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Deadly Funny brothers Chris and Jahmarley Dawson.

## Deadly Funny finally brings back the laughs



THE heartbroken, the bankrupt, the bribed, the addicted (to comedy), smart arses and bucket listers took to the

stage for the 2021 Deadly Funny national grand final in Melbourne last month.

After the 2020 program was paused due to COVID-19, the grand final was the culmination of two years of workshops and

events across the continent – double the line up and double the laughs.

In all, 16 contestants shone light on racism, identity, COVID-19 challenges, the great toilet paper crisis of 2020 and the

absurdity of life, amongst other things. But it was the cheeky self-confessed joombe (Murri for gammin fella) Jahmarley Dawson, who took out the top gong. Jahmarley won the Deadly Funny Brisbane heat

leading up to 2020 grand final, then his younger brother Chris won this year's Brisbane heat, so the brothers were able to enjoy Deadly Funny together.

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## 'Our grief is constant'



GREENS Senator Lidia Thorpe has described reports of more recent deaths in custody as heartbreaking.

And the Gunaikindj Gundiimara Djab Wurrung woman has called on the Federal Government to act on a 'national crisis'. "More suffering and more pain. What

kind of country asks that its First Peoples bear this kind of pain and trauma? What kind of Government refuses to act in the face of this kind of crisis?" she said. "Our grief is constant.

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today that are suffering in a way that no-one should ever have to experience."

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (NATSILS) chair Priscilla Atkins said it was time for Prime Minister Scott Morrison to listen.

"NATSILS supports the calls from 15 families whose loved ones have died in custody, who have created a petition calling for a meeting with the PM, which has so far

gone unanswered," she said. "They wish to present him with a list of demands to put an end to Black deaths in custody, demands that can benefit the seriousness of this national emergency. Their petition has received over 33,000 signatures."

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# MY FAMILY Kasey Johnson Shepparton/Mooroopna

This is some of my family after the Deadly Funny grand final – Arika (Onus), my oldest aunty and uncle, Aunt Janice and Uncle Lloyd, me, Uncle Spike (Bates) and (front) my cousins Shelley and Jessica.

This photo, they all know what it meant too, to get up on stage and have a laugh, show my babies – my boys, me getting out there after all my hardships.

My family are all behind me and were my inspiration.

Uncle Lloyd's car even broke down on the way. He didn't get to watch my performance, but he made sure he came and saw me.

Sense of humor is the Johnsons' way.

I could put my whole family on the stage and they would make everyone laugh. Aunt Janice's daughter Nina Kirby has been in the (Deadly Funny) competition before. We all just kill each other with laughs and love – bring each other undone – make each other shame.

Our humour is dry as and it's given us thick skin.

We're also a sporty mob – basketball, football, netball. My cousin is Chris Johnson, Brisbane Lions.

I play darts. I've represented in everything, basketball, netball, darts – white and black (teams).

And a musical family – Aunt Janice is a performer, can play any instrument you put in front of her, banjo, accordion, you name it.

She can play the banjo and guitar behind her head, woman of many talents – magical. I play bass.



They used to call us the 'colgate' family because we all got mad straight and white teeth, and smile deadly – and we're photogenic.

You should see my Dad's smile. He had the 'colgate' smile – black as the ace of spades and white-as teeth, always smiling.

I'm like baby powder, I'm a 'Johnson & Johnson'. Both my grandfathers were Johnson men, not related, different Johnson families – I call them Johnson Wiradjuri Warriors.

My Mum was a Johnson from Narrandra (NSW) and my other pop Henry was a Johnson from Nanima Mission (Wellington, near Dubbo, NSW). My Dad's Mum was Gunditjmara from

Portland /Heyward.

My Mum has been gone 20 years and my Dad 14.

I have four uncles (one has passed) and two aunties. Aunt Janice and Uncle Lloyd keep the family together, and they are the jokers.

Humour keeps our heads above water.

We get together for parties and sorry business.

We're happy when we see all our mob and get to catch up where we left off, and Uncle Lloyd keeps the comedy in check.

And when my time comes, I don't want my family coming together to cry for me, I want them to come together to celebrate me.

– As told to Jillian Mundy

Back row, left to right: Arika (Onus), Aunt Janice and Uncle Lloyd, me, Uncle Spike (Bates) and in front: my cousins Shelley and Jessica.

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## OUR CHILDREN



Christine Gizar, with Sonya Charles and Baina Gizar from Garbutt State School. Read more in our Anzac Day feature on pages 6-7.

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# Doctor receives slap on the wrist for role in the custodial death of Yamatji woman



A WESTERN Australian doctor who failed to properly examine an Aboriginal woman before she died in custody has

been found guilty of professional misconduct but allowed to continue practising.

Yamatji woman Ms Dhu died two days after being locked up at South Hedland Police Station in August 2014.

She had been arrested for unpaid fines totalling \$3622 after she called the police as a victim of domestic violence.

The 22-year-old died during her third visit in as many days to the Hedland Health Campus from staphylococcal septicaemia and pneumonia after an infection in her fractured ribs – caused by her partner – spread to her lungs.

A coroner ruled she had been treated inhumanely by police while in custody.

Dr Vafa Naderi examined Ms Dhu on her second visit to hospital the day before her death but missed her high heart rate, which had been recorded by the triage nurse.

He also didn't take her temperature or order an X-ray, instead making reference in his notes to "withdrawal from drugs" and "behavioural issues".

Dr Naderi subsequently declared Ms Dhu to be fit for custody.

Coroner Ros Fogliani in 2016 said Ms Dhu's death could have been prevented if her illness had been diagnosed earlier and she



Carol Roe, grandmother, and Della Roe, mother of Ms Dhu, outside the coroner's court in Perth on December 16, 2016. Picture: AAP Image

had been given antibiotics, adding that her overall care was below expected standards.

The Medical Board of Australia pursued action against Dr Naderi before WA's State Administrative Tribunal, accusing him of professional misconduct.

The tribunal on Friday found Dr Naderi's behaviour constituted such a finding and ordered him to

pay a fine of \$30,000 to the medical board, as well as paying its costs.

Dr Naderi was also ordered to complete a report demonstrating how he had incorporated lessons from the incident into his practice.

In a statement to the ABC, Ms Dhu's grandmother Carol Roe described the sanction as inadequate.

"The family are appalled that a fine and a reprimand imposed on a medical practitioner is the price paid for letting a 22-year-old Aboriginal woman, who had been a victim of domestic violence, die of neglect in police custody, without providing care or treatment," she said.

An agreed statement of facts said Dr Naderi had been

"genuine in his attempts" to assess Ms Dhu but had made errors in his assessment.

Dr Naderi, who was first registered as a medical practitioner in 1995, had dedicated much of his career to emergency medical treatment of Aboriginal people.

"The respondent takes full responsibility for his actions ... he is remorseful about the catastrophic outcome for Ms Dhu and has insight into his management," the statement said.

Dr Naderi did not have any other disciplinary history before or after his treatment of Ms Dhu.

It was agreed he had promoted sepsis care and education in his current role as director of clinical teaching at Hedland Health Campus.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and the Medical Board of Australia cited Dr Naderi's "deep remorse" in their decision not to pursue cancelling his registration.

"Tragically, Ms Dhu did not receive the standard of care she should have rightly expected from Dr Naderi," they said.

"It fell substantially below acceptable standards."

Legislation to overhaul WA's much-criticised unpaid fines regime passed state parliament last year.

Fine defaulters are no longer immediately taken into custody and warrants for imprisonment can only be issued by a magistrate under strict circumstances. – AAP

# Urgent action required as more die in custody

By DARREN COYNE



TWO Aboriginal men died in prisons last week, one in Victoria and one in NSW, authorities in each state have confirmed.

The first man died at Port Phillip Prison in Melbourne's west on Monday, April 26.

"As the prisoner identified as an Aboriginal man, the Aboriginal Justice Caucus was advised, and we continue to work closely with them and other stakeholders," Corrections Victoria said in a statement.

"The family of the man were notified with our condolences, and a smoking ceremony is being arranged."

NSW authorities confirmed a 37-year-old man was found dead in his cell at Cessnock Correctional Centre on Tuesday, April 27.

Both deaths have been reported to the coroner.

They follow the deaths of five other Aboriginal people in custody across Victoria, NSW and Western Australia since March 2.

They include a man aged in his 30s at a NSW prison hospital, and another man and a woman, at Victoria's Ravenhall Correctional Centre and in custody in NSW respectively.

Barkindji man Anzac Sullivan, 37, died



Senator Lidia Thorpe.

during a police pursuit in Broken Hill and a 45-year-old man died in hospital in Perth.

Australian Greens First Nations spokesperson, Gunnai Gunditjmarra DjabWurrung woman Senator Lidia Thorpe said deaths in custody were a 'national crisis'.

"Another two people dead. More suffering and more pain. What kind of country asks that its First Peoples bear this kind of pain and trauma? What kind of Government refuses to act in the face of this

kind of crisis?" she said.

"Our grief is constant. It is never ending.

"We are heartbroken. We are outraged.

We have no words left to describe our endless grief, and our ongoing trauma.

"Our thoughts are with these families today that are suffering in a way that no-one should ever have to experience.

"Because of the ongoing effects of colonisation, land dispossession, forced separation of families and attempts to destroy our culture, our people are the most incarcerated on Earth.

"How is it possible that our people keep dying in custody – 476+ in the 30 years since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody – and not a single person or individual has been held to account?

"Blak families across this country are terrified that their sons and daughters will go into custody and not come out.

"We cannot bear to go on like this.

"The answers are clear. They've been clear for 30 years. This is a national crisis, and until every single recommendation from the Royal Commission is implemented, this will not end."

NSW Greens MLC David Shoebridge also said the deaths reinforced the urgent need for the 339 recommendations of the Royal Commission into Deaths in Custody to be implemented.

"Every First Nations death in custody is

an inevitable result of the racist criminal justice system that results in First Nations people in NSW being the most incarcerated people in the world," he said in a statement.

"The government is on notice and action is urgently required. It cannot be accepted that First Nations people routinely die in custody.

"Right now there is also a need to make the coronial process culturally safe for First Nations families so that the seven families who have lost a relative in the last 6 weeks are not further traumatised and get the answers they need."

NATSILS chair Priscilla Atkins said Aboriginal Legal Services have been calling for practical and necessary law reform for 50 years.

"NATSILS supports the calls from fifteen families whose loved ones have died in custody, who have created a petition calling for a meeting with the PM, which has so far gone unanswered," she said.

"They wish to present him with a list of demands to put an end to Black deaths in custody, demands that can benefit the seriousness of this national emergency. Their petition has received over 33,000 signatures."

More than 470 Indigenous people have died in detention since a 1991 royal commission report into Aboriginal deaths in custody. – With AAP



# Finalists selected in top art award



SIXTYFIVE finalists from across Australia have been selected from a total of 248 entries in the 2021 Telstra National

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards, presented by the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT).

Telstra NATSIAA is Australia's longest running and most prestigious Indigenous art award.

The Awards' profile has grown significantly since its genesis in 1984.

Each year, the Awards Ceremony and Exhibition celebrates the emerging and distinguished artistic talent from around Australia.

This year, 34 finalists are from the Northern Territory, 14 from Western Australia, nine from South Australia, four from Queensland including one Torres Strait Islander artist, three artists from NSW and one from Victoria.

MAGNT director Marcus

Schutenko congratulated this year's finalists.

"I commend the selection panel for making some very tough decisions with such high-quality works," he said.

"This year's artists will undoubtedly contribute to a high-impact exhibition with their breadth of artwork mediums and stories from urban and remote places in Australia.

"We look forward to sharing this artwork with wide audiences via the physical and virtual exhibition experience with sincere thanks to Telstra, our longstanding partner."

Telstra chief executive Andrew Penn said the company was excited to be celebrating 30 years of partnership with NATSIAA.

"I have seen firsthand these awards grow from strength to strength on a global scale and feel truly proud to be part of such an important event," he said.

The exhibition opens on Saturday, August 7.



2020 Telstra Art Award Winner  
Ngarralja Tommy May,  
Western Australia.  
Picture: Damian Kelly

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# WA failing to protect sites



A DECISION by the Western Australian Government not to prosecute a mining company which destroyed a sacred site in the Kimberley has reinforced concerns about proposed new Aboriginal cultural heritage legislation.

An investigation was launched after Kimberley Granite Holdings allegedly damaged the Garnkiny and Jawaren site near Halls Creek in 2019.

The Kimberley Land Council, representing Malarngowem traditional owners, dispute that permission was given for damaging the site which was subject to an exploration licence.

But WA's Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage last week determined there was "no reasonable prospect" of a successful prosecution.

It cited evidence provided by Kimberley Granite that there had been consultation between the two parties including "site visits, photographic evidence and signed documentation."

KLC chief executive Brian Wilkinson said the failure to prosecute was an "outrage" which reinforced concerns about the state's proposed new Aboriginal heritage legislation.

"The proposed new law would result in exactly the same flawed outcome for Malarngowem traditional owners ... with no protection or power to stop damage, and no prosecution once the damage is done," he said in a statement.

Since 2015, there has been just one prosecution for harm to protected Aboriginal heritage sites under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.

The proposed bill will remove the Section 18 approval process that enabled Rio Tinto's destruction of the ancient Juukan Gorge caves.

It will also give Indigenous land owners the same appeal rights as land users.

The re-elected Labor government has not provided a timeline for the bill's passage after failing to introduce it during the last parliament.

Heritage professionals and Aboriginal groups fear it will place a significant burden on under-resourced native title bodies.

The Aboriginal Affairs Minister will retain the final say over decisions on heritage destruction if the relevant parties can't agree under a new tiered approvals system.

Industry sources believe the weakness of current penalties acts as a disincentive against pursuing prosecutions.

The new bill carries a maximum fine of \$10 million for causing serious damage to sites without authorisation, compared to \$100,000 currently.

The Garnkiny and Jawaren site was not registered under the existing legislation until May last year.

However, the DPLH confirmed that both the old and new legislation provided "blanket protection to all Aboriginal cultural heritage regardless of whether they are registered sites".

A Section 18 application to disturb the site was refused last year and work has not recommenced in the area.

The KLC cited testimony given by Malarngowem traditional owner Mr Peters prior to his death last July.

"When I first heard about the mining I was shocked. I didn't know about it," he said.

"This makes me very worried as I have to give permission for such things to happen on Darrajayn country."

Kimberley Granite Holdings director Mike Elliott said the company recognised that actions taken by its former management "were not consistent with the wishes of the traditional owners".

"We unreservedly apologise for the hurt and damage caused by these actions," he said. –AAP



# Maggie-Jean tells a story for NAIDOC



GUBBI Gubbi artist Maggie-Jean Douglas has won the prestigious National NAIDOC poster competition for 2021.

Her entry – *Care For Country* – was chosen from a record 260 entries in the national competition.

The 21-year-old artist said her first thoughts on hearing the 2021 NAIDOC theme 'Heal Country' was about how country has cared for and healed First Nations people in all senses of the meaning for so long.

"I wanted to create an artwork that told that story and made me hopeful for what's to come in future years," she said.

"When creating *Care for Country* I kept in mind that this meant spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially and culturally.

"I chose to create a bright and vibrant artwork that included the different colours of the land but showed how they come together in our beautiful country and to make people feel hopeful for the future.

"I've included communities, people, animals and bush medicines spread over different landscapes of red dirt, green grass, bushland and coastal areas to tell the story of the many ways country can and has healed us throughout our lives and journeys."

Ms Douglas, who grew up on Goreng Goreng country, currently lives on Ngunnawal Country where she works as an advisor in the Commonwealth Public Service.

"Appreciating Indigenous art is something that is highly valued within my family.

"We were always taught that it was a way our people were able to share their stories between generations and now, with people of different cultures," she said.

"My cultural heritage is something I'm extremely proud of and to be able to express myself through this medium



Gubi Gubbi artist Maggie-Jean Douglas with the National NAIDOC poster featuring her artwork *Care For Country*.

means a lot to me.

"Telling my own stories and the stories of others is something I find deeply valuable because of the impact it can have."

Ms Douglas has also been commissioned for artworks for the Pharmacy Guild of Australia Queensland Branch and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Office of the Pacific.

In 2020, she won the Ruby Olive Jewellery Women for Women lanyard

design competition.

Each year, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists aged 13 years or older are invited to submit an entry to the National NAIDOC poster competition.

The winning entry is awarded a \$10,000 cash prize and the artwork is recognised across the country on the 2021 National NAIDOC poster.

The iconic NAIDOC poster has been celebrating and promoting NAIDOC Week since the late 1960s and rose to national

prominence in the 1970s with the establishment of the Indigenous rights movement.

Free printed copies of the 2021 National NAIDOC Poster will soon be available through the National Indigenous Australians Agency's regional network.

Visit the NAIDOC website to find out more about this year's artwork and winning artist Maggie-Jean Douglas and to download a digital copy of the 2021 National NAIDOC Poster.

# George Floyd verdict is wake-up call for justice



THE mother of an Aboriginal man who died after being held down by six prison guards has renewed her calls for justice following the conviction of the police officer in America for the killing of African American man, George Floyd.

The officer, Derek Chauvin, was convicted of murder, after kneeling on George Floyd's neck and back for 9 minutes and 29 seconds.

Footage of the incident showed George Floyd calling for his mother and repeatedly saying 'I can't breathe', before he died.

Dunghutti woman Leetona Dungay, whose son David Dungay Jr, died in 2015 after being pinned down by prison guards, said her son also called out 12 times that he could not breathe.

"We have seen some kind of justice in the USA – when will we see justice in Australia? One of Sydney's most senior criminal barristers has looked at my son's case and he says that charges could be laid," Ms Dungay said.

"Why won't the DPP even investigate charges in my son's



Leetona Dungay, left, the mother of David Dungay Jr who died in custody, and supporters outside NSW Parliament House in July last year. Picture: Getty Images

case? Why won't the Attorney-General and the NSW Premier take action to fix this injustice?

"If six Aboriginal men had held a white man down until he died, they would have been charged immediately."

The lawyer representing the family, George Newhouse, said the Dungays deserved justice.

"We pay our respects to the

family of George Floyd and all families that have lost loved ones in custody here in Australia," Mr Newhouse said.

"The failure of the NSW Government to take any action on David's case highlights that Australia is lagging behind, even the USA, when addressing systemic racism in this country.

"After 30 years since the Royal

Commission into Aboriginal deaths in custody, there is still no accountability."

Greens Senator for First Nations people Lidia Thorpe said 474 plus First Nations families had lost a loved one in custody in the thirty years since the Royal Commission handed down its findings.

She said not a single person or institution had been held to account for those deaths.

"As recently as last month, we learned that Townsville police used a similar lethal choking hold method as used on George Floyd, when arresting a First Nations man who died in 2018," she said.

A coronial inquiry into the death of the 39-year-old, Trevor 'Noomba' King, last month heard that Townsville police used a controversial neck hold during Noomba's arrest.

The inquiry also saw video footage of police arresting Noomba.

Noomba lost consciousness soon after his arrest, as his family watched, and could not be revived.

Senator Thorpe said the George Floyd verdict was a small

step towards accountability for his family and loved ones.

"But the families who have lost a loved one in custody in this country are still being denied justice. No-one is being held to account," she said.

"The Black Lives Matter movement in the United States sparked real change. It's well past time for this country to have that same painful conversation – to face the reality of what these deeply racist systems are doing to Aboriginal people.

"After all, we are the most incarcerated people on earth.

"Enough is enough. Enough to police violence. Enough to the over-incarceration of our people, and our children.

"We've suffered enough at the hands of these colonial authorities.

"No justice, no peace. We can end Black deaths in custody – and end the constant grief, the pain, and the trauma.

"This Government needs to show some leadership and implement the full recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody as a priority."





Thursdays Islander Marsat Bin Doraho and wife Danielle with children Isabella, 8, and Darnell, 11, at the parade.



Juliann Bowie and Travis Herrmann at the parade.



Willie Wailu, left, and Ronald Ketchell watched the Townsville parade along the Strand.

## Townsville turns out to pay tribute to Anzacs

By ALF WILSON



MANY Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people joined the big crowds at Anzac Day remembrance events in Townsville.

An estimated 15,000 people were at a Townsville Dawn Service and three hours later more than double that watched a street parade along the Strand.

Current and former military personnel as well as students from local schools marched to cheering from members of the audience.

Those too old to march were transported in Army vehicles or buses.

Townsville was referred to as a garrison city during World War II, when tens of thousands of American and Australian troops

were based there.

The north Queensland capital is home to the giant Lavarack Barracks Army base and RAAF base at Garbutt.

Thursdays Islander man Marsat Bin Doraho and wife Danielle, with children Isabella, 8, and Darnell, 11, were at the parade and spoke of the importance of Anzac day.

"My father served in the Navy and will be at Anzac Day events on TI where he lives," Bin Doraho said.

Willie Wailu and Ronald Ketchell also said they were honoured to be at the parade.

"My grandfather was a member of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion during the war," Mr Wailu said.

Many other Anzac Day events were held at other north and far north Queensland towns and communities.



Baina Gizar, right, and Sonya Charles, carried Garbutt State School marchers' flowers.

## Ironbark plaques honour fallen Darug, Gundungurra



THE service and sacrifice of local Aboriginal soldiers who served in World War I (WWI) was

commemorated at a special memorial unveiling at Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital.

The names of 35 Darug and Gundungurra Aboriginal soldiers have been etched onto ironbark plaques, establishing a dedicated Aboriginal war memorial at the nation's only ANZAC Memorial Hospital.

The memorial was created in consultation with families, Elders and Blue Mountains Hospital's Aboriginal health advisory committee, who sought to identify and formally recognise the Aboriginal soldiers whose names were not included on original tribute



Darug and Gundungurra Elder Carol Cooper pays tribute at the memorial to Aboriginal soldiers at the Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital.

boards erected in 1927.

Blue Mountains Hospital general manager Elizabeth Harford said that in the 1920s, marble plaques naming and

honouring local Blue Mountains soldiers and one nurse who died while serving in WWI were established at what was then the main entrance to this hospital.

Dr Harford says these plaques remain in place today as a tribute to these soldiers.

However, the local Aboriginal soldiers who fought during WWI were not recognised on the memorial.

"For far too long, the service and sacrifice made by these Aboriginal soldiers in defence of Country has gone unrecognised," Dr Harford said.

"These soldiers are our forgotten heroes.

"It was incredibly important to us, as a hospital community, that we honour these men and create an enduring memorial of Aboriginal soldiers."

The Aboriginal war memorial will be situated near the existing WWI tribute.

"In working with our Aboriginal health advisory committee, local Elders and families, we recognise that there may be

other Aboriginal soldiers from the Blue Mountains who have not been found or identified. We intend to update the memorial with additional names as they become known," Dr Harford said.

The plaques were unveiled as part of an ANZAC Day commemoration event which included a Welcome to Country by Darug and Gundungurra Elder Carol Cooper, a commemorative address by Flying Officer Coomara Munro of the Royal Australian Air Force and a smoking ceremony.

The commemoration was also supported by the Joint Operation Support Staff of the Australian Defence Forces with an attending bugler and drummer from the Australian Army Band – Sydney, and a Catafalque Party from the 176 Air Dispatch Squadron RAAF Base Richmond.



# Service recognised



THE Australian War Memorial has for the first time hosted an Anzac Day service in remembrance of the role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the military.

While past events have been held at a Ngannawal Country site on the side of nearby Mount Ainslie, this year about 100 people brought the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anzac Day Commemorative Service to the For our Country sculptural pavilion.

Set behind a ceremonial fire pit within a circle of stones, the wall of two-way mirrored glass – which reflects the viewer and the Australian War Memorial – honours Indigenous Australians and New Zealanders who have served since 1901.

The service heard it was a time to “remember those from our own mob” who had paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The event was held after the Canberra dawn service, but before the national ceremony, and was hosted by members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association.

War memorial director Matt Anderson said it was important to acknowledge the proud Indigenous tradition of the Australian Defence Force.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have served in every Australian defence commitment since Federation.

Over 1000 Indigenous people are believed to have fought in World War I, despite not being recognised as people by the government of Australia at the time.

Services were held around the country on April 25 to recognise the war efforts of soldiers from Australia and New Zealand. – AAP



Flight Lieutenant Tjapukai Shaw, a Wiradjuri man of 22 Squadron, RAAF Base Richmond, preparing for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anzac Day Commemorative Service. *Picture: Australian War Memorial*



Indigenous Liaison Officer Flight Lieutenant Steven Warrior conducts a smoking ceremony during a 2021 Anzac Day commemorative service in Adelaide. *Picture: Defence*



Harry Allie Welcomes attendees to Country, during the 2021 Anzac Day Dawn Service held at Martin Place, Sydney. *Picture: Defence*



The sacrifice and service of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soldiers was recognised for the second time in Hamilton, Victoria, with a laying of wreaths on Anzac Day. The wreaths were laid at the Aboriginal-themed sundial adjacent to Lake Hamilton. Taking part in the ceremony were Southern Grampians Shire Mayor Bruach Colliton, Quilts of Valour representative Matt Lynch, Gunditjmarra/Boandik Elder Johnny Lovett, Rod Papworth, Peter Dunn, Alan Olive and Hamilton RSL Club president Paul Shewell. *Picture: Paul Connelly*

## Remembering one of the ‘Rats’

By PETER ARGENT



THIS year marks the 80th anniversary of one of the most dramatic events during World War II that involved

Australian soldiers: the siege of Tobruk, which lasted for 241 days in 1941.

The men in this battle were dubbed ‘Rats of Tobruk’ and have become heroes in Australian War history.

Narungga and Kurna man Tim Hughes, who came from Point Pearce Mission on the west coast of the Yorke Peninsula, was one of these Rats.

He enlisted at just 20 years of age in 1939, starting with the 2/10th Infantry battalion.

Among his service, along with the Siege of Tobruk, Hughes fought in the Defence of England and the Pacific Campaign.

Hughes was awarded the Military Medal for his bravery, fighting the Japanese at the Buna Airstrip, in New Guinea on Boxing



Tim Hughes in World War II.

Day, 1942. This was while his Platoon was supporting American troops.

His citation reads:

“Private Timothy Hughes – 2/10 Australian Infantry Battalion, is approved for the award of the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry and bravery during Buna Aerodrome Action.

“At 0700 hours on December

26, No 9 Platoon, a company of 2/10 Battalion, reached its objective in the centre of the Buna Strip and came under heavy enemy machine gun fire from both sides of the strip and from machine gun posts south and east of Dispersal Bay.

“The Platoon was definitely pinned down. To allow the Platoon to dig in, Private Hughes volunteered to climb on top of the Dispersal Bay under concentrated fire from three directions.

“From this position he engaged two of the enemy posts with grenades.

“Private Hughes returned for a Thompson sub-machine gun and from this position on Dispersal Bay gave covering fire while his Platoon moved into cover.

“During the period his Platoon was consolidating, he made three separate sorties with grenades and the Thompson sub-machine gun.

“Private Hughes showed remarkable bravery, exceptional coolness and initiative.

“His total disregard for his own

safety set a fine example throughout the Platoon and also throughout the Company.”

The Military Medal, instigated in 1916 for non-commissioned personnel, is the equivalent of the Military Cross for commissioned officers.

Shortly after his heroics, Hughes was wounded during action at Sanananda, a village on the coast of Oro Province on the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea.

Amazingly, once the intense personnel demand of the war was over, the restrictions on enlistment were reimposed.

These attitudes only changed in 1949 when constraints based on race were abandoned.

After the War in 1953, Hughes took up a soldier’s settlers farm near Kingston in the South East of South Australia, which he named Bhoodkayana, the traditional name of the Narungga lands where he was born.

It is believed that Hughes is one of about 50 people of Narungga heritage who served in

Australian forces during World War II.

He continued to serve his people post war, and was awarded a Member of the British Empire (Civil) for his service as the first Chairman of the SA Aboriginal Lands Trust.

He passed away aged just 56 in April, 1976.

Aboriginal people have served Australia in every conflict since the Boer War where they joined as regular soldiers and served in the Light Horse Units.

It seems unbelievable, that at the beginning of World War I, Aboriginal Australians attempting to enlist were rejected.

This only changed when the “conscription referendum” failed in 1916 and demand for more troops became desperate, with regulations relaxed.

In 1917 a new military order stated, “half-castes may be enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force provided that the examining Medical Officers are satisfied that one of the parents is of European origin”.



# Stone arrangement dug up and dumped

By DARREN COYNE



TRADITIONAL owners are waiting to see whether Aboriginal Victoria takes any action against a person who partially destroyed a significant site known as the Kooyang Stone Arrangement.

A stop work order was issued after the landowner allegedly removed about 60 metres of a 176-metre eel shaped structure near Lake Bolac last month.

The site is formally registered as an Aboriginal place on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Register and Information System (ACHRIS) and is highly significant to traditional owners.

Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation, the Registered Aboriginal Party responsible for cultural heritage protection and management, alerted Aboriginal Victoria to the destruction and is assisting with the investigations.

Initial inspections by Eastern Maar officers revealed that the entire tail portion of the eel has been removed.

"We cannot understate the importance of this site or the devastation that this destruction has caused," the corporation said in a statement.

"The stone arrangement at Lake Bolac is steeped in cultural and historic importance and was a major gathering place prior to European colonisation.

"Different language groups and different nations came to this space to celebrate the life cycle of eels, which are of great cultural importance and the basis for an entire aquaculture industry.

"It is traumatic and heartbreaking to see such an important place that is considered vital to the identities, histories, practices and well-being of our people in the state that is in.

"We were swift in referring this matter to Aboriginal Victoria, the regulator responsible for carrying out investigations of this nature.

"We will continue to keep watch and await the outcome of Aboriginal Victoria's investigation into the factors and



Stones from the large, eel-shaped Kooyang Stone Arrangement, a site that is registered as an Aboriginal place on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Register, were dug up and dumped in a field.

circumstances that led to the damage."

Djab Wurrung spokesperson Jidah Clark said traditional owners were devastated by the damage to the site.

"It's a site where our mob would meet for knowledge transfer, trading, marriages, conflict resolution and ceremony," he said.

"At certain times of the year thousands of people would gather and feast on eels.

"The local landowner bulldozed about a third of it. We've heard a few excuses so far: that he was clearing for fire hazard, and another that he didn't know about it.

"But it was registered back in 1980 and his father certainly knew about it."

Traditional owners and supporters held a vigil at the ancient stone kooyang (eel) arrangement.

The first to spot the damage was Warumpi Band singer Neil Murray, who lives in the area.

"I'd arrived home from Bourke and was shocked to find that the



Djab Wurrung lawyer Jidah Clark said traditional owners were devastated by the partial destruction of the site.

bottom half, the tail end, of the Kooyang stone arrangement had been maliciously erased by the landowner," Mr Murray said.

"In the distance you can just see in the corner of the paddock,

that's where the stones have been dumped, in the paddock.

"It makes you want to cry. I was shocked and mortified.

"Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal, if you love this country in a deep

way it's automatic you have reverence and respect for the Indigenous heritage of this land."

Mr Murray said he hoped the stone arrangement could be restored.

"I just hope some good can somehow come out of this," he said.

"I hope it can bring the community together."

Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gabrielle Williams said that the Kooyang Stone Arrangement is one of the most well-known Aboriginal stone arrangements in Victoria and is of immense significance to its traditional owners and is of value, also, to the wider Victorian community.

"Victoria's precious Aboriginal cultural heritage is integral to understanding the nation's history and identity," she said.

"Any unauthorised damage to Aboriginal cultural heritage is reprehensible, which is why Victoria's Aboriginal cultural heritage laws are among the strongest in the world and carry significant penalties for causing harm to sacred sites without authorisation.

"Aboriginal Victoria is investigating allegations of harm to a significant site known as the Kooyang Stone Arrangement or Lake Bolac Stone Arrangement, in South West Victoria, as is appropriate, and it's important that we let that process run its proper course."

An Aboriginal Victoria spokesperson said protecting cultural heritage was everyone's responsibility and the department takes reports of harm to cultural heritage seriously.

"The department is continuing to work with the landowner and the Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) to progress this matter.

"Importantly, an Authorised Officer issued a stop order under the Aboriginal Heritage Act to prevent any further harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage and allow Aboriginal Victoria to undertake its investigations."

The stop order is in place for 30 days from April 6, unless extended by the Aboriginal Affairs Minister.

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Everyone who was there on the day – JYAC rangers, staff and chair, Rainforest 4 founder and staff; Jimmy HalfCut, donors and donor representatives and volunteer tree planters.

# True partnership enables return of Daintree blocks

By CHRISTINE HOWES



A LOW-key celebration last week marked the handing over of title deeds to six rainforest blocks, no strings attached, to a local traditional owner land trust in the midst of the Daintree, north of Cairns. And, they say, there's more than 200 blocks to come.

A partnership between not-for-profit foundation Rainforest 4 (rainforest4.org), international forest conservation group HalfCut (halfcut.org) and Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation (JYAC) has worked towards the buyback of the six blocks (plus two under contract) over the past two years, reaching momentum to a point where they now say they expect

to finalise a purchase every two months.

JYAC chair Lynette Johnson said it was an "awesome" day. "Building and working with Rainforest 4 and HalfCut, we are looking forward to moving forward with strong foundations into the future," she said.

"Once these are finalised, by early June, it will be full steam ahead to do training for our Bama (people) who are interested in tourism and business.

"Then, as other properties are handed back, we will be seeing if our Bama would like to move back onto Country here."

Kuku Yalanji traditional owner Amelia Ryan said it was an exciting project.

"It was very meaningful, purposeful and wonderful to see the togetherness between the

groups," she said. "It's a very special and significant moment for the future, for everybody to benefit, young, old and in-between, and especially for us as traditional owners on this Country we're on."

Rainforest 4 founder Kelvin Davies said he had been working towards this for more than 20 years.

## Celebration

"I've learned a lot," he said.

"Today we are celebrating the partnership, because we've done this together."

Rainforest 4 chief executive Richard Christian said there were 200 or so properties on the market across the region.

"It's probably about 204 now, that we need to buy back and get into the hands of traditional

owners," he said. "We've still got a lot of work to do."

HalfCut co-founder James Stanton-Cooke, known as 'Jimmy Halfcut', said they believed the path they had taken was "the only way forward".

"We can achieve incredible outcomes together for traditional owners, for the Daintree," he said.

"I mean, this is the way forward, this is people wanting to be connected and feeling hungry for it.

"So we've brought on really fair dinkum ethical corporates who actually need to lead this, or smaller businesses who want to not only experience this but genuinely give back – this is their way of making a fair dinkum difference, and let's use this blueprint and replicate it.

"Individual, corporate,

personal, just doing their bit, contributing their part."

Mr Davies said handing back the title deeds was an important part of their ethos.

"We don't hold the title deeds and say, 'We'll let you do things on our land' to traditional owners," he said.

"These are properties that are for sale, and we've been buying them to prevent development.

"We don't want to see more and more houses built here, which would harm the rainforest.

"I've been doing this work since 1999, to identify land in North of the Daintree River that should be kept for nature conservation.

"We came to agreement with the traditional owners that this would be a good thing to do together, and today we have celebrated our partnership."



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# The late, great Eddie Mabo honoured as nation changer

By ALF WILSON



AN emotional Gail Mabo reflected on when she was a girl growing yams with her father Eddie Koiki Mabo to share with the local Indigenous community at Townsville's James Cook University.

On April 19, the late and great Eddie Mabo was honoured with a posthumous Honorary Doctorate by James Cook University as part of its 50th year celebrations.

Dr Mabo received the honour in recognition of his outstanding service and distinguished public campaign to improve the rights and wellbeing of his people, and his legacy through the existence of native title and land rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Gail Mabo accepted the doctorate on behalf of her late father at an event in Townsville on April 20, which concluded a year of celebrations of the university's 50th year and 60 years of higher education in north Queensland.

"It is wonderful that my dad has been recognised with this," Gail told the *Koori Mail*.

"When he worked at JCU we



James Cook University Chancellor Bill Tweddell and Gail Mabo.

used to plant yams in a creek out there and collect them and he would take them to share with community.

"Also before my mum Bonita died in November 2018 she also was honoured with a JCU doctorate and she was so

proud as well."

Gail Mabo said JCU was a place of many memories for her, as the library on the Townsville campus was named after her father in 2008.

JCU Chancellor Bill Tweddell said Dr Mabo was a most

significant and nation-changing man.

"He had a long association with James Cook University, its staff and its students, from the mid-1960s until his death in 1992," he said.

"I was privileged to know Dr

Mabo myself during my time studying and working at JCU from 1968 to 1975.

"In 2008 the library on our Bebegu Yumba campus in Townsville was named in his honour.

"I'm delighted to formally recognise his important role in reshaping the legal landscape of Australia as part of our 50th anniversary celebrations with an Honorary Doctorate of the University."

When the library was named after Eddie Koiki Mabo, JCU Vice Chancellor Professor Sandra Harding noted that the naming of the library would "forever commemorate the link between the man who changed the land laws in Australia and James Cook University.

"Dr Mabo was one of the most important historical figures to have spent time at the University," she said. "Employed at JCU as a groundsman, he was also a student, guest lecturer, and colleague and friend of JCU staff and students.

"It was during his time as an employee at JCU that Mr Mabo spent many hours reading, studying and researching law and land rights in the library that is now named after him."



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# RAPs making a difference



DESPITE the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and economic recession Reconciliation

Australia's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program continued to succeed and grow last year.

The 1,100 organisations contributing to the RAP program procured over \$2 billion worth of goods and services from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses, and provided a further \$50 million worth of pro bono services to Indigenous people, organisations and communities, a new report shows.

The latest RAP Impact Report combines data collected from the compulsory reporting required of RAP organisations, with the results of Reconciliation Australia's Workplace RAP Barometer survey, showing the tangible, positive and sustained effects the RAP program has had on advancing reconciliation in 2019-20.

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Karen Mundine said the RAP program is making a difference by markedly changing the way people think and feel about reconciliation, colonisation, and the relationship between First Nations and other people in Australia.

"Our program is large and diverse – there is no such thing as a 'generic RAP'," she said. "All RAPs are unique and tailored to the business, industry, and context of the particular partner."

"Using a business plan with



**Reconciliation Australia chief executive Karen Mundine: "After 15 years and with more organisations than ever before engaging in the RAP program, (the RAP Impact Report shows) the program is creating tangible benefits and real momentum for reconciliation."**

strong, reportable targets, RAPs turn goodwill into action, embedding reconciliation into an organisation's work and sphere of influence.

"After 15 years and with more organisations than ever before engaging in the RAP program, the report shows the program is creating tangible benefits and real momentum for reconciliation."

Ms Mundine said that some of the key successes of the RAP program are:

- Close to 3 million Australians now work or study within an organisation that has an active RAP and close to another 3 million are members of organisations which have RAPs, such as sporting clubs;
- \$49,155,196 has been

donated to Indigenous organisations;

- 300,000 RAP employees participated in cultural learning;
- 63,973 Indigenous staff are employed in RAP organisations; and
- \$2,086,255,726 procured from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses.

But it's not all about big figures.

Ms Mundine said that the Workplace RAP Barometer shows employees within RAP organisations are consistently more aware of the reality and impacts of racism, of the consequences of European colonisation and government policies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today, and support truth-telling in regards to that history.

"There is still work to be done," she said. "The RAP Impact Report also shows where we need to go next and some of the pressing work we still need to do, especially in the realm of leadership and awareness."

"In this same period, partners have broken trust and breached relationships and in each case Reconciliation Australia demanded they take ownership and responsibility for their actions."

"It's important to remember that RAPs are not the sole solution to 250 years of colonisation."

"Rather, they are a useful and accessible starting point for organisations – and the individuals within them – to consider and address systemic inequalities and leverage their collective influence for a more just and equitable society."

"Every RAP is assessed by Reconciliation Australia and requires RAP partners to annually report, and regularly redevelop their commitments to reconciliation, in ways that stretch and challenge them, as they move from safe to brave actions."

"This is why each RAP is different and each tells a different story."

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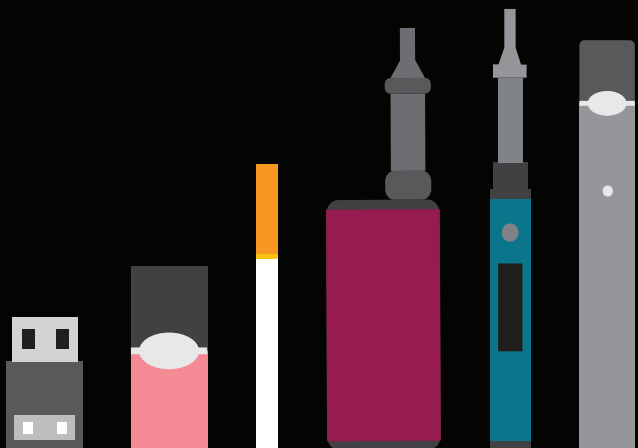
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Thomas Marks: "When I complete a painting, I feel I have achieved a little bit more of the healing process. It gives me a sense of belonging, a knowing of who I really am."

## Healing mob in prison with art

By ALI MC



BEING in prison isn't easy. But Kent Morris, chief executive of not-for-profit The Torch, is helping Aboriginal prisoners in Victoria reconnect with culture through art. The Torch is proud to present

*Confined 12*, the latest in the series of art exhibitions by Indigenous artists currently in, or recently released from, prisons in Victoria.

It is the biggest exhibition The Torch has ever presented.

With 350 works by 320 artists, the latest in the series is a far cry from humble beginnings in 2009, when just 18 artworks were shown.

Kent Morris says that he started the program largely due to his own experiences of being "disconnected from family, country and culture and the impact it had on me."

He said he received "generous support" from Elders in the Koorie Heritage Trust, which led him to start working with Indigenous prisoners in art and cultural rehabilitation.

"I learnt a lot about how important connection to culture and expressing our stories, understanding who we are and being proud of who we are – how important that is for wellbeing," Mr Morris told the *Koori Mail*.

"How do you know where you are going if you don't know where you are from?"

"Through a process of support I was able to find a pathway and that pathway for me was to build The Torch program."

Today, The Torch is a program which provides art, cultural and arts industry support to Indigenous offenders and ex-offenders in Victoria.

The organisation now has 18 permanent staff, 12 of whom are Aboriginal.

All of those who deliver the program in prisons and in community are practising contemporary Indigenous artists.

Staff at The Torch also include five former participants who have now found employment with the organisation, some even going back into prisons to deliver the program.

Kent said that he is continually excited by the possibilities that can arise for participants in the program, saying his underlying philosophy is "support one, support many."

"What might happen for each individual when that connection to culture and understanding of who we are is supported," he told the *Koori Mail*. "It's phenomenal what we can achieve when that happens."

Artworks created through The Torch are part of a rehabilitation process that helps build confidence, social capital, economic stability and pathways to reconnect with the community.

The annual *Confined* exhibition is the key annual public event of The Torch's Indigenous Arts in Prisons and Community program.

The exhibition also plays an important role in supporting Indigenous offenders and ex-offenders to tell their stories, connect with the community, develop arts networks and reintegrate back into society.



***Walking on my Father's Country* by Thomas Marks. Marks' work will show in *Confined 12*.**

Artist Thomas 'Marksey' Marks' work will be exhibited in *Confined 12*.

A participant in The Torch program for two years, Thomas met Kent Morris at Indigenous art exhibitions and events and then again at Ravenhall Correctional Centre in 2018.

He says that the benefits of being a part of the program are "helping with my mental health and also me connecting to my identity, culture and Aboriginality."

"It's about telling my story, and my journey," he told the *Koori Mail*.

A Gunaikurnai man from Gippsland, Thomas was also one of many Stolen Generations children removed from their families, country and culture.

While he wasn't able to grow up on his traditional country, as an adult he is now proudly reclaiming his Aboriginal identity through art and says his art is strongly influenced by his experience as part of the Stolen Generations.

"When I complete a painting, I feel I have achieved a little bit more of the healing process," he said.

"It gives me a sense of belonging, a knowing of who I really am. It also gives me a sense that I can achieve anything that I put my mind to."

Thomas' style has won him two NAIDOC awards, resulting in his artworks being printed on the annual NAIDOC T-shirts.

He encourages any other people who might have experienced prison to participate in The Torch program.

"It can open up avenues, where it can take you. For me I guess it has a lot to do with helping a person cope with a lot of things in life," he said.

Thomas says that The Torch program has continued to support him both in and out of prison, and that has helped him "stay on the straight and narrow."

"Having the support from them guys has done wonders for me," he said.

"I hope that it helps other guys and women who have been through (similar experiences)."

*Confined 12* will be held at the Glen Eira City Council Gallery, opening on May 13 at 6pm.

Due to Covid restrictions, the general public will be only able to attend the opening online via The Torch Facebook page.

Following the opening, *Confined 12* will be open to the general public Monday to Saturday, 1pm to 5pm; Sunday, 10am to 5pm.

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# Laneway of No Fixed Address



**TRAILBLAZING**  
Aboriginal band No Fixed Address now has a permanent home in Adelaide, after a laneway was named in their honour.

A spectacular mural celebrating the reggae rock group was unveiled last month by the City of Adelaide in the heart of the city, just off Rundle Mall.

Formerly known as Lindes Lane, No Fixed Address Lane runs parallel to Francis Street.

The laneway renaming and mural were commissioned by the City of Adelaide to recognise the band's beginnings in Adelaide and the success they've achieved on the national and world stage.

The laneway is one of five to be renamed in honour of music artists or bands with connections to the city, including Cold Chisel, The Angels, Paul Kelly and Sia Furler.

No Fixed Address is Australia's first reggae rock group, formed in 1979 by Bart Willoughby, Ricky Harrison, Les Graham, and John Miller while studying at the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM) at the University of Adelaide – a short walk from their laneway namesake. Founding group members Veronica Rankine and Rick Lovegrove are now deceased.

Nick Moffatt joined the group on their Adelaide tour last month.

Their 1982 album *From My Eyes* was launched by Prime



**No Fixed Address has had a laneway in Adelaide named after them.**

Minister Bob Hawke.

In 1984, No Fixed Address became the first Aboriginal band to tour overseas and in 2011, they were inducted to the National Indigenous Music Awards Hall of Fame.

Visual artists Elizabeth Close (Pitjanjatjara and Yankunytatjara

woman), Thomas Readett (Ngarrandjeri and Arrente man) and Shane Cook (Guwa and Wulli Wulli man) were commissioned by Council to create a mural in the laneway, which responds to the impact, significance and legacy of the band.

No Fixed Address lead vocalist

and drummer Bart Willoughby said the band was very proud to have a laneway named in their honour.

"It is very humbling to be in the small group of musical artists to have a laneway renamed after them and a mural of them painted," he said.

"We hope this will help people learn about the influence our music had not only in Adelaide but interstate and overseas.

"Our band led the way for young up-and-coming Aboriginal bands. It wasn't easy going against the mainstream and overcoming racism.

"We thank the City of Adelaide very much for what they've done."

Adelaide Lord Mayor Sandy Verschoor said the laneway would celebrate the influence No Fixed Address has had on music and celebrate Aboriginal culture in a prominent city location.

"We are proud to honour No Fixed Address and acknowledge their valuable contribution to Adelaide's music heritage and to music nationally and internationally," she said.

"Naming a laneway after national and global music artists with roots in Adelaide showcases our city's status as a world UNESCO City of Music and creates a destination for music fans and visitors alike.

"We encourage the public to visit the laneway and enjoy the amazing mural and consider the achievements of No Fixed Address," the Lord Mayor said.

"The City of Adelaide is committed to recognising and celebrating Adelaide's rich and vibrant Aboriginal identities and the achievements of successful Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through public art and reconciliation."

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# Preparing a new generation of Indigenous legal practitioners



CHARLES Darwin University is encouraging more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to study law in the Northern Territory.

CDU's Asia Pacific College of Business and Law offers its Indigenous Pre-Law Program in January-February each year, run in close collaboration with the Bilata Legal Pathways Program.

During the program, the students find out more about studying law, gain foundational legal study skills, and meet inspirational First Nations lawyers and leaders.

Indigenous lawyers make up just 2% of lawyers out of 533 practitioners in the Territory.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make up roughly 30% of the population in the NT and are significantly over-represented across the justice system.

CDU student Jared O'Neill's journey into university has been a long but inspiring one.

Mr O'Neill is a proud Arrernte and Kaytetye man from Darwin. His grandmother is a child of the Stolen Generation who grew up in Alice Springs before being taken to Melville Island and later



Proud Arrernte and Kaytetye man Jared O'Neill credits support from CDU's programs for his study success.

moved to Darwin where the family settled.

Despite not receiving the marks he was hoping for in his final year of high school, Jared persevered, enrolling in CDU's Tertiary Enabling Program (TEP) until he was eligible for university.

"I just kept pushing forward with it despite the obstacles," Mr

O'Neill said.

His interest in law started in high school and he credits watching his older brother's journey into university as a way that he discovered the process himself.

In 2017, he was awarded a four-year Bachelor of Laws Scholarship from the Department

of the Attorney-General and Justice designed to support an Indigenous student in the Territory.

While Jared initially had some setbacks in his studies, he recently received Distinctions in all his grades, and has just six units left before he completes his degree. He is expected to graduate in Semester 2 this year.

"The scholarship has been a real opener for me being able to go on placements and having great exposure – it has been the best decision I've ever made. It has opened doors and been a real stepping stone," he said.

"My story shows that you have to just keep persevering, if you have a passion in something go after it."

He wants other young Aboriginal kids to know that a career in law is possible and achievable if they're given knowledge of how to go about it.

"It can be very intimidating for young Indigenous kids attempting to go into university, but they really just need the support and the how-to of the right pathways," he said.

"There are systemic issues why Indigenous people may not want to get into law. They feel intimidated, like they may not be smart enough or good enough to

get into law, or they may have families that have been in contact with the criminal justice sector."

He plans on staying and working as a lawyer in Darwin and has a keen interest in commercial litigation and medical negligence. Through his studies and the scholarship, he has also completed placements and internships interstate with legal firm Allen's and Pinsent Masons in Melbourne.

As a part of these internships he had the opportunity to work with legal firms on attracting more Indigenous lawyers from the Territory into interstate firms.

He credits the scholarship as well as the support he received from his family, peers at university, his mentors, the Clontarf Foundation, and the Bilata Legal Pathways Program for his success.

Charles Darwin University Indigenous Pre-Law Enabling Program Coordinator, Dr Guzyal Hill, said the program is growing with close to 100 First Nations students predicted to be studying law in 2022.

"The program has gone from strength to strength, created more opportunities for students and as a result we're likely to see more First Nations lawyers in the NT in the future," Dr Hill said.

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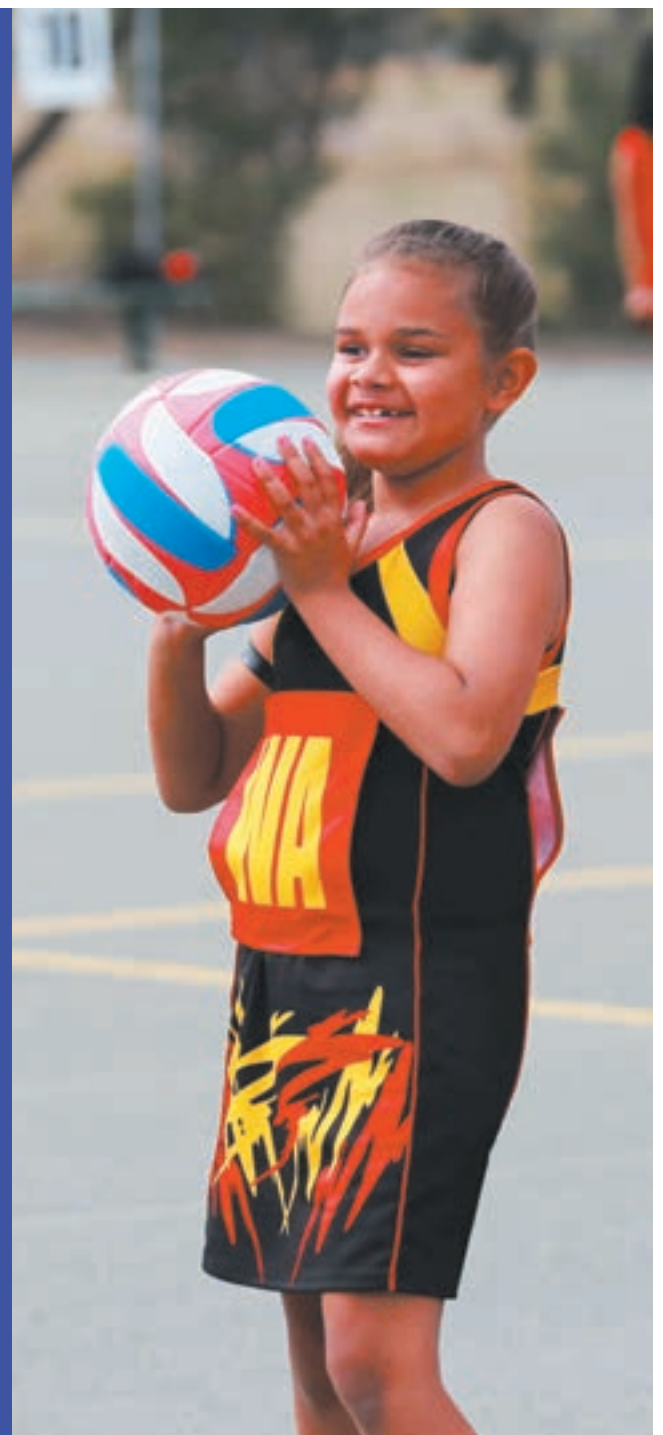


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# Keeping Wirdi language alive



Aboriginal people from Wanggan and Yagalinggu country, located in central Queensland, can now study their traditional language online.

The Wirdi language interactive dictionary was established by traditional owners to safeguard the culture by passing on their language to current and future generations.

"Our traditional language was spoken by our ancestors for millennia, before the impact of colonisation on our people and culture," language project manager Sharon Ford said.

"This project is to ensure that once again our children and grandchildren, and those that follow, will hold our true

identity and continue to speak our original language."

Wirdi is very different to English with a different sentence structure and sounds, the [wirdi.com.au](http://wirdi.com.au) website says.

Some Wirdi words can mean several English words together such as "narrga" which means "a long time ago", and "dilayngan" which means "first born daughter".

Aboriginal languages are mostly oral only, so for language study, Wirdi words are written in the Roman alphabet.

But for exact pronunciation, learners can click on each word to hear it spoken.

There are filmed explanations of key sounds like the "ng" sound in "tongue", which in Wirdi can occur at the

beginning of a word such as "ngala" meaning "asking a question".

Ms Ford said the removal of her ancestors from their country and restrictions imposed on them to not speak their language had caused significant language loss among Wanggan and Yagalinggu people.

"Our language is our connection to our identity and what connects us to our country," she said.

"And our country connects us to spirituality, culture and family."

The online Wirdi dictionary was compiled by recovering recorded language from Wanggan and Yagalinggu and surrounding areas, transcribing written and audio records, and drawing on the vocabulary of remaining Wirdi speakers. –AAP



Wirdi language project manager Sharon Ford.

## New appointment for Aboriginal Languages Trust



THE Aboriginal Languages Trust has appointed respected Aboriginal leader Clare McHugh as its new executive director, NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Don Harwin announced.

Ms McHugh, a proud Gamilaroi and Dhungutti woman, will lead the work of the Trust in revitalising and nurturing Aboriginal languages across NSW.

Mr Harwin said Ms McHugh joins the Aboriginal Languages Trust at a pivotal time as it embarks on community consultations on its draft strategic plan.

"Ms McHugh brings a wealth of leadership experience and community knowledge to the role that will assist the Trust in building the strong foundations needed to see Aboriginal languages grow and thrive in NSW," he said.

Aboriginal Languages Trust Board chairperson Jason Behrendt said the Board looks forward to working with Ms McHugh to ensure the Trust achieves the aspirational goals contained in its Strategic Plan.

"The Board is excited to have someone of Clare's experience and community standing in this critical role," he said.

"We look forward to working with her to support, empower and partner with Aboriginal communities, and to connect with government and other organisations involved with our languages."

Throughout 2021, the Trust will be offering stakeholder groups a range of opportunities for consultation on their draft Strategic Plan. If you would like to find out more, email [conversation@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:conversation@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au)

## Extended special administration for Adnyamathanha



THE Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Selwyn Button has extended the special administration of the Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association (Aboriginal Corporation) (ATLA) to June 30.

The corporation was first placed under special administration on March 26, 2020.

"Complex business relationships, poor record keeping, and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic have all been contributing factors in a challenging special administration," Mr Button said.

"The special administrators have overhauled the corporation to bring clarity to the Adnyamathanha people but an extension is required to embed a stronger governance regime."

The Registrar has appointed Peter McQuoid as the special administrator of the corporation until June 30.

"Peter is an experienced operator and I am pleased he is available to manage the next phase of the special administration," Mr Button said.

"Bevan Mailman and Brian Bero have done an excellent job and I am grateful for their achievements during the initial phase. I am confident the change of special administrator will not be disruptive for the corporation."



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# A push on birth registration



THE Queensland Government has launched a campaign aimed at increasing birth registrations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Attorney-General Shannon Fentiman said the Queensland Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages launched the Our Kids Count campaign to raise awareness and bring birth registrations in line with non-Indigenous rates.

"Every child born in Queensland has the right to be registered. It gives our children a right to their identity," she said.

In 2019 the rate of birth registration for First Nations babies

was 78% within their first year compared to 96% of other babies.

Ms Fentiman said birth registration was critical for helping a child through life.

"Birth registration is so important, it establishes a person's legal identity," she said.

"It is a precursor to obtaining a birth certificate, without birth registration a person is effectively 'legally invisible' and can suffer significant disadvantage as a result.

"Registration means Queensland kids can attend school, open bank accounts and show proof of age for sporting teams and government programs."

The Our Kids Count campaign is part of a three-year action plan and

strategy to Close the Registration Gap and responds to the 2018 Ombudsman's Report into Indigenous Birth Registrations.

It estimated that 15 to 18% of Indigenous children – and as high as 30% in remote communities – were not registered in 2014, compared to just under 2% of other children.

"One of the key messages to the communities is that it doesn't cost anything to register a birth. New mums or dads will be encouraged to 'give us a call' – it's as easy as that," Ms Fentiman said.

The registry has also appointed 'community champions' – members of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities – to promote the cause.



Joanne Doyle (Early Childhood Manager, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service) and Shelby Griffiths (Community Champion), with her children Alec and Skylar.

## EMPLOYMENT READINESS WORKSHOPS



Crown College is running a variety of career focused workshops across Redfern and Penrith throughout 2021.

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## Bushfire restoration works underway



WORKS have started in two Local Aboriginal Land Councils as part of an additional \$95 million funding from the NSW Government to public land managers for bushfire recovery waste management and recycling.

The Aboriginal Land Clean-Up program is the first of five programs being delivered by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to support public land managers, including local councils, across the state.

Following extensive on-ground assessment, and consultation with Local Aboriginal Land Councils by the EPA and Public Works Advisory, works have been approved to start in the Baryulgil and Malabugilmah communities in the Clarence Valley in northern NSW.

Restoration works worth \$200,000 following the bushfires in Baryulgil include management of hazardous trees, maintenance and alignment of fencing and road grading, as well as improvement works to the Clarence River Cattle Dip.

Works in Malabugilmah will total \$90,000 and include removal of bushfire waste, the management and recycling of green waste and maintenance of fencing burnt in the bushfires.

Valley Earthworks has been contracted by Public Works Advisory to carry out these clean-up activities in the coming weeks. Up to three members of the community will be employed by the contractor as part of the restoration work.

Baryulgil and Jana Ngalee Local Aboriginal Land Councils chief executive Ross James said the communities were very happy to see local people employed to complete clean-up and environmental rehabilitation works on Local Aboriginal Land Council owned lands.

"We have worked closely with the EPA and Public Works Advisory to get the works started, and we're looking forward to repaired fences, removal of hazardous trees, and improved access for the community," Mr James said.

### Aboriginal Stakeholder Registration Proposed HumeLink Cultural Heritage Assessment

TransGrid has proposed a new 500 kV transmission project, HumeLink. It is essential to reinforce the southern shared electricity network and to support the Snowy 2.0 project. HumeLink includes options for new transmission connections between substations at Wagga Wagga, Bannaby and Maragle.

Navin Officer Heritage Consultants Pty Ltd has been commissioned by TransGrid to conduct a cultural heritage assessment of the project as part of an environmental assessment under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

An integral part of the assessment is a program of Aboriginal stakeholder consultation.

We invite Aboriginal people and organisations who wish to participate in the program, and who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the cultural significance of objects and places in the project area, to register an interest in the project.

Aboriginal parties in the project area are encouraged to forward expressions of interest to:

The Secretary  
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4/71 Leichhardt Street  
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[navinofficer@nohc.com.au](mailto:navinofficer@nohc.com.au)

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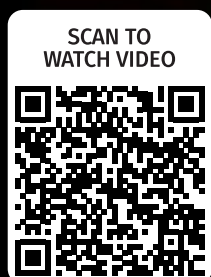


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# Age is no barrier to a competitive spirit

By DANNY TEECE-JOHNSON



MOVE over Tokyo, the Elders Olympics are back bigger and blacker than ever.

The Indigecco Elders team from Worimi Country have lifted the shield in the 20th annual Elder Olympics in Nambucca Heads.

Previous champions Ngambaga Bindarry Girrwa, from Bowraville, hosted the return 2021 Elders Olympics in what was a day of fierce competition, renewed rivalries and belly laughs that could be heard right across the Gumbayngiirr nation. The 2020 event was postponed due to Coronavirus, leaving a big hole in the Elders' social calendar.

This annual event sees teams of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders (50 years+) from across NSW come together for a day of "friendly" competition and to celebrate healthy living.

Teams engage in sporting activities such as the hotly contested Egg & Spoon race, the "walking" relay and the Aunties favourite "pass the ball" competition, promoting healthy lifestyles and wellbeing, providing opportunities for engagement in social activities and connecting our Elders to each other.

The Elders Olympics started back in 2001 in the Nambucca Valley – with two teams.

Now there are 38 teams from all around NSW, including Tamworth, Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens, Inverell, Dubbo and Moree in what is growing to be the Koori Knockout for Elders.

Winner and Indigecco Team captain Aunty Bev Manton told the *Koori Mail* it was special to be able to come here and connect with all of the Elders.

"But for us to come here as a family group and win it is really special for our community, Karuah Mission. But for us the day isn't about winning, it's about culture, family and happiness," she said.

And when asked where the event would be hosted in 2022?

"We will have to go home and think about that now. Maybe where the Knockout was held at Raymond Terrace, we will see," she said.

If the Moree Mehi Murri Elders have their way, it will be going to the luxurious surrounds of Port Stephens. Watch this space.



Winners are grinner. Indigecco celebrate victory as the 2021 Olympic Elders Champions.



90 year old Aunty Nola Leslie (right) from Moree is ready to race.



Aunty Marg Winsor from Gunnedah styling up in her Olympic Elders uniform.



Gumbayngiirr man Troy Robinson held a smoking ceremony to welcome the Elders to Nambucca Heads.



Uncle Johnny Knox shoots and scores for Booroongen Djugun.





Previous champions and hosts Ngambaga Bindarry Girrwaa from Bowraville.



The Nambucca Heads mens group ran the BBQ for the kids and Elders.



The quoits was no challenge for Paul Bula from the Booroongen Djugun team.



Pressure is on at the Egg & Spoon, don't drop that egg.



Nothing but net for the Ngoorumbah Elders.



Abcare Elder from Coffs Harbour Uncle Trevor Wilson walks proudly in the Opening Ceremony.



Event organiser Delia Roberts, Volunteer Willy Baker and Aunty from Werin soak up the atmosphere.



The competition is fierce in the Baton Relay as the Aunties go for Gold.



The Ngoorumbah Elders from Tingha and Inverell honour those who have passed.



Mumma Flanders from Abcare Coffs Harbour Elders celebrates a win.



## Danny Eastwood's view



## A YARN WITH...



## Bevan Owens Tagalaka, Normanton

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Geebung wild fruit.

**Favourite saltwater food?**  
Prawns and fish and I like king salmon.

**Favourite other food?**  
Coconut curry chicken.

**Favourite drink?**  
Water.

**Favourite music?**  
Country and Western and reggae.

**Favourite sport?**  
Rugby league and the Normanton Stingers Club.

**Favourite read?**  
Soft paperback westerns, although they are hard to get these days.

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
Anywhere in Queensland and I like Ipswich and Brisbane.

**Favourite movie?**  
*Coal Miner's Daughter*.

**What do you like in life?**  
Living in the Gulf area at Normanton.

**What don't you like in life?**  
People with no respect.

**What person would you like most to meet?**  
Eric Grothe Senior, the former footballer.

**Which people would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
Wally Mailman, who was a rodeo rough rider.

**Who or what inspires you?**  
Victoria Houghton from Hughenden Rugby League.

**What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?**  
Help them respect the land, other people's property, and each other.

## Quote



**"We are heartbroken.  
We are outraged.  
We have no words left  
to describe our  
endless grief, and our  
ongoing trauma."**

**Gunnai Gunditjmarra Djab  
Wurrung woman Senator  
Lidia Thorpe.**

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## Unquote

# How many have to die in prison?

What's the number?  
How many Aboriginal people have to die in custody before the Federal Government starts listening?  
Or even meets with the families of some of the First Nations people who have died in custody?

Because it isn't just numbers.  
It's people.  
First Nations people.  
Sons. Daughters. Brothers. Sisters.  
Mothers. Grandmothers. Aunties. Uncles.  
Cousins.

Every Indigenous person dying means something to their family and their mob.

But not, apparently, to Prime Minister Scott Morrison, who is refusing to meet with a delegation of Aboriginal families who have lost a loved one in custody.

#ScottyFromMarketing is apparently happy to invoke his pentecostal faith and claim a miracle that the Coalition won government, but he doesn't have the basic human decency to meet with grieving First Nations families.

Families who have real lived experience of the tragedy of decades of failed government policy.

Families who don't want others to have to go through what they have experienced.

Families who have helpful ideas about how to stem this bloody national emergency of death, trauma and grief.

Almost every edition of the *Koori Mail* this year we've reported on deaths in custody.



And still the body count rises.  
Last month marked 30 years since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

And still the 339 recommendations haven't been fully implemented.

The gross over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in jail is a direct result of more than 200 years of brutal colonisation and intergenerational trauma.

The cycle needs to end.  
First Nations people have the solutions – what is missing is a government that will listen and provide resources.

Systemic racism needs to be stamped out.

The social determinants of poverty need to be addressed.

And First Nations voices need to be heard and followed.

Until these important issues are addressed properly, sadly, tragically, unfairly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will continue to be locked up in prison, where some will die.

So, what's the number?  
Because one more seems too many.

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



# A yearning to support Indigenous learning

By DARREN COYNE



WIRADJURI woman Leila Smith knows there are no set pathways to a good education.

What works for some students, doesn't necessarily work for others.

The trick is opening your eyes to the options available.

As the chief executive of the Aurora Education Foundation, Ms Smith oversees a range of programs helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students reach their full potential.

Leila is a Wiradjuri woman whose family is from central NSW.

Raised in Canberra, she holds a Masters of Public Policy from the University of Cambridge and a Bachelor's degree with first class honours in Sociology from the Australian National University.

She also received the Charlie Perkins scholarship to go to Cambridge in 2013.

Now she administers those scholarships.

"At Aurora we really use the lever of education to enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students achieve success on their own terms," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"The way we do that is by a bunch of programs that change the conversation about Indigenous education and employment. It's about high expectations and possibilities, and all kinds of pathways to success.

"That can be a real circuit breaker for people in understanding what might be possible for Aboriginal students."

Leila said Aurora encouraged students to dream beyond the borders of their homeland.

"We are most well known for our work in the postgraduate scholarship space internationally," she said.

"Before 2010 no Indigenous student had studied full time at Oxford or Cambridge. Now, through Aurora's work, and together with the Charlie Perkins Scholarship Trust and the Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation, 48 Indigenous students have been accepted into these two universities and so far, 33 of 33 have graduated. In total, over 50 Indigenous scholars have completed overseas postgraduate study to date.

"That success has really changed people's idea of what's possible. We also have a program where we take 20 Aboriginal students each year on an international study tour of universities in the US and the UK.

"We've had 170 students participate in that study tour and it's very competitive. You need a distinction average or a first class honours mark at university to get



Wiradjuri woman Leila Smith: "At Aurora we really use the lever of education to enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students achieve success on their own terms."

into that tour, and at least half of those students actually got into university through an alternative entry scheme, myself included.

"My Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) score was not high enough for direct entry. I came through university via an alternative route, and then went on to nail it with a first class honours degree.

"There is a lot of weight put on the ATAR score and I wonder how many Aboriginal students didn't even go for an ATAR score, because they didn't think they'd get a great score and that really concerns me.

"University is not for everyone and nor should it be but I wonder how many students have had that option taken off the table because somebody else thinks they're not good enough.

"I think about 20% of NSW high school students get an ATAR over 75. That's across the board.

"It's not a lot, but the narrative is that if you don't get this ATAR score, it's going to define you for life, yet so many Aboriginal students have stories where they've cast their own path and went on to achieve amazing things in all kinds of spaces."

For Leila, her own educational journey began with a stroke of luck.

"I was sitting at a meeting of Aboriginal parents and students

and I happened to sit next to the father of a school mate of mine.

"He asked me what I wanted to do after Year 12, and when I told him I wanted to go to university, but I wasn't sure if it was right for me, he said, 'Well, I happen to be the head of the Indigenous Centre at ANU ... would you like to come into the campus and I'll show you around and we'll talk about alternative entry schemes?'"

"So it was a complete coincidence that I happened to sit next to him. I'm not saying it wouldn't have happened without him, but I know that I don't want students 10 to 15 years from now saying they ended up there at that time just because of who they happened to sit next to."

Aurora begins early with its involvement in students' lives.

"We have 17 Indigenous scholars in the postgraduate space who are studying overseas right now, but in our high school space we have around 250 students," Leila said.

"The high school program gives Aboriginal students scholarships each year to spend on things like tutoring. We take them on academic enrichment camps providing 200 hours of support every year from Year 7 through to one year out of Year 12. We also have an internship program as well, which has

around 300 interns each year."

For the past year during the global pandemic, Leila said everyone involved with Aurora had worked hard to stay connected.

"Internationally it's been huge. A lot of overseas scholars are fairly isolated at the best of times.

"To be in lockdown in the UK and the US during this time is testament to their resilience and what they've shown has been absolutely amazing.

"One of them said to me recently 'I was thinking about pulling the pin, and the only reason I'm still here is because of the privilege that I'm in right now in this position and what it means to my community for me to stay here.'

"I can't even imagine how hard it must be for them, and to know that they're doing it with the end goal in sight is just amazing.

"One of our scholars, Tui Nolan, has just gone over to Cambridge on a global talent visa to work on understanding the genetic basis of COVID-19 to develop a vaccine.

"So we've got an Aboriginal bloke right now at Cambridge working on the COVID 19 vaccine, which just blows my mind.

"We're not just going over there as students, we're going over there as staff and colleagues

and teachers and researchers."

Leila said that the Aurora high school program had an incredibly high engagement rate last year.

"We went virtual instead of doing face-to-face academic enrichment camps. We run didge workshops, we do weaving workshops. We do online tutoring, and not only engaged the student, but because the family was at home with them, families would jump online and learn about culture.

"Our engagement has never been stronger than it was during COVID-19, which is a great place for us to be because now we're starting back with face to face things again.

"There would have been a time pre-COVID when we would have thought there was no way some of the Aunties and Uncles would be able to jump online and run a lesson using technology, but they were fantastic at it.

"So it's not going to be the only delivery mode, but knowing that the potential is there for us has opened up a whole new delivery model of education."

So, where to post COVID?

"What we want to focus on in the future is stronger partnerships with Aboriginal mentors," Leila said. "There are a whole bunch of Aboriginal mentors we work with who have experience of higher education, and we want to connect them to the students in the high school space.

"We already work with around 50 Aboriginal mentors. They're doing it not for themselves but for the benefit of the students.

"We also want to launch an alumni network with our scholars. This is about getting much more structure in the way that we bring them together.

"We ran a survey with our scholars recently and asked them what they wanted to do with their network and resoundingly, overwhelmingly, the scholars would like to find ways to deliver benefits back to Aboriginal communities with what they've learnt. So we need to start up a network to help them do that.

"Finally, we will really be focusing on data with all of the high school students that we work with. We have an incredibly rich data set that we can use not only with traditional methods of data, like around attendance and NAPLAN, but also what communities and families want to know about their children's education.

"That is what I see as our legacy ... actually showing what works through data and sharing that with the education space.

"It's so exciting. We've got the best team around, Alumni saying we want to give back, and then we've got this emerging pool of inspiring mentors.

"It's actually incredibly complementary the way that it all comes together.

"It just makes sense."





Adam Barker, Ashlee Rake, Emily Blake, Rebecca Rake, Lynnette Rake, Mitchell Rake, Liam Rake, Bayley Rake, Tony Dagger (celebrant), Jodie and Kaylene McLeod, Megan Brown, Ross and Rod Folwer-Lane, Elizabeth Luland, Sue-Anne Brown, Jaxson and Matthew Rake and Denise Stoyles. Pictures: Mick Tait Photography.

# Love is all around

By NICK PATON



ILUKA beach was filled with love when Kaylene McLeod married her partner Jodie (Rake) on its pristine sand on March 12.

Mrs and Mrs McLeod tied the knot in front of their son Bayley Rake at their favourite spot in the Booderee National Park, along with a massive 300 guests.

Kaylene is a traditional owner from the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community in Jervis Bay on the NSW South Coast.

Jodie grew up in Merimbula, NSW, with Mum Lynette and her three siblings, before moving to Canberra.

Kaylene and Jodie met years ago through Kaylene's cousin, who is good friends with Jodie's brother.

"Apparently Jodie and I met many years ago, but neither of us realised until we met up later on down the track," Kaylene told the *Koori Mail*.

"We ended up reconnecting through a Facebook group and at the time Jodie's mum actually said to her, 'Hold on, don't you already know the McLeod family?' And so when we got together, everything just felt like it was meant to be."

Kaylene said she asked Jodie's family for their permission to take Jodie's hand in marriage.

"Jodie's family were thrilled with my proposal, so we organised for Jodie to head up to a beautiful lookout at Mount Ainslie in Canberra on her birthday," Kaylene said.

"I just told Jodie we were heading for a ride up to Mt Aislie to check out the lookout for her birthday, and she had absolutely no idea I was about to pop the question."

"When we got to the lookout all the family was waiting, and I had already put a big sign up there asking Jodie to marry me."

"Jodie said yes, and after we got through all the emotions and excitement, we went out for a combined engagement-birthday party."

Kaylene said their wedding is the first between two women to be held on her country.

"There was a lot of excitement from a lot of people from both of our communities, and many of our guests had never been to a gay wedding," Kaylene said.



Mrs & Mrs McLeod share a special moment on their wedding day.

"Both of our families and communities were nothing but supportive on our wedding day, and many people wanted to bring their kids along too, so that they could teach the kids about equality, and about what it means to love and support other family members and friends."

The wedding reception was held in the pavilion hall at the Nowra Showgrounds.

Kaylene said one of the best parts of the reception was the drag show.

Indigenous Drag Queen Ashley Ashtray, (Dewayne Huckle) performed along with Drag King sensation Xenon Revolution (Christine Ban) and the amazing Latin Lover (Karina Salgado).

"We did most of the work getting the hall prepared for the reception, and actually, I think our wedding was the first gay wedding reception to ever be held at the

venue at the Nowra Showgrounds."

As part of the wedding ceremony, Kaylene said she and Jodie wanted to do something special to include their son Bayley.

"We had lots of discussions about the role Bayley would play in the lead up to the wedding and in the end we decided that Bayley would get a wedding ring too," Kaylene said.

"I wanted Bayley to know that I'm his mum too, and I love him and accept him as my son."

"This is important because with Blackfella families, when you marry into them, it's kind of like you're marrying into the mob, so I wanted Bayley to know he is family."

"The whole day was so amazing and it was such a beautiful ceremony, but one of the highlights of the day was including our son Bayley into our vows."



Jodie (Rake) McLeod looked stunning on her wedding day.



Kaylene McLeod looking at her beautiful bride Jodie, as she makes her way up the aisle.



Traditional Owner from the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Kaylene McLeod with her wife Jodie and their son Bayley.





## Coota Girls and descendants walk songlines

Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation produced a short film, titled *Walking Our Songlines*, for truth telling and education, and to inspire Stolen Generations Survivors, their families, and communities.

The film was launched on April 29, in the presence of our beautiful Coota Survivors, their families and our supporters, on Gadigal Country at the NCIE (National Centre for Indigenous Excellence) in Sydney.

Our audience enjoyed Welcome by Uncle Allen, and smoking ceremony and deadly performances by Koomurri, before settling in to hear introductions by Auntie Lorraine Peeters, Margo Leach and Meagan Gerrard and finally to view *Walking Our Songlines*.

We continue *Walking Our Songlines* with our ancestors and trailblazers – which demonstrates our resilience – doing our part to work toward healing and reconciliation.

This important new educational resource features four Coota Girls' descendants: Peter Townsend, Cherie Johnson, Joanne Cassady and Bobby-Ann Trindall, as they share their stories of connection and culture, and how this is critically important to their healing from the impacts of forced removals on the families and communities of the Stolen Generations.

*Walking Our Songlines* captures the history of forced removals and institutionalisation of former residents of the Cootamundra Domestic Training Home for Aboriginal Girls (1912-1969). The short film promotes a greater



Auntie Lorraine Peeters, centre, and her sister's children Cherie Johnson and Peter Townsend helped launch *Walking Our Songlines*, a short film produced by Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation.

awareness of Stolen Generations history and its impacts on subsequent generations, known as intergenerational trauma.

It brings greater awareness of Aboriginal culture so that all communities, both Aboriginal and other, understand the importance of kin, country, culture, and spirit in healing.

The stories of four Coota Girls' descendants explore their lived experience and how they have maintained connections – despite the impacts of forced removal and intergenerational trauma – and inspires hope as they share their culture with future generations, other Stolen Generations families, and the wider

community. The Board and team at Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation would like to thank all in attendance and all who were able to view the launch via Facebook, despite the technical difficulties we experienced.

**Meagan Gerrard**  
Coota Girls program co-ordinator and Coota Girls descendant

# Government needs to meet with us about Wadjemup

It is disappointing, to say the least, that Western Australian Tourism Minister David Templeman has refused the Rottnest Island Deaths Group Aboriginal Corporation's (RIDGAC) request for a meeting.

Lateral violence is one of the issues that RIDGAC wants to discuss with the McGowan Government.

The McGowan Government decision to refuse to deal with RIDGAC above the public servant level and instead deal with other recently government-appointed Aboriginal groups and businesses on Wadjemup at Ministerial level is wrong. It is dismissive and offensive to RIDGAC.

The South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) do not and never have represented the RIDGAC's fight for Aboriginal recognition of justice.

Exploitation and money that comes from exploiting the suffering and deaths of our Ancestors will never be accepted by RIDGAC. It is wrong for Government to create a situation of Aboriginals taking over another Aboriginal group's ancient custodial obligations from a long-term stand for natural justice and procedural fairness.

Since the mid 1980s RIDGAC has been the Aboriginal body of custodial keepers of all Aboriginal issues on Wadjemup.

In 1993 the state-wide

Aboriginal Leaders, Culture and Law meetings ratified the RIDGAC as the Custodial Keepers for Wadjemup (Rottnest Island).

It is wrong for the WA Government to have appointed the SWALSC and Aboriginal "businesses" under an "agreement" that RIDGAC does not accept, as we have never been fully aware of or been part of.

Ancient Aboriginal law, customs and traditional practices must be followed. Lateral violence that causes divisions by the old Colonial divide and conquer must not be used any more as a weapon against the RIDGAC.

Our Ancestors suffered brutal, horrific lives and deaths at the

hands of the colonisers. RIDGAC has the responsibility to locate all of the graves and information for the truth of what happened to them. It's not about setting up businesses and making money.

RIDGAC continues our custodial obligations. We respectfully request that Ground Penetrating Radar become the first priority within the entire settlement area including the entire golf course and at the quarries, where our Ancestors suffered brutal, horrific treatment and died for the invasion of their homelands/Country.

The Quad (prison building) known burials are highly sacred. The RIDGAC must have control over the sacred burials that

RIDGAC discovered. These areas must never be exploited for the tourism dollar, even by Noongar businesses and/or Noongar Land Council representatives.

RIDGAC requests a meeting with the Premier and his Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. After all it is our opinion that the Premier and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs really should have full responsibility for Aboriginal Affairs on Wadjemup.

Black man's graves, white man's playground!

Lest we forget?  
May the ancient spiritual dreaming protect them always!

**Iva Hayward-Jackson**  
Rottnest Island Deaths Group Aboriginal Corporation

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# The relevance of RAPs

I have previously written about how problematic Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs) are from the perspective that having a plan does not equate to meaningful change embedded organisationally. Telstra is the latest example and although they have been stripped of their “elevate” status by Reconciliation Australia – there continues to be issues in the perception of actually having a RAP – particularly given the Rio Tinto example.

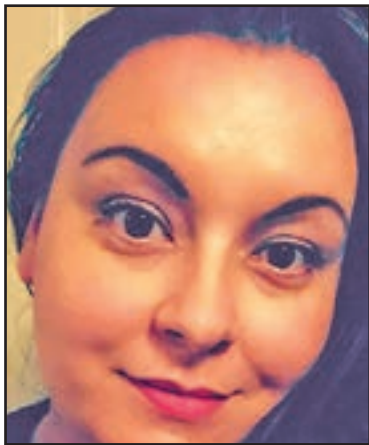
Telstra was taken to the Federal Court by the Australian Competition Consumer Commission (ACCC) for its ‘unfair selling tactics,’ which in legal terms means that they engaged in unconscionable conduct.

There is no precise legal definition for unconscionable conduct but it means that conduct has occurred that is so unjust or harsh that is against good conscience. For customer facing organisations such as Telstra, this is a significant finding.

The sales staff at five licensed Telstra-branded stores signed up 108 Indigenous consumers to multiple post-paid mobile contracts which they did not understand and could not afford between January 2016 to August 2018.

In each case, these contracts were entered into with individual consumers on a single day when they visited a store. They did not provide a full and proper explanation of consumer’s financial exposure under the contracts and, in some cases, falsely represented that consumers were receiving products for ‘free’.

In many instances, sales staff also manipulated credit assessments, so consumers who



**Natalie Cromb**

otherwise may have failed its credit assessment could enter into post-paid mobile contracts. This included falsely indicating that a consumer was employed.

Telstra agreed to a penalty of \$50 million. In addition to the remedies to be determined by the Court, the ACCC accepted a court-enforceable undertaking from Telstra in which Telstra undertakes to provide ‘remediation to affected consumers, improve its existing compliance program, review and expand its Indigenous telephone hotline and enhance its digital literacy program for consumers in certain remote areas.’

The engagement with Aboriginal customers should have been done in a way that had regard to their vulnerability as consumers, the fact the English is sometimes second or third language and that affordability is a major issue given the fact that our communities have been disenfranchised by successive

government policies.

This knowledge should have been embedded in an organisation that had ‘elevate’ status. This knowledge should have empowered Telstra to do more for our people than implement their employment policies and such. Telstra and organisations like it that derive their profitability from an economy strong because it stole land and labour without recompense, have an obligation to do more than ‘partner’ with us, they owe more than employment parity and community engagement. There needs to be more action to demonstrate a true understanding of the wrongs that have happened on this land and how the current generations of non-Indigenous people derive benefit from this.

This conduct from a company that had been under successive RAPs demonstrates that RAPs are ineffectual without organisational change that is brought about by real knowledge and learnings. In fact, of 1,100 Australian organisations with RAPs, Telstra was one of 21 that had reached ‘elevate’ status with Reconciliation Australia so it should have been the golden child. Instead, the hypocrisy has been laid bare for us all to witness and it does not matter how many executives come out with statements of being “personally saddened” – it does not take away what has happened and that it happened on their watch.

Organisations in Australia continue to fall in line with reconciliation, as though opportunities for employment is the answer. Organisations think that contributing to Aboriginal community programs that they then publish in their corporate press

releases are beneficial. Sure, they may be bolstering the community program to be able to continue with their program but they are also getting corporate exposure by publicising it and tax benefits as a result – so it is not done for the principled purposes it should have been.

All too often we see corporations looking at each other to see what others in their industry or at their level are doing and they are looking at RAPs as something to have which then becomes a tick a box initiative. Get RAP – tick. Employ Aboriginal people – tick. Have said Aboriginal people pose for photos (to boost corporate standing) – tick. Initiate a community engagement program – tick.

What each of these initiatives has in common is that the corporations still fail to understand the depth of their responsibility. They still benefit at the expense of the Aboriginal people that they publicise that they are ‘helping.’

Our people are more than smiling photo ops, our people are survivors of over 200 years of colonisation and oppressive policies. Our people have remained standing despite building this country into what it is without credit, payment or even the acknowledgement of our sovereignty.

Corporations in this country need to reckon with themselves. They need to put their money into paying for the labour of our people who so generously educate. They need to listen, they need to understand that unless they change the nature of their contribution to be less aligned with propping up the capitalist machine that oppresses

us and more towards self-determining communities – then they are complicit.

Reconciliation may be a sexy word to corporations because it allows them to profile their organisation positively and ignore the past. This whole concept of moving forward requires Aboriginal people to compromise – but haven’t we lost enough?

This country was built by our ancestors who were not free and did not get paid, this economy is not strong because of an abundance of opportunities or being the ‘lucky’ country, it is strong because it is built on theft, lies and a determination to maintain the narrative.

Until corporations reckon with that and come up with ways relevant to their organisational strength to give back without the need for a pat on the back for it, then corporate Australia will continue to be complicit in the oppression of Aboriginal people. Where is corporate Australia when there are calls for justice or community condemnation of government policies that reinforce our oppression? Where is corporate Australia in refusing to engage with organisations that directly damage country and community?

Reconciliation Australia should hold corporations to a higher standard. Cookie cutter engagement initiatives, employment initiatives and the like do not reconcile the past and the responsibility to repair and repay.

Do what is right and necessary because it is just that and not for corporate cred.

● Gamilaraay woman Natalie Cromb is a writer and advocate.

# Yet another death in custody

I was reading an international journal from the Caribbean titled “Sound the Abeng” in reference to blowing an animal horn to carry messages across the islands much like our traditional bullroarer, used for communicating over great distances. The journal has international contributors from across the globe including my cousin, poet, storyteller and academic, Rob Waters.

Published as a quarterly newsletter, it presents research-based material focused on the historical empowerment of Black, and Aboriginal peoples, across the world.

This edition was a collection of poetry and prose; political commentary and artistic writing wanting to incite readers to delve deeper on the complexities of Black Identity, and in particular fight and resistance within Aboriginal Nations as stated by the editor, Dr Marva McClean a Jamaican poet, and scholar:

“If we are to live up to Marcus Garvey and Bob Marley’s admonishment, none but us can free ourselves from mental slavery, we must engage in collaborative inquiry to



**Woolombi Waters**

decolonize our language-our politics-our literature, our food, our dress and religion.” (Dr Marva McClean)

I am reading an article “I used to love to dream” which is the title of A.D. Carson’s peer reviewed hip-hop mixtape album/essay a Rap published as an academic dissertation in 2020 by Michigan University Press.

As a Gomerioi/Kamilaroi/Gamilaraay scholar, I currently have three PHD supervisions within my own mob and we are looking to reconnect our

own voice within such academic rigor, and to read this article was music to my ears.

Carson’s dissertation, aptly titled, “Owning My Masters: The Rhetoric of Rhymes & Revolutions” held special meaning for him, in historical consciousness of the fact that he studied at a university built on the grounds of a former slave plantation.

The Table of Contents covered within his Rap thesis included such topics as justice, economics, language, identity, history, and citizenship; all topics that are central to the discourse that preoccupies the minds of the historically conscious, and especially those seeking to build historical voice about the rights and agency of Black, and Aboriginal peoples across the world.

As I am reading, I come across another article that grabs my attention, a powerful photo of my niece Ruby Wharton with the sub-heading Ruby Wharton, Gamilaraay Kooma Murdie and Warrior of the Aboriginal Resistance. This is an international quarterly newsletter that stretches across the Atlantic divide. In it, she writes: “The colonial

fairy tales of white benevolence and Black malevolence have been so effective in this continent that generations of the colonial race continue to believe that they and their knowledge systems have the ability to continue human life, while watching it being destroyed before their eyes. It would seem there has never been a greater gas-lighter, abuser or narcissist than the one they call Australia”.

Unfortunately, when I called Ruby to congratulate her on making an international publication, conversation quickly turned to yet another Death in Custody, one of our own Mob and family, a 37yr old male from Cessnock. Without a beat Ruby said I should call Gwenda Stanley, another long-time warrior of the Gomerioi resistance. Make no mistake there is a network of Mob watching and ready to act with every tragedy played out in this country, and as nephew Danny Teece-Johnson wrote in an earlier series within this paper, the majority of these street soldiers are Black women.

These deadly Black women fight daily against the conceptual underpinning of the Age of Discovery, white

superiority which remains deeply ingrained in the policies of colonial and post-colonial societies embedded within the very origins of the institutionalised racism we face today.

Colonization and slavery, nor the trauma we face daily does not represent the sum total of the heritage we represent as Aboriginal peoples. We were advanced civilizations prior to the European missionaries, and slave merchants who set their foot on these continents seeking slaves, gold, coal, land, and other riches.

Both Ruby and Gwenda, both said to me: “We have to stop using the word suicide and call it for what it is, institutionalised murder. How is it decades after the royal commission we still have hanging spots in cells, where our people can die?”

In its 2007 Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the United Nations criticized policies like the Doctrine of Discovery which underpins settler colony ideology as “racist, scientifically false, legally invalid, morally condemnable and socially unjust.” Despite the weight of historical oppression, today the collective voice of our

Aboriginal and Black Nations remain integral, and true enlightenment remains in the resistance of Aboriginal people.

And in return we are now experiencing being beaten down and killed in the street, as Black Lives Matter in the United States and the torture and abuse of our own deaths in custody demonstrate the same acts of violence here in Australia, which remains ingrained in white denial of history and a lack of truth telling.

Only in calling on our ancestral memories and connection to land and through women like Gwenda, and Ruby will our stories counter oppression in finding the truth. This has to happen through globally shared storytelling as a route to survival for Black peoples.

We can never forget that the West won control not through the superiority of its ideas, values, or religion, but instead through organised violence, hostility and brutality. Western classrooms forget this. Aboriginal peoples never do, and Black people cannot afford to.

● Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail correspondent.



# Qld awards to recognise child protection workers

By RUDI MAXWELL



KUKU Yalanji woman Lalanja Tusa believes First Nations children in out of home care benefit when they

connect with culture and community.

"I've had my niece in foster care and other family members too," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"Within our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community there is over representation of our young children in out of home care.

"I was driven to work in this field because I felt it was important that they have more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child protections workers who can relate to them through a cultural lens and help connect our children with our community. It helps with children's self-worth and identity to understand their culture.

"So I thought I could be that little piece in the puzzle and help make a difference to the lives of some of our children."

Last year Lalanja won a Queensland Child Protection Week award for her work with First Nations children in care, for nurturing a connection to country



Child protection worker Lalanja Tusa was recognised with a Queensland child protection award.

and pride in their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

"I was a little taken aback at first, you don't come into these roles to be nominated, but I felt blessed and it was validation for my whole team," she said.

"At Anglicare, Gold Coast, the whole team really got on board with our program and brought it to children to help with cultural connections."

And Lalanja is encouraging anyone who knows a person or

organisation who has made a contribution to the protection of children in Queensland to nominate them for the Queensland Child Protection Awards.

"It's important to recognise the

work that the frontline workers put in with child protection," she said.

"There's a lot that goes on with child protection, workers advocating for rights while children are in out of home care and it's important that people are recognised for that work.

"Every day in the office and out in the homes can be challenging, so it's vital that workers do feel valued and respected.

"Child protection workers bring their knowledge to work every day with children. But sometimes it can be difficult to fill the cup, because it is hard work, traumatic, and tricky to navigate, so it really does help when you are validated and recognised.

The annual Queensland Child Protection Awards provide an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the efforts, commitment and unreserved energy of many people who make a significant contribution to our community to prevent child harm and neglect.

The Awards will be presented at the launch of Queensland Child Protection Week on Thursday, September 2. There are 11 different categories in the awards.

Nominations close on May 28.

For more information or to nominate someone, go to [childprotectionweek.org.au](http://childprotectionweek.org.au)

## FINDING MY ANCESTRY – Sims/Symes/McKenzie

I would like to hear from any descendants of the list below. They originated from Murrurundi to Gunnedah. Please contact Diane 0411619471 or Email : [dianesoper7@gmail.com](mailto:dianesoper7@gmail.com)

Charles SIMS Convict ship "Elenor" 1811–1859 (M) Biddy SIMS nee Aboriginal Kamilaroi unknown birth ?

Andrew MCKENZIE snr Elizabeth MCKENZIE (Eliza) Biddy's Daughter B. Murrurundi D. Gunnedah Children: Andrew Jnr, Sarah, Henry, William, Mary, Charles, Elizabeth, John, Harriet.

Andrew MCKENZIE Jnr b.1858 d.1910 (M) Mary MCKENZIE nee Brown b.1963 d.1912 b. Murrurundi. d. Gunnedah Children: Arthur, Andrew, Charles, Frederick, Angus, Clara, Elsie, Naldrell, Eva, Bertie, Alice. b. Gunnedah

Frederick MCKENZIE b.1887 G d.1960 Newcastle. (M) Elizabeth May MCKENZIE Nee Tribe b.Narrabri. d.Ncstle. Children: B Gunnedah. Gladys, Arthur, Doris, Elsie, Frederick, Victor, (Islington) Alice Rita, Betty, Joan.



## SCEGGS Darlinghurst Masterplan NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment – Community Consultation Stage 1

Urbis has been commissioned by the Sandrick Project Directions on behalf of the Sydney Church of England Girls Grammar School (SCEGGS) (the Proponent) to conduct an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the masterplan and staged redevelopment of the SCEGGS Darlinghurst Campus, at 165 Forbes Street, Darlinghurst, Lot 200 DP1255617, New South Wales (the subject area). The ACHA is to inform the Environmental Impact Statements for the State Significant Development Applications (SSDA) for the staged redevelopment of the campus.

The proponent can be contacted directly via:

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In accordance with Section 4.1.3 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW, 2010)* and Clause 80C of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019, the Proponent is seeking the registration of Aboriginal persons or groups who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) that may be present in the subject area.

The purpose of community consultation with Aboriginal people is to assist the Proponent in the preparation of the ACHA and the assessment of the cultural heritage significance of the subject area.

Please register your interest in writing to the contact details provided below by 5.00pm 26th May 2021.

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## Aboriginal representation Join the Berrys Bay Community and Stakeholder Working Group

We are seeking a member of the Aboriginal community who has an interest in and Aboriginal cultural knowledge of the Berrys Bay area to be part of our Community and Stakeholder Working Group (CSW Group).

Transport for NSW will be using the Berrys Bay area as a temporary construction site for the Western Harbour Tunnel. The CSW Group will work together to provide input for the future design of Berrys Bay once construction work has been completed. The CSW Group will comprise one member representing the Aboriginal community, six community members, and representatives from North Sydney Council and Transport for NSW, together with an independent Chairperson. This diversity of voices and in-depth local knowledge will help deliver the best possible outcomes for the Berrys Bay community and its visitors.

### About the working group

The group will meet periodically over approximately 12 months to help Transport for NSW understand local public needs for the area now and in the future. As a Member, you will need to work closely with your local community as their voice and advocate.

Please note, there is no remuneration for working group members. You can find the interim Terms of Reference and the Code of Conduct at [nswroads.work/berrysbay](http://nswroads.work/berrysbay)

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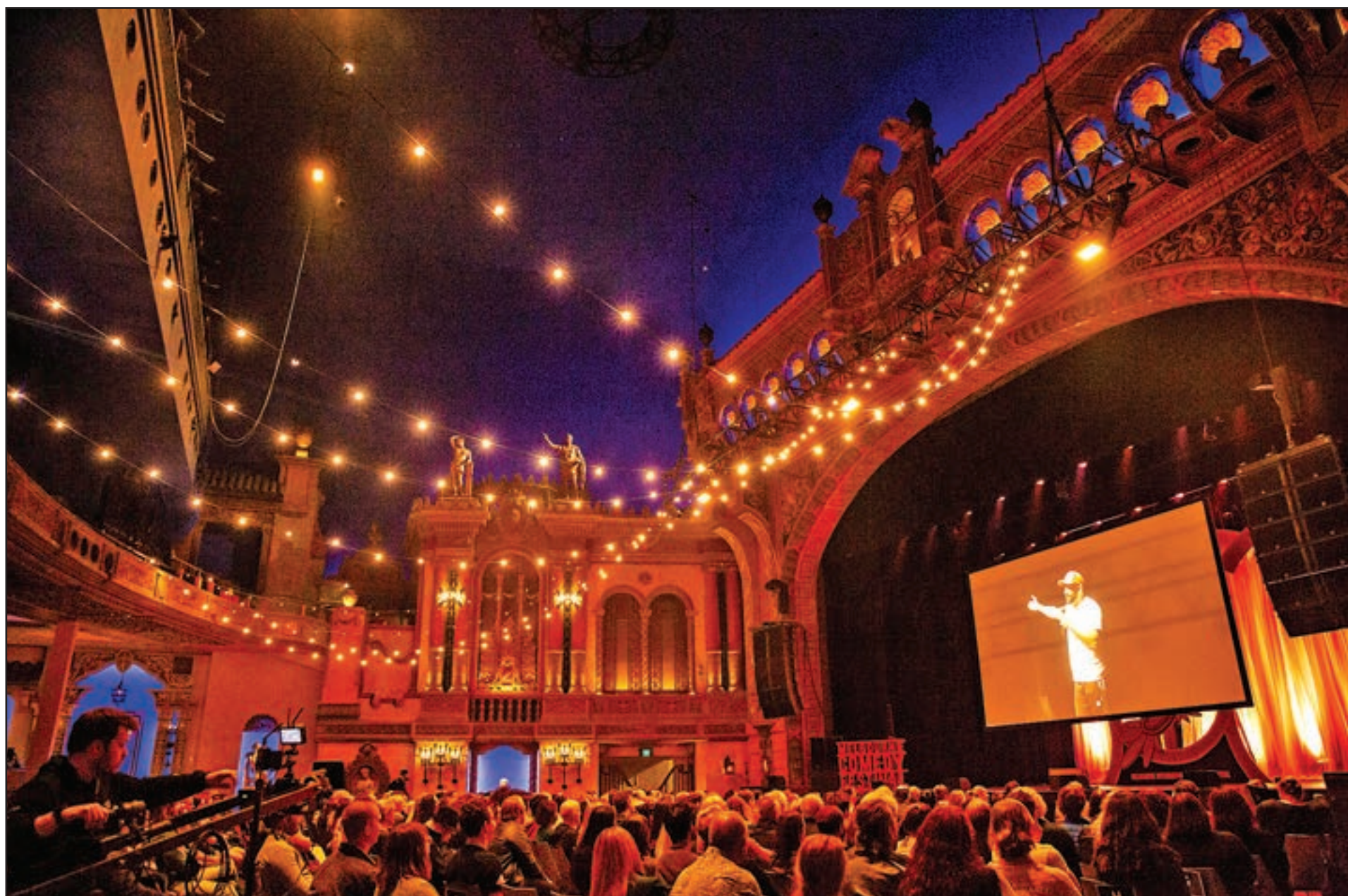
Applications close at midnight on Friday 14 May 2021

To apply, go to the web address below, **download the Expression of Interest Form** and return via email or post. Please note, postal applications must be received by **14 May 2021** in order to be considered.

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**Post:** Berrys Bay CSW Group EOI, Transport for NSW,  
Locked Bag 928, North Sydney NSW 2059





The audience was treated to Eldine Likouresis's tic toc, aka dic toc, and go-to dance moves, presented on screen at Melbourne's recently renovated Forum Theatre – he was a bit crook and although testing covid negative did not want to pass his cold onto other contestants.



Deadly Funny winner Jahmarley Dawson performs his 'Telstra Dreaming'.



The judges loved the way Jahmarley combined great jokes with musical skill.

# Laughter surely is

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE heartbroken, the bankrupt, the bribed, the addicted (to comedy), smart arses and bucket listers all took to the stage for the 2021 Deadly Funny national grand final in Melbourne.

After the 2020 program was paused due to COVID-19, the grand final was the culmination of two years of workshops and events across the continent – double the line up and double the laughs.

In all, 16 contestants shone light on racism, identity, COVID challenges, the great toilet paper crisis of 2020 and the absurdity of life, amongst other things.

But it was the sparkly-eyed and cheeky self-confessed joombe (Murri for gammin fella) Jahmarley Dawson who took out the top gong.

The judges, a panel of industry experts, said of Jahmarley's winning set: "Good comedy needs skill and surprise and we loved the way Jahmarley combined great jokes with musical skill to generate huge laughs. The famous Telstra Dreaming

evoked via didgeridoo is something none of us saw coming."

Jahmarley won the Deadly Funny Brisbane heat leading up to 2020 grand final, then his just-as-sparkly-eyed younger brother Chris won this year's Brisbane heat, so the brothers were able to enjoy the Deadly Funny experience together.

Although they nearly didn't get there when their Mum's car had mechanical problems before their flight to Melbourne.

"When I won the first thing Chris said, besides jumping up and yippee, was 'We're going to fix Mum's car now'," Jahmarley

told the *Koori Mail*.

"I said 'Yeh brother,' and he said 'You're a legend brother.'"

Three days later the prize money came through and the car was back on the road.

The Wakka Wakka/Waanyi/Kamilaroi brothers from Inala, south of Brisbane, who are the eldest two of seven siblings, attribute their sense of humour to their parents – it's how they grew up, barely recognising they were being funny.

"Mum has a dry sense of humour and Dad's a spring of humour – more energetic, in his body language,"





The self-deprecating and deadpan Maureen French - who assured the audience the gates had not been left at ajar at the nursing home – told stories of her 40 year nursing career, buying bras from the scaffolding section in Bunnings and her amateur ballerina pursuits. She is pictured here doing the wombat.



2019 winner Fabian Woods returned to the Deadly Funny stage – he's been getting into stand up comedy performances between his FIFO work.



First out on stage of the contestants was Jay Wymarra, pictured here waving like a far north queen.



Belinda McKeown who gets her beauty tips from the internet and prepares her kids for real world relationships by getting angry ...



'Over confident boy toy' Jacob Keed who has awkward café moments when someone compliments their tall black.



Kasey Johnson delivered covid yarns and naughty tales.



Elliot Rovedi's deadpan descriptions of his covid experiences got plenty of big laughs.



Ben Moodie shared hilarious descriptions of accidental over exposure on zoom and using *The Australian* newspaper for 'what it was designed for' during the great toilet paper shortage.

# the best medicine

Jahmarley explained.

"We're just a couple of joombes from Queensland."

"Growing up in housing and that, things can be depressing, but we made fun of ourselves and made it fun," Chris added.

"And thanks to our Dad and Mum, who taught us a lot of culture.

"We grew up around our culture and mixed it with comedy, we made money busking, how we are on the stage is how we are in real life."

Since winning, Jahmarley has already been booked for shows and festivals

around the country, including in Lismore tonight.

The *Koori Mail* caught up with some of the contestants before the grand final show and asked them 'Why stand up comedy'?

It's long been said that comedy is the best medicine, and it seems they get just as much of that medicine as the audience.

Ultra quick witted Jay Wymarra, a Gudang/Yadaykenu/Meriam/Saibai Koedal man from Cairns, said comedy served a very valuable purpose in his life that he can't get anywhere else, and provided an alternative to talking to his stuffed animals.

His first stand up performance was to win a \$50 bet, he has since become obsessed.

"This isn't a career for me, it's an addiction.

"I can't replicate it. You cannot drink it, swallow it or inject it. It's you naked – not literally – emotionally naked, in front of an audience and your voice is way louder than theirs," Jay explained. "It's fiscally important as well, the way I see it five minutes on stage is way cheaper than a hundred bucks an hour for a therapist."

Dja Dja Wurrung garbage truck driver

Cy Fahey from Canberra agrees – "there's nothing like it".

He was told to get into stand up comedy by Shiralee Hood back in 2008, at a time in his life he describes as rock bottom – take away business gone under, bankrupt, no car and a relationship breakup.

"I went home to Mum," he said.

"Shiralee dragged me to a Deadly Funny Workshop."

He discovered the remedy for his heartbreak.

"It makes me happy, it's a way to heal.

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Past Deadly Funny finalist Dane Simpson MC'd the show.



Mason Garwood gave some tips on how to achieve five minutes of fame being a 'concerned neighbour' and quipped about how hiding one's Aboriginality back in the day has 'come full circle' to trying to prove it.



Duane William's set delighted the audience, especially black fellas with his list of what knives and forks can be used for compared to how white fellas use them.



Chris Crebbin told of his FOMO (fear of missing out) adventures and the possibility of acquaintances being serial killers.



All round entertainer Chris Dawson came out dancing and performing his 'not your walk' (hint – say it out loud fast).



Cy Fahey – a cool Dad, keen to see a season of TV show *The Bachelor* filmed in the outer Melbourne suburb of Frankston.



Paul Seden on the advantages and disadvantages of having Aboriginal blood.



Dave Human.

"I did it for a little bit then I took a massive break from it, starting working, rebuilding my life, bought a house, then a couple of years ago I broke up with my wife and decided I needed to get back into comedy, it made me happy."

Cy is now working hard to make a career in comedy.

Belinda 'I was meant to be a rock star but here I am' McKeown, a Kukatha/Wirangu/Kaurana singer and single parent of five kids from South Australia, also gets a high from being able to make others laugh.

"I like seeing people laugh. In a world that can be so bleak and mundane and horrid – take the piss, you've got to laugh, find the funny in it, be the glass half full, show that there's a flipside to what it is."

"Humour is part of our culture."

Kasey Johnson, a Wiradjuri/Gundtjmarra/Yorta Yorta/Wemba Wemba woman from Echuca competed in Deadly Funny to show her children she could 'get out there and do it, up on stage and have a laugh after multiple hardships'.

"I've been through hell and back. To do this makes me feel awake again, it's part of

my healing," Kasey said.

"I've gone through shit. I found my Mum dead. I've been through trauma, I've got PTSD – laughter is my healing."

For Gamilaroi man Ben Moodie, a performer and cultural educator currently living in Melbourne, comedy works as an alternative to anger in combatting racism.

"I've been yelling at racists for years. I'm from an activist family, seen mob impacted by racism for years and all kinds of terrible shit, terrible government policies."

"You get angry but instead of letting that anger build inside of me I turn it into

humour, and let it out. It's a way of dealing with the crap I get to see and deal with on a personal and professional front. I throw the humour back at racism and point out the stupidity of it."

"We're not just saying it's whitefellas that are the problem here, it's the education system. You get people laughing and I think it softens them hearing the rest of it, and starts making an impact on people."

For others, including Chris Crebbin, a Waanyi/Garawa artist, story teller, educator and radio show host from South Australia, and Darug nurse of 40 years Maureen





First in line to get in the door were Jessie Miller, Aden Hitchens, Kimberly Lovegrove and Biana Weinman.



The Merindas (Candice Lorrae and Kristel Kickett) wowed the audience while judges deliberated on the winner.



There's no doubting that black fellas are deadly funny – contestants, performers and judges from the extra deadly 2021 Deadly Funny Grand Final seize the moment for one big happy photo – with the giant winner's cheque going to Jahmarley Dawson.

French from NSW, entering the Deadly Funny was on their bucket list.

Other contestants were Dave Human (Wiradjuri) from NSW, Duane Williams (Whadjuk/Nyoongar/Booja) from WA, Elliott Rovedi (Wiradjuri) from NSW, Jacob Keed (Wiradjuri/Kamilaroi) from the ACT, Mason Garwood (Noongar/ Wardandi) from Bunbury (WA), Eldine Likouresis (Adnyamathanha) South Australia and Paul Seden (Wuthathi/ Mularag) from Darwin.

Cy Fahey, Ben Moodie and Kasey Johnson all received special mentions from

the judges.

Gamilaroi comedian Dane Simpson from Wagga Wagga who competed in the Deadly Funny Grand Final in 2015, MC'd the show.

He reminded contestants that participating was right up there with winning.

"It's a step to something that can change your life," he said.

"One thing, for me personally, if I did win, I probably would have walked away. Instead I thought 'how could I be better at comedy' – it sparked a big interest in me.

"By making that national grand final they have taken that first step into that comedy world. It's such a big deal to people to come from these communities and get involved."

Since the 2015 grand final, he has performed in every state in Australia, toured with the Aboriginal Comedy Allstars, played at several major festivals, produced shows and received rave reviews.

Now in its 15th year, the Deadly Funny competition has unearthed and recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stand up comedy talent including Kevin

Kropinyeri, Steph Tisdell, Ghenoa Gela, Jalen Sutcliffe, Andy Saunders and Shiralee Hood, who have all gone on to stellar careers performing around the continent.

A bunch of Deadly Funny graduates including Dane Simpson, Kimmie Lovegrove, Ben Moodie, Shiralee Hood and Denise McGuinness will take to the stage for YIRRIMBOI First Nations arts festival in Melbourne, on Friday, May 14, for the Deadly Funny Showcase hosted by Gurindji showgirl Constantina Bush (the alter ego of Kamahi Djordan King).



# Resilience takes the stage



ACTOR and singer Shakira Clanton will share stories from her extraordinary life in her production, *Still, I Rise*, at Darlinghurst Theatre from May 5 to 9.

*Still, I Rise* traverses a range of Clanton's life experiences; from the racism and sexism she's faced as a woman of colour in the creative industry and the lessons her single mother tried to impart to her as a teenager, to getting hitched in 2019 and spending the first year of marriage in lockdown with her new husband.

Underscored by Jeremi Campese's astounding skill on the cello, the work is all at once honest, hilarious and thoroughly human.

The title of the show, *Still, I Rise*, is in reference to the poem by Maya Angelou, which speaks of overcoming situations with confidence.

"This work is a celebration of the resilience of marginalized people in the face of oppression," Clanton said.

"As a woman of colour, I know what it's like to live in a society not built for me. When that society keeps knocking you down, you have to keep rising.

"*Still, I Rise* is a look into my life, navigating its lessons and the moments where I've had to forge ahead."

Born in Perth to Aboriginal Australian and African American parents, Clanton honed her craft at both the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) and National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA).

Her list of theatre credits include *Barbara and the Camp Dogs* (Belvoir /Queensland Theatre), Henrietta Baird's *The Weekend* (Sydney Festival/Moogahlin), and *I'm With Her* (Darlinghurst Theatre Company).

Shakira Clanton is performing in *Still, I Rise*, this week at Darlinghurst Theatre.  
Picture: Sally Flegg



## Dobby brings his unique sound to Kambri at ANU



DOBBY will take centre stage on Friday, May 7, at the 2021 Canberra International Music Festival at Kambri at ANU.

Rhyann Clapham, aka DOBBY, is a rapper, drummer and music composer. He proudly identifies as a Filipino and

Aboriginal musician, whose family is from Brewarrina on Ngemba land, and is a member of the Murrawarri Republic in Weilmoringle, NSW.

He has performed extensively locally including BIGSOUND and Sydney Opera House, and internationally in Germany, UK, USA and Netherlands.

DOBBY recently took out best video for *I Can't Breathe* in the 2020 FBI SMAC Awards. *I Can't Breathe* has become the unofficial anthem of Australia's Bla(c)k Lives Matter protests and is being used throughout schools in Australia as material alongside curriculum to assist in educating students.

DOBBY was labelled as the 2018 "BIGSOUND buzz act" with his live show being described as "mind blowing", "dynamic" and "powerful".

He will perform from 6-7pm at, aMBUSH Gallery, Kambri at ANU.

DOBBY is a multi-instrumentalist and powerful young voice in the Australian music scene. Straddling hip-hop as well as classical, he is known for bouncing between piano, drums, and drum pads, with his unique signature 'drapping' (rapping and drumming at the same time).

For more information visit [www.kambri.com.au](http://www.kambri.com.au)

# Music's brightest stars to shine on Larrakia land



AUSTRALIA'S biggest First Nations music gathering, the National Indigenous Music Awards, will be held at the Darwin

amphitheatre on August 7. The night will be broadcast on NITV and online platforms and incorporate contributions from across the country.

With previous performers including Jessica Mauboy, Baker Boy, Archie Roach, Gurrumul and Thelma Plum, the National Indigenous Music Awards provides the opportunity for the community to gather, celebrate the success of First Nations artists, discover new talent and create a unique outdoor event under the stars on Larrakia land, for people from around Australia to experience live.

This year's event welcomes a new First Nations-led team with last year's creative director Ben Graetz returning, joined by new associate creative director Nina Fitzgerald,



Baker Boy accepts an award from Senator Malarndirri McCarthy in 2019. Picture: David Hancock

and NIMAs veteran Romana Paulson stepping into the project manager role.

Ben Graetz is a descendant of the Iwaidja and Malak Malak clans in the Northern Territory and of

Badu Island in the Torres Strait.

He has worked in the performing arts sector for more than 20 years, establishing himself as an artist, performer, director, producer, writer, MC and artistic director.

Nina Fitzgerald is a proud Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander woman who has recently returned home to Darwin after eight years studying and working in Melbourne.

Romana Paulson is a proud Bundjalung, Mununjali & Wiradjuri woman from Yugembah country Australia and is also ni-Vanuatu peoples from Vanuatu Islands in the South Pacific Ocean Nation. Creative director Ben Graetz said 2020 was a 'year like no other and morphing what has always been an amazing night of connection and togetherness into a completely virtual event was a challenging but rewarding experience'.

"This year however, we can return bigger and better than ever, creating a stunning physical event once more and using the learnings of last year's record-breaking virtual audience to retain the best elements of both worlds," he said.

"2021 will bring the event to Australia across many platforms, led by our long-time partners NITV,

while creating a special night of connection under the stars here on Larrakia Country."

Last year's virtual NIMAs was the biggest in the event's history, reaching over 250,000 people with broadcasts across NITV, Double J, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

The evening featured live performances captured across Australia including Archie Roach, Miiesha, Thelma Plum, Mambali and JK-47.

The event also crossed live to communities as far as Yirrkala and Broome, with an amazing buzz lighting up social media and providing togetherness in a year that needed it most.

Nominations are open for the public to nominate Indigenous releases and artists across seven categories from artist and album of the year, through to Indigenous language and community clip of the year.

To nominate yourself or your favourite artist, visit [nima.musicnt.com.au](http://nima.musicnt.com.au).



# Strong Start helps build a healthy career



LAST month, six students in Year 11 from Bentley Park College and Trinity Bay State High School, began a school-based traineeship at Wuchopperen Health Service to kickstart their health careers.

Australian Training Works (ATW), a 100% Indigenous-owned and operated group training organisation, led the recruitment drive.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traineeship program, Strong Start, aims to give Indigenous youths a head start, achieving a nationally recognised qualification and on the job training while completing Year 11 and 12.

Wuchopperen deputy chief executive Rachael Ham said, as an Aboriginal community controlled health organisation, they were pleased to be able to give opportunities to young Indigenous people.

"By allowing students to gain work skills while completing school, they're able to work towards a goal, whether that be higher education or transition to work," she said.

ATW owner and managing director Tony Martens said they were pleased to be able to partner with Wuchopperen for the traineeships.



Tony Martens (Owner & Managing Director at ATW), Wendy Burke (Director of Health Services at Wuchopperen), and Rachael Ham (Deputy CEO at Wuchopperen) are pleased to provide the Strong Start program, opportunities to young Indigenous people.

"School-based traineeships can have enormous benefits for young people who prefer hands on learning to traditional schooling pathways and provides an opportunity to earn while they learn," he said.

Strong Start is a new partnership program, with both organisations sharing a commitment to improving the quality of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the local North

Queensland community.

Rachael said that the program further supports the National Agreement on Closing the Gap to increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth

who are engaged in employment or education.

"We are thrilled to be able to provide such an opportunity to the youth in our community and to keep our generations growing strong," she said.

# Tilly follows her passion



AN Arrernte woman with a passion for promoting native foods has vowed to use her TAFE NSW qualifications to open an edible plant nursery in the future.

Tilly Townsend, 22 from Yass, has had a close affiliation with TAFE NSW Yass in her young life, completing a Certificate III in Horticulture, a Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management and a Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways.

But it is her connection with the land where she wants to forge a career, educating Australians about the sustainability – and taste – of using native plants for food.

"I want the public to have a better understanding of the issue because Australia is getting dryer and hotter, and these plants will thrive with much less water than others,"

Ms Townsend said.

"A lot of native plants, such as bush tomatoes, are quite trendy right now as superfoods but they're not seen by the majority of the population as a genuine food source.

"My dream is to open a nursery in future and specialise in these kinds of plants."

Ms Townsend said she was passionate about "cultural and global sustainability", warning her home town of Yass could irrevocably change as climate change worsens.

"In the next 50 years, Yass and surrounds will look more like Dubbo at the rate we are going," Ms Townsend said.

She said her experience at TAFE NSW was "exceptional", praising the knowledge and personal touch of teachers.

"They had all the time in the world to answer my questions or explain something better," Ms Townsend said.

"There are so many helpful resources available and it was an exceptional experience."

TAFE NSW head teacher of Agribusiness Rob Fenton said conservation and land management was a growing field of employment.

"Many graduates find work with Landcare projects or use their qualification as a pathway to working with organisations like the National Parks and Wildlife Service," Mr Fenton said.

"Tilly is passionate about sustainability and she makes a good point: there's hardly anything on the supermarket shelves that is natural to Australia.

"Thousands of native plants were the staple of our Indigenous people until European-style food took over."

To find out more about studying at TAFE NSW Yass, phone 13 16 01 or visit [www.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.tafensw.edu.au).



Tilly Townsend plans to use her TAFE NSW qualifications to open a native and edible food nursery.

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# Chocolate with an Indigenous flavour



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unveiled their new brand during this year's F.O.O.D. Week in Orange, NSW.

The brand is well-known throughout Australia for their unique range of bush food chocolate, crafted by combining their delicious chocolate with the unique flavours of traditional botanical ingredients.

Recognised across their hometown Millthorpe and the wider Orange region by their Coco the Chocolate Drop branding, Chocolate On Purpose has new artwork, which is a nod to company founder Fiona Harrison's Wiradjuri ancestry.

Designed by Wiradjuri graphic artist Leticia Anne Designs, the new branding embodies the foundation story of Chocolate On Purpose and features an eagle.

"The Eagle Spirit created Country and it was a beautiful place, this sacred Wiradjuri Country that connects us to our Old People, and which

**"Yindyamarra, the Dreaming Spirit within, created Chocolate On Purpose to be sure Country was a delicious place, and allows us to share this with people living on Traditional Lands across the continent."**

**Chocolate On Purpose founder  
Fiona Harrison**

provides the land we continue to live and operate our business on today," Ms Harrison said. "Yindyamarra, the Dreaming Spirit within, created Chocolate On Purpose to be sure Country was a delicious place as well, and allows us to share this with people living on Traditional Lands across the continent.

"It's always been my dream to use Indigenous themed artwork in my branding, which Leticia was able to bring to life.

"Our branding now reflects our mission to create my bush food chocolate with respect and honour, to keep our culture and traditional wisdom alive."

Ms Harrison said Chocolate On Purpose

continues to source sustainably harvested ingredients from ethical suppliers who are committed to supporting communities, both locally and overseas.

She said that respect for culture, land and people lie at the heart of all decisions made by the all-female founded and led business, whose vision is to educate the world about the benefits of Indigenous Australian super food botanical ingredients to share and honour the culinary wisdom of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Chocolate On Purpose products are available for purchase online at: [chocolateonpurpose.com.au](http://chocolateonpurpose.com.au) and from selected retailers across NSW and Australia.



Chocolate On Purpose founder and Wiradjuri woman Fiona Harrison, proudly showing off the business's new brand identity ahead of her 'Chestnuts & Chocolate Workshop' at F.O.O.D. Week, Orange.

# A capital idea to support First Nations businesses



FIRST Australians Capital has taken first major steps in establishing a self-sustaining \$100m impact enterprise fund designed to seed and support the First Nations business

sector, representing a major advancement towards ending inequality in the Australian economy.

Multiple reports have highlighted the systemic and generational barriers that prevent First Australians from accessing finance.

Managing director Leah Armstrong said that First Australians Capital's approach will empower Indigenous entrepreneurs to seed and grow their businesses and drive true economic inclusion.

"First Australians Capital has created a vehicle that aims to end inequality and exclusion in the Australian economy," she said.

"If Australia is serious about a future of economic equality that embraces and benefits from the full extent of our mosaic communities and heritage, then this is the type of aspirational solution we need.

"We call on government, big business, financial institutions, foundations, philanthropic and impact investors to join us and back Indigenous-led business as the way to realise that future."

Through investment contributions from three major Australian impact investors, First Australians Capital now has its own investment pool to catalyse growth and expansion plans for Indigenous businesses and entrepreneurs by providing direct access to capital.

First Australians Capital executive director



First Australians Capital managing director Leah Armstrong.

and former corporate lawyer Jane Pound said that as part of a unique support ecosystem, each business also receives wrap-around support services in finance, legal, business or marketing through a team of dedicated relationship managers, de-risking investments and building the capacity of First Australians to drive their own economic independence.

"The commencement of this proof-of-concept phase is a significant milestone for us," she said. "We offer a mixed and flexible

range of finance and investment products that are tailored to the capital needs of each business. With nearly \$3m already invested across 12 businesses and more than another \$12m of transactions in the pipeline, we are demonstrating that our unique model helps fill the finance gap, is working and will accelerate shared economic dividends."

Separate to its own investment pool, First Australians Capital (FAC) has also secured a unique funding partnership with Westpac, which was launched in November last year.

Through a shared security structure, Westpac and FAC can support growing Indigenous businesses to become more successful and more sustainable.

Ms Armstrong said that First Australians Capital continues to demonstrate that Indigenous businesses are investable and that a supported Indigenous business sector delivers benefits that flow through to our communities, with extended opportunities leading to job creation, capability building as well as deep social and cultural gains.

First Australians Capital recently supported Indigenous-led business, Aboriginal Sustainable Homes (ASH), whose model ensures local people can participate in building the homes they will live in within their communities.

Aboriginal Sustainable Homes managing director Brad Draper said that access to First Australians Capital's tailored finance facility enabled ASH to leverage State and Federal government involvement, and to progress through ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation) from accreditation, underscoring their credibility for procurement and tender opportunities.

"First Australians Capital has a model that allows Indigenous businesses to compete more aggressively on a commercial basis, and in doing so, accelerates the many social benefits we can deliver," he said.

Ms Armstrong said that inequality in the Australian economy need not exist.

"First Australians Capital calls on investors, government, entrepreneurs and philanthropists to invest in building a future in which Indigenous Australians not only participate but accelerate our cultural and entrepreneurial capital as a nation," she said.



# EarTrain is getting ear health on track



THE NSW Government is partnering with health professionals in a groundbreaking program to address the alarming rate of ear disease in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education Geoff Lee has announced.

The Aboriginal Ear Health Training Program (EarTrain) is educating and empowering health professionals to improve ear health in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, with a focus on the highly preventable ear disease, otitis media.

"The TAFE NSW EarTrain program will ensure health professionals right across Australia are better equipped to identify potential issues early and prevent more serious health or developmental issues in children," Mr Lee said.

"This highlights the unparalleled ability TAFE NSW has to deliver training of this scale on its state-of-the-art online learning platforms."

TAFE NSW expects to train about 1300 health professionals nationwide through the EarTrain program by mid-2022.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Don Harwin said the program would improve overall youth health targets within the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

"I commend TAFE NSW for their efforts to improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Better equipped health professionals will be able to assist in preventing serious health and developmental issues in our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," he said.

The program, which is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, is being offered nationwide. To find out more about the TAFE NSW EarTrain program, visit [www.tafensw.edu.au/eartrain](http://www.tafensw.edu.au/eartrain)



Beau Thompson, 4, undergoes a middle ear test from TAFE NSW EarTrain student and Orange Aboriginal Medical Service health practitioner Aaliyah Ramage. Picture: Alina Maclean

# Vaccine rollout reset in remote communities



THE Northern Territory's COVID-19 vaccination rollout to remote Aboriginal communities is likely to be delayed despite the Federal Government's rollout reset.

Territory health workers hit the ground running with the AstraZeneca vaccine in early March, but blood clot fears slowed the program.

NT Health Minister Natasha Fyles said that authorities are now recalibrating their plans with hopes they can use the Pfizer vaccine to immunise communities before the next wet season starts in November, but supply could be an issue.

"We have the challenge of a small population across a large geographic area," she said.

"We also have the challenge in the Territory that come the wet season, some communities are inaccessible."

Ms Fyles said Pfizer deliveries over the next few months would mostly be used to complete the first phase of the rollout to frontline workers.

"We know that late quarter three, quarter four, is when we'll see the next significant amount of Pfizer, so we need to work our plans based on the access to communities," she said.

NT Chief Minister Michael Gunner said that the Pfizer vaccine is preferred for remote communities because the second dose can be administered in just three weeks instead of 12 for the AstraZeneca jab.

"You can see the complexity that might come delivering the AstraZeneca into remote



Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation in Arnhem Land is encouraging people to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

communities that might be effected by the wet season around the second shot," he said.

"So that's something we're working through now."

Revised AstraZeneca clinical advice recommending it not be used on people aged under 50 also makes it less useful in remote communities, which have a median age of 26, according to the NT Government.

It follows the Morrison Government's reset of the national vaccination strategy last month.

From May 3, AstraZeneca jabs were available for people over 50 at state and territory vaccination centres as well as respiratory clinics, before being sent to all

GPs from May 17.

Pfizer access will be limited to people aged under 50 eligible for vaccination under Phases 1a and 1b of the rollout, and aged and disability care facility residents.

People in many remote communities, and in some circumstances frontline workers over 50 years not already vaccinated, will also be vaccinated with Pfizer.

People eligible for Phase1B can call approved GP clinics or their Aboriginal health clinics to book an

appointment.

And, the Queensland Government will restart the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in the Torres Strait Islands this month amid concerns about the AstraZeneca jab.

The Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service put the brakes on the region's rollout last week following medical advice recommending AstraZeneca be avoided for people under 50 due to the risk of extremely rare but serious blood clots.

There has been concern over the pause in the border islands, some of which are visible from Papua New Guinea which surpassed 10,000 virus cases last month.

TCHHS chief executive Beverley Hamerton says the vaccine drive will restart

when a special fridge to store the Pfizer dose arrives in the region.

She says most of the region's relatively young population will get the Pfizer vaccine except for 992 people who have already received their first dose of AstraZeneca.

"Everyone who has had a first dose of AstraZeneca without any adverse effects will be offered a second dose of the same vaccine," Ms Hamerton said.

"We will not be offering Pfizer to community members who have already had a dose of AstraZeneca."

The hospital and health service will also hold meetings across the region to address any questions or concerns.

Ms Hamerton said vaccination was still the safest way forward in the border region.

"We hope our communities will be able to move past the recent uncertainty relating to the AstraZeneca vaccine and appreciate the very real benefits for individuals and communities of being vaccinated against coronavirus," she said.

So far three people have developed clots in Australia after being given the AstraZeneca vaccine.

They include 48-year-old Genene Norris who died in NSW, with the Therapeutic Goods Association saying her death was likely linked to her vaccination.

The other two who developed blood clots likely linked to their AstraZeneca jab are a woman in Western Australia and a man in Victoria, both in their 40s.

At least 14 people in Australia have had allergic reactions to the Pfizer vaccine, but none have developed blood clots. — with AAP



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## Blue sky thinking behind Red Earth joint venture



CAPE York residents and businesses are set to benefit from a new Indigenous joint venture intended to bolster local industrial services and stimulate employment.

The 50-50 partnership between Remondis Australia and Jai-Mec Rural Contracting has seen the creation of a new company called Red Earth Industrial Services.

From last month, Red Earth Industrial Services' core activity will be twice-weekly domestic waste collections from nearly 3,500 residents in Weipa, Napranum and Mapoon.

This has previously been handled by Remondis on behalf of the Weipa Town Authority and Mapoon and Napranum Aboriginal Shire Councils.

Jai-Mec has overseen maintenance of Remondis' local 20-vehicle fleet in recent years.

Under the new arrangement, Remondis has transferred these domestic waste collection responsibilities to the Red Earth Industrial Services joint venture, and also assigned two trucks to the new business to ensure collections continue in a smooth and timely manner.

Red Earth Industrial Services, which is being run by senior representatives from both Remondis and Jai-Mec, emphasised that it will be business as usual as far as residential waste collection is concerned.

Collections will continue to be overseen by the Weipa Town Authority.

Remondis senior project manager Andrew Crichton said that the longer-term goal is for Red Earth Industrial Services to flourish into a diversified industrial business, offering a variety of additional services across the Cape York Peninsula, which may include sand blasting, painting and electrical work.



Jai Christie and Sandra Kirk from Jai-Mec Rural Contracting and Andrew Crichton, from Remondis.

"The formation of Red Earth Industrial Services is a unique economic and employment opportunity for the Cape York region," he said.

"By initiating the joint venture, Remondis has effectively established the region's first locally-owned waste management company.

"We've also planted a seed intended to result in the new company gradually expanding to provide a range of local industrial services and jobs.

"Given how remote we are and given how costly it can be relying on support from distant centres such as Cairns, the importance of establishing local services can't

be understated."

Torres Strait Islander woman, diesel mechanic and Weipa local Sandra Kirk – who owns and runs Jai-Mec with her husband Jai Christie – said Indigenous employment would be foremost in mind under the Red Earth Industrial Services structure.

"We've got a big opportunity to create new jobs and we'll be looking at opportunities for local Indigenous people wherever possible," she said.

"Creating and keeping jobs in local communities is so important, given how remote we are.

"The sky could be the limit in terms of business growth as time

progresses."

Jai-Mec Rural Contracting is a six-person, family-run business based in Weipa. It specialises in mechanical, air-conditioning and electrical repairs. Half of the Jai-Mec team are Indigenous.

Remondis is one of the world's largest privately run recycling, service and water companies with around 800 business locations in more than 30 countries across four continents. World-wide, the business employs more than 36,000 people.

Each year, it processes about 30 million tonnes of recyclable materials and provides services for local authorities, small and medium-sized businesses and

industrial firms as well as for around 30 million people.

Remondis operates in many different fields, including recovering valuable raw materials from industrial and household refuse, to producing high quality recycled raw materials, all the way through to transforming non-recyclable materials into a range of different fuels.

The company is increasingly helping to advance the switch from fossil fuels to renewables by using biomass as a source of energy.

Remondis Australia began operations in 1982 and now has 800 employees servicing more than 15,000 customers nationally.

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## Trainee (Health Manager Level 1) Aboriginal Population Health

**Department:** South Western Sydney LHD  
**Employment status:** Temporary Full-Time  
**Remuneration:** \$1,430.26 to \$1,923.97 per week  
**Enquiries:** Maria Beer on (02) 8738 6037 or Maria.Beer@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:** 30 May 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at  
[healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com](http://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com)  
Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ223854.**

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## AIMHS Midwife – Cranebrook Community Health Centre

**Department:** Nepean Blue Mountains LHD  
**Employment Status:** Temporary Full-Time  
**Classification:** Registered Midwife  
**Salary:** \$1,233.80 to \$1,732.39 per week  
**Enquiries:** Joanne Huing via email: Joanne.Huing@health.nsw.gov.au  
**Closing Date:** 18 May 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at  
[healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com](http://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com)  
Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ227274.**

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**

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## Mental Health Professional (Aboriginal Identified) Adult Community Mental Health Team

**Department:** South Western Sydney LHD  
**Employment Status:** Temporary Full-Time  
**Remuneration:** Dependant on Qualifications  
**Registered Nurse:** \$1,233.80 to \$1,732.39 pw  
**Social Worker:** Level 1/2 – \$1,235.43 to \$1,789.87 pw  
**Occupational Therapist:** Level 1/2 – \$1,235.43 to \$1,789.87 pw  
**Counsellor:** Level 1/2 – \$1,235.43 to \$1,789.87 pw  
**Psychologist:** \$1,304.99 to \$1,939.81 pw  
**Enquiries:** Ann Baker on 0459 871 540

In this role **Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997.**

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles in NSW Health organisations.

**For more information, please visit:**  
steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

**Closing Date:** 23 May 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at  
[healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com](http://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com)  
Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ226779.**

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**

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## Mental Health Professional (Aboriginal Identified) Whole of Family Team/Out of Home Care Ingleburn

**Department:** South Western Sydney LHD  
**Employment status:** Permanent Full-Time  
**Remuneration:** Dependant on Qualifications  
**Registered Nurse:** \$64,377.92 to \$90,394.15 pa  
**Social Worker:** Level 1/2 – \$64,463 to \$93,393 pa  
**Occupational Therapist:** Level 1/2 – \$64,463 to \$93,393 pa  
**Counsellor:** Level 1/2 – \$64,463 to \$93,393 pa  
**Psychologist:** \$68,093 to \$1,01,217 pa  
**Enquiries:** Ann Baker on 0459 871 540

In this role **Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997.**

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles in NSW Health organisations.

**For more information, please visit:**  
steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

**Closing Date:** 23 May 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at  
[healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com](http://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com)  
Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ224689.**

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**

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**GUNDITJ MIRRORING**  
Traditional Owners  
Aboriginal Corporation  
RNTBC

## POSITIONS VACANT

Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC, located in Heywood manages the interests and obligations of Gunditjmarra people in relation to native title, cultural heritage, their land holdings, developments and aspirations.

### • Country Planning and Engagement Officer 6 Month, Fulltime Contract \$36.13 per hour

A primary focus of the role will be facilitating engagement about how Victoria's forests are managed; the role will assist to provide advice on forest, fire and emergency management and deliver departmental programs and services in partnership with local communities. GMTOAC and Forest, Fire and Regions Group will help communities prepare for, respond to and recover from fire and other emergencies.

### • Executive Manager of Programs 12 Month, Fulltime Contract - \$110,000 per year

The position ensures strategic initiatives for each of the Programs, align with the overall strategic and business direction of the organisation and achieve performance targets and objectives. The position will ensure strategy enables innovative and sustainable service delivery, that meets the requirements of the organisation and community.

#### What We Offer

A flexible, diverse and inclusive community-based professional workplace with exciting and fulfilling work on Gunditjmarra country.

The UNESCO World Heritage Listing of the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape in July 2019 has consolidated some new work opportunities at GMTOAC. Alongside GMTOAC's successful and innovative programs and projects, the Budj Bim World Heritage listing elevates an already unique work experience on Gunditjmarra country to global recognition and responsibilities.

An awareness and understanding of historic and current issues affecting Gunditjmarra people and country; as well as the broader Australian Aboriginal and Torres Islander community and their relationships with the broader Australian society in order to communicate effectively and sensitively with Gunditjmarra people and other stakeholders.

For more information and a position description with a key selection criteria, contact Trudy Thorp on mb: 0417 623 546 or trudy@gunditjmarring.com.

**Applications close Sunday 16 May 2021.**

Please email a copy of your resume and a cover letter detailing your experience and addressing the key selection criteria.



**Australian Government**

**Attorney-General's Department**

## FAIR WORK COMMISSION GENERAL MANAGER POSITION

The Fair Work Commission (FWC) is Australia's national workplace relations tribunal. It is an independent body that performs the functions set out in section 576 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (the Act). The President of the FWC is responsible for overseeing the work of the tribunal and its members.

Applications are being sought for a suitably qualified person for appointment as the General Manager of the FWC.

The General Manager, supported by administrative staff, assists the President in ensuring that the FWC performs its functions and exercises its powers under the Act. In this role the General Manager is responsible for managing the staff and budget of the FWC, and managing a range of functions under the Act. The General Manager also has statutory duties to review developments, conduct research and report to the Minister on various aspects of the functioning of the FWC.

The General Manager also oversees the work of FWC staff. This includes providing administrative support to the President and members of the FWC, undertaking research, providing conciliation services to support the resolution of unfair dismissal applications, assisting individuals and organisations access the FWC, and publishing decisions, orders, agreements and modern awards issued by members of the FWC.

The General Manager is an Agency Head under the *Public Service Act 1999* and performs functions and exercises powers under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

The position is a statutory appointment. The appointment is made by the Governor-General in Executive Council.

The proposed term of appointment is for up to five years. Remuneration is determined by the Remuneration Tribunal. The current total remuneration is \$415,680 per annum. The position is full time and will be located in Melbourne.

For further information on the FWC visit: [www.fwc.gov.au](http://www.fwc.gov.au)

How to apply: 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>.

**Applications close 11pm (AEST) 16 May 2021.**

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If you said, "Yup, that's me," twice, Word Travels needs you.

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#### YOUR ROLE:

Word Travels is looking for an enthusiastic **Creative Producer** to help us bring programs like **Australian Poetry Slam** to regional and remote communities and the world.

You will organise tours, events, workshops and more while connecting with new and existing partners across Australia and the Asia Pacific.

For a full position description contact **Word Travels** at [info@wordtravels.info](mailto:info@wordtravels.info), the closing date for applications is **Monday 17 May 2021 at 5pm.**

For further information visit our website  
[www.wordtravels.info/creativeproducer](http://www.wordtravels.info/creativeproducer)

## JUBULLUM LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Salary Package – \$65,000**

**Full Time Position (35 Hours per week)**

The Jubullum Local Aboriginal Land Council (JLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people who are interested in a rewarding career undertaking a challenging role as the Chief Executive Officer of Jubullum LALC.

The position holder will provide strategic advice and an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected board through the day-to-day management of the Jubullum LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities, the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the LALC's Community Land and Business Plan as approved by membership.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills and the ability to supervise and manage staff and programs.

Organisational and management experience is essential with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of issues that affect Aboriginal communities is 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 please contact the Interim CEO on land line (02) 6666 1337 or mobile 0429818238.

**Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.**

Applications can be forwarded via email to "The Contact Officer" at: [office.jubullum@gmail.com](mailto:office.jubullum@gmail.com) and marked "Confidential" and/or post to:

Contact Officer  
Jubullum Local Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 25 Tabulam NSW 2469  
Applications close at COB 26th May 2021.





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## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Educator – North Coast NSW and New England North West NSW

Unique opportunity to join the leading provider of vocational  
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- Ballina office location
- Competitive salary with salary packaging benefits available
- Full time position, maximum term contract until December 2022
- To start ASAP

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Educator will provide region wide support for the training of GP registrars in Aboriginal health by implementing key priority areas defined in the GP Synergy Aboriginal Health Strategic Plan and will plan, develop and implement strategies that support GP Registrar training in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) in NSW and ACT.

The position will consult, liaise and negotiate with key stakeholders of GP Synergy and in the ACCHS sector including CEOs and or staff (clinical and management). In addition, the Cultural Educator will represent the interests of GP Synergy and advocate in forums and committees at state and national levels. This may include representing GP Synergy on committees related to GP training and recruitment and consult with agencies associated with the provision of these services (and related services) in NSW and ACT.

GP Synergy has designated this position as an identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander position. Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Applications close Thursday 20th May 2021. Visit our  
website for further information including the selection  
criteria, how to apply and other opportunities.

<http://gpsynergy.com.au/about-us/employment-opportunities/>



## Communications Officer

- NSW Police Force
- Aboriginal Targeted
- Ongoing Full-Time Roles
- Tamworth & Newcastle

The NSW Police Force aims to attract increasing numbers of Aboriginal people into career pathways that are diverse and inclusive. With a workforce that includes over 650 staff that identify as Aboriginal across a variety of roles state-wide.

We have an opportunity in the role of a Communications Officer to be part of our Radio Operations Group, Communications and Security Command. The Communications Officer is responsible for tasking and coordinating activities if police vehicles responding to incidents. The role also processes urgent and non-urgent telephone calls providing timely information to operational police to enable appropriate action to be taken.

### Essential requirements

- Obtain and maintain the requisite security clearance for this role.
- High level keyboard skills (minimum 35 wpm typing with 98% accuracy) and experience in Windows applications.
- High level reading, comprehension and short-term memory.
- Willingness to work rotational shifts 24/7.

Please contact Debbie Harrison on (02) 4929 0686 for any role enquiries relating to Newcastle or Chief Inspector Tony Mureau on (02) 6768 2870 for Tamworth.

If you would like assistance or support with your application, please contact the Aboriginal Employment and Engagement Team at [hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hraboriginal@police.nsw.gov.au).

For the targeted questions, a downloadable role description, information package and to apply, please go to I Work for NSW ([iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au)) and search for Requisition Number 000089TJ for Newcastle or 00089SW for Tamworth.

Applications Close: Sunday 9 May 2021

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## Non-Executive Director

Guthrie House is a not-for-profit residential transitional support service for women involved in the criminal justice system.

We are presently seeking applicants to join the board of Guthrie House in the role of Non-Executive Directors. Our clients are on average 60-70% First Nations women per annum. We have targeted support

programs, Cultural Care Plans and First Nations women on our Team and Board of Directors.

Applicants with a background in child protection, community welfare and alcohol and other drugs are particularly encouraged to apply.

Please direct expressions of interest including a copy of your CV to Christine Duggan, Manager Guthrie House at [manager@guthriehouse.com](mailto:manager@guthriehouse.com) with a cover letter outlining how your skills and experience might best support Guthrie House.



First Peoples'  
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Victoria

The First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria is the voice of Aboriginal people in Victoria in the next stage of the Treaty process. It is made up of Victorian Traditional Owners, elected by Aboriginal Communities, for Aboriginal Communities, to advance our rights, interests and benefits.

### Elders' Voice Coordinator

Salary range: \$98,000-\$120,000 per annum.

We are recruiting for an Elders' Voice Coordinator, which is a new role and will be shaped by the development of the Assembly's Elders' Voice, over the coming months.

This position is Designated, classified under "special measures" of Section 12 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010*. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

### Media and Communications Adviser

Salary range: \$85,000-\$97,000 per annum.

We are recruiting for a Media and Communications Adviser, who will be responsible for promoting the Treaty process and the work of the Assembly in Victoria through traditional media.

Reporting to the Senior Communications Adviser, the Media and Communications Adviser will be responsible for promoting the Treaty process and the work of the Assembly in Victoria through traditional media.

### Senior Communications Adviser

Salary range: \$98,000-\$120,000 per annum.

We are recruiting for a Senior Communications Adviser, who will be responsible for leading a small team.

Reporting to the Head of Communications, the Senior Communications Adviser is responsible for the creation and the implementation of the media and social media strategy to support the engagement of Community Members.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of history as we work for justice and rights.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications for all positions close Sunday 16 May 2021.

Apply now by submitting your CV and a cover letter outlining your qualifications and suitability to:

[people@firstpeoplesvic.org](mailto:people@firstpeoplesvic.org)

for further information, please visit

<https://www.firstpeoplesvic.org>



Expressions of Interest  
Open to join the  
Mungindi LALC Team

## Chief Executive Officer

Are you looking for an exciting new challenge and have a desire to work directly with community members in a rewarding and fulfilling career?

The Mungindi Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) are searching for experienced and committed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who can take the organisation in a positive direction and accomplish a number of key projects that will secure the financial future of the MLALC.

This roles requires a person with key organisation and planning skills and an ability to multitask. You will be surrounded by a supportive and committed Board and Membership and access to great salary benefits.

For information on the position and to obtain a recruitment package please contact the Chairperson, Carmel Prince, on 0267 532 113 or [mungindilac@gmail.com](mailto:mungindilac@gmail.com) to obtain further information.

Applications marked "Confidential" and posted to:

MLALC Chairperson

PO Box 26, Mungindi NSW 2406 or emailed to above address.

Application close: Friday, 14th May 2021.



## PROJECT OFFICER WATER FOR ENVIRONMENT

The North Central Catchment Management Authority protects and enhances our catchments, by working in partnership with communities to deliver enduring natural resource management outcomes.

The Water for the Environment Project Officer will engage with a range of stakeholders and assist in planning, delivering, and monitoring water for the environment with the aim to rehabilitate and maintain high value wetlands and river systems across the North Central CMA region.

The successful applicant will have an understanding of ecological and hydrological processes relevant to the management of water for the environment and wetland and river ecology. The role is an ideal opportunity for a recent graduate in environmental science, natural resource management, or similar field.

This position is offered on a fixed term basis for a period of 12-months and may be undertaken full time or part time.

For a copy of the job description or to submit an application visit the Jobs and Tenders section of our website at [www.nccma.vic.gov.au/jobs-tenders](http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/jobs-tenders) or contact [HRManager@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:HRManager@nccma.vic.gov.au)

Applications will be accepted until 4:00pm, Wednesday 19 May, and should include a covering letter, a current resume, and statement addressing the key selection criteria outlined in the job description.

For further information contact the North Central CMA on 03 5448 7124.

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## Local Land Services Statewide Board Chair

### Recruitment 2021

Local Land Services is calling on passionate, innovative and highly experienced individuals to apply for the vacant Chair position of the Local Land Services Statewide Board.

Applicants will demonstrate expertise, knowledge and skills in a number of areas including, but not limited to:

- Innovative strategic planning
- Visionary leadership and management
- Regional service delivery
- Working with Aboriginal groups and communities/and or Local Government
- Contemporary biosecurity programs in animal and plant health, pest and weed management
- Emergency management
- Natural resource management and biodiversity conservation.

The successful candidate will drive the strategic direction of the organisation, and will require leadership experience in chairing boards or committees, supported by a deep understanding of corporate governance and exceptional stakeholder management skills.

Applicants need to have the ability to provide guidance and well thought out advice, a commitment to high ethical standards and teamwork, and well-developed communication, negotiation and advocacy skills.

The Chair of the Local Land Services Statewide Board is set for up to four years.

This appointment is governed by the *Local Land Services Act 2013* and Local Land Services Regulation 2014.

Applications close 5 pm Sunday 9 May 2021.

To download the recruitment package and apply for the role, visit [www.lls.nsw.gov.au/chair-recruitment](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/chair-recruitment)



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Call for Seniors Rights Service

## Board Directors

We are seeking suitably qualified and experienced people to join our Board of Directors. We are particularly interested in expanding our diversity and hearing from First Nations people, people with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, LGBTIQ+ people and/or people residing in rural and regional NSW.

It is desirable for a Board Director to have governance competencies, sector knowledge and/or experience. The ability to work cooperatively and a personal commitment to Seniors Rights Service's vision and willingness to work to achieve its objectives is highly valued.

For more information please visit  
<https://seniorsrightsservice.org.au/about-us/work-with-us/>

Please contact Margaret Duckett at  
[mduckett@seniorsrightsservice.org.au](mailto:mduckett@seniorsrightsservice.org.au)

Applications close 9am on 10 May 2021.

For further information please see our web ad on the Koori Mail website under JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS.



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## Aboriginal Targeted Legal Support Officer, Clerk Grade 1/2 – Immediate Temp/Ongoing opportunities

- Wagga Wagga
- Package up to \$78k
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We are looking for enthusiastic and organised team players to support the effective and efficient delivery of legal services at our Wagga Wagga Office. This role includes preparing correspondence, processing legal documents, liaising with stakeholders and providing basic referral information to clients.

Apply Online: [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au)

Jobs NSW Ref. No. 000089KV

Closing Date: Sunday 16/05/2021 11:59pm

Enquiries: Ms Julie Maron on (02) 6933 7629 or

[Julie.Maron@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Julie.Maron@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

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## Seeking a Temporary Full-Time Aged Care Assessment Team Assessor – Griffith

Department: Murrumbidgee Local Health District

Provision of safe, compassionate, person centred care through the comprehensive assessment of care and support needs of older people and their carer's.

In evaluating the restorative, physical, medical, psychological, cultural and social dimensions of the clients care needs; older people can be offered choice of supports available, while determining eligibility for approval / access to subsidised Commonwealth services as per the *Aged Care Act (1997)*.

- Generous Salary Packaging options – with incentives to assist rural and remote locations
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Applications Close: 18 May 2021

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To learn more please visit:

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and search for Requisition ID REQ226532.

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## Child and Family Health Nurse Building Strong Foundations (Identified), Cranebrook Community Health Centre

Department: Nepean Blue Mountains LHD

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Classification: Registered Nurse

Salary: \$64,377.92 to \$90,394.15 per annum

Enquiries: Joanne Huing via email:

[Joanne.Huing@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Joanne.Huing@health.nsw.gov.au)

Closing Date: 18 May 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at [healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com](http://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com) Search for Job Ref Number: REQ227453.

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## Project Officer – FluTracking

Location: Walsend

Enquiries: Sandra Carlson at

[Sandra.Carlson@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Sandra.Carlson@health.nsw.gov.au)

Reference ID: REQ221924

Closing Date: 13 May 2021

## Clinical Support Officer

Location: John Hunter Hospital – Surgical Ward

Enquiries: Mitchell Griffin at

[mitchell.griffin@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mitchell.griffin@health.nsw.gov.au)

Reference ID: REQ226439

Closing Date: 13 May 2021

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.

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## Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician

Location: Tamworth Hospital

Enquiries: Trish Blackman at

[Trish.Blackman@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Trish.Blackman@health.nsw.gov.au)

Reference ID: REQ180080

Closing Date: 16 May 2021

## Aboriginal Health Practitioner Healthy Deadly Feet

Location: Tamworth

Enquiries: Louise Maye at

[Louise.Maye@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Louise.Maye@health.nsw.gov.au)

Reference ID: REQ222723

Closing Date: 13 May 2021

## Emergency Department Aboriginal Patient Liaison Officer

Location: Manning Hospital, Taree

Enquiries: Vickie Taylor at

[Vickie.Taylor@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Vickie.Taylor@health.nsw.gov.au)

Reference ID: REQ223799

Closing Date: 9 May 2021

These positions are identified for Aboriginal people and exemption is claimed under 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

Department: Hunter New England LHD

Closing Dates: see above

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com](http://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com) and search Job Reference Numbers above.

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## River Health Project Manager & River Health Project Officer

Murray Local Land Services is recruiting multiple positions for the Refreshing River Management Project.

### 1. River Health Project Manager (reference number 494065):

- Full-time temporary position
- 4 year contract
- Location negotiable within the Murray LLS region
- Step in right from the beginning & be accountable for the overall success of the project
- Knowledge of natural resource management required, plus a strong understanding of aquatic ecosystems & river health management.

### 2. River Health Project Officer (reference number 494066):

- Part-time (22.8 hours) temporary position
- 4 year contract
- Location negotiable within the Murray LLS region
- Work under direction from the Project Manager & in collaboration with project staff based in partner organisations & across different LLS offices
- Proven experience in natural resource management, project implementation & contract management required.

Applications close at 5:00pm Tuesday 18 May 2021

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Leigh Blackmore on 0439 707 345.

For further information, including the role description and how to apply online, please go to [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) and search using the job reference number provided above.

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## First Nations Engagement Officer

The Southern Queensland and Northern New South Wales (SQNNSW) Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub is seeking a First Nations Engagement Officer to ensure that the perspectives, needs and aspirations of diverse First Nations Peoples are incorporated into our activities.

The Southern Queensland and Northern New South Wales (SQNNSW) Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub, a flagship of the multi-billion-dollar Future Drought Fund, is one of eight national Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hubs. With an investment of \$10 million from the Australian Government in the University of Southern Queensland led Hub over four years, and more than \$10 million contribution from Partners, the Hub will be headquartered in Toowoomba with nodes in Stanthorpe, Roma, Longreach, Lismore, Armidale and Narrabri.

By working together we can ensure the future growth and success of our regions and communities, in the face of the ever present threat of drought. Connecting research expertise and on-the-ground knowledge throughout the region, the Hub will improve community resilience and be a driver of co-designed and demand-driven drought resilience research, development, extension, adoption and commercialisation.

Join us as our **First Nations Engagement Officer** and ensure the needs and perspectives of First Nations groups are integrated into these activities.

By providing opportunities for collaboration around drought responses, resistance / adaptation to drought and its impact on the social and emotional wellbeing, you will bring together multiple perspectives and help deliver an approach that is inclusive and sensitive to the needs of First Nations Peoples Traditional Owner groups and custodians throughout the region.

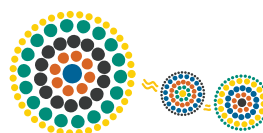
With established connections and trust within these communities (or the capacity to build them), you will facilitate information exchange between the Hub and First Nations Peoples Traditional Owner groups and custodians through engagement, consultation and collaboration – ensuring a voice for First Nations Peoples and incorporating Indigenous knowledge of drought into plans to build more resilient communities.

*This is an Identified position and is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only. For this position, it is a genuine occupational requirement that it be filled by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted under section 25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld).*

Find out more about this opportunity and the Future Drought Fund Resilience Research and Adoption Program at [www.usq.edu.au/future-drought-fund](http://www.usq.edu.au/future-drought-fund).

This is a full-time, fixed term appointment to 30 June, 2024.

Applications close: Sunday 23rd May, 2021.



USQ values diversity and inclusion in its work environment and provides employment opportunities which are inclusive of people from all diversity groups. For this position, we are seeking applicants who identify as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

[usq.edu.au/jobs](http://usq.edu.au/jobs)

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## Senior Coordinator, Indigenous Student Recruitment

- Full time
- Melbourne (Bundoora) campus; travel required
- \$85,724 – \$94,302

The Indigenous Strategy and Education Unit is responsible for leading and implementing a range of strategies: access, participation, retention and success of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students; engagement with Indigenous communities; development and attraction of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff; and increasing awareness of Indigenous cultures, issues and perspectives, along with their embedding in curricula, pedagogy and research.

### About the role

Working closely with the Student Equity and Indigenous Divisions, the Indigenous Student Recruitment Senior Coordinator will further enhance opportunities for Indigenous Australians at La Trobe University and promote university activities within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

### Skills & Experience

- An undergraduate degree in any area relevant to the position with at least 4 years subsequent experience; or extensive experience and management expertise; or an equivalent alternate combination of relevant knowledge, training and/or experience.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, especially the capacity to work collaboratively and cooperatively in small teams.
- Demonstrated management and leadership skills with successful experience in managing and leading staff to promote a cohesive and effective team and managing workflows.
- Demonstrated organisation and problem-solving skills, with an ability to manage several different projects concurrently.

### The Candidate

Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply as this position is exempt under the Special Measure Provision, Section 12(1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2011 (Vic).

Position Enquiries: Renee Sleigh, Manager Indigenous Student Services r.sleigh@latrobe.edu.au

Applications must be lodged electronically at [latrobe.edu.au/jobs](https://latrobe.edu.au/jobs). Search for Job Reference Number: **559855** under current vacancies.

Applications close: **11:59pm Sunday, 23 May 2021.**



## Deputy General Manager TRACQS

### Role Benefits:

- TRACQS is majority Indigenous-owned organisation and a leading CDP provider.
- This is an Indigenous Identified position. Including mentoring from an industry leader and career growth and development.
- Great salary package on offer including above average salary + Car / car allowance + Relocation assistance.
- 12 month contract with potential to extend

### About TRACQS:

TRACQS was developed in 2019 to become a leading Community Development Program (CDP) provider to deliver quality pre and post-employment, Work like Activities under WFD and training services to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians across the Western Tablelands of Far North Queensland. CDP is an Australian Government funded program, managed through the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)

Our Aim is to secure a better future for the next generation of Indigenous Australians by improving their social and economic development. And by doing so, we are helping their respective communities by developing and strengthening their standing.

Our Mission is to be the leading, majority Indigenous-owned Community Development Program provider in Australia by supplying prepared and ready employees for the industry.

We will do this by better enabling our participants through meaningful Activities training to secure fulfilling jobs and create business opportunities. This, in turn, will empower communities in utilising their unique identities to improve their economic potential.

Please research our work via our website <https://www.tracqs.com.au/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/teamTRACQS/>

### The Role:

*(This Indigenous identified position brings valuable insight of Indigenous ways of working, knowledge and understandings)*

You will be reporting directly to and working with the General Manager of TRACQS. As the Deputy General Manager, you will be an integral part of achieving TRACQS vision to secure a better future for the next generation by improving the social and economic status of Community Development Program clients and their respective communities. You will be predominantly overseeing the operation and management of the Community Development Program (CDP), but will also oversee other related programs that are delivered under TRACQS.

Major responsibilities will include but are not limited to:

- Under the direction of the General Manager develops networks and relationships with potential employers, community organisations and government agencies
- Management of organisational marketing and promotional plan.
- Develops opportunities for business growth and development.
- Manages, monitors and analyses data on key performance indicators for the Organisation
- Exercises delegated authority from the General Manager to manage the daily operational needs of the organisation including direction of staff and resources to achieve operational objectives.
- Provide leadership and management in the implementation of CDP and other Program strategies to achieve agreed corporate objectives and aspirations.
- Promote Strategies that maximise an Employment focus in our CDP delivery across the region
- Coordinate network Stakeholders meetings across the region. Including collaboration with key government contacts to create awareness of issues facing indigenous people who are long term unemployed
- Monitor financial processes, performance and indicators and report to the General Manager
- Ensure performance standards are maintained, understood, monitored and achieved for all TRACQS employees

### Who You Are:

You will bring sound commercial knowledge and experience, along with a high level of professionalism to this role. Most importantly however you will bring a strong attitude focused on creating better solutions for our customers and deliver better solutions to employers and industries to help us assist as many people as possible.

### Other skills you will need:

- Experience operating as a senior business leader in a competitive and commercial industry
- Willing to pass a Working with Children's and National Police Check
- Demonstrated experience providing strategic direction and leading business growth
- Knowledge of the Community Development Program or other Government Funded Employment Programme.

**Note:** The position/s will only be open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants. TRACQS considers that being Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under s 25, 104 and 105 of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act 1991.



## Care Coordinator Linked (Male) Yass, NSW

Would you like to provide wellbeing support to young Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people whose lives are impacted by drug & alcohol use?

We're currently hiring!

If you're interested in a career with real development opportunities, attractive benefits and support, please email us at [hr@marathonhealth.com.au](mailto:hr@marathonhealth.com.au) to find out more!



Aboriginal Community Controlled,  
Culturally Safe  
Prevention of Family Violence  
Legal Services and Holistic Support  
Cultural and Wellbeing Workshops  
Policy and Advocacy

Djirra is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) that works towards a future where all Aboriginal women are strong, safe, independent, healthy and positive in their lives, culture and communities. Djirra is an organisation with a rich history with state wide reach and is currently experiencing significant growth.

We currently have the following positions available:

- **Senior Lawyer/Lawyer – Echuca and/or Bendigo**
- **Senior Lawyer/Lawyer – Morwell**
- **Senior Lawyer – Bairnsdale**
- **Paralegal Support Worker – After Hours Service**
- **Project Officer, Strategic and Donor Partnerships**

For further information please go to: <https://djirra.org.au/get-involved/work-with-us/#join-our-team> or see our on-line web ad on the Koori Mail website under **JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS**.



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## Principal Aboriginal Health Worker

**Department:** Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD

**Location:** Warrawong

**Employment Status:** Temporary Full-Time secondment relief to 2/1/2022 with possibility of an extension

**Salary:** \$88,645 to \$92,474 pa

**Enquiries:** Zane Rice (02) 4223 8349 or

[Zane.Rice@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto: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.

The PAHW will direct all aspects of this project including: building collaborative partnerships with internal and external health care service providers across the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD); to increase access to health treatment and prevention services and to improve patient journey and outcomes.

The PAHW will ensure provision of clinical supervision and cultural support to AHWs across ISLHD. Basic screening and health checks will be required in this position. Formal training will be provided to the successful applicant so they can competently perform screening and checks, and refer appropriately. This role will include assisting other AHWs (incl. Aboriginal Health Practitioners) to develop relevant skills to deliver quality services.

**Closing Date:** 23 May 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at [healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com](https://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com)  
Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ227710**.

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**



## Community Support Workers Mental Health – Coffs Harbour, Ballina & Tweed Heads

## Community Support Workers Disability – Lismore, Casino, Tweed, Gold Coast, Loganlea

**Would you like to make a real difference in people's lives? If so, come and join the team at Momentum Collective.**

Momentum Collective is a registered charity and not-for-profit community services organisation. We operate an integrated suite of programs to help our clients get a roof, a job and to live a better life.

**To apply: please visit our website:**

[www.mymomentum.org.au](http://www.mymomentum.org.au)

or call **Janet on 0437253130**



## Community Development Worker

**Fixed Term Part Time**

**Allied Health & Clinical Support Services  
Parkville Victoria**

**Fixed Term 3 day a week 22.8 hours a week  
until 30 June 2022**

**(salary will be pro rata of \$87,121.00)**

### Position Purpose

The Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer (AHLO) is responsible for providing support and advocacy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and their families receiving care at the Women's. The AHLO has a key role in supporting the promotion of indigenous patients' health issues across the organisation and in the community. The AHLO is also responsible for supporting and assisting staff in providing high quality and culturally safe care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and their family's which supports us in Closing the Gap.

The AHLO also has responsibility for building and strengthening relationships with community based service providers and key Aboriginal controlled health organisations, especially those in our catchment area. The position also assists in the provision of cultural safety training and education to health professionals as well as secondary consultations.

**Closing date: 13 May 2021**

**For further information about this position and a link to our website to apply see our web ad on the Koori Mail website under JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS**



RACR is a values driven organisation that keeps the wellbeing of the client at the centre of all decision making and service provision. In order to provide quality services to clients we invest in our staff to be the best they can be. Do you want to join an organisation that genuinely cares and lives their values. Are you interested in undertaking a qualification that specialises in couple and family work while being subsidised and supported by your workplace

Relationships Australia Canberra & Region (RACR) are seeking applicants for the following position:

## Counselling Manager

Ongoing, Full-time in Deakin ACT

\$97,918.49 to \$103,259.16 per annum for full-time plus superannuation and PBI benefits.

The Counselling Manager is expected to support the clinical governance processes of RACR, to develop, maintain, and manage the quality of the therapeutic practice and services operating within Relationships Australia Canberra & Region.

Position description with selection criteria is available at [www.racr.relationships.org.au/about-us/employment](http://www.racr.relationships.org.au/about-us/employment)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Applicants are encouraged to apply.

To submit your resume with contact details of two work related referees and a cover letter highlighting the strengths you can bring to the role in line with the selection criteria please visit our website: [https://hcm616.peoplestreme.net/relationships/er/ec\\_external.asp](https://hcm616.peoplestreme.net/relationships/er/ec_external.asp)

Enquiries please contact Julie King, Director of Operations on 02 6122 7100 or 0428 745 234 or email [careers@racr.org.au](mailto:careers@racr.org.au)

**Closing date: Midnight 16 May 2021**





## Senior Advisor, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy and Practice

Speech Pathology Australia is seeking to appoint an experienced Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person as the Association's Senior Advisor, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy and Practice.

This is an exciting new position which will further the Association's commitment to and objectives surrounding reconciliation and cultural responsiveness. The successful candidate will contribute an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspective to inform Association functions and activities and will lead initiatives to support the provision of culturally safe speech pathology services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, families and communities.

The role also involves providing support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of the profession, as well as building partnerships and connections between Speech Pathology Australia and relevant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.

The position is part time, up to four (4) days per week, and is a fixed term, 24-month appointment. The successful applicant may be based at National Office in Melbourne or may work remotely. Travel to National Office will be required.

The full Position Description is accessible at: <https://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/News>

For further information regarding this position email: [ebp@speechpathologyaustralia.org.au](mailto:ebp@speechpathologyaustralia.org.au)

### How to Apply

To apply for the position please forward a cover letter addressing the selection criteria, a copy of your CV, and the contact details of three referees to the Chief Executive Officer, Gail Mulcair, at [execassist@speechpathologyaustralia.org.au](mailto:execassist@speechpathologyaustralia.org.au)

**Applications close on Wednesday 26 May 2021, at 5:00pm AEST**



## First Nations & Community Engagement Officer

Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras is looking for a First Nations & Community Engagement Officer to join us and play a key role to help ensure the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras continues to engage and connect with our communities, excite audiences, create memorable experiences, and provide significant benefits to the LGBTIQ+ community for years to come.

The position will be responsible for designing and implementing communications and engagement strategies that support Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras' (SGLMG) First Nations & Community Engagement Program.

**Applications Close: 14th May 2021**

For further information about this position see our ad on the Koori Mail website under **JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS**



## We're hiring

### Project Lead – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Initiatives

- Friendly working environment
- Full-time or part-time (minimum three days per week) working arrangements
- 12 to 24 month contract to support exciting project
- Great Sydney CBD location with remote working options.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates encouraged to apply.*

It's an exciting time to join the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP). Through our Indigenous Strategic Framework and renewal of our constitution, we are developing and implementing strategic initiatives that contribute to more Indigenous specialists and improved health outcomes for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori people.

We have an opportunity for a Project Lead to bring your culture, values and experience to the RACP's attraction, selection and retention initiatives for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Physician trainees. This role will support and engage with RACP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members and trainees.

Learn more and apply at <https://www.racp.edu.au/about/careers-at-racp>



## MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS ADVISER

### Office of Senator Lidia Thorpe

Senator Lidia Thorpe is seeking a driven media or public relations professional to join her team. This is a key position within a small team that works in a high-paced, dynamic work environment.

This position works directly with the Senator and Chief of Staff to develop and execute the Senator's media and communications strategy, targeting key audiences across a range of platforms and outlets.

The position is full time, is based in Melbourne and requires frequent travel to Canberra during Parliament sitting weeks. For a full position description, information about salary and allowances details, and how to apply, visit [www.greens.org.au/jobs](http://www.greens.org.au/jobs)

**Applications close Sunday 16 May at 11.59pm**

For more information or a confidential discussion, please contact Georgia Webster, [georgia.webster@aph.gov.au](mailto:georgia.webster@aph.gov.au) (Acting Chief of Staff).

ACON is Australia's largest health organisation specialising in community health, inclusion and HIV responses for people of diverse sexualities and genders.



## Cancer Programs Support Officer ACON Cancer Screening and Prevention

This is an exciting opportunity for an independent and highly motivated individual with excellent time management and project management experience to thrive.

The role involves project and event management, health promotion resource development, community engagement, communication strategies and peer education activities.

ACON's Cancer Screening and Prevention team is looking for a committed, innovative and organised individual to assist with the development of targeted LGBTQ health promotion campaigns and resources, community engagement activities and on-going admin duties.

Our new Cancer Programs Support Officer will have excellent writing skills, a strong track record in time management and experience in aspects of project and event management. Our successful candidate will like to have several projects moving at the same time.

This is a fast-paced, varied and rewarding role for a person with an interest in campaign development and health promotion. This is a part-time role offered on a 12-month contract.

We strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and women of colour from LGBTQ communities to apply.

For more information about the role please contact, Megan Baiocchi, Manager, Community Partnerships and Population Programs at [mbaiocchi@acon.org.au](mailto:mbaiocchi@acon.org.au) or on 9206 2000.

If you think this is the job you have been looking for, find out how to apply at [www.acon.org.au/jobs](http://www.acon.org.au/jobs).

### All applications must include:

1. a completed ACON application form
2. a document addressing the Selection Criteria
3. your resume.

**Applications close 5pm, Sunday 16 May.**

ACON is an EEO employer. As part of our commitment to creating a diverse and inclusive workplace, people with HIV, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

[www.acon.org.au](http://www.acon.org.au)



## DENTIST

- Culturally attuned position
- Full time or Part Time (negotiable)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply
- Generous salary packaging available
- Beautiful seaside location

Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Regional Health and Community Services is seeking applications for the role of Dentist to perform preventative and restorative oral procedures to ensure the highest standards of dental health and dental care for Aboriginal clients.

This role includes the provision of culturally appropriate clinical dental care, oversight of laboratory conditions and requirements, community health promotion and health education activities to improve oral health status.

### SELECTION CRITERIA Essential

1. Full registration with AHPRA, and at least two years postgraduate experience as a Dentist.
2. Proven advanced clinical skills and clinical reasoning abilities in managing most of the difficult clinical situations and complex presentations seen in Dental services.
3. Demonstrated ability to supervise staff, have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, act as a supervisor to staff and students and assume responsibility for providing clinical supervision, advice, and support to the Dental team.
4. Demonstrated capacity for undertaking responsibility for components of clinical governance and peer review, and the provision of in-service clinical development education programs for staff and students.
5. Excellent culturally appropriate verbal and written communication skills.
6. Ability to collect data and write reports, and willingness to comply with reporting requirements of the organisation.
7. Willingness to provide regular dental services across the Katungul service footprint.
8. Current Class C unrestricted NSW Driver Licence

### Desirable

9. Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
10. Previous work experience in a community setting, within an Aboriginal organisation or working with Aboriginal communities
11. A demonstrated understanding of the issues and barriers that impact upon the health outcomes of Aboriginal people
12. Willingness to perform some overnight and long-distance work across southern NSW

**NOTE:** All appointees to positions at Katungul ACRH&CS are required to obtain a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check (Police Check) and where applicable, a Working with Children Check. Employment is conditional pending the outcome of these checks.

**REMUNERATION:** An appropriate remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful candidate. Employees of Katungul may access generous salary packaging as a Public Benevolent Institution and as living & working in a regional and remote area.

**FURTHER DETAILS:** For further information or to obtain a copy of the full Position Description please email [humanresources@katungul.org.au](mailto:humanresources@katungul.org.au)

**HOW TO APPLY FOR THIS POSITION:** Applications who do not address the Selection Criteria will not be considered.

Please submit your application with:

- a cover letter
- your responses to the Selection Criteria
- an up-to-date Resume.

**The closing date for applications is 5.00pm Monday 17 May 2021.**

Email your application to [humanresources@katungul.org.au](mailto:humanresources@katungul.org.au)



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## Aboriginal Health Workers x (2)

**Department:** Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD

**Location:** Wollongong & Nowra

**Employment Status:** Permanent Full-Time

**Salary:** \$54,383 to \$80,097 pa

**Enquiries:** Fiona Craig (02) 4254 2700 or [Fiona.craig@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Fiona.craig@health.nsw.gov.au)

### What you'll be doing:

The Aboriginal Health Worker Transition to Practice is a member of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Drug and Alcohol Service. The primary purpose of the position is to liaise and work with the Aboriginal community and Aboriginal specific service providers in the area to provide flexible, holistic and culturally sensitive drug and alcohol services. These include direct clinical care, to Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander people and communities to achieve better health access and outcomes. This work would be carried out whilst working towards meeting requirements for registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) as an Aboriginal Health Practitioner. The Aboriginal Health Worker is responsible for ensuring that culturally appropriate treatment and community prevention strategies are conducted in consultation with staff and consumers of the service.

**For further information visit:** [workfor.nsw.gov.au](http://workfor.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** 23 May 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at

[healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com](http://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com)

Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ224304.**

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## Cultural Heritage Project Officer

The Rainforest Aboriginal peoples' (RAP) think tank is looking for a knowledgeable and skilled party with leadership skills in managing a multifaceted project to progress the management plan for the Aboriginal cultural values across the Wet Tropics bio-cultural region.

This is intended to complement the existing natural values already listed in the World Heritage Area's Wet Tropics management plan (2020-2030).

RAP and partners have worked towards this since before 2008, securing National Heritage Listing in 2012, and we now have this opportunity to advance the values management planning. Delivering this particularly requires engaging across the 8 RAP language nation groups and with government agencies and others.

While the role is written as "a project officer position description", the think tank is flexible and Girringun Aboriginal Corporation with whom this contract is signed on behalf of RAP, is able to contract services.

To find out more or to obtain a copy of the application package email: HR@girringun.com.au Or ring Girringun Office: (07) 4066 8300

To be considered, completed applications must be received by: **5pm Monday 24th May 2021**



Premier and Cabinet

## Inspector

We have multiple Inspector opportunities at Wage Inspectorate Victoria (the Inspectorate).

Inspectors undertake investigative activities, applying the full range of regulatory enforcement tools including preparing cases for prosecution. The role is responsible for recommending appropriate enforcement actions, including commencing a criminal investigation or other enforcement action, in accordance with the Inspectorate's policies and procedures.

As a successful candidate you will demonstrate expertise in delivering best practice investigative outcomes, along with strong communication and stakeholder engagement skills. Also, key is the proven ability to lead the implementation of investigation plans and to work proactively and collaboratively in a team environment.

Applications for this role close at **midnight Wednesday 12 May 2021**.

For further information and to apply, please visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au) and search '1519413A'.

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

## Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement)

- Strategic leadership opportunity at the whole-of-institution level
- Shape and impact the University's future directions in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education, research and engagement

The University of Southern Queensland (USQ) is seeking an outstanding individual to strengthen the voice of First Nations people in the University's teaching, research and enterprise through an appointment to its inaugural role of Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement).

This new role provides an opportunity to strengthen Australian Indigenous leadership throughout the University, playing an influential role in the development and delivery of mutually beneficial Indigenous engagement initiatives, quality Indigenous education programs and innovative Indigenous research.

As a senior Indigenous leader and member of the Vice-Chancellor's Executive team, you will give voice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander matters and make impact at the whole-of-University level on Indigenous governance, strategy, policy, education, research and engagement. You will work collaboratively with colleagues across the University to develop and implement a culturally appropriate and inclusive University-wide approach to communication and collaboration on Indigenous issues with staff, students, Traditional Custodians, Elders and the community in support of the University's core teaching and research functions. The position also provides strategic leadership and vision for the University's College for Indigenous Studies, Education and Research.

With the ability to drive change and innovation at an executive level, the successful candidate will have the natural ability to shape a vision that encompasses the principles of research, learning and teaching, and a deep understanding of and commitment to the advancement of Australian Indigenous education.

Strong academic credentials are essential for this position, as is a track record of demonstrated success in collaboration and engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Your strong cultural knowledge and strengths will be critical to your success in this role.

This is an Identified position and is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only. For this position, it is a genuine occupational requirement that it be filled by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted under section 25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* (Qld).

### The University

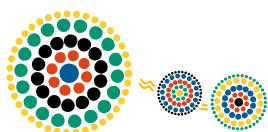
In our mission to be Australia's leading regional university, USQ provides education worldwide from three physical locations in Southern Queensland, online, and through a number of outreach hubs and national and international education partners. The core values of respect, integrity and excellence guide and unite the USQ community in its vision to be renowned for innovation and excellence in education, student experience, research and engagement by creating and sharing knowledge, transforming lives and solving the problems that matter to our world.

For more information visit: [usq.edu.au](http://usq.edu.au).

Applications close: 28 May 2021

To apply - please go to [fisherleadership.com](http://fisherleadership.com) and click on 'APPLY ONLINE' using reference **USQpvi0321**, addressing your cover letter and resume to Sharyn Gowans of Fisher Leadership, or call +61 1300 347 437 for further information.

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USQ values diversity and inclusion in its work environment and provides employment opportunities which are inclusive of people from all diversity groups. For this position, we are seeking applicants who identify as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

[usq.edu.au/jobs](http://usq.edu.au/jobs)

CRICOS: QLD 00244B NSW 02225M TEQSA: PRV12081



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## Aboriginal Health Worker

**Department:** Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD

**Location:** Port Kembla & Nowra

**Employment Status:** Casual

**Salary:** \$27.43 to \$40.40 per hour

**Enquiries:** Zane Rice on (02) 4223 8349 or [Zane.Rice@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Zane.Rice@health.nsw.gov.au)

### What you'll be doing:

Work with health care service providers to increase access to health treatment and prevention services for Aboriginal people and address issues relating to the management of chronic disease with an added focus on improving the patient journey for Aboriginal people within their communities. Provide appropriate health promotion and education programs.

An eligibility list will be created for future temporary and permanent full-time and part-time positions.

**Closing Date:** 23 May 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at [healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com](http://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com) Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ227723**.

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## Writer – Advocacy & Development

In this role, you will leverage your exceptional writing and editorial skills to produce high quality written content that strengthens the Australia Council's position in arts research and advocacy. Your primary focus will be to engage with key stakeholders to develop high quality strategic content for Council's corporate documents. To obtain further information about this position, please visit our careers page at <http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers/>

Applications close **16 May 2021 at 11:59 pm (AEST)**



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## Targeted

### Analyst – FluTracking

**Department:** Hunter New England LHD

**Location:** Wallsend

**Enquiries:** Sandra Carlson on [Sandra.Carlson@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Sandra.Carlson@health.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** 16 May 2021

**This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. 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.**

Applications must be lodged electronically at [healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com](http://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com) Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ221944**.

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## Seeking a Permanent Full-Time or Part-Time Aboriginal Counsellor at our New Street Facility in Wagga Wagga

**New Street Murrumbidgee** is a NSW Health child protection initiative and part of a developing network of services delivered by Local Health Districts in New South Wales. It provides counselling intervention to children and young people (10 - 17 years) with harmful sexual behaviours, and their families and / or caregivers.

As well as providing counselling intervention, the Aboriginal counsellor position has a key focus in collaborating with local service providers in the provision of programs related to engaging with local Aboriginal communities across MLHD. The position also requires community development and capacity building with local Aboriginal communities in order to best facilitate ongoing communication and service delivery to these communities. The program has a specific focus on improving outcomes for Aboriginal peoples.

- This is an identified position in accordance with Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles within NSW Health. For more information, please visit: [steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au](http://steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au)
- Generous Salary Packaging options - with incentives to assist rural and remote locations.
- Our corporate health and fitness program - Fitness Passport.
- Career development and progression opportunities.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact **New Street on (02) 5943 2850** so we can provide an in person meeting regarding the position prior to application.

Applications close: 18 May 2021

Follow MLHD on FB, LI and Instagram and visit [mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/careers)

To learn more please visit: [jobs.health.nsw.gov.au/mlhd/jobs](http://jobs.health.nsw.gov.au/mlhd/jobs) and search for Requisition ID **REQ227718**.

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## Seeking Suicide Prevention Peer Worker/s to work within our Safe Haven/Suicide Prevention Outreach Team

**Location:** Murrumbidgee Local Health District

**Employment Status and Location:** Temporary Part-Time & Casual Roles (until June 2022) available to work at our Griffith & Wagga Wagga Health Service

### Where you will be working

As a member of our team you will have the opportunity to work within talented multidisciplinary environments, have excellent support with ongoing development and access to key technologies connecting you with colleagues and consumers based throughout the District.

Suicide Prevention peer workers employed in the Safe Haven and SPOT services will provide recovery-oriented and trauma-informed peer support for people who present to the service. Drawing on lived experience, support may include psychosocial support, safety planning, recovery/wellness planning, individual or group peer support, advocacy, collaborative identification of community support, follow up and support to access other services.

Peer workers may also be required to work from or liaise with emergency departments to ensure people in distress are successfully linked to the service and that emergency department staff have a high awareness of the service.

Peer workers will deliver support that aligns with the principles of step up/step down care. This includes making referrals to a range of community-based services for ongoing support if required (step down), or escalating concerns over consumer wellbeing to clinical staff/management within the Safe Haven and/or SPOT for follow up (step up).

### Additional Information

- Please note days / hours are negotiable, evening and weekend work will be required.
- Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles within NSW Health. For more information, please visit: [steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au](http://steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au)
- You must be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia, or be able to independently and legally live and work in Australia by way of your own Temporary Visa.

Applications close: 18 May 2021

Follow MLHD on FB, LI and Instagram and visit [mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/careers)

To learn more please visit: [jobs.health.nsw.gov.au/mlhd/jobs](http://jobs.health.nsw.gov.au/mlhd/jobs) and search for Requisition ID **REQ227867**.

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## Operations Manager Primary Health Care – East Coast

As the Operations Manager Primary Health Care – East Coast you will be based in Cape York Queensland and accountable to the Executive, Primary Health Care.

- Full Time Permanent position
- Salary range of \$118,642 - \$127,384 p.a. + super
- Financial assistance for relocation (as applicable)
- Annual accommodation allowance of \$13,988 (as applicable)

### Position contact:

Madeleine Tivey, Recruitment Officer via 07 4037 7255 or [madeleine.tivey@apunipima.org.au](mailto:madeleine.tivey@apunipima.org.au).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS POSITION AND HOW TO APPLY, SEE OUR AD ON THE KOORI MAIL WEBSITE UNDER JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS



## 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  | 29/436 | MGK RESOURCES PTY LTD   | 300.30HA  | 80.6km W'ly of Leonora | Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 120° 30' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Mining Lease  | 51/894 | PODIUM MINERALS LIMITED | 2791.94HA | 64.9km N'ly of Cue     | Lat: 26° 51' S Long: 117° 44' E | CUE 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: 5 May 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 **5 August 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. 5 September 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 an application for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

**Notification day: 19 May 2021**

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

If you want to become a party to this application, you must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court, **on or before 18 August 2021**. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from [www.fedcourt.gov.au](http://www.fedcourt.gov.au). After **18 August 2021**, you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to become a party.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



**Application name:** Susan Blutchter v Northern Territory of Australia (Liyi (ML(A) 32351, ML(A) 32352, ML(A) 32353 and ML(A) 32354))

**Federal Court File No:** NTD27/2020

**Date filed:** 21 December 2020

**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration

**Description:** The application area covers approx. 350 sq km and is located north of the Buchanan Highway approx. 130 km south east of Timber Creek

**Relevant LGA:** Victoria Daly Regional Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Sylvia Jagtman on 07 3307 5000 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

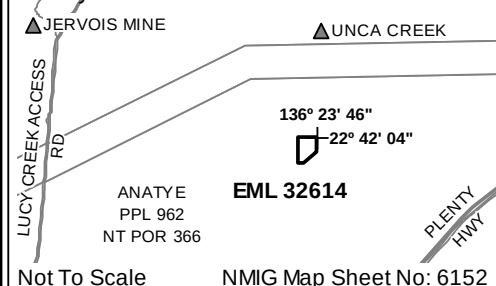
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF AN EXTRACTIVE MINERAL LEASE

### 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(s) namely to grant the following extractive mineral lease application.

The application to which this notice applies:

Extractive Mineral Lease 32614 sought by CENTRAL MINING & EXPLORATION SERVICES PTY LTD, ACN 144 703 168 over an area of 98 Hectares depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the JERVOIS RANGE locality.



**Nature of act(s):** The grant of an extractive mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* authorises the holder to extract or remove (whether by quarrying or other means) from, on or below the natural surface of the land, extractive mineral for a term not exceeding 10 years and to seek renewals. The term for which it is intended to grant the extractive mineral lease 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 5213.

**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.

**Notification Day: 5 May 2021**



## Notice under Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 Exploration Licence Numbers 7423 and 7974 (Act 1992)

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 Licences 7423 and 7974 include 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.

Should consent be granted, the licence holders may apply to renew or transfer the licences prior to them 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 licences 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

Fortius Mines Pty Ltd (ACN 140 151 917) is the holder of Exploration Licence 7423 for Group 1 minerals.

Wattle Resources Pty Limited (ACN 138 383 114) is the holder of Exploration Licence 7974 for Group 1 minerals.

The licences contain 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 areas of:

- Exploration Licence 7423 - that covers about 14 units situated 30 kilometres east south east of Hill End
- Exploration Licence 7974 - that covers about 4 units situated 28 kilometres east south east of Hill End, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

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

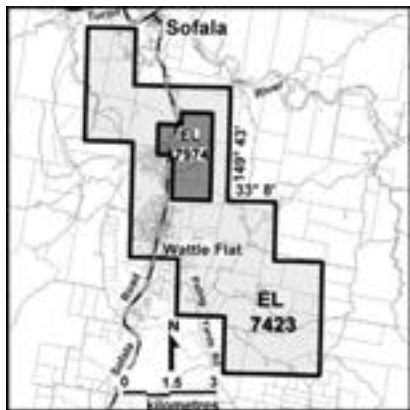
Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

### 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 20 May 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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WaterNSW has received an application from **Schuster Nominees Pty Ltd** to amend an approval for a **Water Supply Work** by replacing a work, with a 100mm pump with a capacity of 60 L/Sec an increase of 47 L/Sec at Lot 88 DP 41860, Parish Benoleng, County Gordon. The application relates to Macquarie and Cudgegong Regulated Rivers Water Source, on the Macquarie River, subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the Macquarie and Cudgegong Regulated Rivers Water Source.

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](http://waterNSW.com.au/advertising-and-objections). All Objections should reference Application Number A026320. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Tracy White, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email [customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au](mailto:customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au)

WaterNSW has received an application from PJ HATTON INVESTMENTS PTY LTD, Peter John HATTON & Jennifer Anne HATTON for an approval to amend a Flood Work – consolidating existing approvals and adding: Levee (existing work) located at Lot 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 16, 47, 57, 58, and 108 DP 750481, Lot 2 DP 706993, Lot 1 DP 1187180, Lot 2 830619, Lot 44 DP 44026. Levee (proposed work) located at Lot 59 DP 44026, Lot 1 DP 830619, Lot 2 DP 1187180. Levee (proposed work) located at Lot 1 and 2 DP 830619, Lot 51 DP 750481, Lot 24 DP 750481 and Crown Road. Storage (existing work) located at Lot 1, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 16, 25, 47, 56, 57 and 58 DP 750481, Lot 1 and 2 DP 784523, Lot 1 DP 1187180, Lot 2 DP 706993. All works within Parish Mercoe, County Benarba. The work is subject to the Floodplain Management Plan for The Gwydir Valley Floodplain 2016.



## Water Management Act 2000

### Notice of petition for a private water supply district pursuant to section 144(3)

Notice is hereby given, under section 144(3) of the Water Management Act 2000, that three petitions have been received from landholders for the addition of lands to the Gunbar Private Water Supply District.

Particulars of the petitions including the plans showing the boundaries of the private irrigation district, the names and the titles are available for viewing on request at the office of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Water Group, 26-28 Johnston Street Wagga Wagga NSW 2650. Any queries please call (02) 4904 2533 Elizabeth Cala, Manager Water Regulatory Implementation.

Objections to the petition must be registered in writing to DPIE Water c/o Elizabeth Cala, PO Box 2213 Dangar NSW 2309, within 28 days of the publication of this notice. The objection must include your name and address, and specify the grounds of the objection.

Dated 20 April 2021

Elizabeth Cala  
Manager Regulatory Implementation  
Water Group  
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
Signed for the Minister for Water, Property and Housing  
(by delegation)

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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          |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 37/1300         | KIN WEST WA PTY LTD           | 592219   | 126.18HA | 5.9km E'ly of Leonora   | Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 121° 23' E | LEONORA SHIRE  |
| 37/1400         | DARLOT MINING COMPANY PTY LTD | 616792   | 43.78HA  | 58.7km E'ly of Leinster | Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 121° 17' E | LEONORA SHIRE  |
| 37/1400         | DARLOT MINING COMPANY PTY LTD | 616803   | 197.48HA | 53.8km E'ly of Leinster | Lat: 27° 58' S Long: 121° 14' E | LEONORA SHIRE  |
| 37/1400         | DARLOT MINING COMPANY PTY LTD | 616823   | 199.20HA | 52.6km E'ly of Leinster | Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 121° 13' E | LEONORA SHIRE  |
| 38/2666         | REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED       | 595365   | 147.09HA | 81.3km N'ly of Laverton | Lat: 27° 53' S Long: 122° 19' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| 53/1955         | GUM CREEK GOLD MINES PTY LTD  | 595089   | 123.97HA | 94km SW'ly of Wiluna    | Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 119° 22' E | WILUNA SHIRE   |
| 53/1955         | GUM CREEK GOLD MINES PTY LTD  | 596148   | 199.95HA | 94.9km SW'ly of Wiluna  | Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 119° 21' E | WILUNA SHIRE   |
| 53/1955         | GUM CREEK GOLD MINES PTY LTD  | 596150   | 197.54HA | 93.1km SW'ly of Wiluna  | Lat: 26° 56' S Long: 119° 22' E | WILUNA SHIRE   |

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day: 5 May 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 **5 August 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. 5 September 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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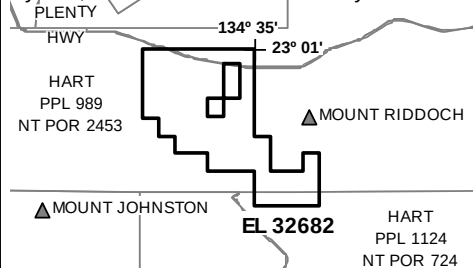
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

### 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.

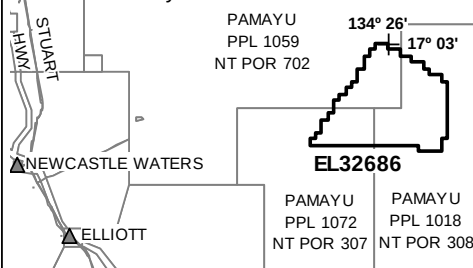
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 32682 sought by ARC MARLBOROUGH PTY LIMITED, ACN 127 139 780 over an area of 53 Blocks (158 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RIDDOCH locality.



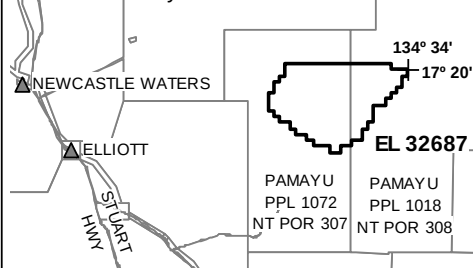
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Exploration Licence 32686 sought by BAUDIN RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 618 455 593 over an area of 250 Blocks (821 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MUNDIAH locality.



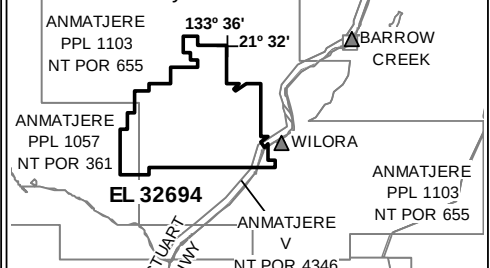
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Exploration Licence 32687 sought by BAUDIN RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 618 455 593 over an area of 250 Blocks (820 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MUNDIAH locality.



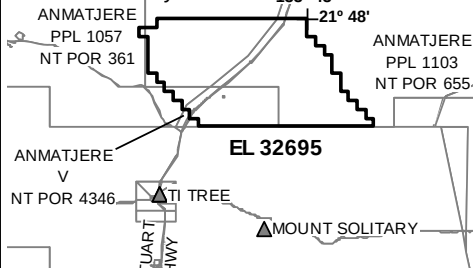
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Exploration Licence 32694 sought by BAUDIN RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 618 455 593 over an area of 250 Blocks (793 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BARROW locality.



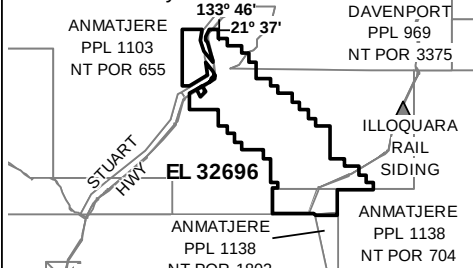
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Exploration Licence 32695 sought by BAUDIN RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 618 455 593 over an area of 250 Blocks (788 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BARROW locality.



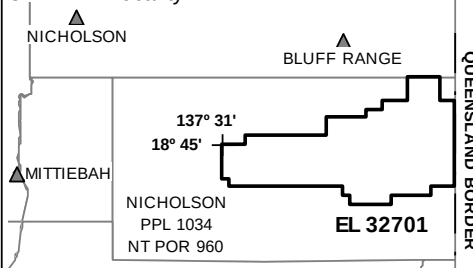
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Exploration Licence 32696 sought by BAUDIN RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 618 455 593 over an area of 250 Blocks (764 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BARROW locality.



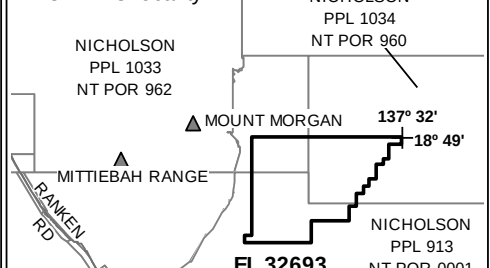
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Exploration Licence 32701 sought by BAUDIN RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 618 455 593 over an area of 250 Blocks (802 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CARRARA locality.



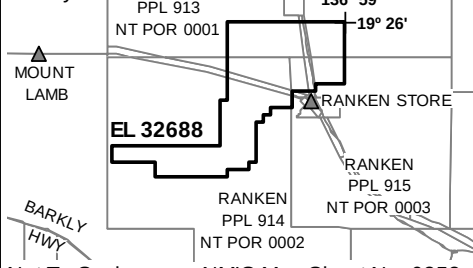
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Exploration Licence 32693 sought by CHALCO RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 648 662 346 over an area of 248 Blocks (806 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MITCHIEBO locality.



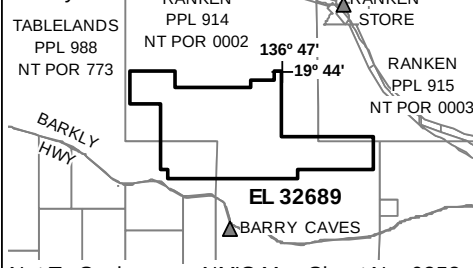
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Exploration Licence 32688 sought by INCA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 128 512 907 & MRG RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 614 946 164 over an area of 250 Blocks (809 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RANKEN locality.



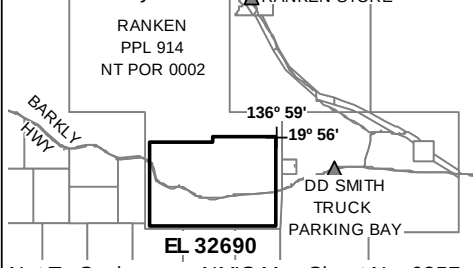
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Exploration Licence 32689 sought by INCA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 128 512 907 & MRG RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 614 946 164 over an area of 250 Blocks (808 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RANKEN locality.



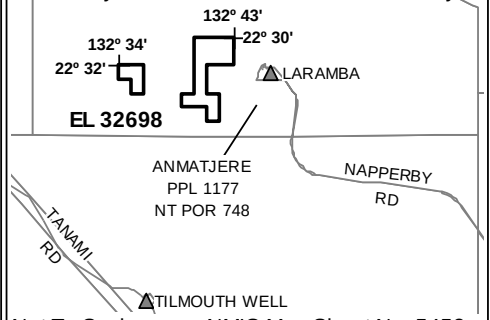
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Exploration Licence 32690 sought by INCA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 128 512 907 & MRG RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 614 946 164 over an area of 250 Blocks (807 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BARRY CAVES locality.



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Exploration Licence 32698 sought by MIOXIDE NT PTY LTD, ACN 636 686 747 over an area of 15 Blocks (48 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NAPPERBY 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: 5 May 2021



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## NOTICE OF WAKKA WAKKA PEOPLE #3 AND WAKKA WAKKA PEOPLE #4 NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETINGS

The Wakka Wakka People have made two claimant applications of the Federal Court of Australia seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The Claims are Wakka Wakka People #3 (QUD276/2019) and Wakka Wakka People #4 (QUD277/2019).

The **Wakka Wakka People #3** and the **Wakka Wakka People #4** native title claim groups ('The Wakka Wakka People') are currently described in the following manner:

The native title claim group on behalf of whom this application is made are referred to in this application as the Wakka Wakka People.

The Wakka Wakka People are the Aboriginal people who have a connection to the application area in accordance with their traditional laws acknowledged and traditional customs observed and are descendants of one or more of the following ancestors:

1. Jenny and David Carlo (parents of Princess Carlo);
2. Minnie Bly (mother of Thomas Simpson), Ethel and Bill Button;
3. Mother of Maggie Hart (Grandmother of Crabbie Chapman and Henry Hart);
4. Mother of Willie Boy Pickering;
5. King Billy and Maria of Boondooma (parents of Tommy Dodd of Taabinga);
6. Maggie West;
7. Kitty of Boonara;
8. MiMi;
9. Kitty (mother of Jack Bulong);
10. John Bond;
11. Kitty (mother of Jenny Lind), Jenny Lind and Mick Buck;
12. Boubijan Cobbo;
13. Stockman Bligh and Aggie Bligh;
14. Tommy (aka Boondoon) and Maggie (parents of Willie Bone), Billy McKenzie (father of Chlorine McKenzie), Chlorine McKenzie;
15. Kate/Katie/Kitty Law;
16. Emily of Degilbo, mother of Annie;
17. Taabinga Harry;
18. Nellie, mother of Elsie Fitzgerald/Edwards.

This notice invites all members of the Wakka Wakka People, as described above, to attend Authorisation Meeting #1 at the time and location below:

### AUTHORISATION MEETING #1

**Date:** Sunday 6 June 2021

**Venue:** Gayndah Shire Hall, 32-34 Capper Street, Gayndah

**Time:** 9:30am (registration commencing at 9:00am)

The purpose of Authorisation Meeting #1 is to **AUTHORISE** amendments to each of the Wakka Wakka People #3 and Wakka Wakka People #4 native title claims ('the Native Title Claims') by replacing all of the wording at Schedules A to the native title application Forms 1 (the description of the native title claim group) for each native title claim with the following wording:

The native title claim group is made up of families whose members identify as Wakka Wakka, in accordance with traditional laws acknowledged and traditional customs observed by them. Membership is based on the principle of cognatic descent (i.e. descent traced through either mother or father).

This application is brought on behalf Aboriginal people whose members identify as Wakka Wakka People, who are descended from the following ancestors:

1. Jenny and David Carlo (parents of Princess Carlo);
2. Minnie Bly (mother of Thomas Simpson), Ethel and Bill Button;
3. Mother of Maggie Hart (Grandmother of Crabbie Chapman and Henry Hart);
4. Mother of Willie Boy Pickering;
5. King Billy and Maria of Boondooma (parents of Tommy Dodd of Taabinga);
6. Maggie West;
7. Kitty of Boonara;
8. MiMi;
9. Kitty (mother of Jack Bulong);
10. John Bond;
11. Kitty (mother of Jenny Lind), Jenny Lind and Mick Buck;
12. Boubijan Cobbo;
13. Stockman Bligh and Aggie Bligh;
14. Tommy (aka Boondoon) and Maggie (parents of Willie Bone), Billy McKenzie (father of Chlorine McKenzie), Chlorine McKenzie;
15. Kate/Katie/Kitty Law;
16. Emily of Degilbo, mother of Annie; or
17. Taabinga Harry.

If the proposed amendments are authorised, then the native title claim group for each of the Native Title Claims will be comprised in accordance with the amended Schedules A as described above ('the Amended Native Title Claim Group').

Authorisation Meeting #2 will only be open to members of the Amended Native Title Claim Group.

### AUTHORISATION MEETING #2

**Date:** Sunday, 6 June 2021

**Venue:** Gayndah Shire Hall, 32-34 Capper Street, Gayndah

**Time:** to commence immediately after the conclusion of Authorisation Meeting #1 (described above).



Map of current Wakka Wakka People #3 and Wakka Wakka People #4 Claim Areas at the date of this Notice.

The purpose of Authorisation Meeting #2 is to:

1. **AUTHORISE** persons to be (or continue to be) the Applicant for the Wakka Wakka #3 and #4 native title claims, to make the applications and to deal with matters arising in relation to the Native Title Claims (*pending the outcome of Authorisation Meeting #1*);
2. **CONFIRM** the decisions made at Meeting #3 held on 1 December 2018 at Gayndah, including authorising the Applicant to agree to settlement of Wakka Wakka People #3 and Part A of Wakka Wakka People #4 broadly on the terms of proposed consent determination orders and **AUTHORISE** the Applicant to agree to any further amendments to the proposed consent determination orders; and
3. **AUTHORISE** any further amendments to the Wakka Wakka #3 and Wakka Wakka #4 native title claims that are necessary in order to bring the Native Title Claims into alignment with the final form of the proposed consent determinations.

Information and legal advice relevant to the matters to be decided will be provided to meeting attendees at the commencement of each meeting.

### INFORMATION SESSION

To assist the Wakka Wakka People to prepare for, and make informed decisions at the Authorisation Meetings, an Information Session will be held at the time and location below:

**Date:** Saturday, 5 June 2021

**Venue:** Gayndah Shire Hall, 32-34 Capper Street, Gayndah

**Time:** 9:30am (registration commencing at 9:00am)

Please contact Community Relations Officer Richard Mosby of QSNTS on Free Call 1800 663 693 to register your intention to attend the Authorisation Meetings and Information Session.

QSNTS is unable to assist individuals with transport to or from the Authorisation Meetings or Information Session. However, a bus will be available for Cherbourg residents to attend the Information Session on 5 June 2021 and the Authorisation Meetings on 6 June 2021. The bus will depart from the Cherbourg Aboriginal Council building, 22 Barambah Avenue Cherbourg at 7:15am each morning and will depart Gayndah at a time to be advised following the closure of the Information Session and Authorisation Meetings.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to attendees on each day.

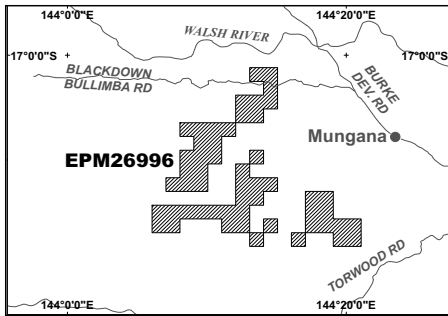


# NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

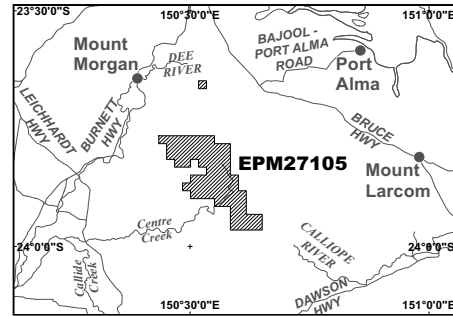
## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of Exploration Permits for Minerals (EPM) 26996, EPM27105, EPM27790, EPM27792, EPM27797, EPM27798, EPM27803, EPM27804, EPM27810, EPM27811, EPM27825, EPM27826, EPM27828, EPM27835, EPM27837, EPM27839, EPM27840, EPM27843, EPM27844 and EPM27849 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

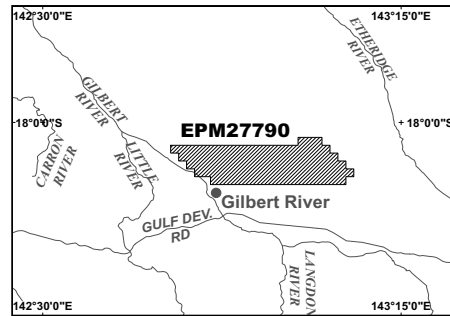
Exploration Permit for Minerals 26996 sought by Bacchus Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 606 340 872, over an area of 53 sub-blocks (173 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 18 km West of Mungana, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



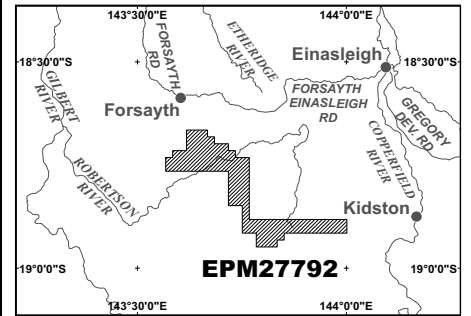
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27105 sought by Prophet Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 615 031 359, over an area of 67 sub-blocks (210 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 28.5 km South East of Mount Morgan, in the localities of the Banana Shire Council, Gladstone Regional Council and Rockhampton Regional Council.



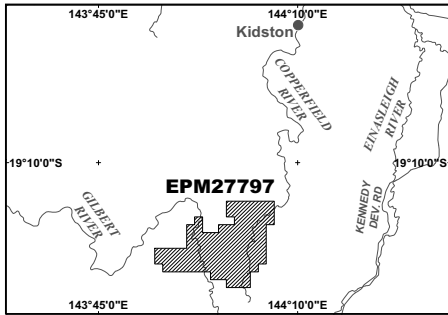
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27790 sought by Plutonic Limited, ACN 632 991 167, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (325 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 12.5 km North East of Gilbert River, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.



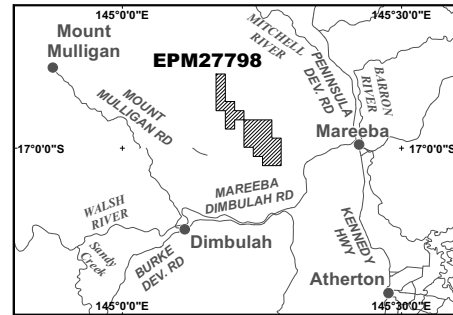
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27792 sought by Plutonic Limited, ACN 632 991 167, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (324 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 31 km South East of Forsyth, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.



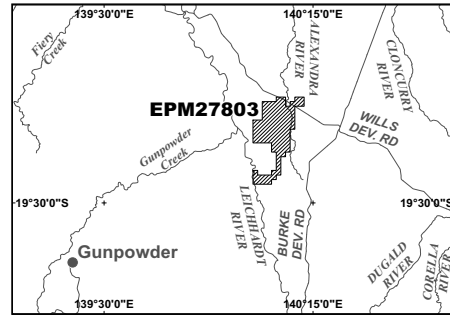
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27797 sought by Yarraman Metals Pty Ltd, ACN 645 704 141, over an area of 94 sub-blocks (304 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 55 km South South West of Kidston, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.



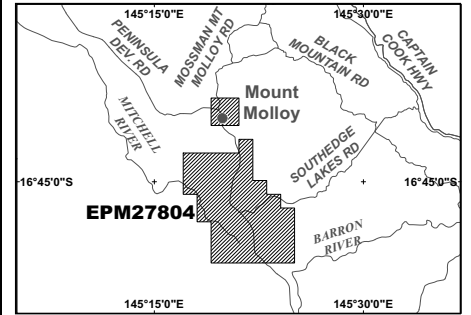
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27798 sought by Stratmin Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 639 991 307, over an area of 23 sub-blocks (753 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 22.5 km East of Mareeba, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



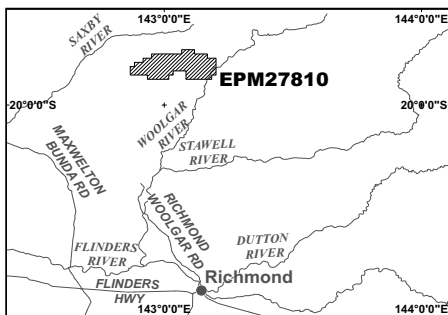
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27803 sought by Red Metal Limited, ACN 103 367 684, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (323 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 92 km North East of Gunpowder, in the localities of the Burke Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council.



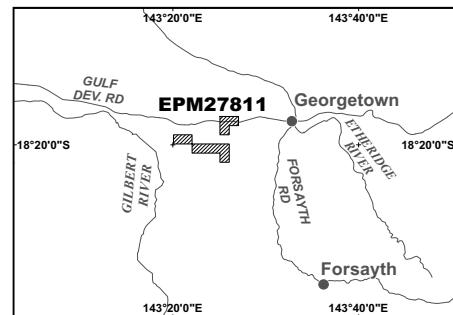
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27804 sought by Munuku Pty. Ltd., ACN 642 418 166, over an area of 52 sub-blocks (170 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 9 km South of Mount Molloy, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



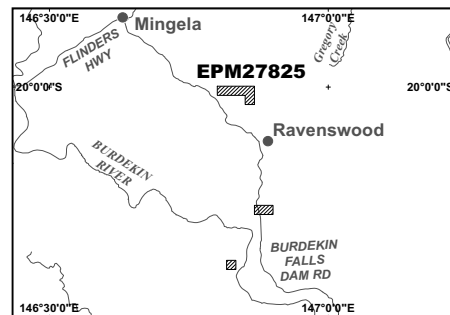
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27810 sought by Yarraman Metals Pty Ltd, ACN 645 704 141, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (322 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 100 km North of Richmond, in the locality of the Richmond Shire Council.



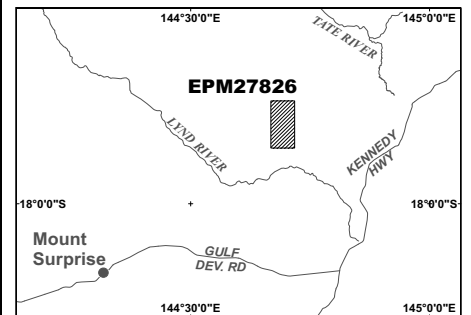
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27811 sought by Activex Limited, ACN 113 452 896, over an area of 10 sub-blocks (325 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 17 km West South West of Georgetown, in the locality of the Etheridge Shire Council.



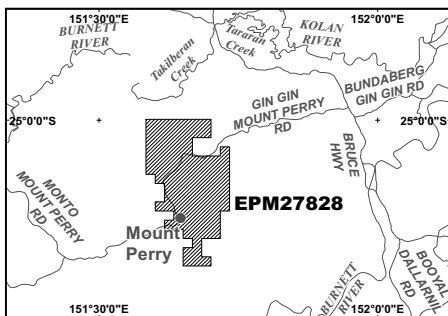
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27825 sought by XXXX Gold Pty. Ltd., ACN 634 004 274, over an area of 8 sub-blocks (257 km<sup>2</sup>), northern area centred approximately 11.5 km North West of Ravenswood and southern areas centred approximately 19 km South South West of Ravenswood, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



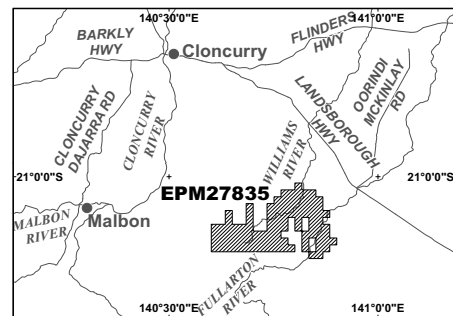
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27826 sought by Barwidgi Iron Stone Pty Ltd., ACN 647 867 061, over an area of 18 sub-blocks (587 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 53 km North East of Mount Surprise, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



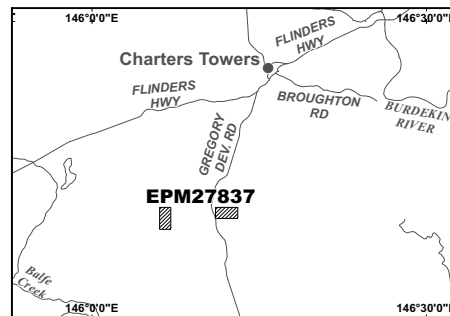
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27828 sought by Access Australia Mining Pty Ltd., ACN 625 408 540, over an area of 94 sub-blocks (292 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 5.5 km North East of Mount Perry, in the localities of the Bundaberg Regional Council and North Burnett Regional Council.



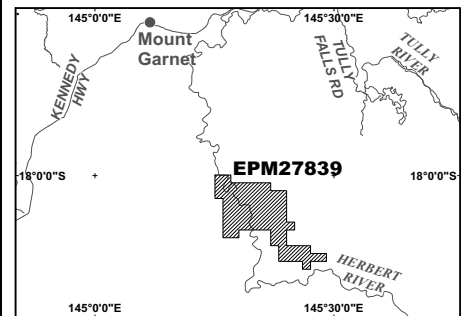
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27835 sought by Copperquest Australia Pty Ltd., ACN 647 983 006, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (320 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 47.5 km East of Malbon, in the localities of the Cloncurry Shire Council and McKinlay Shire Council.



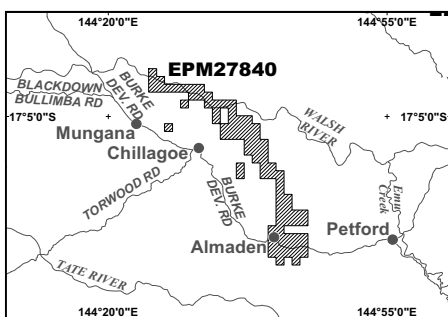
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27837 sought by NQ Auditing Pty Ltd., ACN 128 305 457, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (128 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 27.5 km South West of Charters Towers, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



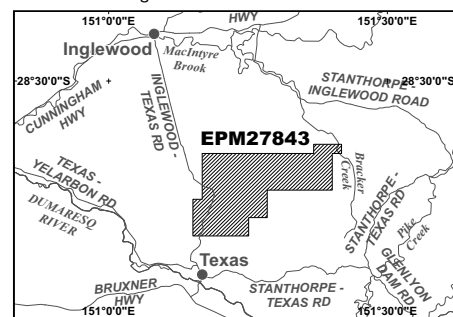
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27839 sought by Deagle Resources Pty Ltd., ACN 626 415 638, over an area of 68 sub-blocks (221 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 50 km South South East of Mount Garnet, in the locality of the Tablelands Regional Council.



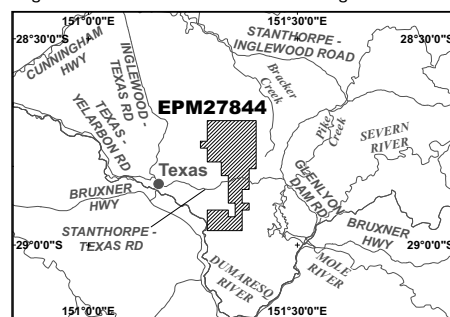
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27840 sought by Ballymore Resources Limited, ACN 632 893 611, over an area of 83 sub-blocks (271 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 14 km East of Chillagoe, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



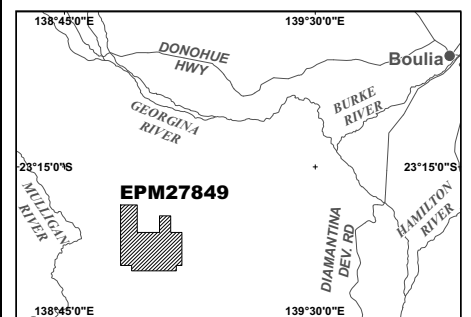
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27843 sought by Thomson Resources Ltd., ACN 138 358 728, over an area of 94 sub-blocks (283 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 20.5 km North North East of Texas, in the locality of the Goondiwindi Regional Council.



Exploration Permit for Minerals 27844 sought by Thomson Resources Ltd., ACN 138 358 728, over an area of 78 sub-blocks (234 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 18.5 km East of Texas, in the localities of the Goondiwindi Regional Council and Southern Downs Regional Council.



Exploration Permit for Minerals 27849 sought by Taragon Valley Pty Ltd., ACN 623 574 603, over an area of 95 sub-blocks (299 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 112 km South West of Boulia, in the localities of the Boulia Shire Council and Diamantina Shire Council.



**Nature of Act(s):** The grant of Exploration Permits for Minerals under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals for a term not exceeding five (5) years with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant the Exploration Permits for Minerals subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and the Native Title Protection Conditions.

**Name and Address of person doing Act(s):** It is proposed that the Exploration Permits for Minerals be granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permits for Minerals Applications may be obtained from the Department of Resources, Mining Registrar, Mineral Assessment Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland, 4810. Telephone: (07) 4447 9230 or Email: MineralHub@resources.qld.gov.au.

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals to which this notice applies, is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit for Minerals may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit for Minerals with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit for Minerals is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 19 May 2021.**



**Saturday 22 May 2021 and Sunday 23 May 2021.**  
**Notice of Authorisation Meeting for the Werai Lands Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA)**

**Date:**  
Saturday 22 May 2021  
Sunday 23 May 2021

**Time:**  
Saturday - 1:00pm start – 4:30pm finish  
Sunday - 10:00am start – 4:30pm finish

**Place:**  
Deniliquin Golf Club,  
1 Golf Club Road, Deniliquin NSW 2710



NTSCORP Limited, the native title service provider for NSW, is convening a meeting to authorise the Werai Lands Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) in accordance with the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) over the Werai Lands as described below.

**Summary of the Werai Lands ILUA**

Under the *National Park Estate (Riverina Red Gum Reservations) Act 2010* (NSW), the Minister for Energy and Environment (**Minister**) has the power to transfer certain lands to an Aboriginal landholding body, which include the lands described below.

The Werai Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation (ICN 8425) (**Werai Corporation**) was established to hold title to the Werai Lands for cultural purposes on behalf of the Traditional Owners.

The Werai Lands ILUA is proposed to be between the Werai Corporation, the Minister, the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (**DPIE**) and the Werai Traditional Owners.

Under the Werai Lands ILUA, the Minister will transfer the Werai Lands to the Werai Corporation to hold on behalf of the Werai Traditional Owners. The Minister and DPIE will provide the Werai Corporation with financial and non-financial assistance over 4 years to support the operation and management of the Werai Lands.

Native title would be suppressed but not extinguished by the transfer of the land.

**Agreement Area for the Werai Lands ILUA**

The total size of the Werai Lands ILUA agreement area is approximately 11,315 hectares, located in the Edward River Council and Murray River Council areas in south western NSW.

The Werai Lands ILUA agreement area is shown in bold black outline on the adjacent map. The agreement area covers all the lands and waters within the external boundary described as:



**(a) The former Banangalite State Forest Nos 88–91**

An area of about 1,223 hectares being Banangalite State Forest Nos 88–91 inclusive dedicated by proclamation published in the NSW Government Gazette on 18 February 1914, comprising:

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|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| (i) Lot 69 in Deposited Plan 756246;     | (vi) Lot 901 in Deposited Plan 1184106;     |
| (ii) Lot 881 in Deposited Plan 1183934;  | (vii) Lot 26 in Deposited Plan 756245;      |
| (iii) Lot 882 in Deposited Plan 1183934; | (viii) Lot 85 in Deposited Plan 756245; and |
| (iv) Lot 883 in Deposited Plan 1183934;  | (ix) Lot 84 in Deposited Plan 756245.       |
| (v) Lot 37 in Deposited Plan 756246;     |                                             |

**(b) The former Barratta Creek State Forest No 692**

An area of about 221 hectares being Barratta Creek State Forest No 692 dedicated by proclamation published in the NSW Government Gazette on 8 November 1918, and Extension No 1 published 28 March 1924, comprising Lot 6921 in Deposited Plan 1183924.

**(c) The former Morago State Forest Nos 92–97**

An area of about 616 hectares, being parts of Morago State Forest Nos 92–97 (dedicated by proclamation published in the NSW Government Gazette on 18 February 1914, Extension No 1 published 14 October 1988, Extension No 2 published 21 October 1988 and Extension No 3 published 25 October 2002), comprising:

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|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| (i) Lot 57 in Deposited Plan 756245;    | (v) Lot 97 in Deposited Plan 756245;     |
| (ii) Lot 59 in Deposited Plan 756245;   | (vi) Lot 450 in Deposited Plan 1183349;  |
| (iii) Lot 104 in Deposited Plan 756245; | (vii) Lot 971 in Deposited Plan 1184219. |
| (iv) Lot 931 in Deposited Plan 1184149; |                                          |

Excluding the following land:

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| (viii) Lots 53, 55, 56 and 58, in Deposited Plan 1075291, |
| (ix) Lot 53, in Deposited Plan 756298,                    |
| (x) Lot 74, in Deposited Plan 722029.                     |

**(d) The former Stevens Weir State Forest No 989**

An area of about 92 hectares, being Stevens Weir State Forest No 989 dedicated by proclamation published in the NSW Government Gazette on 4 February 1966, comprising:

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| (i) Lot 78 in Deposited Plan 756333;     |
| (ii) Lot 90 in Deposited Plan 756259;    |
| (iii) Lot 989 in Deposited Plan 1183789. |

**Register to attend the Meeting**

If you wish to attend the meeting, please contact NTSCORP Limited by no later than **14 May 2021** so that all relevant arrangements can be made. Our details are:

Freecall 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188 or Fax (02) 9310 4177

Post: P.O. Box 2105, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

Email: CFC@ntscorp.com.au

**Accommodation and Mileage Assistance**

Mileage assistance and accommodation may be available to persons attending this meeting in accordance with NTSCORP's meeting assistance policies. If you require accommodation, **you will need to provide NTSCORP with a completed meeting registration form, or telephone NTSCORP with confirmed details, by no later than 14 May 2021.**

Please note if you do not contact NTSCORP by **14 May 2021** to confirm your request for travel and accommodation assistance, NTSCORP cannot guarantee we will be able to assist with travel and accommodation arrangements — although you would still be more than welcome to attend the meeting.

Should you have any queries or simply require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Neville Kim - Manager Community Facilitation or James MacLeod – Senior Solicitor on Freecall **1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188 or FAX (02) 9310 4177.**

**(e) The former Werai State Forest No 384**

An area of about 9,163 hectares, being Werai State Forest No 384 dedicated by proclamation published in the NSW Government Gazette on 27 April 1917 and Extension No 1 published 14 August 1925, comprising:

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|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| (i) Lot 3 in Deposited Plan 756342;    | (vi) Lot 81 in Deposited Plan 756267;      |
| (ii) Lot 59 in Deposited Plan 756267;  | (vii) Lot 3844 in Deposited Plan 1184321;  |
| (iii) Lot 78 in Deposited Plan 756267; | (viii) Lot 3841 in Deposited Plan 1184320; |
| (iv) Lot 79 in Deposited Plan 756267;  | (ix) Lot 3842 in Deposited Plan 1184320;   |
| (v) Lot 80 in Deposited Plan 756267;   | (x) Lot 3843 in Deposited Plan 1184320.    |

**Agenda for this Meeting**

- 1) Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country;
- 2) To discuss and review:
  - a. the background and the purpose of the proposed Werai Lands ILUA,
  - b. the definition of Werai Traditional Owners, on whose behalf it is proposed that the Werai Corporation will hold the Werai Lands; and
  - c. the terms of the proposed Werai Lands ILUA;
- 3) To confirm the decision-making process for authorising the Werai Lands ILUA;
- 4) To consider and make decisions in relation to the authorisation of the Werai Lands ILUA; and
- 5) To consider and make decisions about the use of funds received by the Werai Corporation under the Werai Lands ILUA.

**Who should Attend**

The following people are invited to attend the meeting to authorise the Werai Lands ILUA:

1. people who are within the currently proposed definition of Werai Traditional Owners; and
2. any other Aboriginal person who asserts native title rights and interests within the agreement area for the Werai Lands ILUA.

The Werai Traditional Owners are currently proposed to comprise:

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| (a) each and every person who:                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                 |
| (i) identifies as a Wemba Wemba / Wamba Wamba person or a Barapa Barapa / Perepa Perepa person; and                                                                                                                                     |                                                 |
| (ii) is accepted as a Wemba Wemba / Wamba Wamba person or a Barapa Barapa / Perepa Perepa person by Wemba Wemba / Wamba Wamba people or Barapa Barapa / Perepa Perepa people in accordance with their traditional laws and customs; and |                                                 |
| (iii) is a descendant of one or more of the following apical ancestors:                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                 |
| (a) Yanga Louisa (born 1828, Yanga),                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Mellool),                                       |
| (b) John BRIGHT (born at Tubbo),                                                                                                                                                                                                        | (o) Sarah INGRAM (born 1851, Niemur),           |
| (c) George William CHARLES (born 1851, Goulburn River),                                                                                                                                                                                 | (p) William INGRAM (born 1868, Barham),         |
| (d) John Andrew CHARLES (born at Bacchus Marsh),                                                                                                                                                                                        | (q) King Thomas IVANHOE (born 1825, Balranald), |
| (e) Richard Thomas CLAYTON (born 1863),                                                                                                                                                                                                 | (r) Jeremiah KIRBY (born 1842, Toorong),        |
| (f) Albert COLGER (born 1846, Cobram),                                                                                                                                                                                                  | (s) Kitty LEWIS (born 1829),                    |
| (g) William DAY (born 1854, Deniliquin),                                                                                                                                                                                                | (t) Alexander MCCOY (born at Warbreccan),       |
| (h) Henry EDWARDS (born at Moulamein),                                                                                                                                                                                                  | (u) Ada MCGRADIE (born 1867, Deniliquin),       |
| (i) Edward FIREBRACE (born 1855, New South Wales),                                                                                                                                                                                      | (v) Jane MURPHY,                                |
| (j) Johanna GARDINER (born 1851, Kerang),                                                                                                                                                                                               | (w) William MURRAY (born at Conargo),           |
| (k) Isabella GREEN (born 1869, Stanhope),                                                                                                                                                                                               | (x) Annie TAYLOR (born at Toganmain),           |
| (l) Geramy HARRY (born 1854, Balranald),                                                                                                                                                                                                | (y) David TAYLOR (born 1859),                   |
| (m) John INGRAM (born 1871, Swan Hill),                                                                                                                                                                                                 | (z) Robert TAYLOR (born 1850 Barham),           |
| (n) Oswald INGRAM (born 1863,                                                                                                                                                                                                           | (aa) Clara WALTERS (born at Oxley), and         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | (bb) Sabina WISE, (born 1859, Balranald;        |

and

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| (b) each and every other person who:                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| (i) identifies as a Wemba Wemba / Wamba Wamba person or a Barapa Barapa / Perepa Perepa person; and                                                                                                                                 |
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WaterNSW

Goulburn Fractured Rock Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Cameron Charles McIntosh & Tanya Mary Bautovich** for an approval for a **Water Supply Work and Water Use**, for a bore with a capacity of 30 ML/year and water use for Irrigation at Lot 6 DP 1095640, Parish Cookbundoon, County Argyle. The application relates to Goulburn Fractured Rock Groundwater Source, subject to Greater Metropolitan Region Groundwater Water Sharing Plan. Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A026470 Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Wayne Connors, Senior Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

Sydney Basin Nepean Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Ricky Slade SAMPHIER and Belinda WOOD** for an approval for a **Water Supply Work and Water Use**, for an existing bore with a capacity of 5.56 ML / year at LOT 85 / DP1012784, Parish of Camden / County of Camden, and water use for irrigation at LOTS 84 and 85 / DP1012784, Parish of Camden / County of Camden. The application relates to Sydney Basin Nepean Groundwater Source, subject to Greater Metropolitan Region Groundwater Sources 2011. Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW PO BOX 309, NOWRA. NSW. 2541. 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 A26436. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Martin Holland, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email - customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au

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WaterNSW

Young Granite Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Barisha and Kathy Batinich** for an approval for a **New Water Supply Work and Water Use**, for a Bore with a capacity of 0.1 ML/day at Lot 2330 DP 754611, and water use for irrigation are 30 Ha at Lots 1 & 2 DP 1079178, all Parish Young, County Monteagle. The application relates to Young Granite Groundwater Source, subject to Water Sharing Plan for the NSW Murray-Darling Basin Fractured Rock Groundwater Sources 2020. Objections must be submitted in writing to 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 A024158 Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Abbie Howell, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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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                                           |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Exploration Licence | 08/3317    | KINGFISHER MINING LTD                | 96BL      | 128.5km S'ly of Pannawonica    | Lat: 22° 47' S Long: 116° 13' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE                                 |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1803    | GOLDZONE INVESTMENTS PTY LTD         | 10BL      | 88.5km NE'ly of Southern Cross | Lat: 30° 56' S Long: 120° 11' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Exploration Licence | 16/509     | PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD               | 15BL      | 33.3km W'ly of Ora Banda       | Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 120° 43' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Exploration Licence | 16/573     | MORGANTI, Romano Natale              | 1BL       | 81.2km W'ly of Ora Banda       | Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 120° 13' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Exploration Licence | 28/3043    | CARAWINE RESOURCES LIMITED           | 82BL      | 187.4km N'ly of Balladonia     | Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 124° 32' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Exploration Licence | 28/3090    | MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD              | 2BL       | 71.5km S'ly of Edjudina        | Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 122° 19' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Exploration Licence | 30/529     | VIKING MINES LIMITED                 | 7BL       | 43.4km W'ly of Menzies         | Lat: 29° 48' S Long: 120° 36' E | MENZIES SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 36/1007    | MARIGOLD MINERALS PTY LTD            | 47BL      | 21.9km SE'ly of Leinster       | Lat: 28° 0' S Long: 120° 53' E  | LEONORA SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 37/1382    | ST GEORGE MINING LIMITED             | 5BL       | 61.1km NW'ly of Leonora        | Lat: 28° 33' S Long: 120° 49' E | LEONORA SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 39/2220    | VAMPYR RESOURCES PTY LTD             | 1BL       | 120.3km E'ly of Edjudina       | Lat: 29° 29' S Long: 123° 32' E | MENZIES SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 39/2221    | VAMPYR RESOURCES PTY LTD             | 135BL     | 107km E'ly of Edjudina         | Lat: 29° 30' S Long: 123° 24' E | MENZIES SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 45/5880    | PARDOO RESOURCES PTY LTD             | 27BL      | 119.2km E'ly of Goldsworthy    | Lat: 20° 5' S Long: 120° 37' E  | BROOME SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE                |
| Exploration Licence | 51/2033    | GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED    | 63BL      | 93.9km N'ly of Wiluna          | Lat: 25° 46' S Long: 119° 59' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                               |
| Exploration Licence | 51/2034    | LAWES, Simon John                    | 1BL       | 36.9km SW'ly of Meekatharra    | Lat: 26° 51' S Long: 118° 16' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                               |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2666    | FINIS, Paul                          | 2BL       | 124.2km N'ly of Southern Cross | Lat: 30° 6' S Long: 119° 16' E  | YILGARN SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2759    | EURO GOLD VENTURES PTY LTD           | 53BL      | 76.5km NE'ly of Mukinbudin     | Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 118° 31' E | MUKINBUDIN SHIRE, WESTONIA SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2760    | PHANTOM METALS PTY LTD               | 37BL      | 79.8km N'ly of Mukinbudin      | Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 118° 30' E | MUKINBUDIN SHIRE, WESTONIA SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE |
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| Exploration Licence | 77/2772    | ABARTA RESOURCES PTY LTD             | 24BL      | 23km SW'ly of Marvel Loch      | Lat: 31° 39' S Long: 119° 23' E | YILGARN SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2773    | CASCADE HALLOYSITE PTY LTD           | 9BL       | 34.3km E'ly of Mukinbudin      | Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 118° 32' E  | WESTONIA SHIRE                                  |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2774    | PUCA, Carlo                          | 20BL      | 55.3km SW'ly of Southern Cross | Lat: 31° 35' S Long: 118° 55' E | YILGARN SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2776    | ROYALE SWAN ASSET MANAGEMENT PTY LTD | 21BL      | 108.6km N'ly of Mukinbudin     | Lat: 29° 59' S Long: 118° 36' E | YILGARN SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2777    | GOLDZONE INVESTMENTS PTY LTD         | 1BL       | 107.6km N'ly of Southern Cross | Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 119° 22' E | YILGARN SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 80/5560    | MXR MINERALS PTY LTD                 | 139BL     | 52.6km S'ly of Wyndham         | Lat: 15° 57' S Long: 128° 10' E | WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE                    |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6280    | PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD               | 160.63HA  | 19.8km N'ly of Coolgardie      | Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 11' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6605    | FOCUS OPERATIONS PTY LTD             | 140.16HA  | 21.7km SW'ly of Coolgardie     | Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 120° 59' E  | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6618    | WHITE, Andrew Roy                    | 121.30HA  | 20.3km SW'ly of Coolgardie     | Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 120° 58' E  | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/6623    | DANIEKA PTY LTD                      | 22.17HA   | 14.5km SW'ly of Coolgardie     | Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 121° 3' E   | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Prospecting Licence | 16/3126    | PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD               | 195.29HA  | 28.1km W'ly of Kalgoorlie      | Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 121° 11' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Prospecting Licence | 16/3274    | ZULEIKA GOLD LIMITED                 | 147.81HA  | 25.3km S'ly of Ora Banda       | Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 121° 5' E  | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Prospecting Licence | 16/3314    | HUNT, Hannah-marie Kimbarra          | 10.00HA   | 29.1km SW'ly of Ora Banda      | Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 120° 50' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Prospecting Licence | 16/3316    | STROLOGO, Jacques Khan               | 29.74HA   | 26.1km N'ly of Coolgardie      | Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 5' E  | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Prospecting Licence | 25/2663    | MINING INVESTMENTS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD | 189.36HA  | 40.7km E'ly of Kalgoorlie      | Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 121° 53' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Prospecting Licence | 25/2699    | TANUCCI, Leo                         | 2.88HA    | 18km E'ly of Kalgoorlie        | Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 39' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Prospecting Licence | 26/4603    | GIANNI, Peter Romeo                  | 16.00HA   | 11.2km E'ly of Kalgoorlie      | Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 35' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Prospecting Licence | 28/1392    | MCDONALD, David Wayne                | 196.49HA  | 64.8km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie     | Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 122° 3' E  | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Prospecting Licence | 29/2628    | HINDMARSH, Ty Raymond Thomas         | 181.52HA  | 9.9km S'ly of Menzies          | Lat: 29° 46' S Long: 121° 3' E  | MENZIES SHIRE                                   |
| Prospecting Licence | 36/1917    | BHASIN, Neelesh CREW, Ross Frederick | 9.60HA    | 44.8km SE'ly of Leinster       | Lat: 28° 9' S Long: 121° 3' E   | LEONORA SHIRE                                   |
| Prospecting Licence | 46/2027    | MILLENNIUM MINERALS LIMITED          | 15.70HA   | 30.5km E'ly of Nullagine       | Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 120° 24' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                              |
| Prospecting Licence | 51/3227-33 | TAYLOR, Andrew Neil                  | 1256.46HA | 19.4km SE'ly of Meekatharra    | Lat: 26° 44' S Long: 118° 35' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                               |
| Prospecting Licence | 77/4538-S  | MUNRO, Garry Raymond                 | 9.00HA    | 128.1km W'ly of Menzies        | Lat: 29° 36' S Long: 119° 43' E | MENZIES 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: 5 May 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 **5 August 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. 5 September 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 km<sup>2</sup>

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# A grandstand finish to a

**F**OLLOWING the abrupt end to the 2020 season due to the uncertainty of the impending COVID-19 pandemic, the AFLW made a welcome return in 2021 for a full and completed season. And it ended with a memorable grand final in which Brisbane claimed its first premiership after two previous attempts. Here, long-time contributor PETER ARGENT runs the ruler through each of the 21 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players...

## Adelaide (1) Danielle Ponter

Experienced Crows star Danielle Ponter had an up and down season. Her best as a goal-kicking forward was 4.3 against Gold Coast and she won the league's Mark of the Year award. She kicked a goal in the grand final against Brisbane.

## Brisbane (3) Ally Anderson, Dakota Davidson, Courtney Hodder

Ally Anderson is a foundation player and five-year veteran of the AFLW and at the Lions. She is a hard as nails on-baller with an average of 18.5 disposals per game. Anderson capped off 2021 with a premiership and the club's best and fairest award. She delivers when it counts and on grand final day was judged as second in best-on-ground voting with 23 possessions. Dynamic tall forward and part-time ruck Dakota Davidson graduated to the Lions in 2020 from University in the QAFLW. She played all 11 games this year and perhaps her best performance was a crucial three-goal haul in the four-point win over Collingwood in the preliminary final. Her best return was four goals against Gold Coast in round 2. Courtney Hodder had an outstanding first season in the AFLW where she played in all of the Lions' 11 games, became a premiership player and won the league's Goal of the Year award. Her second goal in the grand final will be replayed for years to come. Originally from WA, Hodder had previously played rugby union for Western Force and Queensland Reds in the Super W competition.

## Carlton (2) Natalie Plane, Madison Prespakis

Natalie Plane, who was once a medium-fast bowler with Melbourne Renegades in the WBBL, is a foundation Blue and played in the AFLW's very first game in 2017. She played in all the Blues' seven games in 2021. A versatile footballer, Plane averaged a respectable 10.1 disposals and her best was 14 touches and two goals against Gold Coast. Third-year player Madison Prespakis was the AFLW's best and fairest player in 2020 and in 2021 she attracted much attention from opposition coaches and players. While consistent this season, she was not quite as potent around the contest



Brisbane's Courtney Hodder (left) and Ally Anderson celebrate the Lions' 2021 AFLW premiership, its first, at Adelaide Oval. Pictures: Peter Argent, AFL Photos, Getty Images

but her standards are high and she averaged a career-high 21.4 possessions a game in 2021.

## Collingwood (1) Aliesha Newman

Aliesha Newman established herself as one of the best small forwards in the first four years of the AFLW with Melbourne and won the league's first Goal of the Year award in 2017. In a major coup for rivals Collingwood, she landed at the Magpies ahead of the 2021 season where she played seven games, returning respectable numbers and her best effort was a three-goal haul in the Magpies' big win over St Kilda.

## Fremantle (5) Sabreena Duffy, Tiah Haynes, Gemma Houghton, Mikayla Morrison, Jasmin Stewart

Ball-magnet Sabreena Duffy is one of Fremantle's more skilful players and this year she played in all of the Dockers' 10 games. Duffy amassed 15 possessions and three goals in the Western Derby against West Coast and booted another three

against the Giants. Tiah Haynes was a foundation Docker in 2017 before injury saw her lose her place. Recovered, she regained full health and good touch for Subiaco in the WAFLW before resurrecting her AFLW career in 2021 where she played all 10 games displaying her trademark skills and running power. Her best return was a career-high 16 possessions against Melbourne in round 8. Gemma Houghton is one of the AFLW's genuine 'excitement machines'. She is a game-breaker and one of the leading forwards in the competition. From a basketball background, Houghton produced a couple of brilliant performances in 2021, including a 20-possession, three-goal effort in the round 1 win over the Giants and a five-goal haul against West Coast. Mikayla Morrison suffered a ruptured appendix during the pre-season. The teenager has plenty of time on her side to force her way into the strong Fremantle line-up. Jasmin Stewart was once captain of Western Australia's under-18 side and was destined to play in the AFLW. The hard-working midfielder is continuing to grow her game after making her debut last season.



Brisbane's Dakota Davidson.



Carlton's Madison Prespakis attracted extra attention this season.

## Geelong (1) Stephanie Williams

Stephanie Williams arrived at Kardinia Park from the Darwin Buffaloes in the NTFL and is noted for her explosive speed and high leap. She played four games with the Cats in her debut season and her first game came against Collingwood in round 2.

## Gold Coast (3) Janet Baird, Paige Parker, Kalinda Howarth

Janet Baird landed at Gold Coast from Palmerston in the NTFL in Darwin. She kicked a goal against Carlton in her second game this season. Paige Parker, a one-time Australian World Cup touch-footballer, was originally at the Lions, Parker joined the Suns in 2020 and this season she played six games and was a solid performer. Kalinda Howarth continued to build on her reputation this year and played in all of Gold Coast's nine games. She had a strong finish to the season that included consecutive 18-possession games in rounds 6 and 7.

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Fremantle's Mikayla Morrison.



West Coast's Alicia Janz.



Fremantle's Tiah Haynes.



Melbourne's Krstel Petrevski.



# memorable fifth season



Fremantle's Gemma Houghton.

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**Melbourne (1)**  
**Krstel Petrevski**

Halls Creek's Krstel Petrevski played just two games in 2021 in her second season that was cruelled by injury. In round 1 she booted two goals for a great start but in the next game she got injured, with scans later revealing a torn hamstring that sidelined her for the remainder of the season. Petrevski, whose cousins are Carlton's Sam Petrevski-Seaton and West Coast's Toby Bedford, was recruited by the Demons as a strong-bodied midfielder.

**North Melbourne (2)**  
**Kaitlyn Ashmore, Mia King**

Kaitlyn Ashmore is known for her great instincts and being in the right place at the right time and that proved true again in 2021. She arrived at the Kangaroos after playing 16 games across two seasons as a foundation player at Brisbane. This season, her third at Norths, she averaged 13.7 disposals per game, highlighted by a 19-touch game against Richmond, and 17 possessions in the heartbreaking one-goal qualifying final loss to Collingwood. In the Roos' round 6 win against the Tigers, Ashmore became the first AFLW player to win 25 games. Tasmanian talent Mia King is noted for being strong in the contest and breaking through packs. She played all nine games for the Roos in her second season at the top level. In the round 6 win over Richmond, she returned a career-best 14



Collingwood's Aliesha Newman, in her trademark headgear, celebrates a win for the Magpies during the 2021 AFLW season. Newman is a foundation player in the AFLW and had played four seasons with Melbourne before joining Collingwood ahead of the 2021 season.

Peter Argent, AFL Photos, Getty Images



West Coast's Imahra Cameron.

disposals and three tackles.

**West Coast (2)**  
**Imahra Cameron, Alicia Janz**

Recruited from Swan Districts in the WAFLW, Imahra Cameron added a further eight games in 2021 to add to her six in 2020 and her best performance was a three-goal haul in the win against Geelong in round 7. Originally classed as a midfielder, she played more of a forward role this season. Alicia Janz missed all of 2020 due to a knee injury but the key-position ruck returned to play in six games for the Eagles. The netball convert is known for her natural leadership and work ethic. She is a foundation AFLW player and originally spent three seasons at Fremantle where she played 14 games. Like her teammate Cameron, Janz graduated from Swan Districts.



Adelaide's Dannielle Ponter.



Fremantle's Jasmin Stewart.



Fremantle's Sabreena Duffy.



Gold Coast trio (from left) Paige Parker, Kalinda Howarth and Janet Baird.



Celebrating Indigenous Round (from left) Kaitlyn Ashmore (North Melbourne), Natalie Plane (Carlton) and Mia King (North Melbourne).



Geelong's Stephanie Williams made her AFLW debut in 2021.



## Standing up when it really matters most

**D**URING the past few weeks we have learnt that two men have been arrested and are currently being investigated by NSW police following alleged online racial abuse of South Sydney star Latrell Mitchell. The arrests come from Latrell publicly calling them out and taking a stance against it. And I say well done to him.



**Dean Widders**

I can tell you that Latrell cops a constant barrage of racist abuse online. These keyboard warriors think they have a right to abuse and racially abuse rugby league players anytime they want to. Online racism is one of the worst things about social media, which is everywhere these days. With NSW police now investigating the matter it is at least good to see that something will be done about these types of attacks.

I think that with Latrell being a public figure and now taking a stand against this online racism, it will go a long way in encouraging you, me and others to do likewise, to call it out, expose the racists and not tolerate it or stay quiet.

I went through a very public account of this happening to me on the field. The emotional rollercoaster of being racially abused while playing is just an emptiness and even self-doubt if you're not getting good support and back-up. I just hope our young ones never have to feel like this and experience the same abuse. For generations we copped it in silence. Latrell's work and the work of others will hopefully teach people a strong lesson.

I think back to all the people who have stood up against racism in rugby league, including Timana Tahu, Anthony Mundine and many others, and now Latrell.

*\*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.*

## Storm rain on Chambers' return to rugby league



MELBOURNE put an early end to any thought of former Storm premiership player Will Chambers making a winning return to rugby league last weekend.

The former Stormer Chambers joined Japanese rugby union team Suntory Sungoliath at the end of 2019 but returned to the

NRL last month after agreeing to terms with Cronulla.

In his first game back, the Storm defeated the Sharks 40-14 in Melbourne.

Chambers played 215 games for the Storm and is a one-time premiership-winner at the club.

● Cronulla's Will Chambers (right) takes a strong 'mark' over Melbourne's Nicho Haynes in round 7 of the NRL last weekend. Getty Images



# League's ability for inclusiveness



Bill Bussell is one of many people who play in the NSW Physical Disability Rugby League competition.

By KRIS FLANDERS



**FORGET** the NRL – to see some really spectacular football with passionate and inspiring players, look no further than the NSW Physical Disability Rugby League, which has officially kicked off, much to the delight of players and their families, after the entire 2020 season was cancelled due to COVID-19.

"I just love playing rugby league. I love my mates and I love how it makes me feel," Bill Bussell, a Yorta Yorta and Dharawal man said, capturing perfectly why this means so much to him and many others.

Bussell, 43, has cerebral palsy and some of his teammates are blind and hearing impaired while others are amputees. But once they all pull on their jerseys and lace up their boots, they become 10 feet tall and bulletproof. It is then that their abilities rise to the top.

The competition started in 2011 and was the dream of George

Tonna, a 2000 Australian Paralympian and a rugby league fanatic who just wanted to play footy and provide an opportunity to other disabled people.

"This game is about opportunities for everybody, young and old, it doesn't matter what your colour is – rugby league is our passion and we can play this game just as good as anyone else," he said.

"I just wanted to give back to the community and show disabled people that they can do anything they want to; don't give up."

In the 10 years since it started, the NSWPDRL has grown to six sides now – South Sydney, Manly, the Roosters, Newtown, Wests Tigers and the newly-formed Parramatta side.

The league also provides a pathway to play in representative games. There is a City-Country game, an Australia-New Zealand Test and a State of Origin clash between NSW and Queensland on the horizon.

But perhaps one of the biggest

events on the NSWPDRL calendar is the All-Stars match, which is an Indigenous Combined All-Stars match that is played annually at Redfern Oval in Sydney.

Bussell has had the great honour of being captain for the Indigenous side.

"I feel very proud to have done that," he said.

"It's the greatest thing I have done in the game, even bigger than playing for Australia. To lead my brothers out and represent my mob is the best."

Bussell's No.1 supporter, his Mum, Kay, says her son and the rest of the players have been so eager to start this new season.

"After there were no games last year, kicking off the new season was so important for their mental health," she said.

"They love playing and missed that camaraderie, but now it's back.

"I love what rugby league does for all the players and what it allows them to do. It's a wonderful game to watch and the skills on show are amazing."





Brisbane Lions' 2021 AFLW premiership players (from left) Courtney Hodder, Dakota Davidson and Ally Anderson who played key roles in the Lions' breakthrough grand final victory. Pictures: Getty Images, Peter Argent

## Let Port wear their 'Prison Bar' jumper

It's news that should surprise no-one but will disappoint many, Port Adelaide have been effectively banned by the AFL for wearing their iconic "prison bar" jumper and, understandably, the club is furious, as they should be. I personally think this is ridiculous.



**Shelley Ware**

The jumper is part of the club's heritage. They were the black-and-white Magpies in the SANFL. When they entered the AFL in 1997, they agreed to change their colours (and nickname to the "Power") for respect toward Collingwood, also black-and-white Magpies. Port have abided by this agreement but on a few occasions, specifically for Heritage Rounds, they had asked and were permitted by the AFL to wear it during that particular round.

In 2007, the club, in good faith, signed an agreement with the AFL that they could wear the guernsey each time for Heritage Round. Little did they know that the last Heritage Round came the following year. But the club believes that that 2007 agreement should be honoured, that wearing it in games against Adelaide in Adelaide fits in with football's 'heritage' criteria. I agree. Last year for their 150th anniversary they wore it in round 2 against the Crows at Adelaide Oval.

But the big obstacle here is Collingwood, which I just don't understand. Collingwood's argument is that, being in the AFL first, only they have the rights to the 'black and white' team colours. Collingwood have made it clear that they do not support Port wearing the jumper, and that, from what I can gather, only they have a legal trademark on the basic design of black and white stripes on an AFL guernsey.

Even though the AFL have made its final ruling on the matter, both clubs have not ruled further out legal action.

If Port do wear the jumper in violation of the AFL's ruling, the club will be fined and may lose four premiership points.

Why is this a bother to me? Because I grew up at Largs Bay and barracked for Port Adelaide in the SANFL my whole life. I personally feel a strong connection to this guernsey. But even if I, you or many others don't, would anyone's well-being be affected if Port wore this guernsey for at least one game a year? I think not.

*\*Shelley Ware is a proud Yankunytjatjara and Wirangu woman from Adelaide. She appears on AFL.com.au's Colour Of Your Jumper.*

# How these Lions became the Queens of the Jungle

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



THE Brisbane Lions were machine-like in their takedown of Adelaide in the 2021 AFLW grand final and at last count Ally Anderson has watched it unfold on tape at least four times now; the first re-run was at around 3am on Sunday morning, just hours after the final siren at Adelaide Oval.

The Lions defeated the Crows by 18 points, 6.2 (38) to 3.2 (20), to claim the club's first AFLW flag.

For Anderson, it was a truly sweet moment. The 27-year-old has been there from the start as a foundation Lion from 2017. She has experienced the heartache of losing two grand finals and seeing expansion clubs poach 16 of her teammates. But three weeks ago at Adelaide Oval all of that was put to the side. Football's 'Mount Everest' had been conquered.

Adding to this special moment was that the Lions won their first flag in the club's Indigenous guernsey, a lovely touch that had special resonance for Anderson and teammates Dakota Davidson and Courtney Hodder, the team's Indigenous players.

Space on the wide expanses of Adelaide Oval was at a premium in the grand final. The Lions hunted the experienced Crows into submission, just as to plan, as Anderson explains.

"Maybe they (Adelaide) weren't expecting it but we just came into the game with a clear plan and everyone played their roles," she said after a well-deserved post-season break.

"We brought that intensity from the first bounce; our team prides itself on pressure."

Davidson came into the club as a key-position tall forward that straightened up the Lions' attack while drawing the opposition's best defenders. She had a break-out season in 2021, her second at the club and in the AFLW. Her memories of the grand final are still vivid.

"Right until that final siren I didn't even know what the score was," she said.

"I knew we were in front but I was just so focussed on not letting them score and just keeping the ball at our end or having it in my hands."

You can never rest in grand finals, nor let the mind wander, but there was one brief moment – well, maybe two – when Anderson allowed herself believe.

"Right up until the final siren I actually thought that we still had about five more



Anderson, Davidson and Hodder share the spoils of victory. Picture: Peter Argent

minutes to go," she said, "(but) I think when Belle (Davies) kicked that goal on the three-quarter-time siren (that put the Lions 22 points up) and we all just got around her and then I thought about it, but it was like, 'OK let's all calm down'; that was the first time; also in the last quarter when Kate (Lutkins) took down one of their players.

"But really, you just take a game like that contest by contest and as they come to you.

"It was just really nice to get the win. I've been on the other side of it all, on the ground and crying; I did that nine times previously. It's been such an unreal experience. It's been, what three weeks, and I'm like, 'Did that actually happen; I can't believe that happened!'"

Davidson recalls the build-up to her first AFLW grand final like nothing she's experienced before.

"It was very mentally and physically draining with the build-up, pressure and anxiety playing on the biggest stage with thousands of people watching you," she said.

"But as soon as you're out on that field all

of that just leaves your body. You are playing footy. You are doing what you love."

Both women point to the mid-season COVID-scare as a turning point. The Lions were forced to spend three weeks on the road when Brisbane went into lockdown following a positive test in the city.

Anderson: "It was a bonding thing for our group. That was sort of the time when we said, 'Hey we can do this'. I think that that time just made us stronger mentally and it bonded us even more."

Davidson: "The week that COVID struck, we were just hit with the unknown but our motto became 'We don't have to, we want to' – that was the mindset and we were all on the same page and right through to the end."

Along with the premiership there were personal accolades for the trio.

Anderson was voted the club's best-and-fairest player and she shared the best finals player award with teammate Breanna Koenan. Hodder won the award for best first-year player and Davidson was voted the club's most competitive.



Byron Pickett in Port Adelaide's iconic "Prison Bar" jumper. Getty Images



# Aussie netball's time to shine



Former Australian Diamond Sharon Finnan-White, with her sons Ethan (left) and Lachlan, will rejoin the Channel 9 commentary team this season.

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



THE Netball World Cup will provide Indigenous young women the chance to see Black athletes up close and personal when the tournament returns to Sydney in 2027.

The International Netball Federation last week announced that Australia will host the 15th edition of the World Cup.

It will be the fourth time netball's big event will be held on Australian soil. The first netball World Cup was held in 1963 in England.

Former professional netballer Sharon Finnan-White, one of two Indigenous women to play for the Australian Diamonds, said a home

World Cup can offer a massive boost to the game in our communities.

"I think with the World Cup coming here it will definitely generate more interest in netball and especially for our Indigenous girls seeing the many other Black athletes from other countries playing," she said.

"There aren't too many Indigenous players (in Super Netball) here so I guess that increased visibility (at the World Cup) will be good to showcase netball.

"The World Cup is in six years' time. By then, I would love to see more of our girls playing in the national arena, in the state leagues, at nationals, in Super Netball, at the Diamonds; at a point where it would become just common to see our girls in those teams."

Finnan-White remains heavily

involved with netball as a mentor and as a member of Queensland Netball's Indigenous Advisory Committee.

She said while Australia remains officially No.1 in the world, New Zealand are the current World Cup champions.

Other countries are also improving with Australia, ironically, playing a direct role in that.

"England, Jamaica and other countries like Malawi and South Africa are starting to really step up," Finnan-White said.

"Super Netball is the best league in the world and some of the Super Netball teams here have players from other countries on their rosters and they're taking back with them those skills they've added in Super Netball and so that is having a positive effect on the game overall."

## Gumbaynggirr country takes centre-stage for Elders Olympics

By KRIS FLANDERS



ALL roads led to Nambucca Heads on beautiful Gumbaynggirr country in NSW mid-north coast last week as the annual Elders Olympics Games made a welcome return.

And while winning isn't everything, it was a day that the Karuah mob will cherish after they accumulated the most points from the variety of games including the bean-bag toss, quoits, pass-the-ball and netball hoops shooting.

With 24 teams from around NSW, the Nambucca Heads Elders were excited about welcoming people to Gumbaynggirr country. "Some of them have probably never come here before and seen the ocean," Anne Edwards, captain of the second Ngambaga Bindarry Girrwa Community Services team, said.

"We wanted to make everyone feel welcome and at home. This is very special for us and we hope other mob take away wonderful memories from being here"

Like many other events last year, COVID-19 cancelled the 2020 edition of the Elders Games. Deleila Roberts, manager of the Ngambaga Bindarry Girrwa Community Services, says the Nambucca Elders did all they could to ensure the competition got up and running again.

"It was sad that we had to postpone it for a year but we're so thankful that we could go ahead with it this year," she said.

"It means so much for

them to have that interaction again, it's great for their mental health to be around their team and other mob again."

The Mt Druitt mob travelled over 500km to participate and they were crowned as the Elders Games best banner winners.

Another crew that clocked up plenty of kilometres to play were the mob from Moree, in western NSW, over 420km away.

Barry Sampson said the trip was worth it.

"We go every year, we all love competing, we wouldn't miss out on it," he said.

"Age is just a number. It gets us out of town and allows us to meet other mob. Everyone is in there having a go and we've got two of our Elders who are 83 and 82 and they're doing the absolute best they can. That's what it's all about."

The Elders Games belongs to our Elders. This is their time to shine and it must be supported into the future.

"It's the 20 year anniversary of the event and we need this to stay forever more," Roberts said.

"It's too important to lose – the Elders Games is vital for them and the community."

Watching on at the concentrated efforts and skills on display, it is obvious that these Elders haven't lost their spark or competitive edge. Anne Edwards from the Nambucca Elders said it the best: "I've nearly lost my voice today screaming encouragement for my team. It doesn't matter how old you are, everybody wants to go for it. Everybody has that glint in their eyes."



That's three from three for the Ngambaga Bindarry Girrwa Elders team at the Elders Olympics at Nambucca Heads last week. Picture: Danny Teece-Johnson

## Super start as new season gets underway

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



THE Queensland Firebirds will be the big improvers in 2021, according to Sharon Finnan-White, who is now part of the game's TV commentary team.

The new Super Netball season got underway last week as Australian netball basks in the afterglow of the World Cup returning in 2027.

The Firebirds placed just outside the top four last year and have a new coach in Megan Anderson.

"I have been watching them closely and they looked pretty good in the pre-season," Finnan-White said. "They have a few new additions and have a young defensive end; they just look really polished."

"Jemma Mi Mi (Firebirds) is looking really strong and I would love to see her get more court time, and Gabbey Coffey is training at the Vixens and I just hope she gets an opportunity."

Finnan-White will call games for broadcaster Channel 9 this year. Last year, she was guest commentator during Indigenous Round.

Here are her thoughts on how 2021 could pan out for the teams:

Collingwood: "Wooden-spooners last year so they will be keen to redeem themselves."

Vixens: "They will be out to win another title, back-to-back. They've lost club captain Liz Watson and have had a few other retirements."

Giants: "They looked strong in the pre-season. One to watch is Kiera Austin with a good performance for the Diamonds in the Constellation Cup."

NSW Swifts: "Good continuity going into the season; very consistent. Sarah Klau impresses me the most, she has the highest intercepts, tips and rebounds; she's just a really solid, strong defender a keen player for them."

Sunshine Coast: "They have lost Laura Langman through the midcourt but Steph Wood is back and moving really well. Kate Shimmin is really tenacious and is one to look out for this year."

Adelaide: "One to look out for is (Jamaican) Shamera Sterling who is an amazing interceptor shot-blocker."

West Coast: "They are starting with 12 points in arrears due to their salary cap issue so they need to win every game."





## Community sport makes welcome return

By PETER ARGENT



A KEY component to the heart and soul of rural communities across the country is sport, and players and fans alike have welcomed its return in recent weeks.

In South Australia, country netball clubs that had abandoned the 2020 season due to the pandemic have returned to the courts.

Around 40km north of Adelaide, the Barossa, Light & Gawler Netball Association is in full swing. Here, the senior women's competition contains 11 teams and will play right through to August.

● Willaston Netball Club's goal-attack Jordan Wanganeen sizes up her options in a match against South Gawler. *Picture: Peter Argent*



Tasma Rudeforth is ready for her first placement in the IMP.

## Bring on the marathon – Tasma is ready



TASMA Rudeforth's selection into the 2021 Indigenous Marathon Project squad is a dream come true, and was "fifth time lucky" for her.

Previously, Rudeforth had felt the need to "dig deep" from each of those four earlier attempts to join after learning she had not made the team. It's a different story this time.

Rudeforth is one of 14 squad members of this year's intake, which marks the first time since the IMP's inception in 2010 that women outnumber the men – eight to six.

"I had to find out where I still needed to realign myself and my energy," Rudeforth said of those earlier setbacks.

"I don't see those previous attempts as failures; each one was an excellent building block for me to grow into the person I am now, and this person is finally ready. I am actually very grateful towards the IMP selectors that they had that insight that there was still work to be done.

"Bring it on, I am ready!" Rudeforth says her son Jarli is her "reason why".

"I hope that Jarli will grow up learning from me that nothing is impossible and that together we can one day make a difference in our local community," she said.

It has certainly not been easy for Rudeforth. Her father passed away when she was 18. It has also been a long journey of healing and finding her connection to culture and her own identity.

She believes that with her selection she can be a voice of hope for other young Aboriginal women who struggle with the some of the same challenges.

"Juggling work, life as a single mum, training and attending our five workshops over the course of six months will require some serious time-management skills," she said.



Tasma Rudeforth and her son, Jarli.

# Tahu lends expertise to tackle footy's big issue

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



FORMER rugby league and rugby union international Timana Tahu is at the forefront of a study that could make football safer, specifically in the area of

tackling.

Tahu and University of Newcastle researchers Dr Suzi Edwards and associate professor Andrew Gardner are collaborating on research to minimise concussion in sport.

Contact sport is grappling with the issue of concussion.

The enormity of the after-effects of cumulative knocks to the head has been tragically highlighted in recent times with the premature deaths of former players and the early retirements of players at their peak.

Tahu, who played for Newcastle, Parramatta, Penrith, the Indigenous and Maori All-Stars, Australia and in State of Origin in rugby league and the Waratahs and the Wallabies in rugby union, was among the first as an active player to explore better ways to minimise the risk after sustaining a concussion in 2002.

The information the trio have gathered comes from in-game head-accelerators placed in mouthguards, helmets (from the NFL) and crash-test dummies. Tahu also is at the centre of practical demonstrations.

Ultimately, the aim is to implement safer tackle techniques that is backed by solid data and without compromising the integrity of a particular sport.

"I think we're on the right track," Tahu said.

"The results we're looking at, we're seeing some positive data in what we're finding.

"What we are developing, or want to develop, is also high-performance-based, in that if you execute a safer tackling technique, you will be dominant, or you will win the play-the-ball or you will slow the ball down, all the while doing it in a safe way for you (the tackler)."

Tahu's involvement with Edwards and



Former dual-international Timana Tahu is lending his football knowledge to a team of researchers at the University of Newcastle.

Gardner has been key in gaining a better understanding of the impacts of contact sport.

"It's critical having someone like Timana involved because you can gain a lot of crucial information that you just can't from textbooks," Edwards said.

"Timana has all this knowledge that we as researchers don't know and we're often the ones asking questions about tackling techniques."

Tahu sees in games today players being

unnecessarily concussed.

"While some players are complaining about the speed of the game with some of the new rules, they're really not looking at the root of the problem and that's from traditional tackling techniques," he said.

"The last thing you want is being a 'hero' in your 20s and 30s and then end up sipping your food through a straw in your 40s and 50s. No-one wants that – you don't want that, and neither does your family who will have to look after you like that."



# Wadawurrung host surf titles



INDIGENOUS surfing's big event makes its return to country this month after a year hiatus following the coronavirus pandemic – the Australian Indigenous Surfing

Titles that brings together the best First Nations surfers from around the country in what will be a celebration of culture and surfing.

The event will be held at Bells Beach, on what is traditional Wadawurrung country, and will run for three days from May 28-30.

Muna Muna man and Surfing Victoria Indigenous aquatics manager Jordie

Campbell is stoked to be welcoming everyone back to the area in 2021.

"It will be amazing to have all the communities from across the country back gathering at Bells Beach," he said.

"Last year had a massive impact on everyone and with all the Indigenous surf comps across the country being cancelled we were not able to gather as First Nation people in one place.

"These gatherings are very empowering for our people and allow us to see friends and family from across the country, tell stories, heal and grow as one."

The event will see several divisional contests including an Open men's and

women's division, junior men and women (under-18), Masters (over-35), Elders (over-50) and Longboard.

"Having the Australian Indigenous titles at Bells is a great way to celebrate Australian surfing in our backyard and welcoming surfers from all over the country," Mark Flanagan, Rip Curl Australia event manager, said.

"Rip Curl is stoked to be working with Surfing Vic to help support what we view as an important part of our surfing heritage."

Phill Stammers, director at Headsox, agreed.

"Headsox is proud to be a sponsor of

the Australian Indigenous Surfing Titles; it's like no other surfing event.

"Seldom do we see competitors come together to celebrate community first before the individual. The vibe is relaxed and friendly. The competitor stoke is real and while all competitors bring their best it's more about connection to community and country.

"We love being a part of this wonderful cultural event and we wish the competitors and families a happy safe time.

"Come along and be a part of it!"

● Entries are now open via [www.surfingvic.com](http://www.surfingvic.com)

## Wallam in the lead with Rhinos



DONNELL Wallam is proving to be an accurate goal-shooter for Leeds Rhinos in the English Netball

Superleague.

The Nyoongar woman, who moved to the UK to further her netball career, is No.1 in the league in 'shot success' with a conversion rate of 94.31%.

Wallam (pictured) attracted the attention of Leeds after standout performances in the Western Australian Netball League in 2020 and won a spot as training partner for Super Netball team West Coast Fever.

● Picture: Getty Images



## Clarke locks in Thomas for next bout

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island's Patrick Clarke will shape up to a familiar face when he enters the ring for his next professional bout in Townsville next month.

Clarke, who turned pro after an extensive amateur career, will meet Dean Thomas in six three-minute rounds in the super-lightweight (63.5kg) division in what promises to be a good fight. Clarke and Thomas have fought nine times previously as amateurs with Thomas holding a 7-2 advantage.

It will be the fourth pro bout for the Bwgcolman warrior Clarke.

"We have had a lot of experience against each other in the amateurs (and) all those decisions were on points and were close bouts," Clarke said.

Clarke won his first professional fight when he defeated Yarrabah's Alan Patterson by TKO in Townsville earlier this year.

He showed a marked improvement from his previous losses to Ben Horn and Lachlan O'Shea.

By comparison, Thomas, dubbed the 'Blonde Bomber', has had five pro fights for three wins and two losses.

Clarke has stepped up in his training. He is expecting another big turn-out of fans from home at Palm Island.

"I am heading to the Sunshine Coast for a month of training under coach Ben Williams to get me in top shape," he said.

The fight will be held on June 26 at the Townsville Entertainment Centre under the banner of 'Fight For Our Future'.

The event is being run by Brisbane's ACE Boxing promotions along with Townsville group One Community One Standard and the Hawks Club, which runs a youth development program that promotes keeping youth active.

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## They Breed 'em tough in the Top End

● NORWOOD key forward, Northern Territorian Mattea Breed turned a few heads after a terrific start for the Redlegs in the 2021 SANFLW premiership season, which got underway this month.  
●Picture: Peter Argent



## How football can remember the First Wars

THE closest that secular Australia will ever come to observing a non-religious 'Holy Day' is Anzac Day. This much is true. And any word against this consecrated time of national reflection will be considered 'heresy' by the cultural guardians of conservatism in this country. The 'cancellation' of several public individuals in recent years bears this out. I have my own thoughts on war, which Anzac Day commemorates, and what our sports bodies can do on April 25 each year.



**Darren Moncrieff**

What we have in Australia is a curious situation. It is arguable that the Anzac Day commemorations by the NRL and AFL have taken centre-stage. They are large-scale and grand events; solemn and respectful. In many ways, the two big blue-tick football codes have captured Anzac Day in a more relatable manner that the Australian War Memorial cannot. In no other country is a nation's significant day memorialised like this and it won't change any time soon. These two great football codes have mass appeal. They are often at the forefront of tackling society's sticky issues head-on and we're all the more progressive for it. And as bold as the NRL and AFL have been in moving in on April 25 and making that work, they can be bolder still.

There is a small but growing voice in this country to include in official commemorations the thousands of Aboriginal people killed in the First Wars, also called the Frontier Wars. There is irrefutable proof of our ancestors dying in a hail of bullets in isolated killings or in full-scale state-sanctioned massacres, the recent of which was at Conniston in 1928 – three months and 10 days after my still-living 93-year-old grandmother was born.

Much is made about the events of 1915 at far away Gallipoli. Someone once said, unkindly so, that the easiest way to make a random Australian cry was to stick a microphone in their face on April 25 and ask what this day means to them. Harsh. Maybe that's because war-time scholars have a hard time convincing themselves let alone the rest of us exactly how a singular event on a distant shore led to Australia's "coming of age" moment, as is widely claimed, so everyone just fills in the blanks. So if we're commemorating those who died in those wars then should not our people who died on Australian soil on country, in the First Wars be also commemorated? My personal frustration is of this national amnesia. A true coming of age moment would see Australia commemorating First Nations people who fought for their lives against foreign and unwanted forces on country where we stand today.

These sports bodies that command our attention are nothing without those Black bodies that have made these games what they are today. It is entirely appropriate, then, to at least expect that both could one day make space in their grand ceremonies to commemorate our ancestors who died in those First Wars.

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# Darlington tops awards



HANNAH Darlington continues her steady rise in sport after winning the top gong as Indigenous cricket's best player.

The 19-year-old was recognised for her breakout season, winning the Lord's Taverners 2020/21 Indigenous Cricketer of the Year award.

In addition, she was voted as the Sydney Thunder's Player of WBBL06 by the team's members.

The talented all-rounder played an integral role in the Thunder's WBBL106 championship-winning side, taking 19 wickets at an average of 13.68 and an economy rate of 6.19 to finish second on the overall league wickets table.

Darlington, one of a handful of

Indigenous cricketers in the WBBL, has cemented herself as one of the league's best 'death' bowlers, with her changes of pace and match-winning yorkers forming a crucial part of Thunder's title-winning bowling attack.

Darlington also captained NSW's WNCL team for the first time when the Breakers played Tasmania in Hobart and, in so doing, became the youngest ever captain of New South Wales.

Her remarkable season culminated in being named in Australia's squad to tour New Zealand.

Darlington was also an integral contributor in the Walkabout Wickets documentary on the 2018 Indigenous tour to the UK, which retraced the footsteps of the 1868 Aboriginal cricket team.



Sydney Thunder's Hannah Darlington effects a run-out against Melbourne Stars in the Women's Big Bash League final. Getty Images

## Union turns to private investment after \$27m loss



RUGBY Australia has recorded a net deficit of \$27.1 million for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with the governing body losing so much money it even considered reverting to amateur status.

The \$45.7m reduction in revenue was the key factor behind the huge loss, which was somewhat offset by \$31.2m in drastic cost-cutting measures.

Staff costs were reduced by \$9.9m (down 46 per cent), a \$7.7m reduction in player costs (down 45 per cent), an \$8.1m reduction in Member Union funding (down 28 per cent), and other costs were reduced

by \$5.5m. And the size of the financial loss led to serious conversations about becoming amateur.

New Zealand Rugby approved a historic private equity deal at their AGM last week, with a 12.5 per cent stake to be sold to US equity firm Silver Lake for \$NZ387.5 million (\$A361 million).

Rugby Australia chairman Hamish McLennan indicated Rugby Australia would follow suit.

"We have absolute alignment," he said.

"I can't see us giving more than 15% away. It will be between 10 to 15% – probably 12.5%.

"In a perfect world you wouldn't have to

do it. There's an extra stakeholder we'll have to deal with.

"But I don't fear it. The more diverse range of skill sets we get around the table is a good thing.

"Rugby deserves to make a lot of money which we can reinvest back into the community game."

McLennan feels Australian rugby has weathered the worst part of the financial storm, with a string of international series set to pump much-needed money into the game.

RA is confident the proposed three-Test series against France during the middle of the year will go ahead. – AAP





Olympic gold medallist Cathy Freeman will speak at a key forum in Broome this week. Picture: Getty Images

# Freeman headline act at sports forum



OLYMPIC gold medallist Cathy Freeman headlines a key event in Broome this week that will closely examine the role of women in sport

The Making Her Mark: Women in Sport forum is hosted by Garnduwa Amboorny Wirnan Aboriginal Corporation, the Kimberleys' leading community sports organisation, with Freeman as keynote speaker. It is the second forum by

Garnduwa with a specific focus on women in sport. At last year's forum, Nova Peris, also an Olympic gold medallist, was key speaker.

Its chief aim is to develop women's confidence and leadership and to provide unique opportunities to engage with elite Aboriginal role models.

In 2020, Garnduwa provided crucial support for over 25 women from 10 remote communities to attend the forum in Broome and in a culturally safe environment and from

which 50 women from across the Kimberley were able to network and share knowledge to strengthen the overall capacity of women's sport and women in sport. Garnduwa, which was formed in 1992, established the forum from direct community feedback and conversations with Aboriginal women who work in sport in their communities.

"The Making Her Mark program has had a tremendous effect on the development of women's sport in the Kimberley," said Mick Albert, chief executive

of Garnduwa. "The lessons we learnt from travelling to community and facilitating conversations in the early days of the program have had a huge impact on where we are now, and I am proud to see women's voices at the forefront of women's sport."

Joining Freeman is educator, and *Koori Mail* football columnist, Shelley Ware as MC.

● **Making Her Mark: Women in Sport, May 5 and 6 in Broome.**



## Wadawurrung country to host national surf titles

● See page 54.  
● 2019 Australian Indigenous Surfing Titles Open women's division champion Jasmine McCorqudale. Picture: Surfing Victoria

# World Cup a perfect chance for Australian netball



NETBALL'S World Cup return to Australia presents a great opportunity for the sport to increase its visibility and appeal to Indigenous women, according to a former Diamond and World Cup winner.

Australia will host the 15th edition of netball's World Cup in 2027, the fourth time netball's main event will be held on Australian soil.

The first netball World Cup was held in 1963 in England.

The No.1 ranked Diamonds will again be

among the favourites to win the 16-team tournament.

The host nation was twice crowned world champions in 1991 and 2015.

Australia were runners-up in 1967 when Perth became the first Australian city to host the quadrennial event, which was then

contested by only eight teams.

The decision to award Australia hosting rights for the fourth time was made by the International Netball Federation (INF).

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