **Upper Namoi Valley 2019**

WaterNSW has received an application from Phillip Roy RUTTER to amend Flood Work Approval by adding proposed Above Ground Storages, Drains & a Levee and an existing Above Ground Supply Channel located at Lot 401 DP563559, Lot 196 DP44216, Lot 191 DP751018 and Crown Road within, Parish of Gunnadilly, County of Buckland. The work is subject to the Floodplain Management Plan for the Upper Namoi Valley 2019.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1251, TAMWORTH NSW 2340 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 A019101. 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 Lachlan Welsman, Water Regulation Officer on 1300 662 077 or by email at Customer.Helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

WaterNSW

Floodplain Management Plan for the Border Rivers Valley Floodplain 2020

WaterNSW has received an application from Ada SEERY, Michael William SEERY, William John SEERY & Stephen Paul SEERY, to amend a Flood Work Approval by adding Levees (existing) and Above ground storages (Existing) located at Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 16 and 19 DP 750503, Lot 1 DP 821236, Lot 2 DP 564903, Lots 28 & 29 DP 1002744 and Lot 40 DP 1006003, All in the parish of Tycawina, County of Benarba. The work is subject to the Floodplain Management Plan for the Border Rivers Valley Floodplain 2020.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018 Dubbo NSW 2830 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 A018256. 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 Louisa Coffey, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email at customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

WaterNSW

Bonville Creek Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from Amandeep Singh to amend a Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval by adding a work - One Existing Mixed Rights Dam, capacity of 60.2 ML located at Lot 2, DP 1121961, Parish of Bonville, County of Raleigh; and adding land for Irrigation located at Lot 211, DP 844968 and Lot 217, DP 864111, Parish Bonville, County Raleigh. The application relates to Bonville Creek Water Source, on an unnamed watercourse, subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the Coffs Harbour Area Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2009. (In lieu of adverts on 8.4.20 & 2.12.20 due to addition of dam and dam size amendment – previous

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 A023043. 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 Mark Bonner, Water Regulation Officer, 1300 662 077 or by email at customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au

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NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Upper Namoi Zone 9, Cox's Creek (Up-stream Mullaley) Groundwater Source

Gunnedah Shire Council has applied for a **Water Supply Work Approval** for a bore with a capacity of 5L/s, on Lot 861 DP 827505 in the Parish of Tambar, County of Pottinger for Town Water Supply purposes (ref: A024796).

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, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above.

If you have questions, call Water Regulation Officer Bryson Lashbrook on (02) 6937 2708.

SB2006

WaterNSW

Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source WaterNSW has received an application from Rosella Sub TC Pty Ltd to amend an existing Water Supply Work approval by adding a 300mm pump with a capacity of 265 L/S on Lot 3 DP1243766 Boyd Burt. The application relates to Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source, subject to the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Sharing Plan.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW PO Box 156 Leeton NSW 2705 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 A025396. 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 Paul Morsanuto, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source

Armidale Regional Council has applied for a new Water Supply Work and Water Use Approval for a bore on Lot 2 DP 1198787 in the Parish of Butler, County of Sandon for firefighting purposes (Ref: A025081).

If you object to this application, write to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, Licensing and Approvals East, 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, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above.

If you have questions, call Water Regulation Officer Anisul Afsar on 0402 398 419.

SB2028

WaterNSW

Macquarie River (Narromine to Oxley Station)
Floodplain Management Plan

WaterNSW has received an application from Michael John Francis EGAN & Sue Ellen Margaret EGAN to amend a Flood Work Approval by adding an existing Levee on Lot 16 DP 753481, Lot 2 DP 1105574 and on Crown Road within Lot 16 DP 753481 and a proposed Levee on Lot 1 DP 1105574, Parish of Noonbah, County of Gregory. The work is subject to the Macquarie River (Narromine to Oxley Station) Floodplain Management Plan.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018, Dubbo NSW 2830 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 A020550. 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 Keiley Noble, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email at customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

KH0769

WaterNSW

Floodplain Management Plan for the Border Rivers Valley Floodplain 2020

WaterNSW has received an application from Peter and Kerry CORISH and TUNDUNNA PTY LTD to amend a Flood Work Approval by adding Levees, Above and Below Ground Channels (all existing works) located at Lots 11, 21, 25, 55, and Crown Road between Lots 25 & 55 all within DP755981, Parish of Boobera, County of Stapylton. The work is subject to the Floodplain Management Plan for the Border Rivers Valley Floodplain 2020.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1251, TAMWORTH NSW 2340 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 A016147. 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 Lachlan Welsman, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email at customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

KH0768

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Western Murray Porous Rock Groundwater Source

Wentworth Shire Council has applied for 3 Combined Water Supply Work and Use Approvals for bores to supply Town Water to the town of Pooncarie as follows:

- Bore with capacity of 1L/s on Lot 73 DP 820498, Parish of Pooncaira, County of Perry (ref: A024827)
- Bore with capacity of 2.3L/s on Lot 7017 DP 1123917.
 Parish of Pooncaira, County of Perry (ref: A024826)
- Bore with capacity of 5.5L/s on road reserve adjacent to Lot 1335 DP 762996 in the Parish of Pooncaira, Country of Perry (ref: A024825).

If you object to these applications, 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, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above.

If you have questions, call Water Regulation Officer David Finnimore on 02 6051 7746

SB2019

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source

NSW Department of Primary Industries has applied for an amended Water Use Approval for the purposes of Experimental/Research, Horticulture and Irrigation on:

- Lot 158 DP39925 in the Parish of Gobbagombalin County of Clarendon
- Lot 163 DP40887 in the Parish of Gobbagombalin, County of Clarendon
- Lot 164 DP40887 in the Parish of Gobbagombalin, County of Clarendon
- Lot 2 DP48642 in the Parish of Gobbagombalin,
- County of ClarendonLot 1 DP235884 in the Parish of North Wagga Wagga
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 Lot 9 DP751422 in the Parish of North Wagga Wagga,
- County of Clarendon
- Lot 2 DP843188 in the Parish of Gobbagombalin,
- County of Clarendon
 Lot 2 DP1096063 in the Parish of Gobbagombalin,
 County of Clarendon

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, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above.

If you have questions, call Water Regulation Officer David Finnimore on (02) 6051 7746.

SB1986

WaterNSW

Lachlan Fold Belt MDB Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Greenfield Property Nominees Pty Ltd** for **New Water Supply Work Approval**, by adding a bore (convert existing bore to commercial use) with a capacity of 5ML/year at Lot 2190 DP 846322, Parish Ponsonby, County Bathurst. The application relates to Lachlan Fold Belt MDB Groundwater Source, subject to NSW Murray-Darling Basin Fractured Rock Groundwater Sources 2020 Water Sharing Plan.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018, Dubbo NSW 2830 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 A025451. 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 Tracy White, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

KH077

WaterNSW

Floodplain Management Plan for the Border Rivers Valley Floodplain 2020 WaterNSW has received an application from Albert John PANIZZA, Benedict James PANIZZA, Mark Joseph PANIZZA and Helen Antoinette PANIZZA for a New Flood Work Approval for existing levees, above ground channels and storages Located at on Lot 1 DP 48276, Lot 1 DP 821288, Lot 2 DP 602920 Lots 9 and 132 DP 755980, Lot 11 DP 1207099 and crown land bordering the North and West of Lot 2 DP 602920 all in the Parish of Morella, County of Stapylton. The work is subject to the Floodplain Management Plan for the Border Rivers Valley Floodplain 2020

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1018 Dubbo NSW 2830 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 A014999. 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 Louisa Coffey, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

KH0750

WaterNSW NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

WaterNSW has received an application from **Tangee Lee Turner** to amend existing **Water Use Approval** 60UA583461. The proposed amendment is a change to the purpose of irrigation of 142.46 ha of grape vines and includes the addition of 92.46 ha of land, located at Lot 2, DP1244585, Parish of Taila, County of Taila.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 363, Buronga, NSW, 2739 or customer.helpdeck@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 A025164. 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 Kernebone – Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

KH0775

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Upper Namoi Zone 3, Mooki Valley (Breeza To Gunnedah) Groundwater Source Gunnedah Shire Council has applied for a Water Supply Work Approval for a bore with a capacity of 0.5 L/s, on the road reserve of Maitland St, Breeza west of Lot 216 DP 40133 in the

Parish of Breeza, County of Pottinger for town water supply purposes (ref: A024853). 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, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above.

If you have questions, call Water Regulation Officer Bryson Lashbrook on (02) 6937 2708.

SB2005

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR PEEL FRACTURED ROCK WATER SOURCE

Tamworth Regional Council has applied for a **Water Supply Work Approval** for a bore with a capacity of 0.66L/s, on Lot 61 DP 707563 in the Parish of Tangaratta, County of Parry for industrial purposes (ref: A024683).

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, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above

If you have questions, call Water Regulation Officer Bryson Lashbrook on 02 693 727 08.

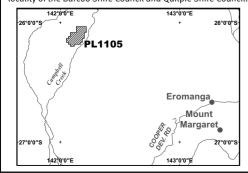
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A REPLACEMENT PETROLEUM LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of replacement Petroleum Lease (PL) 1105 shown below under the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (Old).

Petroleum Lease 1105 sought by SANTOS LIMITED (52%) ACN 007 550 923, DELHI PETROLEUM PTY. LTD. (28.8%) ACN 007 854 686, BEACH ENERGY (OPERATIONS) LIMITED (10%) ACN 007 845 338, VAMGAS PTY LTD (7.2%) ACN 006 245 110 and SANTOS AUSTRALIAN HYDROCARBONS PTY LTD (2%) ACN 010 850 487, over an area of 61 sub-blocks (188 km²), centred approximately 129 kms North West of Eromanga, in the locality of the Barcoo Shire Council and Quilpie Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of a replacement Petroleum Lease under section 908 of the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld), to replace an existing lease originally granted under the *Petroleum Act 1923* (Qld). The replacement Petroleum Lease authorises the holder to explore for, develop and produce commercial quantities of petroleum for a maximum term not exceeding thirty (30) years with the possibility of renewals for terms not exceeding thirty (30) years.

Name and Address of person doing Act(s): It is proposed that the replacement Petroleum Lease be granted under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Resources, 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 the Petroleum Lease. 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 Gibb 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 proposed grant of the replacement Petroleum Lease, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Petroleum Lease application may be obtained from the Department of Resources, Telephone: (07) 3199 8119 or Email: petroleumhub@dnrme.qld.gov.au.

Notification Day: 30 December 2020



WaterNSW

Floodplain Management Plan for the Border Rivers Valley Floodplain 2020

eived an application from Ada SEERY, Michael William SEERY, William John SEERY & Stephen Paul SEERY WaterNSW has re to amend a **Flood Work Approval** by adding an Above Ground Channel (Existing) located at Lot 28 DP 721409, Parish of Tycawina County of Benarba. The work is subject to the Floodplain Management Plan for the Border Rivers Valley Floodplain 2020. Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018 Dubbo NSW 2830 or customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

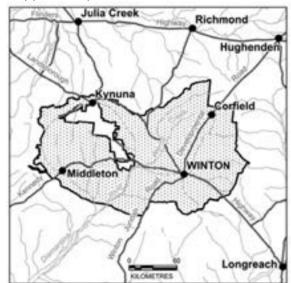
Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A019492. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW 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 Louisa Coffey, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email at customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

KH0760

PUBLIC NOTICE

KOA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

Two Authorisation Meetings have been called by Queensland South Native Title Services Limited (QSNTS) for the Koa People (described below) in relation to the Koa People's native title determination application (QUD 592 of 2015) (Koa Claim)



The Koa People are described as the descendants of the following ancestors:

- 1. MaryAnn Watson (mother of (at least) Zoe Button nee Watson, Topsy Mitchell, Nancy Chambers nee Watson, George Mitchell, Valentine Mingo);
- 2. Maria Watson (mother of Tommy Watson, George Watson and Jack Watson);
- Jack Chermside (father of Jacob Chermside and Charlie Riley)
- Lois Tye/Tie/Tighe;
- Lucy Creed (mother of Maria Miller nee Creed aka Maria Jeffries, Timothy Creed, William "Trantum" Creed, Rosie Creed and Jack Creed): and
- 6. Minnie Winton.

An information session will be held the day before the authorisation meetings to provide opportunity for explanation and advice, questions and discussion relating to the matters to be authorised.

Map 1: External Boundary of Koa Claim

INFORMATION SESSION

All members of the Koa People described above are invited to attend an Information Session which will be held simultaneously (on the same date and at the same time as below) at the following two locations which will be linked together electronically:

Date: Friday 29 January 2021

Venue #1: Brisbane International Virginia, Cnr Sandgate Rd & Zillmere Rd, Boondall QLD 4034

Venue #2: Cairns Colonial Club Resort, 18-26 Cannon St, Manunda QLD 4870

10.00 am - 3.00 pmTime:

AUTHORISATION MEETING #1 - TO AUTHORISE PROPOSED CONSENT DETERMINATION & NOMINATE PRESCRIBED BODY CORPORATE

This Public Notice invites all members of the Koa People (as described above) to attend an authorisation meeting which will be held simultaneously (on the same date and at the same time as below) at the following two locations which will be linked together electronically:

Saturday, 30 January 2021 Date:

Brisbane International Virginia, Cnr Sandgate Rd & Zillmere Rd, Boondall QLD 4034 Venue #1:

Cairns Colonial Club Resort, 18-26 Cannon St, Manunda QLD 4870 Venue #2:

10.00 am - 12.30pm. Registration opens at 8.30 am. Time:

The Purposes of Authorisation Meeting #1 are to:

- 1. Consider and potentially authorise the Applicant to consent to the draft section 87 agreement (which sets out the terms of the proposed consent determination) and consent determination orders proposed for filing in the Koa Claim (draft consent determination);
- 2. Consider and potentially direct the Applicant to do all things necessary to ensure that the section 87 agreement and consent determination is achieved broadly on the terms presented at the authorisation meeting
- Consider and potentially authorise the Applicant to agree to amendments being made to the draft consent determination, following any legal advice considered necessary, without the need for a further authorisation meeting
- 4. Consider and potentially authorise the Applicant, if necessary, to apply to the Federal Court to bring about any such amendments to the native title claim that are necessary to bring the application into alignment with the terms of the final form of the draft consent determination;
- Consider the nomination of a prescribed body corporate and potentially nominate the Guwa-Koa Aboriginal Corporation ICN 9278 to be the prescribed body corporate to hold and manage determined native title under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) for the Koa People's native title determination.

AUTHORISATION MEETING #2 - TO AUTHORISE PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT

As part of the resolution of the Koa Claim, a proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) is proposed to be made pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA. This Public Notice invites all members of the Koa People, and anyone who asserts that they hold or may hold native title in the relevant area, to attend an authorisation meeting which will be held simultaneously (on the same date and at the same time as below) at the following two locations which will be linked together electronically:

Saturday 30 January 2020 Date:

Venue #1: Brisbane International Virginia, Cnr Sandgate Rd & Zillmere Rd, Boondall QLD 4034

Cairns Colonial Club Resort, 18-26 Cannon St, Manunda QLD 4870 Venue #2:

Time: 1.30pm-3.30pm.

The Purpose of Authorisation Meeting #2 is to:

Authorisation Meeting and Information Session.

1. Consider and authorise the making of the proposed Tenure Resolution Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Tenure Resolution ILUA) between the Applicant and the State of Queensland (State).

Proposed Agreement Areas

The areas subject to the proposed Tenure Resolution ILUA fall within the external boundary of the land and waters depicted on Map 1.

NOTE: The Tenure Resolution ILUA is yet to be finalised between the parties and QSNTS may not be in a position to provide a draft of it ahead of the meeting. QSNTS will notify members of the claim group if this is the case.

REGISTERING FOR THE AUTHORISATION MEETING & INFORMATION SESSION

All members of the Koa People are invited to contact QSNTS or QSNTS Community Relations Officer, Diana Healey, on free call 1800 663 693, or (07) 3224 1200 (charged call), to register their intention to attend the Authorisation Meeting, and/or Information Session above.

Any person who claims to hold native title over the Proposed Agreement Areas, other than as a member of the Koa native title claim group, should also contact Community Relations Officer, Diana Healey, on free call 1800 663 693, or (07) 3224 1200 (charged call).

QSNTS regrets that it is unable to assist with accommodation costs or transport to/from the Authorisation Meeting and Information Session, however there may be exceptions under QSNTS's Travel Policy. Please contact the QSNTS Community Relations Officer, Diana Healey, on free call

1800 663 693, or (07) 3224 1200 (charged call) for further information. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to attendees at the



WaterNSW

Floodplain Management Plan for the Border Rivers Valley Floodplain 2020

WaterNSW has received an application from MW SEERY PTY LIMITED AND SP SEERY PTY **LIMITED** for a **New Flood Work** for Levees (Existing) and a Storage (Existing) at Lot 101 DP 43327, County of Benarba Parish of Kunopia. The work is subject to the Floodplain Management Plan for the Border Rivers Valley Floodplain 2020.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018 Dubbo NSW 2830 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 A024144. 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 Louisa Coffey Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

Numeralla West Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from Andre Schwarz for New Water Supply Work Approval, by adding a 50mm pump with a capacity of 1L/s at Lot 2 DP224408 Beresford/Cooma. e application relates to Numeralla West water source, on Cooma Creek, subject to Water Sharing Plan for Murrumbidgee Unregulated River.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW PO Box 156 Leeton NSW 2705 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 A025416. 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 Paul Morsanuto, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

KH0773

WaterNSW

Floodplain Management Plan for the Lower Namoi Valley 2020

WaterNSW has received an application from Philip Clive NORRIE to amend a Flood Work **Approval** by adding a Levee, Below Ground Channel and Drain (all existing) located at Lots 11 and 12 DP 573304 in the Parish of Mollee County of White. The work is subject to the Floodplain Management Plan for the Lower Namoi Valley 2020.

Objections must be submitted in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 1018, Dubbo NSW 2830 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 A015744. 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 Louisa Coffey, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email at customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

KH0763

WaterNSW

Floodplain Management Plan for the **Upper Namoi Valley 2019**

WaterNSW has received an application from ROSSMAR PARK PASTORAL CO PTY LTD and CJ & PA DUDDY PTY LTD to amend a Flood Work Approval by adding Above Ground Supply Channels located at Lots 36, 39, 40, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, and 92 all in DP755486, Lot 1 DP1212623, Parishes of Clift & Doona, County of Pottinger. The work is subject to the Floodplain Management Plan for the Upper Namoi Valley 2019. Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1251, TAMWORTH NSW 2340 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 A023955. 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 Lachlan Welsman, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email at Customer.Helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

KH0764

WaterNSW

Upper Lachlan Alluvial Groundwater Source Zone2

WaterNSW has received an application from Boyd & Nicole Thurgate to amend an existing Water Supply Work approval by adding an irrigation bore, replacing existing work, with a capacity of 240 ML/year on Lot 15 DP1163254 Parish Bangaroo, County Bathurst. The application relates to Upper Lachlan Groundwater Groundwater Source – Zone 2, subject to Water Sharing Plan for the Lachlan Alluvial Groundwater Sources 2020.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 291 Forbes NSW 2871 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 A025276. 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 Abbie Howell, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk @waternsw.com.au

KH0776

WaterNSW

Floodplain Management Plan for the **Upper Namoi Valley 2019**

WaterNSW has received an application from ALTOMONTE HOLDINGS PTY LTD for a New Flood Work Approval for Above Ground Channels at Lots 3 & 4 DP590502, Lot 4 DP1212624 and Lot 197 DP704764, and Above Ground Storages at Lot 3 DP590502 and Lot 197 DP704764, Parishes of Coogal and Melville, County of Pottinger (all existing works). The work is subject to the Floodplain Management Plan for the Upper Namoi Valley 2019.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1251, Tamworth NSW 2340 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 A012506. 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 Lachlan Welsman, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

KH0767

WaterNSW

New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from Charlach Pty Ltd for a New Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval, for a bore with a capacity of 100 ML/year at Lot 2 DP 1169379, County Gloucester, Parish Tarean and water use for Commercial. The application relates to New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source, subject to North Coast Fractured and Porous Rock Groundwater Sources 2016.

Objections must be submitted in writing to 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 A025339. 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.

KH0770

WaterNSW

Lower Namoi Floodplain Management Plan

WaterNSW has received an application from AUSCOTT LIMITED, for a New Flood Work for An Above Ground Channel (Existing) at Lot 1 DP 557963, Lot 7305 DP 1143117 and Crown Land North and West of Lot 7305 DP 1143117, all in the Parish of Gommel, County of Jamison. The work is subject to the Lower Namoi Floodplain Management Plan.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1018 Dubbo NSW 2830 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 A018249. 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 Louisa Coffey Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

WaterNSW **Singleton Water Source**

WaterNSW has received an application from Richard Donald Crooks for a New Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval, for a 50mm Mono Pump with a capacity of 2L/sec at Lot 551 DP 817910, Parish Belford, County Northumberland and water use for irrigation. The application relates to Singleton Water Source, subject to Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2009 Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 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 A025165. 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 at customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au

KH0756

WaterNSW

Macquarie River (Narromine to Oxley Station) Floodplain Management Plan WaterNSW has received an application from Matthew Robert

CEENEY & Sally Anne CEENEY for a New Flood Work Approval for Above Ground Levees, Channels and an Above Ground Storage (all existing works) at Lot 104 DP 752586, Lot 7003 and 7004 in DP 1024894 Parish of Killendoon, County of Ewenmar. The work is subject to the Macquarie River (Narromine to Oxley Station) Floodplain Management Plan. Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018, Dubbo NSW 2830 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 A021557. 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 Keiley Noble, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

KH0744

WaterNSW Macleay Valley Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from Momaca Pty Ltd for a New Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval, for a 50mm pump with a capacity of 9litres/sec at Lot27 DP752423, Parish of Oreen, County of Dudley and water use for Irrigation The application relates to The Macleay Valley Water Source on the Macleay River subject to Macleay Area Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sharing Plan.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1400 Grafton NSW 2460 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 A025073. 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 Kristin Blain Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

KH0741

WaterNSW

Kulnura Mangrove Mountain Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from Stephen Bernard Hobday and Tania Louise Hobday to amend a Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval, by adding an existing bore, with a capacity of 10 ML/year located at Lot 1 DP 780268, Parish Kooree, County Northumberland and water use for Irrigation The application relates to Kulnura Mangrove Mountain Groundwater Source, subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the North Coast Fractured And Porous Rock Groundwater Sources 2016.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 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 A025310. 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 at customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au

WaterNSW

Nowendoc River Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from Anna Billingham & Robert Billingham for a New Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval, for a 50mm Centrifugal Pump, with a capacity of 20L/sec at Lot 2 DP 536801 and Lot 6 DP 249894, Parish Nowendoc, County Hawes, and water use for irrigation. The application relates to Nowendoc River Water Source, subject to Lower North Coast Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2009

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 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 A025334 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, 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au

KH0754

Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 30 December 2020



Native Title Tribunal

This application is a 'non-claimant' application, an application made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (the Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 29 March 2021. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before 29 March 2021, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. 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 29 March 2021. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from www.fedcourt.gov.au. After 29 March 2021, you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to becom party.



Applicant's name: Stephen and Melissa Rout

Federal Court File No: QUD348/2020

Non-native title interest: The applicant seeks to take up the offer from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy for permanent road closure of the application area under the Land Act 1994 (QLD), for its inclusion in the applicant's adjoining freehold Lot 1 on SP201494 as a new Deed of Grant

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist

Description: The application area covers approximately 6,070 sq m over part of Laird Lane, shown as Road Proposed To Be Permanently Closed on DWG 19/2142 Amendment 1, immediately south of Swan Creek and east of Yangan

Relevant LGA: Southern Downs Regional Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Leona Yapali-Purcival on 07 4046 9000 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

New England Fold Belt MDB Groundwater Source

ProTen Pty Ltd has applied for a **Water Supply Work Approval** for three test bores with a capacity of up to 1ML/d on Lot 9 DP 849741 in the Parish of Keepit, County of Darling, Lot 85 DP 752169 and Lot 171 DP 752169 in the Parish of Baldwin, County of Darling for stock purposes (ref: A024696)

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, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above

If you have questions, call Water Regulation Officer Julie O'Connell on 02 68 41 7413.

SB2031

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of meeting for authorisation of the proposed Callide Timber Reserve Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

Background

Batchfire Callide Pty Ltd ACN 081 022 228, Batchfire Callide No.2 Pty Ltd ACN 004 784 454 and their related entities (the Proponent) are the owner and operator of the Callide Coal Mine (the Project). In connection with the Project, the Proponent is proposing to secure biodiversity offsets, under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth), over part of the timber reserve described as Lot 170 on Crown Plan FTY1843 (ILUA Area), which is located approx. 12 kilometres north-east of Biloela and 75 kilometres south-west of Gladstone.

About the proposed ILUA

The Proponent proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (Proposed ILUA) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) with the registered native title claimant for Native Title Claim (QC2012/009; QUD33/2019) (Gaangalu Nation People) and any other persons who hold or may hold native title in respect of the ILUA Area to authorise:

- the surrender of Native Title rights and interests over all or part of the ILUA Area;
- the conversion of all or part of the timber reserve;
- the grant of the ILUA Area as freehold tenure under the Land Act 1994 (Qld), to be held by a nominated entity as trustee;
- part of the ILUA Area to be utilised as a biodiversity offset area by the Proponent; and
- · the provision of other benefits to the nominated entity.

The ILUA Area is wholly within the boundaries of the registered Gaangalu Nation People Native Title Claim. The ILUA Area is limited to the timber reserve, and is generally shown in the map below.

Gaangalu Nation People

Gaangalu Nation People are described as those people who are the descendants of the following apical ancestors: Maggie of Dingo, Biddy of Wooroona, Sandy of Wooroona, Henry Williams of Duaringa, Jack (of Coomooboolaroo), Billy Mickelo, Claude and Anne Anderson, Rose Ann Tyson, Biddy (wife of Jumbo), Lizzy Tiger (Blackwater), Blanche of Duaringa, Annie French, Polly Doctor, Annie of Orion Downs, Peter Tyson, Lily of the McKenzie River Bend, Violet Thompson, Jenny Doctor [not the daughter of Polly Doctor], Queenie (Hart) of Duaringa, (Brothers) Charlie, Willie and George Riley, Lily/Lilla Livingstone, William Toby, Nellie of Planet Downs, Myra Freeman, Sarah Dodd and Mary Ann Crook.

Authorisation meeting

An authorisation meeting regarding the Proposed ILUA will be held. The purpose of this meeting is, in accordance with section 251A of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), to authorise the Proposed ILUA which will give consent to all future acts necessary for, and incidental to the conversion of all or part of the timber reserve, the surrender of native title, the grant of all or part of the ILUA Area as freehold tenure, and to enable part of the ILUA Area to be utilised as a biodiversity offset area by the Proponent.

Gaangalu Nation People, and any other people who hold, or may hold, native title in relation to the land and waters in the proposed ILUA Area are invited to attend an authorisation meeting to be held at the time and location specified below:

Date	Location	Venue	Time
30 January 2021		,	10am – 5pm
		Corner of Bolsover St &. Denham St.	
		Rockhampton QLD	
		4700	

Financial assistance for travel and accommodation will not be provided for attendance at the authorisation meeting, however light refreshments will be provided.

Registration of attendance

Due to COVID-19 the venue will have a maximum capacity. If you wish to attend the authorisation meeting, please register your attendance with either:

Michelle Tuahine

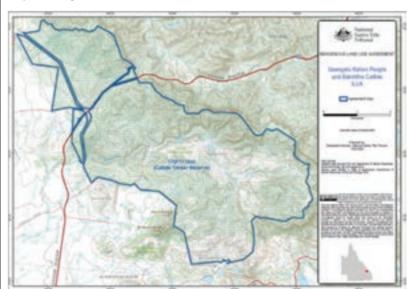
Email: michelle.tuahine@hotmail.com OR Telephone: 0421 857 938

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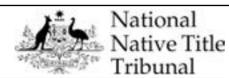
Email: iwhittle@mccullough.com.au Telephone: 07 3233 8671

Or by mail addressed to "Gaangalu Nation People, C/o Isobel Whittle, McCullough Robertson Lawvers, GPO Box 1855, Brisbane QLD 4001". Attendance should be registered at least one week before the authorisation meeting.

Map showing the ILUA Area



Notice of a compensation application in relation to an area in the state of Queensland Notification day: 30 December 2020



An application has been made to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) seeking a determination of compensation for the loss, impairment, diminution or extinguishment of native title rights and interests in

Details of the extinguishing or affecting act(s)

- 1. The acts that extinguished or affected native title rights and interests for which compensation is claimed
- a. Past acts attributable to Queensland validated under Part 2 of the Native Title (Queensland) Act 1993 (Qld) (NTAQ);
- b. Intermediate period acts attributable to Queensland validated under Part 2 of the NTAQ;
- c. Previous: i. Exclusive possession acts; ii. Non-exclusive possession acts;
- attributable to Queensland in respect of which extinguishment is confirmed by Part 4 of the NTAQ;
- d. Future acts attributable to Queensland validated under Part 2, Division 3 of the Native Title Act 1993

4. The Applicant has also identified the following acts that have occurred within the Application Area but has not yet been able to identify the date in which the act took place notwithstanding, the Applicant reserves their rights to seek compensation in relation to the following identified acts: a. Roads; b. Electricity Infrastructure; c. Bores; and d. Others.

Once a compensation application has been made under the Act, and if there is no determination of native title in the area covered by the application, the Federal Court must make a concurrent determination about whether or not native title exists in that particular area. If the Federal Court decides that native title has not been extinguished, it must decide who holds the native title. If native title rights and interests are found to have been affected, the Federal Court must determine whether any compensation is payable.

If you want to become a party to this application, you must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court, on or before 29 March 2021. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from www.fedcourt.gov.au. After 29 March 2021, you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to become a party.



Application name: Florence Melville & Ors on behalf of Pitta Pitta

People & State of Queensland Federal Court File No: QUD327/2020

Date filed: 22 October 2020

Relevant Determination: Aplin on behalf of the Pitta Pitta People

v State of Queensland [2012] FCA 883

Description: The application area covers approximately 30,404 sq km

in western Queensland in the vicinity of Boulia

Relevant LGAs: Shire Councils of Boulia, Cloncurry, Diamantina

and Winton

For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on 07 3307 5000 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Lachlan Fold Belt Mdb Groundwater Source

Coppabella Wind Farm Pty Ltd has applied for a Water Supply Work Approval for a bore extraction pump with a capacity of up to 8L/s, on Lot 344 DP 753595 in the Parish of Bookham, County of Harden for Industrial purposes (ref: A024489).

If you object to this application, write to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, Licensingand 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, address, the reason for

your objection and the approval reference number stated above.

If you have questions, call Water Regulation Officer David Finnimore on (02) 6051 7746.

WaterNSW

Bangalow Area Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from Greg Dodgson for a New Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval, for a 100mm pump with a capacity of 19litres/sec at Lot9 DP804083, Parish of Teven, County of Rous and water use for Irrigation. The application relates to The Bangalow Area Water Source on an unnamed creek subject to Richmond River Regulated, Unregulated and Alluvial

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1400 Grafton NSW 2460 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 A024967. 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 Kristin Blain Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

Boambee Creek Water Source and

New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source

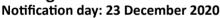
WaterNSW has received an application from Harinder Singh Sohi and Manjit Kaur for a new Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval, for a run-off harvesting dam with a capacity of 7.7 ML, a 75mm Pump with a capacity of 11 l/s, and two Bores with a capacity of 46 ML/year, and water use for irrigation all on Lot 10, DP 1057742, Parish Bonville, County Raleigh. This application relates to Boambee Creek Water Source on an Unnamed Watercourse, subject to Water Sharing Plan for the Coffs Harbour Area Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2009 (Dam and Pump, and Bores - depending on final yield and depth), and to New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source, subject to Water Sharing Plan for the North Coast Fractured and Porous Rock Groundwater Sources 2016 (Bores - depending on final yield and depth).

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 1400, Grafton NSW 2460 or

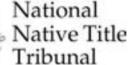
customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form: waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A024960. 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 Mark Bonner, Water Regulation Officer, 1300 662 077 or by email: customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au

KH0757

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land **Use Agreements**







QI2020/016 East Point Mackay Project Supplementary ILUA State of Queensland

Description of the agreement area:

The agreement area covers approx. 0.31 sq km, consisting of two separate areas, and is located between Pioneer River and Mackay Harbour Relevant LGA: Mackay Regional Council

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

5 [Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) is not intended to apply to the Agreed Acts or any other act contemplated under this Agreement].

8.1 [The Parties consent to the doing of the Project; the Grant and implementation of the Project Rights; and other acts necessary to give effect to the Project and the Grant and implementation of the Project Rights, in the ILUA Area (collectively, the **Agreed Acts**)].

Project [means (a) the North-western Drain; (b) the Bundwall; (c) the Revegetation Works; (d) the Later Stage Works; (e) any other act, activity, Grant of a right or interest or doing of any works

agreed by the Parties, provided it is subject to the Non-extinguishment Principle; and (f) the use of any part of the ILUA Area by Eastpoint Mackay Pty Ltd or any other person for the purpose of exercising any rights under this Agreement]. Project Rights [means all approvals, authorisations, authorities, certificates, consents, declarations, directions, easements, leases, licences,

notices, permits, renewals, rights, tenures or titles: (a) from any government agency or authority; (b) which are necessary for the carrying out of the Project in the ILUA Area]. Bundwall [means the development, operation and maintenance of a bundwall in the road reserve immediately west of Lot 70, and in parts of

Central-western Drain [means the development, operation and maintenance of a stormwater drain in Lot 12 and any adjacent area, located

south-west of the North-western Drain]. **Grant** [means initial grant, reissue, remaking, substitution, renewal, extension or further or subsequent grant].

Later Stage Works means the Central-western Drain and the South-western Drain.

North-western Drain [means the development, operation and maintenance of a stormwater drain in Lot 12 and any adjacent area]. Revegetation Works [means the activities required for the revegetation and rehabilitation of Lot 12, Lot 70 and Lot 900 including weeding, access management, landscaping and establishing and maintaining pedestrian walkways].

South-western Drain [means the development, operation and maintenance of a stormwater drain in Lot 12, Lot 900 and any adjacent area, south-west of the Central-western Drain].

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Eastpoint Mackay Pty Ltd c/- King & Wood Mallesons Level 33, Waterfront Place 1 Eagle Street Brisbane QLD 4000

Yuwi Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC; Melanie Roseveen Kemp on her own behalf and on behalf of the former Yuwibara Claim Group (QUD12/2019) and Matthew McDonnell, Jennifer Van Der Starre, Irene Adams, Hayley Mann, Madeline Jones, Bernard Tonga and Pamela Young on their own behalf c/- North Queensland Land Council PO Box 679, Cairns North QLD 4870

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane QLD 4001 by 23 March 2021. Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal. For assistance and further information about this application, call Tracey Jefferies on 07 3307 5000 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS **REGULATOR**

Lachlan Fold Belt Mdb Groundwater Source Coppabella Wind Farm Pty Ltd has applied for a Water Supply

Work Approval for a bore extraction pump with a capacity of up to 8L/s, on Lot 344 DP 753595 in the Parish of Bookham, County of Harden for Industrial purposes (ref: A024489).

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, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above. If you have questions, call Water Regulation Officer David

Finnimore on (02) 6051 7746.

WaterNSW

Narromine Local Government Area

WaterNSW has received an application from Reachcove Ptv Limited, for a New Flood Work for Above Ground Roads with Causeways at Lot 14 and Lot 29 DP 755120 in the Parish of Nelson, County of Narromine. The work is outside of a Floodplain Management Area, in the vicinity of Bradys Cowal and Bay of Biscay Swamp.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1018 Dubbo NSW 2830 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 A024640. 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 Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

WaterNSW

New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from Hendrik Hanekom van der Hoven and Almari Slabbert for a New Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval, for a bore with a capacity of 10ML/year at Lot 4 DP634973, Parish Murwillumbah, County Rous, and water use for Irrigation. The application relates to New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source, subject to North Coast Fractured and Porous Rock Groundwater Sources 2016.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1400 Grafton NSW 2460 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 You may use the Objection form the Objector. waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A025321. 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, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au



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Exploration Licence 32495 sought by BREMA

over an area of 135 Blocks (424 km²) depicted

Exploration Licence 32506 sought by PATRICK

17 Blocks (54 km²) depicted below for a term of

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BOSCHMANS GUNDERSEN over an area of

6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.

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RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 643 480 693

below for a term of 6 years, within the

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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

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Tenement Typ	e No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	27/512	KALGOORLIE NICKEL PTY LTD	592.36HA	61.9km E'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 121° 56' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	38/1291	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	647.42HA	13.6km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 30' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1142	WILSON, Walter Scott CREW, Ross Frederick	9.89HA	51.5km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 122° 0' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1143	WILSON, Walter Scott CREW, Ross Frederick	9.92HA	52.8km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 56′ S Long: 122° 0′ E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	40/349	CREW, Ross Frederick	54.61HA	44.8km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 16' S	MENZIES 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

Notification day: 16 December 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 16 March 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. 16 April 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.

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.

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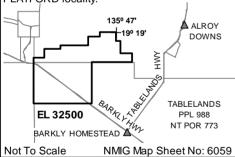
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 32513 sought by BARFUSS CORPORATION PTY LTD, ACN 006 917 666 over an area of 20 Blocks (64 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ PLENTY HWY MT EAGLEBEAK A HARTS RANGE 135° 09'

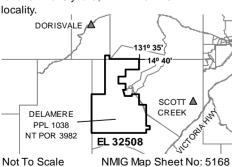
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NMIG Map Sheet No: 5951 Exploration Licence 32500 sought by BREMA

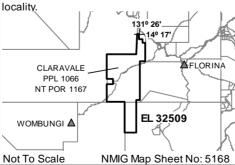
RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 643 480 693 over an area of 250 Blocks (797 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PLAYFORD locality.



Not To Scale Exploration Licence 32508 sought by MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 641 565 139 over an area of 249 Blocks (790 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FLORA



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5951 Exploration Licence 32509 sought by MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 641 565 139 over an area of 245 Blocks (767 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FLORA



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Exploration Licence 32496 sought by BREMA

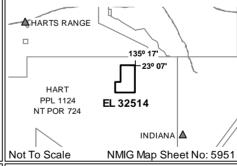
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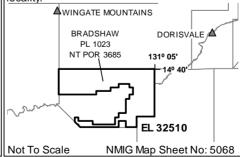
below for a term of 6 years, within the LULU



BOSCHMANS GUNDERSEN over an area of 17 Blocks (54 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality



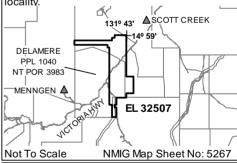
Exploration Licence 32510 sought by MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 641 565 139 over an area of 249 Blocks (794 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BARWOLLA locality



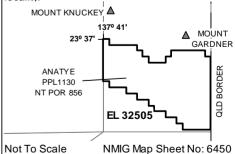
Exploration Licence 32497 sought by BREMA RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 643 480 693 over an area of 233 Blocks (796 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALEXANDRIA locality.



Exploration Licence 32507 sought by MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 641 565 139 over an area of 249 Blocks (824 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WILLEROO locality.



Exploration Licence 32505 sought by PLUTONIC LIMITED, ACN 632 991 167 over an area of 186 blocks (562 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FIELD RIVER



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 Centrepoint 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: 16 December 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		that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Departmen				
	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/3165	EASTERN GOLDFIELDS MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	99BL	73.1km N'ly of Mt Augustus	Lat: 23° 40' S Long: 117° 7' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/3269 09/2397	TECHGEN METALS LTD AUSQUEST LIMITED	37BL 135BL	73.1km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 51' S Long: 117° 34' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE MURCHISON SHIRE
xploration Licence xploration Licence	09/2415	ELEMENT 25 LIMITED	85BL	157.4km NW'ly of Yalgoo 24.5km NE'ly of Mt Augustus	Lat: 27° 7' S Long: 115° 51' E Lat: 24° 10' S Long: 117° 6' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
xploration Licence	09/2420	HAWKER GEOLOGICAL SERVICES PTY LTD	14BL	102km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 0' S Long: 116° 13' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
xploration Licence	15/1769	AURUMIN KARRAMINDIE PTY LTD	11BL	20.9km E'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 22' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
xploration Licence	15/1795	KALGOORLIE MINING ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	27BL	51.8km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 35' S Long: 121° 22' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
xploration Licence	16/538	RAMELIUS RESOURCES LIMITED	22BL	92.7km W'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 120° 7' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
xploration Licence	16/550	MORGANTI, Romano Natale	1BL	77.4km W'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 120° 15' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
xploration Licence	20/974	NORTHERN DRILLING PTY LTD	33BL	44.2km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 14' S Long: 118° 16' E	CUE SHIRE
xploration Licence	28/2885	IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	50BL	206.7km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 124° 24' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
xploration Licence	28/2961	IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	1BL	222km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 13' S Long: 124° 36' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
xploration Licence	28/2984-5	CREST INVESTMENT GROUP 1 LIMITED	243BL	150.5km N'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 123° 35' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
xploration Licence	28/3001	DREADNOUGHT (YILGARN) PTY LTD	2BL	75km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 122° 12' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
xploration Licence	29/1097	KLEMASZ, Benjamin	4BL	82.9km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 10' S Long: 120° 25' E	MENZIES SHIRE
xploration Licence	29/1105	THIRD EYE RESOURCES PTY LIMITED	2BL	139.8km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 119° 41' E	MENZIES SHIRE
xploration Licence xploration Licence	29/1106 30/522	TOUCAN GOLD PTY LTD MACARTHUR IRON ORE PTY LTD	20BL 28BL	131.3km SE'ly of Sandstone 116.5km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 4' S Long: 119° 51' E Lat: 29° 39' S Long: 119° 50' E	MENZIES SHIRE MENZIES SHIRE
exploration Licence	31/1254	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	39BL	31.7km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 50' S Long: 122° 40' E	MENZIES SHIRE MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1255	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	12BL	32.4km SE'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 56' S Long: 122° 39' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1416	BA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	27BL	72.5km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 17' S Long: 121° 38' E	LEONORA SHIRE
exploration Licence	38/3495	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	8BL	10.1km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 122° 27' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
xploration Licence	38/3499	TEVEL PTY LTD	44BL	28.8km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 23' S Long: 122° 32' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
xploration Licence	38/3547	YANDAN GOLD MINES PTY LTD	69BL	149.1km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 16' S Long: 122° 26' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
xploration Licence	39/2121	MURRIN OPERATIONS PTY LTD	40BL	84.2km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 8' S Long: 123° 1' E	MENZIES SHIRE
xploration Licence	39/2148	BOADICEA RESOURCES LTD	42BL	230km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 59' S Long: 124° 43' E	MENZIES SHIRE
xploration Licence	39/2181	DISCOVEX RESOURCES LIMITED	12BL	33.5km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 122° 41' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2203	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	5BL	55.9km N'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 122° 17' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2205	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	1BL	55.2km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 122° 12' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5696 45/5698	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	71BL	135.8km NW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 2' S Long: 121° 7' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5698 45/5701	RED METAL LIMITED	19BL	71.6km NE'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 19° 59' S Long: 120° 5' E	BROOME SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE
xploration Licence xploration Licence	45/5701 45/5715	SEREMIN PTY LTD IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	44BL 148BL	79.5km E'ly of Goldsworthy 101.9km SW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 20° 23' S Long: 120° 16' E Lat: 22° 16' S Long: 121° 26' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE EAST PILBARA SHIRE
xploration Licence	45/5739	SWAN GOLD PTY LTD	38BL	26.7km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 18' S Long: 119° 57' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1358	MCCLAREN, Kym Anthony	38BL 24BL	59.4km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 47′ S Long: 119° 57′ E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/4377	GARDNER MINING PTY LTD	10BL	73.8km SE'ly of Whim Creek	Lat: 21° 23' S Long: 120° 40' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/4416	RICHARDSON, Brian Dudley	4BL	26.3km SE'ly of Whim Creek	Lat: 21° 3' S Long: 117° 56' E	KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	51/1958	NUCLEUS CAPITAL PROPRIETARY LIMITED	6BL	18.3km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 42' S Long: 118° 22' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/2002	SIPA EXPLORATION NL	12BL	53.8km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 4' S Long: 118° 30' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/2003	FAUREX PTY LTD	12BL	88.8km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 52' S Long: 119° 51' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3768	AIC MINES LIMITED	13BL	75.4km E'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 28' S Long: 119° 27' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3840	ELEMENT 25 LIMITED	65BL	60km E'ly of Mt Augustus	Lat: 24° 17' S Long: 117° 30' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3876	KRAKATOA RESOURCES LIMITED	135BL	155.7km S'ly of Mt Augustus	Lat: 25° 42' S Long: 117° 6' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, MURCHISON SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIR
Exploration Licence	52/3877	KRAKATOA RESOURCES LIMITED	14BL	137km S'ly of Mt Augustus	Lat: 25° 30' S Long: 117° 15' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	53/2141 57/1168	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED LAKE BARLEE GOLD PTY LTD	62BL 47BL	43.3km NW'ly of Wiluna 116.3km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 26° 17' S Long: 119° 56' E Lat: 29° 2' S Long: 119° 14' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2438	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	20BL	80.5km NE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 118° 25' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4777	LITHIUM AUSTRALIA NL	33BL	17.5km E'ly of Donnybrook	Lat: 33° 37' S Long: 116° 0' E	DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5415	CORMACK, Anthony Stephen	1BL	35km SW'ly of Toodyay	Lat: 31° 40' S Long: 116° 7' E	SWAN SHIRE
		STEPHENS, Julian Rodney		,,-,-,		
Exploration Licence	70/5631	DIAMANDIA PTY LTD	39BL	24km NW'ly of Wongan Hills	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 116° 36' E	WONGAN-BALLIDU SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5632	KOOJAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	2BL	51.9km SE'ly of Corrigin	Lat: 32° 36' S Long: 118° 19' E	KULIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5633	KOOJAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	18BL	46km E'ly of Wyalkatchem	Lat: 31° 18' S Long: 117° 50' E	KELLERBERRIN SHIRE, TRAYNING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2649	CAMEL DRIVER PTY LTD	20BL	70.6km NW'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 118° 59' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2677	MAVERICK EXPLORATION PTY LTD	27BL	33.7km E'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 10' S Long: 119° 40' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence Exploration Licence	77/2703	RED DIRT PASTORAL PTY LTD WEST AUSTRALIAN PROSPECTORS PTY LTD	9BL 9BL	125.3km NE'ly of Mukinbudin	Lat: 30° 3' S Long: 119° 4' E	YILGARN SHIRE YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2704 80/5372	RAREX LIMITED	23BL	125.3km NE'ly of Mukinbudin 130.8km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 30° 3′ S Long: 119° 4′ E Lat: 19° 18′ S Long: 127° 9′ E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5412	IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	80BL	35.6km S'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 32' S Long: 127° 35' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	80/5495	IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	1BL	136.1km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 16° 55' S Long: 128° 17' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5515	IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	20BL	69.4km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 36' S Long: 127° 43' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	80/5528	IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	1BL	90.6km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 26' S Long: 127° 54' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5529	IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	1BL	92.2km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 26' S Long: 127° 57' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5530	IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	1BL	91.1km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 27' S Long: 127° 58' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	16/3265-6	FIREFLY RESOURCES LIMITED	224.82HA	31.6km SW'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 120° 50' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3268	DAMPIER GOLD LIMITED	122.16HA	11.2km S'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 121° 1' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence		VICTORY GOLDFIELDS PTY LTD	324.99HA	10.7km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 20' S Long: 117° 51' E	CUE SHIRE
	20/2409-10	VIOTOITI GOLDI ILLEGGI ITI LID	470.05114	9.6km N'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 121° 1' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant. Notification day: 16 December 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 **16 March 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 filling 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. 16 April 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

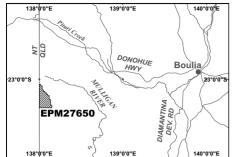
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

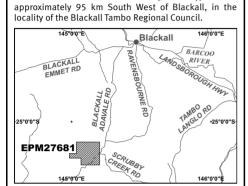
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Resources, 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 the Exploration Permits for Minerals (EPM) 27650, EPM27657, EPM27677, EPM27680, EPM27681, EPM27683, EPM27684, EPM27685, EPM27686, EPM27687, EPM27680, EPM2768 EPM27691, EPM27693, EPM27694, EPM27696, EPM27699, EPM27702, EPM27703 and EPM27705 shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

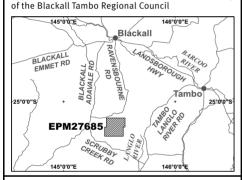
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27650 sought by Plutonic Limited, ACN 632 991 167, over an area of 96 sub-blocks (302 km²), centred approximately 190 km West South West of Boulia, in the locality of the Boulia Shire Council.



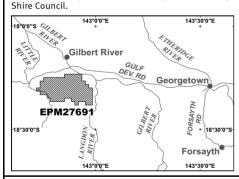
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27681 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (310 km²), centred



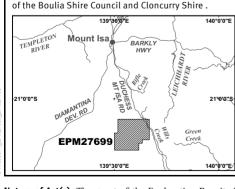
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27685 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (310 km²), centred approximately 90 km South of Blackall, in the locality



Exploration Permit for Minerals 27691 sought by Plutonic Limited, ACN 632 991 167, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (325 km²), centred approximately 73 km West of Georgetown, in the locality of the Etheridge



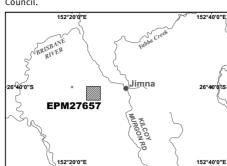
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27699 sought by Revolution Mining Pty Ltd, ACN 153 732 533, over an area of 78 sub-blocks (249 km²), centred approximately 50 km South South East of Mount Isa, in the localities



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Oueensland, 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

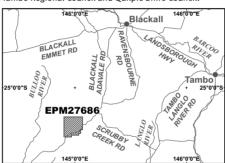
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27657 sought by Main Arm Minerals Pty Ltd, ACN 643 052 984, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (12 km²), centred approximately 8 km West of Jimna, in the locality of the Somerset Regional



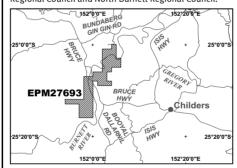
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27682 sought by In Situ Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 643 862 855, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 36 km North West of Mareeba, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



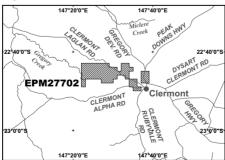
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27686 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (310 km²), centred approximately 114 km South West of Blackall, in the localities of the Blackall Tambo Regional Council and Quilpie Shire Council.

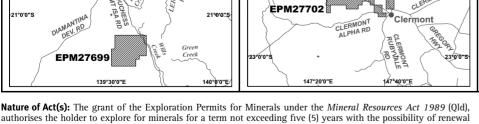


Exploration Permit for Minerals 27693 sought by Roar Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 134 544 111, over an area of 51 sub-blocks (158 km²), centred approximately 30 km West North West of Childers, in the localities of the Bundaberg Regional Council and North Burnett Regional Council.



Exploration Permit for Minerals 27702 sought by Ten Sixty Four Pty Ltd, ACN 614 771 407, over an area of 60 sub-blocks (190 km²), centred approximately 15 km North West of Clermont, in the locality of the Isaac Regional Council





for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant the Exploration Permits for Minerals subject to the

Name and Address of person doing Act(s): It is proposed that the Exploration Permits for Minerals be granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box

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 the Exploration Permit for Minerals. Under section 30 of the Native

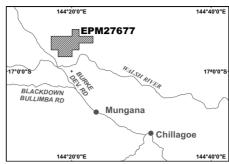
Title Act 1993 (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native

title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be

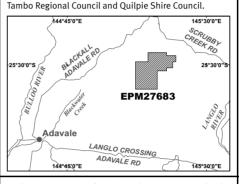
directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title

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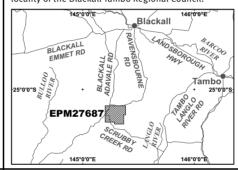
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27677 sought by Prophet Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 615 031 359, over an area of 13 sub-blocks (43 km²), centred approximately 32 km North West of Chillagoe, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



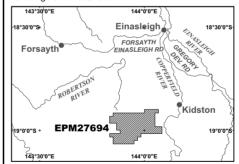
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27683 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (309 km²), centred approximately 75 km North East of Adavale, in the localities of the Blackall



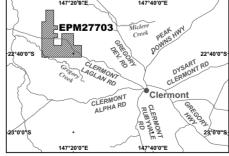
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27687 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125 over an area of 100 sub-blocks (310 km²), centred approximately 91 km South West of Blackall, in the locality of the Blackall Tambo Regional Council.



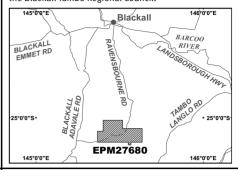
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27694 sought by Plutonic Limited, ACN 632 991 167, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (324 km²), centred approximately 57 km South East of Forsayth, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.



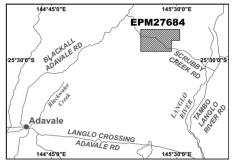
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27703 sought by Ten Sixty Four Pty Ltd, ACN 614 771 407, over an area of 65 sub-blocks (206 km²), centred approximately 45 km North West of Clermont, in the locality of the Isaac Regional Council.



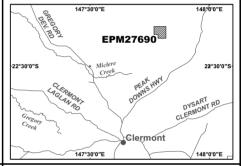
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27680 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (310 km²), centred approximately 75 km South of Blackall, in the locality of the Blackall Tambo Regional Council.



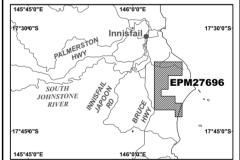
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27684 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (310 km²), centred approximately 100 km North East of Adavale, in the localities of the Blackall Tambo Regional Council and Quilpie Shire Council.



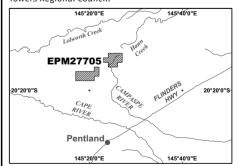
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27690 sought by Ten Sixty Four Pty Ltd, ACN 614 771 407, over an area of 8 sub-blocks (25 km²), centred approximately 55 km North East of Clermont, in the locality of the Isaac Regional Council.



Exploration Permit for Minerals 27696 sought by Suga Dino Pty Ltd, ACN 635 109 385, over an area of 21 sub-blocks (69 km²), centred approximately 14 km South East of Innisfail, in the locality of the Cassowary Coast Regional Council.



Exploration Permit for Minerals 27705 sought by Intergroup Mining Limited, ACN 163 989 553, over an area of 19 sub-blocks (61 km²), centred approximately 31 km North of Pentland, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permit for Minerals Application may be obtained from the Department of Resources, Mining Registrar, Mineral Assessment Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland, 4810. Telephone: (07) 4447 9230 or Email: MineralHub@dnrme.qld.gov.au.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals to which this notice applies, is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit for Minerals may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit for Minerals with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit for Minerals is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 6 January 2021.



Boost for the women's

By CHRISTINE HOWES



THE 2020 WNBL season which has been played out in far north Queensland has been a boost for two former local top-level players who still keep an interested eye on

the game from afar.

The WNBL took the entire season north and in a hub to protect the players, support staff and officials from any possible COVID-19 transmission. Games have been played out in Mackay, Townsville and Cairns - 60 games in six weeks from mid-November to

Watching from the wings have been former Lady Bullet (a Brisbane team) Velma Gara, who also toured North America as a player, and Naomi Moke, who played with Towsnville Fire and Melbourne (formerly Bulleen) Boomers.

Gara and Moke were also interested in the progress of the Indigenous players Leilani Mitchell (Southside Flyers), Abby Cubillo (Canberra Capitals), Ally Wilson (Adelaide Lightning), Shelby Britten (Bendigo Spirit) and Nes'eya Williams-Parker (Perth Lynx).

In 1988, Townsville-based Gara was part of an Indigenous Australian side that played several teams in Canada and on the west

coast of the United States. She has stayed in touch with the game through coaching, including leading Cairns' Kuiyam Pride women's side and more recently the Garbutt Magpies' under-14 boys.

"We played against college teams," Gara recalls of the tour in '88, "but when I came back we didn't have a national team then players would go down south and try-out

"I put some feelers out. I went down south and I ended up making the Lady Bullets (Brisbane) squad.

"To have nine national teams in far north Queensland, that people can witness firsthand, is pretty awesome.

Shelby Britten of Bendigo Spirit.



Leilani Mitchell of Southside Flyers.

"The only time we'd usually get to see them is one at a time when the Townsville Fire play and teams visit so to have a game on every second day is great.

"We're watching basketball all the time, which is fantastic.

"The other side of it is seeing the teams actually enjoy the north.

"Usually when they turn up to play, they train, they play, then they fly out the next day, so they don't really get to see what we have to offer here.

"It's been really good on the floor to see them play and then off the floor enjoying the

As a former player, Gara thinks what it would take to play like this.

"Because there's a game on every second day, I don't think they (the players) have the time to really absorb the games," she said.

"It's like, 'OK, we just played.' The next day, their strategy is, 'OK, how do we take the next team?

"It's pretty full-on for them and, thankfully enough, there hasn't really been any injuries and it's just good to see the

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Nes'eya Williams-Parker of Perth Lynx.



Abby Cubillo of the Canberra Capitals assesses her options. Pictures: Christine Howes

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS **REGULATOR UPPER NAMOI ZONE 9, COX'S CREEK** (UP-STREAM MULLALEY) **GROUNDWATER SOURCÉ**

Gunnedah Shire Council has applied for a water supply work approval for a 150mm bore with a capacity of 0.5L/s, on Lot 287 DP 755495 in the Parish of Dubbleda, County of Pottinger for supply water for the town water supply (ref: A024718).

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, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above

If you have questions, call Water Regulation Officer Bryson Lashbrook on (02) 6937 2708.

WaterNSW Upper Lachlan Alluvial Groundwater Source Zone 3

WaterNSW has received an application from Ian & Patricia Smith to amend an existing Water Supply Work approval by adding a work, being an irrigation bore, with a capacity of 10 ML/day on Lot 14 DP777203 Parish Wongajong, County Forbes. The application relates to Upper Lachlan Groundwater Source - Zone 3, subject to Water Sharing Plan for the Lachlan Alluvial Groundwater Sources 2020.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 291 Forbes NSW 2871 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 A025479. 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, Forbes, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

WaterNSW Lachlan Regulated River Water Source 2016

WaterNSW has received an application from John and Belinda COLE to amend an existing Water Supply Work approval by replacing a 250mm pump with a 300mm pump, capacity of 265 l/s, located at Lot 155 DP 750146, Parish Carrawabbity, County Ashburnham. The application relates to Lachlan Regulated River Water Source, Upstream of Lake Cargelligo, on Carrawabbity Creek, subject to WSP for the Lachlan Regulated River Water Source 2016.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW P O Box 291 Forbes NSW 2871 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 A024843. 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 customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au

game in the far north

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competitiveness is still there."

As a coach, Gara hopes the WNBL's presence in the far north can have a lasting

"I've been assistant coach with some Queensland teams and I was the inaugural coach for the Kuiyam Pride women's team when they started playing the state league in 2002," she said.

"I hope seeing all these trained elite athletes does make our young ones look at the sport a bit more, especially because there's not many (Indigenous women) playing at this level so I hope it does ignite

something for young girls to want to be like that."

For Cairns-based Moke (nee Pedro), she can't get enough of it.

"We've had the AFL, the Super Netball and now the WNBL," she said.

"I think for the youth of Cairns, having the WNBL here has just lit that fire up in a lot of young girls; just to be exposed to how fast and athletic the players are.

"And especially being regional here, you might think you're deadly in Cairns but you've got a long way to go, so I think it's a wake-up call also for some of our girls who have those goals to be professional

Connections between generations seems to be a feature of the sport where Moke's family has all but adopted current Adelaide Lightning star Ally Wilson, who she was teammates with last year.

"I was lucky to be the veteran in the Australian Indigenous basketball team who played in Melbourne last year against an Hawai'ian team," she said.

"Ally and I shared a room as we played through the competition and then she came to visit us up here.

"I guess we've just adopted her in and now she's a massive part of our family.

"I think our culture as Indigenous people is to be connected and we just gravitate to one another."

Gara said the WNBL had stepped up above and beyond to deliver the 2020

"They've really done really well and, considering Adelaide had to be away for a week, they were that quick to redo the fixtures. They didn't lose a beat," she said after the COVID scare that forced the Adelaide team into a temporary quarantine.

"For them to do this and for north Queensland to have all this, it's great.

"Now they (Opals players) can look ahead at the Olympics or whatever they have to do for next year, but the season here has been really good."



Naomi Moke represented the Australian Indigenous team and is a former WNBL player with Townsville and Melbourne.



Velma Gara, a former top-level player, still maintains a keen interest in basketball.

Hub life a challenge but Ally finds a way

By CHRISTINE HOWES



ADELAIDE Lightning's Ally Wilson has given an insight into life in the hub as the 2020 WNBL season

in far north Queensland enters its final fortnight.

Wilson joined the Lightning after several seasons with Townsville Fire and Sydney Uni Flames. She detailed her side's travel and playing schedule.

"We were in Mackay for a week and we played two games there, and then we travelled to Townsville and we had a couple of games there, and then we were in Cairns for a week, then



Ally Wilson and Leilani Mitchell went head-to-head in an intriguing battle in their round 4 match, won by the Flyers 111-72.

we went back to Townsville, and then back to Cairns, then back to Townsville... Nobody else travels as much," she said.

The Lightning were forced into quarantine and missed three games after a COVID-19 scare in Adelaide, which locked the entire state down, due to their time in Adelaide overlapping with the timeline of the report.

Those three games were later rescheduled.

"When that happened we went into quarantine for a week in Townsville and we didn't train for three or four days," Wilson

"It got better as time went on, but the first few days were pretty

"I was concerned for Adelaide as a whole but they cleared it up pretty quickly so that was good.'

Wilson said she was enjoying her time in the far north.

"I actually came up here to Cairns after the WNBL season finished last year. It was my first time here and I loved it," she

"For a lot of the team, none of us had been to Mackay, hardly any of us had been to Cairns, so it was awesome to be able to come up here.

"Normally, we'd just go to Townsville (to play the Fire).

"It's awesome to see Australia and to come to these places. Wilson is enjoying a good first

season with Adelaide. Last year, she contemplated a move to play in Europe before deciding to stay in Australia and

join the Lightning. This season she is topping the averages for Adelaide with assists, 4.2, and the most

minutes, at 32.8 per game.

Ally Wilson and the Adelaide Lightning were forced to isolate from the rest of the league while living in a hub. Pictures: Christine Howes

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Lachlan Fold Belt Mdb Groundwater Source

Bourke Shire Council has applied for a Water Supply Work and Water Use Approval for an extraction bore with a capacity of up to 3.5L/s. on Lot 3516 DP 765808 in the Parish of Robertson County of Cowper for road construction purposes (ref: A024662).

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, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated

If you have questions, call Water Regulation Officer Jeanette Nestor on (02) 6841 7447.

WaterNSW Lachlan Alluvial Groundwater Sources 2020 - Zone 5

WaterNSW has received an application from Tacho Pty Ltd for a New Water Supply Work Approval, by adding a bore with a capacity of 10 ML/day at Lot 3 DP 235148, Parish Ina, County Gipps. The application relates to Upper Lachlan Alluvial Groundwater Source Zone 5 Management Zone, subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the Lachlan Alluvial Groundwater Sources 2020. Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 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 A024000. 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@waternsw.com.au.

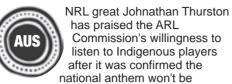
WaterNSW

Lachlan Fold Belt (Other) Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from Regional Hardrock (Forbes) Pty Limited for New Water Supply Work Approval, by adding a new bore with a capacity of 60ML/yr at Lot 191 DP 750136, Parish Bocobidgle, County Ashburnham. The application relates to Lachlan Fold Belt (Other) Groundwater Source subject to WSP For NSW Murray Darling Basin Fractured Rock Groundwater Sources 2020.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 291 Forbes NSW 2871 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/advertisingand-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A024426. 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@waternsw.com.au.

Anthem banished from all future All Stars



played at future All Stars events.

The decision was made after consultation with senior members of the Indigenous playing group prior to the All-Stars match on the Gold Coast in February.

Last week the NRL confirmed the move Shaylee Bent's progression in league has to scrap the anthem from the match was a permanent one, which has drawn praise

from one of the most respected Indigenous leaders in the game.

It comes as the league announced that the annual Indigenous All Stars v Maori All Stars match will be played in Townsville for the first time to mark the start of the 2021

North Queensland Stadium will host the game on February 20.

It's expected to be the first full house at the new stadium after the grand opening NRL match in round 1 earlier this year was impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

It will be the first major event at the new

stadium, with the women's Indigenous and Maori teams playing before the men's game in a double-header.

"I'm extremely proud," Thurston said. "We as rugby league players, it's great that our voice can be heard for creating social change and we do a lot in the

community.

"This is something that is close to the playing group's heart. They are speaking on behalf of the Indigenous players who are in our game so to have their voice heard and have the commission listen to how they feel about certain issues is great." - AAP

World Cup lure for 2021

FTER what was a very strange year, I think like a lot of people, I can't wait to see the back of 2020 and turn the page toward 2021.

And right on one of the first pages of the new year will be my favourite time of the year, All Stars week, which will be in Townsville. What a



bonus that will be for the place; a huge buzz for all the far north Queensland mob to see it live for the first time and in the flash new stadium.

While there is a lot I'm looking forward to from the 2021 edition of the All Stars, the thing I'm buzzed about most is the women's game because there is some real talent among our younger players and I think they are ready for a huge impact in this game and elsewhere.

There are three in particular who stand out for me. They are Shaniah Power, Shaylee Bent and Quincy Dodd. With the 2021 Women's Rugby League World Cup in England, I would love to see players of this trio's calibre shine and to show the Jillaroos' coaches they should be on that plane to England, too

Shaniah is a Townsville girl and she will be loving the chance to play in front of her family and friends at the All Stars. She was terrific on debut in February and with the experience of playing in the NRLW, where she was excellent, she will bring a lot to the team in Townsville.

Shaniah is part of the North Queensland Gold Stars team in QRLW and no doubt her presence in the All-Stars will inspire her teammates and other young girls in Townsville who are passionate about the game.

I thought Quincy had an outstanding season for the Sydney Roosters in the NRLW and was great in her State of Origin debut for NSW. Her move to permanent hooker was a great one for her as she looks to establish herself in higher representative teams. I've worked with Quincy for a few years now and she has a the final round of Tribal League's recent tremendous attitude, she works hard at her National Indigenous Rugby League game and I believe she is ready to step up championships in Sydney last month. as a leader among the All Stars group.

At Souths this year in the NSWRL Women's Premiership I had a lot to do with Shaylee and seeing her quick progression from a young star in the under-18s Tarsha Gale Cup to star in the NRLW and State of Origin has been enjoyable to watch. She is two junior players for its Jersey Flegg a real leader and hopefully she will progress towards a Jillaroos debut soon. She is ready for a big All Stars game and hopefully that sets her up for a big season ahead and with the World Cup just around the corner.

*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.



Widders



Some of the key players in the Awabakal-Wests Tigers partnership (from left) Wests Tigers assistant coach Ronald Griffiths. Michael Faulkner, Warren Schillings, Wests Tigers head coach Michaels Maguire, Abie Wright, Jimmy Wright and Gordon Griffiths.

Awabakal Tigers

Community group teams up with NRL club

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



WESTS Tigers will draw from the deep well of Aboriginal rugby league talent with an ongoing trial-and-train program that will see up to five footballers vie for positions

at the club.

The NRL club was a visible presence at

Three footballers from three different teams at the championships are currently putting in the hard yards with the Tigers squad at pre-season training. At the end of it is a NRL contract as a Top 30 player.

Down the track, the club will also select (under-21s) side.

The plan is part of a broader partnership with Awabakal, an Aboriginal communitycontrolled health service based in Newcastle on the NSW Central Coast. The two parties signed an MoU at the Tribal League event last month.

Ronald Griffiths is senior assistant coach at Wests Tigers, the Gomeroi man one of the very few Aboriginal men as coaches in the NRL. He said the club's overall plan was part of a bigger picture.

Former NRL players Kiah Cooper

(Wiradjuri Googars Connections) and Tyrone Roberts-Davis (Walgett Aboriginal Connections) and NSW Cup player Allan Fitzgibbon (Redfern All Blacks) are currently being put though their paces with the NRL club in the hope of securing a

"The signs are good. The boys are doing well," Griffiths said.

'Obviously, it's a bit new for Allan, Kiah's a bit more mature this time around and Tyrone understands the systems, so it's a great opportunity for them.

election at the end will be dependent on a few things. One is balance, a right fit for the squad and what we've already got. The other is up to the individual and how much they want it."

Griffiths wouldn't be drawn into it but the partnership with Awabakal is an obvious coup for Wests Tigers in the heart of rival NRL club Newcastle Knights territory. The Hunter region is a hotbed of Aboriginal league talent and the area has provided many champions of the game.

"I think with what Awabakal have done is to step outside their comfort zone to align with a club in Sydney and for us at Wests Tigers it's to take that opportunity," Griffiths

"It's a big leap of faith for both organisations but it's like what they say, 'Opportunity leads to success."



Tyrone Roberts-Davis (1), pushing through for Walgett Aboriginal Connections at the National Indigenous Rugby League championships in Sydney, is one of three players currently trialling at Wests Tigers. Picture: Joseph Mayers



Talented crop take AFL draft by storm

By PETER ARGENT



HE is widely being described as 'Buddy 2.0' after superstar Lance Franklin and so when Jamarra Ugle-Hagan became just the second Indigenous footballer to be picked at No 1 at

last week's AFL national draft it surprised no-

The athletic forward's name was called out by Adelaide which had the first selection but as a Next Generation Academy player, the Western Bulldogs put in a counter-claim and he is now headed to Whitten Oval to begin his AFL career.

Ugle-Hagan, from Framlingham in Victoria, joins Des Headland (1998) as the only Indigenous AFL players taken at No 1 in the national draft.

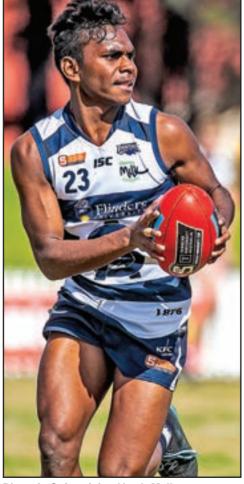
He was one of 11 Indigenous young footballers realising their football dreams at the AFL's draft last week, who accounted for an impressive 15% of all players selected.

SANFL 2020 league premiership player Lachlan Jones is readymade for the rigours of AFL football and he will join Port Adelaide after the Power opted for local talent.

In what will be a family reunion at Brisbane, Blake Coleman will be joining his older brother Keidean at the club after the Lions picked him. Blake has elite-level speed, an acute goal-sense and is impressive overhead. He took the mark of the day in a starring two-goal performance in Morningside's 2020 QAFL grand final premiership win.

Josh Eyre, a member of the James Hird Academy at Essendon, will remain at Tullamarine with the club after the Bombers picked up the 199cm tall forward in the draft. Noted for his athleticism and versatility Eyre can play roles in each area of the ground.

At just 173cm and 64kg, North Melbourne selection Phoenix Spicer is one of the bolters



Phoenix Spicer joins North Melbourne following last week's national draft. Picture: Peter Argent

across the 2020 season. He played at Morphettville Park Junior Football Club in 2020 and has electrifying speed with the ability to break lines and open up a contest. He spent part of 2020 in the Henley High

School football program in Adelaide and played with the Panthers in the SANFL.

A name synonymous with Richmond, Maurice Rioli Jnr becomes vet another member of his famous family at Punt Road. Like his father, Maurice Jnr displays a feisty defensive intent and that characteristic goal sense, along with speed and ball skills.

A second NGA pick by Essendon, Coby Brand is a shutdown defender. His presence at Essendon continues the club's rich and long-standing Indigenous tradition.

In February 2019, Claremont small-forward Joel Western ran a 2.73sec-20m sprint. That had obviously caught the eye of Fremantle who selected him to stay at home and begin his AFL career in WA.

Peel Thunder's Isiah Winder is a small forward who has received opportunities at league level in the WAFL this year. The crafty midfielder hails from the Eaton Boomers and was outstanding at junior level for Peel. Like Western, Winder can stay home to start his AFL journey after West Coast picked him.

Livewire North Adelaide forward Tariek Newchurch joins Adelaide after the Crows opted for him by virtue of its NGA.

The son of former St Kilda and Brisbane and NT great Russell Jeffrey, Joel Jeffrey was a pre-draft selection and will join Gold Coast.

Indigenous 2020 AFL draftees

No 1 Jamarra Ugle-Hagan, Western Bulldogs;

No 16 Lachie Jones, Port Adelaide; No 24 Blake Coleman, Brisbane Lions;

No 39 Josh Eyre, Essendon;

No 42 Phoenix Spicer, North Melbourne;

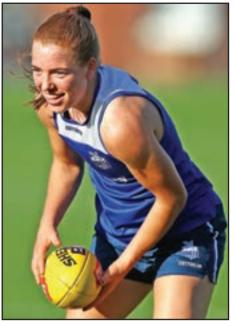
No 51 Maurice Rioli jnr, Richmond;

No 53 Coby Brand, Essendon;

No 54 Joel Western, Fremantle; No 57 Isiah Winder, West Coast;

Rookie pre-selection Tariek Newchurch, Adelaide;

NGA: Joel Jeffrey, Gold Coast.



Mia King from Tasmania, at training with North Melbourne, is one of several Indigenous women currently in the AFLW. Picture: Getty Images

AFLW tracking toward the right direction

INALLY, we have a start date for the 2021 AFLW season and things are going to look a little different from the 2020 season.

The people have spoken and, thankfully, the powers-that-be have listened because the changes that players and fans alike have been asking for will come into fruition.



Ware

Firstly, we will see admission fees at the gate where adults will pay a capped \$10 entry fee and those under 18 will be admitted free.

In my opinion, this should have been in place from the start. I remained uncomfortable with the fact that people were not paying to watch the AFLW. I don't care that it was most likely the COVID-19 pandemic and all its implications that forced the hand at AFL House but they needed a ticketing system in place from

Gone, too, is the conference system for the 14-team league after two years of

Now the teams will play a nine-round home-and-away season with a three-week finals series for the top six teams. So that also means there will be a single ladder for the whole league, not the confusing two for Conferences A and B like before.

Back to the admission fee issue and I just thought that the free entry sort of downplayed the value of the competition and its players who work so hard to play at a really high standard. Yes, it was developing as a league, but paid entry should have been in place from the start. Anyway, by now paying to watch the players, it adds a sense of value to who the players are as semi-professional athletes and the 'product' the deliver.

Richmond defender Akec Makur Chuot agreed when she said, "It's about time. It's giving players an opportunity to be taken

This is the truth of it. I had lost count of how many times I heard people whinge and say, "It's just an exhibition game. You don't even play to watch them." As always, time will tell.

One thing is for sure: I can't wait to buy a ticket and get along to a game.

*Shelley Ware is a proud Yankunytjatjara and Wirangu woman from Adelaide. She appears on AFL.com.au's Colour Of Your Jumper.

Wallam's rise inspires

By CHRIS PIKE



DONNELL
Wallam is the first to admit to being scared of what's to come

in her rapid rise in netball.

The Nyoongar woman has taken a giant leap as she begins life as a professional with Leeds Rhinos in the England Netball Superleague.

The 26-year-old sharpshooter became one of the most exciting focal points in netball as the game puts itself under the microscope for its lack of Indigenous representation in a longawaited review.

From playing local netball three years ago, to dominating in the WANL, to almost single-handedly defeating West Coast Fever in an exhibition match, to securing a professional contract overseas, it's enough to make your head spin

"To be going over to another country and playing, it's really scaring me, but I am looking forward to the challenge," Wallam said.

"Coming from an Indigenous background, you don't really think these things are possible but hopefully, by me doing this, it can inspire some other girls and show them what you can achieve.

"Hopefully, it just helps them think that anything is possible.

"I didn't think I was good enough (three years ago), but I ended up trying netball out and I fell in love with the game. I really put my mind to getting better as a player and, well, it's fair to say it's been an amazing two years."



been an amazing two years." Donnell Wallam has landed in England to begin her professional netball career.

Walkabouts the best team at Townsville's 7s

By ALF WILSON



THE Walkabouts are the best team in their division at rugby 7s after winning the plate section of the hotly contested Townsville & District Rugby Union's Festival of 7s carnival.

The team was coached by father and son Ashley Saltner senior and junior and won three of their five matches in the men's division which was contested by 30 teams.

"We only entered the Sevens as a senior men's team in 2019 and we won the Cup section," Ashley senior said.

"Our junior team has won their section three times in five years."

Some of the star players for Walkabouts were some of the youngest ones in Gabriel Mooka, Lewie Quakawoot, Fred Richards and Tom Schwartz

Back at the 7s, another Walkabouts team, Munyal, which means "show off" in a widely used Indigenous word, lived up to its name in the social division of the carnival.

"They went out and showcased their skills, pace and respect to other teams, and most of all, had fun," Ashley senior said.

"As a club we also want to thank our trainers and first-aid attendants Coco Quirke and Kiwi for their assistance."

Walkabouts, as a loose collection of clubs with men's and women's sides, was first formed in 1989.



The Walkabouts team which won the Plate section at the Townsville & Districts Rugby Union 7s competition is (back row, from left) Jariya Blackman-Bobbert, Gabriel Mooka, Thomas Schwartz, Leroy Richards, Wilfred Ruben, John Stanley, (front row, from left) Daniel Gaidan, Sarbi Baker, Jimmy Baira, Simon Panuel, Lewie Quakawoot, Freddy Richards and Silas Bourke. *Picture: Alf Wilson*



Tamuri Wigness
Picture: Getty Images

Wigness aims to make his mark in NBL

By CHIS PIKE



TAMURI Wigness grew up in Cairns and dreamed of one day playing with the Taipans in the NBL – some of that has come

true.

Wigness, 18, will play in the NBL, but that will be with Cairns' Queensland rivals, the Brisbane Bullets.

The 2021 NBL season tips off next month.

Wigness has long been earmarked as a bright Australian basketball talent as early as a 10-year-old when he was in the Tiny Taipans program in Cairns.

Today, he is fitting in nicely at the Bullets and while he doesn't dwell on the fact he's not at the Taipans he does mention it.

"To be honest, the Taipans didn't offer me a contract so it wasn't really a decision I had to make," he said.

"College (in the United States) was an option for me, but my dream was to play pro and I wanted to get into the NBL as soon as I could.

"My whole preparation from my younger days was about wanting to play for the Taipans one day.

"So when Taipans weren't an option, and I didn't want to go to college, the Bullets wanted to sign me and I was excited to come to Brisbane.

"The city is beautiful, the weather is perfect and at least I'm still in Queensland so everything about it has been good."

Wigness feels that his time at the Basketball Centre of Excellence as part of the AIS has prepared him well as a professional. He's looking to make an immediate impact in the NBI

"Living the pro lifestyle for this short time already has been amazing and the AIS program prepared me well to be able to slide straight into it," he said.

"The only difference is I'm playing against pros now. I'm excited to bring that speed onto the court in the NBL when I get the chance.

"I want to pick up the pace out there and I want to be that energy guy. In that point-guard role too, I'll focus on being a leader, being vocal and showing what I really have."

Clarke looks ahead at a hometown bout

By ALF WILSON



A SECOND-round loss in his second professional bout hasn't dampened the spirits of Palm Island's Patrick Clarke, who has his eye on a fight on home turf in February.

Clarke lost to Lachlan O'Shea in their fourround welterweight division bout at Eatons Hill in Brisbane on November 28. It was his second professional appearance after his debut against Ben Horn on the undercard to the Tim Tszyu-Jeff Horn bout in Townsville in August. After that fight, Clarke relocated to Brisbane with his family to further his training. Clarke, 27, said he would rebound from the loss to O'Shea which he felt he had been leading on points in the first two rounds up until that one moment. He could also be looking at changing divisions to suit his body type.

"He got me with a really hard and powerful punch," Clarke said.

"Fighting as a welterweight didn't really suit me; I need to drop to light-welterweight. 63.5kg is ideal for me."

On the horizon for Clarke is what is dubbed an 'All Stars Fight Night' in Townsville in February. Promoters are spruiking current and former NRL players on an extended card, in which Clarke could shape up against Allan Patterson, from Yarrabah, whom he has fought in the past.

"Yeah, I fought Allan as an amateur at the last tournament on Palm Island in 2018 and he won on points, but it was close," Clarke said

Clarke said he was enjoying taking a break with family and friends on Palm Island after his time in the big smoke, but said he was keen to return to hard training early in the New Year.

A bout between Clarke and Patterson would add another chapter to the friendly rivalry between their respective communities as both men have many relatives living at both places.



Patrick Clarke will return to Townsville for a bout in February. *Picture: AAP*

Brad Beetson (centre) with former rugby league greats Sam Backo (left) and Colin Scott at a previous Queensland Murri

Murri carnival going ahead at Redcliffe

By ALF WILSON



MURRI rugby league will have double the reason to celebrate when its next big event falls on the great man Arthur Beetson's birthday.

The Arthur Beetson Foundation Queensland Murri Carnival has been confirmed for January 18-23 at Redcliffe Oval, north of Brisbane. The late, great league legend Beetson's birthday is on January 21.

Sixty-five teams have been confirmed at this stage of preparations.

This event will be the 10th annual running of the carnival. Technically, it will be the 2020 carnival in name due to the coronavirus pandemic halting its usual run in September-October.

Organisers are expected to plan for the annual event next year also.

Brad Beetson said having the event named after his Dad during his birthday would make it something to remember.

"To have the Murri carnival fall on Dad's birthday makes it even more special for our family," he said. "To be able to celebrate that with

our mob while playing rugby league, how deadly!"

The event is sanctioned by the QRL

and the 65 teams nominated will be played across several divisions.

"Which I think is a terrific number

"Which I think is a terrific number given the current situation," Brad said.

"As usual with the QMC, it's about more than footy bringing our mobs together from all over Queensland, trying to close the gap in health and education.

"We hope to hold a wonderful modern-day corroboree, celebrating culture, family and the deadliest game of rugby league."

Young Eagle finding his wings as captain

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



THE burn of playing in three losing grand finals and to watch his side play in a fourth and win without him isn't all that drives Braedon McLean in football, but it comes mighty

close.

McLean, a Wuthathi (eastern Cape York) and Jawoyn (Katherine, NT, region) man, is captain of the men's Wanderers Premier League side in the current 2020/21 NTFL season.

"I played in those three grand finals we lost but the one that we won (the fourth) – I was in Melbourne doing pre-season with the Collingwood VFL side and I watched it on the livestream," McLean said.

"I've yet to win a senior premiership so I'm pretty driven and hungry to do that.

The 26-year-old is leading from the front from the back as a defender off halfback. He was co-captain of the Eagles for two seasons prior to this.

Wanderers has occupied spots one and two on the league ladder, trading places with defending premier Nightcliff as Top End football enters its mid-season Christmas/New Year break before a tough run home toward the finals in March. The signs are good that the Eagles will be at the business end of the

"I think we've got the right mix and the squad to play finals this season and hopefully go all the way to the end," McLean said.

"The goal is always finals footy and we've had a massive improvement from last season. We're always about getting better. We got off to a really good start and everyone was up and about, then we hit top spot after the Darwin Buffaloes game (a 50-point win)."

Aside from that elusive senior flag, McLean sees his role as captain as one of personal growth.

"The last couple of years I was co-captain with Daniel Weetra. I was pretty young at the time when they gave me the job, 23, but it's just myself this year," he said.

"There's a little bit of added pressure, I suppose, but I've taken a massive leap in leadership on and off the field, it's more than just football as captain.

"I like to use my voice a fair bit. Leaders have to do that, and lead by their actions. I've learnt that over the years my teammates are watching me and so you've got to lead by example. I hope Wanderers keep me on for a couple years yet; I'm still growing as a leader and still young."

The Northern Territory, and the NTFL, largely avoided disruption from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Top End's October-March football season proved beneficial as the year unfolded because the pandemic, which gripped other parts of Australia, drove football-starved southern-based players



Main and inset: The Wanderers' Braedon McLean is leading the Eagles from the front as captain of the Premier League side during the 2020/21 NTFL season.

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toward finding a club in the NTFL, something which benefited Wanderers.

Usually, fly-in fly-out players would be unavailable for a week or two here and there, but with uncertainty around travel it has forced their hands to stay put.

"We have about five or six Victorians who

joined us and they're committed to staying right through, even during the break," McLean said.

Outside football, McLean works as a teacher in an AIEW role at the Holy Spirit Primary School in the Darwin suburb of Casuarina.



A fielder for the Brothers team chases a ball across the bumpy and dusty field against Black Bream in a B2 match last January.

Bush cricket's biggest ever carnival will make a happy return in January

By ALF WILSON



AUSTRALIA'S biggest cricket carnival with a strong Indigenous presence has been given the go-ahead by Queensland Health to take

place in January.

The Goldfields Ashes in which 240 teams compete with varying levels of skill has been confirmed for Charters Towers next month.

There had been some uncertainty as to whether the 2021 Ashes would be a goer due to restrictions surrounding COVID-19.

However, the Charters Towers Cricket Association advised the community that "the carnival is going ahead at this stage, subject to review if Queensland Health change COVID-19 regulations".

The carnival's scheduled dates are from January 23-25.

The large-scale event is a mix of loud shirts, silly rules and plenty of fun, and a bit of cricket. Teams' names vary wildly from West Indigies to Black Bream, among a colourful host of others.

Already, plans are being made for teams and players being roped in to

Bindal man Anthony Stout, who organises the Mingela XI side in the B2 division, is delighted the carnival is on.

His side boasts two former Queensland Imparja Cup players – his younger brother Brad Stout and cousin Mick Prien.

"We will definitely be competing. A Mingela team has been going to the Ashes for many decades," he said.

Stout said there was a possibility that fewer teams would line up, but he was confident that hundreds of Indigenous players would make the trip to Charters

A draw will be finalised a week before the carnival is set to begin.

IMP wants you to run in 2021



THEY didn't let the pandemic stop them one bit in 2020 and now the Indigenous Marathon Project has put the call-out for would-be marathon runners to retrace the steps of those before them in 2021.

"Do you want to change your life?" asks the IMP. "Do you want to join an inspiring group of individuals and a family that inspires others to do great things?

never thought possible by running a 42.195km marathon and participating in a life-changing program? "Do you want to be a role model for your family and

"Do you want to challenge yourself in ways you

your community?

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"Do you want to be part of, and have access to, a

"Do you want to be part of, and have access to, a support network of incredible, young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women from across our country?"

If your answer is yes to all of the above, the IMP wants to hear from you; specifically those between 18-30 years from across Australia's remote and isolated communities, country and regional towns, and of course the major cities.

It is running; it is leadership; it is also six months of commitment involving education, travel, connection. And lots of running. No running experience is necessary.

 The IMP is taking applications for its 2021 program. Visit www.imf.org.au for more info.



Applications are now open for would-be marathoners to join the IMP in 2021.

Indigenous plan for netball



Former Australian Diamonds player Sharon Finnan-White has welcomed a review into netball.

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



FORMER netball international Sharon Finnan-White says Netball Australia can make good progress with the Indigenous community if it takes on board several of its key

recommendations contained in a review into the game in Australia.

Last week, the game's governing body released the 54-page State of the Game review, a report into netball headed by another former international, Liz Ellis, which captured the views of 10,000 respondents. In it, 'Indigenous' (14), 'Aboriginal' (44) and 'Torres Strait Islander' (33) is mentioned 91 times throughout.

Finnan-White, a netball World Cup winner and one of two Aboriginal women who have played for the Australian Diamonds, was

consulted one-on-one by her former teammate Ellis as part of the survey, as were other key Indigenous stakeholders.

Perhaps the most important recommendation in the report is that of having an Indigenous person, or persons, to be appointed to the board of Netball Australia, and that process to be replicated at each of the boards of state and territory member organisations.

"Things are moving and progressing," Finnan-White said.

"It's pleasing for me and for a lot of other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people involved in netball to see this happen, but it is vitally important that Netball Australia move quickly so the community can see that steps are being taken now that the State of the Game review is out."

Super Netball and netball in general was crucified in September when the game's only

professional Indigenous player Jemma Mi Mi was left off the court for the entire game by her team Queensland Firebirds during Indigenous Round, which Mi Mi was earlier tasked with promoting for the competition. That led also to a closer look at NA's deficiencies in the Indigenous space. A Declaration of Commitment was later announced in response and an Indigenous steering committee was formed. A review that was underway at the time was hastily added to, to look at where the game is lacking at community level.

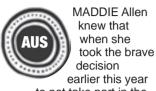
"The First Nations steering committee have had a meeting and I would like to think I will be heavily involved in this overall process and to do whatever needs to be done to keep it moving ahead," Finnan-White said.

"There is another meeting this week and a community forum and consultation yet to take place so it's all a step in the right direction."



Maddie has no regrets on missing Lynx season

By CHRIS PIKE



to not take part in the WNBL hub in far north Queensland with Perth Lynx there were no guarantees she would get another chance at the top level. And upon reflection, she remains happy with her decision.

Allen's rise in basketball coincided with the first of a handful of brave decisions. First, to leave home, Second. to move to Western Australia to restart her life all over again. And third, to reignite her career.

The move west proved a masterstroke, personally and professionally. She was outstanding in WA's SBL with Rockingham, leading the Flames to the 2019 championship and following that up with another good year with Perth Redbacks.

She earned a WNBL contract with the Lynx where she was a consistent performer in the 2019/20 season.

Having got her life in order, Allen arrived at a happy place. She has found out what works for her and what does not. Living in a hub does not. When the WNBL announced its 2020 season would be played as a compact six-week season in hubs in Mackay, Cairns and Townsville, the warning signs were clear.

At the risk of bringing an early end to a promising professional basketball career, Allen elected to remain at home in WA, putting her own personal health and wellbeing ahead of what any short-term playing fix might bring.

"It was a really tough decision, obviously, and I wanted to play with (teammate) Sami Whitcomb, too, who also made a difficult decision, and a group of girls I really liked, and a coach I have played for before and moved for Perth to play for," Allen said

"I am missing basketball, but I don't regret the decision I made.

"I weighed up everything and while I would love to be playing at that level, I'm out here with the Redbacks, we are scrimmaging and I'm happy with that."

Allen admits that the person she was five years ago would have put herself in harms way in order to play another WNBL season. But she is proud of how far she has come.

"Part of that is maturity and part of it is going through the process with professionals, and having the support network built up," she

"So, absolutely, five years ago I still would have gone over to the hub because I wanted to play at that level above anything else. But part of this is maturity and also I proved I could play at that level and I didn't need to put myself in harms way to do

Allen is not guaranteed anything in terms of a spot at the Lynx for the 2021 season. She is committed to playing in the rebranded NBL1 West with the Redbacks and she is doing a lot of coaching and basketball clinic work. She is in a good place in life.

"I'm not really thinking about the WNBL next season," she said.

"I've started a job and there's a career pathway there so while I'd like to keep playing at that next level. I'm enjoying that change at the same time and stepping away a little.

"I won't say never to returning, but I'm just focused now on playing at the Redbacks and just doing everything that I am doing



Maddie Allen opted to remain home instead of playing with Perth Lynx in

Nanna May is Leilani's inspiration



Basketball superstar Leilani Mitchell and Nanna May Dewis reunite in Cairns. Picture: Christine Howes



CLOSE family and historical ties are a common thread in basketball and that was evident in Cairns recently when a happy family reunion

took place at a WNBL game.

May Dewis is grandmother, Islandway, to WNBL and WNBA superstar Leilani Mitchell and the two caught up for a long-awaited reunion in Cairns where Nanna May lives.

Mitchell is in far north Queensland playing out the 2020 WNBL season with Southside Flyers.

In 1961 when she was 24, Nanna May was a member of the first-ever basketball team to fly out from Thursday Island to

play in a tournament in Cairns

Missionaries had taught Nanna May

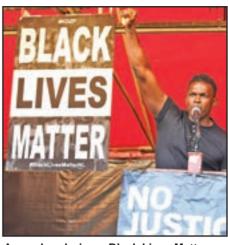
Mitchell, 25, spent her early years in Cairns and Darwin and grew up hearing all the stories about Nanna May's basketball skills.

Mitchell later moved to the United States with her mother and American father and played college basketball before hitting the big time.

"My mum was born on Thursday Island but her family moved to Cairns at the same time as Nanna May's family so we were all close," Mitchell said.

"When I started playing basketball my mum would always say that I get it from my nanna because she was a really good basketball player."

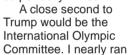
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A speaker during a Black Lives Matter protest in The Netherlands earlier this year. The USOC says it will not punish any of its athletes should they take a similar stance at any future Games. Picture: Getty Images

The US is at least doing something right

F there was one thing that US President Donald Trump defeated during his illfated first and only term in office it was satire. Comedians around the world could not successfully satirise the man because he did that so perfectly himself.





The Two Ronnies were back. To add some context to this decision, the International Softball Federation practically begged the IOC to reinstate softball at the Games, a sport that is played at a brilliant international standard. There are other worthy sports whose pinnacle would be the Olympics, like squash, which can't get a look in, while there are other sports that have no business at the Olympics, like golf and

even. I had to check the radio. I thought

those silly equestrian events. On another note, the United States Olympic Committee recently said it will not bring about any action toward its athletes if they were to take a knee or raise their fists in protest should they medal at any future Games. The USOC's stance is a positive step for US citizens as athletes to highlight their country's shocking human rights record in its treatment of Black folk by an empowered and militarised police force and its prison-for-profit system of incarceration. Anything that brings attention to this is most welcome, even sport on the international stage. My hope is that Australian athletes can follow suit, where someone like Damien Hooper, for example, won't get run-down by a fragile electorate for wearing an Aboriginal flag shirt. The only thing Aboriginal athletes should have to worry about if they choose this course of action is a cease-and-desist letter from WAM Clothing.

Happy Festive season everyone!

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Jemma Mi Mi of the Queensland Firebirds in Super Netball. Picture: Getty Images

Invited to a seat at netball's table

A WIDE-RANGING review into all aspects of netball on and off the court has delivered a key

recommendation that could change entirely the game's approach to Indigenous representation.

Netball Australia's State of the Game review was released last week and in its

54 pages are almost 100 mentions of Indigenous people.

Prominent among several of its key recommendations is for an Indigenous person, or persons, to be appointed to the board of Netball Australia, and that process to be replicated at each of the boards of state and territory member organisations.

Former Australian Diamonds player and 1999 Netball World Cup winner Sharon Finnan-White, one of only two Aboriginal women to represent Australia in the game, has welcomed this and a raft of other recommendations relating to Indigenous people contained in the report.

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Jamarra Ugle-Hagan and parents Alice and Aaron celebrate his No 1 AFL national draft selection. Picture: Getty Images

From Framlingham to the AFL, Jamarra is No 1



JAMARRA Ugle-Hagan has become the first Indigenous No 1 AFL national draft pick in 22 years following his selection by the Western Bulldogs last week.

Ugle-Hagan, who grew up on the Framlingham Aboriginal Reserve 230km south-west of Melbourne, was among a host of the hottest talents in football as the AFL held its annual event for the first time in December.

The 18-year-old Ugle-Hagan joins Brisbane Lions 2002 premiership player Des Headland as the second-only Indigenous player in the AFL to be taken as first-choice overall, and it all brought a tear to the eve of his father. Aaron.

"It means a lot - because I hardly see my dad cry," Ugle-Hagan said.

"Obviously it means a lot of emotions around the whole room; it's just an unreal experience.

Ugle-Hagan led the pack of a talented field of 11 Indigenous young AFL prospects at the draft who landed at nine clubs across four states. - with AAP

See our full wrap of all the Indigenous 2020 AFL draftees, page 59

All-Stars to open NRL season in Townsville



FAR north Queensland will host the NRL's opening major event in 2021 with the

Indigenous All Stars v Maori All Stars match to be played in Townsville for the first time.
The NRL last week said that

Townsville's North Queensland Stadium would be the host venue for the annual men's and women's games on

Saturday, February 20.

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Rising star Quincy Dodd in action for the Indigenous All-Stars on the Gold Coast in February. Picture: Joseph Mayers



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