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Day of racist celebration draws protest



AN 11-metre wide banner was unfurled in Hobart last week by Aboriginal allies, the Wilderness Society.

Hung from the society's headquarters on Davey Street – one of Hobart's busiest roads – thousands of people read the message in the lead up to Invasion Day. Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre spokesperson Nala Mansell, who attended the unfurling last week, said the pressure was on the country's elected leaders to stop 'Australia Day'.

"Each year the demand to end these racist celebrations is getting bigger and bigger," she said. "No longer is this just an Aboriginal issue; there is so much pressure on the country's elected leaders and they will soon have to listen to the people they represent. The issue is not going away."

Invasion Days rallies in Hobart and Devonport were two of the many planned protests across the country for yesterday (Tuesday, January 26).

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- For more Invasion Day coverage, please check the next edition of the *Koori Mail*, February 10. While the publication date of today's paper is January 27, the paper was printed on Sunday, January 24.



Mark West, Nala Mansell, Heather Sculthorpe, Jess Matthews, Raylene Foster, Em Burgess, Sara Maynard and Maggie Blanden from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre with the Wilderness Society's Tom Allen. Picture: Jillian Mundy

Human Rights review: Australia put on notice



AUSTRALIA has been slammed by First Nations, legal and international organisations for its record on human rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Last week Australia fronted the United Nations for its report card on human rights, the Universal Periodic Review.

And the verdict?

Needs improvement and should do better.

Australia was taken to task for its record on racism, dodging its obligations to Indigenous people and was told it needed

to step up action to promote the human rights of Indigenous people.

UN members urged Australia to meet international standards and raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility from 10 years old to 14.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service co-chair Priscilla Atkins, an Eastern Arrernte woman, called on the Australian Government to reimagine the justice system.

"Our people consistently suffer injustices from discriminatory policies, systemic racism, overpolicing, human rights abuses and deaths in custody in the justice system," she said.

"It is embarrassing for Australia that, five years since the last Universal Periodic Review, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people remain the most incarcerated people on earth.

"With over 441 Aboriginal deaths in custody since 1991, the death penalty has never ended for our people. The Universal Periodic Review is a critical opportunity for the Australian Government to reimagine the justice system and commit to ending the overincarceration and deaths in custody of our people, including raising the age of criminal responsibility to at least 14 and implementing the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in

Custody, 30 years on from it being handed down.

"The world is watching."

Cathy Eatock, co-chair of the Indigenous Peoples' Organisation-Australia, a coalition of 285 Aboriginal and Torres Strait organisations and individuals, said that self-determination was paramount and that a First Nations Voice to Parliament was needed.

"We also endorse calls for a Makarrata Commission, to establish a truth-telling and treaty process, which is crucial to move Australia to a post conflict process of decolonisation," she said.

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MY FAMILY Janet Gibuma (Townsville/Boigu Island)

I HAVE family members living in Townsville, Cairns and in the Torres Strait on Boigu, Saibai, Thursday Island and many other places in the far north.

Townsville is my home town where I have lots of relatives and I keep in contact with many family members living in the Torres Strait and Cairns by phone and through social media.

They are all important and your photographer saw me with a nephew Dennis Messa as we sat in the Townsville CBD on a quiet Saturday afternoon of January 23.

We are loyal North Queensland Cowboys fans and we were waiting for 2pm when the big draw would be done in their nearby Leagues Club.

Dennis has bloodlines from Saibai and Mer Islands as well as some from PNG and we both enjoy fishing in creeks, rivers and the sea and sometimes catch lots.

He always calls me Aunt Janet and we love eating turtle, cray fish, crabs and lots of fish especially bream and barramundi in season.

I have family connections with the Gibuma, Toby, Marama and Anau families on Boigu, where a lot of my relatives are from.

But COVID-19 has prevented most of them from travelling down here since last March, but I am hoping that will change when the Indigenous All Stars versus the New Zealand Maori sides will be held in Townsville on February 20.

The coronavirus pandemic also affected how many relatives could attend family gatherings, weddings, funerals and some events even had to be postponed.

I also travel a lot by bus



Janet Gibuma sits with her nephew Dennis Messa in the Townsville CBD.

into town from my house in the Gulliver suburb and see many Torres Strait people who I know also are passengers.

Other things I enjoy are traditional dancing, eating island food with family and exercising at the gym.

Being aged 52, keeping fit is very important to me and I do a lot of lifting weights and cardio exercises, which ensure I keep healthy, active and feeling good.

My only child is a daughter aged 23 who also lives in Townsville and I keep in close contact with her.

Although no All Blacks rugby league carnivals were

held in 2020 due to the virus, Dennis and me follow the Boigu Island side Malu Kiai when they compete.

I am hopeful the side will be at carnivals during 2021.

Although barbecues have been a great way for me to keep in contact with local family and friends, social distancing has reduced these in the past 10 months.

But I am looking forward to attending more barbecues in coming months and really can't wait for the Indigenous All Stars game.

It will be just so wonderful to get to see family from Cairns and the Torres Strait there.

— As told to Alf Wilson

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OUR CHILDREN



Logyn Newall at the Putalina Festival in Tasmania. Picture: Jillian Mundy
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David Gulpilil in *Another Country*. The Adelaide Festival is screening a retrospective of some of Gulpilil's films this year.

Retrospective: David Gulpilil tells his own story



EARLY in 2017, legendary Australian actor David Gulpilil was diagnosed with lung cancer.

His doctors estimated six months for him but David, being David, was always likely to defy the odds. And he continues to do so with probably his last great work, *My Name is Gulpilil*.

For the first time, it's all Gulpilil, his story, in his words. He takes the audience boldly on the journey that is his most extraordinary, culture-clashing life.

In this culmination of a series of collaborations with the Adelaide Festival, Gulpilil is celebrated with a one-night-only gala screening of his life story, and with a retrospective of some of his most important films.

The Adelaide Festival's

association with David began in 2002 when *The Tracker*, commissioned by artistic director Peter Sellars, premiered with accompanying live music score sung by Archie Roach.

Gulpilil also appeared alongside Greg Rowe at the unforgettable Tarntanyangga screening of *Storm Boy*. The collaboration continued for the next two festivals with Neil Armfield's production of his one-man stage show, *Gulpilil*, in 2004, and in 2006 with the world's first screening of *Ten Canoes*.

My Name is Gulpilil screens for one night at the Adelaide Festival on Friday, March 12.

The retrospective will include *Storm Boy*, *Another Country*, *Rabbit Proof Fence*, *The Tracker*, *Walkabout*, *Ten Canoes*, *Mad Dog Morgan* and *Charlie's Country* and will screen over March 13-14.

UN calls on Australia to lift age of criminality



THE Australian Government has had their human rights record against First Nations people criticised and questioned by United Nations members during the United Nations Universal Periodic Review, with Australia under pressure to raise the age of criminal responsibility to at least 14 years.

Australia's partnership with First Nations people in the new Closing the Gap National Agreement, racism and discrimination towards First Nations people, as well as the high rates of violence against First Nations women and children, were repeatedly mentioned in recommendations. UN Members encouraged Australia to genuinely consult with First Nations organisations on issues such as Constitutional recognition, a Voice to Parliament, codifying the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and justice reform.

The Universal Periodic Review, begun in 2006, is a comprehensive review of the human rights record of each UN member state conducted every five years. The country under UN review, along with local and international organisations, has the opportunity to contribute reports to inform the review process.

Twenty-seven countries urged Australia to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility, currently 10 years old, a policy that disproportionately affects Indigenous children. The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child recommends that countries increase their minimum age of criminal responsibility to at least 14.

Australian officials acknowledged that the age of criminal responsibility had been considered but said criminal justice issues



NATSILS co-chair Priscilla Atkins.

were not a federal responsibility but a matter for Australian states and territories. However, under international law, federal governments remain responsible for human rights violations committed at the local level.

Priscilla Atkins, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (NATSILS) co-chair, said that Indigenous people consistently suffer injustices from discriminatory policies, systemic racism, overpolicing, human rights abuses and deaths in custody in the justice system.

"It is embarrassing for Australia that five years since the last Universal Periodic Review, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people remain the most incarcerated people on Earth," she said. "With over 441 Aboriginal deaths in custody since 1991, the death penalty has never ended for our people.

"The Universal Periodic Review is a critical opportunity for the Australian Government to reimagine the justice system and commit to ending the overincarceration and deaths in custody of our people, including raising the age of criminal responsibility to at least 14 and implementing the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, 30 years on from it being handed down.

"The world is watching."

Australia's treatment of First Nations people was repeatedly chastised, with Azerbaijan recognising that "racism towards Indigenous people is deep rooted".

Belarus raised concerns that Australia is "dodging its obligations to Indigenous people". El Salvador urged Australia to "step up your action to promote the human rights of Indigenous people".

While the Holy See commended Australia's commitment to Closing the Gap, they recommended that Australia "redouble" the efforts to ensure the rights and protections of Indigenous people.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rates of incarceration and deaths in custody were also examined by the United Nations members, who highlighted the police brutality against Indigenous people and questioned how Australia was working to bring perpetrators of these unlawful acts to justice. Iran called on Australia to "enact measures to end systematic police brutality against Indigenous people".

While many countries commended Australia's ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT), Australia was also questioned by Ukraine and the Philippines on the

implementation of National Preventative Mechanisms, which seeks to improve oversight and conditions for people in detention. Australia has previously postponed their compliance with OPCAT by delaying implementation to January 2022.

The Australian Government's response focused on its commitments to working in partnership with the Coalition of Peaks on Closing the Gap and the process towards a Voice to Parliament.

The Government noted that deaths in custody and reducing young Indigenous people in prison were key concerns.

Human Rights Watch – a global not for profit – said that the Australian Government should seriously address the criticisms of its human rights record and scores of recommendations raised by United Nations member countries.

"UN member countries rightly criticised Australia's treatment of asylum seekers and questioned why incarceration rates of First Nations peoples remain so high," Elaine Pearson, Australia director at Human Rights Watch, said. "The UN review made it clear that the Australian Government hasn't followed through on some of its key past pledges to the UN Human Rights Council."

Other concerns raised included the severe inequality experienced by Australia's First Nations people, and the lack of legal safeguards to protect the rights of journalists, whistleblowers, lawyers, activists, and others making disclosures in the public interest.

"The Australian federal government should show leadership by working with its states and territories to change their laws to raise the age of criminal responsibility and comply with international standards," Pearson said.

PM is out of touch as cricket takes a stand



IN the lead-up to January 26, Australia's top politician Scott Morrison came under fire for telling Cricket Australia to leave politics out of sport, comparing the experiences of the First Fleet with First Nations experience of invasion and for having an inadequate understanding of history.

Three men's Big Bash League (BBL) clubs wore Indigenous jerseys for their games last week and Cricket Australia dropped the term 'Australia Day' from promotions, following consultation from their Indigenous advisory committee.

The Sydney Thunder, Perth Scorchers and Melbourne Renegades all wore their special strips in matches on January 23, 25 and 26.

A barefoot circle, Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony were conducted before some games.

The moves form part of several recommendations by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cricket Advisory Committee (NATSICAC), chaired by Gooreng Gooreng man Justin Mohamed and former Test and one-day player Mel Jones.

Cricket Australia diversity and inclusion manager Adam Cassidy said they wanted to encourage respectful dialogue.

"Obviously it's a bit of a challenge when you have matches being played on a day of mourning for a lot of people," he said.

"When you are a business operating under a Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (the second-highest tier), it does come with responsibility and accountability to lead on key reconciliation issues."

The move was firmly approved by the game's players, with Sydney Thunder's Brendan Doggett championing the cause through his own Indigenous history.

"I hate conflict. So I am of the opinion if we can all merge forward together that's ideal," Doggett said.

"The way we're going to do that is by starting conversations and talking about it and acknowledging the history of what's happened."

"If we wear the kit and hopefully even start one conversation then that is a win."

However, last Thursday, Prime Minister Morrison told CA to stick to cricket, while Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton labelled it a "token attempt" and urged the sport to reverse the call.

"It's not cricket. That would be my reaction," Morrison told reporters in central Queensland.

"Australian cricket fans would like Cricket Australia to focus a lot more on cricket and a lot less on politics."

In the same press conference Mr Morrison said Australia Day was "all about acknowledging how far we've come" and called for sympathy for the convicts on the First Fleet.

"You know, when those 12 ships turned up in Sydney, it wasn't a particularly flash day for the people on those vessels either," he said.

Mr Morrison's critics pointed out



Senior Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Joy Murphy Wandin performs a Welcome to Country as players take part in a barefoot ceremony around the Walkabout Wickets artwork by Kirrae Whurrong woman Aunty Fiona Clarke before the Big Bash League match between the Melbourne Renegades and the Brisbane Heat at Marvel Stadium, on January 23, in Melbourne. Picture: Kelly Defina, Cricket Australia via Getty Images

there were actually only 11 ships in the First Fleet.

Wiradjuri cricketer Dan Christian, who plays for the Sydney Sixers had a message for Morrison on Twitter.

"Read the room Mr Prime Minister," Christian tweeted.

"@CricketAus are leading the way because your government won't."

"There'll be millions of kids watching our @BBL games on the 26th January, and they'll see us taking a knee against racism, and promoting inclusion for all. Take note."

Yawuru Professor Mick Dodson – who is the current Northern Territory Treaty Commissioner, was Australian of the Year in 2009 and was one of the authors of *For the love of the game: Indigenous cricket in Australia* – said Morrison was shallow.

"It indicates to me a very shallow understanding of the arrival of the First Fleet and the impact of that on Aboriginal Australia," Professor Dodson said.

"It's a very selfish comment. He said nothing about the arrival of that fleet on the Aboriginal owners who own the place."

"There's no empathy there at all. He's turning it inward. It's all about self-praise and aggrandisement of Whitefella colonisation."

"It's so shallow in that it doesn't involve inclusion or diversity."

"I just think he's very lightweight when it comes to understanding Australian history and Aboriginal perspectives about the British colonisation of the country."

Professor Dodson also pointed out that since 2013, Aboriginal participation in cricket has increased from 8500 to almost 70,000 players.

"They've done a terrific job. No other sport in Australia could claim that," he said.

"It's not just Indigenous



Brendan Doggett of the Thunder and Dan Christian of the Sixers before the Big Bash League match between the Sydney Thunder and the Sydney Sixers at Manuka Oval, on January 13, in Canberra. Picture: Darrian Traynor, Cricket Australia via Getty Images

Australians, it's people from diverse and different cultural backgrounds, they've done a terrific job."

"The Cricket Australia team should be very, very proud of what they've achieved in such a short time."

"Because they're inclusive and have an inclusive and diverse policy, you get figures like that."

NATSICAC co-chair Mel Jones, a former Test and one-day international player, was asked whether Mr Morrison's comments would make any difference.

"Not at all," she said.

"The recommendations put forward, we know, are a value-driven thing about making cricket as inclusive as we can."

"It's about how we can do something that makes people feel safe on the hardest day for Indigenous people in Australia."

Greens Senator Lidia Thorpe said it was disrespectful and

reconciliation and closing the gap when he makes such ignorant and unhelpful comments like this?"

Aboriginal Olympic legend Cathy Freeman lashed out at the Prime Minister for his initial remarks.

"You can't compare the experiences of those ships that first arrived to this country to what their arrival meant for all generations of Australia's First Nations people," she posted to Twitter.

January 26 marks the raising of the Union Jack for the first time in 1788 after the British First Fleet's arrival in Botany Bay the previous week.

For many, it is a day of mourning that signals the European invasion of the continent after more than 60,000 years of Indigenous occupation.

Ms Jones said cricket was trying to help normalise the conversation about January 26's history.

She also insisted it was not meant to be seen as a divisive or political move, with the decision not to refer to January 26 as Australia Day just one of several recommendations.

The change is also nothing new at some clubs, with the Sydney Thunder having long referred to the public holiday as the January long weekend.

"I think what we've tried to embrace is embracing the uncomfortable conversation," Jones said.

"We're happy to have those hard conversations, we know they're not easy. But if we don't have them, then nothing is going to change."

"Whether that's a pride day or in terms of gender policy or whatever."

"We're not afraid of change if it allows every person in Australia to enjoy the game." – with AAP

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New writer is born

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TALES of Aboriginal rangers living on the windswept islands off the coast of Tasmania. Identity fraud, untimely funerals and moral dilemmas. All these topics and more are in *BORN into This*, a collection of fictional short stories by emerging Pakana writer Adam Thompson, which hits bookstores next week.

The book invites you into Thompson's world to be both entertained and challenged.

I've known Adam for years, so when I received a review copy I read it with trepidation at the last minute – what if it didn't appeal to me or I had to push myself to read it? My fears disappeared the moment I started reading and I am happy to report that I truly had trouble putting it down. In some stories I resisted the urge to skip forward. In one I laughed so loud I was worried I might wake up guests in neighbouring hotel rooms. In another I fist pumped the air at the end and others bought tears to my eyes.

Reading through the 16 stories I jotted down words and phrases like – 'raw and at times dark; delightful, mysterious and unsettling; craftily executes unease in the reader; brilliant; I could taste the sea air and smell the mutton bird rookery, polished, and bloody funny'.

Highly acclaimed Wiradjuri author Tara June Winch sums up *Born into This* neatly in her endorsement: 'drenched in swagger and originality, the blows are head-on, but the comfort is swiftly delivered in the wit and delicacy of Thompson's phrasing'.

Inside the front cover are endorsements from other acclaimed authors, including Ellen van Neerven, who says of Adam: 'a world-class writer whose stories strike like lightning'. And Tony Birch says, 'Thompson is a writer who knows that the way to our hearts and heads is through powerful storytelling. He delivers on every page, with every word'.

Not bad for a man who still has trouble convincing himself he's a 'real' writer and had never finished a piece of his writing, let alone allowed anyone to read one (not even his wife) until he entered the local Tamar Valley Writers Festival 2017 competition.

I caught up with Adam in Launceston last week to talk about his book.

"I wrote it for myself, for the enjoyment of writing. I wrote stories I like to read and I just hope it resonates with other people," he said.

"I hope readers are entertained. I hope they feel something, whether that's humour, sadness, elation. It's fictional, and crazy and little bit whacky."

"In a way I'd like the world to know about us down here too, some of the ways we feel about things and the things we do, like birding."

Adam never set out to write a commercially available book.

"I just enjoying telling yarns. I enjoy stories and I like reading."

He explained how he'd seen a local writing competition advertised, for the Tamar Valley Writers Festival in 2017.



Pakana writer Adam Thompson has published his first book of short stories, *Born into This*.

"I polished up a story and sent it in. I thought, 'What the hell. There's prize money. Why not?'"

He won first place and found himself propelled into 'this author world'.

At the time writing a book was the furthest thing from his mind. After all he was busy enough with work, recently married and had a young son.

"It was kind of exciting and interesting and from that I started writing more stories."

Opportunities he never knew existed started coming his way.

Adam was successful in applying for a grant for a mentor, entered and won the inaugural Emerging Tasmanian Aboriginal Writers Award in 2018, was published in literary reviews and was one of 10 writers to be selected from about 11,000

entries by a panel of accomplished writers for the Wheeler Centre's 2019 Next Chapter scheme. The scheme introduced him to further mentoring, a writer's residency

Adam's closest friends and they mutton bird together each season.

A little earlier Nathan had stepped into theatre and written his first play *The Season*, about mutton birding. It was picked up

by major festivals and opened at the Sydney Opera House in 2017.

"He'd taken this passion for storytelling. We'd just sit around the bird islands telling yarns all the

time, and he took that and did something with it.

"He put pen to paper and he worked with people and took all the opportunities and he took it somewhere and found a platform to tell his stories."

"I was really inspired by that, and I thought, 'Well, if he can do that and I'm into what I'm doing – writing stories – well, I'm going to do that too'."

and publishers.

The awards built confidence, helped him to recognise his 'imposter syndrome' and have been a real springboard.

"Suddenly there's all these opportunities, and that's what I learnt from Nathan, and if you start taking them they'll take you on a path and it leads somewhere."

Nathan Maynard is one of

"I kind of felt like I was a little bit left behind. I told him that the other day."

"We are always telling stories and we talk about the storytelling process a lot, the elements of story."

"We are very similar in that we both had the stories and the ideas, but we learnt the craft as we went, on the fly."

I asked Adam what advice he would give to an aspiring writer.

"Just take the opportunities as they come."

Inspiration also came from his community, and by published writers including Jim Everett, Michael Mansell and Karen Brown, and the mentors Kate Gordon and Cate Kennedy, and arts worker Denise Robertson.

I also asked Adam if any of the characters were based on him – I admitted to him I was little worried – the moral compass of a couple of characters is slightly askew.

Adam laughed and was quick to stress they are ALL fictional characters.

The stories are inspired by his life and experiences, especially working within the Tasmanian Aboriginal community. As a young man he spent long periods living and working on the Bass Strait Islands, an experience he often draws on.

There are real places, although some have had their names changed. For authenticity he has used Aboriginal family names but no characters are based on real people.

One of those experiences, which makes its way into two stories, is when Adam shot to notoriety after burning the Australian flag at a 2008 Invasion Day Rally.

"It was after the Cronulla riot stuff and that really hostile Aussie patriotism, which seemed to me was aimed at anyone who didn't have White Aussie values, like an attack on Aboriginal people. I felt offended by that. I still do."

I am beyond tempted to share extracts from some of stories, but they are so cleverly crafted that I'm worried I could create a spoiler.

I will encourage you to look out for the yappy little white dog in 'Kite', one of my favourites. Ironically, there was a yappy little white dog at the café where I yarned with Adam about his book. I said was just like the in his story – he said it was like the one he imagined too.

Also, watch out for owls.

Born into This becomes available in bookstores and online from February 2.

I told Adam I was waiting for the next volume. He revealed he has enough stories up his sleeve when the time comes. He is also working on a novel but, just like his short stories, he builds anticipation and would only tell me that it's set in the Tasmanian wilderness.

Born into This has also been recorded as an audiobook, narrated by Nyikina actor, writer, producer and sound designer Mark Coles Smith, best known for his co-starring role in movie *Last Cab to Darwin*.

It will be available on wavesound.com.au on February 1.

There has also been some interest in optioning some of Adam's stories for film.

Buckskin boomerang flies above the sky aboard the International Space Station



A BOOMERANG handcrafted by Kurna man Jack Buckskin has been taken into space aboard a NASA-operated Tesla rocket.

Carved out of western myall wood, the boomerang has been received by the crew of NASA's SpaceX Crew-1 mission on the International Space Station.

It was commissioned by the South Australian Museum as an expression of modern Aboriginal culture and ingenuity and sent to US astronaut Shannon Walker after being presented to the State Government at a ceremony last year.

"We are honoured and delighted to have it on board with us," Dr Walker said in a video recorded aboard the International Space Station.

"After the flight we plan to return it to South Australia for public display, where we hope it will inspire people young and old to remember that human exploration has a long and deep history within the earliest human culture.

"That legacy benefits us all."

Mr Buckskin, a cultural mentor known for spearheading a project aimed at reviving use of the Kurna language, said it was a great honour.



US astronaut Shannon Walker with a boomerang aboard the International Space Station in a video released by the South Australian government. The boomerang was handcrafted by Kurna man Jack Buckskin as an expression of modern Aboriginal culture and received by NASA's SpaceX Crew-1 mission. Picture: South Australia Government

"I've been very lucky to have Aboriginal items, such as shields, in places around the world like Austria and India, which I thought was an awesome experience, but to have something up in space which is untouched territory is beyond words," he said.

"We talk about connections with Aboriginal people; we talk about land, sea and sky, but I

don't think space is a part of that sky world that we're talking about.

"It's pretty crazy that something that has been handmade down here is up in the reality of the sky world with our Aboriginal ancestors from that part of our culture."

The spacecraft, manufactured by Elon Musk's SpaceX and dubbed Resilience by its crew of

three Americans and one Japanese astronaut, launched from Florida's Kennedy Space Centre in November and docked at the International Space Station two days later.

It is the first crewed mission on a privately built space capsule purchased by NASA.

"In sending this great



Kurna man Jack Buckskin.

example of Aboriginal engineering and aerodynamics into space, we honour our Aboriginal culture while symbolising our ambitious, optimistic nature and the new industries being developed in South Australia," Premier Steven Marshall said. -AAP

Brave action required to reach true reconciliation



AUSTRALIANS need to move from 'safe' to 'brave' in order to realise the promise of reconciliation, a new report says.

The 2021 State of Reconciliation in Australia

Report assesses the current status of reconciliation and outlines some practical actions that need to be taken if we are to continue to progress the reconciliation process.

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Karen Mundine says the report shows the reconciliation movement is at a tipping point.

"While we see greater support for reconciliation from the Australian people than ever before, we must be more determined than ever if we are to achieve the goals of the movement — a just, equitable, and reconciled Australia," she said. "There is a far greater awareness of the complexity and magnitude of First Nations cultures and



Jessica Johnson working on a mural with community during NAIDOC 2019 at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence in Redfern. Picture: Joseph Mayers

knowledges, and many more Australians now understand and acknowledge the impacts that British colonialism and the modern Australian state have had on First Nations families and communities.

"Reconciliation must be about more than raising awareness and knowledge. The skills and knowledge gained must now motivate us to braver action.

"Actions must involve truth-telling, and actively addressing issues of inequality, systemic racism and instances where the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are ignored, denied or reduced."

Ms Mundine said that the State of Reconciliation report's focus on moving from safe to brave is supported by the year's theme: 'More than a word. Reconciliation takes Action'.

"We recently have seen many more people speaking up, speaking the truth, asking the hard questions, seeing the hard facts, and informing themselves about issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," she said.

"We now call on others to follow their lead by reflecting on their own contributions and striving to do more."

The report's release in 2021 marks Reconciliation Australia's 20 years as the lead body for reconciliation in Australia.

The artwork for the 2021 theme, *Action*, created by Jessica Johnson, reflects connection and mutual obligation to one another, community and country. Ms Johnson said that through commonality and difference we have the ability to come together and achieve real change.

Jessica Johnson is a descendent of the Warumungu/Wombaya people north of Tennant Creek. Born on Larrakia country, Jessica spent her formative years among the diverse community of Canberra on Ngambri/ Ngunnawal country.

Now residing in Sydney, Gadigal country, Jessica is an established designer, artist and owner of Nungala Creative.

Her work often reflects the nostalgia of her youth, an era of passionate united community committed to realising equality and justice for First Nations peoples.



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Tenille leads for women



TENILLE Tonga is one of the 14 finalists in the Queensland 2021 Resources Awards for Women.

Tenille is the first female leading hand in mining construction company Hastings Deering, Mackay, and manages a team of 20 diesel fitters, trades assistants, and apprentices.

"When I first started, I thought I wasn't getting the same jobs as some of the guys. I didn't get chosen to have the experience on some of the big machines. I really had to prove that I could do the same job as the fellas could do," she said.

"Things still are not exactly equal, but it is a far more friendly female environment today than it has ever been.

"I always say to the female apprentices that yes, it might be a hard day, but it's not a hard life.

"You might have a bad day here and there and you might work with someone who doesn't like you and doesn't want to teach you anything because you are a female – but don't let that bring you down.

"You're still there to do your job and don't let anybody stop you in your career or from doing what you love."

Tenille has come to enjoy mentoring apprentices, particularly young women.



Tenille Tonga is a finalist in the exceptional trade/technician/operator category of the Queensland 2021 Resources Awards for Women.

"When Hastings Deering implemented Together As One (the company's flexibility and inclusion initiative), it struck me how important it is to share my story with other apprentices to show them how the

industry has made significant inroads and we can come to work and be our true selves," she said.

"Being both Indigenous and female, I am called upon to talk to our apprentices every year when they are

inducted to Hastings Deering and I never take that role lightly."

Tenille is one of the three finalists in the exceptional trade/technician/operator category.

"I am always honoured when the company nominates me for an award because it allows me to look back and appreciate what I have achieved in eight years and then share that with others," she said.

"Now looking back and reflecting, I've done so much in the eight years since I started here.

"You can do anything you put your mind to."

Tenille won the Rising Star Award in the Queensland Resources Council's 2019 Indigenous Awards.

"I enjoy sharing my journey with our apprentices, with students at schools when I have opportunities to talk to girls, particularly about STEM, and then also during NAIDOC Week when I can celebrate my heritage and show others what possibilities can be reached," she said.

The winners will be announced at the 16th annual Queensland Resources Council /Women In Mining and Resources Queensland International Women's Day Breakfast on March 10 at the Royal International Convention in Bowen Hills, presented by Anglo American.



Environmental Water Advisory Group for the Macquarie-Cudgegong Valley Seeking Applications for Chairperson

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is seeking community applications for Chairperson of the Macquarie-Cudgegong Environmental Water Advisory Group (EWAG).

The Macquarie-Cudgegong EWAG provides advice to the Department on the use of water for the environment in the Macquarie valley. The suitable applicant will ensure that decision-making processes are robust, and that established EWAG Terms of Reference, codes of conduct and other protocols are followed. The chairperson should make best use of the committee's knowledge, skills and experience to assist environmental water managers with annual watering priorities, adaptive management and implementation of the NSW environmental watering program.

Specific capabilities include maintaining impartiality for robust and respectful debate, effective communication, supporting an inclusive and collaborative approach, managing conflicts of interest, skilled facilitation, having regard for Aboriginal people, culture and communities, group leadership and decision making.

Appointment to this non-salaried position is up to five years with approximately four meetings conducted each year in varying regional locations, and some additional field trips undertaken.

Further information, the position description and application form are available at: environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/water/water-for-the-environment/macquarie/environmental-water-advisory-group/chairperson

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Myall Creek: Art unveils truth



JUST before sunset on June 10, 1838, while the Wirrayaraay people of the Gamillaroi nation were preparing for their evening meal at Myall Creek, near the Gwydir River in Northern NSW, a group of convicts, former convicts and one settler arrived, fully armed.

The group tied up the frightened Wirrayaraay people and led them away from their campsite.

Two women and a young girl were set aside, while another young girl was given to Yintyantini, an Aboriginal stockman whose country was further south and who worked on the Myall Creek station. Two boys escaped by jumping into the creek.

George Anderson, hut keeper at Myall Creek station, later described the terror of the Wirrayaraay people as they were led away and slaughtered. Afterwards, their bodies were piled up and burned. The remains of at least 28 corpses were later observed at the site, but the final death toll has never been confirmed.

It was not the first or the last massacre of Aboriginal people.

Although there were many other massacres of Indigenous people across Australia, this one had special significance because it was the only time that White men were arrested, charged and hung for the massacre of Aboriginal people.

And now, an exhibition exploring the history and site of the 1838 Myall Creek massacre through the work of some of Australia's leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists is expected to challenge visitors to take a new look at history.

The touring exhibition, *Myall Creek and beyond*, from the New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM) will open at the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) Art Gallery at Sippy Downs on February 1.



The artists visit the Myall Creek massacre site.

The exhibition was two years in development at NERAM and features work by artists Robert Andrew, Fiona Foley, Julie Gough, Colin Isaacs, Jolea Isaacs, David and Tim Leha with Quarralia Knox, Laurie Nilsen, Judy Watson and Warraba Weatherall.

It also includes the Myall Creek Gathering Cloak made by members of the local community working with Carol McGregor.

Curator Bianca Beetson said the artists selected for this exhibition were chosen for their ability to create work that deepens the conversation.

"All of them, in different ways, interrogate dialogues surrounding Aboriginal massacres, frontier wars and hidden histories, whether it's through the artists creating work which responds to the place Myall Creek, or the artists' broader response to issues surrounding Australia's frontier history," she said.

"This presented a challenge when curating this exhibition, as I was faced with trying to curate work that authentically engages with the story of atrocities such as Myall Creek, but at the same time I was mindful of not triggering trauma in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander audiences who share this dark history."

NERAM director Rachael Parsons said the evocative exhibition was a partnership between the art museum and the Friends of Myall Creek Memorial, with the tour supported by Visions of Australia.

"The participating artists visited the Myall Creek memorial site near Bingara, attended the 2017 memorial event organised by the Friends of Myall Creek Memorial on the anniversary of the massacre, and met with members of the local community to talk about its significance to them," she said.

The exhibition will be on display at USC Art Gallery from 10am on Monday, February 1 to Saturday, April 24.



Robert Andrew's work *Country Ground Earth Sand Time and Space*.

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Call for Nominations – Aboriginal Fishing Trust Expenditure Committee

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The Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council (AFAC) provides advice to the Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW on Aboriginal fishing matters, including funding priorities from the AFTF. The Aboriginal Fishing Trust Expenditure Committee (AFTEC) has been established to assist AFAC with assessment of applications for funds and development of expenditure recommendations.

A call for nominations is invited for up to **six positions** on the AFTEC.

Essential criteria includes:

- Be an Aboriginal person.
- Have expertise in the areas of business and exploration of economic development opportunities.

Desirable criteria includes:

- Knowledge and understanding of the cultural significance of fishing to Aboriginal culture.
- Sound analytical skills and demonstrated capacity to engage with complex issues.
- Capacity to attend up to two meetings per year and undertake required preparation for meetings including having access to email.

Members are paid a sitting fee, travel and accommodation expenses and are appointed for terms of up to three years.

Persons who wish to apply for membership should submit a nomination addressing the above criteria and curriculum vitae to:

Post: Aboriginal Fishing Trust Expenditure Committee
C/-NSW DPI
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Email: aboriginal.fishingtrust@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

These should be received by **5pm** on **24 February 2021**.

For further information visit the DPI website: dpi.nsw.gov.au or contact NSW DPI Fisheries (02) 4424 7421 or email: aboriginal.fishingtrust@dpi.nsw.gov.au.



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Natural resource regulator gets Gomeroi voice

By NICK PATON



GOMEROI man Phil Duncan has provided high-level policy, strategic and leadership advice to

numerous Indigenous representative organisations, universities, and government agencies for nearly 40 years.

And now Mr Duncan will take on his biggest challenge yet, this time as the first Indigenous member to be appointed to the Natural Resource Access Regulator (NRAR), bringing his extensive experience in natural resource management, freshwater river management, forestry, native fish, and water rights to the table.

Mr Duncan's Gomeroi homelands encompass part of the Hunter Valley area, between Muswellbrook and Aberdeen in NSW and stretch up the inside of the Central Tablelands, along the great dividing range taking in Uralla and Tingha, crossing the NSW/Queensland border up to Ningy Gully near St George.

"So, being part of such a large geographical area, the Gomeroi people have always been affiliated with water, with seven arteries, or rivers, flowing within the nation's boundaries, all sitting on top of the Great Artesian Basin," Mr Duncan said.

"Incorporating the Murray-Darling Basin, the Gomeroi nation are custodians of the most water resources running across it, under it, and with recent floods, over it, than any other nation."

The NRAR is the independent water regulator for NSW and being independent is key to the organisations' functionality and operations.

A big part of NRAR's work is to ensure all water use is compliant with NSW's water management laws.

"We have on-ground, or on-country, water compliance campaigns, and work hard to build the knowledge and capacity of our communities to make sure they understand the applicable water management laws, and why its important they are compliant," Mr Duncan said.

"We do this through active investigations and through the use of some fairly sophisticated technologies such as metering to ensure we are engaging key stakeholders and industry to ensure they are compliant with our water management laws here in NSW."

"The compliance and enforcement measures we use are effective, transparent, and the key area of our work is the accountability of all water users."

Mr Duncan said a huge part of what NRAR do is to maintain public confidence in their operations.

"And we do that through the proactive enforcement of our water management laws by regularly prosecuting against the knowing, wilful and substantial non-compliance when necessary," he said.



Craig Knowles, Bruce Brown, Illona Millar and Phil Duncan.



Gomeroi man Phil Duncan is the first Indigenous man appointed to the board of the Natural Resource Access Regulator (NRAR).

"As an agency we are continuing to grow bigger and stronger and our role is becoming more understood, not only within government, but with industry and the way we work with our Aboriginal communities across the state too."

Mr Duncan said that being appointed as the first Indigenous member of the NRAR Board gave him a magnificent feeling.

"But I needed some time initially to think about taking on the appointment," he said.

"In the early stages of the appointment I wondered if I was up for such a big challenge and, to be honest, I initially suffered from what I would call a little bit of imposter syndrome, but now, it really feels like NRAR are like family in the way I have been welcomed and made to feel at home."

"After talking with my parents and key people in my networks and community who encouraged me to take on the appointment, I have embraced it, and I feel as though I am now ready to not only survive in the role, but thrive in the role also."

Mr Duncan said he is thrilled to assist an organisation like NRAR which takes Indigenous cultural values extremely seriously and which is focussed on building cultural capacity for Aboriginal people within the organisation to be better at what they do.

"I'm the oldest of 127 grandkids, so my family, Elders and ancestors have had a profound effect on who I am," he said.

"I am the type of person who aligns my cultural values and my leadership values with the teachings of my Elders both past and present and I have utmost respect for the younger generation of Aboriginal leaders who are rising up."

"I have such respect for our Aboriginal youth who are really able to enlighten me and teach me new things about the world as we all move forward."

Mr Duncan's connection to his culture has taught him to be a great communicator and networker, and to be a gentle influencer when necessary, but to also stand firm in his convictions in times of controversy.

"It's my cultural values that really make me tick because these values are in my daily life, in my work, my profession – socially and culturally – and in my community," Mr Duncan said.

"We really need to think about what we put into our waterways because as a young kid, I remember my grandfather teaching me about the importance of not putting anything into the river that wasn't meant to be there, like animal fat after eating, or ochre that we so often use in ceremony, in fear of upsetting the ecological cycle of the waterway."

"These are the types of teachings that have kept me in good stead and this appointment really is my opportunity, and responsibility, to be involved in caring for and repairing country, and to work together collaboratively to achieve better outcomes for our communities."

New blood at Bangarra



BANGARRA Dance Theatre has welcomed two young dancers into the company and introduced a youth programs

trainee as part of the Russell Page Graduate Program.

The 2021 Russell Page Graduates are Daniel Mateo, Maddison Paluch, and Mitchell J Nalingu Harrison-Currie.

The Russell Page Graduate Program provides the opportunity for First Nations early career artists to develop as professional dancers and facilitators through training, mentoring, performance and touring seasons – one of many ways that Bangarra continues its commitment to supporting and fostering the talent of the next generation of dancers.

Daniel and Maddison will make their debut as dancers performing with the company in *Spirit: a retrospective 2021* at Sydney Festival this month. As part of the Russell Page Graduate Program, they will complete a one-year intensive immersion experiencing the rigour and training of what is expected in the role as a professional dance artist.

Daniel Mateo is a descendant of the Gamilaroi people of north-east NSW as well as the Tongan people of the Pacifica region.

"The program is an opportunity to make a valuable contribution as an artist and a



Mitchell J Nalingu Harrison-Currie, Maddison Paluch and Daniel Mateo. Picture: Dan Boud

storyteller," he said.

Wiradjuri woman and 2020 Russell Page Professional Development scholar Maddison Paluch said she was grateful to again be a part of Bangarra.

"The opportunity is a chance to grow as an artist and contribute to the company's

important work," she said.

For the first time, the Russell Page Graduate Program also includes a newly introduced Youth Programs trainee role.

Mitchell J Nalingu Harrison-Currie is a Mununjali, Bundjalung and Gunggari man from west of the Gold Coast,

Beaudesert and Fingal Head, and joins the company to support Bangarra's Youth Program Team in delivering activities online and across the country.

"In 2015 Bangarra's Rekindling program came to me at a pivotal moment in my life,"

he said. "Being a part of Bangarra Youth Programs team would mean I would be able to reach others in the way that Bangarra reached out to me six years ago."

Associate artistic director Frances Rings said that the program is part of Bangarra's commitment to building a strong platform for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and artists and is named for the late Russell Page, a senior Bangarra artist who passed away in 2002.

"Named after the younger brother of artistic director Stephen and his songman brother David, Russell represented what it was to be an Indigenous performing artist: to be humble, vibrant, artistically gifted and generous. He was also passionate about passing on knowledge to the next generation of young artists," she said.

"These qualities we see reflected in a generation of dancers coming through the Russell Page Graduate Program today.

"Maddie, Daniel and Mitchell bring exciting new blood to the company, and alongside our current Dancers, represent just a few of the 300 language groups from across Indigenous Australia."

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The warrior spirit of the Watego family honoured



A NEW series of podcasts about Australians at war features the incredible story of members of the

Watego family, who enlisted despite not being recognised as citizens.

Colin Watego, 66, a Bundjalung man and descendent of the South Sea Islands, tells the story of his family in the *My Life at War* podcast.

Mr Watego – who spent 43 years in the army, reached the rank of warrant officer, and was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his service – said he was inspired by family members.

“So, serving at the same time would have been four men from the same family in World War II, which would have been my grandfather, his oldest son, and his two youngest sons, and one of them was my dad,” he said.

Despite their war service, when the men returned home to Australia they were not recognised as other soldiers were.

In the podcast, Mr Watego recalls how his uncle and father went to a pub in uniform to drink to their brother who was killed in battle in Egypt.

One of the brothers was told to leave because he was ‘too dark’.

“We can only imagine what it’s like to, you know, put on a uniform and go to fight a war and put your life on the line and not be able to vote in your own country,” Colin said.



Colin Watego, former warrant officer class 1, Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery. Pictures: Uniting NSW

“How do you come to terms with that sort of thinking?”

“But, you see, family is really important to me. It’s a sense of pride. It’s not even about pride, it’s about duty. Why would you not want to protect your family? Why? Why would anyone want to just sit back and allow anybody to hurt the people I love and care about?”

He also tells the story of Lenny Waters, who was kicked out of school at the age of four and went on to become Australia’s first Indigenous fighter pilot.

Mr Waters flew 95 missions and the Royal Australian Air Force painted a fighter jet in Aboriginal colours to honour him.

“I exemplify him as one of our great warriors for our

people. Once his warrior spirit was recognised and acknowledged ... others saw the story for what it was,” he said.

“And that’s why it’s so important that our young people hear those stories.

“It’s not about glorifying war at all. But it is stepping up and doing what you need to do when you need to do it. And that’s so applicable even today.”

My Life at War is a podcast series about the experiences of Australians in WWII, told through the eyes of veterans receiving aged care from Uniting NSW.ACT.

Uniting NSW.ACT executive director Tracey Burton said the podcast was a



Colin's father, Colin Watego Senior, who served in the Royal Australian Garrison Artillery (WWII).

timely reminder of the incredibly important contribution older Australians had made, and continue to make.

“In a year when our Elders have endured a pandemic, it’s more important than ever to remember how incredibly valuable they are to our community,” she said.

“We need to listen to these stories and remind ourselves about the sacrifices they have made and how they build and enrich our country.”

The podcast can be found at Uniting.org/veterans or all major podcasting apps.



Colin's uncle, Vince Lloyd Watego, who was in the Australian Army and deployed to North Africa in World War II. He died at El Alamein in Egypt.



Colin's grandfather, Murray Watego, front, who served in the 41st battalion in WWI and the Royal Australian Garrison Artillery in WWII.



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To apply, individuals need to complete an expression of interest indicating their skills and experience relevant to the role by **Sunday 28 February 2021**.

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Rio Tinto on Apache land



A US judge denied an Apache request to block the Trump administration from publishing an environmental study that would trigger a land swap needed by Rio Tinto to build a copper mine in Arizona.

The ruling is a blow to the San Carlos Apache tribe and others who have long opposed Rio's Resolution copper project, which would be built on sacred land.

Rio, which is still studying the project and not expected to make a final investment decision for several years, pledged last year to improve its dealings with First Nations people, after it legally destroyed rock shelters sacred to traditional owners in Western Australia.

US District Judge Steven Logan declined to issue a restraining order that would have prevented the government from publishing the environmental study as planned, a step that would start a 60-day countdown to transfer the land to Rio Tinto.

Tribal lawyers are required, under legal statute, to discuss the restraining order request with the government, but government lawyers did not return the tribe's phone calls, the filing documents show. Because the two sides did not talk, Judge Logan said he would not approve the restraining order.

The judge added that even if the study is published, it does not necessarily mean the land swap will go through, although the US Congress had mandated just that in



Wendsler Nosie, the former chair of Arizona's San Carlos Apache tribe, centre, has vowed to fight Rio Tinto's bid to mine copper on Apache land.

2014. The judge set a series of hearings on the matter.

Lawyers for tribal members say they are looking forward to the hearings and hope the judge will invalidate the environmental study or rule the 2014 act by Congress unconstitutional.

As an added defence, tribal members filed a property lien on the land, effectively saying the government does not own the land and thus cannot give it away.

The US Forest Service, which manages the land, published the

environmental impact statement last week.

Rio Tinto is eager to boost copper production to meet burgeoning demand from electric vehicle manufacturers and other emerging green technologies.

EVs use twice as much copper as internal combustion engines.

The publication was also opposed by environmentalists who fear the mine could pollute local water supplies.

The mine could supply a quarter

of US copper demand if developed and generate more than \$US280 million (\$A363 million) in annual taxes, the Forest Service's Tom Torres said.

"We have to balance demand for mineral extraction and the related economic benefits with our commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability," he said.

"This project is complex and the impacts were rigorously analysed."

Rio still needs federal construction permits, a process that

could take years. The company has also promised to seek tribal consent for the mine.

It was not immediately clear what will happen to the land should Rio obtain it but decide not to build the mine.

"This is a starting point from which we are committed to continue building constructive relationships through ongoing dialogue with Native American tribes," Arnaud Soirat, who runs Rio's copper and diamond division, said.

BHP Group, which is developing the project with Rio, said it recognises the land "has historical cultural significance for Native American tribes" and plans to monitor Resolution's tribal negotiations.

Some Native Americans work for and support the Resolution project though many others have vowed to forcefully oppose it.

"I'll defend this land to the very end," said Wendsler Nosie, the former chair of Arizona's San Carlos Apache tribe who has formed a protest camp at the mine site.

"It's silly for anyone to think the companies could offer anything to gain tribal consent."

Wendsler and other San Carlos Apache tribe sued to block publication of the environmental study.

Tribal members have also filed a property lien that essentially asks a court to find that the US government has illegally occupied the land for more than 160 years and has no right to give it to anyone.

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A proud Wiradjuri woman from Condoblin in Western NSW, Tiarne grew up on the Central Coast in NSW and has a strong connection to these lands and the Darkinjung people.

Tiarne has been a strong voice for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait peoples in her local community and in high school. Tiarne participated in and organised many Cultural events for her school for the Dates of Significance for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders peoples.

A mentor to younger Aboriginal students in her school, Tiarne encouraged other Aboriginal students to learn as much as they could about their family and culture in order to strengthen their own identity. She completed her HSC in 2018 on the Central Coast.

Tiarne says: "I have always had a passion for joining the Police Force ever since I was a child, particularly in the area of Child Protection". Her dream was to combine her enthusiasm and passion for her community with a career in the Police Force, but there didn't seem to be a clear career pathway for someone like her.

When she found out about the Cert III in Vocational and Study Pathways IPROWD course at TAFE NSW, it seemed like a perfect fit. The Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery Program (IPROWD) supports Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to join the NSW Police Force or other Justice and Emergency Services Agencies. Since 2008 more than 700 Aboriginal students have enrolled, with many going on to gain employment in the NSW Police or other related areas.

Tiarne enrolled in IPROWD while finishing her HSC. She came into the IPROWD course with a positive and open attitude, not knowing exactly where it may lead her but knowing that she ultimately wanted to work in the area of Child Protection.

Doing the HSC while studying at TAFE NSW was stressful

at times, however, Tiarne credits her classmates and teachers for supporting her through the tough times.

The hard work paid off. The practical skills she gained at TAFE NSW increased her confidence and opened up more career prospects. Whilst finishing IPROWD, Tiarne was successful in gaining a Directions Traineeship with the Australian Federal Police.

"I joined the Directions program to help change and challenge the misconceptions that people have about Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people in and out of the AFP", she says.

I am extremely proud of my culture and identity and the goal for my career in the AFP is to go out and make my people and my family proud".

Tiarne has now completed her 12-month Traineeship with the AFP. As part of the traineeship she also successfully completed her Diploma in Project Management and is now permanently employed by the Australian Federal Police in Criminal Investigations for ACT Policing (AFP). Her end goal is to work in the Child Protection area of the Australian Federal Police.

Tiarne received the "Statement of Recognition for Outstanding Commitment and support for the IPROWD program" at graduation in March 2019. Today, she's now a great ambassador for the IPROWD program and loves to share her story with other students.

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Nominations for Qld Reconciliation Awards now open



QUEENSLANDERS are being encouraged to recognise the outstanding efforts on the road to reconciliation with nominations now open for the 2021 Queensland Reconciliation Awards.

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said Queensland businesses, community organisations, educational institutions and government entities whose work acknowledges the state's rich histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and advances reconciliation can now be nominated.

"The Queensland Reconciliation Awards help to recognise the inspiring initiatives and partnerships which go above and beyond their core business to support reconciliation and make a tangible difference in the lives of Queenslanders," she said.

There are five categories available for nomination in 2021: business, community, education, health and wellbeing, and partnership. The health and wellbeing category is new in 2021.

An overall Premier's Reconciliation Award will also be presented to a nominated initiative, with a total of \$30,000 in prize money on offer across all award recipients.

Nominations close at 5pm, Monday, February 22, 2021.

For more information or to submit an online nomination, visit www.qld.gov.au/reconciliation

Award recognises Darug 'caring-as-country' project



AN Indigenous-led collaborative project in Darug Country in western Sydney shared the inaugural Aboriginal Heritage category in the 2020 National Trust Heritage Awards with Orange City Council's project 'The Springs; an Aboriginal Journey'.

Led by the Yanama Budyari Gumada Collective, which works alongside researchers and students from the University of Newcastle, Macquarie University, and the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service, the project practises 'caring-as-country' in the Yellomundee Regional Park.

Guided by Darug custodians Uncle Lex Dadd and Auntie Corina Norman-Dadd, the name of the collective – Yanama Budyari Gumada means to 'walk with good spirit' in Darug language. Children of the members are also included and considered an integral part of the ongoing intergenerational learning and knowledge transfer that takes place.

Practices of caring, healing and rejuvenation at Yellomundee Regional Park focus on two specific activities that embody caring-as-Country; the return of cultural burns and sustained presence on country through Darug-led culture camps.

University of Newcastle Pro-Vice Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Leadership), Nathan Towney, said there were clear benefits to such collaborations with community.

"This initiative highlights the opportunities that exist when Indigenous culture and knowledge is valued and empowered," he said.



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Mapping with virtual reality



INDIGENOUS rangers are exploring the possibilities of using state-of-the-art virtual reality technology at

Charles Darwin University to help them map sacred sites across the Northern Territory.

Rangers from Arafura Swamp Rangers Aboriginal Corporation and Njanjma Aboriginal Corporation visited CDU's Casuarina campus last month to experience how the technology could assist them with their duties across central and western Arnhem Land.

CDU innovative media production studio multimedia developer Will Tinapple said the technology had the potential to be extremely useful for the rangers, particularly virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR).

"We had a look at some different 360 mapping of cultural sites done by groups in other areas," he said.

"The rangers do a range of data collection, recording and mapping, and the possibilities for representation in the 360, VR and AR space are quite exciting.

"We have been building VR

down at the Innovative Media Production Studio for students going bush for the first time and the rangers were also testing this and giving feedback."

Arafura Swamp Rangers member Erica Ngurruwuthun said using the VR and AR goggles was an interesting experience.

"It's been great to try out the technology and see something different," she said.

The rangers also toured CDU's horticulture and aquaculture facilities during their visit and took part in a 3D printing demonstration.



Arafura Swamp Rangers Aboriginal Corporation members Erica Ngurruwuthun, David Bidingal and Charlie Ramandjarri test out the virtual reality technology at CDU. *Virtual reality image courtesy of Injalak Arts*

Girls academies on federal agenda



THE Federal Government will provide up to \$36 million over three years from the Indigenous Advancement Strategy to deliver more girls academies across Australia.

Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt said the funding will expand the number of sites and available places to support more than 5,600 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls.

"By providing culturally appropriate, in-school support to keep students engaged in their studies and motivated to complete Year 12, students can realise their potential and make successful transitions into work or further study," he said.

"From Term 1, 2021, there will be even more mentoring and wrap-around support available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls and young women in more schools across Australia.

"The funding also backs in Indigenous-led initiatives, with the additional support to be provided largely by Indigenous controlled or led organisations."

Over the last few months, the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) ran an open and competitive grants selection process and new providers were selected to deliver the girls academies.

NIAA will work closely with outgoing and incoming providers to ensure a smooth transition of services, including to ensure that existing staff are offered employment opportunities with the new girls academy providers.

Funding for Koorie Heritage Trust and Connecting Home



VICTORIAN Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gabrielle Williams has announced funding of more than \$6 million to be shared by the Koorie Heritage Trust and Connecting Home Limited over the next four years.

It means both organisations can continue doing their vital work supporting Stolen Generations members and the broader Aboriginal community with immediate assistance, research and healing.

Connecting Home moved into its new headquarters in Epping last year and supports Aboriginal communities across the state with holistic case management services as well as social, emotional and wellbeing support.

Addressing the past and intergenerational trauma is a key part of healing, which is work also being undertaken by the Koorie Heritage Trust, along with reaffirming knowledge of family, culture and community.

The funding for the Trust will also support their work collecting oral histories of south-eastern Aboriginal Australia, ensuring this history is preserved for future generations.

Ms Williams said the Labor Government is continuing to progress its landmark Stolen Generations Redress Scheme to address the trauma and suffering caused by the forced removal of Aboriginal children from their families.

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Award goes to Dr Hunter for exceptional contribution



SERVING as an army nursing officer in Iraq put Dr Justin Hunter on the path to becoming an award-winning GP in training.

Justin is a Wiradjuri man who grew up on Gumbaynggirr country in Coffs Harbour. His Aboriginal heritage is through his great grandmother, who was from Curra Creek near Wellington NSW.

Dr Hunter was recently named the 2020 recipient of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners' Growing Strong Together Award, which recognises an exceptional Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander GP in training.

Starting out as a rifleman in the Australian Army, Dr Hunter is now a lieutenant in the Royal Australian Navy.

He is one of the first Aboriginal doctors in the navy, and training to become a specialist GP at Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation in Airds, NSW.

"As a proud Indigenous man, it was also important that I give back to my community through working in an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service," Dr Hunter said.

"The Aboriginal community health setting is unique. We offer home visits, specialist clinics and



Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Darryl Wright and Dr Justin Hunter.

walk-in emergencies, complex chronic care, as well as allied health on site.

"I have great mentors who have supported me during my training at Tharawal."

Dr Hunter said that becoming a patrol medic in the Defence Force sparked his interest in health care, which led to studying nursing.

"The natural progression was for me to further my skills by studying medicine," he said.

"The navy has been very supportive of me throughout my study and training. I wouldn't be here today without them."

"In 2008 I deployed to Iraq, where I worked closely with medical professionals from various nations and experienced firsthand how my skills could save lives in a war zone."

"We need more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors in all aspects of medicine, but especially

at a community level."

GP Synergy chief executive Georgina van de Water said the training provider is currently supporting more than 40 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors undertaking specialist GP training across NSW and the ACT.

"We also work closely with the 33 Aboriginal medical services across NSW and ACT, including Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation,

which are accredited to deliver GP training," she said. "Training doctors in Aboriginal health is an important part of closing the gap in the health inequities between Aboriginal and other Australians."

"Those doctors training in an Aboriginal health setting find the experience invaluable from a learning perspective and rewarding as the Aboriginal health model is one based on teamwork and being part of the community."



Wiradjuri man Dr Justin Hunter is also a lieutenant in the Royal Australian Navy.

Grant Applications in NSW Are Now Open

Consider applying for a grant to help improve training, employment and business outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in NSW.

Applications will close on 19 February 2021.

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1. **Barranggirra** — providing end-to-end support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learners
2. **Aboriginal Business Advisory Initiative** — a new grant supporting businesses owners to grow and diversify



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New leadership for KLC



YAWURU man Brian Wilkinson has been appointed as the chief executive of the Kimberley Land Council (KLC).

Mr Wilkinson arrived back in Broome last week to start his new role and brings with him a wealth of knowledge in Aboriginal affairs and a varied work history of holding senior executive positions with the Federal and Western Australia governments.

Mr Wilkinson will lead the decades-long work of the KLC in the Kimberley region working with Aboriginal people to secure native title recognition, conduct

conservation and land management activities, and develop cultural business enterprises.

"For a Yawuru man to come back to his own country to lead the peak Indigenous body, not only in the Kimberley but in Australia, is a privilege.

"The importance of this position and responsibility is not lost on me," he said.

"In my career, I've worked extensively within Aboriginal communities and it has given me first-hand experience of the wide range of challenges facing Aboriginal people.

"Along with my experience within federal and state governments, it

brings this knowledge together for the benefit of all Kimberley Aboriginal people through improved life and economic outcomes.

"I will be traveling throughout the Kimberley in the coming months and I have a simple approach, that is to listen to and consult with people as we build on the work of the KLC to make sure our organisation is supportive, sustainable and strong.

"The KLC is here to represent the interests of all Aboriginal people in the Kimberley. We will put Kimberley Aboriginal people at the centre of everything we do to ensure we achieve positive outcomes for them."



New Kimberley Land Council chief executive Brian Wilkinson.



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Registrations must be received in writing by 11/2/2021, include a postal address and contact details and be sent to project consultants Coast History & Heritage at P.O. Box A74, Arncliffe, NSW 2205, admin@coasthistory.com.au or fax (02) 8311 1478. For enquiries call 1800 450 995. Details of Registered Aboriginal Parties will be forwarded to Heritage NSW and the Deerubbin LALC unless explicitly requested.

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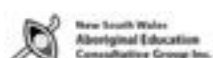
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**Applications close Sunday 21 February 2021
at 5:00pm, Australian Eastern Daylight Time.**

All appointments are made by state, territory and federal Health Ministers for up to three years, under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory.

Yarning tiddas adopt ancient wisdom to strengthen family

By ALF WILSON



TIDDAS Yarning Circle community group from the Townsville region has worked with the community to create a much-needed resource to support conversations about family.

As part of NAIDOC Week last year, the Garbutt Community Centre's Tiddas Yarning Circle and the Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) launched the Yarn Up cards, a resource made up of powerful statements and discussion points to support talking about family.

Aunty Florence Onus said 2020 was a difficult year and these cards give people many positive messages to reflect on in the new year and beyond.

"The cards are filled with thoughts, reflections, advice and knowledge that anyone can identify with," Aunty Florence said.

"The statements on the Yarn Up cards are drawn from our cultural foundation.

"These are the reasons why Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have survived for more than 60,000 years in good times and in bad. These words filled with wisdom and strength have been reinforced through



Queensland Family and Child Commissioner Natalie Lewis sits front and centre in a group shot of participants from Townsville's Tiddas Yarning Circle, creators of 'Yarn Up cards' – a resource for families.

Elders, families and communities for generations and have kept us strong."

It is anticipated that this resource will be used in schools, men's and women's yarning

circles, community groups and workplaces to encourage people to explore their own cultural identity and recognise their family strengths.

Even the youngest

Queenslanders can use the Yarn Up cards to explore what family means to them and affirm their vision for the future.

QFCC Commissioner Natalie Lewis said that drawing down on

the wisdom of our Elders will empower our children and help them thrive as they grow with a strong sense of identity, connection to culture and importance of family.

"We all need to start having conversations with our children as early as possible and as often as possible, passing down the 65,000 years' worth of wisdom and strength that has come before us," Ms Lewis said.

"The QFCC is proud to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led initiatives like the Yarn Up cards that foster wisdom of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child-rearing practices.

"This is a great community-led project through a collection of statements showcasing strengths in raising children in strong culture.

"It's great to see programs like Families are First creating space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to lead and grow their own projects to support their communities."

The Yarn Up cards are free to download from the QFCC website: www.qfcc.qld.gov.au/helping-families-communities/families-are-first/yarn-cards

For stories about the strengths of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families visit: www.qfcc.qld.gov.au/familiesarefirst



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Danny Eastwood's view



Quote



“There'll be millions of kids watching our @BBL games on the 26th January, and they'll see us taking a knee against racism, and promoting inclusion for all. Take note.”

Wiradjuri cricketer Dan Christian with a pointed message for the PM.

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Unquote

Cricket sets an example for PM

SCOTT Morrison, the nation's top politician, telling Cricket Australia to leave the politics out of sport ranks right up the top of hypocritical things he's said – and it's a long list.

After consulting with their Indigenous advisory committee, Cricket Australia decided to, among other actions, refer to January 26 as January 26 and not Australia Day in its promotional material.

Also, not Invasion Day or Survival Day. Or the Day of Mourning.

So, it should hardly be considered a radical action.

Cricket Australia has done what Morrison should do: shown leadership. Cricket Australia did what this government seems incapable of doing: consulted with First Nations people, listened, then actually acted on what was said.

Celebrating a national day on January 26 is hurtful, divisive, unnecessary and simply bloody-minded.

The myth of 'peaceful settlement' needs to be thrown out, burnt, stamped on and then buried, never to rise again.

Because this country was invaded.

And to celebrate a national day on the anniversary of this invasion is a slap in the face to First Nations people and to history itself. And the Prime Minister's comments empower the racists to rise out from under the concrete and spew their hate.

Including members of the Government.

Last weekend, Coalition backbencher Andrew Laming joined the herds of people using January 26 as an excuse to throw racist stereotypes at Aboriginal people. He wasn't even ashamed of his comments.



He was proud and unapologetic.

And the Prime Minister didn't even pull him into line. Not surprising when the Prime Minister's response to a question regarding celebrating invasion was to call for sympathy for the convicts on the First Fleet.

“You know, when those 12 ships turned up in Sydney, it wasn't a particularly flash day for the people on those vessels either,” Morrison said at a press conference, demonstrating his lack of understanding of history, given that the First Fleet only had 11 ships.

ScottyFromMarketing should learn a history lesson from Cathy Freeman.

“You can't compare the experiences of those ships that first arrived to this country to what their arrival meant for all generations of Australia's First Nations people!” Freeman said on Twitter.

Freeman is one of this country's greatest athletes. And not just because she was an amazing runner.

She knew that politics and sport are always intertwined. So she carried the Aboriginal flag. And she took the nation with her.

And that's a lesson our politicians could learn from sport.

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Bathurst, NSW

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Junior.

What team did you represent at Tribal League?

Wiradjuri GooGars.

What position do you play?

In the middle now.

If you could play any position what would it be and why?

Wishing I was a winger or fullback, but unfortunately I wasn't blessed with any speed.

What's your post game meal?

Anything I get my hands on as I don't usually eat until after games.

Do you have a pre or post game ritual?

Pre game, I never do my bootlaces up until warm up starts.

What do you love about rugby league?

Everything.

What is your favourite song right now?

Long Nights, by 6lack.

What are you most fearful of?

100% – Snakes.

Can you tell us what inspires you?

My two children.

Who is your favourite Indigenous activist?

Uncle Lyall Munro Snr

If you could invite three people over for dinner who would you pick?

My cousin Jeremy Gordon, Ben Gunn and the GOAT Johnny Thurston.

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High praise as top legal eagle takes two gongs

By NICK PATON



PALAWA woman Leah Cameron (Brown) has fond memories of growing up with her community in Tasmania. But she

knew from a very young age that things were different.

All throughout her childhood Ms Cameron felt that she would have to do something with her life that would change things for Aboriginal people and her community for the better, and for good.

"I grew up with my community in Tasmania, near Hobart, and from a young age mob encouraged me to get out there with protesting and advocating on issues that affect our people," Ms Cameron said.

"I had a wonderful experience growing up with my community. We are one big family and we are all very well connected.

"Those connections are still there today, stronger than ever, and we are all still very supportive of each other, particularly my generation.

"A lot of us came from very low socio-economic backgrounds but I always say to people that I was fortunate to grow up with my mob, and for the most part, the things we were doing were very much political, and we were always trying to find ways to better the situation for our people and our communities."

Ms Cameron told the *Koori Mail* that it was her uncles and her dad who provided opportunities for her when she was younger, encouraging her to stand up for her rights and what she believed in.

She said her father and uncles took on their leadership roles within the community without a second thought, and now as founder and principal solicitor of Queensland-based Marrawah Law, Ms Cameron is following in their footsteps and opening doors for the generations to come.

Last month Ms Cameron accepted the Women In Law Excellence Award at the annual Lawyers Weekly Women in Law Awards on December 10.

Now in its ninth year, the awards program recognises the outstanding women shaping and influencing the legal profession, acknowledging executives, barristers, academics, students and other legal professionals.

Thirty-five individual and group winners were named at the awards event, with recipients dialling in to the ceremony at Sydney's Star Casino via Zoom to a combined live and virtual audience of more than 750 guests.

Much to her surprise, Ms Cameron almost fell off her chair when she was also named at the awards ceremony as the 2020 Indigenous Lawyer of the Year.

"With everything going on, 2020 was a tough year for so



Marrawah Law founder and principal solicitor Leah Cameron (Brown).

many people, so I was completely blown away by the announcement that I'd won the Women In Law Excellence award," Ms Cameron said.

"It's predominantly Indigenous women who work with me as part of my business and I just thought it was such great recognition of the team work that we have been doing.

"I actually didn't realise I was in the running for the top gong until after I had received the first award."

During the award ceremony Zoom session, Ms Cameron received a text from the organisers saying, "Leah please stay logged in to the Zoom because there is something else that will be presented to you."

"I was sitting with my partner waiting eagerly to find out why I had been asked to stick around at the ceremony and could hardly believe my ears when I heard them announce that I had also been named the 2020 Indigenous Lawyer of the Year," she said.

"I was gobsmacked and so I had to quickly think on my feet to come up with a small speech thanking everyone involved in the process, and as soon as the

Zoom session ended, I fell into my partner's arms and just burst into tears!

"I felt a little overwhelmed being named as the recipient of two such prestigious awards, and I just didn't expect it to be me, especially when you're up against some of the staunchest Indigenous women in law.

"I just kept thinking to myself how wonderful it is that our firm has been recognised for all the hard work we do."

Marrawah Law was founded in 2013 and has their head office in Cairns and a separate office in Brisbane.

The firm has now expanded to Tasmania and a new office is set to open in Melbourne in the near future.

"After completing my studies in law at the University of Tasmania, I felt I needed to branch out and so I began working in native title law and Aboriginal heritage law," Ms Cameron said.

"This was a massive leap of faith for me because I had to move away from my family, community and homelands in Tassie and relocate to Cairns to take on these new roles.

"I didn't know a soul in Cairns

when I moved there, but ended up staying there for 13 years and have made lifetime friends and connections since."

Ms Cameron recently moved back to Tasmania, where she will be closer to Victoria to set up the new branch of her law firm.

"It was only when the coronavirus began to shut our interstate borders that I felt I needed to be closer to home, so I moved home towards the end of 2020," Ms Cameron said.

"I'm fortunate in that COVID provided me an opportunity to move back to country, and it's been an amazing feeling since I got back.

"We are eager to expand our footprint so with the new Melbourne office, we are just waiting on the COVID-19 virus to settle down a bit and then work will begin."

In the initial stages of setting up her law firm, Ms Cameron said her drive was being frustrated and angry about the quality of law services that were being provided to Aboriginal people.

"I could see time and time again that Aboriginal people were being bullied and bamboozled by people in the law world, and sadly

this included lawyers who were meant to be helping them," Ms Cameron said.

"I thought to myself, 'Hold on, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a right to these services, and a right to receive proper information from lawyers, and a right to making informed decisions,' and so I stopped at nothing getting the business up and running.

"At the end of the day we know that Aboriginal people have a right to self determination and at the time I could see a lot of Aboriginal people weren't being afforded the right information from their lawyers."

Another reason Ms Cameron started Marrawah Law stems from Aboriginal communities needing to be able to connect with big business and professions in the cities.

"There is so much cultural misunderstanding and frustration happening in this industry from both sides, and so I felt that without this type of law firm, Aboriginal people would be missing out," Ms Cameron said.

"At Marrawah Law, we have a unique skillset because as Aboriginal people, we are able to walk in two worlds, and we always strive to represent mob in the most ethical way possible.

"We want to be able to assist companies to ensure they are doing business with Aboriginal people the right way, not just the easy way."

Ms Cameron said when it comes to business operations Marrawah are just like any other law firm, but what differentiates them, is that they add more of a human element.

"We aren't afraid to get out on country, and get our hands dirty, to see what's happening on the ground in our communities," Ms Cameron said.

"Unspoken or spoken, as Aboriginal people we know we are excellent communicators, so we really understand what's going on, in all the different contexts that affect Aboriginal people.

"We are very serious about the work we do, but the difference between us and other law firms is that when you step into one of our offices, you really feel at home because it's less of a law firm and more like a family environment."

Ms Cameron said that having to engage a lawyer can be a daunting experience.

She said it was really the wider experience of seeing what her family and community had gone through that spurred her interest in law.

"I could see that most of the law services that were provided to family and friends weren't really tailored to their needs, and the outcomes they received made me think that people weren't actually fighting to have their voices heard," she said.

"So we want our clients to feel comfortable enough to speak to our staff in a way where they feel no shame."

Designs on culture

Pictures by
GEORGE FRAGOPOULOS
PHOTOGRAPHY



IN December, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander models walked the catwalk for Country to Couture on Larrakia country as part of the Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair.

The event included an intimate gathering and runway showcase at the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens.

Country to Couture celebrates the marriage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contemporary fine art and high-end fashion. The success of the textile design movement in remote Indigenous communities has led to artists and art centres collaborating with well-known Australian designers, which have been showcased in the Country to Couture event alongside the annual Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair (DAAF) since 2016.

The line-up last year featured collections from across Australia including work from: Ngali (featuring artist Lindsay Malay from Warmun Art Centre), Warlukurlangu Aboriginal Corporation, Anindilyakwa Arts and Anna Reynolds, Ikuntji Artists, Liandra Swim and Bima Wear. These include unique collaborations with labels North, Magpie Goose, and Nobody Denim.

Claire Summers, Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair Foundation executive director, said that after a turbulent year of lockdowns and social distancing, the foundation's Indigenous Fashion Projects was excited to announce it would bring a taste of Darwin's iconic Country to Couture to Melbourne, on Wurundjeri country, with an intimate showcase event held exclusively for the participating designers and local fashion community.

"Country to Couture celebrates contemporary fashion and textiles from Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and designers, and recognises collaborations where Indigenous agency is at the forefront," she said.

"We're seeing fashion as a platform for cultural exchange and awareness, creating new development opportunities and pathways for our art centres, artists, designers and their communities."



Swimwear designer Liandra Gaykamangu.



Interwoven by Liandra Swim. Liandra Gaykamangu is a Yolngu woman from North-East Arnhem Land. The collection Interwoven, from her label Liandra Swim, presents a reversible range of swimwear featuring signature prints inspired by Indigenous Australian culture. Each print shares one part of a wider story and celebrates the practice of weaving.



The collaboration between Melbourne-based Nobody Denim and the Tiwi Islands' Bima Wear features Tunga, the work of Theresa (Tara) Munkanome. Tiwi women's creative enterprise Bima Wear is based in Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island, off the northern coast of Darwin. Inspired by the islands, and the communities within, the colour palette is anchored with rich earthy tones and balanced with soft natural pigments.



Katena Valastro with the Larrakia Dance Mob and Ben Graetz at Country to Couture 2020.



Translating to 'we' or 'us' in a number of eastern Australian Aboriginal languages, Ngali by Denni Francisco is creating the 'us' she'd like to see: a harmonious, sustainable and equitable union of people with country and each other. Ngali presents a collaboration with Gija artist Lindsay Malay from Warmun Art Centre.



The Ikuntji Artists and Magpie Goose collaboration showcases designs by senior artists from the Western Desert to new audiences through wearable art. Located in Haasts Bluff community in central Australia, Ikuntji Artists was the first Art Centre established for women of the Western Desert art movement. Ikuntji Artists are famous for bold colour choice, decisive brush strokes, and rich cultural storytelling. Their collaboration with social enterprise Magpie Goose translates their designs onto textiles, and shares their cultural stories through a new medium.



Since 2015 women artists from Anindilyakwa Arts, an Aboriginal owned business on Groote Eylandt, have established a successful Bush Dye business, using their traditional basket making and plant dye knowledge in new ways to produce plant dyed wearables. Through a series of workshops at Umbakumba and Angurugu Art centres with Darwin artist and designer Anna Reynolds, the artists have expanded their textile practices to refashioning, recycling, hand and machine sewing and digital design. Their latest collection embraces sustainable practices, repurposing old work shirts from the miners working on the Magnesium mine on the island, making both social and environmental commentary.



Young boy calls on government to save jetty

My name is Jiah Fisher and I am 12 years old. I am from Minjerribah/North Stradbroke Island and I have called a protest because I want to save the Harold Walker Jetty from demolition by the Government's Department of Transport.

The protest was on Sunday, January 24, at 9am at the Harold Walker Jetty in Dunwich.

I want to save our jetty because we go fishing at the jetty all the time. It gives me and my friends something to do – we are at the Harold Walker every weekend, and almost every day over the school holidays.

We love catching fish to take home and eat. I also share the fish I catch with my Elders.

I grew up fishing on this jetty and have many memories of it.

I want the jetty to be here for my younger siblings and cousins as they grow up too.

The jetty was built in 1986 and was named after Harold Walker, who ran the ferry

service to the island for 20 years up until 1974.

An alternative option, instead of the Government knocking it down, would be to repair the jetty as they have done with the jetty at Amity, another village on the island.

It is a value to the community and youth on the island.

All it needs is some TLC from the Government. They are investing millions of dollars into the island for tourism, but none of this is benefiting our community or our youth.

Why can't they invest a small amount of money into our community to save our jetty?

Everyone who enjoys using the jetty and wants to save it is welcome to join the cause.

Anyone over 18 can also support us by signing the petition. Details are available at our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Save-Our-Jetty>

Jiah Fisher (aged 12)
Minjerribah, Qld



Twelve year old Jiah Fisher organised a protest on Minjerribah on Sunday to save the Harold Walker Jetty.

We stand in solidarity with San Carlos Apache

Mining companies Rio Tinto and BHP have been accused of using the dying days of the Trump administration to push ahead with their controversial copper mine on sacred Native American land at Oak Flat in Arizona US, laying bare Rio Tinto's broken promises to never let another Juukan Gorge-type catastrophe happen again (see story, page 13).

The US Forest Service has admitted to bowing to political pressure to publish a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), which will trigger a 60-day deadline to privatise the site and turn it over to the mining companies. That publication took place last week, making it the first time in US history that a Native American sacred site on public land will be handed to a foreign-



Gundjitmara Djabwurrung man Jamie Lowe.

owned mining company, according to mining advocacy group, Arizona Mining Reform Coalition.

The National Native Title

Council (NNTC) believes this is further demonstration of Australia's urgent need for stronger cultural heritage laws at the federal level that ensure

traditional owners are the ultimate decision makers in relation to their cultural heritage.

Time and again mining companies demonstrate to us that they cannot be trusted to self-regulate, despite their rhetoric. Rio Tinto has left a trail of destruction at Bougainville and Juukan Gorge, and now, despite promises made by the company to overhaul its indigenous engagement and cultural heritage practices, it is choosing to ignore pleas from Oak Flat's traditional owners, the San Carlos Apache Tribe, and push ahead with the destruction of sacred land.

Now more than ever we need the Commonwealth Government to show leadership and implement stronger cultural heritage protection nationally.

Australia's current cultural heritage legislation disempowers traditional owners. We need national standards based on the principles of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), which Australia is a signatory to. Traditional owners should have decision-making power over the management of their own cultural heritage.

We stand in solidarity with the San Carlos Apache Tribe and we urge Rio Tinto and BHP to reconsider their copper mine plans and the spiritual, cultural and environmental harm it would cause.

Jamie Lowe
Chief executive
National Native Title Council

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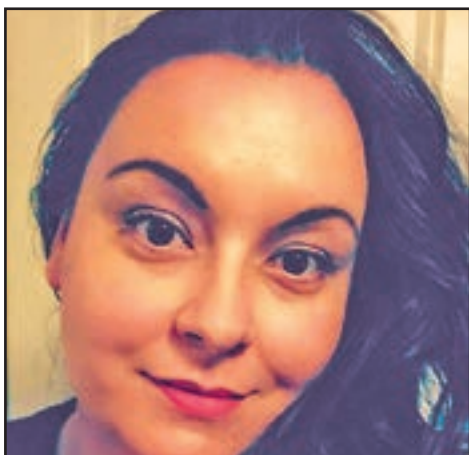
Truth is not up for debate

AS the world breathes a collective sigh of relief that someone as dangerous and toxic as Trump no longer has control over military armaments and the like, thought turns to how the lunacy that was his presidency was possible at all. And, how like-minded people throughout the world, who are platforming themselves on a foundation of hate and othering, manage to gain power at all.

It points us in the direction of examining the media, particularly mainstream networks, and leads to us asking the question of not only what their role has been but what their responsibility is in the aftermath of what has transpired.

An embarrassing admission is that I have had those pesky Facebook memories pop up in my feed where I scoffed at the preposterous proposition of Donald Trump running for president. Even though I knew, with real live examples in my own life, that racism remains rife, that racial injustice is not only prevalent but part of the industrial machine that is our 'justice' system, I still thought that the proposition of a Trump presidency was outlandish. I thought that the historical learnings of World War II would hold, that we understood clearly as a global citizenship that hate and fascism were destructive and wrong. In spite of all I knew then about White supremacy, colonialism and capitalism being a tool of both, I still thought that the world – particularly America – would be opposed to fascism.

It speaks to the power of media in platforming those that we consider so obviously hateful, racist, bigoted and sexist. It speaks to the sheer depths of hopelessness that this current system places even those that minorities can see are more privileged than them that they would rather align with someone so overtly devoid of morality and ethics than their own fellow citizens. The



Natalie Cromb

media failed to read the room, the media failed to take the pulse of its viewers and readers, and failed abysmally in its own responsibility to tell the truth.

Telling the truth does not require platforming a converse view. Telling the truth does not require platforming a Keith Windschuttle to rebut stories of survival in this country throughout the period of group homes, domestic service, familial destruction, and attempted genocide. The truth is the truth and it is supported by facts. It is not two diametrically opposed individuals opining on television, and to continue with this is dangerous, unethical and makes any media outlet complicit in the destruction that invariably comes as a result of their platforming.

People believe what they can see, and Americans seeing Donald Trump platformed, giving voice to their own internal prejudices that existed and growing others through nothing more than slogans and derogatory

rhetoric demonstrates the power of media-backed platforming. It also emboldens those who hold these views and makes them feel safe in their hatred, safe in their perpetuation of that hatred against others and safe in justifying the violence that accompanies this hatred. It rewrites the rhetoric of hate and rebrands it as nationalism, as those doing the othering are patriots trying to protect "what is ours".

The 'haves' become hateful of the 'have nots' and start to disassociate with the truth of how capitalism is the root cause of inequity and, rather than feel the responsibility of being part of change, they find comfort in blaming others (particularly those more vulnerable) for their circumstances. When these people, who are feeling the stretch of life in an unfair capitalist system, are pointed to a scapegoat that they can direct their anger and frustrations at, instead of being empowered to be part of solutions, they take it. They see these extremists sitting on the far right as saviours, as those who give voice to their anger and tell them it is OK to hate. This is a hot cooker that will ultimately boil over, as we have seen with recent events in the Capitol in the US.

In Australia, there is absolutely no doubt that we look at America and see parallels here. We have politicians that have been platformed by our mainstream networks that rose to notoriety on platforms of hatred for Asian people and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. As times shifted and prejudices shifted, so too did their rhetoric direction but not the foundation of hate. Our media calls these views 'sensational' and then justifies platforming these views as providing 'balance' but fails to understand the racial framework of this country, the prevalence of White supremacy and their perpetuation of it through privilege.

Even the supposed network of the public,

the ABC, has platformed Steve Bannon with the justification that "if we ignore them, they will not go away". Sure, they may not, but the media must not facilitate the amplification of their messages to the public. The media has a responsibility to platform truth, and people's 'views' centred in hate and othering are not truth. They are political posturing for a purpose embedded in the power dynamic of the world we live in.

As the world collectively stops clutching its pearls and thinks that things will calm, and to an extent I am sure they will, we still have the problems of overcoming the insidious colonial mindset that reinforces the oppression of our people and other minorities who come to our lands. We still have to fight for survival each day, not solely January 26, and we still have so many uniquely devastating issues not of our making to overcome as a people to continue to survive. In doing so, I urge you to turn away from mainstream media and find your solidarity and comfort in the truth telling found in these pages.

These pages reveal what our community is doing, how our communities are working together and not only surviving but thriving. There are ideas and inspiration and the answer is within us, not in the power structures we seek to reform and tear down the foundations (theft, dispossession, racism) of and replace with governance that works for all. We can see it already working on a micro-level in our communities and if we continue to find our support amongst each other – we will be ensuring our own self-care in a colony determined to undermine us.

They have used all of their tools of power against us and still we survive, still we resist – always will.

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

New generation facing trauma

IF we know transgenerational trauma, we then need to combat it with transgenerational love.

We need to invest in our children and prepare them for the world they have inherited from us.

I often listen to the words spoken by many of our young people, and I mean as young as seven-years-old, who cuss as if it's normal, use words like 'co*k-sucker', 'fu*ken dog', 'cu*t', while struggling to read. You have to wonder what is the future for these kids.

Someone is teaching them this behaviour, be it intentionally or through the child's observation of what's happening at home. For many it's older brothas, sistas, cousins, uncles, aunties and yes, even mums and dads.

It's heartbreaking.

As we begin another year in Australia we are, again, to be confronted with opposition to our values and connection by those who celebrate Australia Day. So begins the division that absents Aboriginal history, that contributes deeply to the mental scars over generations, that produces these children, children from families who have no interest in the Eurocentric schooling that promotes their ongoing oppression through the heroic deeds of great white explorers.

So, knowing that we start every year with such conflict, what preparation do we instil in our children to deal with this constant oppression?

My mind takes me back to Surry Hills Park last year. The boy who became a national headline after



Woolombi Waters

the George Floyd murder in the US, when we all saw him get face-planted into concrete after addressing a police officer.

Now, I am in no way condoning the actions of this uniformed thug, but just how did this young man address the police officer: "I'll crack you in the fu*king jaw." Then the officer brutally assaults the young man, pinning his arms behind his back and kicking his legs out from underneath him forcing him face first onto the concrete.

Four years earlier, this time a 12-year-old in Mount Druitt being handcuffed by police. The child calls police "pigs, and dogs". He tells one of the policemen it's "lucky you've got a badge, or I'd kick your arse", then spits at them.

The mother filmed her son,

expecting mass sympathy for him, believing he was being harassed by police. Instead, the boy, and his mother, were subjected to a rigorous character assassination as mainstream media had a field day.

In both cases Police Facebook support pages praise the police, as they do for Zachary Rolfe who shot dead teenager Kumanjayi Walker. What is most disturbing is the amount of vile abuse targeted towards the families and Aboriginal people in these same sites.

There are deep-seated historical reasons for this imbalance, and a child's early interaction with the justice system should not be used to generate racist outrage with no regard for that child's welfare.

At the end of last year, my youngest child finished school. As part of his Year 12 curriculum, he was asked to do a book review on *The Story of Tom Brennan*, a 2005 Australian novel by J C Burke.

Named Book of the Year by the Children's Book Council of Australia, it is used in forming national identity in creative writing throughout Australian schools due to it being so highly regarded.

Now, I am not making any judgment, and make no claim to being the world's greatest father. I have made plenty of mistakes, and my family, like many other families, has been the victim of alcohol, substance abuse and violence, and we have had many visits from police at all hours of the night.

But in writing this book review my son made some interesting comments that demonstrate, amongst all the madness, there has been some education and

values that provide understanding of his world in preparation for leaving school, particularly with this week being Invasion/Survival Day.

"The novel did not overly resonate with me. I don't feel this is an accurate depiction of cultural identity for all Australians.

"Aboriginal people often feel disregarded and invisible in our own country.

"Tom mentions Australia Day and how it's a great day to celebrate like the backyard cricket, family and friends coming over to see each other, people drinking having a fun time at the BBQ and playing music:

"This is where, as Aboriginal people, we become lost in the pages of white history. I find it hard to celebrate Australia Day, because it's connected to so many deaths, land and language taken from us and even our children being taken.

"None of these historical Aboriginal truths are raised within any of the pages of this book, maintaining a denial of Australia's true history.

"In the novel *Tom Brennan*, Tom's brother Daniel is incarcerated for drink driving and having a car crash which killed two school friends and destroyed the life of his cousin Finn, who became a quadriplegic, the consequences of which, in Daniel's character, identified as a criminal.

"Tom feels that, yes, Daniel did a horrific thing but because Daniel came from a good family, Tom's family thinks he shouldn't be in there. As the novel progresses Daniel is moved into a better facility, which has a social worker

working with them to get them on their feet again.

"We are among the most incarcerated people in the world, you just need to download a track from rapper Briggs to know that. We are often judged. People cross the road when we walk towards them, we sit with empty seats beside us on busses and trains that are full, we see people hold their handbags and check their stuff when we walk into shops.

"Daniel was a criminal the moment he chose to drink and drive. The consequences of these actions caused pain and suffering to others. Coming from a good family does not excuse that, just as celebrating Australia Day does not excuse Aboriginal deaths in custody and the trauma we carry.

"I have just turned 18. I have been to too many deaths in custody rallies to count. The two that stick out for me are Tane Chatfield, my cousin, in 2017 and Auntie Sherry.

"How do you even begin to compare the two narratives, a White person responsible for killing others while drink driving given sympathy because of a 'random act' coming from 'good' family against Aboriginal people, simply wanting to live, to gather and celebrate the oldest living culture in the world constantly mourning and grieving the death of yet another loved one?

"Truth is you can't compare, Australia has three societies one black and one white, and the third is those caught in between."

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

NAIDOC: Heal Country!

COUNTRY is inherent to our identity. It sustains our lives in every aspect – spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and culturally.

It is more than a place. When we talk about country it is spoken of like a person. Country is family, kin, law, lore, ceremony, traditions, and language. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples it has been this way since the dawn of time.

Through our languages and songs, we speak to country; through our ceremonies and traditions we sing to – and celebrate – country. And country speaks to us.

Increasingly, we worry about country. For generations Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been calling for stronger measures to recognise, protect, and maintain all aspects of our culture and heritage for all Australians.

We have continued to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction. We are still waiting for those robust protections.

Healing country means hearing those pleas to provide greater management, involvement, and empowerment by Indigenous peoples over country.

Healing country means embracing First Nation's cultural knowledge and understanding of country as part of Australia's national heritage. That the culture and values of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders are respected equally



John Paul Janke & Patricia Thompson

to the cultures and values of all Australians.

The right to protect country and culture is fundamental. Destruction and desecration of our sacred lands or ancient sites – some of the oldest human occupation sites on the planet – is an enormous loss for both our nation and the world.

But to truly heal country we have more to do. Our lands will continue to burn from bushfires, droughts will continue to destroy our livelihoods, without using traditional practices that have

protected this country for centuries.

For generations, our Elders and communities have advocated, marched and fought for substantive institutional, structural and collaborative reform.

The aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the culmination of generations of consultation and discussions among our nations on a range of issues and grievances.

Healing country means finally resolving many of the outstanding injustices which impact on the lives of our people.

It must be a fair and equitable resolution. Fundamental grievances will not vanish. In the European settlement of Australia, there were no treaties, no formal settlements, no compacts. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people therefore did not cede sovereignty to our land. It was taken from us. That will remain a continuing source of dispute.

To heal country, we must properly work towards redressing historical injustice. While we can't change history, through telling the truth about our nation's past we certainly can change the way history is viewed.

After 250 years, our children and our future generations deserve better.

For generations we have repeatedly called for just recognition of our right to participate on an equal basis in economic and social terms. Yet such participation cannot be successful unless, first, there is formal recognition that Indigenous

people have been dispossessed and, second, definite, specific steps are taken to redress the grave social and economic disadvantage that followed that dispossession.

Healing country is more than changing a word in our national anthem – it is about the historical, political, and administrative landscapes adapting to successfully empower and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, nations, and heritage.

We are all looking for significant and lasting change. We cannot afford to let pass the very real opportunity that now presents itself for reform based on a fundamental change in the relationship Australia has with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Heal Country, heal our nation.

● The National NAIDOC committee is co-chaired by Patricia Thompson and John Paul Janke.

Patricia Thompson is a descendant of the Kuku Yalanji people of north Queensland, where her grandfather was taken from his country to Cherbourg in south Queensland. Pat joined the National NAIDOC Committee in 2012 and is chief executive at Link-Up (Qld) in Brisbane.

John Paul Janke is Wuthathi from Cape York and from Murray Island in the Torres Strait. He joined the National NAIDOC Committee in 2012 and co-owns a national Indigenous construction company and is the co-host of NITV's flagship news and current affairs show The Point.



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The Commonwealth Attorney-General, the Hon Christian Porter MP, is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified persons for appointment as the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP).

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The CDPP is appointed for a statutory term of up to seven years. The Director is required to be a legal practitioner for not less than 5 years.

Information about the position, including eligibility and selection criteria, and details on how to apply, is available on the Attorney-General's Department website Careers page – <https://www.ag.gov.au/about-us/careers/statutory-appointments>. Expressions of interest close at 5.00pm (EDST) on Monday, 15 February 2021. Enquiries can be directed to appointments@ag.gov.au.

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The Aboriginal Languages Trust is proud to launch the Aboriginal Languages Community Investment Program 2021

This program provides one-off funding to Aboriginal community organisations and groups to support them to reawaken, grow, nurture, promote and raise awareness of Aboriginal languages in communities across NSW.

A total of \$800,000 in funding is available under the Program.

Three tiers of funding are available, depending on whether your project aims to **Reawaken, Grow or Nurture** language activity.

Apply for funding from 1 February 2021 until 12 March 2021.

Program Guidelines and further information is available at: aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/grants

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Biodiversity linked to our lands



INDIGENOUS peoples' lands may harbour a significant proportion of threatened and endangered species globally, according to University of Queensland-led research.

UQ's Dr Chris O'Bryan and his team conducted the first comprehensive analysis of land mammal composition across mapped indigenous lands.

"These lands cover more than one-quarter of the Earth, of which a significant proportion is still free from industrial-level human impacts," Dr O'Bryan said.

"As a result, indigenous peoples and their lands are crucial for the long-term persistence of the planet's biodiversity and ecosystem services.

"Despite this, we know relatively little about what animals, including highly imperilled species, may reside in or depend on these lands."

The team overlaid maps of indigenous peoples' lands and habitat data for 4,460 species assessed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to estimate the overlap of each species.

"We picked mammals as a bellwether indicator of biodiversity protection," Dr O'Bryan said.

"This is because there's more data about the suitable habitat of mammals and there is evidence to suggest that patterns observed in mammals may reflect other forms of biodiversity.



The short-eared rock wallaby (*Petrogale brachyotis*) of northern Australia has nearly 20% of its habitat within Indigenous peoples' lands. Picture: Micha Jackson

"In other words, if mammals are absent, other animals are likely to be absent as well.

"We're hoping this study provides future opportunities for applying our methodology to other animal groups.

"We discovered that 2,175 mammal

species – about half of the total species tracked – have at least 10% of their ranges in indigenous peoples' lands.

"And 646 species – or 14% – have more than half of their ranges within these lands.

"Amazingly, for threatened species in particular, 413 – or about 41% of

threatened species tracked – occur in indigenous peoples' lands.

"The endangered red panda (*Ailurus fulgens*) and the tiger (*Panthera tigris*) of Southeast Asia have more than half their habitat within such lands.

"In Australia, the critically endangered northern hairy-nosed wombat (*Lasiorhinus krefftii*) has 100% of its habitat in these lands."

Dr O'Bryan said the work showed the importance of indigenous peoples' lands.

"These areas are critical for the successful implementation of international conservation and sustainable development agendas," he said.

"Representatives of Indigenous peoples are engaging in global environmental forums and national and local collaboration frameworks, which are critical for equitable and effective cross-cultural conservation activities to be negotiated.

"Greater recognition and support for indigenous people's rights to, and relationships with, their lands needs to continue, and this pressing imperative needs to balance indigenous self-determination and biodiversity conservation.

"Only through rights-based, equitable and respectful partnerships with indigenous peoples, will it be possible to ensure the long-term and equitable conservation of biodiversity."

The research has been published in *Conservation Biology*.



Notice under Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* Exploration Licence Number 8771

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth).

Description of the nature of the act

Pursuant to the *Native Title (Right to Negotiate (Exclusion)–NSW Land) Determination No. 1 of 1996* (Cth), Exploration Licence 8771 (EL 8771) granted under the *Mining Act 1992*, includes a condition to the effect that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters covered by that licence in relation to which native title exists without the prior written consent of the Minister administering the *Mining Act 1992* (the 'Native Title Condition'). The holder of EL 8771 has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities across specific land parcels within the licence area.

The Minister administering the *Mining Act 1992* intends to give consent to prospecting on those specific land parcels within the licence area in relation to which native title exists, in satisfaction of the Native Title Condition and in accordance with the *Native Title (Right to Negotiate (Inclusion)–NSW Land) Approval No. 1 of 1996* (Cth).

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

Note: If the consent is granted, the renewal, re grant or re-making (including partial renewals or partial transfers) or extension of the term of the licence may be valid pursuant to section 26MD(1) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) without further notification, provided the requirements in section 26D(1) are satisfied.

Holder's details

Australian Consolidated Gold Holdings Pty Ltd (ACN 619 975 405) is the holder of EL 8771 for Group 1 minerals.

Description of area that may be affected

Lot 9 in Deposited Plan 755117, Lot 7006 in Deposited Plan 1060943, Lots 7300 and 7302 in Deposited Plan 1148668 and Lot 5 in Deposited Plan 712064 ('specific land parcels'). The specific land parcels are within the licence area of EL 8771, about 38 kilometres north west of Narromine, in the State of NSW, as shown on the diagram below.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from; Resource Operations, Regional NSW on (02) 4063 6600 or resource.operations@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Notification Day

For the purposes of section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* the notification day is 11 February 2021. 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.



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Notice under Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* Exploration Licence Number 6925

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Description of the nature of the act

Pursuant to the *Native Title (Right to Negotiate (Exclusion)–NSW Land) Determination No. 1 of 1996* (Cth), Exploration Licence 6925 includes a condition to the effect that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters covered by that licence in relation to which native title exists without the prior written consent of the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade (the 'Native Title Condition').

The Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade intends to:

- give consent to prospecting on land subject to native title in accordance with the Native Title (Right to Negotiate (Inclusion)–NSW Land) Approval No. 1 of 1996 (Cth); and
- remove the Native Title Condition.

Note: If the consent is granted, the renewal, re grant or re-making (including partial renewals or partial transfers) or extension of the term of the licence may be valid pursuant to section 26MD(1) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) without further notification, provided the requirements in section 26D(1) are satisfied.

Holder's details

Ironbark Zinc Limited (ACN 118 751 027) is the holder of Exploration Licence 6925 for Group 1 minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister administering the *Mining Act 1992*. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities across the licence area. If granted, the consent may result in the aforementioned condition being removed from the licence.

Description of area that may be affected

The entire area of Exploration Licence 6925 - that covers about 10 units situated approximately 24 kilometres north east of Cooma, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

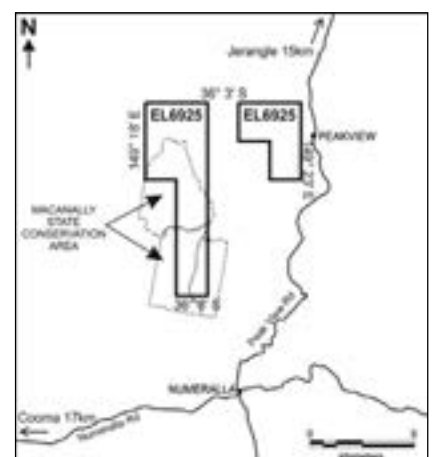
Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from; Resource Operations, Regional NSW on (02) 4063 6600 or resource.operations@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Notification Day

For the purposes of section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* the notification day is 11 February 2021. 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.



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Legal jargon is on the cards

By NICK PATON



LEGAL Aid WA is helping Aboriginal people better understand legal jargon.

Their Blurred Borders initiative marries visual designs with simple English phrases about the law and is printed on a set of cards.

Jabirr Jabirr Nyikina man Lindsay Greateorex is a community liaison and education officer at Legal Aid in Broome and says the cards are helping Aboriginal people understand their rights under the law.

"The best part about the format of the Blurred Borders initiative is that with this type of aid I can go out to our countrymen and those people are able to learn from what I am saying by showing them a visual interpretation of what I'm taking about," Mr Greateorex said.

"Whether it's a big crowd I am talking to, or one on one, the cards use simple English on one side with a pictorial explanation on the other side, and I can print out the cards for them to look at, and they can take these cards back to their communities to help others



Lindsay Greateorex, Jane Stewart, Temali Howard, Kylie Kerin and Trudy Snow from Legal Aid WA.

understand some of the legal jargon they may be exposed to.

"At one of the programs I run at the West Kimberley Regional Prison, the cards have been a major success in helping people to understand some of the phrases and words that they may hear their lawyers or a magistrate saying."

Blurred Borders provides Aboriginal people with two-way legal communication tools on the bail and criminal process, family

violence, and child protection.

And it's been awarded the Australian Evaluation Society Award Best Practice in Public Sector Evaluation at the Western Australia Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) awards, held in December last year.

"Although the team here at Legal Aid were very happy to take home this award, I have to admit, I wasn't surprised that we won."



Blurred Borders 'Shhhh' card.

Mr Lindsay said.

"The project itself is centred around learning through visual stimulation so the evaluation contains loads of images, and is almost like telling a story through pictures."

Senior Aboriginal community leaders and Legal Aid community legal liaison officers were key to the evaluation process.

Mr Greateorex said the the cards can help someone caught up in the

justice system to feel like they can really talk about what's been going on for them.

He said the cards are helping Aboriginal people to express themselves when they may not be able to come up with the right words because English is their second, third, or even their fourth language.

"One of the most effective cards we have come up with so far is the 'Shoosh' card, because everyone is entitled to silence, but also to have their say," Mr Greateorex said.

Mr Greateorex said the program had evolved to the point where the cards weren't just being used by community legal education organisations but with lawyers, healthcare workers, and education officers taking up the program as well.

"At the moment we are working on a residential tenancy kit, for people who are renting and for those who have landlord issues, or can't explain in English that they need to have certain repairs made on their rental property," he said.

"Now we are at the stage where other organisations have seen what can be achieved with the cards and are asking themselves how they can come up with a similar kit too."



Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (Cth)

Notice of an application for the protection of a specified area, being the area known as Burragorang Valley, near Warragamba, New South Wales

Invitation to make representations

I, Greg Terrill, hereby give notice as follows:

The Hon Sussan Ley MP, responsible for the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (Cth)* (the **Act**), has received an application made under section 10 of the Act. The application is seeking long term preservation and protection of a significant Aboriginal area being the area known as Burragorang Valley, near Warragamba, New South Wales. The Minister has appointed me to provide a report to her under section 10(1)(c) of the Act.

The Applicant

The application is made on behalf of the Gundungurra Aboriginal Heritage Association Inc. by Aunty Sharyn Halls.

The purpose of the application

The application seeks the preservation or protection of the area specified in the application and depicted below in Figure 1, from injury or desecration. Section 10 of the Act enables the Minister to decide whether to make a declaration to preserve and protect the specified area, if the Minister is satisfied that the area is a significant Aboriginal area and is under threat of injury or desecration. In the Act, the term 'significant Aboriginal area' refers to an area that is of particular significance to Aboriginals in accordance with Aboriginal tradition. Section 3 of the Act provides definitions of relevant terms including 'Aboriginal tradition' and 'injured or desecrated'. The area specified for protection, the claimed significance of the area and the claimed nature of the threat of injury or desecration is set out below.

Matters the report is required to deal with

The Minister will consider my report under section 10 of the Act in relation to the area sought to be protected before deciding whether to make a declaration under section 10 of the Act. Under section 10(4) of the Act, the report is required to deal with the following matters:

- the particular significance of the area to Aboriginals;
- the nature and extent of the threat of injury to, or desecration of, the area;

- the extent of the area that should be protected;
- the prohibitions and restrictions to be made with respect to the area;
- the effects the making of a declaration may have on the proprietary or pecuniary interests of persons other than the Aboriginal or Aboriginals on whose behalf the application is made;
- the duration of any declaration;
- the extent to which the area is or may be protected by or under a law of the State or Territory, and the effectiveness of any remedies available under any such law; and
- such other matters (if any) as prescribed.

The area sought to be protected (the 'specified area')

The Applicant has specified the area for which protection is sought as a traditional area. This is the area known as the Burragorang Valley, near Warragamba, New South Wales.

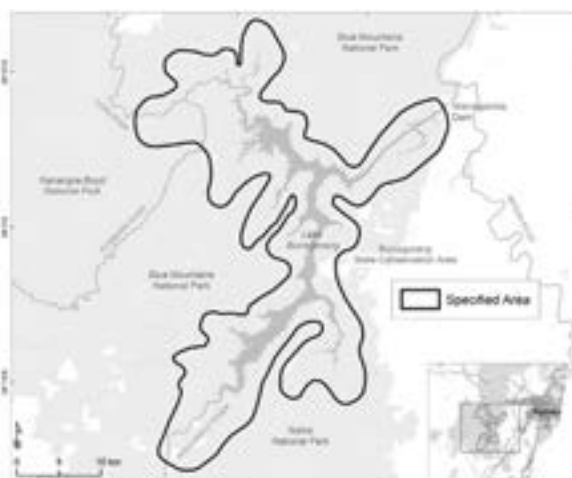


Figure - 1 Map showing the specified area of Burragorang Valley, near Warragamba, NSW

Claimed nature of particular significance

The Applicant states that the specified area is of

particular significance in accordance with Aboriginal tradition because it is the location of a creation story and several intersecting song lines. Further, the specified area contains landscape features from the chase of Gurangatch (Giant Eel) by Mirrigan (a Tiger Quoll like animal).

Claimed threat of injury or desecration

The Applicant states that the potential injury or desecration is attributed to the proposed raising of the Warragamba Dam walls. The Applicant claims the proposed works "will erase the tangible landscape features recorded in the Burragorang Valley creation story, impacting connection with landscape features described and handed down over countless generations of Gundungurra People". Further, it will "destroy Gundungurra culture and the spirit of the People, but also all other Aboriginal people in the region that are interconnected to this story, and how it relates to the creation of their own Countries through these ancestral beings".

Invitation to make representations

Interested persons are invited to furnish representations in connection with my report to:

Dr Greg Terrill
PO Box 277
Dickson, ACT, 2602
Ph: 0417 048 259
Email: gterril99@gmail.com

Representations must be made in writing by 5pm, Friday the 26 February 2021 or within such further period as may be allowed. **Do not send your representations directly to the Minister.**

If you wish to claim confidentiality over any part of your representation, please identify why you are claiming confidentiality and how you wish confidentiality to apply. Representations will be provided to the Minister for the Environment and the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, along with the section 10 report. Representations, even those subject to confidentiality, may be disclosed where it is authorised or required by law, to meet procedural fairness requirements, and in response to a request by a House or Committee of the Parliament of the Commonwealth.

Ceremony returns

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THIS year's Putalina Festival, south of Nipaluna (Hobart) was a 'Back to Basics Family Day'.

While it was scaled back in terms of performance and entertainment, the festival more than made up for it in ceremony, culture and history.

'The Festival', as it is referred to by the palawa (Tasmanian Aboriginal people), is usually a hive of music, dance and festivities – this year it was more intimate affair, with no stage or performance.

There was a ceremony to honour ancestors, speeches, activities, and a mutton bird and sausage sizzle.

For tens of thousands of years putalina (known as Oyster Cove for a short time) has been Aboriginal land.

But in 1847, just 44 years after invasion began, the remaining 47 palawa who had been exiled by colonial authorities from their homelands to Wybalenna on Flinders Island, were moved to putalina.

They were housed in former convict quarters that had been abandoned a year earlier, deemed too derelict for the convicts.

By 1859, just 11 years later, only 12 people remained. Most of the palawa forced to live at putalina died there. In 1874 the site was abandoned.

The last remaining person was Truganini, who was moved to Hobart, where she lived for another two years and then, after her death, famously was preyed on by body snatchers.

In the early 1900s, Sir William Crowther robbed the graves of Aboriginal people buried at putalina. At least three skeletons and 34 skulls of the people were taken. He later gave them to Tasmanian museums.

Putalina was re-occupied by the Aboriginal community on January 16, 1984. It is on the closest Saturday to this date each year that the festival is held.

In 1985 the remains were returned and given a dignified farewell in a four-day cremation ceremony.

A decade later, after years of protest, negotiations and hard work, the title document for putalina was handed to representatives of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community, along with another 11 land titles.

Pakana/palawa Elder, artist and activist Jim Everett, who was there through the struggle, welcomed this year's focus on ceremony.

"Putalina is a hallmark of the struggle, where we won something very significant, which eventually led to having land handed back in 1995, and I think it was the re-occupation that broke the back of the Government's lack of will to not come forward. They did eventually," he recalled after the ceremony.



Ochering up – Paddy and KC Jnr McDonald with Nathan Pitchford prepare for the cleansing/smoking ceremony to acknowledge the old people.



A watercolour workshop was led by artist Rod Gardner pictured here with participants Mary Edwards, Caressa Jeffery and Meg Heritage with their paintings of putalina.



Dewayne Everettsmith addresses the crowd before the smoking ceremony.



Jess Matthews from Glenorchy chalking up the day's activities.



Willow, Tilly and Laya Foster from Hobart enjoyed the activities for kids.

"We broke their will. We just pummelled them so much.

"My understanding was the Crowther family went to the government and said, 'Stop letting them drag our name

through the mud. Give them back the bones.'

"We got up one morning and the *Mercury* newspaper has the headline: 'Government Backs Down, Gives Bones

Back to Blacks'.

"Even though we got our ancestors remains back, the Government was still trying to remove us.

"They sent contractors down

to pour concrete on the first cremation site.

"There was a group here keeping watch, who buzzed them off out of it.

"Then the next day they came

putalina festival

festival to its heart



Gathered ready for the ceremony. (Photography of ceremony wasn't permitted.)



Nathan Pitchford and his niece Logyn Newall admire a friendly Christmas beetle.



Standing at back are Sinsa Mansell, Nathan Pitchford (who led the ceremony), Nala Mansell, Jim Everett, Janice Ross, and sitting in front, Dwayne Everettsmith, KC Jnr McDonald, Wendal Pitchford, Paddy McDonald.



Carla Jennings from the Aboriginal Health Service's 'makara patapa' ('stop smoking') program with Caressa Jeffery and her daughter Ashanti. After having a carbon monoxide reading at the festival, Caressa began giving up again. Don't give up on giving up! Power to you, Caressa, and all the 'quitters'!

down with that big seven tonne rock.

"They tried to tip it on the cremation site but the crane nearly tipped over so they had to drop it."

The rock, at the centre of the site, still sits there like a stoic reminder.

"It was on national TV media. They got really embarrassed, so they backed off," Jim said.

"By this time we'd claimed sovereignty. For a while they got a bit friendly. They even put a telephone on down here.

"Things had changed a bit and the Government stopped trying to

get us out of here. So by 1986 it was obvious we wanted to do something with the place."

Everett organised the first festival with Darlene Mansell back in 1987.



Land Management worker Damien Bauer at the end of the day. The rain stopped when the festival was all packed up and putalina returned to its usual tranquillity.

"I was the state secretary and Darlene the state president, for the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, and we both took it on to develop the Oyster Cove Festival, the first event, before it was named putalina festival," he said.

"We had a good showing and it was all local talent.

"It developed so that eventually we had people come from interstate and even some overseas talent."

Each year the festival has gone ahead, rain, hail, shine or bush fire, hosting many of the most celebrated names in Aboriginal music – Uncle Ronnie Summers, Coloured Stone, Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter, Tiddas, Casey Donovan, Dan Sultan and Jessica Mauboy, to name just a few – and it has been a springboard for local artists including Dwayne Everettsmith and Kartanya Maynard.

Over a hundred people turned out for the day.

While it was a smaller festival crowd it was probably owing just as much to the forecast for rain and COVID-19 caution as to the absence of headlining musical performances. There has been plenty of positive feedback, especially from Jim Everett.

The past few years Everett has been pushing for the festival to include significant ceremony to acknowledge and respect ancestors cremated at the site, and to remind people of the importance of the place.

He has been so passionate that he had stayed away from the festival for six years.

To say he was pleased with year's festival is an understatement.

"I wouldn't do ceremony. It was time for young people to step up, and they've done really good. It was wonderful," Everett said.

"The heart was in that ceremony and I'm really proud of them."

He expects to see ceremony held every year at the opening to the festival.

Activewear company with a difference aims to celebrate culture and get mob moving



LAUNCHING last week in Grafton, north-east NSW, MSCL.UP is an activewear brand and wellness movement which celebrates Aboriginal culture and makes health and fitness accessible, affordable and simple for everyone.

MSCL.UP co-founder Maddy Richey is a 27-year-old Gamilaroi woman and registered nurse with a passion for preventative health, mental wellbeing and breaking down barriers for Aboriginal and Torres Islander people.

Her original artwork features on the MSCL.UP summer collection with community-focused designs decorating the men's and women's ranges.

MSCL.UP's first range and summer collection is named in Gamilaraay language.

As a socially conscious activewear brand, part of their profits are being given to community organisations that are making a difference to the health and fitness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Cofounders and life partners Maddy Richey and Asher Cribb said MSCL.UP brings together their shared passion for holistic health, Aboriginal advocacy, community, fashion and creativity.

"More than just activewear, MSCL.UP is a movement designed to make health and fitness accessible, affordable and



Daine Laurie, Shaylee Bent, Maddy Richey and Asher Cribb.

simple for all people," Maddy said.

All MSCL.UP products are named in Aboriginal language and the summer collection features original Aboriginal artwork from Yurrandaali Art, another hobby turned side-hustle for Maddy.

"The design for the women's range tells a story of growth and

highlights the importance of community and connection," she said.

"The men's logo tells a similar story about the journey through life and the communities, towns and groups which shape and support us."

In line with this focus on

community connection, MSCL.UP is supporting a number of grassroots community groups, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations in the health and wellness space.

"Supporting local Aboriginal not-for-profits and community groups is a huge focus for us and

we plan to expand this into our own preventative health programs in the future as well," Maddy said.

Alongside the MSCL.UP active wear range, Maddy hosts the *MSCL.UP Project* – a podcast and platform for discussing all things health and wellness.

While Maddy and Asher are both keen CrossFitters, they've created MSCL.UP with all kinds of movement in mind.

"We want to encourage everyone to move their body in their favourite way and have designed our products to move well, fit well and feel good during any workout," Asher said.

"As parents to two busy kids, we basically live in active wear and wanted to create something that was not only comfortable and fashionable but functional as well.

"Our first drop features full length tights, t-shirts, singlets and crop tops made from soft, cool and breathable fabric in a mix of colours and styles – and we're currently busy expanding this range further."

The duo has teamed up with health and fitness ambassadors NRL player Daine Laurie, women's NRL player Shaylee Bent and Australian representative rugby union player Amelia Kuk to amplify the MSCL.UP message.

"We're stoked to have our ambassadors on board and look forward to uniting people through fashion, fitness and a bit of fun this year," Asher said.

MG Corporation ready to chip in to cotton industry



AN Aboriginal corporation is moving forward with its plans for establishing a cotton gin in Kununurra, in the East Kimberley, with help from the Western Australian Government.

Yawoorroong Miriung Gajerrong Yirrgeb Noong Dawang (MG Corporation) executive chair Lawford Benning thanked the State Government for the \$4million in funding and said it would be used to upgrade the electricity supply infrastructure to support a gin, as well as to advance preliminary design work and approvals.

MG Corporation was established in 2006 to receive and manage the benefits transferred under an Indigenous Land Use Agreement to the Miriung Gajerrong people.

In return for the surrender of native title over large parcels of land in the Ord River Irrigation Area, the agreement granted MG Corporation the right to a proportion of land in those and other areas. These development areas include land at Goomig, Knox Plain, Mantinea and the Ord West Bank.

MG Corporation has also elected to move outside of the provisions of the agreement to acquire and develop agricultural land in the region in collaboration with local stakeholders and



WA Minister Alannah MacTiernan, Premier Mark McGowan, MG Corporation director Ted Carlton and MG Corporation executive chair Lawford Benning.

joint venture partners.

MG Corporation has been working with the Ord River District Cooperative (ORDCO) and Kimberley Agricultural Investment (KAI) for more than two years

to progress plans for the gin.

Mr Benning said the gin would support the establishment of a commercial cotton growing industry in the Ord River Irrigation Area.

"It is very exciting for us to see our dream of producing high quality cotton, grown on our traditional lands, start to become a reality," he said.

"We are proud that traditional owners, farmers and investors have been able to come together to work toward the common goal of developing a commercial cotton growing industry in the East Kimberley.

"We are very keen to see MG people and our wider community benefit from industries on MG land, including employment and training opportunities.

"We want to sincerely thank the State Government for its investment and confidence in supporting our vision."

Mr Benning said initial cotton growing trials conducted as part of a joint venture between MG Corporation and Cubbie Farming on MG land at Goomig had been very successful.

The high-quality crop was harvested in September and transported to Cubbie's ginnery in south-west Queensland to be processed.

Mr Benning said establishing a gin in Kununurra would mean future crops would not have to be transported across the country, reducing costs.

Planning has already started for the joint venture's next cotton crop, which is expected to be planted at Goomig Lot 16 next month.

Outreach service delivers culturally safe support



A DRUG and alcohol clinician has joined the team at Mission Australia in Meekatharra to provide a culturally safe alcohol and other drug outreach service for people living in Meekatharra, Cue and Mount Magnet in Western Australia.

The service supports individuals and their families who are experiencing issues associated with alcohol and other drug use through case management and support to access the right treatment options.

Counselling, group work, and community education and awareness support is also available.

The Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Outreach Service will work closely with a number of other Mission Australia services relating to family violence, school attendance, family support, public tenancy, emergency relief and another WA Primary Health Alliance funded service, the Meekatharra Mental Health Support Service.

WA Primary Health Alliance regional manager Amy Perry said it was important

that Aboriginal people in regional and remote areas had access to culturally appropriate health services.

"Alcohol and other drugs are a health and social issue that impacts the whole community in a multitude of ways," she said.

"This funding has given us the opportunity to increase the capacity of existing alcohol and other drug programs and services in regional and remote areas, including Meekatharra, allowing them to work with individuals, families and the community to reduce the impact of alcohol and drug use."

Federal MP for Durack Melissa Price said alcohol and drugs can affect communities.

"Ensuring people living in regional and remote communities have access to culturally safe support remains a priority for our government," she said.

"Through providing additional staff and services in regional WA, we will help to maximise access to, and the effectiveness of, drug and alcohol support services."

Dr Paul Royce, Mission Australia area manager Midwest Gascoyne, said they had

an active presence in the area and strong referral pathways.

"And because of that we have been able to hit the ground running," he said.

"These services are culturally safe and will help to reduce harm and support behaviour change before the use of alcohol and other drugs becomes entrenched or problematic."

As part of the funding, WA Primary Health Alliance has also contracted Mission Australia to provide an AOD service in Onslow – which will complement an existing service it currently runs in other areas of the Pilbara – and Hope Community Services to extend services it currently provides in Laverton out to Mount Magnet, as well as other remote towns.

This activity has been made possible through funding provided by the Australian Government under the PHN Program.

Mission Australia's Alcohol and other Drug Outreach Service in Meekatharra is open Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm.

For more information on the outreach service contact 08 9956 5100.



Robert Binsiar, Mission Australia's alcohol and other drug outreach worker in Meekatharra.

Call for mob living with diabetes to get health management 'back on track'



DIABETES Australia is urging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with diabetes to get their health care back on track.

The National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) has launched a new campaign to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with type 2 diabetes to reengage with their diabetes healthcare teams and their diabetes management in 2021.

Diabetes Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagement manager Chris Lee said the new campaign, 'Back on Track', was designed to encourage people to reconnect with their diabetes management after the significant disruptions caused by COVID-19.

The campaign is funded through the National Diabetes Services Scheme, an Australian Government initiative administered by Diabetes Australia.

"COVID-19 has been incredibly difficult, and it has had a major impact on the lives of all Australians, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living with type 2 diabetes who are at a much higher risk of developing severe complications from the virus," Mr Lee said.

"In fact, research found that more than a third of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people said COVID-19 has had a negative personal impact that has affected their connection to culture and their mental and physical health.



Diabetes Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagement manager Chris Lee, NITV journalist Sarah Collard and Ngunnawal Elder Aunty Violet Sheridan.

"This has been magnified by the significant disruption many people experienced to the way they usually visit their GPs, nurses, Aboriginal Medical Centres and other places that they access healthcare.

"This meant some people living with type 2 diabetes might not have been managing the condition as well as they normally would.

"To help people kickstart their

diabetes management in 2021, the NDSS is launching 'Back on Track' to encourage and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as they start to reengage with their diabetes health teams.

"We know diabetes is tough and we want to provide the inspiration to help everyone get back on track with diabetes management."

The campaign's key

messages urge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to:

- check in with their diabetes health team;
- check blood sugar and take medications;
- check they are eating healthy food and being active every day; and
- check they are looking after each other and taking time to look after themselves.

Mr Lee said these messages

were relevant to anyone living with diabetes, not just Indigenous people, but the 'Back on Track' campaign's creative design had been developed to resonate with a First Nations audience.

"This campaign is not about pointing the finger, but rather a reminder to us all that after a really tough 2020, we need to reconnect with diabetes management in 2021," he said.

Studying for a trade gives students skills and knowledge to kickstart a cool career



TWO Aboriginal women are answering a growing need for more females in the refrigeration and air-conditioning trade thanks to an industry-sponsored training program at TAFE NSW.

The Career Start in Air-conditioning & Refrigeration program allows students to develop their skills and knowledge in the trade by completing an entry-level qualification.

Upon successful completion of the program, industry sponsor the Air Conditioning, Refrigeration Building Services Foundation provided the students \$600 Actrols and Airefrig tool vouchers to kick start their careers.

Nyawagi woman Shivanhi Nair completed a Certificate II in Engineering and said the program has given her valuable practical skills and helped her secure employment.

"The course provided me with a range of skills such as how systems work, the use of hand and power tools, and how other trades are involved in air-conditioning and refrigeration," Shivanhi said.

"I am now planning to continue my journey by enrolling in the Certificate III in Air-conditioning and Refrigeration while working for my new employer Precise Air Group."

Turrubul/Bundjalung woman Lena Gill completed a Certificate II in Electrotechnology and encouraged other women to consider entering a trade.

"I've always been a hands-on learner, so a career in trades is perfect for me. If other women out there are passionate about an industry, don't let anything hold you back," Lena said.

TAFE NSW Team Leader of Electronic Trades and Refrigeration Irfan Hai said there were multiple construction and



Turrubul/Bundjalung woman Lena Gill, Nyawagi woman Shivanhi Nair.

infrastructure projects in the pipeline to drive a 'tradie-led' COVID-19 recovery, which meant that the demand for air-conditioning and refrigeration mechanics was surging.

"It's a perfect time for Shivanhi and Lena to enter the industry, with the residential air-conditioning

market growing steadily and the commercial refrigeration sector experiencing skills shortages," Mr Irfan said.

"The Career Start in Air-conditioning & Refrigeration program at TAFE NSW is a great pathway to build a long-term career in a versatile industry with

interesting work, strong wages and plenty of job opportunities."

To assist with the recovery from the impact of COVID-19, the Australian Government is providing support to all employers who engage a new Australian apprentice. 100,000 new apprentices and trainees across

Australia will be supported by the Federal Government's \$1.2 billion Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements wage subsidy.

For more information on studying air-conditioning and refrigeration at TAFE NSW, visit www.tafensw.edu.au or call 131 601.

CDU has program to grow Indigenous lawyers in NT



A CHARLES Darwin University (CDU) program is aiming to grow the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lawyers in the Northern Territory.

Currently only 2% of legal practitioners in the NT are Indigenous – a stark contrast to Territory population figures, where Indigenous people make up approximately 30%.

The Indigenous Pre-Law Enabling Program this year has welcomed around 20 students from Alice Springs, Ramingining, Gove, Broome, Katherine, Weipa, Townsville, Kalkaringi Community, Wyndham and Greater Darwin area.

The program has been made possible through a grant from the Alicia Johnson Memorial Trust and NT Law Society Public Purposes Trust and is run in close partnership with the Bilata Legal Pathways

Program co-founders John Rawnsley and James Parfitt.

Entering its fourth year, coordinator Dr Guzyal Hill said the program had gone from strength to strength.

"Indigenous people are grossly underrepresented in both studying and practising law in the NT," Dr Hill said.

"For people who have never been to university and do not have anyone in their family who has been to university, applying to study and preparing supporting documentation can be daunting.

"The goal of Indigenous Pre-Law Enabling Program is to break those barriers and create a support network for our students to overcome the hurdles and complete the degree."

Mr Parfitt said the program was designed to create the next generation of Indigenous lawyers in the NT.

"The power of having our own highly

professional and committed people working, advocating and representing our people in the justice field is self-determination and self-representation at its finest, the words of the Gurindji echoes through my head, 'from little things big things grow'," he said.

CDU Law's numbers have been boosted significantly as a result of the program, with almost 80 Indigenous students currently studying to complete a Bachelor of Laws.

This year's intake will visit the Supreme and Local Courts, Parliament, North Australia Aboriginal Justice Association and CDU facilities. They will also participate in the first Larrakia Legal History and Cultural Tour, where students will visit key sites across Darwin, learn about its history and the laws, and hear Larrakia perspectives.

For more information about future intakes or to become involved as a supporter contact Dr Guzyal Hill (Guzyal.Hill@cdu.edu.au).



Ruby Jones Hayes is one of around 20 students who will undertake this year's Indigenous Pre-Law Enabling Program at Charles Darwin University.

King Stingray release *Get Me Out*



YOLNGU surf-rock band King Stingray have released their brand new single, *Get Me Out*.

Get Me Out follows on from their successful debut track, *Hey Wanhaka*, which was added to triple j and other radio playlists across the country last year, propelling the band into the spotlight.

King Stingray are a four piece from Yirrkala, North-East Arnhem Land. Formed by Yirrnga Yunupingu (nephew of the late Dr M Yunupingu – Yothu Yindi frontman) and Roy Kellaway (son of Stu Kellaway – Yothu Yindi founding member and bass player), King Stingray blends ancient Aboriginal melodies with surf, indie and funk influences to create a genre of their own, Yolngu surf-rock.

A cruisy tune about getting out of the city and heading to the bush, *Get Me Out* tells the story of the long journey back home.

The inspiration for the song was sparked when King Stingray were on tour with Yothu Yindi and one of their family members got lost in the



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city of Melbourne.

"She had no phone. Yolngu style, she navigated her way back to us miraculously and we now laugh about it," Yirrnga said.

Get Me Out was penned mid-tour, with their hometown Yirrkala at the forefront of their minds, longing for the bush and the sea back at home in North-

East Arnhem Land.

"When we see the sun go down, when we see that djapana, wherever we are, we know our home is never far away. Yirrnga

and I wrote this song when we were away on tour," Roy said.

"We were thinking about our hometown Yirrkala. But when we saw the sun go down and we saw that sunset we had a mutual feeling of living under the one sun, living under the same sun.

"Wherever we are, at whatever time zone, there's still just one sun. Seeing that sunset lets us know that our home is never far away."

King Stingray is a story of lifelong friendship, of two cultures coming together. From toddlers in the Yothu Yindi tour entourage in the 90s, to fully fledged Yothu Yindi members today, Yirrnga (current lead singer of Yothu Yindi) and Roy (current guitarist of Yothu Yindi and who also plays with Emily Wurramara) have been playing and making music together for as long as they can remember.

Young multi-instrumentalist Dimathaya Burarrwanga joins the King Stingray line-up on drums and percussion, with Campbell Messer taking care of bass and back up vocals.

Hey Wanhaka and *Get Me Out* are both out now via Bargain Bin Records.

Groom takes up residence



WIRADYURI woman Amala Groom has been appointed as one of two inaugural artists in residence at the University of Technology Sydney.

Groom will work with Professor Larissa Behrendt of Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research, Dr Andrew Burrell from the Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building, and the UTS Law Faculty, on a historical inquiry into the origins and implications of Western legal, political and social authority as a comparative analysis with Aboriginal systems of lore, governance and collectivity. Groom's residency will support a new body of work to be presented using virtual technologies.

Amala Groom is a Wiradyuri conceptual artist whose practice, as the performance of her cultural sovereignty, is informed and driven by First Nations epistemologies, ontologies and methodologies. Her work, a form of passionate activism, presents acute and incisive commentary on contemporary socio-political issues. Articulated across diverse media, Groom's work often subverts and unsettles Western iconographies to enunciate Aboriginal stories, experiences and histories, and to interrogate and undermine the legacy of colonialism.

Informed by extensive archival, legislative and first-person research, Groom's work is socially engaged, speaking truth to take a stand against hypocrisy, prejudice, violence and injustice.

Groom was the 2020 winner of the Wyndham Art Prize, the 2019 winner of the Incinerator Gallery Award, and her practice has been recognised in more than 40 national prizes. Her work is held in private national and international collections and institutional collections.

The UTS Artist in Residence program is a valuable opportunity for knowledge sharing and

cross-disciplinary collaboration of mutual benefit to the artist and university research, and recognises the vital role of the arts in fostering the economic, social and cultural prosperity of our communities.



Be the One new single for Janke



INDIGENOUS singer-songwriter Toni Janke has released a new single, *Be the One*. Toni is a

Wuthathi and Meriam woman who lives in Brisbane.

Toni began singing and playing the guitar at a young age.

She has written and recorded original albums on her own independent music label, Toni Janke Productions.

She has won national awards for her music since releasing her first EP *Hearts Speak Out* in 1993 and has performed at many festivals and events across Australia.

She released *The Brink* CD (2000) and *Jewel of the North* CD (2004).

"This single and the new album have been a long time coming but finally I'm so excited to be able to release *Be the One*."

"It's a happy, positive, upbeat love song with a feel-good message," she said.

"Everyone can relate to this song. I really love sharing my passion for music."

"Music has the power to transform the world. It's so uplifting and inspirational."

Toni is well-known in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and has worked in many areas in various roles in Indigenous affairs in a professional



Toni Janke

career spanning more than three decades.

She has worked in government, community organisations, law, media, the arts and education.

She currently works in the community sector and is also a coach and mentor.

She graduated with a law degree in her early 20s and has also completed post-graduate studies in ministry and theology.

Toni has her own YouTube channel and hosts her own podcast series.

Toni had two adult daughters and is expecting to release her next album, *Eternal*, in March.

You can purchase the single on Spotify, iTunes, Amazon or Bandcamp.

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Training program participants land work



SEVERAL Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been offered jobs in the reconstruction of the Sydney Football Stadium (SFS) as part of a targeted employment program.

Following their graduation from the pre-employment training program early this month, these job seekers have been offered roles with John Holland's sub-contractors.

Seven participants took part in the program, with five to work on the SFS rebuild and two working with other construction companies.

The participants undertook a three-week training program, and everyone who completed the course has been offered a job.

Employment Services provider Global Skills was appointed the lead jobactive provider to coordinate the recruitment, screening and support of the participants in the program.



Graduates from a recent construction industry pre-employment program are ready to put their training into action having been offered jobs working on the rebuild of the Sydney Football Stadium.

Martin Petersons, executive industry manager for Global Skills, said the commitment from the job seekers to the program was extraordinary.

"We required 100% attendance, punctuality and focus on learning," he said. "All the participants passed with flying colours, which is a

testament to their willingness to be involved in this historic rebuild. They were a pleasure to work with."

Other partners who played an

active delivery role included the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, Health & Safety Advisory Service and the Aboriginal Resource Group.

Agreement creates jobs



AS part of a formal agreement recognising the Taungurung people as the traditional owners of a large area of central Victoria, the State Government is helping to support new jobs.

The Taungurung Land and Waters Council is creating 17 new jobs, including a range of natural resource management roles, including park rangers and field services officers.

With some positions starting this month, the new rangers will work in partnership with Parks Victoria as joint managers of the nine parks and reserves the Taungurung people have title over, under the Traditional Owner Agreement.

The agreement is the outcome of more than three years of negotiations, and covers an area stretching from Rochester and Kyneton in the west to Bright in the east, and Euroa in the north to Kinglake in the south.

Taungurung Land and Waters Council chief executive Matthew Burns said that



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the agreement would deliver real outcomes for traditional owners.

"In celebrating the commencement of our agreement, we acknowledge the Taungurung Elders and community who

have paved the way to our self-determination – a long hard fight to challenge policy and law that tried to deprive us of our country," he said.

Victorian Attorney-General Jaclyn Symes said that the additional resources will ensure that the parks and reserves are well looked after so all Victorians can visit and explore this lovely part of the state for years to come.

"We stand proudly with the Taungurung people – supporting them to continue to protect and preserve their traditional owner rights while creating more jobs in central Victoria," she said.

"This agreement will generate 17 new jobs, including six park rangers, who will provide vital maintenance and conservation works on Aboriginal-title lands."

Signed in 2018, the agreement recognises the Taungurung people's traditional owner rights to access Crown land to hunt, fish, camp, and gather natural resources.

The agreement was negotiated under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act*

2010, which allows for out-of-court settlements to recognise the rights of Victorian traditional owners.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gabrielle Williams said that creating opportunities for Taungurung to partner with government agencies and other groups to create meaningful relationships founded on mutual respect is an important step towards self-determination.

"We're empowering Aboriginal communities in the pursuit of self-determination and land justice. This agreement is another positive step forward for the Taungurung people," she said.

The agreement has delivered around \$26 million to support the Taungurung peoples' economic and cultural development, participation in natural resource management, and other self-determination initiatives.

It also provides the Taungurung people with an avenue for their culture and connection to country to be supported and promoted.

Your guide to employment

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CONNECTING TO COUNTRY PROJECT OFFICER

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The Connecting to Country Project Officer will further develop the BMCC Connecting to Country Program working with Aboriginal Traditional Owners to shape and implement a program which achieves cultural, social, spiritual and economic outcomes for Traditional Owners and the Aboriginal community on Country. This position will also assist with the development of Co-management opportunities.

The successful candidate for this position will have a demonstrated understanding of and experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and cultural matters. A high level of practical experience in developing programs which relate to addressing the social, cultural or economic needs of Aboriginal people. This position also requires a sound awareness or experience in Aboriginal Co-Management agreements or processes.

To be considered for this position, applicants must be Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander. Being Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine qualification for this position as authorised under section 14d – NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

Salary: commencing at \$1397.12 gross per fortnight.
For further information contact: Brad Moore on 02 4780 5560.
Closing date: Sunday, 14 February 2021.

APPLICATION INFORMATION: It is preferred that you obtain the position description and information on how to apply from our website, www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au. Applications addressing the selection criteria, accompanied by a resume, references and copies of qualifications should be emailed to hresources@bmcc.nsw.gov.au prior to closing date. If you are unable to get access to a computer, hardcopy applications may be posted to Staff Applications, Blue Mountains City Council, Locked Bag 1005, KATOOMBA NSW 2780.



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Male Aboriginal Counsellor Temporary Full-Time

Department: South Western Sydney LHD
Remuneration: Dependent on Qualifications
Enquiries: Michelle Scheidel on (02) 9794 0620 or via email on Michelle.Scheidel@health.nsw.gov.au

In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

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: 14 February 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com
Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ206227**.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Project Officer (Identified)

- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Temporary, Full-Time
- Location: Moama

Primary Purpose of the role: Provides diverse project management and related support services, including preparation of reports and briefs, coordinating resources, maintaining project documentation, implementing and monitoring project plans. This role works as an Indigenous facilitator under 'The Living Murray Program'.

Total Remuneration package: Package includes salary (\$97,152 - \$107,541), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Applications Close: 17 February 2021 at 11:59pm

Enquiries: Tim O'Kelly on 0400 258 232.

To apply: Applications are to be lodged online at iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search for Vacancy Ref: 000081QK.

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Early Career Social Worker Violence, Abuse and Neglect Services

Location: Wallsend Campus
Enquiries: Timothy.Hawes@health.nsw.gov.au
Reference ID: REQ205877

Applicants must be female under Section 31 (2) (h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

COVID Screening Officer

Location: Manning Hospital, Taree
Enquiries: Melissa.Lewis@health.nsw.gov.au
Reference ID: REQ206617

Clinical Support Officer

Location: Newcastle Community Health Service
Enquiries: Megan.Grantham@health.nsw.gov.au
Reference ID: REQ207222

Administration Officer Staff Health & Wellbeing

Location: John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Lee-Anne.Muxlow@health.nsw.gov.au
Reference ID: REQ198270

Administration Assistant Rheumatology

Location: John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Nicole.Pettiford@health.nsw.gov.au
Reference ID: REQ207408

Clinical Support Officer – K1

Location: John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Nicole.Pettiford@health.nsw.gov.au
Reference ID: REQ207427

These are targeted Aboriginal Positions. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

Department: Hunter New England LHD

Closing Dates: 3 February 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Numbers above.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Child Protection Practitioners



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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 case practice
- Working collaboratively with the Team Manager to strengthen case practice
- Provide effective service delivery and support other practitioners

To be a child protection practitioner you need a current and valid driver's licence and one of the following: A recognised Social Work degree or a similar welfare or behavioural related degree OR a recognised Diploma of Community Services Work.

Make the decision to pursue a fulfilling professional career and make a difference in vulnerable children's lives.

To find out further information regarding Child Protection Practitioner opportunities, classifications and area locations, please visit

<https://childprotectionjobs.dhhs.vic.gov.au/roles> or email childprotectionjobs@dhhs.vic.gov.au

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au. To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health and Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

The department is committed to the safety of its clients. The department takes a zero tolerance approach to abuse, including child abuse and abuse of people with disability. Departmental employees are required to comply with all legal requirements including the Child Safe Standards to keep children safe from harm and abuse.

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER

MDAS has an exciting opportunity for a self-driven person passionate about organisational safety and wellbeing.

The OHS officer will act as a subject expert within the Quality and Governance team, providing support and expert advice to Health Safety Representatives (HSR's), executive management, managers and staff to provide skills to conduct intensive area inspections within each MDAS department in accordance with compliance obligations and best practice guidelines for health and safety.

The successful candidate will be eligible for an attractive remuneration package including the ability to salary sacrifice and receive an additional 10 Health and Wellbeing days per annum on top of the statutory annual and personal leave provisions.

MDAS is looking for a OHS Officer that is;

- Able to work independently and as part of a team environment
- Resilient and empathetic in nature
- An enthusiastic, team player with a keen eye for detail and a passion for Health and Safety
- Excellent communication skills (written and verbal)
- Ability to undertake OHS/risk audits and investigations
- Provide training and education to staff on specific OHS issues and their legislative rights and obligations
- WorkCover support / Return to work support

To be successful the candidate must have a Diploma in OHS or higher level of achievement and fulfill MDAS licensing and screening obligations.

For further information please contact; Human Resources on 03 50184100.

Application forms along with your resume are to be submitted via the MDAS website www.mdas.org.au

MDAS is committed to protecting
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The Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) represents the Traditional Owners of Gippsland, the Gunaikurnai people

Corporate Services Manager

This position manages GLaWAC corporate functions providing support for the delivery of our programs and projects. The Corporate Services Manager leads the provision of all GLaWAC corporate and transactional finance services including risk management, business development, program management, facilities and property and asset management; and supports the CFO in financial reporting and analysis.

The Corporate Services Manager is a key contributor to the strategic direction and future growth of GLaWAC. The position provides support to the Economic Development team to expand social, business and commercial enterprises and generate revenue.

GLaWAC is a proud Aboriginal Organisation; it is essential that the Corporate Services Manager has or quickly establishes strong relationships with the Gunaikurnai community.

Applications close: Thursday 4th February 2021

For more information, visit www.gunaikurnai.org



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Principal Aboriginal Health Worker

Department: Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD

Location: Warrawong

Temporary Full-Time secondment relief to 2/1/2022 with possibility of an extension

Salary: \$88,645 - \$92,474 pa

Enquiries: Zane Rice (02) 4223 8349 or Zane.Rice@health.nsw.gov.au

What you'll be doing:

This position is part of the Aboriginal Health Chronic Care Unit (ACCU), tasked to provide education, preventative health awareness, chronic disease and other health related issues, and programs.

The position will have a lead role in the design, delivery, and evaluation for ACCU Programs & Services, such as Auntie Jean's Programs & Outreach, as well as developing measures to ensure project sustainability. This will include working in partnership with other providers/ services to provide specialist care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This role will have a clinical component relating to screening and preventative care.

An eligibility list will be created for future temporary and permanent full-time and part-time positions.

Closing Date: 14 February 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com
Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ204367**.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Armajun Aboriginal Health Service Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Caseworker Aboriginal designated position FULL TIME

**Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent?
Are you interested in working within Armajun's service area of Inverell, Glen Innes, Tenterfield and surrounds?**

Do you already live in the Northern New South Wales district or looking for a tree change away from the hustle of the city and the pandemic? Are you looking for a climate change? Do you want to go fishing and camping at the vast amount of dams or rivers? Do you want to hike through the various National Parks to look at the World Heritage surrounds? Do you want to learn to fossick for sapphires?

Do you possess formal qualifications in health, welfare, social work, alcohol and other drugs or related area at a TAFE level (Certificate IV minimum) or above and/or have substantial experience in any of these areas?

Would you like to become part of a great team providing culturally appropriate primary health care services to Aboriginal people and communities? Would you like to work with a strong culturally minded Management team?

If you can say yes to all of the above, you might like to consider applying to work for us as a Drug and Alcohol Caseworker.

The Armajun service area offers an attractive lifestyle including a well serviced and friendly rural community, laid back living, short commuting times, affordable housing, easy access to NSW north coast beaches and larger regional centres, and terrific recreational and sporting facilities. Northern NSW has a deep cultural and spiritual significance for traditional owners.

Applicants must obtain a job package and address the selection criteria in the position description as well as attach a current resume to their application.

Job Package: Belinda Butler bbutler@armajun.org.au 0267 219 777

Enquiries: Jenny Ryan jryan@armajun.org.au 0267 219 777 www.armajun.org.au

On-going applications for this position will be accepted.

This position is Aboriginal designated under Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).



CAREER RECRUITMENT OFFICER DUBBO OFFICE

Core elements of the role include:

- Interviewing, assessing and referring Aboriginal career seekers into a career and training.
- Develop and implement employment career action plans
- Networking with community organisations and local businesses to generate new career opportunities
- Preparation and coaching of Aboriginal career seekers

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated ability to successfully engage with Aboriginal people and communities
- Proven track record in delivering tangible outcomes for Aboriginal people
- Highly developed time management skills
- Ability to work autonomously and as part of a team
- Proficiency in MS Office suite including Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to work to compliance processes
- Driver's licence
- Working with children check

Desirable Criteria:

- Experience in Employment Services Industry

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Applications close Sunday 7 February 2021

Please forward written applications addressing the selection criteria and a copy of your CV to
Email: hr@aes.org.au

For further information please call Ashleigh Knight on 6882 8100

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Aboriginal Health Worker Bega

- Full time or part time negotiable
- Based in Bega

We are currently recruiting an Aboriginal Health Worker, full time or part time negotiable (minimum 4 days per week). The position supports the delivery of health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities through improving access to health care, health screening, chronic disease management and health promotion.

To apply visit: www.gph.org.au or contact Iona Marsh, Strategic Coordinator Aboriginal Health on 0413 017 546.

**This position is Aboriginal Identified under Section 50 (d) of the Equal Opportunity Act.*

Applications close 7 February 2021



Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health & Community Services

Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health & Community Services is a community controlled health service providing holistic health care to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of the ACT and surrounding areas. The Service manages approximately 30 programs through various funding agreements and employs more than 70 staff offering salary sacrifice pursuant to tax department regulations and organisational policy.

Services delivered by the **Social Health Team** include counselling, referral and support for a range of issues including justice/legal matters, alcohol and substance use, care and protection matters, homelessness and social and emotional wellbeing support.

We are seeking several fulltime positions to work within our Social Health Team & Medical Reception

Social Health Worker

Social and Emotional Well Being Program

The role of the Social and Emotional Health Worker is to ensure that the programs objectives are met whilst under the supervision and direction of the Social Health Team Manager. The successful applicant would need to have the ability to problem solve effectively on a day-to-day basis and in crisis situations, liaise with medical staff and negotiate complex issues with clients and their families.

Drug and Alcohol Social Health Worker

The successful Drug & Alcohol Worker applicant will have experience in liaising with other drug and alcohol services and build productive working relationships with service providers. Assist clients to work towards self-empowerment through education and the provision of information and appropriate referrals and by developing daily living skills such as budgeting, drug and alcohol awareness and confidence building skills and able to work effectively and appropriately with families.

Reducing Alcohol Related Harm for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples Worker

The Reducing Alcohol Related Harm for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Worker applicant would need to have experience in liaising with alcohol services and build productive working relationships with service providers. Assist clients to work towards self-empowerment through education and the provision of information and appropriate referrals. Deliver community education sessions to promote healthy behaviours to reduce harmful alcohol use and provide information on how to access support. Is experienced in delivering weekly alcohol misuse support/information groups, developing and implementing case management plans

Justice Reinvestment Worker

The Justice Reinvestment Worker would need to have experience in delivering a high level of support to clients who are incarcerated, and/or who have been in contact with the criminal justice system. Provide support and assistance to clients who are attending Court, advocate the needs of clients to external services, facilitate initiate group meetings, and support sessions that involve clients, families and community members.

The successful applicants for all of the above positions would demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills, counselling experience and a demonstrated capacity to work effectively, positively and collaboratively within a multi-disciplinary team.

Medical Receptionist

We are seeking experienced and efficient Medical Receptionists to work in our busy medical service located at Narrabundah. The successful applicant would need to demonstrate a high level of organisational skills, excellent written and verbal communication skills, and previous experience in handling patient enquiries, appointments and managing incoming calls, computer skills for data entry and e-mail communication.

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for the above positions and is authorized under section 42 of the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT) and S8 of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)

Human Resource Manager

We are seeking a fulltime Human Resource Manager to work in our Administration Department in Winnunga AH&CS is made up of a Finance Manager, Finance Officers, Data Officer, Policy Officer, Accreditation Manager, Research Officer, Executive Assistant, Practice Manager and Medical Receptionists. The role of the HR Manager under the supervision of the Finance Manager is to ensure that the human resource, procurement affairs of Winnunga AH&CS are in order and all legal, and organisational and contractual obligations are met in an accurate and timely manner and to maintain the highest standards of professional conduct.

Project Officer

NDIS Engagement and Sustainability Program National Disability Insurance Scheme

We are seeking a fulltime Project Officer. The NDIS Engagement and Sustainability Project Officer is situated within Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services. The role of the NDIS Engagement and Sustainability Project Officer is to ensure the objectives of the Program are met by increasing community awareness of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The aim of the Program is to increase the number of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) and Aboriginal Medical Services (AMS') registered and delivering services sustainably under NDIS to Aboriginal and Torre Strait Islander people.

NDIS Community Connector

National Community Connector Program National Disability Insurance Scheme

We are seeking a fulltime Community Connector. The NDIS Community Connector is situated within Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services. The role of the NDIS Community Connector is to ensure that the objectives of the Program are met by promoting community awareness to support people with a disability to access services under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Providing assertive outreach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in a culturally sensitive manner in breaking down barriers by developing trust and rapport to accessing the NDIS.

The successful applicants for all of the advertised positions would demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills, demonstrated capacity to work effectively, positively and collaboratively within a multi-disciplinary team.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for the NDIS and HR positions

Applicants must obtain a copy of the selection criteria and address all criteria.

For more information and/or a copy of the position description and selection criteria please call **Roseanne Longford**, HR Manager on 6284 6259 or email Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au

Applications should be addressed and mailed to **Julie Tongs**, CEO, Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service 63 Boolimba Cres Narrabundah ACT 2604 or by email to Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au

WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE CHECK (WWVPC)

All people employed at Winnunga are required to provide their WWVPC registration, or to carry out a WWVPC pursuant to the Working With Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011 (ACT).

Applications close 8th February 2021



Aboriginal Counsellor, Wattle Place Identified position, Sydney

Available due to promotion

Provide high quality counselling, therapeutic case work, social connection and practical support to people impacted by the Stolen Generation, people wanting to access the National Redress Scheme, and people impacted by past Forced Adoption practices.

This role requires the ability build trust with people who have experienced being let down by services and the system. It is essential to have experience providing trauma-informed counselling and therapeutic casework to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. You will be a trustworthy and compassionate practitioner with impeccable professional boundaries.

These are identified positions only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Why Relationships Australia NSW?

- It is a privilege to work with our clients and share their journey; As an Aboriginal Counsellor you get to see how people have overcome and live well despite their history
- Be supported: join a dedicated team of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Counsellors, getting cultural support and access to cultural supervision
- Join Mariyang Malang, our staff network and connect with peers across the RANSW
- We have a strong focus on wellbeing including salary packaging, additional annual leave, weekly wellness alerts and fitness passport
- We value inclusion and belonging. We want a workforce that is reflective of all of the communities we serve
- RANSW is committed to deepening our relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people. Our RAP guides our efforts to build strong relationships, increased employment opportunities, and enhanced respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples and other Australians

To apply

Apply online at <https://www.relationshipsnsw.org.au/careers/>.
For any urgent enquires contact Aoife on 0403 888 452



Commissioning Editor, NITV

Full Time, Sydney, North Shore & Northern Beaches



NITV holds a unique place in the Australian media landscape, inspiring all Australians to explore, respect and celebrate our diverse world. At NITV we celebrate and champion the place of unique, authentic storytelling. We're now looking for a passionate Commissioning Editor to join the Commissions team.

About the role

Part of our content strategy across SBS and NITV is the commissioning of engaging and award-winning programming that reflects Australia's diverse and multicultural society. The purpose of this role is to generate and deliver contemporary programs of the highest editorial standard.

In addition you will be responsible for;

- Generating and delivering innovative, engaging, entertaining and award-winning content to NITV television and online – with emphasis on the commissioning of programming reflecting Australia's diverse Indigenous cultures.
- Overseeing productions on behalf of NITV to ensure high editorial standards and the quality delivery of great ideas on time and to cost-effective budgets, ensuring value for money content.
- Assessing projects against commissioning criteria in a timely and efficient manner and against personal taste where necessary.
- Working in close collaboration with colleagues in the online and internal production division and with key external stakeholders to ensure the commissioned content always achieves its full potential by reaching the maximum audience.
- This role is based in Sydney however we can accommodate flexibility during COVID-19 restrictions; working from home and from a different location within Australia is initially available.

About you

We're looking for a highly creative thinker that is demonstrated by your ability to commission a range of distinctive television and online productions, including co-productions, which reflect the multicultural reality of Australia. Someone who has state or federal agency experience desirable. Full-time experience in Television scripted drama is also an advantage.

Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. SBS considers that being Aboriginal and/or a Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under s 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

At SBS, it's not just what you do but how you do it. We're looking for people who share our passion and hold our strong values, diverse workforce and inclusive culture.

If you have any access requirement to set you up for success during the recruitment process, contact us at careers@sbs.com.au.

Applications close 5pm Friday 5 February 2021.

To apply online, please go to <http://sbs.com.au/careers>



**Museum of
Applied Arts
& Sciences**

DIRECTOR, FIRST NATIONS POWERHOUSE MUSEUM

A new leadership and creative role responsible for developing and leading Powerhouse policy, strategy, and organisational renewal through First Nations engagement.

You will create a bold paradigm shift setting the Powerhouse's national and international cultural agenda to advance and advocate for Australian and international First Nations Peoples, culture, places, knowledge and stories. You will have extensive experience in a senior leadership role in the implementation of strategy and change alongside knowledge of Australian and international First Nations museum methodology.

Essential: Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Requisition number: 00007XSQ

Enquiries: Belinda.christie@maas.museum

Apply: Resume and cover letter by 7 February 2021

Position description and to apply via maas.museum/careers



Senior Project Officer

Full-time fixed term 12 months
Location – Marrickville NSW 2204

Manage and coordinate the development, implementation and evaluation of projects to achieve project outcomes and support the achievement of AbSec organisational objectives.

To provide leadership in the planning and co-ordination of contract outcomes in line with the funding bodies service specifications and agreements.

Salary: \$95,000.00 plus superannuation, not-for-profit salary packaging available.

To obtain a position description please visit our website: <https://www.absec.org.au/careers.html>

To apply: Address the selection criteria outlined in the positions description. Interested applicants are required to address the essential criteria demonstrating their experience against each point, submit a cover letter (maximum 2 pages) and current resume (maximum 5 pages).

Email applications to: recruitment@absec.org.au

Applications close: 5.00pm Friday 05 February 2021



Aboriginal Outreach Worker Tuggeranong

- Full time or part time negotiable
- Based in Tuggeranong, ACT

We are currently recruiting an Aboriginal Outreach Worker, full time or part time negotiable (minimum 4 days per week).

The Aboriginal Outreach Worker will work as part of the Aboriginal Health Team to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across the ACT and surrounding regions.

To apply visit: www.gph.org.au or contact Iona Marsh, Strategic Coordinator Aboriginal Health on 0413 017 546.

**This position is Aboriginal Identified under Section 50 (d) of the Equal Opportunity Act*

Applications close 7 February 2021



Senior Policy Officer

Full-time fixed term 12 months
Location – Marrickville NSW 2204

Policy drives AbSec's strategy and capability development, it contributes a research and statistical evidence bases to inform policy development and operational decisions making by AbSec.

The Senior Policy Officer will work closely with internal stakeholders and external partners to ensure the AbSec policy capability and capacity to influence is responsive to current and future needs.

Salary: \$95,000.00 plus superannuation, not-for-profit salary packaging available.

To obtain a position description please visit our website: <https://www.absec.org.au/careers.html>

To apply: Address the selection criteria outlined in the positions description. Interested applicants are required to address the essential criteria demonstrating their experience against each point, submit a cover letter (maximum 2 pages) and current resume (maximum 5 pages).

Email applications to: recruitment@absec.org.au

Applications close: 5.00pm Friday 05 February 2021



Aboriginal Family Violence Case Manager

- Adelaide Southern Suburbs
- Part time, 0.8FTE (30 hours/ week)
- APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 5 February 2021

Women's Safety Services SA is a leading not for profit organisation that provides specialised support to women and children who are experiencing or escaping from domestic and family violence.

We are currently seeking an Aboriginal Family Violence Case Manager on a permanent, part time basis. The position is based at Ninko Kurtangga Patpangga (Ninko). Ninko supports Aboriginal families and the Case Manager will be responsible for contributing to alleviating the effects of domestic and family violence experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children through the provision of both crisis intervention and case management services.

To Apply

Applications are to be submitted directly on our careers page via the link below, and should include a resume and one page cover letter, addressing the Person Specification within the Position Description.

<https://womenssafetysservices.com.au/index.php/about/careers>

Inquiries can be emailed to rachela@womenssafetysservices.com.au or natalies@womenssafetysservices.com.au

Solicitor - Expressions of Interest Cairns, QLD



Interested in using your skills to support vulnerable members of the community?

The *Cairns Community Legal Centre* is a not-for-profit, government-funded organisation that provides accessible legal and social justice services to people in the Cairns community who are experiencing disadvantage.

They are currently seeking Expressions of Interest from **Solicitors** who wish to be considered for potential employment opportunities that may arise at the Centre.

All experience levels are encouraged to apply.

SCOUT TALENT To learn more & apply, scan the QR code above or visit: applynow.net.au/jobs/127465



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Senior Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer (Graduate) Permanent Full-Time

Department: South Western Sydney LHD
Remuneration: \$101,786 – \$110,222 per annum
Enquiries: Kim Sherman on 0422 008 712 or via email on Kim.Sherman@health.nsw.gov.au

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: 28 February 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com
Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ205832.**

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

ARTWORK REGISTRATIONS OFFICER



Full time
\$55,000 (salary packaging available)

Are you passionate about Indigenous art and culture and would you like to help build alternative pathways for Indigenous offenders and ex-offenders through art and cultural support?

The Torch is a not for profit community arts organisation that provides art, cultural and arts industry support to Indigenous offenders and ex-offenders across Victoria.

The core business of The Torch is to address the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within Victoria's correctional facilities through its Statewide Indigenous Arts in Prisons and Community program.

Within a team of 15 staff The Torch currently employs 3 staff to manage the artwork, sales and exhibitions created through the Statewide Indigenous Arts in Prisons and Community Program. We are seeking a 4th member to register and organise the growing volume of artworks that are collected by The Torch (1,400+ annually).

We are looking for a team member with strong written and verbal communication skills and someone who has an eye for detail. This individual will have strong organisational skills and ideally some collection management experience.

If you are keen to work with The Torch and help make a positive impact on people's lives then we are interested in hearing from you.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

View the position description on our website:
<https://thetorch.org.au/work-with-us/>

For further information on this role please contact:

Nerissa Broben, Art Manager
Tel: (03) 9042 1236 or 0400 050 923
nerissa.broben@thetorch.org.au

Applications addressing the key selection criteria and your resume should be sent to:

Nerissa Broben, Art Manager
nerissa.broben@thetorch.org.au

Applications close on: Monday 15 February 2021



Indigenous Academic Engagement Officer

Location: Clayton campus

Remuneration: \$80,643 - \$87,044 pa HEW Level 06 (plus 17% employer superannuation)

The Opportunity

The Indigenous Academic Engagement Officer will coordinate a range of complex services to support the strategies, programs and initiatives for the PVCI and the William Cooper Institute. Reporting directly to the Program Manager, Indigenous Students Service, this role will ensure the delivery of Indigenous academic support and engagement of programs across the University.

Pursuant to a "special measure" under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic), in order to promote and help realise substantive equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, this position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only.

Enquiries

Ms, Erin Pennett – Program Manager – Indigenous Student Services, +61 3 (9905 8724)

Closing Date: Sunday 31 January 2021, 11:55 pm AEDT
Supporting a diverse workforce

To view the position description and instruction on how to apply see our ad on the Koori Mail website under **JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS**



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Social Worker (Level 1/2) Aboriginal Chronic Care Program – Temporary Full-Time

Department: South Western Sydney LHD
Remuneration: \$1,231.73 – \$1,784.52 per week
Enquiries: Julie Cherry on 0447 397 425 or via email on Julie.Cherry@health.nsw.gov.au

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: 14 February 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com
Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ206878.**

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Aboriginal ACHL National Manager

- Unique executive leadership opportunity!
- Identified position available to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island people
- Full time permanent position at sector leading not for profit

About the Role:

Aboriginal Community Housing Limited (ACHL) is a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community housing organisation that manages properties across Australia, with an aim to provide culturally appropriate property and tenancy management nationally.

We are seeking a highly skilled, motivated, and passionate leader who will be responsible for strategic and operational management of ACHL, performing a vital role in managing and building partnerships and stakeholder relationships to drive our business growth. This Senior Executive position will have a national focus and can be located at one of our offices in New South Wales, South Australia, or Western Australia.

This is an Identified position. ACHL considers that being an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s14 of the AntiDiscrimination Act 1977 (NSW). Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and be accepted in the community as such.

Applications close: Thursday 4 February 2021

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS POSITION
SEE OUR AD ON THE KOORI MAIL WEBSITE UNDER
JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS**



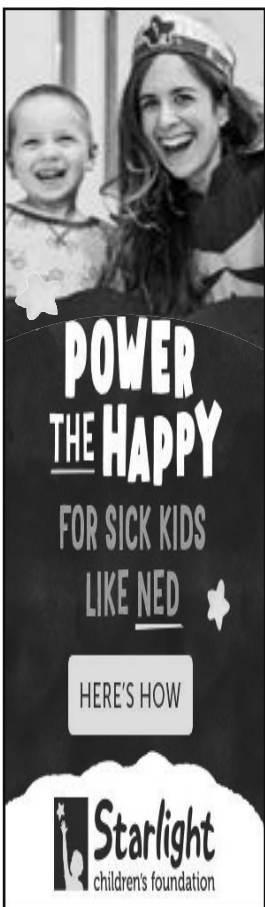
Environmental Health Officer Trainee

PSC has partnered with NSW Health to offer a unique 6 year Environmental Health Officer (EHO) traineeship for an Aboriginal person. The EHO Trainee position is the ideal opportunity for the right candidate wishing to take their first steps in a successful and fulfilling career. You'll, study a bachelor degree in Environmental Health at Western Sydney University by distance part-time.

Ready to change your outlook and join the incredible team at PSC?

- Please apply by **midnight, Sunday, 14 February 2021**.
- To apply online or to obtain a copy of the position description visit www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au click on the 'Work' tab and then Current Opportunities.
- For further information on the role, please contact **Juliann Lee, Workplace Development Manager on 02 49880470**.
- We never discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, or marital, veteran, or disability status.

For further information on this position and a link to apply see our ad on the Koori Mail website under **JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS**



AIDA - Senior Communications and Marketing Officer

The Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) is currently seeking to fill the role of the Senior Communications and Marketing Officer. The Senior Communications and Marketing Officer is a key function within the AIDA Secretariat, working across our events, engagement, and policy teams. Its primary purpose is to develop and oversee the AIDA communications strategy. Communications activity includes the AIDA website, social media campaigns, monthly newsletter, and the AIDA media strategy. Through this role you will be working directly with Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical students and doctors and have insight into creating equitable health and life outcomes for Indigenous people.

For more information see <https://www.aida.org.au/careers/>
Applications must be received by **midnight 14 Feb 2021**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



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Aboriginal Trainee (Health Manager Level 1) - Population Health - Temporary Full-Time

Department: South Western Sydney LHD

Remuneration: \$1,425.98 - \$1,918.22 per week

Enquiries: Natasha McEwan on (02) 8738 5701 or via email on Natasha.McEwan@health.nsw.gov.au

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: 21 February 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com
Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ207839**.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



MERRIMANS Local Aboriginal Land Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the MLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact Amanda, by email: admin@merrimanslalc.org.au or on (02) 44737288

Applications can be forwarded to admin@merrimanslalc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

**The Chairperson
Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council
13 Umbarra Road
Wallaga Lake NSW 2546**

Applications close Friday 19th February 2021

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



**Flinders
UNIVERSITY**

RURAL AND REMOTE OPPORTUNITIES NORTHERN TERRITORY AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA

About Flinders University

Rural and Remote Health is a key priority for Flinders University.

Our geographic footprint throughout the Central Australian Corridor is a truly defining feature. Flinders University has Australia's widest network of remote and rural campuses and community partnerships, running from the South East of South Australia, Adelaide, the Riverland, to Alice Springs, Katherine and Darwin in the Northern Territory.

This breadth of teaching and research activity allows us to deliver regional academic programs and research that impact some of the most marginalised communities in Australia. The College of Medicine and Public Health's collective vision to be recognised as the global leader in producing a committed, highly skilled and culturally safe rural and remote health workforce, and rural and remote health research; both of which pay attention to the needs of our First Nations communities.

In 2021 we aim to appoint a range of excellent candidates to these full-time and part-time positions in rural and remote locations in SA and the NT:

- **Dean Rural and Remote Health (Level E) (NT or SA)**
- **Professor/Associate Professor, Rural and Remote Health (SA&NT) (Level D/E)**
- **Professor/Associate Professor, Rural and Remote Health Director Training Pathways (SA&NT) (Level D/E)**
- **Lecturer/Senior Lecturer Rural Health Education Programs (Level B/C) (SA)**
- **Lecturer in Rural and Remote Health (Level B) (SA) 2 positions**

- **Senior Lecturer Remote Health Education Programs (Level C) (NT)**

- **Senior Lecturer - Rural and Remote Health Medical Specialist (Level C) (NT)**

- **Lecturer / Senior Lecturer in Remote Health Practice - Allied Health (Level B/C) (NT)**

- **Research Assistant (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Applicants Only) (HEO5) (NT)**

- **Lecturer Clinical Practice (Level B) (NT)**

Position/s Summary

- **All positions are based at rural/remote campuses**
- **Available on a range of fixed-term, full-time or part-time contracts**
- **Plus 17% employer superannuation**
- **Applications close:
11:59pm Monday 22 February 2021**

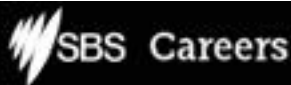
Requirements

Please note: It is an inherent requirement of these positions that the successful candidate maintains current Working with Children Check/OCHRE Card and National Police Certificate which are satisfactory to the University.

We are seeking to increase the diversity to improve equal opportunity outcomes for employees, and therefore we encourage female applicants, people with a disability and/or from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders descent to apply.

How to Apply

Full details including how to apply online can be found at our Jobs@Flinders website:
<http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment>



Programmer, NITV

Full Time, Sydney, North Shore & Northern Beaches

The world is not mono. Look around... it's not monochrome or monotone. The world is marvelously multi. When you look at the world this way, it makes a difference. At NITV we are inspired by this difference; we celebrate and champion the place of unique, inspiring storytelling. We are looking for people who want to come on a journey somewhere different, telling stories with a difference, and highlighting the wonderful differences we share.

About the role

With a focus on audience, the Programmer will be responsible for developing the schedule in line with the Indigenous Content Strategy & the NITV Channel Strategy. You will support the Head of Programming and Commissioning in driving audience engagement through effective scheduling and identifying content promotion opportunities that elevates Indigenous storytelling.

Key to this role is the effective communication of the schedule requirements with stakeholders including scheduling, acquisitions, commissioning, digital online and Marketing. This role delivers the promotion and operational requirements of Indigenous programming across linear, OnDemand and digital platforms.

About you

We are looking for someone with experience working with television content and television, digital or social content creation. In addition you will have;

- Insight into television schedules and linear and online audiences and ratings;
- Experience with marketing campaigns and brand partnership briefs;
- Experience managing budgets and reporting on stock management reports;
- An ability to bring together stakeholders and lead a project from an editorial point of view;
- An ability to plan content release strategies to maximise audience reach;
- Great communication skills and attention to detail across multiple activities at once.

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CRI/OS No. 00114A

WaterNSW

BACKWATER BOGGY COWAL WATER SOURCE

WaterNSW has received an application from **Auscott Properties Limited** to amend an existing **Water Supply Work approval** by adding existing works (2 x 1050mm Diversion Pipes and Gates, and 1 x 1200mm Diversion Pipe and Gate) located on Lot 13 / Lot 15 DP 235426 and Lot 2 DP 591506, Parish of Lawson and County of Oxley. The application relates to Backwater Boggy Cowal Water Source, on Belering Creek, subject to the Macquarie Bogan Unregulated Rivers Water Sources 2012 Water Sharing Plan. Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 1018, DUBBO NSW 2830 or customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A025556. 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 McNamara, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

Mid Murrumbidgee Zone 3 Alluvial Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Maria Antonina PENFOLD** for a **New Water Supply Work Approval**, by adding a bore with a capacity of 350ML per year on Lot 172 DP 750863, Parish Tooyal County Bourke. The application relates to Mid Murrumbidgee Zone 3 Alluvial Groundwater Source, subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Alluvial Groundwater Sources 2020. Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 10, WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650 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 A025119. 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 Stephens, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

Camp Creek Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Colburn Ag Pty Ltd** for a **New Water Supply Work Approval** for an off river storage (turkeys nest dam) with a capacity of 652 ML at Lot 1 and Lot 2 DP 189390, Parish of Goonian, County of Arrawatta. The application relates to Camp Creek Water Source, subject to NSW Border Rivers Unregulated River Water Sources Water Sharing Plan. Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW PO Box 1251 Tamworth 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 A025633. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact David Thomas, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

Sydney Basin Nepean Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Rovalblue Pty Ltd** for a **New Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval**, for a bore with a capacity of 85ML/year at Lot 10 DP 872275, Parish Mittagong, County Camden, and water use for Irrigation, Stock & Domestic. The application relates to Sydney Basin Nepean Water Source, Management Zone 1 subject to Greater Metropolitan Region Groundwater Water Sharing Plan. Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or customer.helpdesk@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 A025498. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Wayne Conners, Senior Water Regulation Officer on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

Upper Bega/Bemboka Rivers Tributarie Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Patrick Reubinson and Heike Ida Marie Struckmeyer** for **New Water Supply Work Approval**, by adding 38mm Centrifugal Pump with a capacity of 6.25 l/s at Part Lot 71 DP1152668, Parish of Auckland, County of Ooranoork. The application relates to Upper Bega/Bemboka River Tributaries Water Source on Polacks Flat Creek subject to The Bega and Brogo Rivers Area Regulated, Unregulated & Alluvial Water Sharing Plan. (This replaces previous advertisement appearing in the Bega News 4 November 2020). 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 A024874. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Wayne Conners, Senior Water Regulation Officer on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

KH0835

WaterNSW

Upper Namoi Regulated River Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Roy David Eykamp** to amend a **Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval**, by

- adding a work 200mm Centrifugal Pump, capacity of 125 litres per second located at Lot 152 DP 752201, Parish of Veness, County of Darling; and
- adding land for Irrigation purposes located from Lot 153 through to Lot 175 DP752201, Parish of Veness, County of Darling.

The application relates to Upper Namoi Regulated River Water Source, on Manilla River, subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the Upper Namoi and Lower Namoi Regulated River Water Sources 2016. Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW 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 A025681. 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 Ben Hutt, Water Regulation Officer 1300 662 077 or by email at customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au

KH0837

WaterNSW

Lachlan Alluvial Groundwater Sources 2020 – Zone 3

WaterNSW has received an application from **Gary Johnston** for a **New Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval**, for 2 x Bores with a capacity of 10 – 15ML/day at Lot 1 DP 512076, Parish Jemalong, County Forbes, and water use for Irrigation of 10ha at Lot 1 DP 512076, Parish Jemalong, County Forbes. The application relates to Upper Lachlan Alluvial Groundwater Source Zone 3, 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 A023870. 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.

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WaterNSW

Peel Fractured Rock Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Cavanaghs Livestock Transport Pty Ltd** for **New Water Supply Work Approval**, by adding 2 X Bores with a combined capacity of 100 ML/Year at Lot 331 DP739284, County of Parry and Parish of Murroon. The application relates to the Peel Fractured Rock Groundwater Source, subject to the NSW Murray Darling Basin Fractured Rock Groundwater Sources 2020. Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW - P O 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 A025423. 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 Ben Hanks, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 3 February 2021



QI2020/018, QI2020/019, QI2020/020

Greenvale Training Area ILUAs

Descriptions of the agreement areas:

In the vicinity of Greenvale, QI2020/018 covers approx. 36.4 sq km; QI2020/019 covers approx. 2,025 sq km including nine lots approx. 46 km north of Charters Towers; and QI2020/020 covers approx. 1,214 sq km

Relevant LGA: Charters Towers Regional Council

The agreements contain the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

QI2020/018: 9.1 *[The Parties consent to the following to the extent that they are Future Acts in the Ewamian ILUA Area: 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 Project Rights (collectively, the Agreed Acts).]*

QI2020/019: 9.1 *[The Parties consent to the following to the extent that they are Future Acts in the Gudjala ILUA Area: the doing of the Project; the grant and implementation of the Project Rights; other acts necessary to give effect to the Project and the Project Rights; and the Prior Acts and the validation of the Prior Acts (collectively, the Agreed Acts).]*

QI2020/020: 9.1 *[The Parties consent to the following to the extent that they are Future Acts in the Gugu Badhun ILUA Area: 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 Project Rights (collectively, the Agreed Acts).]*

QI2020/018, QI2020/019 and QI2020/020: 5 *[The Parties agree that Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) is not intended to apply to the Agreed Acts.]*

Prior Acts *[means the acts referred to in cl 9.1 of QI2020/019 which took place in the Townsville Field Training Area, where the Gudjala People hold native title, prior to the Registration Date.]*

Project *[means all activities which may be undertaken for military training initiatives, including the construction and operation of live fire, simulated and manoeuvre training facilities, weapons ranges, camp accommodation, fencing, telecommunication equipment, quarrying, roads, landing and embarkation grounds, and other training facilities but does not include: (a) convention regulated activities prohibited under international weapons conventions; (b) any carbon offset program under the Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011 (Cth) that is not an environmental offset to protect vegetation and biodiversity; or (c) new weapons testing not yet approved for use by Defence.]*

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; and (b) for the carrying out of the Project or the doing of any other act to give effect to the Project in accordance with all applicable laws, but does not include things required or interests issued under the Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011 (Cth), or any carbon abatement interest to obtain the benefit of sequestration of carbon conferred by applicable legislation.]*

Parties to the agreements and their contact details:

Commonwealth of Australia acting through the Department of Defence
c/- King & Wood Mallesons, Level 33, Waterfront Place, 1 Eagle Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

QI2020/018 Barry Fisher and David Hudson; Ewamian Tatampi Puranga Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
QI2020/019 Elizabeth Santo and Gloria Santo; Ngrragoonda Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
QI2020/020 Ernest Michael Hoolihan, Harry Gertz, Narda Kennedy, Hazel Illin and Elsie Thompson on behalf of the Gugu Badhun People #3; Gugu Badhun Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
c/- North Queensland Land Council, PO Box 679N, Cairns North QLD 4870

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

These applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by the North Queensland Land Council, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by each agreement is shown in the map. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have 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 3 May 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 comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Tracey Jefferies on 07 3307 5000 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

WaterNSW

NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

WaterNSW has received an application from **Bellevue Farming Pty Ltd (formerly B & H Farms P/L)** to amend a **Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval**, by adding land for irrigation of 553 ha of almonds and 103 ha of pistachio located at Lot 638, DP765035, Parish of Meilman, County of Taila & Lot 6861, DP47973, Parish of Meilman, County of Taila. The application relates to the NSW Murray Regulated River Water Source, subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the New South Wales Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources 2016. 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 A025596. 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.

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WaterNSW

New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **James Malcolm Cameron and Rhonda Gay Cameron** for a **New Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval**, for a bore with a capacity of 10ML/year at Lot 17 DP 560998, Parish of Tiverton, County of Sandon, and water use for Irrigation. The application relates to New England Fold Belt Coast 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 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 A025682. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact David Thomas, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

WaterNSW has received an application from **Coomealla Investments Pty Ltd** to amend existing **Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval** 60CA580674. The proposed amendment is a change to the purpose of an existing irrigation area to 19.55 ha of grape vines, located at Lot 989, DP756961, Parish of Mourquong, County of Wentworth. 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 A025592. 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.

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
29/984	MENZIES OPERATIONAL AND MINING PTY LTD	591726	126.76HA	11.6km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 47' S Long: 121° 3' E	MENZIES SHIRE
39/1295	SARACEN GOLD MINES PTY LIMITED	590678	21.56HA	44.3km N'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 24' S Long: 122° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 27 January 2021

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **27 April 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 the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 27 May 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.

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WaterNSW

Upper Namoi Zone 6, Tributaries of the Liverpool Range (South to Pine Ridge Road) Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Robert Stuart Clift and Arna Clift** for a **New Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval**, for a bore with a capacity of 480 ML/Year at Lot 81 DP1255767, Parish of Warrah, County of Buckland, and water use for Irrigation. The application relates to the Upper Namoi Zone 6, Tributaries of the Liverpool Rane (South to Pine Ridge Road) Groundwater Source, subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the Namoi Alluvial Groundwater Sources 2020.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW – P O 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 A025542. 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 Ben Hanks, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au

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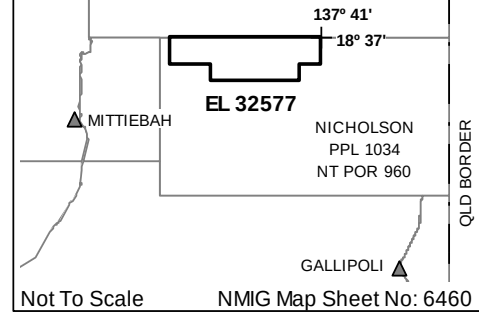
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Nicole Manison MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mining and Industry, C/- Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of her intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

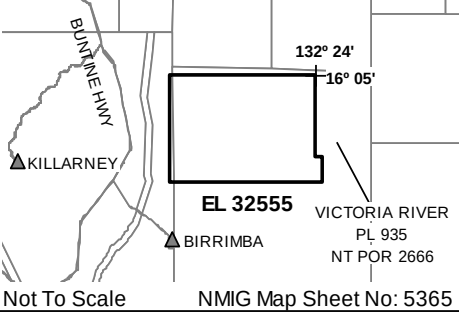
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 32577 sought by CIENTIFICA PTY LTD, ACN 645 504 178 over an area of 114 Blocks (353 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CARRARA locality.



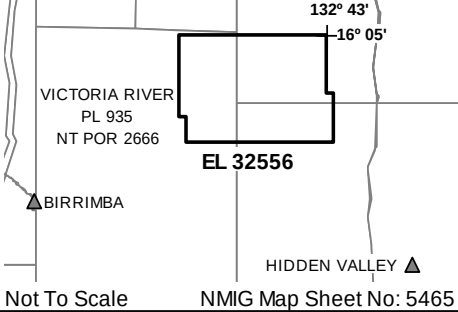
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Exploration Licence 32555 sought by GWC RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 643 307 180 over an area of 250 Blocks (825 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NELLY CREEK locality.



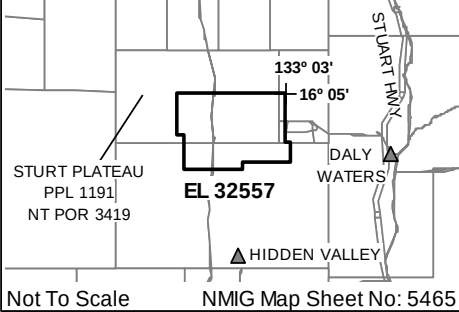
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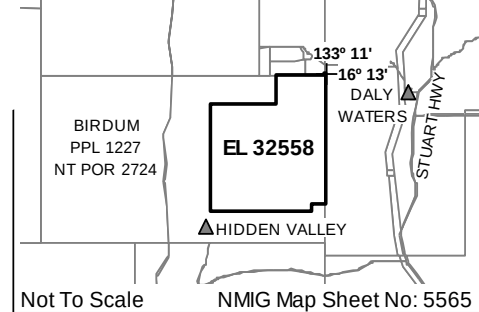
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Exploration Licence 32557 sought by GWC RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 643 307 180 over an area of 250 Blocks (824 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MIDDLE CREEK locality.



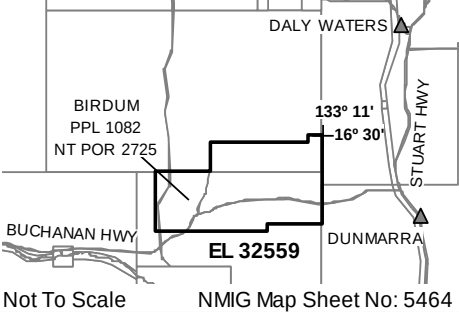
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Exploration Licence 32558 sought by GWC RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 643 307 180 over an area of 250 Blocks (819 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALY WATERS locality.



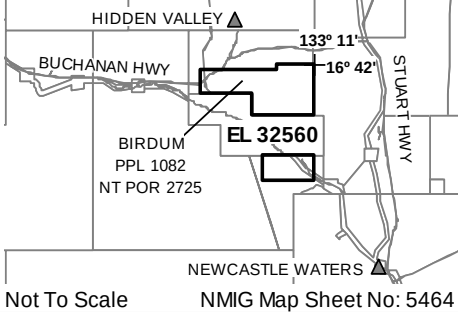
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Exploration Licence 32559 sought by GWC RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 643 307 180 over an area of 250 Blocks (823 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the HIDDEN VALLEY locality.



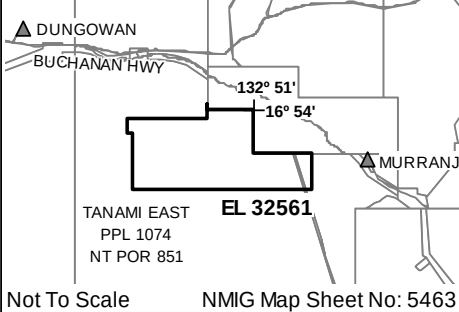
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Exploration Licence 32560 sought by GWC RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 643 307 180 over an area of 250 Blocks (763 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the HIDDEN VALLEY locality.



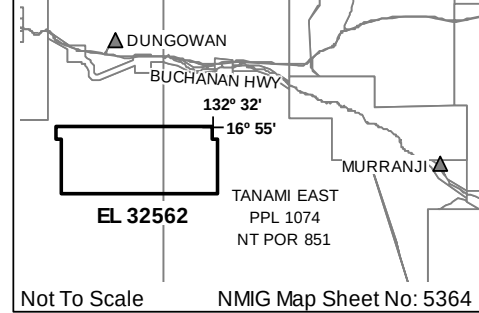
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Exploration Licence 32561 sought by GWC RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 643 307 180 over an area of 250 Blocks (779 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MURRANJ locality.



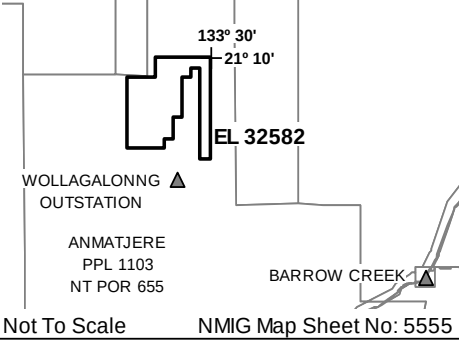
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Exploration Licence 32562 sought by GWC RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 643 307 180 over an area of 250 Blocks (822 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FLAT TOP HILL locality.



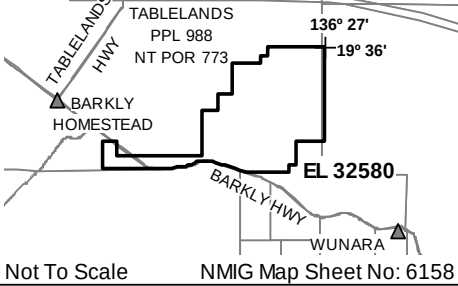
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Exploration Licence 32582 sought by IGO LIMITED, ACN 092 786 304 over an area of 57 Blocks (183 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CONICAL HILL locality.



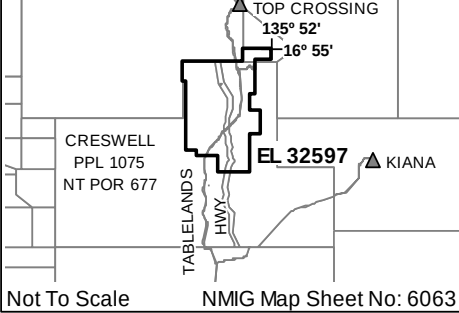
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Exploration Licence 32580 sought by INCA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 128 512 907, MRG RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 614 946 164 and JONATHAN WEST over an area of 245 Blocks (767 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WONARAH locality.



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Exploration Licence 32597 sought by TODD RIVER METALS PTY LTD, ACN 600 314 038 over an area of 250 Blocks (808 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the KILGOUR locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or 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: 27 January 2021

For all your advertising needs email: advertising@koorimail.com or call 02 6622 2666

WaterNSW

NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

WaterNSW has received an application from **Steven James Kiel & Marion Louise Kiel** to amend a **Water Supply Work & Water Use Approval**, by adding land for irrigation of 484 ha of almonds and 261.12 ha of grape vines located at Lot 62, DP822044, Parish of Paringi, County of Wentworth. The application relates to the NSW Murray Regulated River Water Source, subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the New South Wales Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Water Sources 2016.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 363, Buronga, NSW, 2739 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 A025583. 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.

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WaterNSW

Castlereagh Alluvial Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Gilgandra Racecourse and Recreation Reserve Land Manager** to amend an existing **Water Supply Work approval** by adding a groundwater bore, capacity of 10ML per annum, replacing an existing work. To be located at Lot 1 DP 165160, Parsih of Eringinerin, County of Gowen. The application relates to the Castlereagh Alluvial Groundwater Source, subject to the Macquarie-Castlereagh 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 A025436. 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 Rob Kardell, Water Regulation Officer on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au

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GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	25/372	BLACK CAT (BULONG) PTY LTD	121.28HA	28.8km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 46' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	39/1136	KIN EAST PTY LTD	351.71HA	51.8km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 121° 51' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1141	KIN EAST PTY LTD	579.23HA	49.2km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 121° 50' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Mining Lease	46/543	MILLENNIUM MINERALS LIMITED	236.76HA	4.8km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 55' S Long: 120° 7' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE

Nature of the act:

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

Notification day:

27 January 2021

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 **27 April 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. 27 May 2021**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

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

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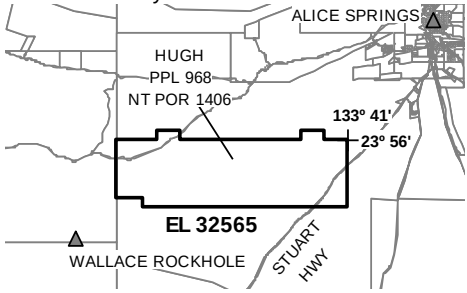
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Nicole Manison MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mining and Industry, C/- Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of her intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

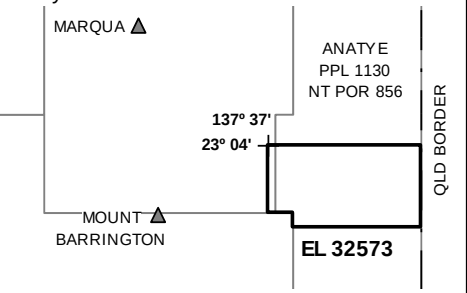
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 32565 sought by GEMPART (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 081 859 896 over an area of 250 Blocks (770 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MACDONNELL RANGES locality.



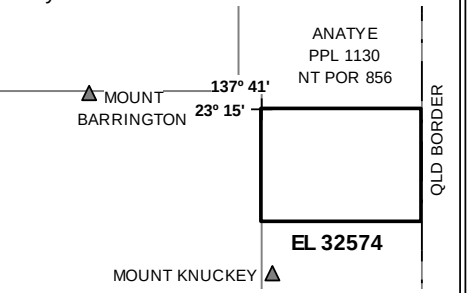
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Exploration Licence 32573 sought by PLUTONIC LIMITED, ACN 632 991 167 over an area of 247 Blocks (771 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ADAM locality.



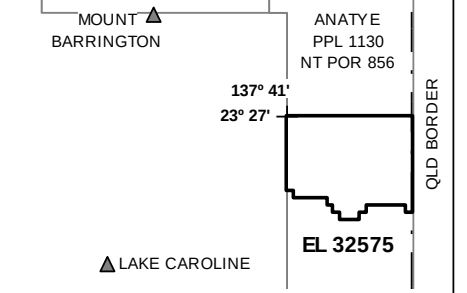
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Exploration Licence 32574 sought by PLUTONIC LIMITED, ACN 632 991 167 over an area of 240 Blocks (719 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ADAM locality.



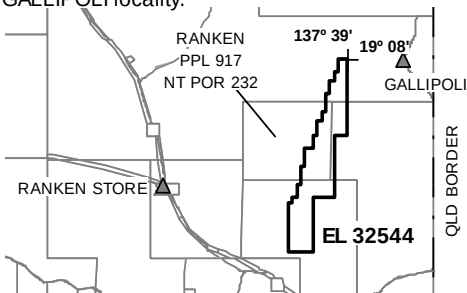
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Exploration Licence 32575 sought by PLUTONIC LIMITED, ACN 632 991 167 over an area of 240 Blocks (723 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FIELD RIVER locality.



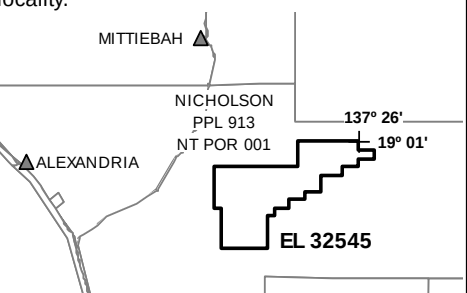
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Exploration Licence 32544 sought by TECK AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 091 271 911 over an area of 250 Blocks (810 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GALLIPOLI locality.



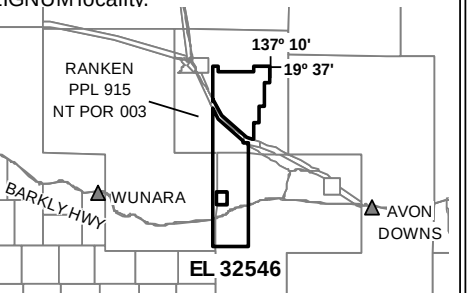
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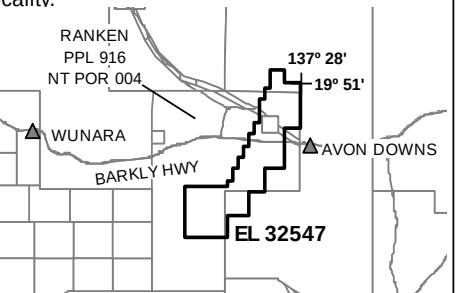
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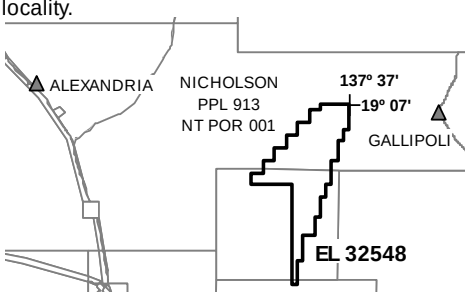
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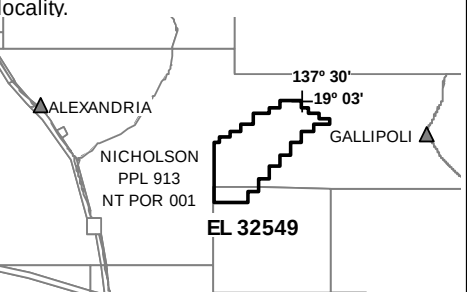
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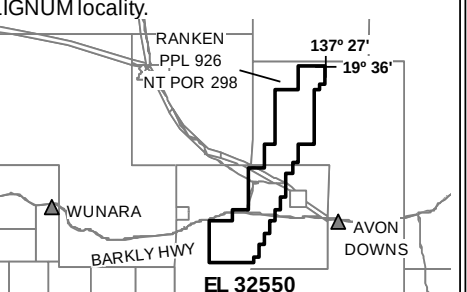
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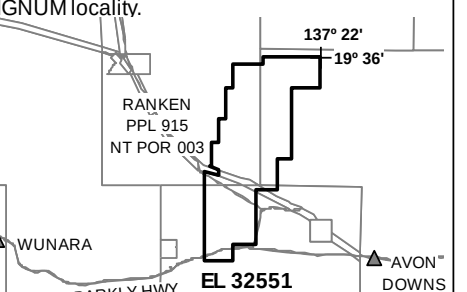
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Exploration Licence 32550 sought by TECK AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 091 271 911 over an area of 237 Blocks (766 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LIGNUM locality.



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Exploration Licence 32551 sought by TECK AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 091 271 911 over an area of 228 Blocks (732 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LIGNUM locality.



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Nature of act(s):

The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties:

Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act 1993* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane QLD 4001, or telephone (07) 3307 5000.

Expedited Procedure:

The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act 1993*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day:

27 January 2021

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

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

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/3261	CAZALY RESOURCES LIMITED	200BL	68.8km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 16' S Long: 117° 0' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/3262	CAZALY RESOURCES LIMITED	200BL	42.3km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 18' S Long: 117° 16' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/3277	AQUILA STEEL PTY LTD AMCI (IO) PTY LTD	26BL	54.5km SW'ly of Pannavonica	Lat: 21° 58' S Long: 115° 56' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2457	ERRAWARRA PTY LTD	168BL	131.5km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 35' S Long: 116° 22' E	MURCHISON SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2459	ERRAWARRA PTY LTD	97BL	131.7km S'ly of Mt Augustus	Lat: 25° 26' S Long: 116° 32' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2460	REED EXPLORATION PTY LTD	12BL	121km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 20' S Long: 116° 22' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2461	REED EXPLORATION PTY LTD	39BL	122.6km S'ly of Mt Augustus	Lat: 25° 22' S Long: 116° 36' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1799	ALTIA RESOURCES PTY LTD	6BL	22km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 8' S Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/546	WIDERANGE CORPORATION PTY LTD	16BL	23.9km SW'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 120° 49' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	20/963	RWG MINERALS PTY LTD	67BL	38.9km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 14' S Long: 117° 32' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/964	RWG MINERALS PTY LTD	148BL	52.6km W'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 16' S Long: 117° 22' E	CUE SHIRE, MURCHISON SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/969	BONANZA RESOURCES PTY LTD	9BL	45.6km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 11' S Long: 118° 15' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/972	BONANZA RESOURCES PTY LTD	27BL	55.8km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 10' S Long: 118° 22' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/599	DREADNOUGHT (YILGARN) PTY LTD	1BL	51.5km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 121° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	26/225	THUNDER METALS PTY LTD	4BL	17.1km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	26/227	GTT VENTURES PTY LTD	4BL	37.4km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/640	EMPIRE RESOURCES LIMITED	3BL	45km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 121° 50' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2996	DREADNOUGHT (YILGARN) PTY LTD	2BL	77.9km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 122° 16' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2997	DREADNOUGHT (YILGARN) PTY LTD	8BL	72.4km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 122° 13' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/3000	DREADNOUGHT (YILGARN) PTY LTD	6BL	73.4km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 122° 13' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/1091	KALGOORLIE MINING ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	11BL	76.8km S'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 120° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/1100	KALGOORLIE MINING ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	42BL	39.4km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 21' S Long: 121° 12' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/1103	BA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	63BL	24.1km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 49' S Long: 121° 13' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/1112	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	49BL	66.3km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 120° 36' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1198	CREST INVESTMENT GROUP 3 LIMITED	25BL	46.3km SE'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 59' S Long: 122° 47' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1273	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	5BL	41.8km NW'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 30' S Long: 122° 5' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1274	MAXIMAL INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	10BL	47.3km SW'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 3' S Long: 121° 57' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/1005	ALBION RESOURCES LIMITED	14BL	23.3km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 4' S Long: 120° 51' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1419	MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL	2BL	12.9km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 26' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3458	K2O MINERALS PTY LTD	19BL	244.5km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 15' S Long: 124° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3553	BONANZA RESOURCES PTY LTD	15BL	49.1km E'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 122° 52' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2134	JINDALEE RESOURCES LIMITED	26BL	81.7km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 53' S Long: 123° 11' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5717	HISTORIC GOLD MINES PTY LTD	4BL	66.7km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 29' S Long: 119° 12' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5745	ROBINSON, Justin James	4BL	70.7km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 25' S Long: 119° 7' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5747	KERAS (PILBARA) GOLD PTY LTD	12BL	29.5km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 26' S Long: 119° 48' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5834	HAOMA MINING NL	43BL	50.7km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 29' S Long: 119° 23' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/4419	RICHARDSON, Brian Dudley	3BL	33.6km SE'ly of Whim Creek	Lat: 21° 6' S Long: 117° 59' E	KARRATHA CITY, PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	51/1995	EMPIRE RESOURCES LIMITED	20BL	29.5km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 33' S Long: 118° 47' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1162	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	122BL	85.5km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 119° 7' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1164	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	70BL	98.8km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 119° 1' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5108	VAN BEELEN, Richard	1BL	36km W'ly of York	Lat: 31° 54' S Long: 116° 23' E	MUNDARING SHIRE, NORTHAM SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5414	CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED TREGOR PTY LTD	45BL	32.4km N'ly of Wongan Hills	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 116° 39' E	WONGAN-BALLIDU SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5625	BEAU RESOURCES PTY LTD	10BL	41.7km NE'ly of Mukinbudin	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 118° 25' E	MUKINBUDIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5650	ELECTRIC METALS PTY LTD	53BL	56.4km SE'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 46' S Long: 118° 45' E	MERREDIN SHIRE, NAREMBEEN SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5655	AUSGOLD EXPLORATION PTY LTD	37BL	52.9km NW'ly of Kojonup	Lat: 33° 30' S Long: 116° 44' E	WEST ARTHUR SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5659	WHEATBELT MINERALS PTY LTD	30BL	7.4km SW'ly of Wagin	Lat: 33° 21' S Long: 117° 17' E	WAGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5660	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	1BL	3.5km S'ly of Donnybrook	Lat: 33° 36' S Long: 115° 49' E	DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5662	SUPERGRENE PTY LTD	14BL	33.5km W'ly of Bridgetown	Lat: 34° 0' S Long: 115° 47' E	NANNUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5663	HISTORIC GOLD MINES PTY LTD	1BL	16km SE'ly of Donnybrook	Lat: 33° 42' S Long: 115° 53' E	DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/675	AML (RAVENSTHORPE) PTY LTD	6BL	11.4km E'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 34' S Long: 120° 10' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2724	ELECTRIC METALS PTY LTD	13BL	53.4km SW'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 32' S Long: 118° 54' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2725	ELECTRIC METALS PTY LTD	35BL	32.4km W'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 20' S Long: 119° 0' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2741	NIMY PTY LTD	41BL	93.6km NE'ly of Mukinbudin	Lat: 30° 8' S Long: 118° 35' E	MOUNT MARSHALL SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5517	WESTERN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	36BL	84.6km SW'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 16° 24' S Long: 128° 18' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5540	CENTRAL PILBARA NORTH IRON ORE PTY LTD	71BL	107.7km E'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 17° 51' S Long: 126° 33' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6321	BROSNAN, Allan Neville	98.87HA	10.6km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 8' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6491	MICHLANGE PTY LTD	200.06HA	19.7km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 120° 58' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6492	MICHLANGE PTY LTD	199.08HA	19.1km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 120° 59' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6561-4	KENEX PTY LTD	658.63HA	21.1km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 120° 57' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6590	WHITAKER, William Barrie	33.95HA	2.7km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 58' S Long: 121° 9' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6602	STROLOGO, Jacques Khan	50.06HA	22.3km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3299	NANKIVELL, Craig John MARSHALL, Kristy Anne	123.26HA	27.2km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 9' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3304	VULETA, Mason Adrian VISKOVIICH, Dylan Brett	182.60HA	29.7km S'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 120° 56' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2426	WICKS, Janet Lee	191.44HA	3.4km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 23' S Long: 117° 53' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2429	LITTLE, Terrence Harold MENZEL, Lucas Ronald Marcinowski	27.39HA	70km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 117° 24' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5405-14 & 24/5431-2	GOLDFIELDS MINING GROUP PTY LTD	1965.72HA	9.7km SW'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 120° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5424	GOLDFIELDS MINING GROUP PTY LTD	193.11HA	15km SW'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 120° 55' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5430 & 24/5433	GOLDFIELDS MINING GROUP PTY LTD	367.64HA	16.9km W'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 120° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5490-S	SURRIDGE, William David	9.86HA	5.2km NW'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 17' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4595	MARSHALL, Kristy Anne NANKIVELL, Craig John	11.44HA	27.3km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4598-S	SAUNDERS, Frederick Charles	9.25HA	20.2km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 121° 49' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4599	CONROY, Brody John	87.22HA	24.5km N'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2466-7	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	392.96HA	16.6km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 35' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1383	WALES, Brian William WATTS, Stephen Dale	197.75HA	69.1km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 122° 3' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	30/1152	HINDMARSH, Ty Raymond Thomas	196.13HA	44.1km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 51' S Long: 120° 37' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2134	ORECOP HOLDINGS PTY LTD	125.79HA	7.5km SE'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 52' S Long: 122° 24' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2143	CALLEGARI, Jamie Brian	44.83HA	8.1km N'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 44' S Long: 122° 19' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9426	OBRIEN, Michael James	195.07HA	17.1km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 28' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9475-6	SPECREZ PTY LTD	358.10HA	23.6km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 121° 33' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6199	LITTLE RIPPER GOLD INC	199.89HA	68.5km N'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 122° 8' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6220-S	LEPPARD, Catherine Anne	5.79HA	60.1km N'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 122° 15' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6225	NIWEST LIMITED	196.14HA	49.1km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 121° 48' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6226-9 & 39/6231	GOLDEN CLIFFS NL	910.98HA	46.6km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 47' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6230	GOLDEN CLIFFS NL	76.21HA	44.2km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 121° 46' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/2012	BEATONS CREEK GOLD PTY LTD	143.74HA	4.9km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 55' S Long: 120° 5' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/2022	GRIGGS, Andrew Keran RICHES, Jamey Stephen	199.48HA	20.5km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 52' S Long: 120° 18' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3190-2, 51/3195 & 51/3197-8	CASTLE MINERALS LIMITED	1197.01HA	17.9km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 44' S Long: 118° 32' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 27 January 2021

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 **27 April 2021**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 27 May 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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Rep footy ripper in Top End

By PETER ARGENT



THE NTFL has replicated the feats of its 1985 team when it defeated the SANFL's Glenelg in Darwin in the first representative match in the Top End in 15 years.

The men's 'Buffaloes', coached by Yorta Yorta man, Chris Baksh, mastered the wet and humid conditions that saw constant rain for the entirety of the match to win by 24 points, 9.12 (66) to 6.6 (42).

The home side had solid Indigenous representation with Baksh calling the shots from the coaches' box. Josh Cubillo, Harley Puruntatameri, Braedon McLean, Jarrod Stokes and Shaun Edwards all played their part for the home team.

Among the key moments in the game was a pivotal play by Edwards who drifted forward from half-back to boot a team-lifting goal that set the home side toward victory.

Stokes was good off a wing with his trademark pace and clean use of the ball and in the contests at critical moments, particularly when he took on and beat several opponents for the ground ball.

Cubillo gave a solid, physical presence when he came on, and McLean and Puruntatameri also provided valuable moments for the Buffaloes.

The game was up for grabs at three-quarter time but Baksh later said that home crowd support was important in getting the team over the line.

Overall it was a solid team effort by the winners who were more intense at the contest, especially when it counted.

For the visitors, the Tigers' Indigenous contingent was Darwin lads Marlon Motlop and Neil Vea Vea, who trade the northern dry season for the southern winter for football.

Vea Vea was among the Tigers' best players, providing valuable ball from the ruck and Motlop was roused to action in the second half in an attempt to lift his team.

In the women's game, the Buffaloes defeated their Tiger counterparts by 30 points, 5.5 (37) to 1.1 (7).

And in the first game (men's), Central Australian Redtails were too strong for Big River Hawks by 50 points, 12.18 (90) to 5.10 (40).

● Keep an eye out for our February 10 edition for more on this event.



NTFL coach Chris Baksh (left), Josh Cubillo, Harley Puruntatameri, Braedon McLean, Jarrod Stokes and Shaun Edwards made up the Indigenous contingent of the Buffaloes team. Pictures: Peter Argent



The Redtails' Daniel Stafford celebrates a goal.



Former Gold Coast Sun Liam Patrick for Big River.



NTFL's Jarrod Stokes gets a clean break against the Glenelg opposition.



NTFL's Braedon McLean gets a handpass away.



Glenelg's Neil Vea Vea (left) and NTFL's Matthew Dennis tangle in a ruck contest.



Souths' Latrell Mitchell has recovered from injury that saw him miss almost all of the 2020 NRL season. Picture: Getty Images

Why I think Souths will win this year

AS the new NRL season draws closer I was lucky enough to go down to Redfern Oval recently and watch the South Sydney Rabbitohs train. A couple of things really caught my eye.

First thing was how well a couple of young players were doing in their first pre-season with the Top 30 squad.

Blake Taaffe and Raheem Mundine are two dangerously quick players who have great skill and anticipation. The confidence they showed in the session I saw says to me that they will be first-grade players in the near future.

It is really great to see the production line at the Rabbitohs is still bringing good young players through.

The other thing I saw, and this confirms my early-year prediction, is just how good the Rabbitohs' squad looks for this season, and they are my pick as the number one team this year.

Having Latrell Mitchell back from injury is huge and he is the type of player who makes everyone else better at what they do. I thought last year his combination with Cody Walker was the best in the competition and I see that getting even better this year.

The forwards are where Souths will improve with the arrival of Jai Arrow – and with young forwards like Jaydn Sua, Cameron Murray and Keaon Koloamatangi this pack has the ability to dominate their opponents.

The past two seasons have been heartbreaking for the Rabbitohs where they've fallen one game short of the grand final both times.

I know the club will be doing all that they can to take that next step. Their team is in their prime and I believe it is their time. Souths are my favourites to win the NRL premiership this year.

**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.*



Dean Widders

These are the proper Deadly Origin choices

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



THE Institute for Urban Indigenous Health's Deadly Choices initiative and the QRL have settled on the best Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queensland State of Origin team.

The 1980-2020 Queensland State of Origin Deadly Maroons is filled bumper to bumper with some of the greatest rugby league players the game has seen from the Sunshine State

The 40-year team was named to mark Origin's first 40 years.

The run-on side (plus interchange) of Indigenous players who have been integral to the concept's success since its inception in 1980 include the great Artie Beetson, whose stature in the series, and game, stands head and shoulders above the rest.

The panel of selectors was faced with a headache. They had an initial squad of 37 players to choose from and such was the array of talent that some from the 20 that missed selection could

consider themselves unlucky.

The Deadly Maroons team has players who featured in all four decades since 1980 and includes those who were part of Queensland's barnstorming Maroons side that won an unprecedented eight series in a row from 2006-2013, a record that will be expected to stand for a long time to come.

Deadly Maroons 40-Year Origin team

1. Greg Inglis
2. Dane Gagai
3. Steve Renouf
4. Justin Hodges
5. Matt Sing
6. Johnathan Thurston
7. Scott Prince
8. Arthur Beetson
9. PJ Marsh
10. Sam Backo
11. Gorden Tallis
12. Carl Webb
13. Sam Thaiday
- Interchange: 14. Matt Bowen, 15. Willie Tonga, 16. Wendell Sailor, 17. Dale Shearer.



The Deadly Maroons were named at a function last week. Picture: Supplied



Muli Warriors and Casino All Blacks men's teams come together after a hard-fought series at Kyogle last year. The teams will square off again from next month. Picture: Supplied

Muli Warriors, Casino face off again



A REGIONAL rugby league tournament will pit two proud nations against each other in what organisers hope can become a permanent fixture in local football.

The "Battle of the Tribes" will see players from the Githabul and Bundjalung nations play over a three-week period on country in the Northern Rivers region of NSW beginning next month.

Senior men's, women's and under-17s division teams have been locked in to play over three weekends, on Friday nights, at Kyogle and Casino.

The teams are Muli Warriors, representing the Githabul Nation, and Casino All Blacks, representing the Bundjalung Nation.

The Githabul Nation represents the area in what is now known as south-east Queensland and north-east NSW; the Bundjalung Nation represents mainly the northern coastal areas of NSW and inland to areas around Tabulam and Baryugil.

One of the key organisers behind the

event, Mitchell Davis, is expecting a huge turnout.

The Battle of the Tribes in February will be the second instalment of the event and Davis said the team behind it are better prepared this time around.

"Last year was huge," he said.

"We never expected to be that big and I reckon this year it could be bigger.

"Last year, a lot of people found out at the last minute so that was a lesson learnt.

"We only gave ourselves six weeks and were pushing it toward the end."

The \$5 entry fee for adults and gold-coin donation for kids will help both communities plan for upgrades to their football programs.

The event has sanctioned support from local football's Northern Rivers Regional Rugby League, which oversees the game in the area.

Battle of the Tribes

Game 1: Friday, February 19 at Kyogle; Game 2: Friday, February 26 at Casino; Game 3: Friday, March 5 at Kyogle.



Muli Warriors' sisters, Jamie-Lee (left) and Shiloh Williams.

Kalinda, Suns aiming for a solid start as AFLW looks to complete a full season



Kalinda Howarth was a revelation for Gold Coast in the AFLW in 2020 in which she was named in the All-Australian team. *Picture: Getty Images*

By PETER ARGENT



THE explosion of women's football across the country will be further boosted this week when the 2021 AFLW season gets underway – and with it, several Indigenous women front and centre across the competition.

Among the many Aboriginal players to watch is Gold Coast's Kalinda Howarth.

The 21-year-old made an impact in her first season at the Suns, playing all seven games, including the semifinal against Fremantle, after which she was later awarded with All-Australian selection.

Carlton's Maddy Prespakis is a genuine, bona fide star of the competition where she averaged upwards of 20 disposals across her first two seasons. But it is her on-field leadership that will add another dimension to her game and that of the Blues.

Adelaide, effectively the reigning AFLW premiers after their grand final triumph in 2019, will look to players like Danielle Ponter as versatile options.

Aliesha Newman, traded by Melbourne to rivals Collingwood in the off-season, will add polish, class and experience to the Magpies outfit in 2021.

Newcomers like Mia King (North Melbourne), Janet Baird (Gold Coast), Courtney Hodder (Brisbane), Stephanie Williams (Geelong) and Mikayla Morrison (Fremantle) will also be looking to make an early impact if they are to press for further selection in their respective teams in a season that runs for just three months.

The AFLW premiership season this year will overlap with the AFL's and the grand final is scheduled for the weekend of April 18/19.

This season, its fifth, marks the first time where there will be an entrance fee at all AFLW games.



Maddy Prespakis *Picture: Getty Images*

My big call for the 2021 AFLW flag

PREMIERSHIP predictions are a fun part of the football industry; it gives us something to talk and sometimes banter about as the season progresses, but it can also be a handy 'form' guide as to which teams are closer to a flag than the others.

The 2021 AFLW season starts this week and I'm getting in early: Carlton will win the premiership. For those who know me, or those of you who read my column regularly, know that I barrack for the Blues. I make my prediction not because of that but that I truly believe the addition of Elise O'Dea will be the key difference for Carlton and will elevate them to the next level.

Elise and the game's best player last year, our very own Maddy Prespakis, together will be formidable. Elise will open up space for Maddy, who loves the hard-ball and uses it so well, and this will cause trouble for many teams this season.

As we all know there was no AFLW premier in 2020 but in that season there were three teams who stood out and I believe all three will carry that good form into this year.

North Melbourne last season were strong, finishing on top of the ladder in Conference A. What a player Jasmine Garner is! With the Kangaroos' captain Emma Kearney at the helm I think the 'Roo's will stay strong and will be hard to beat this season.

Fremantle finished on top of the ladder in Conference B in 2020 where they had not lost one single game. Key forward Gemma Houghton was strong for Freo and she has been working hard at training on her consistency. The Dockers will have five home games this season and the 'Purple Army' of fans will serve them well at home.

Carlton came home strong in 2020 and finished the unfinished season second on the ladder behind Fremantle.

We will never know what could have been in 2020 but I believe these three teams are far further developed than the others and will be the contenders for the premiership.

I am always happy to be proven wrong and so I am looking forward to surprises along the way which, as we know, there are always many in the AFLW.

**Shelley Ware is a proud Yankunytjatjara and Wirangu woman from Adelaide. She appears on AFL.com.au's Colour Of Your Jumper.*



Shelley Ware

Jetta, Swans reunite

By CHRIS PIKE



LEWIS Jetta is back at the Swans – but it's the black and white variety and in the west.

The 202-game dual-premiership AFL player was let go by West Coast at the end of the 2020 season and despite the initial disappointment he is looking forward to joining his original WAFL club.

Jetta, 31, was instrumental in Sydney Swans' 2012 premiership win over Hawthorn and was key again in West Coast's 2018 premiership win over Collingwood. He will take that big-game experience with him to the Swans in the WAFL.

"I still think I had a couple of years left (at AFL level) but I'm satisfied when I think back now of what I achieved," Jetta said.

"I'm ready for this new chapter in my life and I'm ready to spend a lot more time with my children which is probably the biggest excitement that I'm getting at the moment.

"I'm just a boy from Bunbury and back in 2009 or even 2007, I never thought I'd make it to the AFL or even the WAFL there for a while before I moved up to Perth.

"To have the career I've had, it was just a dream to be honest."

Jetta will add to his 34 games at league level in the WAFL. Toward what was now the end of his AFL career while at West Coast after returning to the WA club, Jetta was periodically sent to the WAFL to rediscover his form.



Lewis Jetta has returned to Swan Districts in the WAFL for the 2021 season. *Picture: AAP*

Now that that's permanent, the AFL's loss is the WAFL's gain and Swan Districts are excited with Jetta's return.

Swans league coach Adam Pickering, a former player at Carlton and Richmond before settling in WA to play and coach in the WAFL, couldn't be more excited to welcome Jetta back to Bassendean Oval.

Pickering also said his return will be much more than what he will offer on the field.

"Obviously we think Lewis can still play

some pretty exceptional football for us," Pickering said.

"He feels like he was still in good enough shape and playing well enough to still be in the AFL, and we agree.

"So to have someone still pretty much in the prime of their football career who when he's at his best is one of the most damaging players in the country, it's obvious what we think he can do for us on the field.

"There's no secret we haven't been a team with the best skills the last few years and we haven't always had a lot of run, so Lewis brings both of those things but it's so much more than that.

"He's a 200-game AFL player who won two premierships so his leadership and what he can show our young guys is something you just can't get anywhere else.

"But it's also about our culture; he is a Swans boy coming home and he's an Indigenous man who can show our young guys what you can do if you apply yourself. We are so excited that he is going to be with us now hopefully for a number of years."

The 2021 WAFL season is scheduled for an Easter weekend start.

Last year, due to COVID-19, the season was reduced to a nine-week competition in which all eight teams played each other once, with a three-week finals series incorporating the first and second semifinals (in week one), a preliminary final (in week two) and grand final (in week three) where South Fremantle broke through to win their first flag in over a decade when they defeated Claremont at Fremantle Oval.

Dan is the Man for all seasons

By PETER ARGENT



DAN Christian is a proud man – extremely proud of his Wiradjuri heritage. He is also among the most successful cricketers in the world in the Twenty20 format of the game, with eight titles across the cricket-playing nations. Last Friday, he added yet another accolade to his long list of achievements.

In a match between cross-town rivals Sydney Sixers and Sydney Thunder at Adelaide Oval, Christian, who plays for the Sixers, became the first cricketer in the Australian Big Bash League to reach the 100-game milestone.

Christian started his BBL career when the BBL did, in 2011. His first four seasons were with the Brisbane Heat and he was a key member of the Heat's title triumph in BBL02.

"The standard of the BBL is right up there, maybe third behind the IPL and the Pakistan T20 competitions. They have more overseas players and all the home-grown local talent play as well," Christian said.

"My recollection from the first BBL game was Brett Lee hitting Brenton McCallum with a bouncer – there has been a lot of water that's gone under the bridge since then. In that second year, we came from nowhere to win it. We beat the previously unbeaten

Renegades in the semifinal and then travelled across to Perth and defeated the Scorchers on their home turf at the WACA.

"Perhaps my most satisfying win was the BBL08 triumph with the Melbourne Renegades because of the impact I had across the finals series."

Christian, 37, was voted player of the match in the semifinal and the grand final win over Melbourne Stars in that season. He is currently part of the Sixers squad that is on top of the ladder in BBL10.

"To have the ability to contribute in the three disciplines of the game certainly helps me have an impact in T20 cricket," Christian said. "It's rare that you can impact a majority of the time with just one skill. I'm also pleased to be among the five strong Aboriginal role models for the next generations – along with Josh Lalor, Brendan Doggett, D'Arcy Short and Scott Boland currently participating in BBL men's competition, along with the women in the WBBL as well."

"T20 cricket lends itself to Indigenous cricket. The speed and the 'razzmatazz' of the game appeals to the kids. It will be nice to see some talents come across from the footy codes."

Christian's strong connection with New South Wales, his home state, is why he signed with the Sydney Sixers for this season with the opportunity to play at the SCG, although in this COVID-

affected era has forced the movement of a lot of games.

Christian is the only son of Clem and Toni Christian. He has many cousins as his father was one of 11 children.

"Dad was a handy rugby league player though the grades at the Newtown Jets," Dan said.

"Probably the most famous of Dad's siblings was Uncle Trevor, who was a renowned boxer."

Along with his T20 accolades, which includes a couple of titles captaining the Notts Outlaws in the English T20 competition and a title in South Australia in the season before the BBL started, Christian also was a member of the Victorian Bushrangers who won consecutive Sheffield Shield titles.

Christian is not just an athletic cricket talent. He has picked up the nickname 'Siri' from former Bushrangers teammate Rob Quiney due to his encyclopedic knowledge of cricket. And if he has his way, we will be seeing more of Christian's exciting cricketing exploits, whether with the bat or ball, or perhaps taking one of those many extraordinary catches in the outfield.

"While I am certainly closer to the end of my career than the start," he says, "my body is still in good shape and just playing T20 I only work on certain skillsets."

"I love it and still have a few matches left in me yet."

"For me it's about adding to the titles now, if we can."



Dan Christian is the first player to reach the 100-game milestone in the Australian Big Bash League. Picture: Peter Argent

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Madi Panthers clean up at Kuki sports carnival

By ALF WILSON



RAIN failed to dampen the spirits of competitors at the Badu Island Kuki sports carnival last week.

The event was among the first on the Torres Strait since the coronavirus pandemic put a halt to almost everything, and where around 500 visitors joined the many locals in savouring sport on the islands.

The first carnival on the islands in 2021 was three months in the planning where social-distancing regulations were adhered to.

Visiting teams, players and spectators came from Thursday Island, Mabuiag, Poruma, Horn Island and Boigu and also Cairns.

The women's touch winners were Madi Panthers, now the best women's team in the sport as this was their fourth consecutive title. They defeated CV Rakers to win it.

Nine men's teams battled it



Madi Panthers – the best TSI women's touch football side.

out in touch football tournament where local side Badu Boyzal defeated TI Wahmere in the final.

There were 10 sides in the 3-on-3 basketball tournament in the men's and women's divisions, where TI Lions were the men's winners who defeated Koedelal, which had players from Cairns.

The women's division was won by Heat Badu with runners-up 96ers from

Thursday Island.

The popular carnival was organised by Kulpiyam and there was a social fun-run.

"We had about 500 people here and many came in outboard-motor-powered dinghies and accommodation was booked out while others were billeted," Kulpiyam spokesman Jermaine Reuben said. "It rained during the morning on both days, but then it cleared up in each afternoon."

Lifters stand tall and proud



Zoe Raymond has severed ties to the Global Powerlifting Committee following comments from the president of the Australian affiliate. Picture: Provided

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



ABORIGINAL powerlifters have stared down the president of a leading federation who sought to defend the word 'coon' on social media in which an offensive image was later added.

The trio went public in the hope that others in sport don't have to endure what they have.

Patrick Morrison and Zoe Raymond, both active lifters in the powerlifting scene, and longtime trainer Aaron Scafi, last week called out Markos Markopoulos, president of the Australian affiliate of the Global Powerlifting Committee.

Markopoulos posted critical comments on social media of the recent renaming of Coon Cheese to Cheer Cheese where he also called executives of the food company "spineless" for bowing down to a "troubling minority" for the name change and adding that he "won't be buying Coon Cheese (sic) any more after they changed the name". (The word 'coon' is an offensive term used to denigrate Indigenous Australians and African-Americans in the United States.)

Troubled at what they saw, Morrison, Raymond and Scafi took Markopoulos to task in several exchanges online.

Overnight, however, one of Markopoulos's 5000 followers entered the online discussion with an image of Morrison with the word 'COON' photoshopped prominently across his competition t-shirt which was seen, saved and shared across social media. Later that same day, Markopoulos deleted the entire post and discussion. Markopoulos later posted a lengthy apology that was equal parts regret and defiance, but the damage was done.

The episode has shaken Yinjibarndi woman Raymond, who joined the GPC five years ago. She said it was eye-opening to see so many defending Markopoulos and



Personal trainer Aaron Scafi knows all too well the scourge of racism as an Aboriginal-Italian man. Picture: Provided

the offensive term.

Raymond has since lodged a formal complaint to the board of the Australian GPC.

Troubling, too, was when she took a call from one of the GPC's major sponsors who asked her to withdraw her objections.

"I found the GPC as a super-safe space. It felt like home," Raymond said of the time she first joined

"But when I saw that post, I couldn't scroll past it. I wanted clarity on what they meant. I mean, I don't care about cheese but I wanted to know how many people who were commenting have had the word 'coon' directed at them, because I have, as has Pat; we were both called that by teachers and others, so I just wanted to know how many people in the comments section were defending it and why."

Raymond has since severed ties with GPC but will honour a commitment to the organisation at an event in February.

Aaron Scafi has a longtime association with the powerlifting scene and the GPC. He is a personal trainer and has pointed many budding lifters toward the federation.

Scafi is Wiradjuri (mother) and Italian (father) and so he is fine-tuned to racism in Australia.

He expressed rage, disappointment and bemusement at the turn of events.

"When I saw it all, I nearly threw my phone through the wall," he said of Markopoulos' post, the resultant commentary and the offensive image.

"Coming from the person who most people would listen to and have the most respect for, coming from the big boss of the GPC, that's the disappointing thing.

"It's his personal opinions, of course, not the federation's, and he runs a great federation and competition but the problem was that the post allowed the platform for other racists to join in. His platform has 5000 (friends) so it gets a lot of interaction anyway.

"This person grew up Greek in Australia and would have experienced racism. I am Aboriginal and Italian and learnt of racism from both sides.

"I don't see how he doesn't get it.

"I never had a bad interaction with this person; I like to think this was a complete misunderstanding on his part but my gut says otherwise.

"In theory, for me, you would give him the benefit of the doubt, but his apology seems fake.

"If you're not racist, if you don't 'have a bad bone in your body', there is no need to proclaim it like he has done."

Raymond wants to see Markopoulos removed.

"I honestly don't think someone like him should be in this position," she said.

"Yes, he does a lot for the federation but I don't believe he should be president, particularly when he uses social media to post controversial opinions.

"Casual racism is just as serious as anything else. If we let this happen, we are only going to go backwards. The GPC is definitely supportive, it's like family to me, but on a personal level I just can't."

Koori Mail Sport reached out to Markopoulos for comment but he simply said:

"I've got no time for this; (to me) this is over."

Morrison devastated by 'mate'; vows to go it alone

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



PATRICK Morrison woke up last week to an image of himself with an offensive term photoshopped in capital letters across his chest.

The altered image was posted on the social media page of Markos Markopoulos, president of the Australian affiliated Global Powerlifting Committee.

Morrison, a Kolkatha-Wirangu-Wiradjuri man, is one of the country's top powerlifters and his records in the discipline are many.

The altered image of Morrison was posted by an unknown individual in support of Markopoulos' rant about the recent name change of Coon Cheese to Cheer Cheese.

Morrison was targeted by the anonymous individual in the thread discussion after he had pointed out to

Markopoulos some home truths in regards to the word and how it was used to denigrate Aboriginal people.

While Markopoulos did not create the offensive image, it was the discussion and platform that enabled it.

"I got sent that image from two different people when I woke up last Tuesday (January 19)," Morrison said.

"It was pretty shocking. I was upset and angry.

"How does someone have the audacity to create and post this? It was something Markos didn't consider, and he still doesn't."

Morrison considered Markopoulos a friend. They have known each other for seven years. Morrison is the brother of Wayne 'Fella' Morrison, who died in police custody six years ago. Markopoulos was one of the first people to call Patrick when news of brother Wayne's death broke. But Morrison says his friendship with Markopoulos is now

over and said he will not compete under the Global Powerlifting Committee at any future events.

"When my brother was killed in custody, Markos was one of the first people to call me," Morrison said.

"I've decided to remove myself from the GPC. I won't compete in any competition that Markos is affiliated with.

"The GPC is the biggest powerlifting federation in Australia so it's a huge sacrifice. I've been doing this for years and I've known Markos for seven years.

"I am undefeated so for me it is a really big decision. I won't be competing on those platforms and I won't be defending those titles.

"Markos created the dialogue that enabled all of that racism. I think that he can't see what he's done. He still has failed to identify what he said was wrong.

"He hasn't been in contact directly; he hasn't reached out to me. It's not my responsibility to reach out to him."



Patrick Morrison is a record-holder across various divisions in powerlifting. Picture: Provided

Murri Carnival called off

By ALF WILSON



ONGOING concerns over COVID-19 has forced the postponement of the 2021 Arthur Beeton Foundation Queensland Murri Carnival at Redcliffe, 30km north of Brisbane, last week.

Named after rugby league Immortal, the late, great Arthur Beeton, the carnival was to be held at Redcliffe's Dolphin Oval from

January 20-23. Sixty-five teams had nominated across the senior men's, women's and youth divisions. But concerns over a community transmission, just two weeks after the Brisbane CBD went into a three-day lockdown, led to the event's postponement.

In a statement, the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council, a major sponsor of the carnival, confirmed the news.

"We simply do not want to take the risk

of our competitors, coaches and spectators coming into contact with COVID-19 at this time, or the UK strain being taken outside of the Greater Brisbane Area," QAIHC chief executive James William said.

"This decision was made with the health of our local communities and Queensland as our priority.

"While this is not the news we were hoping to deliver, the health and wellbeing of the community is paramount and we hope that you all stay safe, healthy and

COVID-aware during this time."

This is the second time the carnival was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

It was to be originally held in September last year, at its usual time, but was pushed back to this month.

Last week, the Queensland Government said, after Brisbane's three-day lockdown, restrictions including mandated mask-wearing for residents of Greater Brisbane would continue.

Pinder adjusts to Aussie basketball

By PETER ARGENT



DERBY-born Keanu Pinder may have found himself in early foul trouble in the NBL's opening rounds but he believes a few adjustments will ensure he's a productive member of the Adelaide 36ers this season.

An exciting 206cm power-forward and centre, Pinder returned to Australia to join the 36ers after two years playing professional hoops with Legia Warszawa in the Polska Liga Koszykówki (PLK – Polish Basketball League). Before that, he played for the University of Arizona in the Pac 12 Conference of NCAA Division I in the United States.

The differences in the PLK to the NBL are stark.

"In the European competition I played in, they allowed a lot more contact," Pinder said.

"I've been fouled out in both of our first two games this year, the loss to Melbourne (United) and the double-overtime win against South East Melbourne. It is just a matter of adjusting to the style of umpiring in Australia.

"The NBL's credentials as a good league was part of the motivation to return to Australia and I also wanted to play in front of family as well; I have family in Perth and Sydney and Aunt Shirley here in Adelaide.

"In the current world climate, it was the best option for me to return to Australia."

Tough, physical and a player with high energy, Pinder, 25, can play defensively from one through to five, displays wonderful athleticism and pace with the ability to shoot the ball well. The 36ers have restructured under new head coach Connor Henry and Pinder is seen as a part of an exciting new era for the team.

A second-generation player in the NBL, Pinder has a strong basketball pedigree. He has seen tapes of his father, Kendal 'Tiny' Pinder, who had a stellar and championship-winning career in the NBL with the Perth Wildcats. His mother, Tracey Smith, played for Broome at the WA Country Week championships, was a WA Country All-Star from 1988-1990, toured Indonesia in 1988, represented the Kimberleys in 1987 and 1992 at Shadows tournaments in Canberra, and was MVP for East Perth in WA's SBL in 1994.

● Keanu Pinder is adjusting his game to the NBL.
Picture: Peter Argent



Tuck new coach at IMP



A REMOTE football development manager at AFLNT will trade Sherrins for running shoes as the next head

coach of the Indigenous Marathon Project.

Damian Tuck will take on the 12-month role next week.

Tuck was based at Maningrida in his role at the AFLNT when he successfully applied for the position at the IMP.

Tuck has been involved in football at club, league and elite levels as a player, coach, committee member and recruiter. Most recently, he recruited for the St Kilda Football Club before moving to Maningrida where he delivered football-themed programs for school-aged children and adults as a remote development manager for AFLNT.

He said the role will also enable him to explore his Aboriginal heritage, which he only discovered recently.

"After my dad died a few years ago, a series of events led me to find out that I am a descendant of the Arrente people of Central Australia," he said.

"I now know that my maternal grandmother was separated from her Indigenous mother and sent to live with a family in Melbourne during the era of the Stolen Generation."

It was at Maningrida where Tuck met Juan Darwin, who was one of the first IMP graduates who finished the New York City Marathon in 2010.

Tuck becomes the fifth head coach in the IMP's history.

Former coach Adrian Dodson-Shaw, who held the position for over four years, will be swapping the running track for an office at the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

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Barty pumped for Aussie Open



AUSTRALIA'S world No 1 women's tennis player Ash Barty doesn't necessarily think she'll be playing catch-up when she makes her return to tennis next month.

Barty, 24, has declared herself raring to go ahead in her daring quest to win the Australian Open following an 11-month lay-off.

Unlike most players, Barty sat out almost the entire 2020 season, even skipping her French Open title defence while prioritising her health over trophies during the coronavirus pandemic.

But she doesn't necessarily believe she'll be playing catch-up during her much-anticipated return at a WTA lead-up event the week before the Open starts on February 8.

Last year she reached the last four at Melbourne Park, becoming Australia's first women's semifinalist since 1984.

"I feel like I've done all the work. I feel like we've ticked the boxes and I'm feeling like every single year we continue to develop my game and it's better and better," she said.

"We'll just try and go out there and do the best that we can and whatever happens will happen. I feel great. I feel ready to go and I'm just itching to get started." —AAP

● Ash Barty is in full preparation for the Australian Open next month.

Picture: AAP



Put pride not prejudice in history books

COUNTRY & Western music resonated with many thousands of Black families here and among the many vinyl records and cassette tape collections back in the day were those of Charley Pride, who passed away in December.



Darren Moncrieff

Being exposed to his music had me wondering why he needed to go to San Antonio, while also confusing me because I saw no house with no crystal chandelier lighting up paintings on the walls, but kissing an angel good morning (and the follow-up) was pretty self-explanatory. Anyway.

In reading an online tribute, I learnt that old Uncle was a one-time professional baseball player and that he had to make a choice between that and a musical career. He played in the Negro American League, an organisation that administered sport for non-white players throughout the United States for at least the first half of the 1900s.

Recently, Major League Baseball announced it will integrate all of NAL's baseball records into its own. This is big because if there is one sport that worships its past and its mind-bending multitude of statistics it is baseball. Players of Uncle Charley's calibre, then, will rank alongside and even above the game's other greats. All of which brings me back home and to something I've touched on before. It would be entirely appropriate and respectful of the past if the ARL and AFL commissions followed suit.

Here is a little as to why. The Brisbane Rugby League was a thriving competition for much of Queensland's sporting history and it delivered many memorable players, grand finals and standout moments from 1922 up to its heyday in the 1980s. But when a consortium created the Brisbane Broncos RLFC in 1987 at the behest of the NSWRL it sounded the death knell of the BRL and its rich past was left to be largely forgotten.

This scenario was replicated in Aussie rules. By the mid-1980s, the WAFL and SANFL were thriving and drawing big crowds, there was saturation media coverage and the calibre of football was equal to that of the VFL, if not above it. At around the same time in Victoria, the VFL needed saving from itself — many of its clubs were riddled with debt and the competition was lopsided where only the rich teams dominated. By the latter stages of the 1980s, the VFL Commission had convinced WA, a Queensland consortium and later SA to join them and the multi-million dollar licence fees from West Coast and the Brisbane Bears in 1986, and Adelaide in 1990, did indeed save the VFL from itself, but which left the WAFL and SANFL as shadows of their former selves, and their rich histories consigned to second-tier status.

Basically, the BRL, SANFL and WAFL ought to figure in the NRL and AFL record books. Those organisations would gain so much from doing so. The history and legacy of many more 'Charley Prides' in football would finally receive the honour that they deserve.

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Spirit trio back on deck for Olympic selection



INDIGENOUS softball's top players will put their best foot forward for Australian national team selection as the second countdown begins for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games*.

The Aussie Spirit have named a 23-woman squad that will vie for selection into the final team to compete in the rescheduled Games later this year.

The squad remains largely unchanged from the 2020 group that was named this time last year.

Indigenous women — inspirational skipper Stacey Porter, up-and-comer Tarni Stepto and the emerging Janice Blackman — return to the 2021 squad for final team selection.

The entire group has shown an incredible amount of commitment and resilience after the sport's 12-year wait to return to the Olympics became 13 due to the COVID-19 pandemic that swept the world and which forced a series of cancellations and postponements of a majority of sports events including the Olympics.

Players across the country have remained focused on their preparations both individually and within their relevant state programs to ensure they are as prepared as possible under the circumstances for

a tilt at a fifth Olympic medal.

The squad will come together for the first time in 2021 at the Australian Institute of Sport for a camp from February 18 — March 7.

From there, several events will be held before selectors settle on the make-up of the 15-woman final team for Tokyo around June.

The rescheduled Tokyo Games will be held from July 23 — August 8 this year.

Blackman didn't make the cut for the 2019 team that played in the qualifiers but through hard work and dedication to the cause she forced her way back into the extended squad early in 2020.

She kept her focus even after the Games were postponed where selectors couldn't ignore her for re-selection.

Nothing is a given for final selection but as captain Porter is a walk-up start, Stepto is a two-way player who can hit and pitch so that versatility counts in her favour, while Blackman will be competing for spots.

Due to various COVID restrictions, Softball Australia has cancelled a planned national selection camp, electing to host the Aussie Spirit training camp in its place.

**The IOC and JOC have retained the "2020" in the Tokyo Games despite it being held in 2021.*



Janice Blackman will be putting her best foot forward for selection into the Aussie Spirit women's softball team for the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Picture: Softball Australia

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Lifters stand up to federation boss



A STAUNCH group of Aboriginal powerlifters has publicly called out the boss of their federation after he wrote in support of a term used to denigrate Indigenous people.

Record-holder Patrick Morrison, up-and-comer Zoe Raymond and longtime lifter and personal trainer Aaron Scafi stared down Markos Markopoulos after he sought to defend the use of the word 'coon' in an online discussion.

Markopoulos is president of Australian affiliation of the Global Powerlifting Committee.

Troubled at what they saw, Morrison, Raymond and Scafi took Markopoulos to task in several exchanges online.

Later, a doctored image of Morrison with the offensive word photoshopped onto him was posted into the thread discussion by an anonymous individual in support of Markopoulos.

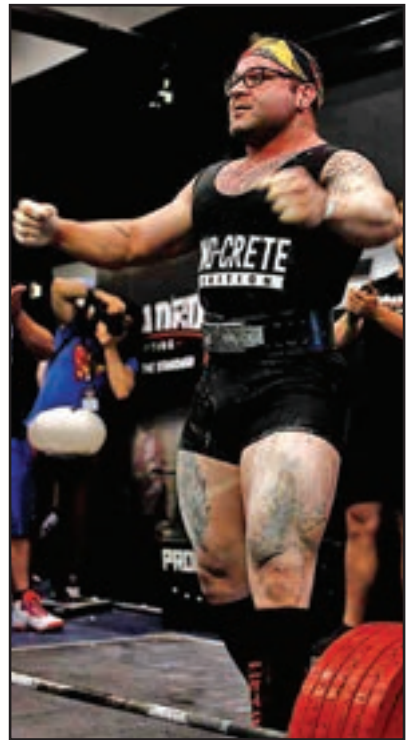
That was the final straw.

The trio are longtime associates of the GPC and considered Markopoulos a friend, but the online discussion and fall-out has seen Morrison and Patrick, who are active lifters in competition, withdraw their membership from the GPC.

Markopoulos later deleted the thread with the offensive image but not before it was seen, saved and shared among users.

He later wrote an apology that was equal parts regret and defiance.

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Powerlifter Patrick Morrison.



Adelaide 36ers' Keanu Pinder.
Picture: Peter Argent

Pinder adjusts to Aussie basketball



KEANU Pinder found himself in early foul trouble in the NBL's opening rounds which he puts down to an unfamiliarity with Australian basketball.

Pinder, an exciting 206cm power-forward and centre at the Adelaide 36ers, returned home to Australia to play in the NBL after two years playing professional hoops with Legia Warszawa in the Polska Liga Koszykówki (PLK – Polish Basketball League).

Before that, he played for the University of Arizona in the Pac 12 Conference of NCAA Division I in the United States.

Upon his return, Pinder has found that the differences in the PLK to the NBL are stark.

Pinder, from Derby in WA's Kimberleys, is one of a handful of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players in the NBL in 2021.

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Rep footy a ripper in the Top End



FOOTBALL-lovers in Darwin were treated to the long-awaited return of the famous black, white and ochre representative jumper when the NTFL and Glenelg from South Australia battled it out over four quarters at Marrara Oval last weekend.

The representative match was the first in 15 years that a combined NTFL side played wearing the iconic black, white and ochre guernsey, and the home side make the long wait worthwhile.

The Top End Buffaloes, coached by Yorta Yorta man Chris Baksh, gave the southern Tigers a lesson in wet-weather football when they won by 24 points, 9.12 (66) to 6.6 (42).

The senior men's match was one of three on the day, with the Central Australian Redtails and Big River Hawks kicking off proceedings which was followed by the NTFL-Glenelg women's match.

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● NTFL's Harley Puruntatameri was a happy man after the representative game against Glenelg at Marrara Oval in Darwin last weekend. Picture: Peter Argent