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The Smith family of Dubbo, Glen and Brinae with children Durakai, 7, holding bub Kalyra, and Keirajarli, 5. Picture: Amy Allen Creative Co



Mob stays strong

in the face of COVID crisis



WHILE the fears of Aboriginal health experts were realised when COVID-19 hit regional and remote communities in NSW, the message coming from those regions was clear:

We will get through this.

Late last week cases had been reported in Goodooga, Dubbo, Wilcannia, Walgett, Bourke, Gilgandra and Broken Hill.

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from Indigenous organisation REDi.E, said times were tough.

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we can. But we also need help.

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Hospital so we've experienced a different side of the lockdown," she said.

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MY FAMILY

Ian Kaddy (Mer Island/Townsville)

FAMILY is the backbone of my life and it is hard to imagine being without them.

When the *Koori Mail* photographer saw me in July, I was celebrating my 24th wedding anniversary with my wife Amy (nee Tabo).

We are both from the same Magaram Mer tribe and met in Townsville.

I am aged 52 and was born on Thursday Island and lived in Mackay for 14 years and moved to Townsville in 1989.

I have two sons Nabil Kaddy and Ian Kaddy Jnr and three grandchildren. The eldest is aged five, with another who will be born soon.

To steal a phrase from the Holy Bible, "They are the crown of all men".

As a family we enjoy barbecues during which we sit and yarn and enjoy time together and have a feed.

Sometimes we have special family times camping at places like Rollingstone, north of Townsville, or at Alva Beach, which is 8km south near Ayr.

I am also a committed Christian and attend services at the Church of the Living, here in the suburb of Kirwan.

For special events such as the Coming of the Light in July we go to St John's Anglican Church in South Townsville, where many local Torres Strait Islander people are congregation members.

One person we enjoy the company of is my Uncle, Father Gaidam Gisu.

We have close connections with the Ghee, Tapim, Mabo and Day families so there are always plenty of relatives and



Ian Kaddy and wife Amy.

friends to catch up with. In Cairns and Mackay we have many relatives so we try to visit those towns when we can.

I also try and get back to the Torres Strait often and the most recent trip was in June. It was for a church conference and I spent three weeks on Masig, where I went fishing, got to eat some turtle, and caught up with a cousin, Pastor Colin Messa.

Also I got to stay overnight on Hammond Island, where I was delighted to meet a cousin/sister.

We also keep in contact

with relatives around the Torres Strait and other places on social media such as facebook and mobile phone.

I also love music and using instruments like a warup, guitars and keyboards. I used to be in a band called I-ZIAI2 and we did gigs in Cairns and Townsville.

The guitar comes in handy on camping trips when we sit around a campfire and have a good time together and even get to do some fishing.

To me family is so valuable and my wife is

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OUR CHILDREN



Young mob had an 'awesome' week building pride and connection at 'Rip 'em Pormpuraav' Youth Summit, held recently in north Queensland. Activities included a colour run, pictured here, as well as traditional dancing, beach sport and health and wellbeing workshops. For the story and more pictures see pages 26-27.

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Francine Kickett addresses the gathering, with Dr Hannah McGlade.



Charmaine Thorne, Denien Toomath and Kathleen Toomath.



Noongar Elder Mingli McGlade.



Diane Niyati, Tui Raven and Liz Hayden.



Singer Lily Gogos.



Djookan Kakarook (Sisters Dancing): Estella Penny, Moyah Bell, Cody Hayden, Sharona Corpus and Kristy Bell.

Missing and murdered: Women call for justice

Pictures by Miles Tweedie Photography



TO honour the International Day of Indigenous Peoples, August 9, a group of First Nations women met up the day before in White Gum Valley, Fremantle, to call for justice for missing and murdered Aboriginal women.

Noongar academic and advocate Dr Hannah McGlade said the gathering of up to 50 women and girls was an important day for community members. "It was a healing day," she told the

Koori Mail. "As a community we haven't really been supported to come together and name up this horror of murdered and missing Aboriginal women.

"This has meant that the families of victims – and there are too many of them – have felt isolated.

"It was a very cultural event and gentle.

"We had the fire going outside, music, bush tucker food and, importantly, we were able to come together, breaking that stigma around victims.

"We really want the Government to focus on healing, not criminal laws that don't work for us."

Many of the women at the gathering

wore red in solidarity with the global movement 'REDdress – Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls', and others carried sprigs of wonnil (peppermint gum).

Last week, a petition signed by more than 2000 people was tabled in the WA Parliament calling for justice for Noongar woman Stacey Thorne, who was murdered in Boddington on December 9, 2007, and for an inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women.

"To this day no one has been held to account for her horrific murder," the petition reads.

"Aboriginal (First Nations) women in WA are at a high risk of murder, and as

mothers are 17.5 times more likely to be the victim of homicide. There is also racism by the criminal justice system, leaving them and their children vulnerable.

"Perpetrators may offend with impunity. Aboriginal women also suffer high rates of disability linked to this violence they are subjected to."

Dr McGlade, who last year co-authored a report titled 'Indigenous Femicide and the Killing State', said they wouldn't have been able to stage such an important day without the assistance of their sponsors, the City of Fremantle, Coolabaroo, the March for Justice and the Fremantle Arts Centre.



Protestors outside Parliament House are calling for a greater say in the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage..

Traditional owners want in on cultural heritage



TRADITIONAL owners from Western Australia marched to the State Parliament last week alongside Kimberley Land Council (KLC) members and leaders, calling for a greater say in the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

KLC chair Anthony Watson said the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill being prepared by the McGowan Labor Government must preserve cultural heritage for future generations.

"We stood on the steps of Parliament today (Thursday) to call on the Government to take this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get the laws around Aboriginal cultural heritage right," Mr Watson said.

"Traditional owners must have control over their cultural heritage.

"We were pleased to see big numbers of people come and join the march to celebrate and call for the protection of our heritage."

Mr Watson said the Martuwarra (Fitzroy River) in the Kimberley was just one of many sites around the state that were under threat.

"We don't want the Martuwarra Fitzroy River to be the next Juukan Gorge," he said, referring to the sacred site that was destroyed legally last year by mining giant Rio Tinto.

After being briefed on the draft bill by Aboriginal Affairs Minister Stephen Dawson, Mr Watson said it was a critical time for WA to get the legislation right.

"Our greatest concern is that we still don't know what legislation we will eventually end up with to protect our heritage," he said.

"We have been told there has been movement in the development of the bill, but so far the updates we have seen just signal that movement is favouring industry.

"We're concerned the goal posts keep moving. For example, in the previous draft bill, traditional owners had a right of appeal against the minister's decision to approve a Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

"That has since been removed.

"We are asking for the Government to trust traditional owners.

"In order for our heritage to be protected, we must be in control about decisions regarding our cultural heritage. The draft bill does not afford us these rights yet."

Mr Watson said the Government had the unique opportunity to be world leaders in demonstrating heritage protection and development could co-exist and result in a flourishing economy.

Kimberley MP Divina D'Anna and WA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Stephen Dawson came out to listen to speeches, and accepted the Heritage Statement presented to them by the KLC.



Elders Irene Davey, Shirley Drill and Jean Malay.



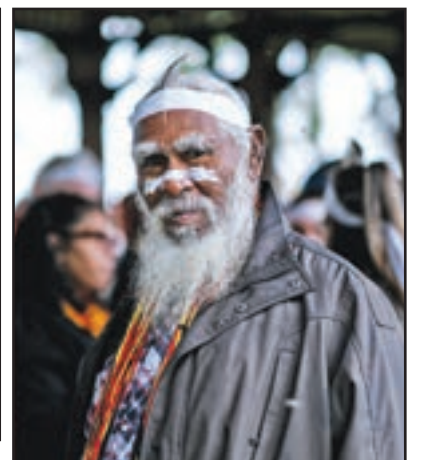
Kimberley Land Council chair Anthony Watson.



Protestors march to Parliament House in Perth.



Kimberley Land Council chief executive Tyronne Garstone.



John Watson



Slim Parker



Traditional owners from the Kimberley are concerned about protecting Aboriginal heritage. Pictures: Gabrielle Timms, Kimberley Land Council

COVID-19 crisis hits

By DARREN COYNE



THE COVID-19 outbreak in western NSW is "an absolute crisis" exposing the lack of planning and preparedness by government at every level.

With Dubbo and surrounding outlying communities locked down, community leaders say the outbreak is posing particular challenges for Aboriginal people in the region, who already live with social disadvantage.

The situation has forced the NSW Government to accept the help of Australian Defence Force personnel to bolster health services, and to simply get food to starving, isolated people.

Gamilaroi man Peter Gibbs, the programs and employment director with REDIE, an Indigenous organisation that delivers employment, training and community services, told the *Koori Mail* that people in smaller communities like Goodooga and Wilcannia felt forgotten.

"There's been no planning or preparedness even though we've been dealing with it (COVID) for two years," Mr Gibbs said.

"Our organisation goes a bit deeper than most and has a real presence on the ground so we are getting our intelligence directly from our people. And while most people are complying with lockdown restrictions, there are still parts of the community pointing the finger up, and those who don't understand the seriousness of the situation."

Mr Gibbs – who has more than 30 years experience in the community-development sector of western NSW – said that while the outbreak was exposing weaknesses in mainstream health and other services, it was also highlighting the value of Aboriginal-led solutions.

"There's always an element of non-compliance but we've got the right people delivering the message, whether it be our Elders, community leaders, sports stars or young people," he said.

Mr Gibbs gave particular praise to the mob at Wilcannia River Radio.

"People in that area don't have the internet, but they do have the radio and everyone has been using it because it's a key piece of infrastructure to get messages out. They've got police, health and education using that vehicle and it has become very prominent because they are so serious about keeping COVID out of communities."

"Up the river at Goodooga, the place is in crisis. There are COVID positive cases and there is an ongoing issue with basic food security."

"They don't have an IGA, a Coles or a Woolies to get their goods and services from. They have to travel to Lightning Ridge, which is almost an hour's drive and in another shire."

"This time with the statewide lockdown they've now got a real crisis. That's 500 men, women and children going without food, which is disgraceful."

"It's like we're living in a Third



Gamilaroi man Peter Gibbs says lack of preparedness has left small communities in western NSW feeling forgotten.



Wiradjuri man Phil Naden knows we need to get the messaging right.

World country.

"We've had two years with all the politics around COVID and yet these communities have been forgotten."

"Our people are being left behind in many ways and this has exposed the frailty of the situation."

"You sit back as a leader and say, 'How far has our country come?' Here we are in crisis just getting food supplies to people, and if they say you can't travel, what do you do?"

"We've had 10 years of drought, no water in our river, mice plagues, but as Aboriginal people we are already dealing with things like poor housing before we even confront these new challenges."

"It is a crisis. We can't put our heads in the sand. All we can do is do what we can. But we also need help."

Strong spirit

Mr Gibbs was adamant, however, that the Aboriginal people of western NSW would pull through.

"This is not going to break our spirit. We've been tested on every front, for generation after generation," he said.

"We will continue to find leaders to rise up, saying we're not going to accept living in a second-rate society."

Wiradjuri man Phil Naden is one such leader, leading by example.

As the chairperson for the Aboriginal Medical Research Council, and chief executive of the Coonamble and Dubbo Aboriginal Medical Service, Mr Naden knows how important clear messaging is.

"Our mob are pretty anxious at the moment. These are testing times," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"But our message is simple: If you are symptomatic get tested,

get the vaccination and comply with the public orders and remain in lockdown."

Mr Naden said there had been a notable increase in the number of Aboriginal people getting vaccinated since COVID had found its way into the region.

"People's initial skepticism has been overridden by the fact that our people are passing away."

"That's why we have got to be strong with the messages we put out."

"We understand everyone has different values and attitudes, but this strain is very dangerous and the best way to deal with it is for everyone to get vaccinated."

"I just had my second shot today."

Mr Naden conceded it had been an ongoing lobbying effort to ensure that the region had enough vaccines, especially following the NSW Government's decision to redirect vaccines in an attempt to deal with the Western Sydney outbreak.

That situation is improving, but there is much work to do to ensure people are prepared to roll up their sleeve.

"The hardest thing out our way is that not everyone is connected so we have got to make sure we are doing things in the proper way in getting the message out."

"The circumstance for a lot of our people is that they haven't got access to social media so we need to be proactively advocating and getting the message out to people in different ways."

"To do that, everyone must work together, because this goes as far as Broken Hill on the South Australian border, right across NSW and up to the Queensland border."

"We've had the Flying Doctors assisting us with the roll-out in Dubbo, NSW Health also offering services."

He said the AMS – which has about 42 staff at Dubbo – was also working with the Western NSW Primary Health Network and NACCHO (National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation).

And just last week, Australian Defence Force personnel rolled into town.

"There has been a mixed reception in how people are taking that (the arrival of the ADF), but from a public health position it's a good thing."

"There have been people non-compliant and not taking directions, and also there are smaller communities further west that need support."

"Everyone is working together to beat this thing."



Wiradjuri Elder Frank Doolan is focused on helping his community respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

'Riverbank Frank' is delivering the message to mob



WIRADJURI Elder Frank Doolan has emerged as somewhat of a grassroots champion for the many vulnerable Aboriginal people of Dubbo and surrounds.

He even got a shout-out from Prime Minister Scott Morrison last week, who thanked 'Riverbank Frank' for spreading the vaccination message.

Mr Morrison failed to mention the effort it took for Frank to get the jab.

"I went to get the vaccine and they had a bouncer, a security guard, on the door of the medical centre," Uncle Frank told the *Koori Mail*.

"If you're going to a life-giving place like a medical centre accessed by Aboriginal people why put a big White guy with a square head and chest out the front?"

"He folded his arms and blocked the door when I tried to get in. It was only when the head nurse, a Wiradjuri woman, came out that they arranged for me to get the vaccine."

"I operate at the grassroots level and, while most people use Facebook to access information, not everyone around here is computer literate, especially our old people."

"Since I got the message out it's inspired others to also get the message out."

"They are finally getting mobile clinics going, and even with that I'd be happy to go door to door to try to reassure our people about the need for this vaccine."

"It's pretty scary, but it is what it is. What I've observed around the community is how deadly they've been in complying with the laws and the lockdown."

"We don't need the friggin' army and such a big police presence. What that reflects is that what Scomo said at the start was not delivered."

"He said that Indigenous Australians would be a priority, but only 15% of Indigenous people Australia wide are vaccinated."

"It was a big promise, but it was all talk. He's been caught with his pants down on this and a lot of other issues."

"We're going to lose people out here, but I'm trying not to focus on that. I'm trying to focus on maintaining ties with my community and trying to be a light."

regional NSW hard

Smith family makes the most of time together as they lock down again through difficult times



WHEN it comes to lockdowns, the Smith family of Dubbo has certainly had its fair share.

Brinae Smith told the *Koori Mail* that her family had experienced lockdown in Sydney last year as their seven-year-old son recovered from a horrific motorbike accident.

"We have just come back to Dubbo after four months at the Westmead Hospital so we've experienced a different side of the lockdown," she said.

"He was in an induced coma and could only have one parent in with him at any one time.

"That traumatised us enough, but then we come back and get locked down again."

Her husband Glen's photography business, Darkeye Photography, has been forced to close, resulting in Brinae moving from part-time to full-time work with a government agency.

"He has lost 100% of his income, but because I'm an essential worker I've been able to go from part-time to full-time as a child protection case worker.

"I work on call so I'm not out all of the time. We have COVID safety plans and there are three separate teams operating.



Brinae and Glen Smith with their son Durakai in Westmead Hospital last year. Durakai was injured in a motorbike accident. Picture: Darkeye Photography



Durakai Smith, on the road to recovery, reaches out to baby Keirajarli, as mum Brinae, sister Kalyra and dad Glen watch on.

"It's a new world. For people who haven't experienced this, you feel like you are in a movie."

Despite the turmoil, Brinae said she was trying to stay as positive as possible.

"We have such full-on lives normally so just to be home safe with the kids, we actually enjoy it."

The couple have three

children aged 7, 5 and 1. The eldest broke both arms and legs in the motorbike accident, and received a brain injury, while the youngest has a bowel condition and hip dysplasia.

"We've missed appointments for the youngest that we've waited for a long time, but we just have to stay positive," she said. "Something like this allows us to appreciate

what we have and home is the safest place for us to be.

"Of course there are days where you just want to go down to the river, but this is the new norm for now.

"So we've got to find ways to make the situation bearable.

"For instance, my kids like to know that we do a lap around the block when I finish work every day so they

look forward to that.

"We also get out to the backyard and paint, and use the time just spending time with each other.

"When you live out here you don't realise the importance of staying home and safe because you feel that you are invisible.

"But it's important to do so, to protect our Elders and culture."

'This will have a big effect on our mob'



LIONEL Wood of Dubbo describes the atmosphere in western NSW as "surreal".

Mr Wood, 29, who would normally be out working as a mentor for the Clontarf Sports Academy, is locked away, working from home with his two little boys, aged 5 and 2, and wife Amy.

"No schools are operational so most of the kids are operating from home. Some are finding this difficult because they don't have laptops or Internet.

"The schools are doing their best, trying to supply equipment, or even hard copies of school material."

Mr Wood said the arrival of the Delta strain of the coronavirus was a reality check for many.

"Before you would hear things on the radio or television, but now it's in the backyard," he said.

"The first time around we only had one case out this way but now it's come back and it's spreading like wildfire.

"We've even got Defence handing out boxes of sanitary stuff and food. Most people are actually happy to see the army.

"With rising numbers we would love to see the young fellas staying at home because you can't put an end to the virus if you can't control the young ones.

"A few of the local lads have been putting together videos urging young people to stay at home and think of their Elders,



Locals queue to get their jabs in Walgett, where there's been a vaccination blitz.

their nans and pops and aunties."

Mr Wood said many were angry at how the virus was able to reach the remote communities of Western NSW.

"It began with some fella from Melbourne heading north. Two or three weeks later, they found evidence in the sewerage and

then the cases went from six to 60, with another 20 today," he said.

"There is a lot of knowledge that rests with the Elders in our communities.

"If we lose that generation through stupidity and not following rules, then we lose a lot."

Mr Wood said he and his family would continue to follow the advice of health professionals because "if you don't you are putting other people's lives at risk and in danger".

"The repercussions from this will be years to come.

"It feels like it will almost be another Great Depression," he said.

"I'm fortunate in that I've got an income coming in and I feel so sorry for the people who are losing everything.

"We're still recovering from our dark, Black history and now we can't even attend funerals, birthdays. We can't celebrate with loved ones. This will have a big effect on our mob.

"This year's (rugby league) Knockout was cancelled and it could be three years before we even have another Knockout.

"Some small businesses will never recover, and the farmers, with what they've already been through ... these really are uncertain times."

As for vaccines, Mr Wood said there had been a noticeable shift in the views of many of his friends and family.

"More people are definitely leaning on the side of getting it done. Now that it (COVID) has hit home, it's more realistic," he said.

"They've opened up a few places in town, with walk-in vaccinations, and if you are not able, then there are also services that will come to your house."

Efforts lift as virus spreads statewide



ABORIGINAL health experts' fears were realised this month as COVID-19

reached remote and regional communities in western NSW.

The virus was also detected in Shepparton, in regional Victoria, another area with a large Aboriginal population.

Late last week, cases had been reported in the predominantly Indigenous community of Goodooga near the Queensland border, Dubbo, Wilcannia, Walgett, Bourke, Gilgandra and Broken Hill.

All of NSW is currently in lockdown and police have ramped up enforcement of restrictions as authorities battle to contain the spread of the Delta strain.

Lockdown settings will remain in place in regional NSW until at least August 28, and in Greater Sydney until at least September 30.

Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service acting manager Katrina Ward said about 200 Goodooga community members asked to be swabbed, meaning the extent of any spread should be known in coming days.

While NSW Health statistics suggest low vaccination rates in Goodooga, Ms Ward said her team had vaccinated hundreds of people in and around the township as part of wider efforts in the region.

"We have been going into smaller communities and giving people education about the pros and cons of vaccinations instead of waiting around until it's too late and scrambling to try and get coverage then," she said.

"There is definitely fear in the community about contracting the virus, especially in the older and vulnerable populations.

"Some people were a bit ignorant or hesitant to get the vaccination because we thought (COVID-19) was going to stay in the cities, but it found its way to us."

She said her team was particularly grateful for the communities' welcome – and the support in the form of tea, coffees and lunches.

"It's a big community effort,



Aboriginal Medical Services in western NSW, like Walgett, are encouraging people to come and receive their COVID-19 shot. *Picture: George Williams*

both from the workforce and the people living in these areas," Ms Ward said.

All people who have visited Wilcannia in recent days are urged to get tested, regardless of symptoms, after a funeral began a super-spreading event.

In Walgett, the Dharriwaa Elders Group put out the call for masks and other personal protective equipment to be sent to Aboriginal community controlled organisations.

"This is a very worrying time for our community. Many of our Elders and others in Walgett experience health and social issues that make them vulnerable to contracting COVID-19. The impact on our community could be devastating," they said.

Late last week, five Australian Defence Force (ADF) teams of medics, nurses and logistics experts were sent to the region to help boost vaccination rates.

An AUSMAT team of emergency medical experts joined the effort, with the reinforcements based in Dubbo.

Federal Opposition Indigenous Australians spokeswoman Linda Burney, a

Wiradjuri woman, welcomed the move, but warned scars from the Northern Territory military intervention remained.

"If it's going to work, if it's going to be successful, it has to be done hand in glove with the local Aboriginal community," she said.

"ADF personnel must work closely with and complement the good work of trusted community leaders and organisations.

"These are traumatised communities. It takes a long time to build trust particularly around the issue of provision of help – that trust will not be there with the ADF."

The Opposition is calling for a First Nations coronavirus plan to include localised data, more vaccine, testing and tracing resources, and more power for Indigenous health organisations.

The approach would also clearly outline to communities treatment options should people require it.

Ms Burney said the four-point plan was better than resorting to military being dispatched when an emergency cropped up.

"I am fearful that what this will become is a game of

whack-a-mole," she said.

Nationally, 15% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have received both doses.

Ms Burney said about 8% cent of Indigenous people in NSW and Queensland were fully vaccinated compared with more than 40% in Victoria.

"The reason there is a difference is because in Victoria the Aboriginal community-controlled health organisations ran the vaccine program," she said.

Deputy chief medical officer Michael Kidd denied the western NSW vaccination blitz had come too late.

"It is never too late for people to get vaccinated against COVID-19," he said.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation chief executive Pat Turner said changing advice around the AstraZeneca vaccine had fuelled hesitancy in some communities.

"There was all the publicity and mixed messaging from leadership about the blood clotting, so everyone got fearful," she said. – *with AAP*

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COVID threat draws calls for release of prisoners



JUSTICE organisations are calling for prisoners to be released to address the COVID-19 risk, as NSW prison officers are warning jails could become super-spreader sites as they beg for more on-site

vaccinations.

Aboriginal organisation Deadly Connections says the Pfizer vaccine must also be made available to people in prisons, and rapid antigen testing be given to corrections workers.

"Before we see a humanitarian crisis unfold in Australia's prisons, the NSW Government must take urgent action to protect people in prisons from the virus," National Justice Project chief executive George Newhouse said.

Professor Thalia Anthony of the University of Technology Sydney said the Corrective Services commissioner should use his discretion to release people to reduce the threat of outbreaks in prisons.

A number of prisoners has tested positive for the virus this month, prompting fears that jail could see major outbreaks.

Four men at Sydney's Silverwater prison have tested positive, including two who were sent to Sydney from Bathurst Correctional Centre.

They are being held at an isolation hub. Investigations are underway into how they contracted the virus. Impacted staff have been told to get tested and isolate, a Corrective Services NSW spokesman says.

The Public Service Association (PSA) says there is an urgent need for another round of on-site vaccinations for prison staff to prevent mass spread of the virus.

NSW Health has rejected the union's requests, they say.

PSA president Nicole Jess said prisons are super-spreading environments.

"Once it gets in to the main population you're in real trouble," she said.

"But it is preventable – we need jabs in prisons now. It's simple as that."

The union claims that officers who missed out on a first round of vaccinations have been told they need to see a GP or go to a vaccination hub to get their jabs.

But particularly in regional NSW, members have told the union they've had trouble accessing the vaccine despite being a priority eligibility group.

The rising COVID-19 risk in the regions has led to greater competition for appointments, Ms Jess says.

The union is warning that a large outbreak could put significant pressure on the prison system and the hospital system.

And they say that staff attempts to manage COVID-19 risk using lockdown and rigorous isolation measures has led to significant tensions within the prisoner population.

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Settlement for kids who were abused in Don Dale

By DARREN COYNE



THE Don Dale Youth Detention Centre in Berrimah is a "disgusting facility that shouldn't house anyone, let alone children".

That's according to Maurice Blackburn principal lawyer Ben Slade, whose firm has secured a \$35 million class action settlement on behalf of young people mistreated while in youth detention between August 2006 and November 2017.

"It's just unacceptable for young people to be housed in conditions like that," Mr Slade told the *Koori Mail*.

He also pointed out that during the time he had been working on the class action, it was normal "a lot of the time for 100% of the inmates to be Aboriginal", despite Aboriginal people making up less than 20% of the Northern Territory population.

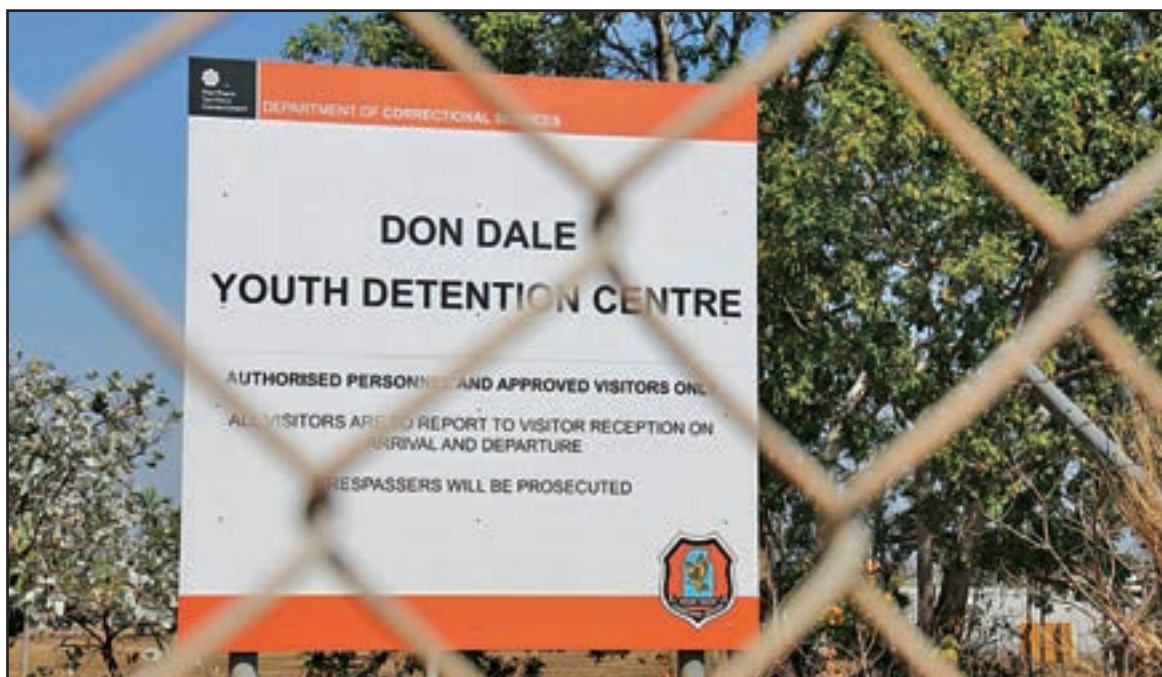
"Youth justice in Australia is bad, but the NT takes the cake," he said.

Lead applicants Aaron Hyde and Dylan Jenkins, who were assaulted and abused by youth justice officers while in detention, brought the case.

It's estimated about 1200 people could be eligible for a share of the compensation, with the majority of the claimants Aboriginal.

Mr Slade said the amount paid to each person would vary depending on how long they were in detention, what happened to them, and how many people register for compensation.

"Some were in for a short time and were subjected to strip searches while others spent up to five weeks in isolation being beaten



A class action has secured \$35 million on behalf of young people mistreated in youth detention.

and abused," he said.

Mr Slade said the process of contacting those eligible for payment had begun.

"No amount of money will undo the ongoing harm caused by these abuses, but it is an important acknowledgement of the pain caused to hundreds of young people," he said.

"While in detention, these young people were subjected to appalling treatment that included excessive force, handcuffing, strip searching and isolation in cells.

"These young people may have broken the law, but they did not deserve to be broken by the law."

Mr Slade said a Federal Court hearing to approve the final settlement was scheduled for November 8 in Darwin.

In the meantime, possible claimants will be contacted in a variety of ways.

Mr Slade said the court had made it clear it was important to communicate the settlement in various Aboriginal languages.

He said potential claimants would be contacted via their last known address, and there would be arrangements with community leaders and financial councillors to help in the process of reaching people.

In 2017, the final report of the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory revealed systemic and shocking failures, including "regular, repeated and distressing mistreatment" of young people.

"As the royal commission made clear, the Territory's youth detention system was damaging children and young people, not rehabilitating them," Mr Slade said. "Our clients hope the Royal Commission and this hard-fought class action will lead to changes in the youth detention system that mean other young people will not suffer as they did."

Aaron Hyde, one of the two lead applicants, said in a statement that "only the people who have walked in my shoes know what we've been through.

"Our shoes bear those scars and marks. The brothers and sisters who are no longer with us are not forgotten and we send them our love. I hope this settlement leads to change to create a better

system for the younger mob."

The NT Government does not admit that officers acted illegally, but it has previously apologised for the way young people were treated in youth detention.

Despite that apology, and a recommendation from the royal commission that the Don Dale centre – a former adult maximum security prison – be closed, the NT Government is spending millions upgrading the facility.

The Government has announced that the works will see disused blocks refurbished in order to "increase the number of bedrooms and enhance the ability to manage occupancy should this be required".

Controversial changes making it harder for young people to get bail were passed in the NT with bipartisan support in May, with critics arguing more kids would end up in detention.

Arnhem Land independent Yolngu MP Yingiya Mark Guyula, who cast the only vote against the legislation, said too little had been done to support Aboriginal community responses to youth crime.

"This bill sets the path for everyone to walk on – a path that says it's OK to lock up kids," he said at the time.

"We know this is mostly about Aboriginal kids. This creates a culture of inherent racism."

Registrations for the \$35 million settlement can be made through the Maurice Blackburn website or by calling 1800 226 211 (free call).

Registrations close on November 16.

Information about the class action, including a link to the registration portal, is available at mauriceblackburn.com.au

Rolfe trial in limbo as legal argument tested



THE murder trial of Northern Territory policeman Zachary Rolfe was due to start last Monday, August 23 (after the *Koori Mail* went to print), but the Crown had applied for a stay order. Constable Zachary Rolfe, 30, has pleaded not guilty to murdering Kumanjaji Walker, 19, in November 2019.

The teenager was shot three times in the remote community of Yuendumu, about 290km north-west of Alice Springs.

The prosecution wanted to seek leave from the High Court to appeal a recent legal decision by a full bench of the NT Supreme Court related to Rolfe's defence.

It applied to NT Supreme Court Acting-Justice Dean Mildren on Thursday to delay the start of the trial so it could pursue the appeal, but was refused.

Prosecutor Philip Strickland on Friday took the request to the High Court in Canberra, where Justice Jacqueline Gleeson reserved her decision on the stay until 9.30am (AEST) on Monday.

The jury trial was scheduled to start in Darwin at 10am (ACST) on the same day and run for three weeks with about 50 witnesses and experts set to give evidence.

Whether it began was dependent on the High Court's decision, due an hour before the trial was due to start.

Justice Gleeson also scheduled a hearing in the High Court on September 10 for Mr Strickland to seek leave to appeal the NT Supreme Court decision on Rolfe's defence.

Mr Strickland says the decision to allow Rolfe's



Northern Territory Constable Zachary Rolfe has pleaded not guilty to murdering Kumanjaji Walker in November 2019.

legal team to use three separate defences before the jury, including the immunity clause in the NT *Police Administration Act* was wrong and not consistent with the reasonableness provisions of the criminal code.

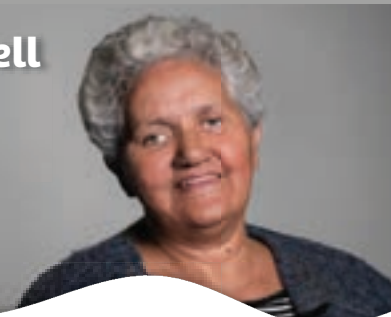
The interpretation of the act is central to Rolfe's trial.

Mr Strickland said the High Court appeal had to be heard before the criminal trial started because the law did not permit the Crown to appeal the verdict if the jury acquitted Rolfe.

Rolfe is charged with murder and the alternative counts of manslaughter and engaging in a violent act causing death.

His trial has previously been postponed twice by the COVID-19 pandemic. – AAP

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All enquiries should be directed via email to Dr Kathryn Gilbey, Director of the Graduate School Research Division, Batchelor Institute, kathryn.gilbey@batchelor.edu.au and graduateschool@batchelor.edu.au

Esperance mob form a hub



TRADITIONAL owners of Esperance have a new community hub after being granted a new home by the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC).

Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (ETNTAC), which represents the traditional owners of Esperance Nyungar country, applied for funding for the purchase and fit-out of an Esperance property to enable it to bring all its services under one roof.

ETNTAC chief executive Peter Bednall said their new home was more than just a building and that they plan to expand operations in the future.

"We are creating a community-owned space," he said. "It's a meeting place to foster cultural, social and environmental values, and we need bricks and mortar to deliver that."

"This place will be a hub for the community and enable us to positively engage with our members to strengthen cultural ties."

"We take a holistic approach to reaffirming our members' connection to country while empowering participation in culturally secure business enterprise, and this new base will underpin our sustainability."

The ILSC has granted ETNTAC \$759,000 to acquire and redesign the property, which is located at the Activ Foundation's



Andrew Beck and the Clontarf dancers.

former site in Esperance.

With a permanent base and additional storage space, ETNTAC will be able to implement plans to employ up to 25 additional Indigenous rangers and other staff as part of its Tjaltjraak

land and sea enterprise programs.

ILSC group chief executive Joe Morrison said assisting the continued growth of ETNTAC was a great example of the corporation fulfilling its purpose to support the land needs of

Indigenous Australians.

"The role of ETNTAC as a vehicle for traditional owners to be agents for enterprises on their country is vital and its success evident in the growth of its land and sea enterprise

programs," he said.

"The ILSC hopes this new permanent home creates greater security while continuing to support traditional owners realise their cultural, social and economic aspirations in the Esperance region."

"While the ILSC is proud to have played a role in supporting the achievement we must also acknowledge the leadership of ETNTAC, who identified and secured an asset that will support their future expansion."

ETNTAC chairperson Gail Reynolds-Adamson said the new base would enable the organisation to carry out its core mandates.

"Our ancestors successfully managed country in a sustainable way for thousands of years," she said. "In the new era of Tjaltjraak, we are rebuilding our relationship with country and rekindling cultural practices, and now we have a new home to enable us to do this."

The property's storage facilities will be used for farming equipment and as a seed storage and processing area for the Tjaltjraak rangers' new seed collection enterprise, while the money saved on rent will allow the organisation to expand its operations.

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Whiskey turns her colourful vision to the idea of home



ARTIST Kaylene Whiskey, a Yankunytjatjara woman from Indulkana, in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, South Australia, is sharing a piece of her colourful world with Melbourne.

Whiskey has been commissioned to make a video for the Melbourne Art Fair, responding to the Fair's 2022 theme of 'Djeembana/Place' with an intense focus on her hometown.

"I'm very proud to live here on our country and to hold on to our culture and our language," Kaylene Whiskey said.

"I grew up watching my family, my aunts and grandfather, making paintings about our country, and I am continuing this tradition but using new ways too – dot painting and video.

"I want my work to show a strong, positive message about life in a remote Indigenous community."

"I am from the generation that grew up with Coca-Cola and TV as well as Tjukurpa (cultural stories) and bush tucker, so I like to have a bit of fun with combining those two different worlds."

Set to be unveiled at the Melbourne Art Fair in February 2022 before moving to its permanent home in the ACMI collection, Whiskey's new video



Kaylene Whiskey: "I want my work to show a strong, positive message about life in a remote Indigenous community." Picture: Meg Hansen, courtesy of Iwantja Arts

work will be the ninth commission of the 15-year program.

It marks several firsts: the first time the Melbourne Art Foundation Commission program has partnered with ACMI (the museum of screen culture, formerly the Australian Centre for the Moving Image), the first time the commission has awarded a First Nations artist, and

the first time it has supported the production of a moving-image work.

Established in 2006, the Melbourne Art Foundation Commission program provides a living artist with a rare opportunity to realise an ambitious work for unveiling at Melbourne Art Fair, which is later gifted to a prominent Australian Institution.

Melbourne Art Foundation chief executive and art fair director Maree Di Pasquale said that Kaylene Whiskey is an important Australian contemporary artist on the rise.

"Kaylene's unique visual language portraying native flora and fauna alongside pop idols and consumer products will provide a

playful yet critical commentary on place and the impact of globalisation on remote Indigenous communities," she said.

Ms Di Pasquale said the theme for next year's fair recognises that there is a gap between 'djeembana' and 'place', where direct translation fails. Djeembana, a word of the Boon Wurrung, is a place for community; a meeting point for the exchange of stories, rituals and knowledge.

"When we speak of place, we look to invoke that which djeembana signifies," she said.

ACMI director and chief executive Katrina Sedgwick said that Kaylene's work is already in the museum's permanent exhibition *The Story of the Moving Image*.

"And we're thrilled to be working with her again to support the creation of a brand-new moving image work," she said.

"Kaylene's rich, colourful drawings combine images of her life in the remote community of Indulkana in South Australia and iconic women from popular culture. It's exciting to see these drawings brought to life in moving images."

Melbourne Art Fair will return from February 17-20, 2022, at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, presenting solo shows and works of scale and significance by artists from 50 of the region's leading contemporary art galleries.

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Steve turns his life around



STEVE Bastian's moment of truth came as he stood in the dock of a Wollongong courtroom looking into the abyss of three years in prison.

His young life had been scarred by poverty, family dysfunction, intergenerational trauma and a tendency for violence after drinking alcohol.

And now here he was, given a stark ultimatum by a magistrate: "Go to rehab or go to prison."

Mr Bastian chose rehab, triggering a life-changing series of events that, a decade on, saw him recognised as an inspiring Aboriginal role model at the 2021 Gili Awards.

The Albion Park dad-of-four, a proud Yorta Yorta man, was last month awarded the prestigious Health Wellbeing and Community Services Student of the Year at the awards, aimed at celebrating Aboriginal students' achievements at TAFE NSW.

Mr Bastian, 38, completed a Certificate IV in Youth Work at TAFE NSW Shellharbour last year and is now enrolled in a Diploma of Youth Work, recently finishing up a stint as an Indigenous Youth Access Clinician at headspace Wollongong. He is deeply passionate about mentoring at-risk Aboriginal children and teens.

He said TAFE NSW played a "huge part" in giving him the



Yorta Yorta man Steve Bastian was awarded the Health Wellbeing and Community Services Student of the Year at the TAFE NSW Gili Awards.

skills, knowledge and confidence to change careers – and lives.

"The Gili Award was so overwhelming ... It's the biggest achievement of my life," Mr Bastian said.

"I couldn't have done any of this without the support of my TAFE NSW teachers."

Mr Bastian's love of education as an adult is in stark contrast to his school-aged years.

"My education wasn't the best; I was never a school person," he said. "I was always getting into fights or getting suspended."

"I was put in the too-hard basket and it's the same with a lot

of the kids I work with."

He had a short but successful amateur boxing career and became a dad at 17, working a series of short-term labouring jobs to support his family. But the demons from his childhood would surface when he drank alcohol, and his rap sheet was growing.

After a court-mandated stint in rehab, Mr Bastian emerged a new man, meeting his future wife Marcela and kicking his addiction to heavy drinking. While working as a bus driver for the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation, he discovered an affinity with Aboriginal youth.

"I really built that trust with the kids I was transporting and I realised I could actually have a career in youth work," he said. "They started letting me sit in on mentoring sessions and I knew I needed some qualifications so enrolled at TAFE NSW."

He said helping young Aboriginal people "break the chain" and reconnect with their community was now his life's purpose and he has aspirations to complete a Bachelor of Social Work.

TAFE NSW Shellharbour youth work teacher Berenice Murphy said Mr Bastian was a credit to his community and the profession.

"Steve is a great example of what you can achieve with the right support and engagement," Ms Murphy said. "He struggled to turn on a computer when he first came to TAFE NSW but now has the practical skills to change his own life and the lives of so many others in his community. He really is a great leader."

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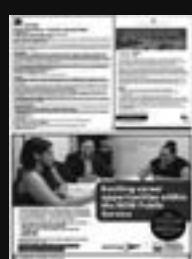
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Caring for country proves a winning choice for Dhani

By RUDI MAXWELL



FOR young Wiradjuri woman Dhani Gilbert, landcare is a part of caring for country.

Dhani, who is studying a double degree in environment and sustainability (science) at ANU, along with a graduate certificate in Wiradjuri language, was recently named the Australian Young Landcare Leadership Award winner.

"What really led me down that path was that I was involved a lot in caring for country and culture from a young age," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I've been involved in seed harvesting, weed eradication and native vegetation restoration. Growing up, my parents showed me practical ways of caring for country and that meant as I got older I started exploring further. So when I went to uni I wanted to study things that aligned with what I'd learned growing up."

Dhani credits her parents with sparking her love of caring for country.

"I grew up in Canberra and spent a lot of time with Mum and Dad going to places like nature reserve Tidbinbilla, seeing work around conservation and out past Captain's Flat for cultural burning," she said.

"It means I understand how to read country, what you're meant to read so you know when it's healthy and know what it needs. I absorbed a lot at a young age, so as an adult, I've stepped into that space.

"We need healthy country in order to have healthy people."

Earlier this month, Dhani was one of the speakers at the national landcare conference, along with cultural fire practitioner Victor Steffensen.

"Landcare really enables conversation and action at a community level, which is one of the most effective ways to create change," Dhani said.

"Some of the conversations I had at the landcare conference were around empowering communities with the skills and capacity to create a healthier environment.

"I think as a society we're facing some big challenges, particularly in how we value the land. There's often a lot of emphasis on material value, rather than the holistic value of protecting country. I think shifting that conversation is really difficult, particularly in the context of land use.

"First Nations people have the capacity to help shift that but one of biggest barriers is that we're not often given the space to engage, which is fundamental.

"Community level action should be looking at proper land management that really encompasses First Nations ways of caring for country. They're time-tested. We know they work.

"It's good that there are spaces like the national landcare conference, that are bringing First Nations voices in and making sure those voices are at the forefront."



Wiradjuri woman Dhani Gilbert has been named the national Young Landcare Leadership Award winner.



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Woor-Dungin is working to put the record right

By ALI MC



LITTLE did Wakka Wakka woman Naomi Murphy realise as a teenager that run-ins with the police would continue to affect her 10 years later.

After turning her life around, she would find herself getting knocked back for employment.

"I've been offered jobs, but jobs have been taken off me," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"There have been other times I have gone for job interviews and they'll say, 'We'll get back to you in a week after we've done your criminal record check.'

"And they'll get back to me and say, 'Look, we can't offer you the job now.'"

After finding work with the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service, Naomi then volunteered at Woor-Dungin, an Aboriginal-led social justice group that aims to remove barriers for people such as Naomi seeking employment.

"There have been other times when I have gone for job interviews and they don't even want to hear my story how that was in my past and I've turned my life around," Naomi said. "That's happened to me about three or four times."

Naomi said this impacts many people in Aboriginal communities, as the discrimination based on previous (and often, historical) criminal records entrenches poverty and disadvantage.

"It makes it hard for people like me who have turned their life around and work back in community, or work full stop, because you've got a criminal record," she said.

"And people don't put you on if you've got a criminal record. Everyone does criminal record checks these days, even our own Aboriginal organisations.

"If we've got the highest rates of incarceration where's all the



Naomi Murphy, chair of the Woor-Dungin Criminal Record Discrimination Project.

mob going to go when they get out? How are they going to get a job?"

Woor-Dungin – which means 'share' in the language of the Guna people of south-eastern Victoria – works with Aboriginal community organisations and others to foster a better understanding of the impact of historical criminal records.

The team – of which Naomi is now chair – aims to overcome such barriers to employment through philanthropy and education.

"I started as a volunteer," she said.

"I told my case story, about my lived experience around criminal record discrimination. That work then evolved into me coming on as a staff member."

Woor-Dungin has held workshops such as the Aboriginal Ex-Offender

Employment Project, which ran over two days at the Koori Heritage Trust working with Aboriginal community members and employers.

"We shared good practice and not-so-good practice, and how we can get more mob into employment and around those barriers and hurdles of criminal record checks," Naomi said.

"A lot of big companies were coming there – like the Australian Tax Office – and they were so enthusiastic about employing mob with prior criminal records but they did not even know how to go about it or what the first step was."

Those companies also had the opportunity to hear from people who had lived experience, such as Naomi, who were able to share their stories of gaining employment.

"Philanthropists have also

come to the Aboriginal community and said, 'Listen, we want to support the cause, but we don't know how to go about it,'" she said.

"So we've also been educating philanthropic groups along the way."

Some of the meetings have been held on country in order to provide a cross-educative experience.

"It is that coming together of philanthropy – but which is normally seen as a very White, very stringent, sterile environment – and linking them in with community, but in a way that they (the philanthropists) have an understanding of what community's needs are," Naomi said.

"We still say to them: This is what we need in our communities; this is what we need advocacy for; this is what

we need financial support around.

"We've got the plan; you've got the funds to support it. Let's work together."

Naomi says this approach means the Aboriginal community still owns and runs any project that is supported in order to ensure self-determination.

However, in the past two years Woor-Dungin has faced barriers in conducting advocacy and workshops, not least because of the pandemic.

"There's been some hurdles around Woor-Dungin being able to deliver programs and support community," Naomi said.

As such, the organisation is now looking for new members and also to build new partnerships with Aboriginal community groups.

"Woor-Dungin wants to partner with Aboriginal organisations that might want to do advocacy and self-determination work within their communities but they might not want to go through state or government funding because of the restrictions. So we link them up with philanthropy and we can also link them up with pro bono support," Naomi said.

Naomi points to the success that Woor-Dungin has had with regard to linking Aboriginal community members up with employment, citing herself as an example.

"We all know and we all want our communities to be safe," she said.

"But if you've got someone who's got a criminal record from over 10 years ago and it's nothing relevant to the job that you're doing, then why would you discriminate against them?"

"They've turned their life around; they've got good references now; they're doing good stuff in the community – but that's still a barrier."

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Meet the commissioners



THE Yoo-rrook Justice Commission has announced a series of "town hall" meetings across Victoria.

Yoo-rrook on Country will allow the commissioners to meet with communities and build awareness of the historic work Yoo-rrook will conduct in investigating historical and ongoing injustices faced by First Peoples since colonisation.

Over coming weeks, the five Yoo-rrook commissioners – chair Professor Eleanor Bourke, Dr Wayne Atkinson, Sue-Anne Hunter, Professor Maggie Walter and Professor Kevin Bell – will visit a range of locations across five regions in Victoria.

"Yoo-rrook on Country aims to introduce all five commissioners to First Nations

Peoples of Victoria and other Victorians so that they learn about the Yoo-rrook Justice Commission," Professor Bourke said.

At Yoo-rrook on Country, commissioners will have the chance to speak with traditional owners and First Peoples communities directly to strengthen ties and raise awareness of Yoo-rrook's work.

"Meeting with, listening to and hearing from our First Peoples is an important foundation for this process before we begin the work," Professor Bourke said.

The five regions and initial locations confirmed include:

- North-east**
 - Yorta Yorta country (Shepparton, Echuca and Wodonga)
 - Taungurung country (Seymour)
- North-west**

- Wemba Wemba/Wamba Wamba country (Swan Hill)
 - Latji Latji and Ngintait country (Mildura)
 - Dja Dja Wurrung country (Bendigo)
 - Wotjobaluk country (Horsham)
 - South-west**
 - Wathaurong/Wadawurrung country (Geelong)
 - Gunditjmara country (Lake Condah, Portland, Framlingham and Warrnambool)
 - South-east**
 - GunaiKurnai country (Lake Tyers and Morwell)
 - Metropolitan**
 - Boonwurrung/Wurundjeri-Woiwurrung Country (Melbourne).
- Additional locations will be scheduled later in the year.



Yoo-rrook commissioners: Professor Kevin Bell, Professor Maggie Walter, Professor Eleanor Bourke, Dr Wayne Atkinson and Sue-Anne Hunter.

Indigenous activists face rise in murder



AN indigenous activist was killed on average every other day in the Amazon region in 2020, according to research from Catholic aid group Adveniat.

Intensive agriculture, illegal mining and huge energy projects are putting Latin America's indigenous peoples at risk, the organisation said in a release marking the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, August 9.

Since 2014, 600 indigenous environmental activists have been violently killed, according to Adveniat, which said its research on the ground revealed increased violence against environmentalists in the last 12 months. A survey showed that many indigenous organisations see a growing threat to the safety of their members.

Indigenous peoples play a key role in the fight against climate change and environmental destruction, and have been murdered when they resist economic activities in their traditional settlements, the agency said. – AAP



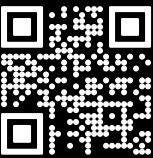
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Aboriginal Heritage Moruya bypass

Transport for NSW invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for the Moruya bypass project to register to be consulted, if they have not already done so.

Transport proposes to construct a bypass to improve safety, connectivity, transport efficiency and reduce congestion for passing and local transport users including motorists, pedestrians and cyclists as well as improve access to the new Eurobodalla Health Service.

The proposal may result in the Transport for NSW:

- Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and/or
- Undertaking investigations in accordance with the *Code of practice for archaeological investigations in NSW 2010*, and/or
- Undertaking an environmental impact assessment under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

To register your interest, please contact: moruyabypass@transport.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 750 579 before Friday 10 September 2021.

Registered Aboriginal Parties are invited to attend the Aboriginal Community Consultation meeting currently planned for mid-September in Moruya. This meeting could be hosted virtually due to current COVID 19 restrictions.

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Growing healthy families



TESTIMONIALS from the latest group of young women graduating from Mallee District Aboriginal Service's (MDAS) relationship-based parenting program have highlighted the effectiveness of intensive work on strengthening families from within.

The Circle of Security (COS) program was implemented by MDAS five years ago, and the recent graduates are proud of the progress the program has allowed them to make in their parenting and family relationships.

Team leader with the MDAS Early Years team Kelly Taliloo said Circle of Security worked in small groups with young women, new parents and carers to better understand the needs and behaviours of their children.

"We keep Circle of Security to only five or six participants at any one time, which means we build very strong relationships within the group over the eight weeks we're together," she said.

"Our work is focused on enhancing attachment security between parents and children – that doesn't mean simply focusing on the child and their behaviours.

"It means we give the women space to explore their own emotional needs and how that impacts on their family relationships as well. Just going through that process promotes a



The latest young parents who have graduated from the Mallee district Circle of Security parenting program.

deeper understanding of what drives a child's behaviour and, just as importantly, their own parental responses.

"The outcomes are safer, stronger bonds between parents and child and brighter futures for the next generation."

COS groups meet weekly and participants have a meal together as they study and talk. The

interactions build a network of peer support and opportunities to make positive social connections with other parents. The concept allows parents the time to reflect with their peers in a supportive and safe environment on their parenting styles and identify growth areas.

At the end of the course parents have a celebration lunch as they are presented with their certificates

and photos to commemorate the event.

The group facilitator Marg Sharman said the reflections of the latest group of program participants underscored the significance of making the families feel important and valued.

"Our feedback indicates 90% of parents completing the program feel more confident about

controlling their own emotions so that they can help their children organise their feelings," she said.

"We have incredible feedback not just from the young women in our program, but from their families. The husband of one of our mums was so impressed with the changes she had implemented in their family, that when she got her certificate, he wanted to hang it next to their wedding certificate.

"As someone working with young families, I can't explain how good it feels to hear that feedback, and see the program outcomes in action."

Participant feedback included that the program helped parents understand their child's needs more.

"COS showed me that children feel secure when we follow their cues and pay attention to them when they show a need," one participant/parent said.

"I found out about recognising my 'shark music' and not letting my fears stop me from meeting my child's needs."

"I have grown within myself and have come to a place where I can be a better safe haven for my child. I have learnt to hold out my hands to my child even when I don't feel like it. I step back and look at myself and then self-regulate."

"I've found a new way of being with my kids and I'm not so stressed. I'm more aware of my 'not good' reactions to my kids and I do it better."



Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (NSW) – Call for Nominations

Do you want to make a contribution to Aboriginal cultural heritage management in NSW?

Do you have experience in working with other Aboriginal people to address significant cultural heritage management issues?

The NSW Government is inviting nominations from Aboriginal persons for the appointment of 4 members to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC).

ACHAC advises the Minister and Department on matters relating to the identification, assessment and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW.

Nominations are invited to fill current and future vacancies that may arise.

Nominees must be

- Nominees of Aboriginal Elders Groups; or
- Registered Native Title Claimants; or
- Aboriginal owners listed on the register under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.

Your nomination must demonstrate

- your involvement in cultural heritage matters in your local community and
- your understanding of cultural heritage management issues.

Your written consent to the nomination is required for your nomination to be accepted.

To receive an application kit or if you have any enquiries, please contact the Secretariat, Heritage NSW via:

Phone: (02) 9873 8579 | Email: ACHAC.Secretariat@environment.nsw.gov.au

Website: heritage.nsw.gov.au

Applications kits may also be at: heritage.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/aboriginal-cultural-heritage-advisory-committee/expressions-of-interest

Application submissions:

By Email: ACHAC.Secretariat@environment.nsw.gov.au.

By Post: Secretariat Unit, Heritage NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Locked Bag 5020, PARRAMATTA NSW 2150.

Applications close: 11:59pm Wednesday, 1 September 2021.

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Queensland's 16 Hospital and Health Boards provide governance to their respective Hospital and Health Service (HHS) and are responsible for the delivery of healthcare in their region. The Boards are accountable to the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services and must perform the functions in accordance with the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011*.

Board members are leaders in their local communities and have the ability to shape the future of health care in their region, whilst enhancing the efficient, effective and sustainable delivery of health services.

Applications

The Queensland Government is seeking applications from appropriately experienced community members to fill a range of Board vacancies across the State. To be successful in this role, you:

- are ready and able to add value to the Board through your skills, knowledge and experience
- are able to analyse, critically assess and drive performance
- have the confidence and connections to strengthen community engagement and collaborative partnerships
- are a leader who thinks strategically, embodies personal integrity, has political astuteness, commercial acumen, resilience and are a team player.

Applications are to be submitted online. For instructions on how to submit your application and to obtain an information pack please visit hbb.uandu.com

These opportunities are remunerated in accordance with Queensland Government guidelines. We strongly encourage First Nations people, women, people with expertise in multiculturalism, young people and people with disabilities to apply. A range of probity checks will be undertaken for persons being considered for appointment.

Applications close midnight, Friday 10 September 2021.

Should you wish to receive assistance on submitting your expression of interest please contact Directors Australia and u&u Recruitment Partners who are facilitating this process on 07 3232 9113.



Queensland Government

Mental health campaign to support young people

By DARREN COYNE



A NEW campaign has been launched to help young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people take care of their mental health.

Called 'Take a Step', the campaign was developed by Australia's national youth mental health foundation, headspace.

The campaign helps young Indigenous people recognise the signs that something's not right, and provides practical steps towards feeling better.

The materials were developed in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members from across Australia, including a reference group of First Nations young people with lived experience of mental ill-health.

Headspace Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural practice and engagement coordinator William Oui said Take a Step was a unique and powerful approach to First Nations people's social and emotional wellbeing.

"This is a campaign for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who understand that it's important to yarn up and seek help when you're not feeling too deadly," William, a Torres Strait Islander man, said.

"Often the best first step is having a yarn with mob: our mates, mums and dads, aunties and uncles, nans and pops, and our Elders.

"Take a Step understands the need to think about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander wellbeing holistically, considering the ways our culture, identity, place and spirituality can make us feel strong.

"There are also resources that empower family and friends to recognise when young people are having a hard time and what



Above, clockwise from top left: Jamilla Solomons, Tiarnee Schafer, Dawyte Clancy, Mikayla Garstone, Sammaya Okan, Adoni Chessells and Nikia Bailey.

can be done to support them."

Ngarrindjeri woman Nikia Bailey, 21, was part of the headspace youth reference group that led the development of Take a Step.

She said the campaign gives young people like her the tools to spot when something's wrong and start getting back on track.

"I know this will start some important conversations in my community and will hopefully encourage more young people like me to take the first steps towards better social and emotional wellbeing," Nikia said.

"There is still a lot of stigma about mental health in the community and that can make it difficult to ask for help.

"But I want people to



Nikia Bailey and Sammaya Okan, members of the youth reference group that helped develop the Take a Step campaign.

understand how our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures can empower us to take care of our social and emotional wellbeing.

"When I am having a hard

time, my connections with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people help me understand that I am not alone.

"We have a shared experience and can support one

another.

"When I feel like I need some time out, I can go onto country, which immediately gives me a sense of comfort and relief."

Another member of the reference group, Sammaya Okan, 20, whose mob is from central Australia, said small things like listening to music, dancing, or talking to someone you love, could prove a monumental step towards better health.

Sammaya said the messages being delivered by the Take a Step campaign revolved around expressing your feelings to others.

"This is really important because there is a lot of stigma around mental health, and seeking help," she said.

Headspace chief executive Jason Trethowan said supporting the health and wellbeing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people was a priority for headspace.

"We are dedicated to supporting young people on their social and emotional wellbeing journey," he said.

"We want to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to understand what social and emotional wellbeing means and when support might be needed.

"We commend Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt and the Department of Health for recognising the need for a dedicated initiative such as this and for trusting headspace to partner with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to deliver this work."

Take a Step television and radio advertisements are now being broadcast nationally and in select cinemas.

A suite of print and online resources for young people, and for family and friends with a young person in their lives, are also available.

To learn more, visit headspace.org.au/takeastep

Youth program offers cultural guidance and mentorship



A PILOT program supporting the development of self-esteem, pride and confidence in Aboriginal youth is set to begin in Western Australia.

Community-based Aboriginal organisation As One Nyitting has been engaged to help deliver the 'caring for country – caring for self' program, with a cohort of Aboriginal youth aged between 15 and 24 set to take part, further developing their cultural identity and knowledge.

The program is aimed at youths who are disengaged or at risk of disengaging from education, training and/or employment, with numbers limited to 15 to provide intensive and individual support over the course of the year.

As One Nyitting's programs are holistic and recognise the valuable

role of Elders in supporting young people to learn these skills. Fifteen Elders will also take part in the program, leading through action, providing cultural guidance and assisting in training and mentoring.

By learning the skills to care for the country and self, and developing cultural identity, the knowledge and confidence gained from the program will support participants to engage in training and employment.

Each person will identify training aligned to their interests and strengths, and map out future opportunities and goals for employment.

Participants will also be able to access funded support to address any barriers to employment, such as training fees, purchase of personal protective equipment and tools, and costs associated with transport or obtaining licences.

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Heal country with a PoP



EIGHT Aboriginal community organisations in NSW have received a helping hand to look after country.

The NSW Environmental Trust recently announced more than \$557,000 as part of the Protecting Our Places (PoP) grant program for 2021.

NSW Environment Trust Aboriginal programs officer Maggie Bushel said the program supports Aboriginal community groups and organisations to develop cultural land management knowledge and practices.

"And it fits in beautifully with this year's NAIDOC theme," Ms Bushel said.

"It's always rewarding seeing these grants come to life, to see Aboriginal people, communities and partners working together to protect, conserve and restore culturally significant environments through on-ground projects."

One successful PoP grantee – the Gully Traditional Owners, based around Katoomba – will further regenerate bush and re-establish vegetation in Blue Mountains Swamp and riparian corridors in the Gully Aboriginal Place.

Another successful grant recipient – Biraban Local Aboriginal Land Council in Toronto – will heal country with cultural burns to control weed infestations, reduce the overall fire fuel

loads while restoring the ecosystem by increasing local native vegetation.

Individual grants of up to \$80,000 for projects planned and implemented over a three-year period are available under the trust's program.

The grants build the capacity of communities to plan and deliver environmental projects, where they can carry out environmental improvements and knowledge-sharing activities around landscapes of cultural significance to the local Aboriginal community.

Key people in the grantees' organisations will take part in project management training and Aboriginal leadership mentoring and support at the start of their projects.



Mothers Ancestral Guardians Indigenous Corporation (MAGIC) used a Protecting Our Places grant to restore cultural practices and protect wildlife like this thulli (sand goanna) in Rick Farley Reserve, culturally significant Mallee land. *Picture: MAGIC*



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Border Force Officers begin their careers undertaking the Border Force Officer Recruit Training (BFORT) Program. In the BFORT program, recruits will go through a twelve-month training course, made up of a mix between classroom-based and on-the-job training.

Training for the BFORT program will be provided in the applicant's home state, where possible. Applicants located in the Northern Territory or in South Australia, may be required to relocate for the duration of the BFORT program. Officers that have successfully completed the BFORT program will be placed/deployed within their home state.

If you are looking for a rewarding, well-paid and secure career, with the opportunity to grow and learn, then the Australian Border Force might be the right opportunity for you!

Applications for the 2022 Border Force Officer Recruit Training Program open on Monday 16 August and close on Sunday 5 September 2021. So get your application in now!

Check out www.abf.gov.au/about-us/careers/a-career-with-us to find out more about the program and see if you've got what it takes to be an Australian Border Force Officer.

Media infrastructure funding announced



FEDERAL Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt has announced \$2.3 million to provide immediate infrastructure support for the Indigenous broadcasting and media sector.

Indigenous media organisations will be eligible to receive funding for essential infrastructure repair and maintenance projects, enabling the continued delivery of their programming in urban, regional and remote areas.

"Indigenous broadcasters have over the past year proven how valuable they are to Australia's media landscape, providing culturally appropriate content, often in language, made for and by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Mr Wyatt said.

"This one-off funding boost will allow many broadcasters to properly service and maintain their equipment to ensure their broadcasting services are reliable and can respond at short notice when important health and safety messages need to get out.

"It will also provide additional funding to 3KND, Melbourne's only Indigenous broadcaster, to produce mental health programming specific to their audience.

"It means Indigenous media can build their reliability and keep broadcasting timely, trusted and accessible for some of Australia's most vulnerable communities, especially as the vaccine roll-out continues to all communities across Australia."

This funding is in addition to their annual operational funding.

CAAMA returns to broadcast as debt issues are resolved



THE Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Selwyn Button has announced the end of the special administration of the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA).

Special administrators were appointed to CAAMA from March 9, 2020, then extended six times, in order to address debt.

"They have faced many challenges as a result of very poor financial management in the past," Mr Button said. "The COVID pandemic also complicated the special administration, making it very difficult for them to sell property to alleviate the financial woes."

The special administrators negotiated with the Australian Taxation Office and National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) to restructure CAAMA's largest debts, pay off all other pre-special administration creditors and bring the corporation back to a viable and sustainable position.

Before the special administration, none of CAAMA's 12 remote broadcasting sites were operational. Now 11 are, with eight (soon to be nine) broadcasting locally produced content.

"During the pandemic, it has been very important for CAAMA Radio to provide remote communities with accurate, up-to-date news," Mr Button said.

CAAMA's financial position has improved dramatically.

It posted a \$2.67 million loss for 2019–20 but delivered a \$0.8m surplus for 2020–21.

Stolen Gens hit by barriers to national redress scheme



MANY members of the Stolen Generations face too many barriers to a national redress scheme that

is meant to tackle their sexual abuse as children, witnesses have told an inquiry.

An independent review of the second year of the national redress scheme's operation found the process needed to make a claim was traumatising, bureaucratic and too slow, chief of the review Robyn Kruk told a parliamentary committee last week.

"There is a group that are very clearly potentially eligible for the scheme who are currently not able or currently are not accessing the scheme," she said.

And a handful of counsellors won't reach Stolen Generations survivors in time to hear their stories and piece together the evidence about their abuse, Indigenous groups told the inquiry.

English as a second, third or fourth-language is a barrier for the national program that depends on people telling their life history and reliving the trauma.

Many suffer anxiety, ill health



Wuthathi woman Fiona Cornforth, the chief executive of the Healing Foundation.

or have a disability and need a lot of time to tell their story – and to get over their distrust of government.

First Nations witnesses said many people in remote and isolated communities still don't know about the national redress scheme, particularly in the Northern Territory.

But Aboriginal organisations are working to reconnect Stolen Generations survivors with family

and country, and help families to trace what happened to people who have already died.

Now they also need to be protected from predatory legal firms, the committee heard.

Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency director Sarah Gafforini said the average waiting period of 12 months for an application outcome, after months of careful work to make the claim, is too long.

"It takes significant courage to talk about abuse and trust that the person you are telling believes you, and then comes the process of documenting," she said.

"The priority must be the removal of all barriers to access the scheme, including the exclusion of those incarcerated with serious criminal convictions," she said.

Funding is needed for

specialised trauma counselling for survivors, as well as for staff hearing and transcribing their stories, and sometimes lifelong counselling will be required.

Indigenous groups are also competing with mainstream groups funded to tackle the aftermath of the sexual abuse of children in schools, care homes, orphanages, churches and health facilities.

"Some of our clients suffer from memory loss from trauma and are embarrassed," chief executive of Link-Up Queensland Pat Thompson said.

She said even when people are brave enough to come forward, they then need to be supported through the 42-page application process, as well as accessing their care/medical records which can take months or are sometimes missing.

The Morrison Government has committed to 25 of Ms Kruk's 38 recommendations and argues the remainder are major changes that require consultation with survivors, institutions and state governments.

"The legislative basis of the scheme needs an overhaul," Healing Foundation chief executive Fiona Cornforth said. – AAP

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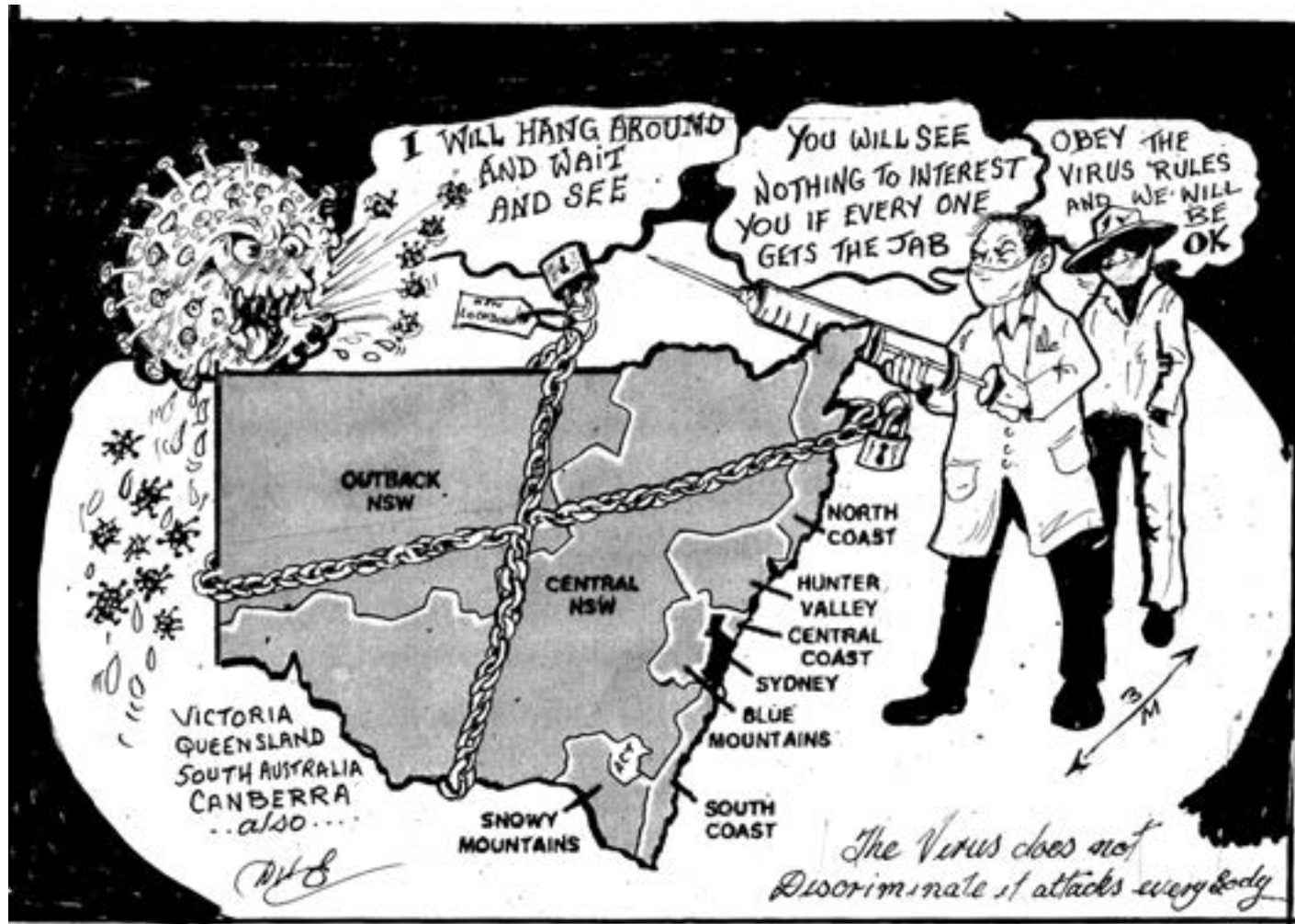
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Wadja and Mamu Heatley, Queensland

Quote



"I am from the generation that grew up with Coca-Cola and TV as well as Tjukurpa (cultural stories) and bush tucker, so I like to have a bit of fun with combining those two different worlds."

– Yankunytjatjara woman
Kaylene Whiskey, artist
from Indulkana
in the APY Lands, SA
● See page 11

Unquote

Crisis brings out the best in us

WHILE it's easy to feel down – and let down by governments – by the frightening rise in cases of COVID-19, the strength of Aboriginal people is something to celebrate and draw hope from.

In Dubbo, Gamilaroi man Peter Gibbs asked community to stay strong.

"This is not going to break our spirit. We've been tested on every front, for generation after generation," he said.

"We will continue to find leaders to rise up, saying we're not going to accept living in a second-rate society."

It's a much-needed call for positive action.

Which, sadly, has been missing from political leaders.

One of the things that last week showed was that when Aboriginal community-controlled organisations are properly resourced, they can move mountains.

There would have been no need to send in the Defence Force, if Aboriginal Medical Services and other community controlled organisations had been supported and properly resourced from the beginning of the pandemic.

Wilcannia River Radio has been instrumental in getting information out to locals, showing again how important First Nations media are to community.

But it took a crisis for government to help with the necessary resources. Remember a few short weeks before, that the NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian had diverted vaccines from regional NSW



back to Sydney? People are understandably angry and frightened.

So if you're in need of inspiration in these difficult times, have a read of what the Smith family – also from Dubbo – had to say, in our stories on pages 1 and 7.

Mother of three Brinae Smith spent months in Sydney after her seven-year-old son Durakai was severely injured in a motorbike accident.

They'd just made it back home to Dubbo, when the virus hit and now they're in lockdown.

"We have such full-on lives normally so just to be home safe with the kids, we actually enjoy it."

"We've got to find ways to make the situation bearable. For instance, my kids like to know that we do a lap around the block when I finish work every day so they look forward to that."

"We also get out to the backyard and paint, and use the time just spending time with each other."

"When you live out here, you don't realise the importance of staying home and safe because you feel that you are invisible."

"But it's important to do so, to protect our Elders and culture."

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Favourite bush tucker?
Possum cooked in the oven.

Favourite saltwater food?
Coral trout fish and mud crabs.

Favourite other food?
Chicken and rice.

Favourite drink?
Coconut milk.

Favourite music?
Anything from the 1970s.

Favourite sport?
Rugby league, especially Allblacks carnivals and I support the Cowboys in the NRL.

Favourite holiday destination?
Palm Island and remote places like Billiluna, an Aboriginal community in the Kimberleys in Western Australia.

Favourite movie?
Dr Zhivago starring Omar Sharif.

What do you like in life?
Socialising and engaging with my people.

What don't you like in life?
Things which happen at the wrong time.

What person would you like most to meet?
Actress Meryl Streep.

Which people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My family and friends but there's too many to name them.

Who or what inspires you?
My late mum and uncles still inspire me after their deaths.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?
Increase their understanding of sovereignty and human rights.

We need to listen to each other to heal

by KIRK PAGE



EMERITUS Professor Judy Atkinson believes that 'truth-telling' may not be as easy as it sounds.

"If we are to see change and begin to transform the pain and deep trauma within our communities we cannot wait for the government and officials from Canberra to do this. We need to lead this conversation. It's about listening. In order to heal, the stories behind the trauma must be heard," Judy says.

Judy Atkinson is a Jiman/Bundjalung woman with Anglo-Celtic and German heritage. She is founder of the sovereign organisation We Al-Li. Judy's vision works from a trauma-informed, trauma-specific educational and practice based approach. Her philosophy promotes health, wellbeing, and sustainable pathways of positive change for individuals and communities.

Her life work as an academic includes contributions to the understanding of trauma-related issues stemming from the violence of colonisation and the healing/recovery of Indigenous peoples. Judy's work has been acknowledged with many awards for her research and contributions to health science.

Judy's work in Aboriginal health was inspired by her great grandmother's country around the Upper Dawson River. It was on this same land that an horrific event occurred, where both White colonists and Aboriginal men were massacred. The Horne Bank massacres resulted in hundreds of deaths, scarring this community deeply.

Judy says that we can only begin to heal through "deep listening", but what does that mean? With deep listening comes a responsibility and where do we begin?

"There is a lot of conversation about truth-telling and how this is the beginning of healing," Judy said.

"This healing work needs to begin in our own communities and if we were to leave it to Canberra to solve, it will never happen as our government doesn't acknowledge its own truth.

"If our people decide to let the Government direct this truth-telling it will just be the same old same old. I've seen royal commission after royal commission and we still don't have the implementation of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

"The truth-telling has to be from a community level so there is an outcome addressing generational trauma of colonisation on Aboriginal people



Jiman/Bundjalung woman, emeritus professor and author Judy Atkinson.

"If you want a truth-telling, you have to tell the truth. I don't think Canberra will do it or support it. If you want truth-telling, go and sit with community and be with each other and listen to each other. Start with your own community, listening and creating a space for that deep listening."

– Judy Atkinson

across Aboriginal lands in this place we call Australia."

Of course there are different ways to consider truth – for instance, forensic truth, community truth and personal truth. Perhaps considering different perspectives may make room for all of us to feel heard or acknowledged moving forward to begin an authentic healing process. It may also be a way for others to know what it feels like to walk in the shoes of those who have experienced deep upset and trauma impact.

Judy has paved the way for many on the subject of healing and trauma. Her book *Trauma Trails – Recreating Songlines: The transgenerational effects of trauma in Indigenous Australia* provides context to the life stories of people who have been moved from their country in a process that has created trauma trails, and the changes that can occur in the lives of people as they make connection with each other and share their stories of healing.

"We want to do healing work – enough of this trauma work. Over the years I designed some

workshops that focused on this. I had a lot of fun even though it was deep healing work. It's hard for people to share their stories with others and they are often disturbing and painful to hear. I allowed myself to take the time I needed to really look at what I was hearing. Working in men's prisons and rehabilitation centres I saw that the addictions were a part of the trauma and it deepened my understanding of the incredible pain that our people were experiencing."

Judy has a vast wealth of knowledge when it comes to the health sector in our community and she says that she has learnt a lot over the years. She co designed a unique masters program in trauma for Southern Cross University. Along this journey Judy was questioned about her own identity and ability.

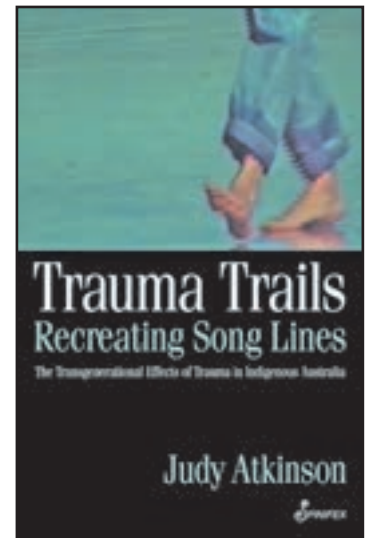
"I had all these materials over the years that I'd put together from the relationships and work I'd done up in north Queensland and I wanted to write this masters degree and most people welcomed this.

"There was an occasion where I

was questioned by a member of the academic board and other associate professors. Three associate professors wrote to say, 'How would Aboriginal people know anything about trauma? How would I know about this? I look White.' They repeated, 'How would you know anything?'" Judy said.

As states and territories move towards treaties, we want to have truth-telling processes but once the conversation begins perhaps we may find that some people can't handle the truth. If we depend on governments to begin this truth-telling we will never get the services that are critical for the survival of our young people and the generations to come. The cycle of incarceration will continue and 10-year-old children who have experienced intense trauma will continue to end up in juvenile detention and then into the prison system.

"The impacts of history are playing havoc on our communities and our lives. Systems are failing us; the child protection system, the juvenile



Trauma Trails – Recreating Songlines: The transgenerational effects of trauma in Indigenous Australia by Judy Atkinson, Spinifex Press, 2002.

justice system, the health system, the education system and prison systems are all failing us. (How can) we expect the truth-telling to come out of Canberra when they cannot be truthful with themselves?

"If you want a truth-telling, you have to tell the truth. I don't think Canberra will do it or support it.

"If you want truth-telling, go and sit with community and be with each other and listen to each other. Start with your own community, listening and creating a space for that deep listening.

"How do we do the healing work in response to the deep pain that's now coming up? People are in denial. The people in power and in government just want to brush it under the carpet," Judy said.

Understanding the impacts and intergenerational damage caused many years later is something we need to recognise.

If you were to trace six generations of a family who have ancestral lineage to a site of any of the massacres committed during the colonisers' early reign, you can almost guarantee that the impacts of those crimes enacted on those families still have deep repercussions for our people today.

In 2021 there are many members of our families and communities seeking refuge from the pain and disorder caused by colonisation and how this plays out in our lives. Why is it so tough to see this and to own it as our nation's truth?

Decades later – despite a royal commission into Black deaths in custody and the amount of heat on the Government to reconsider the age of incarceration for our youth in juvenile detention – what is it going to take for the Australian people in power to transform this situation, truthfully?

Celebration of the life and career of Gulpilil



TANDANYA National Aboriginal Cultural Institute and Bula'bula Arts present *Djungu Gulpilil (Gulpilil Family)*, an exhibition of stunning traditional works by Yolŋu artists from North East Arnhem Land, who are all closely related to actor, painter, dancer and singer David Gulpilil.

Djungu Gulpilil is open until September 18 at TANDANYA, on Kurna country in Adelaide, the home of the David Gulpilil mural launched in June – with free film screenings, and even a café Barramundi lunch special.

Through the documentary *My Name is Gulpilil*, David tells his own story, and now, through *Djungu Gulpilil*, his family share their deep connection to David, one another and country, and the importance of the ongoing living connection to culture, education, language and kinship.

Djungu Gulpilil adds to a suite of works which honour and celebrate the life and career of David Gulpilil, and features Gulpilil's painting *King Brown Snake and Blue Tongue Lizard at Gulpilil Waterhole*, on loan from the Art Gallery of South Australia.

Bula'bula artists featured in the exhibition include the acclaimed painter Philip Gudthaygudthay, who is culturally Gulpilil's gutharra (grandson), Gulpilil's yapas (sisters) Evonne Munuyngu and his twin, leading weaver Mary Dhapalanay, and long ago galay (wife) R Djunginy.

Gulpilil's waku (nephew) Bobby Bununggurr is a singer, dancer, law man and advocate for reconciliation. His paintings are an insight into Yolŋu life from both the old days and now. Gulpilil and Bununggurr travelled extensively in their youth, performing, dancing and singing as ambassadors for Yolŋu culture throughout the 1970s and 80s.

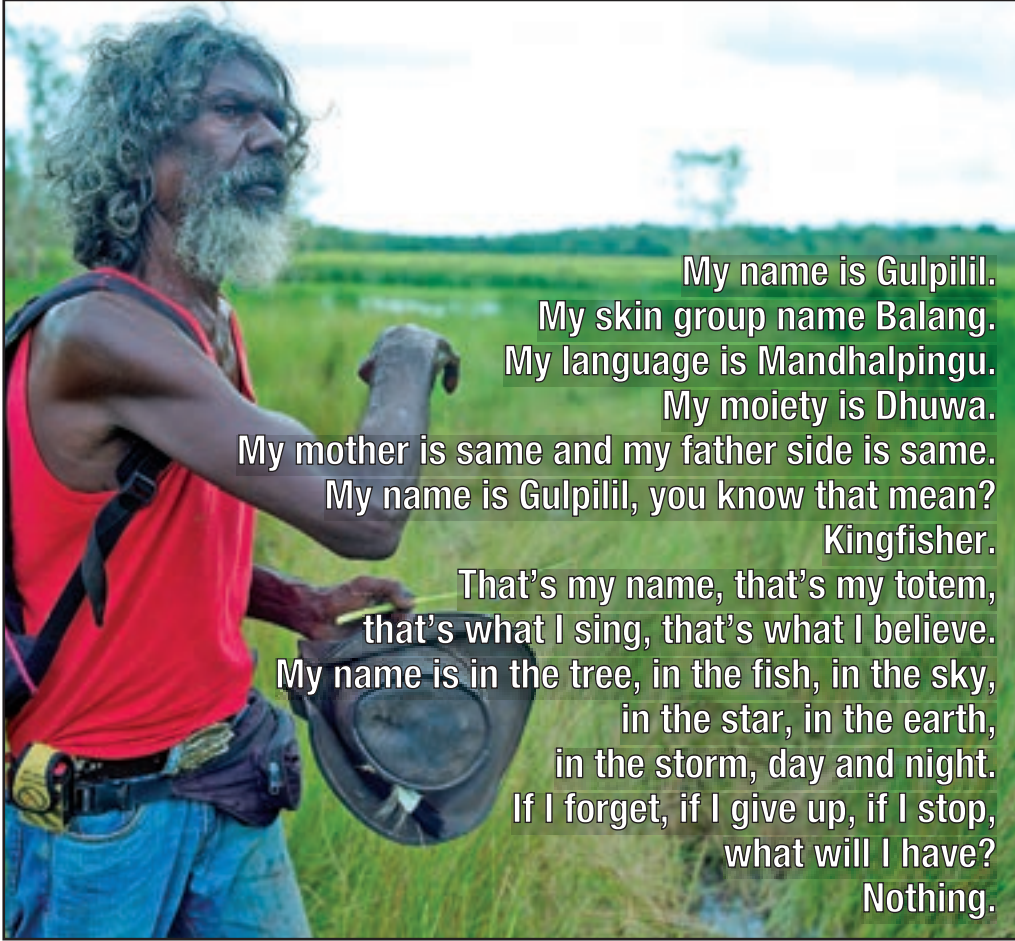
"We are all related," Bobby Bununggurr said. "This is David's family. This is how we stay together, through our culture, through our country. We are Gurrwily People – Swamp People."

Free screenings, 1pm Monday-Saturday in TANDANYA's theatre provide another window into Yolŋu culture with films made with and/or by the Yolŋu community of Ramingining, including *Twelve Canoes*, *Ten Canoes*, *Another Country*, *Still Our Country*, *Charlie's Country* and *My Name is Gulpilil*. All films screen with 1978 short film *3 Dances Gulpilil*.

David Gulpilil Ridjimiraril Dalaithngu is a Yolŋu man from Northeast Arnhem Land whose country, Gulpilil Marwuy, lies adjacent to Gurrwily the great Arafura Swamp south of the Ramingining township.

David has been diagnosed with a "Whitefella's disease", lung (warr'warr) cancer, and lives outside Tarntanya (Adelaide) so he can receive the best of "Whitefella's medicine". A long way from his culture, language and kin, he yearns for country, and family.

Djungu Gulpilil honours not only David but also David's family and the strong Yolŋu rom (culture) that binds them.



Gulpilil in *Another Country*, one of the films Tandanya is screening for free.



Bottles by R Djunginy from Bula'bula Arts. Robyn Djunginy began weaving bottle sculptures in 1983, after curator Dion Mundine suggested to Djunginy that she may like to encase an empty gin bottle in Pandanus fibre 'Chiantistyle' for an exhibition. Using a local twining technique, the artist began producing multiple woven bottles of various sizes. The sculptural qualities and the high workmanship of these objects have led them to be become recognised as key contemporary Aboriginal fibre works. A decade after making her first bottle artworks, Djunginy began producing two-dimensional renderings of the woven sculptures on canvas. Robyn has been the only artist from this area to produce and paint bottles, but has passed the bottle story on to her daughters.



Young Man, Old Man by Bobby Bununggurr.



Dhapalanay is a very skilled weaver. She has been making fibre objects for utilitarian and ritual use since her early teenage years. Her work includes mindirr (dilly bags), pandanus mats, djerrk (bush string bags) and fish traps. Mary Dhapalanay is the twin sister of David Gulpilil.



Fish Trap by Mary Dhapalanay, Bula'bula Arts.



Bobby Bununggurr, Bula'bula Arts.



We are Yolŋu. Still Our Country, Ramingining



Taungurung people reject 38 nations treaty proposal

The Taungurung First Nation people reject the 38 nations proposal to change the representation of those progressing Victoria's historic Treaty process, as it would undermine and dismantle the immense gains made by Victorian Traditional Owners over the last sixteen years.

The proposal for 38 nations – sometimes referred to as the 33, 34, 42, 44, 52 nations proposal – is designed to tear apart Traditional Owner Nations and has been used as a way for individuals to elevate their own voice and agendas.

The Taungurung people are deeply concerned that this proposal has been made, especially by those we should stand in solidarity with – other Victorian Traditional Owners.

We urge the First Peoples Assembly of Victoria (the Assembly) not to do anything that would undermine hard-fought and historically significant gains as they design the path towards Treaty in Victoria.

The Taungurung people recognise and respect every member of the Assembly as being a member of a First Nation group worthy of the same recognition and benefits that Taungurung and other groups have already



Loraine Padgham, Steve Walsh, Matthew Burns and Victorian Attorney-General Jaclyn Symes at Taungurung flag raising in May.

received. Treaty-making is the business of Nations.

The experience of First Peoples worldwide is that it is Nations that negotiate treaties with dominant colonising societies.

It must be no different in Victoria, where First Nation Groups can be identified for every inch of land.

The advancement of Traditional Owner rights in Victoria commenced with the first positive determination of Native Title in Victoria in 2005, when the State and Federal Governments consented to the Federal Court

finding of native title for the Wimmera Clans based in the Horsham area. There have subsequently been such determinations for three other Traditional Owner groups in the State.

Traditional Owner recognition was greatly strengthened by two immensely significant pieces of legislation through the Victorian Parliament:

● *The Aboriginal Heritage Act* in 2006, which enables Traditional Owner groups to manage their own cultural heritage if recognised as Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs), and

● *The Traditional Owner Settlement (TOS) Act* in 2010, which enables Victorian First Nation groups to receive native-title-type recognition and benefits without having to go through the onerous Court processes of the *Federal Native Title Act*.

Taungurung as a Traditional Owner Nation was founded on the principles of the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and remains first and foremost a Traditional Owner Nation.

Taungurung's collective coordination, cohesion and strength of community decision-making enables us to perform the statutory functions of a RAP and to fulfil our cultural obligations, honouring our ancestors.

We believe that the 38 nations model would weaken the historic strides Taungurung and other Traditional Owners have made and would be a detriment to Traditional Owners, the treaty-making process, and the future of Victoria.

Taungurung stands in solidarity with all Nations and not with individuals with no cultural authority who purport to speak for country.

Taungurung Land and Waters Council

Victorian treaty model is threat to established TO organisations

Recently, the State and the First People's Assembly of Victoria met to discuss which First Nations will be eligible to negotiate local treaties, but Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation, now trading as DJAARA, is determined to be the voice of their People when negotiating a local treaty. DJAARA is a Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) for and on behalf of Dja Dja Wurrung People.

The responsibilities of a RAP holds statutory obligations to the State and Dja Dja Wurrung People. The Dja Dja Wurrung community fought over 15 years to be a RAP and to be recognised as the Traditional Owners of Central Victoria.

The introduction of a 38 Nations Treaty Model could undermine all of this. The model lists individual nations, clans, and languages groups to be represented in the negotiations. The 38 Nations Model includes different spellings or names of a single Traditional Owner group and counts them multiple times.

Traditional Owners cannot use a list that is fundamentally flawed; it doesn't clearly

address who is being represented or how they are being counted. This process also considers the autonomy of groups that are already represented by RAPs.

There is a risk by the proposed actions of others in undermining the hard-fought self-determination of the current representative organisations, we could never be party to taking that away from the people.

This approach disregards the self-determined actions of Traditional Owners that have risen to the challenge to become RAPs. RAPs speak for 75% of Victoria and are inclusive and representative groups. If they are not, there are formal, statutory processes to make sure that they are. They can be held to account precisely because they are transparent, democratic, and inclusive.

DJAARA stands by section 18 of the United Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a steadfast action of respect and consideration.

"Indigenous peoples have the right to participate in decision-making in matters which would affect their rights, through

representatives chosen by themselves in accordance with their own procedures, as well as to maintain and develop their own Indigenous decision-making institutions."

For us, as First Nations people, the current government, through the Ministers that have championed significant legislative changes and nationally significant State Strategies have never before been better placed for the leadership of Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations, Victorian Registered Aboriginal Parties and the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council to assist the few remaining Traditional Owner Groups to create their own representative structures for 25% of the State.

At such an important and historical moment for First Nations Victorians, the Assembly needs to support the work done by our Elders and community. It is vital to deliver consistent, self-determined frameworks and acknowledge the ones that have created real outcomes to the benefit of our communities.

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POETRY



PALAWA GIRL

Hi, you all might know me as Lilly, yes the girl that's name sounds silly, but I'm here today to share my words, my story, my life the things I've heard. I'm in grade nine, and I've made a poem, one to share because I need to show him.

Show him that I'm much more different than a white girl, who's got "no spirit", or culture or pride, but do you not see me standing on stage showing my side, the side to the story that no one knows my name is Lilly Urquhart and my middle name's Rose.

Yes, I'm that young and talented girl, who said the acknowledgment is a bit of a whirl.

But to stand up those days and have the nerve, of a white girl I still deserve, every right of also being "black", because my heritage follows all the way back.

I will not deny my skin colour is pale, but you do not know the other side of the tale.

My tribe is Palawa and its very unique, founded in Tasmania, and more messed up than you might think. As Aboriginal women they were touched up, real bad, I won't go too graphic, but it's the truth and it's sad. The white man had raped them and took all they had, the children grew up without a real dad, their mother looked different, and had different skin, and they were always told that they didn't fit in.

"I'm doing you a favour" the white man replied. She said the only thing you've done is destroyed all our pride. As the years passed, our skin colour faded, it went from darker to lighter and suddenly shaded, as white as can be, just like you and me. And that's my point that I wanted you to see.

I won't name any names but I overheard some things, that we need a dark girl that just somehow brings, brings the true beauty, and matches the standards, of a girl that looks Indigenous, is what he answers. All our life we are taught, don't judge a book by its cover when, it's the students and teachers that are judging our features, and don't want to discover, not my life not yours, not even their peers for today is the end of sheltering our tears.

By Lilly Urquhart, Grade 9, Canterbury College, Waterford Qld

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COVID-19 reporting is letting us down

TODAY, we live in an era of post-truth where making people believe in false truths becomes easier, and not only in digital platforms. Mainstream media promote dramatic, sensational, and emotional content rather than truth. The landscape is simply unrecognisable from any sense of truth-telling, creating a global mistrust in journalism, with false news reported daily by mainstream media, private citizens and the growth of social commentators selling their opinion as news.

What is new is the scale, and impact, which is likely to grow more pronounced as digital platforms extend their reach via social media and become ever more central to our social, economic and political lives. We are told that democracies depend on the open sharing of information, yet we are witnessing how at risk such freedom is.

Democracy relies on an informed citizenship with a common sense of facts and trust in information provided by its institutions. Currently, I am in lockdown living on the NSW and Qld border and even the ABC is giving incorrect information. A news story claimed that in special circumstances, where a border crossing is allowed, it is still a requirement to have had a COVID-19 swab within the previous four days, with a negative result, and



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at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine to cross.

Despite this information coming from what you would believe is a trusted source, I was reassured by the Qld government contact line, after waiting on hold for over an hour, that these conditions did not apply when crossing the border to meet care arrangements with loved ones. So, why when facing such uncertainty is mainstream news media contributing to the hysteria rather than calming the situation?

Ashfaq Khalfan, of Amnesty International, has commented on how

these fears can jeopardise lives by limiting reporting, as well as important debate and discussion about the approaches being taken to tackle the pandemic, saying: "There is no hope of containing this virus if people can't access accurate information."

False news and other influences are made more powerful by filter bubbles. The term describes the result of algorithmic machinations that lead people into relatively contained online information systems of their own making. Once within a bubble, people tend to get more of what they like, based on earlier online searches.

It's why if you watch a couple of Kid Laroi YouTube videos and then sign back into YouTube a couple of days later suddenly there are even more Kid Laroi videos on your search bar. The troubling part is that the commercial aim of platform filters is to give people what they want to encourage consumption. This plays out badly in the political space.

It leads to people constantly hearing their own message. If you are a Black Lives supporter, stories that support Black Lives will constantly come across your news feed. The trouble is if you are a neo-Nazi White supremacist the same thing applies. So, rather than others' points of view, you find yourself in an echo chamber reinforced by algorithms that support your own belief systems, thereby

denying the opportunity to make informed decisions.

In a filtered environment, information does not circulate widely and freely and, in this vacuum, misinformation can flourish. In many cases, that activity takes place on social networks and private messaging services. Conspiracy theories, and false information may be identified on the social network, yet they remain in place due to commercial decisions.

Only recently Sky News Australia deleted at least 31 videos on YouTube that question the public health response to COVID-19 and/or promote unproven treatments. The videos were deleted as Sky News chief executive, Paul Whittaker, along with Sky News presenters, Alan Jones, Rowan Dean and Rita Panahi, prepared to appear before the media diversity Australian Senate Committee.

The committee chair, Greens Senator Hanson-Young, and ex-prime minister Kevin Rudd approached the Australian Communications and Media Authority asking why the regulator was not taking action, leaving it to a tech company (YouTube) to impose sanctions on the broadcaster. The irony being that the enquiry has been postponed due to the current lockdown in Canberra.

Hanson-Young messaged on Twitter: "Tomorrow's media inquiry hearing into the Sky News

disinformation ban has been postponed, due to the Canberra lockdown. We are working hard to make sure we can hold the hearing as soon as possible. The role of media agencies to behave responsibly is more important than ever."

Among the deleted videos is Alan Jones claiming Victorian premier Daniel Andrews is "wrong" on face masks, saying: "That bloke is in need of medication," that the need to wear masks was a mandated "dreamt up draconian measure".

Jones also claimed COVID was the "greatest hoax ever perpetrated on an unsuspecting public".

Another of Australia's ultra-right, Pauline Hanson, was slammed by health experts for false claims about COVID-19 vaccines when she said recently, again on Sky News, that the COVID-19 vaccines had "not been properly tested", and the Government was using lockdowns as a "bullying tactic" to coerce people into getting the jab, also saying "it was a person's right to choose to catch COVID-19 and die".

Honestly, you mob, you really have to ask yourself how after years of rejecting and fighting against such racist hate-speech from these same commentators, all of a sudden you find yourself agreeing with such extremist values and opinions.

● Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail correspondent.

Fighting White lies

AS the centuries have unravelled and still to this day, the unwanted constant companion of the Aboriginal people since the White man invaded our land – and to him was deemed to be nothing of value – is disempowerment.

The Aboriginal struggle is defined through our disempowerment. We are not just the most socially disadvantaged group of people in Australia, we are the most disempowered – and that is not by accident, but rather, by dextrous design.

In the last 251 years, Aboriginal people have gone from being 100% of the population, to now being just 3% of the population. That is disempowerment in itself. Add to that the lie that Black is bad and White is good and that disempowerment deepens.

Our existence has been transformed from being a 100% spiritual people to having to be a political people, not because of our want, but because of the need for us to respond to the oppressive treatment we have received over those past 251 years.

A major trait of British colonialism is, after invasion and settlement, to stigmatise the original owners forevermore. Stigmatisation is just one part of racism and is why Aboriginal people are still called racist names today.

The English have used stigmatisation against every Indigenous people whom they have murdered, enslaved, invaded and stolen priceless lands from throughout the world.

Their common slur with intention is basically that White is good and Black is bad.

If they're having a bad time, they're going through dark times. If it's dark days ahead, their hard times ahead. Good times ahead are seen to be brighter days ahead.

If there are Australian bushfires that cause death on a Sunday, the call it the Black Sunday bushfires. Dark humour is morbid humour. Dark places of history are marked by death. The Dark Ages marked the non-productive time between the fall of the Roman empire and the emergence of the Renaissance.

'White Christmases' are good Christmases.

The White man will grasp at anything to be seen as being superior and even God is not off-limits.

Western Christianity has decided how its people experience God since the Bible was translated into modern English in 1526.

To impose their supremacy, they have consistently and conveniently painted Christ, down through the centuries, as being white, having blonde hair and blue eyes.

Well, this writer, his sons and now his grandson, have all seen visions of Jesus Christ separately – and He is neither. In fact, He has brown hair, brown eyes and His skin is actually red in colour, albeit symbolically I believe. He's tall, with beard and His clothes are a brilliant white; brighter than the sun.

When Jesus walked the earth, He never spoke a



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word of English. He spoke Aramaic, a language that strangely declined after His death, which was after all, at the hands of White men. I have spoken to traditional Elders about the time when Jesus walked the earth and they told me that our Old People knew God's Son was walking the earth back then because they could hear His footsteps. After all, it was only 2000 years ago and our spiritual powers would have been at their peak then.

Our people and our fast-growing numbers of supporters, need to confront and dismantle for all time the stigma placed upon the Aboriginal people. We need to call out the sheer historical lies of the White man, which have firmly established his system of life, to his advantage. Democracy is based on hierarchy in reality and all of this is to maintain their supremacy over all. Sadly, this is what the world

believes to be the truth – White lies. They lied that Australia is terra nullius (land of no people) and they lie when they say Australia is not a racist country. They lie when they dismiss Black deaths in custody despite the insinuating and catastrophic statistics. That's why Black lives have to matter.

So, we can accept their lies, or we can confront them and their ignorance, find our true place in life, choosing and educating all about our own chosen destiny and defeat those lies. Black is not bad, Black is good. Lies are bad.

Jesus said that "the devil is the god of this world and he was a liar and a murderer from the start." He also said that Satan is the "father of all lies". (2Cor. 4:4 and John 8:44).

Lying is faking and this is emblazoned throughout modern societal culture.

We actually have the most ancient modern human history in the world and the great reward for us over that awesome span of time is that we are now naturally endowed with what God wants from human beings and what is needed at this very time in history – spirituality. Spirituality, as it has done for 60,000+ years, guides us, our people, our affinity with our lands and seas and ourselves. It gives us earthiness and the ability to act naturally and resist their superficiality. We come from the heart so we can speak from the heart, something they are unable to do. Nothing can break spirituality. It endures forever.

We do have a long journey ahead to get to where we want to be in life in our never-conceded land, Australia. That is to be equal to all, valued, respected, included, learnt from and empowered to self-determine our own way through life, the Aboriginal way. A way that has sufficed very successfully for 60,000+ years.

Fighting against the disempowerment, lies and stigmatisation cast upon us over the past 251 years is a fight not just for us, but for the whole of Australia.

Question life and she will give you the answers – and expose the lies.



Notice under Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 Exploration Licence 8809 (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 Licence 8809 includes a condition to the effect that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters covered by that licence in relation to which native title exists without the prior written consent of the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade (the 'Native Title Condition').

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

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

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

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

Holder's details

Legacy Minerals Pty Ltd (ACN 622 746 187) is the holder of Exploration Licence 8809 for Group 1 minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister administering the Mining Act 1992. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities across the licence area. If granted, the consent may result in the aforementioned condition being removed from the licence.

Description of area that may be affected

The entire area of Exploration Licence 8809 that covers about 30 units and is situated approximately 35 kilometres south southeast of Young, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

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

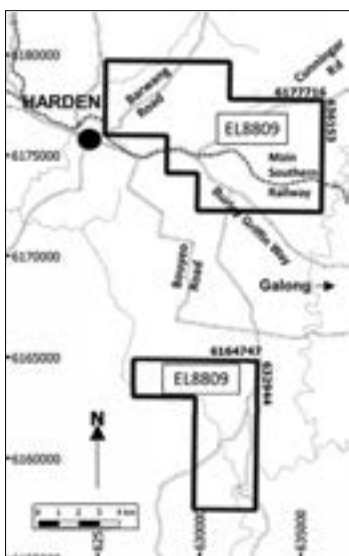
Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from; Assessments and Systems, 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 9 September 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.



Yolngu surf-rock is king



KING Stingray, a Yolngu surf-rock band, released their groove-laden new single *Milkumana*, along with a video that offers an exciting insight into life in Arnhem Land.

Milkumana is the band's third release since their hugely successful debut *Hey Wanhaka*, and follow-up *Get Me Out*. Both singles were added instantly to triple j and other playlists across the country.

Get Me Out became an accidental lockdown anthem and one of the most played Australian songs on triple j in the past 12 months.

King Stingray is a five piece from Yirrkala, North-East Arnhem Land.

Formed by Yirrnga Yunupingu (nephew of the late Dr M Yunupingu, the original Yothu Yindi frontman) and Roy Kellaway (son of Stu Kellaway, a founding member and bass player of Yothu Yindi), King Stingray blends ancient Indigenous melodies with surf, indie and funk influences to create a genre of their own, Yolngu surf-rock.

King Stingray is a story of lifelong friendship, of two cultures coming together.

From toddlers in the Yothu Yindi tour entourage in the 90s, to fully fledged Yothu Yindi members today, Yirrnga (current lead singer of Yothu Yindi) and



King Stingray has released a new single *Milkumana* and a Youtube video *Milkumana and the Story of the Golden Bilma*. Picture: Luke Henery

Roy (current guitarist of Yothu Yindi and for Emily Wurramara) have been playing and making music together for as long as they can remember.

King Stingray seamlessly blends Yirrnga's timeless Yolngu manikay vocals with Roy's indie pop credentials.

Dimathaya Burarrwanga joins

the King Stingray line-up on rhythm guitar, backing vocals and yidaki, with Campbell Messer taking care of bass and Lewis Styles on drums.

In Yolngu Matha, 'milkumana' means to show, share or pass on knowledge through stories and song.

"It's about leadership and

mala wangany – we are all one and in this together," guitarist Roy Kellaway said. "We are all living under the same sun, sailing in the same boat, towards a brighter future. It's about role models and the importance of setting good examples for the new generation."

The message of milkumana is

brought to life by the accompanying Youtube video, *Milkumana and the Story of the Golden Bilma*.

Filmed in King Stingray's hometown of Yirrkala in North East Arnhem Land, the video features tribal Elders Mangatjay Yunupingu and Malhay Yunupingu, both well known keepers of Yolngu manikay (traditional songlines), and respected mentors to King Stingray and the Yirrkala community.

In the video, Mangatjay is giving Yirrnga the Bilma (clapsticks), which is symbolic of passing on knowledge and power. This includes hunting skills, survival and life skills, and everything about living with Mother Earth in Arnhem Land.

Underpinned with a cheeky sense of humour and adventure, *Milkumana and the Story of the Golden Bilma* was directed by Roy Kellaway and Sam Brumby, who grew up in the Gove area together. The making of this clip and the people involved is a classic example of family and lifelong friendship merging to create something at once familiar and entirely new.

King Stingray has spent the past year wowing crowds in the eastern states, when they could, due to COVID-19 restrictions. Tour highlights included Dark Mofo in Hobart, Splendour In the Grass XR, and completely selling out their first ever tour in March/April 2021.



Notice Under Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) Exploration Licence Application 6310 (Act 1992)

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

Description of the nature of the act

The Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade intends to grant an exploration licence under section 22(1)(a) of the *Mining Act 1992* (NSW) on land subject to native title.

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

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

Cobar Operations Pty Ltd (ACN 103 555 835) and Golden Reef Enterprises Pty Ltd (ACN 008 138 136) are the applicants for Exploration Licence Application 6310 which, if granted would authorise the prospecting for Group 1 minerals for an initial term of up to six years.

Description of area that may be affected

The entire area of Exploration Licence Application 6310 that covers an area of about 8 units situated approximately 71 kilometres north northeast of the town of Mount Hope, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

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

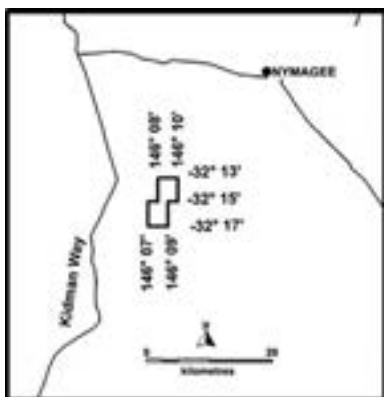
Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade
PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre,
NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

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

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) the notification day is 9 September 2021. Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Yanco Creek Modernisation Project Invitation for registration of Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge Holders

Water Infrastructure NSW (WINSW) is currently investigating a range of infrastructure projects as part of the Yanco Creek Modernisation Project (YCMP). Modernising infrastructure along the Yanco Creek system will enable improved water management and deliver better social, environmental and cultural outcomes for communities along the Yanco Creek system.

The project would involve a range of construction works at a number of locations on Yanco, Billabong, Colombo and Forest creeks, near towns such as Morundah, Jerilderie, Conargo and Wanganella.

In accordance with the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents* (Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water 2010), WINSW is seeking registrations of interest from Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to this large project area and the cultural and spiritual significance of the Yanco Creek system more generally.

Community consultation with Aboriginal people will assist us to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report. Your feedback will also assist the Department of Planning

Industry and Environment in its consideration and determination of the project. Consultation will also assist the Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet in the consideration and determination of any subsequent Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) applications (if required).

Any Aboriginal people or organisations with relevant cultural knowledge can register in writing (email or letter) to:

Oliver Macgregor
Senior Archaeologist, 3Rivers Partnership
Phone: 1300 081 047
Email: oliver.macgregor@jacobs.com
Mail: PO Box 237, Civic Square ACT 2608

Any general enquiries concerning heritage management at Water Infrastructure NSW can be directed to:

Maydina Penrith
Senior Aboriginal Cultural Officer,
Water Infrastructure NSW
Email: Maydina.penrith@dpie.nsw.gov.au

Registrations must be received by close of business on 17 September 2021.

Visit dpie.nsw.gov.au/yanco-creek-modernisation-project for more information about the project.

Youth pride roars at Rip 'em Pormpuraaw

By CHRISTINE HOWES



THE recent 'Rip 'em Pormpuraaw' Youth Summit was described as an "awesome" coming together of families, culture, tradition and new things by local organisers Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation (PPAC).

Highlights of the week included traditional dancing, beach sport – especially footy – a colour run, an Amazing Race competition, fire starting and several health and wellbeing workshops and sessions.

PPAC counsellor Robert English said one of the biggest challenges – engaging some of the teenage and older youths – was one of the best things about it.

"Having some of them engaged in the activities was, for me, one of the coolest things to see," he said.

"Another thing that was really cool was that during the summit I witnessed a lot of self-pride in those kids who did participate."

Special guests at the four-day event, held early last month, were the Wilson family – Deadly Ninja Jack, his brother Jesse, whose business 'JW Didgeridoo' has just turned three years old, and their father Warren 'Woggy' Wilson, who has had a long career, mostly with the PCYC, travelling Cape York and communities promoting good healthy lifestyles.

"We're all family in the end; we're all humans and we're all connected together," Jesse said.

"Everyone was so nice and so outspoken and down to earth. It was really comforting to be there.

"I felt like I was at home even though I'd only just met everyone for the first time. It was good to connect to everyone, especially with the kids."

He and Jack said they were both keen to continue the connection.

"I really felt the strong connection from Pormpuraaw and the community. I felt welcome and it was just a really, really powerful week," Jack, who made the finals of this year's *Australian Ninja Warrior* TV series, said.

"I was able to provide some routines and some exercise programs, just to steer the kids to what their priorities in life should be: staying healthy and the importance of that – basically what has helped me in life.

"It's easier when they can identify with me and knowing they've seen the *Ninja Warrior*, it's really exciting and very humbling.

"Guiding and leading the way from our own experiences so the younger generation can see how to follow our footsteps, and we were there to provide a sort of gateway for them.

"Then to have the old man there, our father, to witness that and bring him back on country with us too, was a very significant experience, that's for sure – very, very grounding and heart-warming.

"We want to try and build a relationship and stay on board with PPAC so we can hopefully look at long-term."

Mr English said the event wouldn't have been possible without support from a wide range of local and visiting organisations, including RISE, Apunipima Cape York Health Council, RAATSIC, the army's AACAP program and Kapani Warriors.

"An event that lasts a week and is trying to engage with 50 or so young people for that entire time is impossible to do it without other organisations coming in and doing their own activities that are also engaging and beneficial. It's just impossible to sustain without that assistance," he said.

"Lots of other organisations also helped in many other ways. We're particularly grateful for the great teamwork they showed by stepping up when needed.

"It's not often you get to see pure joy, pride and happiness, but that happened a few times during the summit, so that, for me, was the biggest privilege to witness that.

"Particularly on that first night with the fire starting, when the 'barefoot bushmen' started their own fires, the amount of joy and pride they felt from doing that, honestly made it all worth it.

"You could tell in that moment they felt strong inside, connected to who they are, and proud of themselves for who they are."



Pormpuraaw Arts Centre Dance Group.



Every day winners – best behaved, most helpful, best manners – won some good prizes thanks to sponsors for the Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation Youth Summit.



Youth Summit coordinators Josephine Szilagyi and Robert English with PPAC chief executive Ganthi Kuppasamy.



Deadly Ninja Jack Wilson shows youth summit participants the sounds of peace.



Pormpuraaw youth ready to start ballgames at the Pormpur Paanthu Rip 'em Pormpuraaw Youth Summit.



Tyra-Lee Harries, with blue hands, gets ready to play the Pormpuraaw version of The Amazing Race on day two of the Pormpuraaw Youth Summit.



Touch football on the beach at Pormpuraaw.



The Wilson family – Jack, Warren (Woggy) and Jesse – with PPAC chief executive Ganthi Kuppusamy.



Colourful mob take part in the colour run.



Winners of the first night's fire-making competition celebrate their achievements



Youth summit fire-making competitors.

Massive water licence a threat to sacred sites



DOZENS of groundwater-dependent sacred sites in central Australia are being endangered

by the Northern Territory Government's decision to grant a massive water licence to an agribusiness, according to a survey commissioned by the Central Land Council (CLC).

The country around Singleton Station, where the NT Government plans to gift Fortune Agriculture 40,000 mega litres of water per year for 30 years to grow export crops, is rich in songlines and Aboriginal cultural sites that depend on underground water for their very survival.

More than 80 traditional owners, native-title holders and affected remote community residents spent much of June visiting the region south of Tennant Creek with independent anthropologist Susan Dale Donaldson, and identified 29 different groundwater-dependent sacred sites and related dreaming tracks that would be threatened by the massive water licence.

CLC chief executive Les Turner said that the sites include waterholes, soakages, springs, and sacred trees across the Singleton and Neutral Junction stations and the Warrabri and Iliyarne Aboriginal land trusts.

"Our people are responsible for the protection of the places that embody the Dreaming," he said.

"Damaging these sites that represent their deceased ancestors threatens their spiritual wellbeing and their vital cultural connection to their country."

"That's why we urge the NT water security minister to take the findings of the survey very seriously as she reviews the controversial water licence decision."

Traditional owners, including Michael Jones, said they are desperately worried about how the sheer scale of the planned water extraction will affect their rights to hunt and collect bush foods and medicine, develop their country and teach their next generations.

"There is a lot of Ngappa Wirnkarna (Rain Dreaming) around the Singleton area. Karlu Karlu (the Devils Marbles), Wakurlpu, Warlaparnpa – all these places were made by Nappa Wirnkarna, all these places will be affected if there is no water," Mr Jones said.

"The story will be there, still alive, the song will be there and still be sung, but we will be sad when we go to that place all dead."

"The story will be weaker for younger people because the places will be ruined. We take them to soakages that are gone and to country that is sick. We have lost other soakages when they put in bores."



Liam Campbell, George Anderson and Rodger Tommy at Iliyarne Itpaiye (Wycliffe Creek).



Maureen O'Keefe collects sap from a bloodwood tree on Warrabri. Pictures courtesy CLC

Although the region's water allocation plan highlights the lack of knowledge about Aboriginal cultural values in the drawdown area as an "extreme" risk, the licence conditions the NT imposed on the company don't include the need to protect Aboriginal cultural sites.

Sacred site clearance work has only been carried out around the 3,500 hectare area on the cattle station that would be cleared for export crops, but the drawdown area that would be impacted by the unprecedented volume of the water extraction is five times that size.

Mr Turner said the CLC commissioned the survey of the

drawdown area because the NT failed to carry out a baseline assessment of cultural values on which the company would base its so-called adaptive management plan.

"We had absolutely no confidence that this critically important survey work would be done in time and to a rigorous standard because the Government is clearly only paying lip service to the rights and interests of remote community residents and traditional owners," he said.

"Remember, the decision to grant the licence is not based on solid scientific data but on mere guesswork and if the modelling



Men at Mpwerempwer-Ange swamp, Iliyarne.



Nancy Thompson, Selma Thompson, Melissa Long, Maureen O'Keefe and Louise Fitz at Hankwe, Taylor Creek, Neutral Junction.

turns out to be even slightly wrong, those sites are in mortal danger.

"If there is even a small drop in the water table, our soakages will disappear for good, our springs will dry up and our animals will die along with our trees."

"By the time we see any warning signs, by the time stands of sacred trees that are part of a songline begin to look sick, it is already too late because the changes are irreversible."

Survey participants also reported feeling disempowered by the water licence decision, with David Curtis saying that

extracting water from the desert "makes no sense".

"We can't be certain it can be recharged and rain is not as reliable as it used to be," he said.

"I can't believe the Government did this. Aboriginal people should have control over water. It is part of our country."

"We thought we had land rights but what good is land without water?" Maureen O'Keefe grew up in the drawdown area.

"We know what's about to happen: There is about to be a water crisis," she said.

"We have to stop it before it happens."

'The more people who get vaccinated, the safer we'll all be,' says Prof Kong



PROFESSOR Kelvin Kong, a proud Worimi man and Australia's first Indigenous surgeon, got his COVID-19 vaccine as soon as it was available to health professionals.

"The COVID-19 Delta strain can spread very quickly and could hurt our mob. So, we don't want to wait until it's too late," he said.

"COVID-19 is spreading within families and over 80% of Aboriginal people who now have COVID-19 are under 40 years old. We have worked hard at protecting our communities. But we need to keep going. One of the most important things you can do is to get vaccinated.

"The COVID-19 vaccine can help protect mob from getting really sick from the virus. It helps protect our community, Elders, family and friends. The more people who get vaccinated, the safer we'll all be.

"As a doctor, I know how important it is to get vaccinated, that they are very effective and have saved us from the devastating impact of many diseases, like polio and smallpox.

"I see a lot of patients every day and I also spend a lot of time in the operating theatre. Having the COVID-19 vaccination helps me protect my patients. And it helps reduce my risk of infection

from COVID-19 as well."

Professor Kong said all vaccines used in Australia are tested to make sure they're safe, including the COVID-19 vaccines.

"They have been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), which approves all vaccines and medicines before they can be used in Australia," he said. "The TGA looked at all the test results from COVID-19 vaccine trials throughout the world to make sure they are safe.

"The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation also provided advice to health authorities on the use of the COVID-19 vaccines. And all organisations closely monitor things throughout the world."

When asked about the cases of blood clots that have occurred in some people after being vaccinated, Professor Kong explained that these are a rare type of blood clot.

"It's important to know that the benefits of protecting yourself against COVID-19 far outweighs the risk of getting a blood clot," he said.

He explained that when you get the vaccine, your immune system responds so that it's ready to protect you if you come into contact with COVID-19. He said that the vaccine might not always stop you getting COVID-19, but it helps stop you from getting really sick if you do,

and it works in the same way as the flu vaccine.

"After you have the vaccination, you might feel some side effects like aches and pains, a slight fever or tiredness," Professor Kong said. "But these usually go away after a few days. If you are worried about any side effects, you should talk to your doctor. The benefits of getting vaccinated outweigh the risk of any side effects.

"The COVID-19 vaccination needs two doses, so you need to go to two appointments. Your doctor or health clinic will tell you when to get your second dose. And it's OK to have the COVID-19 vaccine before or after your flu vaccine. They just need to be seven days apart.

"If you have any worries about getting vaccinated, you should talk to your GP, Aboriginal medical service or Aboriginal health worker. They can provide information about the COVID-19 vaccines, how to book your vaccination and what to expect."

All Aboriginal people who are 16 years and older are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination.

The COVID-19 vaccines are free. Talk to your GP or Aboriginal medical service, or visit nsw.gov.au to find out where you can get it, or call the National Coronavirus COVID-19 Vaccine Helpline on 1800 020 080 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for help.



Worimi surgeon Professor Kelvin Kong is encouraging people to get informed and have their COVID-19 vaccination.

Better access to jabs needed



AUSTRALIA has been urged to dramatically boost Indigenous vaccination coverage with a leading human rights group warning of an impending disaster.

Coronavirus has seeped from Sydney and Melbourne to regional NSW and regional Victoria including towns with high Aboriginal populations.

As of last week, Australia-wide, almost 31% of Indigenous people over 16 had received one vaccine dose, while 16% were fully vaccinated.

That lagged behind population-wide figures of 50% for a first dose and 28.2% with two jabs.

Human Rights Watch Australia researcher Sophie McNeill is concerned lessons about vulnerable populations are not being heeded.

"The Federal Government and NSW authorities left First Nations people dangerously exposed to COVID-19 with limited access to vaccines," she said. "Australia's federal, state, and territory governments should not repeat the failings in NSW and should urgently improve vaccine access and health care for Indigenous communities."

Indigenous Australians were made a high-priority group in the



Aboriginal Medical Services are encouraging people to get their COVID-19 vaccination. Picture: George Williams

nation's vaccine roll-out, which is well behind schedule.

The Federal Government claimed that there were pockets of vaccine hesitancy among some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people while also acknowledging efforts should be increased.

Last week, military and medical emergency teams were dispatched to western NSW to increase jab rates.

Australian Council of Social Service chief executive Cassandra Goldie said that high-risk groups are being left behind in the vaccination roll-out.

"People of diverse backgrounds, First Nations communities and people with

disability are some of those most at risk of the virus and being left behind in the vaccination roll-out," she said.

Dr Goldie said up-to-date weekly data was needed to show local vaccination rates and population groups including Indigenous people, country of birth, language spoken at home and disability.

"When it comes to setting targets, we can't just say, for example, that we need to get to 80% vaccinated, full stop," she said. "This would leave a serious risk that groups of people most at risk have vaccination rates far lower than the national rate, leaving them exposed to the ravages of COVID." —AAP

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Grant provides opportunity to develop cultural tourism on Cape York Peninsula



THE chair of an Indigenous-owned not-for-profit organisation based in the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) believes a Federal Government grant will help them expand their tourism business.

Bamaga Enterprises Ltd (BEL) has secured \$100,000 in funding from the Indigenous Tourism Fund, which it will use to provide new tours from its accommodation business, Cape York Peninsula Lodge.

The grant will enable BEL to purchase a purpose-built 4x4 coach with a capacity of up to 18 passengers and operate cultural discovery tours to showcase the natural wonders and Indigenous culture of the remote Cape York Peninsula region.

According to BEL chairperson Robert Poipoi, the new tourism product will fill the gap for tour groups and business travellers to the region.

"It will enable these types of travellers to extend their stay at Cape York Peninsula Lodge, and will also be suitable for the family adventure market arriving by road or ferry," Mr Poipoi said.

Research on cultural heritage tourism in Australia found domestic travellers staying overnight at a destination spent 56% more and stayed 37% longer when they incorporated cultural activities into their visit.

"BEL is a community-owned Indigenous organisation and our goal is to support the community," Mr Poipoi said.

"These tours will benefit the wider NPA in terms of visitor spend and job creation.

"The opportunity for tourists to experience and understand the



Above: Bamaga Enterprises Ltd is running tours that take in the spectacular Fruit Bat Falls.

Right: Bamaga Enterprises Ltd general manager Chris Foord and chair Robert Poipoi.

Picture: Justin Meneguzzi

NPA's Indigenous culture is not being sufficiently met at the moment, so we're excited that we will soon be able to offer this."

Cape York Peninsula Lodge will operate a return day trip hosted by a locally employed Indigenous Bamaga driver-guide.

Guests will travel through rugged Cape York Peninsula country, swim at Fruit Bat Falls, cross the Jardine River and visit historic local sites, before finally reaching the northernmost tip of the Australian mainland.

Optional extras will include wine, poolside canapés at the



lodge, and a cultural performance from the award-winning traditional Torres Strait Island dance troupes Naygayiv Gigi and Guba Markai Cultural

Group. The tour will also incorporate the story of the migration of the Torres Strait Islanders from Saibai Island to Bamaga, and information about

the Aboriginal culture groups of the region.

Visitors will witness Indigenous cave paintings and ruins at historical Somerset, and WWII wreckage.

"It's the untold story of the NPA that can be respectfully shared with visitors," Mr Poipoi said, adding that the new tour was scheduled to launch around Easter 2022.

The first round of the Indigenous Tourism Fund included five organisations from far north Queensland.

Federal Coalition Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch said the grants were designed to help Indigenous-owned tourism businesses and community organisations increase the number of Indigenous tourism products available and support the start-up, stabilisation or growth of operators in the sector.

"We are extremely proud of the rich history and Indigenous cultures we have in the region and want to showcase this to as many people as we can," Mr Entsch said.

Bamaga Enterprises Ltd (BEL) was incorporated on April 12, 2002, and is a community-owned, not-for-profit Indigenous organisation.

BEL provides sponsorships, donations and community infrastructure from self-generated enterprise profits under its Socio Support Policy.

This policy covers a range of areas such as education and training, sporting, medical, religion, and women's and men's issues.

BEL operates Bamaga BP, Bamaga Tavern, Cape York Peninsula Lodge and BELCON (contracting and maintenance services).

Blacklock adds his voice to the media landscape

By DARREN COYNE



AN Aboriginal-owned media company is carving out a reputation as a small but mighty player in the media landscape.

Blacklock Media, owned and operated by Brendan Blacklock, has a wide range of clients, including corporate, government agencies and community-based organisations.

Brendan, a Ngarrabal (Gamilaroi) and Biripi man, formed the company in 2012, and has since worked throughout Australia, from Cape York Peninsula in the north, to Melbourne in the south, and the Pilbara in Western Australia.

The company produces video, stills photography and audio productions.

Brendan began his career as a camera



Brendan Blacklock from Blacklock Media hard at work on a video shoot.

assistant on major Australian film, TV and documentary productions, including *Felony*, *Redfern Now* and *Cleverman*.

As a cinematographer and camera operator he has now worked on *Filthy Rich*

and *Homeless Backtrack Boys*, *Spread the Word*, the *Take Blaktion* campaign and various other short films and music videos.

"I went to film school in Armidale in 2011 and 2012 then got on to the *Redfern Now* series two as a camera operator," Brendan said.

He worked with renowned filmmaker Warwick Thornton on the film *Dark Side*, and on a number of other productions before enrolling in the Australian Film and Television and Radio School (AFTRS) to complete an advanced diploma in cinematography.

All the while he was chipping away at building Blacklock Media.

"I've been trying to get more Aboriginal people onto the team, and recently got a Koori sound person on board," he said.

"We want to keep building the business and along the way mentor young Aboriginal

people who want a start in the industry."

Like many, Blacklock Media has been knocked about by the COVID lockdown, but Brendan and his team are still busy with a number of projects.

"We are working on finalising an ad for 'Life without Barriers', a foster care ad encouraging Aboriginal people to foster Aboriginal kids, particularly teenagers aged between 12 and 18 years old," he said.

"We are also working on a series of 35 videos with the NSW Department of Health, and eight videos for the housing department."

Ultimately, Brendan would like to pursue his passion for feature films.

"I want to be the next Warwick Thornton," he said.

To get in touch go to blacklockmedia.com.au, call 0403188558 or email brendan@blacklockmedia.com.au

Aunty Joan Hendriks Scholarships are a plus for mob learning to make a difference



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McGoldrick wants to unravel the intergenerational trauma felt by his people.

And now he has received the Aunty Joan Hendriks Aboriginal and Torres Strait Leaders Scholarship to help him make a difference through education.

Mr McGoldrick and law student Onyinye Nwamadi have been announced as recipients of the Australian Catholic University scholarship, which provides up to \$100,000 to emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders to support their education and professional careers.

Brisbane's first Aboriginal deacon, Mr McGoldrick has commenced a Bachelor of Theology at ACU's Brisbane campus but is already eyeing a PhD that would explore the impacts on Indigenous cultures of European colonisation in Australia.

Mr McGoldrick sees the pursuit of uncomfortable truth as an important step to understanding trauma and driving meaningful reconciliation.

"I want to establish what this country looked like prior to colonisation so people can realise what they're missing," he said.

"There's a lot of intellectuals who can take that knowledge and do good things, to drive that reconciliation and truth-telling.

"To pass on that lesson to the next generation of teachers is where the scholarship will help. Having the opportunity to pursue a doctorate, speak that academic



Onyinye Nwamadi is one of two inaugural recipients of the Aunty Joan Hendriks Scholarship at the Australian Catholic University.

language about Australia's Indigenous context and relate Indigenous issues in a language they understand is motivating and a real honour."

Ms Nwamadi, or Onyi, as she prefers to be called, was destined to become a citizen of the world. Born in Sydney, she is a Dauareb woman, connected to the Torres Strait Islands by her mother, who also has Swedish heritage.

Her Nigerian father moved to Australia at a time of civil war in the west African nation.

She is immensely proud of her Nigerian and Torres Strait cultures – Onyi cherishes when her mum sings to her in Meriam Mir (Eastern Torres Strait language) – and sees a career in international law as the ideal path to serve and honour her ancestry.

"My parents taught me a lot about empathy," said Onyi, who has commenced a Bachelor of Law and Global Studies at ACU's North Sydney campus. "I grew up exposed to minorities and people who were affected by the

legal system," she said.

"And I'm fascinated by how the world works. This degree will give me the chance to advocate for people and be proactive for positive change.

"I'd like to think I could build my experience overseas and then return to serve in remote communities here."

The Scholarship honours Aunty Joan Hendriks, an ACU alumna and distinguished Ngugi Elder of one of the three clan groups of the Quandamooka

people of Moreton Bay, Queensland. Aunty Joan was acknowledged for her innovative spirit, leadership in community and her passion for lifelong learning. She was a constant advocate for social justice and the rights and education of Indigenous Australians.

"The scholarship demonstrates the interconnectedness of our university's values and mission and ACU's commitment to cultural respect and cultural change," ACU director of First Peoples Jane Ceolin said. "It translates ACU's commitment to action.

"To the inaugural Aunty Joan Hendriks scholars, this scholarship will be life changing, impacting not only their lives but also their families and communities. We look forward to celebrating their journeys ahead."

Father-of-two Mr McGoldrick was inspired by his mother Noeline, a single parent and nurse from Worimi country on the NSW mid-north coast. A self-confessed battler at secondary school, he blossomed at university.

He taught for 13 years in the Toowoomba Diocese and since 2017 has been the program leader for ministry and service at St Patrick's College Shorncliffe. There, he is responsible for many programs, including Paddy's Van, which provides meals and an outreach service to disadvantaged families in Sandgate, Bracken Ridge and Brighton.

A former combat engineer, Mr McGoldrick has been recruited by the Australian Army as an advisor of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander spirituality and culture to the Army Chaplains Department.

Celebrating 20 years of Opening Doors for kids



COMMUNITIES from across Victoria came together online to celebrate 20 years of service from an organisation that has helped more than 3000 First Nations

young people access education at independent and Catholic schools across the state.

The Opening the Doors foundation (OTDF) was established by Wemba Wamba Mutthi Mutthi woman Vicki Clark, Melissa Brickell, Carol Messer and John Arthur in 2000, with a simple objective in mind: giving Aboriginal families access to education options for their children that may not have been feasible for them otherwise.

Twenty years on, it's become a true reconciliation success story with the foundation celebrating the remarkable achievements of its graduated and current students.

An online 20th birthday celebration and video presentation put a spotlight on the tangible changes the Opening the Doors Foundation has made in

the lives of its students. Highlighted stories included proud Wemba Wamba, Yorta Yorta and Mutthi Mutthi woman Jemma Costa, whom the foundation supported through her schooling and into her future as a graduate of RMIT with a Bachelor of Communications and Journalism degree.

Now an ABC journalist, Ms Costa said the support of the foundation allowed her to "break generational cycles".

"I was raised by a strong, Black, single mother in a very busy household, and we really did struggle at times," she said.

"The prospect of even attending a private school can sound so out of reach for our mob. The foundation helped relieve those financial stresses for my mum ... It really did, quite literally, open up doors for me.

"Now, I'm the first person in my family to finish school and go on to university, and I'm a reporter at the national broadcaster!"

Yorta Yorta Elder Aunty Vicki Walker told the story of 10 Indigenous students who were supported by OTDF to attend St Joseph's College in Echuca – and all 10 went on to achieve VCE level

education.

"(Of that group), we have doctors, psychologists, chefs, childcare workers – leaders of our community," Aunty Vicki said.

"(OTDF) supported those kids with uniforms, books, and extra-curricular activities right from the get-go ... and that is about mixing in and not being left out. It's about having everything they needed to get to where they wanted to go and lightening the financial load at home."

OTDF has provided education resources and support each year to Aboriginal children and young people, now exceeding 800 per year.

Today, the organisation has grown to become the only Aboriginal foundation in the State dedicated to supporting education for students from foundation year one to year 12.

Over its 20 years, it has provided guidance and support to more than 3000 students and their families in their education journey, with more than 10,000 grants totalling more than \$6 million.



Yorta Yorta Elder Vicki Walker is one of the people who established the Opening the Doors Foundation.

Pop up in the north

By ALF WILSON



THE biennial Pop Up North Queensland Festival (PUNQ) expanded this year from its roots in Wulgurukaba and Bindal country (Townsville) to include Yunbenun (Magnetic Island), Gudjal country (Charters Towers) and Warrgamay, Nywaigi and Bandjin country (Hinchinbrook).

The 10-day festival, which was supported by a \$50,000 grant from Townsville City Council, was launched on July 30 at Townsville's Big Eye Theatre Arts and Cultural Centre in Flinders Street.

Organisers partnered with local arts and cultural organisations across the four locations for the event, which was concluded on August 9.

The *Koori Mail* was at the launch, where the Wulgurukaba Walkabout Dancers performed.

There was also the opening of artist Stephen Oliver's exhibition *From the Desert to the Sea*, the BLAK Markets, and the unveiling of a new mural artwork on the façade of Big Eye Arts and Cultural Centre.

Traditional food was enjoyed by hundreds in attendance and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander crafts were popular at numerous stalls.

Torres Strait Islander artist Bai Tapau, who had a stall, said it was a great platform to showcase cultural art and craft.

Originally established to revitalise the Townsville CBD with 'pop up' art in empty shopfronts, the third iteration of the festival, PUNQ 2021, has debuted new initiatives including regional art trail experiences and a site-specific artwork commissions program to engage people in surprising ways, guided by established local and interstate artists.

PUNQ 2021 was assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, and was supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.



Wulgurukaba Walkabout dancers.



From left are Ashley Saltner, his wife Linda Saltner and Brenton Creed, who welcomed guests to country.



All smiles at her art stall is Mer Islander Bai Tapau. With her is her support worker Rachael Kombati.



Zoey Oliver at Womba Plant Lady stall.



Big Eye Theatre's Ros Sailor and granddaughter Tanisha Barney.



Sabrina Toby at her Bara Bidyiri stall.



Jackson and Charmaine Koroi at their food stall.

Employment

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Training program is putting mob in jobs



A NUMBER of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people has recently graduated from construction industry programs in Adelaide and Brisbane.

The programs, 'I Got Brushed' (Queensland) and 'I Got Built' (South Australia), have been designed to help Indigenous people find employment in the construction industry.

Run by Australia's largest apprenticeship network provider, MEGT, the programs are aimed at providing participants a taste of all trades via a Certificate II in Construction, helping to decide what hands-on career path appeals to them.

At least 70% of the participants are signed to a full-time apprenticeship once the course is completed.

Takiyah Nagas, 20, followed in her brother's footsteps after he successfully completed the 'I Got Brushed' program in Brisbane.

Takiyah is a proud Mununjari woman from the Beaudesert area.

She was looking for a job where she could work with her hands and said that she enjoyed every aspect of painting.

She said the course not only provided tuition in the basics of painting but trainer Ray also talked to the young people about what working life is like.

Takiyah said it was great preparation for her next career step.

She is now a first-year



Graduates from the 'I Got Built' program in Adelaide.

apprentice working across a range of work sites. She said, despite the impacts of COVID, painting has been resistant to lockdowns and restrictions and she knows she'll always have paid work with a painting trade under her belt.

Takiyah is particularly proud of the role model she has become to her family and friends and says she feels like the program has helped her "break the cycle".

She says the program showed everyone involved they could stick with something and find employment and she wants others to know about the program and the prospects that are possible. She knows plenty of people who are stuck in a rut. This program

provides the experience that is often the hurdle to finding reliable work.

Recent graduate from the Adelaide program Pieran Turner, 28, now works with the Master Builders as an apprentice carpenter.

Initially not knowing what he wanted to do after school, Pieran said he couldn't be happier with his eventual career choice. The Pitjantjatjara man says he loved the program delivered by MEGT and has made lifelong like-minded friends. He said he would recommend the 'I Got Built' program to others, particularly young people who may not yet be clear about what they want to do.

Taylah Pitt, 22, also completed the program. She

really enjoyed getting to experience everything from concreting to plumbing, plastering, demolition and carpentry. An end-of-program BBQ with prospective employers connected Taylah with Streamline Concreting, where she is now working. She is hoping to secure an apprenticeship in coming months now that she is clear on what she wants to do.

Matt Fairhurst, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lead at MEGT, said the 'I Got Built' initiative is supported by Carey Training, which provides accredited training, while participants are given specific Indigenous mentoring and case management by INDI Services Construction and Engineering Pty Ltd.



Takiyah Nagas completed the 'I Got Brushed' program in Brisbane and is now a first-year apprentice working across a range of sites.

Your guide to employment

Welcome to the Koori Mail's Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff Chris or Stuart a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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Aboriginal Health Practitioner

Department: Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD

Location: Wollongong, Port Kembla & Shoalhaven

Employment Status: Full-time

Salary: \$60,754 to \$80,097 per annum

Enquiries: Zane Rice (02) 4223 8349 or 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: 5 September 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at iworkfor.nsw.gov.au
Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ249749**

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Communications Officer

Location – Marrickville NSW 2204

AbSec is seeking a qualified and suitably experienced person to join AbSec in the position of Communications Officer.

The Communications Officer supports the Communications and Memberships team in executing communications on behalf of AbSec and AbSec LDC. The role assists in growing AbSec's public profile through promoting the objectives, events and activities internally and externally to AbSec.

The Communications Officer is: a 1-year fixed term position with a base salary of \$70k, commensurate with experience (not-for-profit salary packaging available) plus, superannuation.

To obtain a copy of the position description, please visit our website: <https://www.absec.org.au/careers.html>.

To apply: Interested applicants are required to address the essential criteria outlined in the position description demonstrating their experience against each point, submit a cover letter (maximum 2 pages) and current resume (maximum 5 pages).

Note: if applicants do not address the selection criteria the application will not be considered.

For Further information: please contact Adele Savvas adele.savvas@absec.org.au or 0295595299

Email applications to: recruitment@absec.org.au

Applications close: 5.00pm Wednesday 01 September 2021.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



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. All Djirra's work is designed by and for Aboriginal women and is deeply respectful of and connected to community. Self-determination is the foundation of everything we do: it is Our Cultural Way.

Djirra's vision is to provide high quality culturally appropriate services for Aboriginal women in Victoria who have experienced or are experiencing family violence.

We are expanding our specialist, culturally safe support services. This means we have a number of exciting roles available across the state.

We currently have the following positions available:

- **Senior Legal Policy Officer** (full time, ongoing) – Abbotsford
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- **Lawyer or Senior Lawyer** (full time, ongoing) – Northcote
- **Executive Officer**, National Family Violence Prevention Legal Service Forum Secretariat (c/o Djirra) (full time, fixed term for 12 months) – Flexible location
- **Lawyer** (full time) – Echuca and/or Bendigo
- **Paralegal Support Worker – After Hours Service** (full time, fixed term to 31 December 2021) – Metro Melbourne
- **Lawyer** (full time or part time, ongoing) – Bairnsdale

For further information please go to:

<https://djirra.org.au/get-involved/work-with-us/>

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**Bendigo
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**KANGAN
INSTITUTE**

Koorie Student Support Officer

Role Type: 1 year Full Time Fixed Term – 2 roles

Remuneration: \$ 64,170 - \$ 69,675 + superannuation (dependent on qualification & experience)

Bendigo TAFE and Kangan Institute are the TAFE trading brands of Bendigo Kangan Institute. We are one of Victoria's largest TAFE providers, with over 40,000 enrolled students per annum. We offer vocational training to students from all over the northern metro corridor as well as Loddon Campaspe regions. We pride ourselves on the quality of training we provide by having industry expert teachers who impart their wealth of experience to the workforce of the future. We believe in everything we do; we give people the opportunity to be the best they can be. We are currently seeking an experienced Koorie Student Support Officers to join our Experience & Growth team at either Broadmeadows/Bendigo/Echuca Campus.

The Role:

This position will triage Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander students enrolled at Bendigo TAFE and Kangan Institute to attain the relevant support to meet their educational aspirations. The role will liaise with the Indigenous Engagement team, Koorie Liaison Officers, Education teams and other support functions across the Institute to triage student enquiries. While the role is not responsible to directly solve these issues, it is expected that the incumbent develops a good understanding of the various services and supports across the Institute. Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander students enrolled at Bendigo TAFE and Kangan Institute will engage with this role through phone, email and face-to-face as a first point of contact to triage enquiries, assistance and concerns.

This is a designated role under the special measures provision as per the Equal Opportunity act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Required Qualifications:

- Prior experience working within the local Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander Community preferred but not essential.
- To be held in high respect within the local Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander community.
- A valid Working with Children Check (WWC) Assessment Notice and/or WWC card
- Police Check

Benefits:

- Counselling support (EAP) and Health & Wellbeing initiatives throughout the year
- Flexible work options
- Free onsite parking for most campuses
- Professional development programs and many more....

If this sounds like the role for you, please visit our **Careers** page and search **Koorie Student Support Officer** and click 'Apply for this job/Apply now', we would love to hear from you.

For further information regarding this outstanding opportunity, please contact Lee-Anne Habel, Head of Indigenous Engagement on 03 9279 2308.

NOTE: BKI reserves the right to withdrawn this advertised position at any stage.

Applications from candidates with valid working rights would only be considered. The information you have provided will be retained by us for the purposes of assessment against this role and other like roles for up to 6 months. We are a child safe and equal opportunity employer. It is mandatory requirement that the successful candidate has a current working with children check and national police check prior to commencement. Application from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged.



Policy Officer (Identified)

- Department of Education
- Full-time ongoing appointment
- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Position number and location: 200976 - location is negotiable within NSW

Total remuneration package valued to: \$120,107p.a. (salary \$97,443 to \$107,864 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The role supports the development of strategic and regulatory policy and advice for early childhood education. The role will oversee the development, implementation and management of policies and programs that provide support to Aboriginal children, communities and services.

How to apply

To apply for this role, please submit an application online and attach a cover letter (max. 2 pages) and your resume (max. 5 pages) in either Word or PDF format. Please address any **pre-screening questions** and **any essential requirements**. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the role description. Please develop your responses with this in mind.

Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online.

No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted..

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent, identify as being Aboriginal and be accepted in the community as such. Applicants who have not previously identified for the purposes of employment with the Department are required to provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality from a recognised incorporated **NSW Department of Education Confirmation of Aboriginality Guidelines**.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Please outline your understanding of issues impacting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people in early education and care and education more broadly (300 words maximum).
2. Please outline your experience in successfully establishing and managing a project or initiative (300 words maximum).

Key knowledge and experience:

Knowledge of and commitment to implementing the Department's **Aboriginal Education Policy** and upholding the **Department's Partnership Agreement with the NSW AECG** and to ensure quality outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Essential Requirements:

- Candidates must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Descent.
- A valid Working with Children Check .

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Closing Date: 9 September 2021

For enquiries about this role, contact Nat Heath on 0437 781 671.

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au website and refer to the following keyword: 200976.

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Full time and part time ongoing positions available

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PRACTITIONER - FFT-CW

Full-time ongoing

Functional Family Therapy Child Welfare is an intensive family and community-based intervention focused on supporting children, young people and their families aged 0-18 years.

Enquiries to: Simone Ruscuklic, Family Services Program Manager 9721 3688
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VLGA
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Your Community, Country & Council Project Lead

Want to see more First Nations people working in local government or as your elected representatives?

The Victorian Local Governance Association is seeking a Project Lead for its 'Your Community, Country & Council' project, funded by the Victorian government. The position is a 0.6FTE role (3 days a week with possibility of more hours) based in Melbourne.

For more information please visit www.vlga.org.au, or email Deborah Wu (VLGA Inclusion & Diversity Lead) at deborah@vlga.org.au.

Strategic Program Support Officer
Indigenous Identified Position



- Fixed term with likely extension
- Based in Bangkok, Thailand
- Amazing international opportunity
- Generous remuneration package

Partnerships for Infrastructure (P4I) is the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's new flagship infrastructure initiative for Southeast Asia designed to contribute to quality local infrastructure development driving inclusive growth. It provides flexible support to partner governments of Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam.

The Role
 Based at the P4I Hub in Bangkok and reporting to the Head of Program Delivery and Performance, the Strategic Program Support Officer will provide support to multiple program areas including Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning, program reporting, communications and research. The position will work collaboratively across all areas of P4I and will also have input into the Indigenous Participation Strategy.

About You
 To be successful in this role, you will have a demonstrated ability to develop effective relationships across a broad range of stakeholders, excellent project management skills that can contribute to the development of systems and processes and outstanding written and verbal communication skills. You will have demonstrated experience in supporting large and complex programs within a community-based or Indigenous organisation, consulting firm or government department that can be applied to an international setting.

The successful candidate will have formal qualifications that could span a wide range of disciplines including infrastructure, community development, government policy or project management.

The position is only open to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants.

The Benefits
 This unique opportunity could kick-start your international career with mentoring from a highly experienced team in a role that could grow as you do. A generous remuneration package is available with relocation support (for your family too) as well as pastoral support provided by an Indigenous organisation in Nintione.

Read more about this program at <https://www.partnershipsforinfrastructure.org/>

To register your interest in this role, please apply to Kristen.Martins@nintione.com.au including a cover letter and CV.

NSW GOVERNMENT

Senior Aboriginal Policy and Strategy Implementation Officer (Identified)

- Department of Education
- 2 x Full-time ongoing appointments
- Clerk Grade 9/10
- Location is negotiable within NSW

Total remuneration package valued to: \$136,297 p.a Package includes salary (\$111,077 to \$122,404 p.a), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

There are two roles available, the roles will oversee and support the implementation of the First Steps Aboriginal Early Childhood Education Strategy 2021-2025. The roles will consist of engaging with Aboriginal communities, key stakeholders and early childhood services to ensure the success of the strategy.

About the role

The role develops strategic policy proposals and advice and manages strategic projects for the Director, Executive Director, Deputy Secretary, Secretary and the Minister to improve the performance of the early childhood education sector.

How to apply

To apply for this role, please submit an application online and attach a cover letter (max. 2 pages) and your resume (max. 5 pages) in either Word or PDF format. **Please address any pre-screening questions and any essential requirements.** We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the role description. Please develop your responses with this in mind.

Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent, identify as being Aboriginal and be accepted in the community as such. Applicants who have not previously identified for the purposes of employment with the Department are required to provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality from a recognised incorporated Aboriginal Community organisation endorsed with common seal and a certified statutory declaration as defined in the **NSW Department of Education Confirmation of Aboriginality Guidelines**

Key knowledge and experience

- Experience working with Aboriginal communities and strong understanding of issues that impact Aboriginal communities.
- Knowledge and understanding of the NSW Department of Education's First Steps Aboriginal Children's ECE Strategy 2021-2025.
- Knowledge of and commitment to implementing the Department's Aboriginal Education Policy and upholding the Department's Partnership Agreement with the NSW AECG and to ensure quality outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Essential requirements

- Candidates must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Descent
- A valid Working with Children Check

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Closing Date: 9 September 2021

For enquiries about this role, contact Nat Heath on 0437 781 671.

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NGANAMPA HEALTH COUNCIL



executive manager health services

- **Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation - APY Lands**
- **Impact Indigenous governance, health & self determination**
- **Flexible location with commitment to regular travel & presence on the APY Lands**

The Organisation

Nganampa Health Council (NHC) is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation operating on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in the far north west of South Australia.

NHC operates clinics 24/7 in the six main communities in the APY lands, one outreach clinic and health programs including in sexual, environmental, dental, women's, male, children's, eye and mental health, health worker training and immunisation.

NHC has a national reputation for best practice clinical services, for leading innovative practices in environmental health and for collaborative program research and development. Successes include significantly reduced rates of sexually transmitted infections, increasing birth weights through the antenatal program and consistency in achieving 90%+ child immunisation rates.

Benefits & Culture

- Attractive salary with tax effective packaging
- Relocation assistance, 9 weeks leave per year plus annual airfare assistance
- Fully maintained 4WD vehicle and access to free, furnished accommodation

The Role

You will provide executive level management support and direction to Nganampa Health Council to guide the organisation through its next stage of growth and development while continuing to progress the current breadth of programs and services. Specifically, you'll deliver and ensure:

- Development of the strategic plan and continuing progress in meeting strategic goals
- Attainment and maintenance of accreditation standards
- Systems innovation and organisational infrastructure
- Organisational governance and legal, regulatory & contractual compliance
- Risk management; identification, analysis and mitigation

Skills Required

You have developed your executive career in the health, social welfare, community or international development sector. You have a successful track record in the delivery of a diverse range of programs and services together with a collaborative and flexible leadership style and proven ability to work calmly and think strategically under pressure.

You bring an understanding of the context in which Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, or other communities in remote and challenging environments operate. You have the ability to work under Aboriginal management and your experience also includes:

- Strategic leadership at an organisational level
- High level organisational governance and risk management focus
- Success engaging and working collaboratively with key stakeholders
- Negotiation and management of government and non-government funding

If you are inspired by the opportunity to significantly impact Indigenous health, please submit your resume and cover letter responding to the skills required section above to cv@ngorecruitment.com. Alternatively, please call Louise Furlong on 02 8243 0570 if you have any specific questions.

NGO RECRUITMENT



GLaWAC is growing

The Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) represents the Traditional Owners of Gippsland, the Gunaikurnai people.

GLaWAC has a number of exciting new opportunities to join our team in the following areas:

Cultural Education & Engagement Officers - Women's and Men's (ATSI)

Support GLaWAC to achieve its cultural strategy by delivering educationally focussed initiatives that increase awareness and embed cultural practices

Program Administrator - Culture (ATSI)

Key administrative support in the coordination of projects, events, and services for GLaWAC's Culture team and Elders Council.

Water Engagement Officer

Support the Gunaikurnai Community to come together on Country to talk about Gunaikurnai water rights and cultural water objectives, and to evaluate the cultural health of waterways and set priorities.

Applications Close: Wednesday 8th Sept, 2021

For more information, visit www.gunaikurnai.org or contact Mardi Edwards on 0421 818 748

MENINDEE LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Menindee Local Aboriginal Land Council
Full-time

Menindee Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career as the Chief Executive Officer of the Menindee LALC. The position is a full-time role and reports to the Menindee LALC elected Board. The role of a CEO requires an experienced manager with financial management experience who can take the organisation through change and empower growth towards a sustainable future.

About the role: please send an email to menindee.lalc2@bigpond.com for full position description or contact Joy Williams, Chairperson on 0477 473 194.

MENINDEE LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Expression of Interest -

Station Manager

Menindee Local Aboriginal Land Council
Full-time

Menindee Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) is seeking expressions of interest from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career as the Station Manager for Menindee LALC properties. The position is a full-time role and reports to the Menindee LALC elected Board. The role of the Station Manager is an excellent opportunity for an experienced and motivated Station Manager to make an impact and drive productive outcomes. This is your opportunity to play a pivotal role in part of Menindee LALC's journey and growth.

About the role: please send an email to menindee.lalc2@bigpond.com for full position description or contact Joy Williams, Chairperson on 0477 473 194.



Aboriginal Languages and Cultural Officer (Identified)

- Department of Education
- Temporary full-time appointment for a period up to 30 June 2025
- Clerk Grade 11/12
- Position number and location: 230402 - location is negotiable within NSW

Total remuneration package valued to: \$165,442 Package includes salary (\$128,473 to \$148,578), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

This role will oversee the successful implementation and management of the Ninganah No More program which is focused on supporting target 3 of the First Steps Strategy. The Role will sit within the Aboriginal Policy and Strategy Team and will work closely with the Aboriginal Outcomes and Partnerships team who delivers the Aboriginal languages program from K-12.

How to apply

To apply for this role, please submit an application online and attach a cover letter (max. 2 pages) and your resume (max. 5 pages) in either Word or PDF format. Please address any **pre-screening questions** and **any essential requirements**. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the role description. Please develop your responses with this in mind.

Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check. In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent, identify as being Aboriginal and be accepted in the community as such. Applicants who have not previously identified for the purposes of employment with the Department are required to provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality from a recognised incorporated Aboriginal Community organisation endorsed with common seal and a certified statutory declaration as defined in the **NSW Department of Education Confirmation of Aboriginality Guidelines**.

Pre-screening questions:

1. Please outline your experience working with Aboriginal people and Aboriginal communities in delivering high quality programs and initiatives. (300 words maximum).
2. What experience have you had developing and managing educational and cultural programs with a range of key stakeholders? (300 words maximum).

Key knowledge and experience:

- Experience working with Aboriginal communities and strong understanding of issues that impact Aboriginal communities
- Strong understanding and experience working in initiatives that support the revitalisation and program development of Aboriginal languages
- Experience in designing and implementing programs and working with stakeholders
- Knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Learning Framework
- Knowledge and understanding of the NSW Department of Education's First Steps Aboriginal Children's ECE Strategy 2021-2025
- Knowledge of and commitment to implementing the Department's Aboriginal Education Policy and upholding the Department's Partnership Agreement with the NSW AECG and to ensure quality outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Essential requirements:

- Candidates must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Descent
- Tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline, or demonstrated equivalent knowledge and/or experience
- A valid Working with Children Check.

The selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Applications Close: 9 September 2021

For all enquiries please contact Nat Heath on 0437 781 671.

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au website and refer to the following keyword: 230402

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Aboriginal Health Worker

Department: Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD

Location: Port Kembla & Nowra

Employment Status: Casual

Salary: \$27.43 - \$40.40 per hour

Enquiries: Zane Rice (02) 4223 8349 or 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: 5 September 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at iworkfor.nsw.gov.au
Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ249626**

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ABOUT US:

The Federation is the Victorian state-wide body that convenes and advocates for the rights and interests of Traditional Owners while progressing wider social, economic, environmental, and cultural objectives. We support the progress of agreement-making and participation in decision-making to enhance the authority of Traditional Owner Corporations on behalf of their communities.

Our vision is that Traditional Owners are strong on Country, leading the social, political, economic, and cultural landscape delivered through our purpose which is to facilitate and amplify Traditional Owner voices to self-determine their futures and to build on and strengthen collective interests and opportunities. We work through our values of Community, Culture, Country & Collaboration to embed recognition, empower self-determination and enable capacity.

ABOUT THE ROLE:

This is a 24 month fixed term position.

The objective of this role is focused on providing strategic and operational support to the CEO and organisation. The position operates as part of the Corporate Services Team, but with primary responsibility and reporting to the CEO.

BENEFITS:

The Federation offers the opportunity to maximise benefits with our salary packaging scheme. Our family-friendly workplace culture includes generous annual leave provisions and flexible working arrangements. We have a strong commitment to professional development and an active social club.

The Federation will only be accepting applications for this position from people who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, in line with special measure provisions in Section 12 of the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act (2010).

TO APPLY:

For the full Position Description Please refer to the Executive Officer job advertisement at the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations at www.fvtoc.com.au/work-with-us

For further information regarding this position please contact: Mr Ben Gordon T: 0413 640 291 E: ben.gordon@fvtoc.com.au

To apply please provide a current CV and a covering letter addressing the key competencies to the Operations Manager, Mr Ben Gordon.

Applications close Sunday 5 September 2021

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The Sol Bellear Memorial Aboriginal Graduate Health Management Trainee (Administrative Officer Level 4)

Department: Sydney Local Health District
Employment Status: Temporary Full Time up to February 2024

Remuneration: \$1,215.22 - \$1,244.50 per week
Enquiries: Ricky Lyons on (02) 9515 9964

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Closing Date: 10 September 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at
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Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ250082.**

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Identified Aboriginal Peer Worker

Department: Hunter New England LHD
Location: Tamworth Hospital
Enquiries: Trish Blackman on
Trish.Blackman@health.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 5 September 2021

This position is identified for Aboriginal people and exemption is claimed under 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

Applications must be lodged electronically at
healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com
Search for Job Ref Number **REQ231869**

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EXPRESSION OF
INTEREST

Primary Principal

**Gumbaynggirr Giingana Freedom School
(Identified Role)**



Expressions of interest (EOI) are invited for the position of Principal, the Gumbaynggirr Giingana Freedom School (GGFS). The School is currently in the final stage of accreditation with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and is seeking EOIs from suitably qualified Educators to lead our proposed School if accreditation is obtained (between September - December 2021).

The proposed GGFS will be located at Coffs Harbour TAFE's Glenreagh Street Campus. The School will cater for students from K- 2 with approximately 15 children in its first year, eventually growing to K-6. The GGFS has a focus on Gumbaynggirr Language and culture, quality teaching based on Gumbaynggirr values and philosophies, and strong community and parent engagement. The School will be the first bilingual School of an Aboriginal language in NSW and is committed to excellence and high academic achievement of all students, achieved through the implementation of innovative practices.

Staff will include; a Teaching Principal, a classroom teacher and two Gumbaynggirr Language teachers (non-teacher trained). You will be supported by the School proprietor, Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan Aboriginal Corporations (BMNAC) Board, Executive Management Team and staff group.

GGFS programs and curriculum areas will have a strong focus on:

- Acquisition of Gumbaynggirr language
- The intergenerational transfer of Gumbaynggirr cultural knowledge "Two paths strong" - Strong in education and strong in culture
- Aboriginal pedagogy and methods of learning centred on country, language and culture

The School is an extension of the Gumbaynggirr community, and there is an expectation of high level community consultation and engagement. The School will incorporate Aboriginal Perspectives across all Key Learning Areas.

We are seeking a motivated and highly skilled professional who values the importance of language, culture, country and wisdom as the key foundations to making our children "Gumbaynggirr daari" - Gumbaynggirr strong! The Principal will be supported to undertake professional development to learn the Gumbaynggirr language as well as implementing creative methods to support immersive spaces for Gumbaynggirr Language acquisition. The GGFS is the primary strategy to reawaken our Gumbaynggirr Language to again be spoken as a first language.

Please submit your EOI by submitting a CV and a cover letter (no more than 3 pages) outlining:

- The capabilities that you would bring to the position which would enable you to lead the current education reform agenda within the School community, and
- The capabilities that you would aim to develop during the opportunity.
- Your experience working with the emergence of Aboriginal language and culture

Your expression of interest should include details of two referees. In addition a written statement of no more than 3 pages is to be included in response to the above criteria.

BMNAC considers that being Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Successful EOIs will be shortlisted and invited to submit a formal application for Principal of GGFS should accreditation be obtained. Any questions regarding the progress of the School, or the position can be directed to Nathan Brennan, Programs Director as below.

Closing Date: 5:00pm Friday 3rd September 2021 Applications to: Nathan Brennan, Programs Director, BMNAC Phone: 0447 786 887

Email: nathan@bmnac.org.au



EXPRESSION OF
INTEREST

Classroom Teacher

**Gumbaynggirr Giingana Freedom School
(Identified Role)**



Expressions of interest (EOI) are invited for the position of classroom teacher, the Gumbaynggirr Giingana Freedom School (GGFS). The School is currently in the final stage of accreditation with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), and is seeking EOIs from suitably qualified teachers to deliver our unique and exciting curriculum if accreditation is obtained (between September - December 2021).

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- "Two paths strong" - Strong in education and strong in culture
- Aboriginal pedagogy and methods of learning centred on country, language, culture and Elders' wisdom

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Please submit your EOI by submitting a CV and a cover letter outlining:

- Demonstrated capacity to develop and research instruction that is tailored to individual student needs, particularly in the areas of reading and writing. Including the ability to harness Gumbaynggirr/Aboriginal perspectives
- Demonstrated excellence in classroom practice and the proven ability to use data to develop and deliver high quality, differentiated teaching and learning programs in numeracy utilising Gumbaynggirr/Aboriginal perspectives
- Ability to work with Gumbaynggirr Language teachers to create immersive spaces to facilitate Gumbaynggirr Language acquisition

Your expression of interest should include details of two referees. In addition a written statement of no more than 3 pages is to be included in response to the above criteria.

BMNAC considers that being Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)

EOIs will be shortlisted and invited to submit a formal application for classroom teacher GGFS should accreditation be obtained. Any questions regarding the progress of the School, or the position can be directed to Nathan Brennan, Programs Director as below.

Closing Date: 5:00pm Friday 3rd September 2021 Applications to: Nathan Brennan, Programs Director, BMNAC Phone: 0447 786 887

Email: nathan@bmnac.org.au



PRACTITIONER - FUTURE PATHWAYS

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Enquiries to: Simone Ruscuklic, Family Services Program Manager 9721 3688

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Project Officer, SSTF

Multiple Positions
Location – Marrickville NSW 2204

AbSec are seeking motivated and suitably experienced people to join the AbSec team in the position of Project Officer, Social Sector Transformation Fund Project (SSTF).

AbSec's SSTF project will deliver holistic multi-faceted support, information, agency development and training services to small / medium Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organisations and Medical Services (who deliver services to Aboriginal people) in rural and remote areas of NSW. The SSTF project will aim to develop a more culturally appropriate skilled workforce to enable better outcomes for Aboriginal people and will include:

- Advice and support
- Develop and implement leadership training
- Workforce plan and support for remote and flexible working
- Information and resources to build agencies capacity

The Project Officer, SSTF will be part of a small team and will be expected to undertake roles as necessary to develop and/or achieve the project plan.

The Project Officer, SSTF is a maximum 12 month fixed term position – base salary range 80k-85k, commensurate with experience (not-for-profit salary packaging available) plus, superannuation.

To obtain a copy of the position description, please visit our website: <https://www.absec.org.au/careers.html>

To apply: Interested applicants are required to address the essential criteria outlined in the position description demonstrating their experience against each point, submit a cover letter (maximum 2 pages) and current resume (maximum 5 pages).

Note: if applicants do not address the selection criteria the application will not be considered.

For Further information: please contact Adele Savvas adele.savvas@absec.org.au or 0295595299.

Email applications to: recruitment@absec.org.au

Applications close: 5.00pm Wednesday 01 September 2021.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Senior Manager Aboriginal Advancement (50D)

Business Unit/Directorate: Strategy and Engagement
Salary: Level 8 \$135,296 - \$146,609 PSCA 2019
Position No: 100744

Work Type: Permanent - Part Time, Permanent - Full Time, Fixed Term - Part Time, Fixed Term - Full Time
Location: Joondalup

The Equal Opportunity Act (WA) 1984 provides support for employment decisions not only based on merit but also to help achieve diversity and equality.

The Department recognises Aboriginality as a genuine qualification for this position in accordance with (Section 50D) of the Act. To apply you must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, identify as such and be recognised as such by the community.

The Opportunity

This opportunity is for one year with possibility of extension and/or permanency.

This is an exciting opportunity for a highly skilled and motivated person to create and lead a small team that will enhance the Department's capability and capacity to deliver meaningful outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This new role will build and elevate relationships, shape Department strategy, direction setting and cultural competency, maximise opportunities and mitigate risks

The role is responsible for communicating and championing positive change, supporting and managing projects and programs, mitigating risk and delivering against State and Commonwealth Government agendas.

For further information about the opportunity we encourage you to contact Hannah Tagore on 0427 194 397 during business hours.

For further information about this position and a link to apply, see our ad on the Koori Mail website under JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC Gippsland, VIC

- Native title: community, culture, heritage & country
- Attractive salary plus car & benefits
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Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (GLaWAC) is an important and successful community organisation representing the native title rights and interests of the traditional custodians of Gunaikurnai country in the Gippsland region of Victoria. The corporation has significant community and commercial interests with strong focus on culture, heritage, country and economic development.

GLaWAC seeks to appoint a Chief Executive Officer, reporting to the Board, to strengthen the leadership, performance and operational development of the organisation and to build its growing commercial sustainability and financial independence.

Expressions of interest are invited from experienced executives motivated to drive the next phase of GLaWAC's considerable success. Applicant skills and experience sought include:

- Five years' leadership experience in native title and/or community services with an Aboriginal corporation, NGO or related government agency.
- Success in senior relationship development with government agencies, service regulators, peak bodies, strategic partners and community bodies.
- Strong commercial, financial, budget and operations management skills combined with high ethical standards.
- Strategic approach to develop capability through driving organisational change and commercial development.
- Sound leadership, team building, community engagement and staff management skills.
- Tertiary qualifications in business, finance or community services disciplines (or equivalent experience).

GLaWAC strongly encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but this is not a designated/identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander appointment.

Applications in the form of a brief resume and cover letter to response@kmsearch.com.au please, quoting ref #4542. Suitable candidates will be supplied with a candidate brief and invited to submit responses to selection criteria later in the recruitment process.

For more information, contact Keith Mackay on 07 3289 6071 for a confidential discussion.

Applications close 12 noon 3 September 2021

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Common Ground is at an exciting stage in our growth as a not-for-profit. We've established a strong governance model, secured long-term funding, and are excited to be expanding our team! We're looking for someone who is passionate about communications and leading change for First Nations community that centres our stories, knowledges and solutions.

- Apply online: Scan the QR code below or visit www.commonground.org.au/fn-communications-director
- Closing date: Friday 17 September
- Enquiries: people@commonground.org.au



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Aboriginal Health Worker (Community Paediatrics)

Department: South Western Sydney LHD
Location: Health Services Building Liverpool
Position Classification: Aboriginal Health Worker
Employment Type: Temporary Part-Time, 24 hours per week up until 30/12/2023
Remuneration: \$27.42 to \$40.39 per hour

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: 12 September 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com
Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ250591**.

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Justice Reinvest NSW, Chief Executive Officer

Full-time (2-year contract) Identified role

Scope for part-time for the right candidate

The Just Reinvest NSW Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible for leading the development and execution of the strategic plan, overseeing the operations and financial health of the organisation. The JRNSW CEO will also manage the transition out of the organisation's auspicing relationship with the Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT (ALS).

About Just Reinvest NSW (JRNSW)

JRNSW supports Aboriginal communities to explore and establish justice reinvestment initiatives and advocates for systemic changes that build safer and stronger communities.

Key Responsibilities and Accountabilities

- Working with the Executive to deliver on JRNSW's strategic vision and progress against the strategic plan;
- Being the public face of JRNSW including speaking publicly on behalf of JRNSW in the media, at conferences and elsewhere to maintain JRNSW's public profile
- Developing and maintaining collaborative relationships and initiatives with strategic partners
- Overseeing all operations and strategic activities of JRNSW
- Exercising executive leadership and direct management of JRNSW head office team, oversight of management of site-based staff and engagement and management of consultants, as required.

Essential Criteria

- Knowledge and appreciation of the cultural and social needs of Aboriginal people combined with continuing respect and support for Aboriginal cultural practices
- A commitment to Aboriginal self-determination, community leadership and empowerment;
- Deep understanding of the justice system, its impacts on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and community-led justice reinvestment;
- Extensive experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and well-developed community engagement and facilitation skills;
- Demonstrated excellence in organisation management, operations, strategic thinking and leadership;
- Strong people management skills and experience leading staff and volunteers;
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability and willingness to travel and work in different locations;
- Tertiary qualifications and/or demonstrated equivalent industry/professional experience at a senior level, with demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional development;
- Demonstrated commitment to the effective implementation of Workplace Health & Safety and Ethical and Diversity practices in the workplace.

How To Apply

Applications packages can be obtained from Alanna Reneman, Operations Manager, Just Reinvest NSW – alanna@justreinvest.org.au. Applications close 15 September 2021.

This is an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander identified position which is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorized under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.



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Batchelor Institute offers a wide range of vocational education and training courses, higher education, and post-graduate research programs, in culturally safe spaces both on campus, On Country, and online.

If you have a vision for Batchelor Institute, to advance the aspirations of First Nations Peoples across Australia, view the position description at www.batchelor.edu.au/people/current-vacancies or enquire in confidence to:

Professor Gareth Allison
» 0439 610 581
» gareth.allison@batchelor.edu.au



For more information about Batchelor Institute visit www.batchelor.edu.au

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ABOUT US:

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ABOUT THE ROLE:

We are seeking applicants for the role of Bookkeeper & Admin Manager that reports to the General Manager and involves the following responsibilities:

- Accounts receivable & payable
- Bank and credit card reconciliations
- Payroll
- Month end & year end reconciliations
- Maintaining subscriptions database
- Manage and supervise workload of other Admin staff
- Support General Manager to prepare reports for Accountants and Board of Directors
- Ensure compliance with statutory and ATO obligations including managing BAS, IAS, Super and insurance
- Develop, review, and streamline Admin department processes

OUR IDEAL CANDIDATE:

We are looking for someone who is proactive, possesses an acute level of accuracy, attention to detail and a 'can do' attitude to join our team.

You will also possess the following qualities and experience:

- A qualification in a relevant discipline (Accounting, Finance) and/or equivalent demonstration of such knowledge
- Thorough working knowledge of Xero accounting software (or an ability to apply and adapt your extensive experience with other accounting programs to working with Xero)
- Excellent time management and ability to manage the workload of the Admin department to adhere to strict deadlines
- Proactive in refining processes and creating greater efficiency
- Reliable, highly trustworthy and a strong sense of integrity
- Excellent Word and Excel skills

To apply, please email a cover letter outlining your experience in the above areas, with a current CV/Resume and at least two referees to: jacki@koorimail.com.

Salary details will be discussed during the interview process and will reflect experience and capabilities of the successful applicant.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons are strongly encouraged to apply.

WaterNSW

Metropolitan Coastal Sands Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Boronia Design PTY LTD** for an approval for a **Water Supply Work**, for an excavation and 80 mm pump with a capacity of 10.5 ML/year at Lot 2 DP 1262485, Parish Alexandria, County Cumberland. The application relates to Metropolitan Coastal Sands Groundwater Source, subject to The Greater Metropolitan Region Groundwater Sources Water Sharing Plan 2011.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waterNSW.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A27367. 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

Hunter Regulated River Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Bugeja & Sons Farms Pty Limited** to amend an approval for a **Water Supply Work and Water Use** by replacing a work, with a 125mm Centrifugal Pump with a capacity of 80 l/s, an increase of 67 l/s at Lot A, DP 153004, Parish Warkworth, County Northumberland. The application relates to Hunter Regulated River Water Source, on the Hunter River, subject to Hunter Regulated River Water Source 2016.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waterNSW.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A026329. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Lachlan Welsman, Senior Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au.

KH1495

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Yass Catchment Groundwater Source

Transport for NSW has applied for a **Water Supply Work and Water Use Approval** for a bore with a diameter of 165 mm and a capacity of 100 kL/day (1.16 L/s) on Lot 7 DP 702319 in the Parish of Jeir, County of Murray for road construction purposes (ref: A027299).

If you object to this application, write to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, Licensing and Approvals—East, Locked Bag 5022, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124 or nrar.enquiries@nrar.nsw.gov.au within 28 days of this notice being published. You must include your name, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above.

If you have questions, contact Water Regulation Officer Heather Dewson at heather.dewson@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

SB2738

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Yass Catchment Groundwater Source

Transport for NSW has applied for a **Water Supply Work and Water Use Approval** for a bore with a diameter of 125 mm and a capacity of 100 kL/day (1.16 L/s) on Lot 1 DP 846623 in the Parish of Ginninderra, County of Murray for road construction purposes (ref: A027163).

If you object to this application, write to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, Licensing and Approvals—East, Locked Bag 5022, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124 or nrar.enquiries@nrar.nsw.gov.au within 28 days of this notice being published. You must include your name, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above.

If you have questions, contact Water Regulation Officer Heather Dewson at heather.dewson@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

SB2739

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Yass Catchment Groundwater Source

Transport for NSW has applied for a **Water Supply Work and Water Use Approval** for a bore with a diameter of 220 mm and a capacity of 100 kL/day (1.16 L/s) on Lot 2 DP 1261605 in the Parish of Jeir, County of Murray for road construction purposes (ref: A027283).

If you object to this application, write to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, Licensing and Approvals—East, Locked Bag 5022, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124 or nrar.enquiries@nrar.nsw.gov.au within 28 days of this notice being published. You must include your name, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above.

If you have questions, contact Water Regulation Officer Heather Dewson at heather.dewson@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

SB2737

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Lachlan Fold Belt Murray Darling Basin Groundwater Source

Hera Resources Pty Ltd has applied for a **Water Supply Work Approval** for two existing bores and two new bores, each with a capacity of 3L/s, on Lot 3129 DP 765334 in the Parish of Hathaway, County of Mouramba for Mining purposes (ref: A026813).

If you object to this application please write to nrar.enquiries@nrar.nsw.gov.au, or to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, Licensing and Approvals—West, Locked Bag 5022, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124, within 28 days of this notice being published. You must include your name, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above.

If you have questions contact Water Regulation Officer Rachel Daly by email rachel.daly@nrar.nsw.gov.au

SB2734

WaterNSW NEW ENGLAND FOLD BELT COAST GROUNDWATER SOURCE CORINDI RIVER WATER SOURCE

WaterNSW has received an application from **Balvinder Kaur Virk, Harpal Singh Virk, Harbhajan Singh Husna, Jaswant Kaur Husna, Rajan Singh Husna and Sarabjeet Kaur Husna**, for an approval for a **Water Supply Work**, for 1 Bore with a capacity of 3 ML/year relating to the New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the North Coast Fractured and Porous Rock Groundwater Sources 2016 and 1 Bore with a capacity of 10 ML/year relating to the Corindi River Water Source (aquifer) subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the Coffs Harbour Area Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2009. Both bores located on Lot 16, DP 752820, Parish Corindi, County Fitzroy, and Water Use for Irrigation at same location.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1400, Grafton NSW 2460 or to customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waterNSW.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A026717. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Mark Bonner, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au.

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Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal party

Name of applicant: Bangerang Aboriginal Corporation
Date received: 29 July 2021
Public Comments due: 3 September 2021

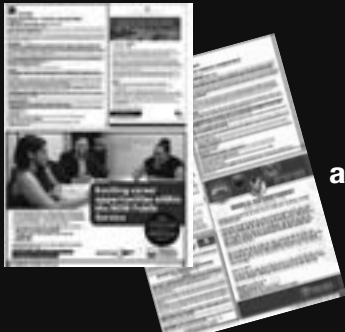
The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council has received an application by the Bangerang Aboriginal corporation for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the area shown on this map. If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* 2006. In determining whether to grant this application, the Council must consider:

- whether the applicant is a native title party;
- whether the applicant has traditional or familial links to the area;
- whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area;
- the existence of any grant of land by government in fee simple to an Aboriginal body in the area;
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area; and
- any other relevant matter.

The Council invites written comments on this application, which can be sent to: Office of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Level 3, 3 Treasury Place, East Melbourne Vic 3002 vahc@dpc.vic.gov.au I 03 7004 7198

The applicant will be advised of all comments received.





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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
36/980	DARLOT MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	630041	8.09HA.	49km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 13' S Long: 121° 2' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/1400	DARLOT MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	627929	124.07HA.	52.4km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 121° 13' E	LEONORA SHIRE
38/2376	RICHMOND, William Robert	626355	95.26HA.	101.3km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2376	RICHMOND, William Robert	626367	121.89HA.	99.9km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 43' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2376	RICHMOND, William Robert	626368	31.12HA.	103.5km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 41' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2376	RICHMOND, William Robert	626369	26.03HA.	101.7km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 42' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
77/2236	WESTERN AREAS LIMITED	627514	103.44HA.	60.2km SE'ly of Marvel Loch	Lat: 31° 56' S Long: 119° 47' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 25 August 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 **25 November 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. 25 December 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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NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Summerhill Creek Water Source

Orange City Council has applied for a Combined **Water Supply Work and Water Use Approval** for the proposed East Orange Wetland Stormwater Harvesting Project. This application includes the following works:

- 43.7 ML storage on Lot 1 DP 1177599, Lots 101 & 102 DP 857925
- 1.5 ML storage on Lot 6 DP 844802
- 0.2 ML storage on road reserve adjacent to Lot 2 DP 844802
- V-notch weir on Blackmans Swamp Creek on Lot 1 DP 1177599
- Diversion channel from Blackmans Swamp Creek, with weir, on Lot 1 DP 1177599
- 50mm diameter recirculating pump with a capacity of 5L/s in road reserve adjacent to Lot 102 DP 857925
- Channels on Lots 101 DP 857925, Lots 2 & 6 DP 844802 and adjacent road reserve

all within the Parish of Orange, County of Wellington; for the purposes of town water supply and recreation (Ref: A027231). If you object to this application, write to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, Licensing and Approvals—West, Locked Bag 5022, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124 or nrar.enquiries@nrar.nsw.gov.au within 28 days of this notice being published. You must include your name, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above. If you have questions, contact Senior Water Regulation Officer Tim Baker at tim.baker@nrar.nsw.gov.au.

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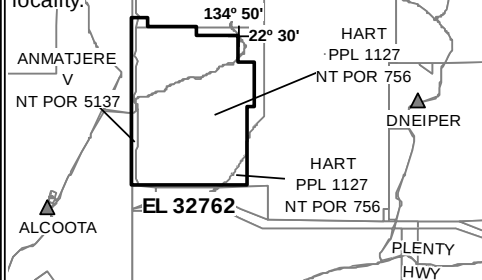
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Nicole Manison MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mining and Industry, C/- Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of her intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

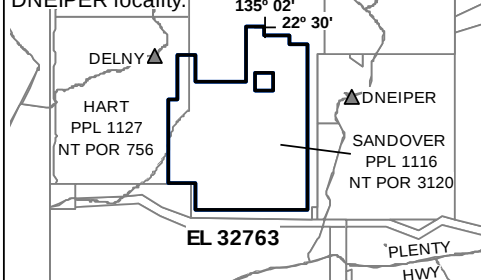
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 32762 sought by IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD, ACN 142 192 701 over an area of 250 Blocks (792 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DELNY locality.



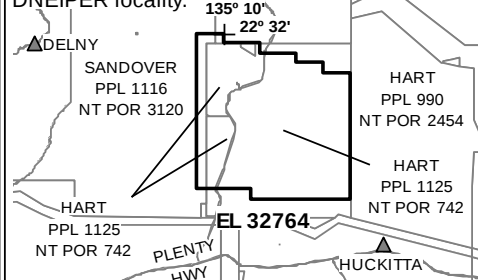
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Exploration Licence 32763 sought by IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD, ACN 142 192 701 over an area of 250 Blocks (793 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DNEIPER locality.



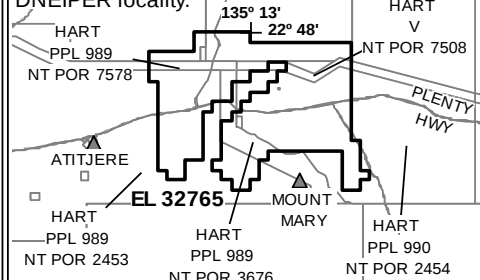
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Exploration Licence 32764 sought by IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD, ACN 142 192 701 over an area of 250 Blocks (793 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DNEIPER locality.



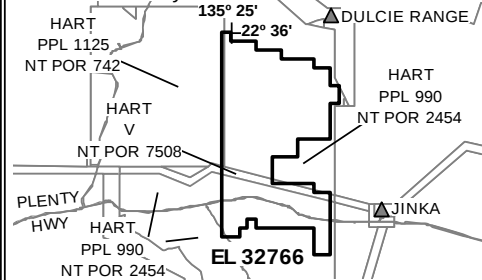
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Exploration Licence 32765 sought by IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD, ACN 142 192 701 over an area of 249 Blocks (788 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DNEIPER locality.



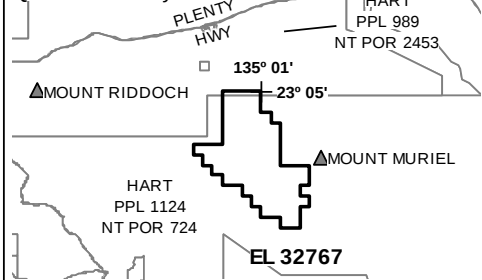
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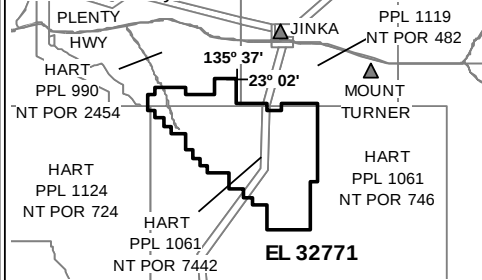
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Exploration Licence 32767 sought by IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD, ACN 142 192 701 over an area of 79 Blocks (250 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



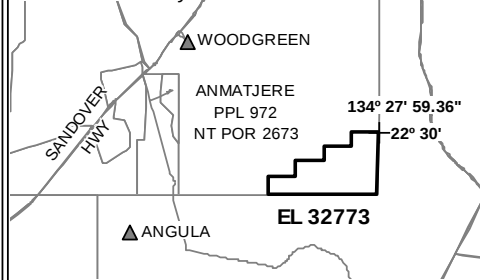
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Exploration Licence 32771 sought by IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD, ACN 142 192 701 over an area of 248 Blocks (784 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BRAHMA locality.



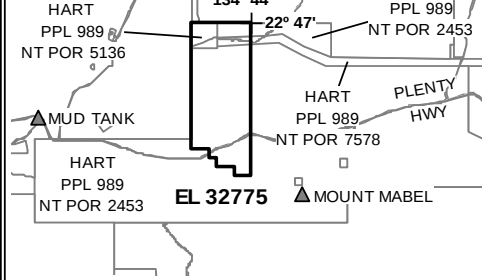
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Exploration Licence 32773 sought by IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD, ACN 142 192 701 over an area of 28 Blocks (69 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALCOOTA locality.



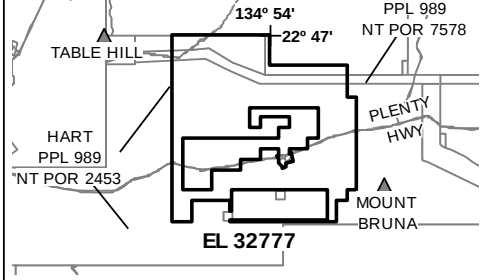
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Exploration Licence 32775 sought by IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD, ACN 142 192 701 over an area of 109 Blocks (344 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DELNY locality.



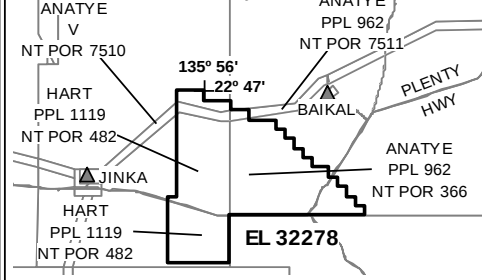
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Exploration Licence 32777 sought by IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD, ACN 142 192 701 over an area of 232 Blocks (696 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DELNY locality.



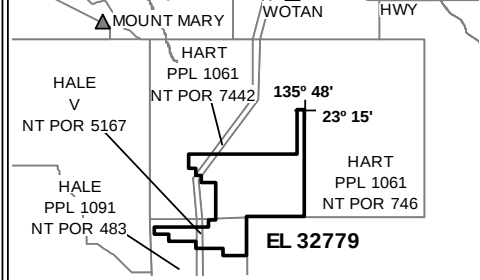
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Exploration Licence 32778 sought by IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD, ACN 142 192 701 over an area of 214 Blocks (673 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JERVOIS RANGE locality.



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Exploration Licence 32779 sought by IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD, ACN 142 192 701 over an area of 180 Blocks (553 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BRAHMA 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: 25 August 2021

WaterNSW

Hunter Regulated River Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Joseph Anthony Bugeja** to amend an approval for a **Water Supply Work and Water Use** by replacing a work, with a 125mm Centrifugal Pump with a capacity of 80 l/s an increase of 50 l/s at Lot 22, DP 828765, Parish Warkworth, County Northumberland. The application relates to Hunter Regulated River Water Source, on the Hunter River, subject to Hunter Regulated River Water Source 2016.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au . Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A026322. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Lachlan Welsman, Senior Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Chandler River Pty Ltd** for an approval for a **Water Supply Work and Water Use**, for an existing Bore with a capacity of 50ML/year at Lot 89 DP 751470, Parish Poganbilla, County Clarke, and water use for Irrigation at Lot 1 DP 1114415, Lot 2 DP 127551, Lot 2 DP 127552, and Lots 28, 74, 89 & 91 DP 751470, Parish Poganbilla, County Clarke. The application relates to the New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source, subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the North Coast Fractured and Porous Rock Groundwater Sources 2016.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW 1243 Bruxner Highway, Wollongbar NSW 2477 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 A026951. 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 Diana Smith, Water Regulation Officer on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

KH1499

WaterNSW

Narrabri LGA

WaterNSW has received an application from **Woodvale (NSW) Pty Ltd** to amend an approval for a **Water Use** – additional land for the purpose of Irrigation, located at Lot 1 DP 1037717, Lot 1 DP 1145033, Lot 42 DP 753929 and Lot 6 DP 132568, Parish of Drilodool, County of Jamison.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO BOX 1251 TAMWORTH NSW 2340 or customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au . Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A027356. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Mark Griffith, Water Regulation Officer on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

People who are part of the Watcho/Barney family, for the purposes of the ILUA between QGC Pty Limited and the Barrungam Cobble Cobble Yiman Western Wakka Wakka Jarowir grouping which came into force on 13 March 2010, are encouraged to contact QSNTS Community Relations Officer Megan Page to provide their contact details to receive information about an upcoming meeting relating to the ILUA.

E-mail: megan.page@qsnts.com.au
Phone: 07 3224 1200 or 1800 663 693



QSNTS

Queensland South Native Title Services



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	31/493	ARDEA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	1309.78HA.	51km NW'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 32' S Long: 121° 56' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1138	MCA NOMINEES PTY LTD	119.09HA.	51.1km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 121° 59' E	LAVERTON 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: 25 August 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 **25 November 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. 25 December 2021**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/3356	ODETTE SEVEN PTY LTD	70BL.	70km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 49' S. Long: 117° 44' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1805	MCCLAREN, Kym Anthony	3BL.	14.4km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 49' S. Long: 121° 11' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1819	KULA GOLD LIMITED	13BL.	90.6km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 48' S. Long: 120° 13' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	27/630	TASEX GEOLOGICAL SERVICES PTY LTD	8BL.	31.1km E'ly of Broad arrow	Lat: 30° 22' S. Long: 121° 38' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/1138	REGENT RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL.	139.8km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 29° 12' S. Long: 119° 41' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/533	DALLA-COSTA, Melville Raymond	4BL.	76.7km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 37' S. Long: 120° 15' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1283	BLACK CROW (WA) PTY LTD	63BL.	63.7km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 49' S. Long: 121° 40' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2254	GTT METALS GROUP PTY LTD	28BL.	37.7km NE'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 32' S. Long: 122° 35' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/4532	JOHN WALLY RESOURCES PTY LTD	70BL.	24.5km NE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 30' S. Long: 116° 31' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/4533-4534	JOHN WALLY RESOURCES PTY LTD	140BL.	48.9km NE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 23' S. Long: 116° 43' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, KARRATHA CITY
Exploration Licence	52/3927-3928	CASTLE MINERALS LIMITED	140BL.	108.6km E'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 33' S. Long: 119° 48' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3930	CASTLE MINERALS LIMITED	34BL.	121.7km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 30' S. Long: 120° 0' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3931	CASTLE MINERALS LIMITED	39BL.	109.2km E'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 39' S. Long: 119° 48' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/2162	GUM CREEK GOLD MINES PTY LTD	1BL.	91.4km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 56' S. Long: 119° 23' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2553	WILDCAT RESOURCES LIMITED	35BL.	100.3km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 27° 37' S. Long: 116° 3' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/2086	PLAYA ONE PTY LTD	8BL.	126.1km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 25' S. Long: 120° 15' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3841	BARACUS PTY LTD	15BL.	139.7km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 20' S. Long: 120° 14' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2749	GOLDZONE INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	7BL.	124.8km NE'ly of Mukinbudin	Lat: 30° 4' S. Long: 119° 4' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2806	KULA GOLD LIMITED	58BL.	12.2km E'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 16' S. Long: 119° 26' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2807-2808	KULA GOLD LIMITED	140BL.	22.8km NE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 3' S. Long: 119° 28' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5595	IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	1BL.	111.8km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 20' S. Long: 128° 10' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5630	KIMBERLEY ISLAND HOLDINGS PTY LTD	29BL.	157.8km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 17° 11' S. Long: 128° 54' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5496	KALGOORLIE MINING ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	169.36HA.	16.6km N'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 17' S. Long: 121° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5499	HERRON, Anthony Paul	130.48HA.	18km SE'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 34' S. Long: 121° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5531-5532	CHAPMAN, Morgan Leslie	243.43HA.	20.7km NE'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 16' S. Long: 121° 14' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5538	LIDDELOW, Todd Alan LIDDELOW, Jane Helen	148.85HA.	16km NW'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 18' S. Long: 120° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4633	MORNING STAR MINING PTY LTD	188.38HA.	22.8km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 55' S. Long: 121° 35' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4643	BOL, Robert John PLANE, Jason Mark	197.02HA.	28km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 1' S. Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1398	SZELIGA, Amanda Jane	0.41HA.	42.4km S'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 11' S. Long: 122° 26' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	30/1157	DALLA COSTA, Melville Raymond	31.80HA.	108.1km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 48' S. Long: 119° 55' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3240-3241	MITCHELL, Jordan James	305.35HA.	42.4km SE'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 55' S. Long: 119° 0' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 25 August 2021

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For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518. * - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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WaterNSW

Hunter River Tidal Pool Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Tristan John & Steven John Furner** to amend an approval for a **Water Supply Work and Water Use** by replacing a work, with a 50mm Centrifugal Pump with a capacity of 15 l/s an increase of 8 l/s at Lot 2, DP 1120244, Parish Middlehope, County Durham and adding land for the purpose of Irrigation of 14Ha, located at Lot 2, DP 1120244, Parish Middlehope, County Durham. The application relates to Hunter River Tidal Pool Water Source, on the Hunter River, subject to Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2009 Water Sharing Plan.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waterNSW.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A027363. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Lachlan Welsman, Senior Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au.

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WaterNSW

Lower Murrumbidgee Deep Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Zecang and Wen Lian LIANG** for an approval for a **Water Supply Work**, for a **bore** with a capacity of 300ML per year at Lot 311 DP751694 County of Cooper, Parish of Cudgel. The application relates to Lower Murrumbidgee Deep Groundwater Source, subject to the Water Sharing Plan for Lower Murrumbidgee Groundwater Sources.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW PO Box 156 Leeton NSW 2705 or customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waterNSW.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A026983. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Paul Morsanuto Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au.

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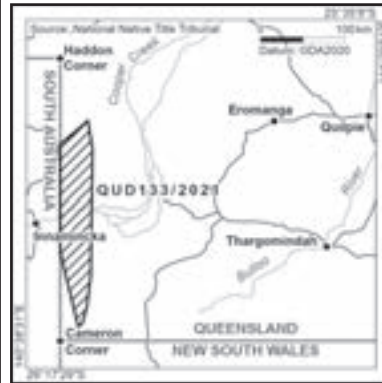
Notice of an application for determination of native title in Queensland

Notification day: 8 September 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 7 December 2021**. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from www.fedcourt.gov.au. After **7 December 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: Aaron Charles Paterson & Anor on behalf of the Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka People and State of Queensland
Federal Court File No: QUD133/2021

Date filed: 28 April 2021

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **not accepted** this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it

Description: The application area covers approx. 6,367 sq km, located between Haddon Corner and Cameron Corner, and west of Thargomindah

Relevant LGAs: Barcoo Shire Council and Bulloo Shire Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Sylvia Jagtman on 07 3052 4248 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.



Notice under Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* Exploration Licence Number 8260 (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 Licence 8260 includes a condition to the effect that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters covered by that licence in relation to which native title exists without the prior written consent of the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade (the 'Native Title Condition').

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

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

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

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

Holder's details

Riverston Tin Pty Ltd (ACN 164 404 988) is the holder of Exploration Licence 8260 for Group 1 minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister administering the *Mining Act 1992*. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities across the licence area. If granted, the consent may result in the aforementioned condition being removed from the licence.

Description of area that may be affected

The entire area of Exploration Licence 8260 – that covers about 64 units situated approximately 54 kilometres north east of Narrandera, 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; Assessments and Systems, 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 9 September 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.



Notice under Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* Exploration Licence Number 9112 (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 Licence 9112 includes a condition to the effect that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters covered by that licence in relation to which native title exists without the prior written consent of the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade (the 'Native Title Condition').

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

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

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

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

Holder's details

Thomson Resources Ltd (ACN 138 358 728) is the holder of Exploration Licence 9112 for Group 1 minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister administering the *Mining Act 1992*. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities across the licence area. If granted, the consent may result in the aforementioned condition being removed from the licence.

Description of area that may be affected

The entire area of Exploration Licence 9112 – that covers about 100 units situated approximately 31 kilometres west northwest of Temora, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

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

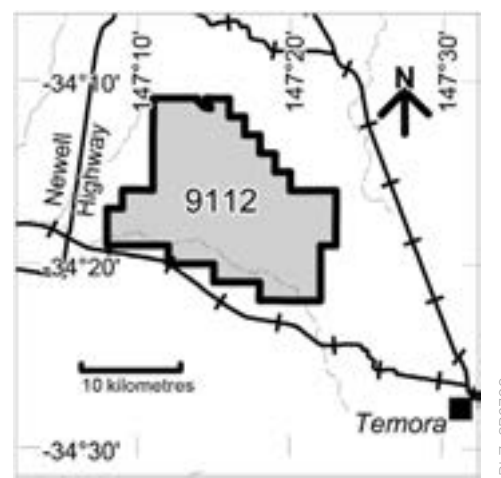
Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade,
PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail
Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from; Assessments and Systems, 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 9 September 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.



NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL SURFACE AREA WITHIN A MINING LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed inclusion of additional surface area within Mining Lease (ML) 6674 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Proposed inclusion of additional surface areas of 187.7 ha within Mining Lease 6674 (which has an overall area of 4267 ha) sought by TEC COAL PTY LTD, ACN 119 063 900, centred approximately 8 km North West of Yarraman in the localities of South Burnett Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The inclusion of additional surface areas within the Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for the remainder of the current term of the Mining Lease with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding twenty-one (21) years.

Name and Address of person doing Act(s): It is proposed that the additional surface area within Mining Lease 6674 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 additional surface area within Mining Lease 6674. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building,

119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed additional surface area within Mining Lease 6674, including extract of plans showing the boundary of the Mining Lease Application may be obtained from the Department of Resources, Principal Mining Registrar, Coal Assessment Hub, Corner of Bruce Highway and Yeppoon Road, Parkhurst, Queensland, 4701. Telephone: (07) 4936 0169 or Email: CoalHub@resources.qld.gov.au.

Notification Day: 8 September 2021.



Notice under Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* Exploration Licence Numbers 8684, 8946, 9083 and 9208 (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 8684, 8946, 9083 and 9208 include a condition to the effect that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters covered by the licences 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 holder 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

Thomson Resources Ltd (ACN 138 358 728) is the holder of Exploration Licences 8684, 8946, 9083 and 9208 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 licences. If granted, the consent may result in the aforementioned condition being removed from the licences.

Description of area that may be affected

- The entire area of Exploration Licence 8684 – that covers about 33 units situated approximately 34 kilometres west of West Wyalong;
- The entire area of Exploration Licence 8946 – that covers about 66 units situated approximately 47 kilometres west northwest of West Wyalong;
- The entire area of Exploration Licence 9083 – that covers about 100 units situated approximately 23 kilometres west of West Wyalong; and
- The entire area of Exploration Licence 9208 – that covers about 65 units situated approximately 17 kilometres west of West Wyalong; 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; Assessments and Systems, 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 9 September 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.



Notice under Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* Exploration Licence Numbers 8531, 9067, 9169 and 9187 (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 8531, 9067, 9169 and 9187 include a condition to the effect that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters covered by the licences 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 holder 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

Thomson Resources Ltd (ACN 138 358 728) is the holder of Exploration Licences 8531, 9067, 9169 and 9187 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 licences. If granted, the consent may result in the aforementioned condition being removed from the licences.

Description of area that may be affected

- The entire area of Exploration Licence 8531 – that covers about 50 units situated approximately 33 kilometres north east of Narrandera;
- The entire area of Exploration Licence 9067 – that covers about 100 units situated approximately 35 kilometres east northeast of Narrandera;
- The entire area of Exploration Licence 9169 – that covers about 17 units situated approximately 32 kilometres north east of Narrandera; and
- The entire area of Exploration Licence 9187 – that covers about 100 units situated approximately 51 kilometres south west of West Wyalong; in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

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

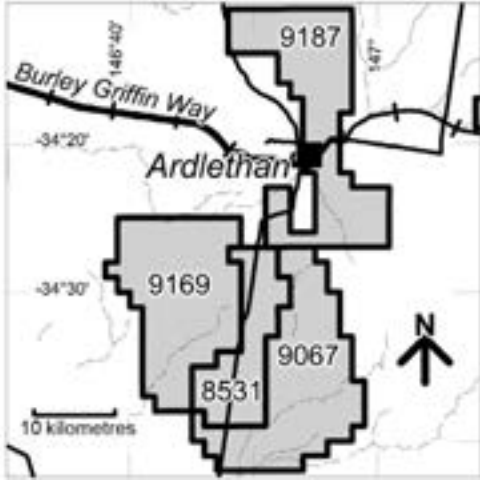
Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from; Assessments and Systems, 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 9 September 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.

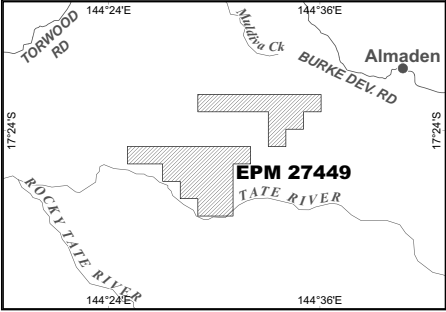


NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

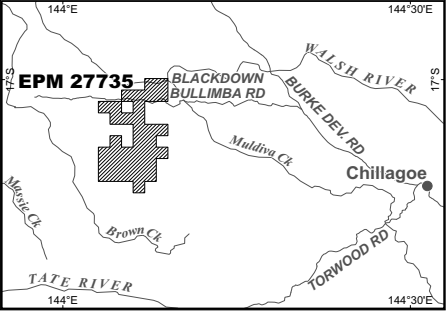
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals (EPM) 27449, EPM 27735, EPM 27767, EPM 27823, EPM 27831, EPM 27841, EPM 27860, EPM 27882, EPM 27890, EPM 27891, EPM 27894, EPM 27896, EPM 27897, EPM 27898, EPM 27901, EPM 27902, EPM 27903, EPM 27908 and EPM 27910 as shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

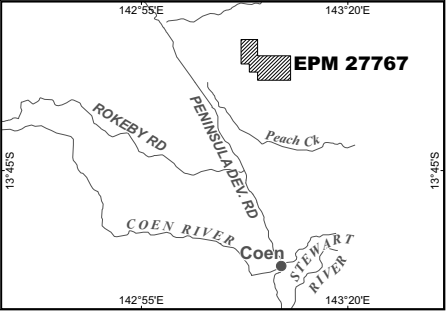
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27449 sought by Asmam Pty. Ltd., ACN 063 803 583, over an area of 26 sub-blocks (85 km²), centred approximately 17 km South West of Almaden, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



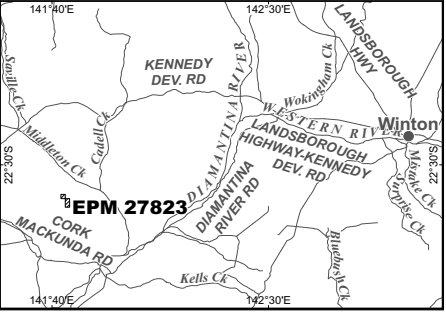
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27735 sought by Riverside Exploration (Qld) Pty Ltd, ACN 139 706 406, over an area of 35 sub-blocks (114 km²), centred approximately 44 km North West of Chillagoe, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



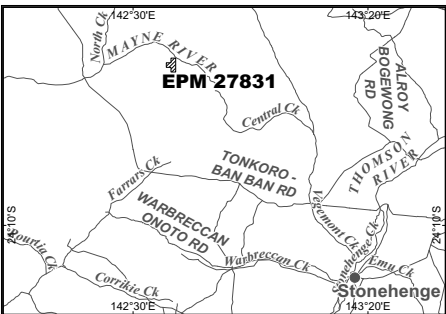
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27767 sought by Prophet Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 615 031 359, over an area of 19 sub-blocks (63 km²), centred approximately 45 km North of Coen, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



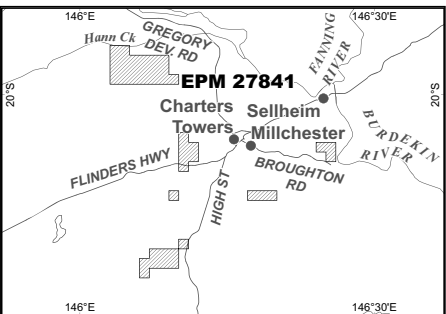
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27823 sought by Ashlee Karen Jackson, over an area of 3 sub-blocks (9 km²), centred approximately 138 km South West of Winton, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



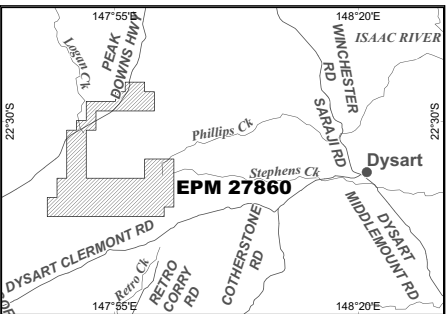
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27831 sought by Bruce John Jackson, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (12 km²), centred approximately 108 km North West of Stonehenge, in the locality of the Winton Shire Council.



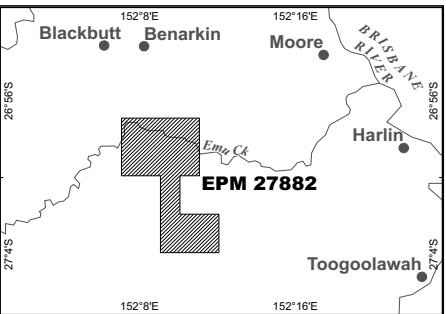
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27841 sought by Piccadilly Gold Mine Holdings Limited, ACN 140 843 125, over an area of 43 sub-blocks (138 km²), 6 non-contiguous parts are within a radius of 25 km of Charters Towers in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



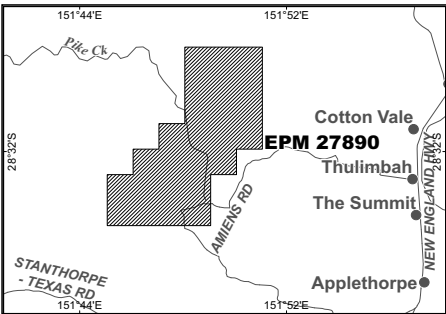
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27860 sought by Longreach No 1 Pty Ltd, ACN 146 922 394, over an area of 81 sub-blocks (256 km²), centred approximately 49 km West of Dysart, in the locality of the Isaac Regional Council.



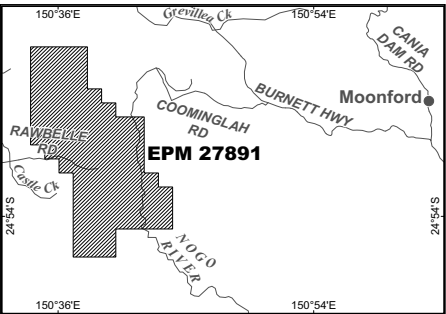
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27882 sought by Archies Place Pty Ltd, ACN 649 345 308, over an area of 20 sub-blocks (61 km²), centred approximately 14 km South of Bernakin, in the locality of the Somerset Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council.



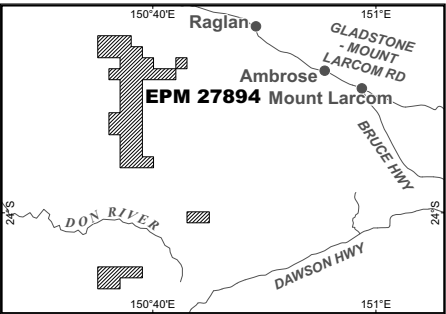
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27890 sought by Magnus Critical Metals Pty Ltd, ACN 649 322 485, over an area of 25 sub-blocks (75 km²), centred approximately 14 km West of Thulimbah, in the locality of the Southern Downs Regional Council.



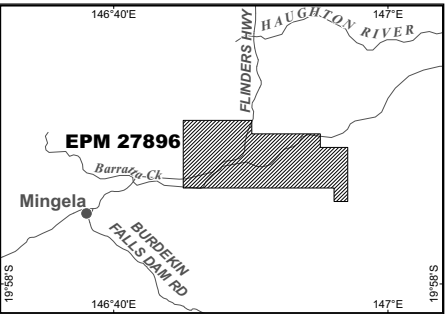
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27891 sought by Langdon Warner Pty Ltd, ACN 611 987 609, over an area of 85 sub-blocks (264 km²), centred approximately 39 km West of Moonford, in the localities of the Banana Shire Council and North Burnett Regional Council.



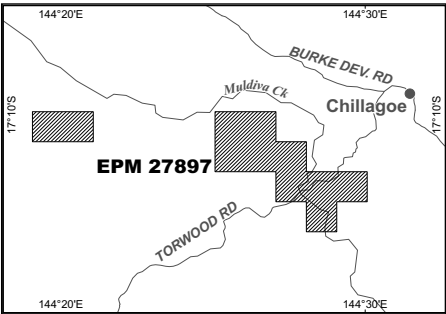
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27894 sought by Tropex Metals Pty Ltd, ACN 649 664 862, over an area of 44 sub-blocks (138 km²), centred approximately 20 km South West of Raglan, in the localities of the Banana Shire Council, Gladstone Regional Council and Rockhampton Regional Council.



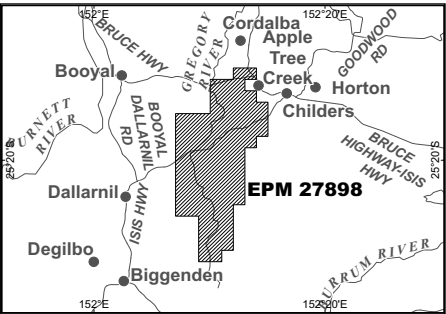
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27896 sought by Kronos Gold Pty Ltd., ACN 649 967 751, over an area of 52 sub-blocks (167 km²), centred approximately 23 km North East of Mingela, in the localities of the Burdekin Shire Council and Charters Towers Regional Council.



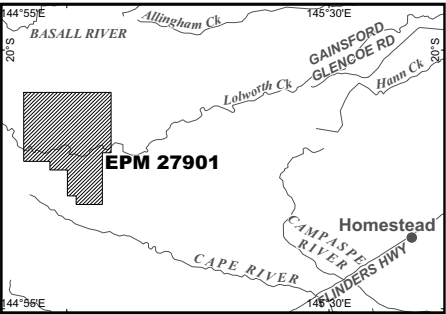
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27897 sought by Wandoo Tenements Pty Ltd, ACN 603 839 809, over an area of 11 sub-blocks (36 km²), centred approximately 8.5 km South West of Chillagoe, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



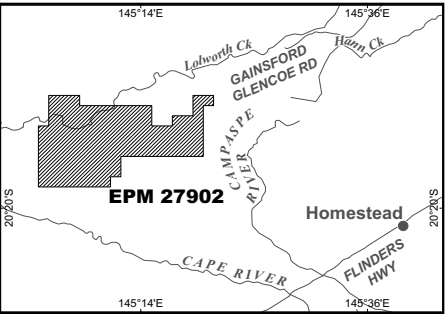
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27898 sought by Intergroup Mining Limited, ACN 163 989 553, over an area of 83 sub-blocks (257 km²), centred approximately 11.5 km South West of Childers, in the locality of the Bundaberg Regional Council and North Burnett Regional Council.



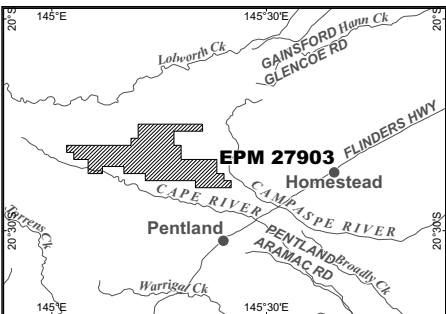
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27901 sought by Lux Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 650 044 134, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (321 km²), centred approximately 73 km North West of Homestead, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



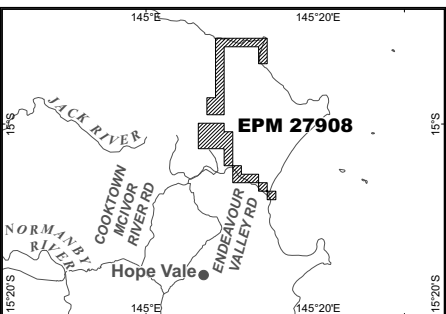
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27902 sought by Lux Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 650 044 134, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (321 km²), centred approximately 52.5 km North West of Homestead, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



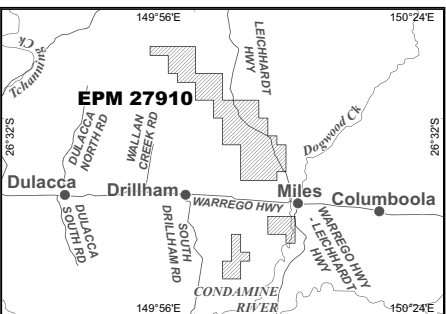
Exploration Permit for Minerals 27903 sought by Lux Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 650 044 134, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (321 km²), centred approximately 26 km North West of Pentland, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



Exploration Permit for Minerals 27908 sought by Big Bull Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 650 024 490, over an area of 37 sub-blocks (122 km²), centred approximately 32 km North North East of Hope Vale, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council and Hope Vale Shire Council.



Exploration Permit for Minerals 27910 sought by Bentonite Industries Australia Pty Ltd, ACN 648 659 223, over an area of 82 sub-blocks (251 km²), northern area is centred approximately 15 km North West of Miles and the southern areas is centred approximately 13.5km South West of Miles, in the locality of the Western Downs Regional.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of the 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 Permit for Minerals. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permit 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.

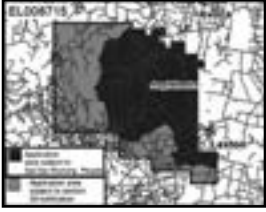
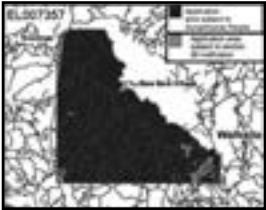
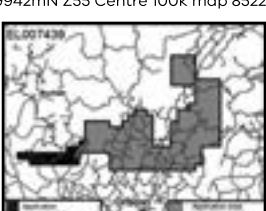
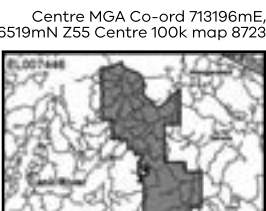
Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of the Exploration Permit for Minerals to which this notice applies, is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit for Minerals may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification 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: 15 September 2021.



Notice under Section 29(3) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

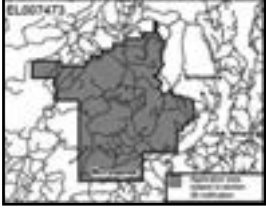
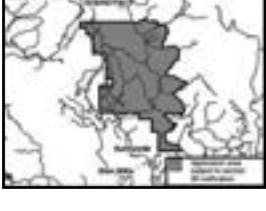
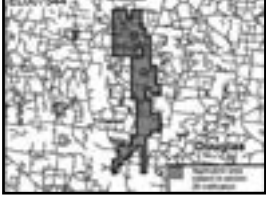
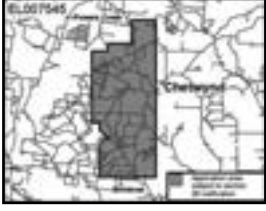
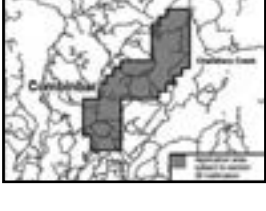
The State of Victoria, through the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, GPO Box 4509, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following exploration licences under section 25 of the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990:

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
EL006715	NAME: Tom Vlahos LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 7.8km south of Avoca LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 57: E4-E6, F4-F6, G4-G7, H4-H7, J4-J7 Map 58: A6-A7 TERM: 5 years AREA: 426.74 km2 MUNICIPALITY: Pyrenees, Ararat	Centre MGA Co-ord 710926mE, 5877875mN Z54 Centre 100k map 7523 
EL007357	NAME: Eastern Victoria Gold Exploration Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 3.9km west of Walhalla LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 81: D6-D9, E6-E9, F7-F9, G8-G9, H8-H9 TERM: 5 years AREA: 343.53 km2 MUNICIPALITY: Yarra Ranges, Baw Baw	Centre MGA Co-ord 432314mE, 5806130mN Z55 Centre 100k map 8122 
EL007425	NAME: Dart Mining NL LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 2.5km west of Bonang LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 52: J9, K9 Map 67: H2-H3, J2-J3 Map 68: A2-A3, B2-B4, C2-C5, D2-D5 TERM: 5 years AREA: 271.04 km2 MUNICIPALITY: East Gippsland	Centre MGA Co-ord 640817mE, 5894548mN Z55 Centre 100k map 8623 
EL007426	NAME: Dart Mining NL LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 15.9km west of Cudgewa LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 36: J2-J5 Map 37: A1-A5, B1-B5, C1-C4, D1-D2, E1-E3, F2 TERM: 5 years AREA: 458.89 km2 MUNICIPALITY: Towong	Centre MGA Co-ord 551010mE, 6009230mN Z55 Centre 100k map 8425 
EL007439	NAME: Ramrod Creek Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 7.3km north of Orbost LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 68: A9, B9 Map 85: E3-E4, F3-F4, G3-G4, H2-H4, J2-J4 Map 86: A2-A4, B2-B3 TERM: 5 years AREA: 220.02 km2 MUNICIPALITY: East Gippsland	Centre MGA Co-ord 629063mE, 5839942mN Z55 Centre 100k map 8522 
EL007446	NAME: Victorian Goldfields Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 13.2km west of Genoa LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 69: F3-F5, G3-G6, H4-H8, J4-J8 Map 70: A6-A8 TERM: 5 years AREA: 287.44 km2 MUNICIPALITY: East Gippsland	Centre MGA Co-ord 713196mE, 5846519mN Z55 Centre 100k map 8723 

Nature of the act(s):
The grant of an exploration licence, which authorises the holder to explore for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to five years.

Notification Day: 25 August 2021

Native Title Parties:
Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* persons have until three months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the potential grant of the licences. The three-month period closes on **25 November 2021**. Enquiries about becoming a native title party may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Melbourne Registry, telephone 03 8638 6700.

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
EL007473	NAME: Victorian Goldfields Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 2.2km west of Errinundra LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 68: A8-A9, B8-B9, C8-C9, D7-D9, E8-E9, F9 Map 86: B2-B3, C2-C3, D2-D3, E2-E3, F2 TERM: 5 years AREA: 401.20 km2 MUNICIPALITY: East Gippsland	Centre MGA Co-ord 646430mE, 5846917mN Z55 Centre 100k map 8622 
EL007474	NAME: Victorian Goldfields Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 9.9km east of Bendoc LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 68: F6-F9, G5-G9, H3-H8 Map 69: B1-B3, C1-C2, D1 TERM: 5 years AREA: 366.94 km2 MUNICIPALITY: East Gippsland	Centre MGA Co-ord 675112mE, 5868930mN Z55 Centre 100k map 8723 
EL007493	NAME: Devham Minerals Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 6.4km north of Sunnyside LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 50: H4-H6, J4-J6 Map 51: A4-A7, B4-B7 TERM: 5 years AREA: 178.46 km2 MUNICIPALITY: Towong, East Gippsland	Centre MGA Co-ord 544671mE, 5936424mN Z55 Centre 100k map 8424 
EL007544	NAME: Oro Plata Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 9.4km east of Charam LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 39: A6-A7, B6-B9, C6-C9 Map 54: A2-A3, B2-B3, C2-C3 TERM: 5 years AREA: 162.89 km2 MUNICIPALITY: West Wimmera, Horsham	Centre MGA Co-ord 556194mE, 5913468mN Z54 Centre 100k map 7224 
EL007545	NAME: Oro Plata Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 5.9km southeast of Powers Creek LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 53: G5-G8, H5-H8 TERM: 5 years AREA: 135.12 km2 MUNICIPALITY: West Wimmera, Glenelg	Centre MGA Co-ord 533392mE, 5872448mN Z54 Centre 100k map 7123 
EL007584	NAME: Torrens Gold Exploration Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 5.6km west of Chandlers Creek LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 68: H8-H9 Map 69: B3-B5, C2-C4, D2-D3 TERM: 5 years AREA: 108.97 km2 MUNICIPALITY: East Gippsland	Centre MGA Co-ord 682954mE, 5861481mN Z55 Centre 100k map 8723 

Further Information:
Further information about the potential grant of the licences, including identification maps, may be obtained from the Earth Resources Business Centre at Level 16, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000, telephone (03) 8392 7095.

For further information about native title and the right to negotiate process, contact Sarah Burger, Native Title Coordinator, Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, telephone 0436 436 732.

WaterNSW Sydney Basin South Groundwater Source WaterNSW has received an application from PARKVIEW CONSTRUCTIONS PTY. LIMITED for an approval for a Water Supply Work, for an excavation and 80 mm pump with a capacity of 80 ML/year at Lot 9009 DP 1254656, Parish Terragong, County Camden. The application relates to Sydney Basin South Groundwater Source, subject to The Greater Metropolitan Region Groundwater Sources Water Sharing Plan 2011. Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A27369. 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@watnsw.com.au. KH1506	NEW WATER SUPPLY WORK WaterNSW Botany Sands Groundwater Source WaterNSW has received an application from Peter Nicholas MORAITIS and Victoria MORAITIS for an approval for a Water Supply Work, for an excavation and 80 mm pump with a capacity of 2.33 ML/year at Lot 31, Section 6, DP 6451, Parish Sutherland, County Cumberland. The application relates to Botany Sands Groundwater Source, subject to The Greater Metropolitan Region Groundwater Sources Water Sharing Plan 2011. Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A27360. 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@watnsw.com.au. KH1504	WaterNSW New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source WaterNSW has received an application from Roche Group Pty Ltd for an approval for a Water Supply Work for a Bore with a capacity of 100ML/year at Lot 11 DP 751459, Parish Poganbilla, County Clarke. The application relates to the New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source, subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the North Coast Fractured and Porous Rock Groundwater Sources 2016. Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW 1243 Bruxner Highway, Wollongbar NSW 2477 or to customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A026953. 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 Diana Smith, Water Regulation Officer on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. KH1501
WaterNSW Botany Sands Groundwater Source WaterNSW has received an application from FLINDERS BL PTY LTD, FLINDERS RF PTY LTD, FLINDERS 3 PTY LTD, MAROUBRA DM PTY LTD, MAROUBRA ND PTY LTD for an approval for a Water Supply Work, for an excavation and 80 mm pump with a capacity of 0.26 ML/year at Lot A DP 390142, Parish Botany, County Cumberland. The application relates to Botany Sands Groundwater Source, subject to The Greater Metropolitan Region Groundwater Sources Water Sharing Plan 2011. Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A27352. 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@watnsw.com.au. KH1503	WaterNSW New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source WaterNSW has received an application from Major Singh Sidhu and Hardeep Kaur Sidhu for an approval for a Water Supply Work and Water Use, for a Bore with a capacity of 20ML/year at Lot 1 DP 1219952, Parish Woolgoolga, County of Fitzroy, and water use for Irrigation at Lot 1 DP 1219952, Parish Woolgoolga, County of Fitzroy. The application relates to the New England Fold Belt Coast Groundwater Source subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the North Coast Fractured and Porous Rock Groundwater Sources 2016. Objections must be submitted in writing to 1243 Bruxner Highway, Wollongbar NSW 2477 or to customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A024742. 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 Diana Smith, Water Regulation Officer North, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. KH1502	WaterNSW CORINDI RIVER WATER SOURCE WaterNSW has received an application from Balvinder Kaur Virk, Harpal Singh Virk, Harbhajan Singh Husna, Jaswant Kaur Husna, Rajan Singh Husna, Sarabjeet Kaur Husna, Alan Bruce Stanley and Ingrid Schmidt, for an approval for a Water Supply Work, for a Dam with a capacity of 15 ML at Lots 16 & 17, DP 752820, Parish Corindi, County Fitzroy. The application relates to the Corindi River Water Source, on an Unnamed Watercourse, subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the Coffs Harbour Area Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources. Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1400, Grafton NSW 2460 or to customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number A027199. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact Mark Bonner, Water Regulation Officer, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. KH1508

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 32737 sought by COLONIAL METALS PTY LTD, ACN 633 442 181 over an area of 250 Blocks (781 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MOUNT PEAKE locality.

Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5454

Exploration Licence 32738 sought by COLONIAL METALS PTY LTD, ACN 633 442 181 over an area of 100 Blocks (313 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the REYNOLDS RANGE locality.

Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5453

Exploration Licence 32755 sought by COLONIAL METALS PTY LTD, ACN 633 442 181 over an area of 155 Blocks (482 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GILES locality.

Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5354

Exploration Licence 32780 sought by IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD, ACN 142 192 701 over an area of 250 Blocks (757 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BRAHMA locality.

Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6051

Exploration Licence 32781 sought by IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD, ACN 142 192 701 over an area of 200 Blocks (592 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BRAHMA locality.

Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6051

Exploration Licence 32783 sought by IGO NEWSEARCH PTY LTD, ACN 142 192 701 over an area of 249 Blocks (774 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JINKA locality.

Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6052

Exploration Licence 32794 sought by OMNIA PANTON PTY LTD, ACN 648 190 934 over an area of 115 Blocks (349 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NAPIER locality.

Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 4762

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: 25 August 2021

New resources about COVID vaccine for First Peoples with disability

First Peoples Disability Network Australia

A range of new accessible, culturally appropriate resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability have been released today by the peak body First Peoples Disability Network.

"Our community urgently needs information about the vaccine, so we have created a poster with culturally relevant information and artwork to let people know about what is happening and why," said Damian Griffiths, CEO of First Peoples Disability Network (FPDN).

"During the pandemic, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability found it hard to get the right information about what was happening, and it looks like those lessons haven't been learnt when it comes to the vaccine roll out."

Uncle Paul Constable Calcott has created artwork that clearly explains what the vaccine is, how it works, and encourages people to participate in the roll out.

The images show a syringe, filled with vaccine warriors, ready to battle the COVID virus and protect Elders and everyone in community.

The Disability Royal Commission hearing about COVID-19 in 2020 heard that accessible, appropriate information about public health orders and changing rules was difficult to find, and many advocacy organisations, such as FPDN, produced their own for people with disability.

"We are urgently calling for all levels of government to improve their communications

about the vaccine for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability," said Mr Griffiths.

"First Peoples with disability worked hard to stay safe during COVID-19. Our organisation heard from people every day about how hard it was to know what was happening."

"Our community needs to be a priority during this vaccine rollout. We'll be distributing these resources widely, and they can be downloaded from our website."

Download resources: www.fpdn.org.au/covid19/

More information: EI.Gibbs@fpdn.org.au, 0419 290788

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NRL's top four are a class above the rest

WITH just a few weeks left remaining of the NRL minor-season rounds it has become crystal clear who the teams to beat are ahead of this year's finals series. The top-four teams – Melbourne, Penrith, South Sydney and Manly – have certainly performed at a level above the rest over the last month and all seemed to have set themselves apart with some quality performances.



Dean Widders

I know people have hopes for the other teams in the top eight and I have been impressed by the Sydney Roosters, Newcastle and Parramatta at different times this year but I just do not think they have the quality to beat those top sides in the finals. They may cause an upset here or there but they cannot beat all of them.

As far as picking who will win the premiership there are several things to consider and all of those considerations seem to favour the top four.

When they have played each other, Melbourne has been the real standout and they deserve the favourites tag come grand final day. They have won convincingly against the other contenders in the second half of the competition and are on a record-breaking year – 19 games straight now. They are a well-oiled machine and were on fire a month ago. However, the return of Harry Grant and Ryan Papenhuyzen hasn't clicked as much as the Storm would've liked yet so I am not sure; they may have peaked too early.

When it comes to current form I look at the Rabbitohs. Souths have been beaten by 50 points this season against Melbourne and Penrith. They say that no team that has lost by 50 in the regular season has come back to win the premiership, but in my opinion they are the form team in the competition right now and as coach Wayne Bennet always does he seems to have timed his run perfectly. They have broken all sorts of points-scoring records this year and are ready to break the record of becoming the only team to win the comp after copping a couple of floggings during the season. Cody Walker is Dally M material and ready to lead them to the title.

Penrith fans would be feeling comfortable that after their young team's loss in last year's grand final the experienced gained from that has them ready to go one better this year and win the grand final. With the return of some key players in Nathan Cleary and Fisher Harris plus the acquisition of Tevita Pangai Jr, they will be ready for a big finals series. They will be the hungriest of the teams in the finals and, if they get to grand final day, the lessons from last year give them an edge.

Then there is the X-factor side and Manly is that team. Tommy 'Turbo' Trbojevic and his men have been the comp's most improved team by a country mile and some of their young players have that unknown factor about them. They just may be able to rise to another level come finals. Their unpredictability is their secret weapon, but it can also hurt them. They have so many players going into their first finals series and they will either soar or crash out.

But my pick is for a South Sydney-Melbourne Storm grand final, with the Rabbitohs to get the win. Glory, Glory!

**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.*

Battle of the Gulf finals put on hold

By ALF WILSON



THE Battle of the Gulf remote Queensland rugby league competition was put on hold recently due to restrictions around

COVID regulations, in far away Cairns.

Several rounds had already been played between Doomadgee, Burketown, Normanton, Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw and Mornington Island and the semifinals and grand final were set down for August 28 at Normanton.

However, carnival spokesman Bevan Owens (pictured) said that the three-day lockdown at Cairns earlier

this month had forced a postponement.

"Our finals series will go ahead and will probably take place during September," he said.

"An actual date will be advised within a fortnight."



Big decision looms ahead of NRLW season



THE NRL will make a call in coming days on what to do with its women's competition, with ARLC chair Peter V'landys adamant head office is still determined to run it this

year.

The expanded NRLW competition was initially meant to kick off last weekend, as part of a five-round season before semifinals and a decider on grand final day.

That was then postponed to start in early October, but that is also now out of the question.

Under the timeline for that schedule put forth by the NRL last month, players were meant to begin training on August 30 to allow for a four-week pre-season before kick-off on the first weekend of October.

However, with half of the six teams from within Greater Sydney and lockdown now officially extended until the end of September, that is also impossible.

"It's becoming more difficult, no doubt about that. We're just going to have to make a decision in the next few days," V'landys said.

"We definitely want to run the competition.

"We just maybe have to defer it again. We're planning to see how we can do it."

V'landys said he expected the competition to still be finished by the end of this year, confident it will not be pushed back to as late as January.

Players will also need at least a four-week pre-season, although there is a feeling from some that may need to be longer given they haven't played any games since June.

Complicating the matter is that there are a number of players from Sydney LGAs of concern and that no sports are currently able to train in Sydney.



Amber Pilley (Brisbane Broncos) and Shakiah Tungai (Dragons) were among several Indigenous women who played in the NRLW in previous seasons. Pictures: Getty Images



It is understood there is at least a high willingness to be vaccinated among players, with several having already received their first jab.

But the competition will still need restrictions to ease for training to begin and round 1 eventually start, with hubs not practical for players with families and jobs.

"Because they aren't full-time (athletes), it makes it a lot harder," V'landys said.

"The last thing we want to do is inconvenience them or cause them any

stress. That's why we are looking at it very carefully.

"The intent is we want to run it, it's just a matter of when."

Meanwhile, the NRL will likely make a call on the men's grand final location within the next fortnight, with Brisbane still the front runner.

It comes as the league released its first round of ads with players promoting vaccinations, with another set to come across TV, print and radio. –AAP

Palawa passion for Tassie's own AFL team

By JILLIAN MUNDY



IT is not every day that a Palawa leader agrees with a Tasmanian premier but when it comes to the state having its own AFL and AFLW teams their positions couldn't be closer.

Recently, the AFL Commission released a review into the case for a Tasmanian AFL licence which was authored by former AFL Commissioner and Geelong Football Club president Colin Carter. The recommendation in Carter's report was a clear yes for a Tasmanian AFL team, either by way of a stand-alone team, relocating an existing club or a joint venture between Tasmanian stakeholders and an existing AFL team.

But the AFL is dithering.

Tasmanian premier Peter Gutwien has threatened to discontinue the \$8 million a year funding arrangement that brings North Melbourne and Hawthorn AFL games into the state if the commission do not make a decision by the end of the year. Unsurprisingly, Gutwien's preference is for the 19th licence for a standalone team.

His views are shared by Rocherlea Football Club president, Palawa man Graeme Gardner, who has played football since his teens until his retirement from Super Rules recently.

He believes a Tasmanian club could be up and running within three years.

"Everyone knows we deserve a team, there shouldn't be an argument," he said.

"AFL aspirations should be to have a team from every state and territory. We've got most states. Let's get all states, then get those territories (in). That's what we've got to be doing.

"We're only getting two or three occasions a year from the Hawthorn and North Melbourne clubs. It's very minimal.

"You want kids growing up with a Tasmanian team."

There has been no shortage of Tasmanian Aboriginal players in the AFL, and recently AFLW. Richmond's first

Aboriginal player Derek Peardon, born on Cape Barren Island, was credited by Kevin Sheedy for initiating his interest in Indigenous Australia, leading to the subsequent drafting of many Indigenous players.

Gardner rejects the Tasmania being too small argument.

"We're a state," he said.

"Clubs like North Melbourne, a suburb in Melbourne, (that's) no different from Carlton, or Footscray, no different than Fitzroy, who moved.

"Don't apply rules to us that didn't apply to the Greater Western Sydney team, or the Gold Coast team. Don't go bringing your bias down here. Be fair.

"The AFL wanted a team in the greater western Sydney area, not the local community, they're not football-minded.

"Same with the Gold Coast, they have not improved because they are not in a football state, yet

Tasmania has to jump through hoops."

Gardner acknowledges, as does the Carter report, that a north-south divide exists in Tasmania, but he sees that as little more than a conversation starter.

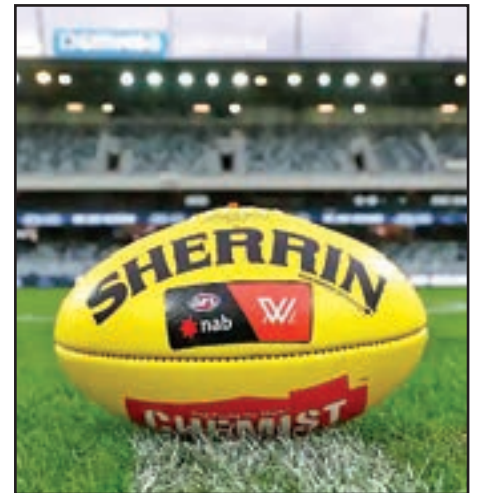
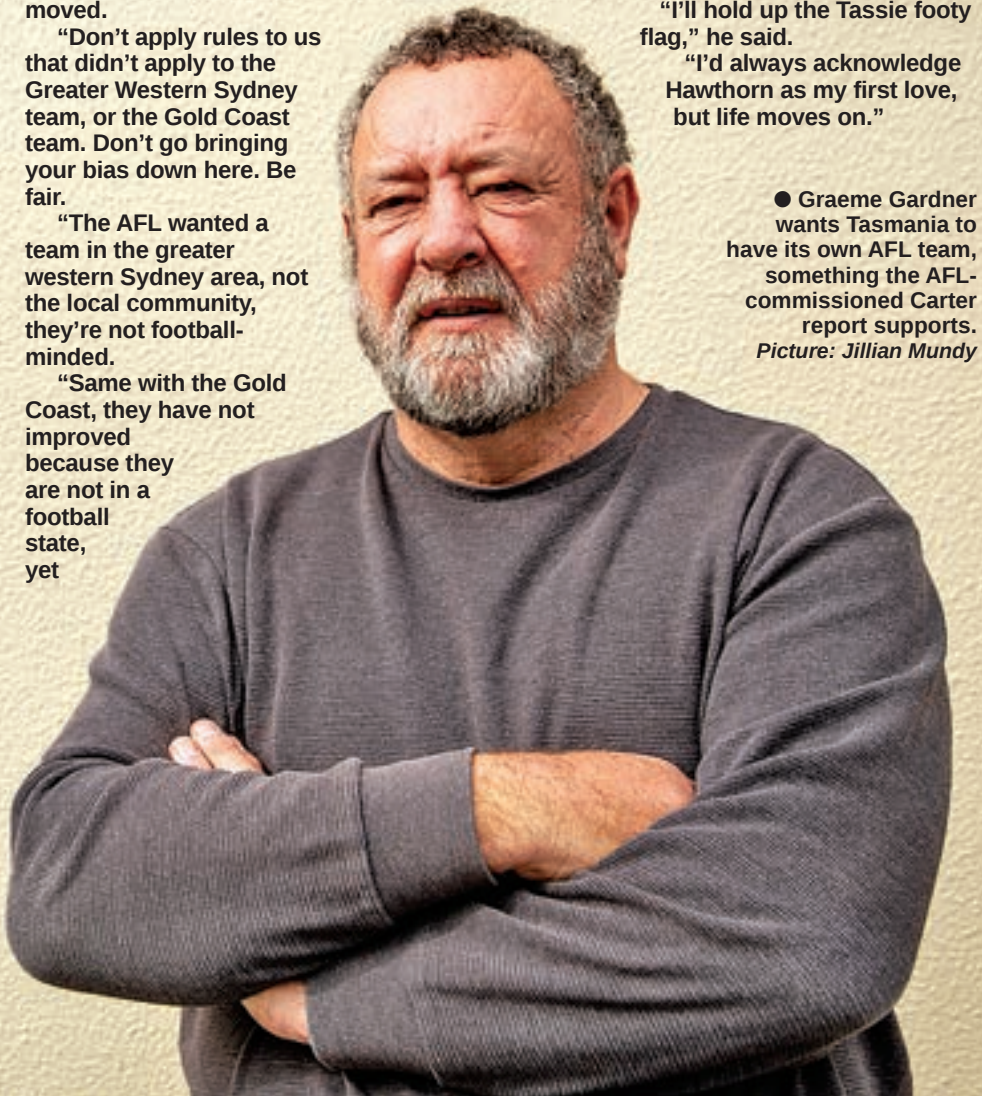
He reckons a Tasmanian team might close that perceived divide and, even though he lives in the north of the state, he guesses research will show Hobart should be the team's base.

As a lifelong Hawthorn supporter, it takes Gardner just moments to decide if he would turn.

"I'll hold up the Tassie footy flag," he said.

"I'd always acknowledge Hawthorn as my first love, but life moves on."

● Graeme Gardner wants Tasmania to have its own AFL team, something the AFL-commissioned Carter report supports.
Picture: Jillian Mundy



The AFLW's expansion creates more opportunities for women in football.

Expansion means more opportunities

AND then there were 18! With the announcement that Essendon, Hawthorn, Port Adelaide and Sydney were granted licences for the 2022/23 AFLW season it means that there is now an AFLM team for every AFLW team. "Simply, the competition is now whole," was how AFL chief executive Gillon McLachlan described it.

The chief executives of the four new AFLW clubs expressed the same sentiment and adding that they have been ready for a long time to support women's development across the game.

But what was just as exciting to hear from all this was that Hawthorn's AFLW team will have Bec Goddard as their senior coach. I'm hopeful the other three new teams are looking for women or men who are actively interested and involved in AFLW to be their senior coaches. As we know, there are many ready to take on this role.

Expansion also raises several questions.

Is the talent pool big enough to sustain a high level of football?

Will the AFL extend the season?

Will the teams play each other once?

What will scheduling look like?

I have another question to add: Will we finally see Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players from remote and regional communities given fair opportunities to play in the AFLW? Out of a possible 88 new positions available surely the answer is a resounding yes.

Too often we are seen as too risky or too unfit which baffles me. There are so many young women working their guts out to be there. The league's actual job is to get players match fit. Every player whom the AFLW recruiters seek is a risk, so stop saying we are too risky and recruit our stars of the game. Lift us and help us shine.

Eddie Betts spoke on the *Outersanctum* podcast recently about this, saying, "It's unbelievable to have 18 teams now, that my daughters are going to grow up with people they can watch play and do this as well. It should be normal for people to support the AFLW."

Eddie spent a lot of time at the Crows and the Blues supporting the women's teams and encourages other to do the same. He doesn't want a pat on the back; he just believes we should all be doing it. I like his final take on it all when he said, "The more women we get at AFL clubs the better we are going to be."

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Shelley Ware

Former great Michael Wanganeen honoured with medal in his name

By PETER ARGENT



MICHAEL Wanganeen had a significant playing and coaching career through the mid-north of South Australia and in the Yorke Valley league he was Port Pearce's best-and-fairest winner in the Tigers' final year 1962.

Earlier this month, his grandsons, Cheylen and Tyrese Wanganeen were on hand to present the Michael Wanganeen Medal which was won by the CMS Crows' Josh Hoyle who was judged best player in the match against Central Yorke. That game was part of the Yorke Peninsula Football League's Indigenous Game at Minlaton Oval.

The CMS Crows and Central Yorke Cougars have a strong and

proud history of Aboriginal footballers and in that game, the Crows played in a Aboriginal-themed jumper that was designed by Cheylen.

Point Pearce Football Club was an all-Aboriginal football team from the Narungga nation and they played in the Yorke Valley competition from 1910 until 1962. From 1946 to 1960, Point Pearce played in 13 grand finals, winning premierships in 1946, 1948, 1953 back-to-back flags in 1957-1958 and their last one in 1960.

"Considering the restrictions, it was still a wonderful day of celebration of Indigenous culture," CMS Crows' Troy Goldsworthy said. "This was a great base for use to build on in the years to come."

Post-game, Shane Warrior spoke of the pride of his Narungga people being involved in this celebration match.



Cheylen Wanganeen, Kieren Smith and Tyrese Wanganeen in the CMS Crows jumper designed by Cheylen.



Amanda Reid has returned to the bike for the Tokyo Games, her third.



Swimmer Ruby Storm will compete at her second Paralympics in Tokyo, having debuted at Rio in 2016.



Samantha Schmidt makes her debut in Tokyo.

Deadly trio aiming for gold



OLYMPIC action is far from over and sports fans will have another fortnight to look forward to with the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics now underway (August 24 to September 5) and with it the second-largest Australian team to date.

Australia's 179 athletes will compete in 18 of the 22 sports on the program for Tokyo which now includes Para-taekwondo and Para-badminton.

The 179-strong team eclipses the 175 that competed at the Rio Paralympics in 2016.

In Tokyo, the Aussie team will feature three Indigenous Australian athletes, Rio 2016 Para-cycling silver medalist Amanda Reid, discus thrower Samantha Schmidt and swimmer Ruby Storm.

Australia's first involvement in the Paralympics was in Rome in 1960 where Kevin Coombs became the first Indigenous Paralympian.

The 2020 Australian team is made up of 101 males and 78 females, 84 of whom will make their Paralympic debut.

Two athletes will compete at their seventh Paralympics, one who will compete at her sixth and six who will compete at their fifth Games.

Chef de Mission Kate McLoughlin: "The Australian Paralympic team for Tokyo 2020 should be a source of enormous pride for all Australians.

"They embody the great strength and diversity of our communities and serve as a beacon for the continued advancement towards a fairer and more inclusive society.

"They also demonstrate the exceptional strength of character that epitomises Australian Paralympians. To qualify for an Australian Paralympic Team is an outstanding achievement. Yet, this time, it has required a unique level of resilience and determination.

"It's been a long and difficult road, but their time has finally arrived. I can't wait to do everything possible to create the optimal performance environment for our team members so they can have a safe and memorable experience in Tokyo."

Paralympics Australia chief executive Lynne Anderson: "What lies ahead for this exceptional Australian Team is the unique hard-won honour of representing our nation in what is now the world's third-largest sporting event."

"It's their chance to show what they've been training for and what they're capable of. It's their chance to do their absolute best.

"This moment is about celebrating our elite Para-athletes. It's also about continuing to build on the work of generations of Paralympians who have made Australia one of the top Para-sport nations. After finishing on top of the medal tally at Sydney 2000, we finished fifth in the



Amanda Reid, a multi-sport athlete, won a silver medal in cycling at the Rio Games in 2016. Pictures: Paralympics Australia

world at each of the past four Games. It's a record of excellence that has impacted Australian society in a profoundly positive way and helped change the narrative around disability. I know this team will be fiercely determined to continue that progress."

Amanda Reid – cycling

Events: Para-cycling, C2

Amanda Reid is a two-time Paralympian and proud Indigenous woman whose career started in the swimming pool. At the 2011 Global Games she claimed a remarkable seven gold medals before winning two silver and three bronze medals at the 2011 Arafura Games. Aged just 15, under the coaching of Jackie Barck, she placed fifth in the 100m breaststroke at the London 2012 Paralympics.

In 2015 Amanda reverted to cycling, one

of several sports she had been involved in before swimming. Within just a few months, working with coach Tom Dawson, she broke the national C2 individual time trial record at the NSW Para-cycling Championships and then smashed the national record in the 3km individual pursuit at the 2016 Australian Para-cycling Championships.

Amanda, who has cerebral palsy and an intellectual impairment, established herself on the world stage with silver in the 500m time trial at the 2016 Para Track World Championships, leading to her selection in the 2016 Australian Paralympic Games team. At Rio, she won a silver medal in the 500m time trial combined classification C1-C2-C3.

Since Rio, Amanda's success has continued, most notably breaking the world record at the 2019 Para Track World Championships.

She is aiming for gold in Tokyo.

Samantha Schmidt – athletics

Events: Discus, F38

Donning the green and gold has always been a goal of Samantha Schmidt's, since first watching the Paralympic Games as a child. Samantha was introduced to athletics at the age of five, progressing from West Bundaberg Little Athletics to Bundaberg Athletic Club, and Jimboomba Athletic club. She trains under Ralph Newton in javelin, shot-put, and discus.

Following a series of standout performances, Samantha's dream of representing Australia at a Paralympic Games was realised. At the 2021 Sydney Track Classic, Samantha threw a 33.66m to set a new personal best and Oceanian F38 record, securing her spot on the Australian Tokyo 2020 team.

She hopes to continue with this progression during her Paralympic debut, which will also be her first time representing her country at an international level.

Ruby Storm – Swimming

Events: 100m breaststroke, SB14; 100m butterfly, S14; 200m freestyle, S14; 200m individual medley, SM14; 4x100m freestyle, S14.

Ruby Storm is one of a generation of S14 swimmers in Australia who emerged post the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, and having now carved her name in the history books with a bronze medal in the mixed 4x100m freestyle S14 at the 2019 World Para-swimming Championships, she is well on her way to Paralympic superstardom.

Incredibly, Ruby's competition load at her debut world championships was immense. As well as the freestyle relay, she raced alongside rookie Ricky Betar and experienced campaigners Taylor Corry and Liam Schluter. She also contested the women's 100m butterfly S14, women's 100m breaststroke SB14, women's 200m freestyle S14 and women's 200m individual medley SM14. She exceeded even her own expectations when she swam through to the fly final, placing fifth.

Earlier this year, Ruby won a pair of bronze medals in February at the 2020 World Para-swimming World Series in Melbourne.

In the women's 50m butterfly, she finished just six points behind nine-time Paralympic champion Sophie Pascoe from New Zealand.

As her surname suggests, Ruby has every intention of taking the Paralympic world by storm.

– Source: Paralympics Australia

Queens of the Ring to shape up

By ALF WILSON



SEVERAL female Indigenous amateur boxers from around north Queensland will compete at a tournament dubbed the 'Queen of the Ring' in Townsville next month.

Twelve women boxers will battle it out for the inaugural title in what is a collaboration between Townsville's Hawks Boxing Club and North Coast Combat Fitness.

It will be held at the Brothers Leagues

Club in Townsville on October 2.

Fighters are expected to come from far and wide for the tournament.

Proud Wakka Wakka man and head Hawks trainer Dennis Clancy expects a big crowd in support.

His daughter, Jessica, turned professional recently and won't fight at the tournament.

"It looks like we will have boxers from Port Douglas and Charters Towers competing," he said.

"Jessica will be a patron for the event." Jessica, 33, works with children, young

people and families with relatives in the criminal justice system. She is passionate about leading youths to live good lives, and boxing.

She lost her professional boxing debut in June at the Fight For Our Future tournament in Townsville. At her only amateur bout last year, Jessica beat Port Douglas' Megan Newman in the 57kg featherweight division on the 18-bout Rite of Passage tournament run by Hawks Club.

Women's boxing is growing in popularity in the far north with clubs recording big numbers joining.



Boxer Jessica Clancy and her dad Dennis.

Kartinyeri makes a rewarding return to the Eastern Mavericks

By PETER ARGENT



KEDEISHA Kartinyeri returned to where it all began for her on the basketball courts for the 2021 NBL1 Central season and she was rewarded with a consistent season.

Kartinyeri, 23, suited up for the Eastern Mavericks this year after spending the 2020 campaign with the Sturt Sabres.

After a modest start to the season, the Mavericks finished their campaign strongly, completing their year with a trio of wins in the final five games of the regular season.

Kartinyeri, despite the Mavs' up and down season, was a consistent performer, producing double-digit shooting performances in eight of the 18 games she played this year, which included a season-high 17 points in round 2 against South Adelaide.

"I went back to the Mavs this year to pay with some lifelong friends," the point guard said.

"I've been involved with the club since I was seven or eight and just slipped back into the fold."

Along with controlling the floor, she averaged 8.66 points per game, 3.88 assists and 4.16 rebounds for a strong all-round season.

As a junior, Kartinyeri represented SA Country and was part of the Adelaide Lightning Academy.

"It's a pretty busy life at the moment, juggling work, basketball and building a home with my partner, Matt Dominish," she said.

"Matt actually played in a footy premiership with dad (Mervyn Kartinyeri) last year at Langhorne Creek, in the Great Southern



● Kedeisha Kartinyeri returned to the Eastern Mavericks in the NBL1 Central this season. Picture: Peter Argent

League posts growth in women's football



THE NSWRL is confident that female participation across the state will crash through the 23,000 mark as the game celebrated the part all women play in rugby league with the NRL's recent Women in League Round.

The NSWRL recently announced female participation had hit record numbers this season after 22,810 signed up to play all forms of the game including tackle and Blues Tag compared to 18,915 in 2019, which was the last season where numbers were not impacted by COVID-19.

Having already registered a 20% increase, the NSWRL is confident this number will increase again when competition can resume fully, pending health advice surrounding COVID-19.

"Women's rugby league is one of the fastest growth areas of our sport and it's great to see so many female participants playing our great game as we acknowledge their wonderful contribution with Women in League Round," NSWRL chief executive David Trodden said.

"Regardless of whether it's a town of 200 or 200,000, we are seeing more and more women wanting to play rugby league, which can only benefit our game in the future. It's also pleasing to see our players spread across heartland areas in both metropolitan Sydney and regional NSW."

The NSWRL runs the state's premier women's competition, the NSW Women's Premiership, and provides a valuable pathway via the under-19s Tarsha Gale Cup.

These competitions flow into NSWRL representative fixtures including the City v Country match, the NSW under-19s Women's Origin team, and the NSW Sky Blues.

Wallabies fume following All Blacks' Bledisloe no-show



RELATIONS between Rugby Australia and New Zealand Rugby (NZR) are threatening to unravel following the decision by NZR not to send the All

Blacks to Perth.

The decision also throws the Rugby Championship fixture into chaos following NZR's announcement last week.

The All Blacks were initially scheduled to fly to Perth at the weekend in preparation for the third Test at Perth Stadium on August 28, which also doubled as a Rugby Championship fixture.

But with NZ in lockdown due to rising COVID cases and the uncertainty around

the schedule, NZR pulled the pin.

The Black Ferns' two Tests against the Wallaroos in NZ have also been canned as well as the All Blacks' two home Tests against South Africa.

It's believed that the WA Government was set to allow the All Blacks into the state, provided they arrived seven days before the match and completed a "soft" quarantine, as interstate AFL teams currently do.

But NZR chief executive Mark Robinson said that they weren't prepared to send the team to Perth with so much uncertainty around travel and scheduling, with Queensland and even Europe mooted as possible host locations for the Rugby Championship.

The decision by the Kiwis has infuriated Wallabies coach Dave Rennie, a Kiwi.

"Bloody angry," Rennie said in the opening salvo of his press conference last week. "It's disappointing how it's been communicated. Our boys all found out through social media."

"NZ Rugby didn't even have the respect to consult RA about their decision, so that's hugely disappointing."

"I'm not sure shocked is the right word, because I'm not surprised."

Rennie was particularly upset given the way the Wallabies have bent over backwards over the past 15 months to accommodate the All Blacks.

That included changing fixtures last

year to ensure All Blacks players wouldn't have to quarantine during Christmas.

Furious RA boss Andy Marinos said they were informed by the media of the decision despite ongoing discussions with his NZ opposite Mark Robinson.

"It's incredibly disappointing to be informed of this decision via the media, despite having a conversation with the CEO moments before and there (was) no mention that this was the intention," Marinos said in a statement.

He felt that discussions between all parties, including the Western Australia state government, had been positive and they were "close to finding a solution" with a meeting scheduled with SANZAAR later last week. — with AAP



SANFL clubs Woodville-West Torrens and Adelaide embrace in a symbolic show of unity to stamp out racists and racist behaviour in football ahead of their round-17 match at Woodville Oval recently. Pictures: Peter Argent

Players unite to stop the racists

By PETER ARGENT



LEAGUE football in South Australia came together recently with a strong show of unity in a stand to reject any form of racism in the game.

The SANFL's 10 teams stood arm-in-arm ahead of their respective round-17 games in solidarity with the Indigenous community.

Their stance was to counter the racial slur made by prominent former Adelaide Crows captain Taylor Walker toward North Adelaide's Robbie Young during round 15 which made national headlines, as did the scripted apology days later.

This act of reconciliation was seen across each of the SANFL's five matches, beginning from the Friday night clash between Norwood and West Adelaide at Norwood Oval through to the final game on Sunday afternoon at Woodville Oval.

It was led by proud Larrakia man and 2019 Glenelg premiership player Marlon Motlop.

Leaders addressed the players and coaches within the circle about taking a stance against racism and what it means to them.

"It is certainly disappointing we're still dealing with this issue in 2021," Motlop said.

"There is a total lack of understanding



Adelaide's Tariek Newchurch (centre) and Woodville-West Torrens pair Luke Beecken (left) and Jimmy Toumpas (right) in a pre-match show of unity against racism.

across the nation and the entire society of how this challenges Aboriginal people and their identity, the effect it has on the victims and the ripple-effects on all Aboriginal people.

"If I didn't act, I would not have been satisfied that I have made a commitment from a personal level with my role in this education of the nation."

Motlop was happy the league was open

to his suggestion of showing unity.

"There was a collective buy-in by each club and their leaders," he said.

"Importantly, the parent body, the SANFL, committed to the cause as well.

"Initially, this anti-racism stance is to express our deep support for Robbie Young and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players and officials of the Adelaide Crows Football Club and any First Nations people

affected by the recent event of racial vilification.

"What this show of unity said is that we are supporting you and we are not forgetting about your voice in amongst all the noise.

"In the end this is a national issue that transcends sport. Sport is a vehicle to initiate discussion and change.

"I'm currently working with the parent bodies (the SANFL and the AFL) looking to create a framework to deal with these issues.

"At its core, this is about the ongoing healing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia and the role you play in shifting your own beliefs, values and perspectives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to help eradicate racism in society."

Chief executive at Glenelg Football Club Justin Scripps was happy to have Motlop lead the charge.

"We're extremely fortunate to have Marlon not only as a leader of our club but our broader community in general," Scripps said.

"We at the Glenelg Football Club, together with the SANFL and all SANFL clubs, are committed and determined to play a key leadership role in establishing and maintaining a framework to help further educate the South Australian football community and eradicate racism from our society."



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Gems push US for gold medal

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



IT was midway through the tense third term between Australia and Canada when Gems coach David Herbert had had enough of the North American's resurgence in their quarterfinal match at the FIBA Under-19 Women's Basketball World Cup in Hungary last week.

The Canadians had answered the Aussie challenge and turned a seven-point deficit into a 12pt lead late in the third quarter. Herbert looked to his bench and found his answer. Biding her time was guard Shaneice Swain whose immediate injection onto the court added vital energy for the young Australians and her elite passing game provided the Gems' top shooters clear space to operate.

Indigenous young gun Shaneice would spend 21 busy minutes on the court where in the fourth quarter the Gems piled on 29 points to 12 to eventually win 72-61 and advance to the semifinal stage where they got past Mali (62-50) for a repeat showdown with powerhouse the United States in the final.

Shaneice, 17, played in six of the Gems' seven games in Hungary, only resting up while her team downed Italy 58-42 in the group phase.

Her rebound game across the tournament was strong with 27 in total which placed her in the Gems' top five.

Try as they might in the final, however, the Australians couldn't get past the Americans, who won their ninth World Cup championship, defeating the Gems 70-52.

The result was at least an improvement from when the Americans posted a big win over the Aussies in the group phase, 99-59, the Gems' second game.

The final was a repeat result at the 2019 World Cup final when the Americans defeated the Aussies in Bangkok.



Australia's Shaneice Swain played a key role in the Gems' surge toward the final of the World Cup.

Shaneice is from Cairns in far north Queensland and at the time of her selection was fine-tuning her craft at the Basketball Australia Centre of Excellence. She has represented her region and state on several occasions. Her efforts in Hungary have placed her firmly on the radar for further national selection and WNBL clubs.

Australia, ranked seventh heading into the World Cup, went into the tournament at Hungary confident of claiming its first under-19 women's title.

The Gems' history has been two thirds (2013, 2015) and two seconds (2019, 2021).

At the World Championship for Junior Women in 1993 Australia claimed first place.

This month's tournament featured 16 teams – Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chinese Taipei, Czech Republic, Egypt, France, hosts Hungary who won bronze, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mali, Russia Spain and the United States.



Australia's Shaneice Swain executes a textbook lay-up in the Gems' opening-round group-phase match against Egypt at the FIBA Under-19s Women's World Cup in Hungary last week. Pictures: FIBA

Wilson, Swain join Opals for Asia Cup in Jordan



ALLY Wilson can show her considerable talents in the court for the Opals after gaining selection into the national team for the 2021 FIBA Asia Cup to be played in Jordan next month.

Wilson, one of five Indigenous women in the WNBL, was selected in previous Opals squads, but injury in recent years had held her back.

She will be joined in the squad by

newcomer Shaneice Swain who helped push the Australian Gems toward a silver-medal finish in Hungary last week (see above). Swain will be joined by Gems teammate Jade Melbourne in the squad.

Basketball Australia last week announced the 21-woman squad for the tournament in the Jordanian capital Amman in September.

Australia will head into the event with a FIBA world ranking of 3 following their performance at the Olympics in Tokyo.

Of the 21 players, 15 will make their

debut as an Opal, demonstrating the depth of talent coming through.

Australia has a strong record going into the Asia Cup having won silver in 2017 and bronze in 2019. The event wasn't held in 2020 due to COVID.

The Opals will meet with strong competition including Olympic silver medallists Japan and China who defeated Australia in the group phase in Tokyo.

The 2021 Asia Cup will be played at the Amman International Stadium in Jordan from

September 26 to October 3.

Full squad

Rebecca Allen, Zitina Aokuso, Chelsea Brooke, Keely Froling, Darcee Garbin, Alice Kunek, Tiana Mangakahia, Anneli Maley, Megan McKay, Jade Melbourne, Lauren Nicholson, Madison Rocci, Lauren Scherf, Alexandra Sharp, Jazmin Shelley, Alanna Smith, Shaneice Swain, Kirsty Wallace, Abigail Wehrung, Samantha Whitcomb, Ally Wilson.

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Trio selected in cricket squads



INDIGENOUS cricket's stocks on the international scene rose ever so slightly with the recent announcement of national squads for two separate events.

Twenty20 World Cup winner Ash Gardner and up-and-comer Hannah Darlington were both named in the 18-woman squad for a planned series against India at home, beginning next month. That schedule includes three one-day internationals, a historic day-night Test at the WACA and three Twenty20 matches.

Dan Christian won selection as a travelling reserve with the Australian men's squad for the upcoming Twenty20 World Cup in the UAE.

The month-long tournament there involving 16 teams begins on October 17.



THE call is out for Indigenous cricketers across New South Wales ahead of two Twenty20 tournaments planned for October and November.

CricketNSW (CNSW) has opened nominations for cricketers to apply for a spot in the respective Sydney Sixers and Sydney Thunder men's and women's teams for the annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander T20 Cup.

The ATSI T20 Cup uses cricket as the vehicle to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and is part of CNSW's ongoing commitment to supporting Indigenous communities via the two Sydney Big Bash League clubs and part of the organisation's recently released Reconciliation Action Plan.

The annual event combines cricket and culture in a multi-day experience for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cricketers from across the state.

This cricket season, the women's event will be played between teams representing the Sixers and Thunder in North Sydney on October 18 and 19.

The men's event will take place in Albury on November 29 and 30, and where the Sixers and Thunder will be joined by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teams from the Melbourne Renegades and Melbourne Stars.

Sara Darney, a Wiradjuri woman, who has represented Sydney Thunder in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander T20 Cup, said the tournament provides a genuine pathway for Indigenous cricketers in NSW.

"I enjoy coming together with other Indigenous peoples who play cricket," Darney said.

"I always learn a lot from the T20 Cup and it's a great way to get the young talent coming through the pathways and to showcase their talent."

Sydney Sixers representative, Brett Russell, a Dunghutti and Biripi man, said the chance to play in the Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander T20 Cup offered more than just the opportunity to pad up for a game or two.



Sydney Thunder's Ben Patterson (left) and Sydney Sixers' Jack Hartigan at a previous ATSI Twenty20 Cup.

Strait Islander T20 Cup offered more than just the opportunity to pad up for a game or two.

"Cricket has helped me connect with my culture by trying to become a role model in my community, as well as trying to promote the game of cricket for the next Indigenous players to come through," he said.

Nominations for players for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander T20 Cup close on

Monday, September 6.

NSW is among the most advanced in terms of Indigenous cricket in the country.

The Blues' men's and women's sides dominate at the annual National Indigenous Cricket Championships and its Thunder and Sixers programs have embraced the community since inception.

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Mills ends time at San Antonio, lands at Brooklyn



NBA star and Olympic medallist Patty Mills and the Brooklyn Nets have agreed to terms on a two-year \$12 million contract, according to reports out of the United States.

The Indigenous champion was one of the top remaining free agents on the NBA post-season market and he is a huge signing for the Nets who already have the most-talented roster in the NBA.

Mills will provide much-needed depth and three-point shooting behind Kyrie Irving and James Harden, in addition to support for Kevin Durant. In San Antonio last season, Mills averaged 10.8 points per game and hit a career-high 2.4 threes per game at a 37.5 percent clip.

Mills, 33, recently guided the Aussie Boomers to an historic bronze in Tokyo, Australian men's basketball's first medal at the Olympics Games.

He enters his 12th season in the NBA and lands at just his third NBA franchise, having played at Portland (2009-2011) and San Antonio (2012-2021) where he won a championship in 2014.

"(Mills) is absolutely the perfect guy for them. (That's) exactly who I want if I'm them," NBA pundit Bill Simmons said on his popular podcast show.

"For four playoff rounds, he doesn't have to start, he's been in 100,000 big games, he has a propensity to get better in big games, unafraid of stuff, knows who he is, great teammate."

"I'm actually really surprised. He could have



NBA star Patty Mills has joined the Brooklyn Nets. Picture: Brooklyn Nets

expensive superstars; you're not then supposed to also have a slew of awesome role players.

"Their team right now Durant, Harden, Kyrie, Joe Harris, Blake Griffin as starters. Bruce Brown, Patty Mills, Nicolas Claxton, James Johnson, Cam Thomas and the North Carolina centre that we like.

"That's 11 really solid guys that if anyone's injured or out for a couple of weeks, they're fine."

"We have not seen a team with a big three with this kind of depth as well."

The NBA season will get underway on October 19.

Fever donates dresses for Shooting Stars



SUPER Netball club West Coast Fever have donated three of their 2021

Indigenous Round playing dresses to help support Aboriginal girls and women in regional and remote communities via an online auction for the Shooting Stars program.

The dresses were designed by Nyoongar artists Peter Farmer and Kylie Graham.

There are three separate dresses and each is signed by the three players that donated them – Jhaniele Fowler, Verity Charles and Courtney Bruce.

West Coast Fever wore the dress in the Super Netball Indigenous Round match against the Giants in which they took out a thrilling one-goal win against the Sydney side in front of a packed home crowd.

The Farmer-Graham design features seven circular symbols representing the seven players on the court gathering or coming together and the unpredictable path that water weaves throughout the landscape.

The Shooting Stars program has been supported by West



West Coast Fever trio Jhaniele Fowler, Verity Charles and Courtney Bruce donated their Super Netball Indigenous Round dresses for auction to raise funds for the Shooting Stars program.

Picture: West Coast Fever

Coast in an ambassadorial role since 2016. It provides Aboriginal young women in WA with sporting role models.

In very remote and regional Australia, Aboriginal women are up to 52% less likely to graduate Year 12 than their non-Indigenous peers. Shooting Stars hopes to change this.

Funds raised from the auction go towards a cultural reward

camp for Shooting Stars participants.

The online auction will be live until 11.59pm Monday, August 30. Also, all bids will go in the draw to win a pair of pearl 9ct yellow gold stud earrings that are valued at \$495 from the Perth Mint.

The Shooting Stars recently expanded to WA's south-west, at Collie Senior High School.

Coordinating the program there is Wilman-Nyoongar woman, Kristina Ugle.

"Having more of our proud Aboriginal girls graduate and be successful in employment opportunities is something very close to my heart," Ugle said.

"Having spent 17 years with the Department of Education as an AIEO and eight years as a Nyoongar language teacher, this role with Shooting Stars combines both my passions of empowering our next generation and sharing my knowledge to educate on the diversity of Aboriginal groups."

Ugle was drawn to the program due to its focus on providing participants with the resources to make informed choices about education and employment.

"It brings a cultural perspective to the education system, providing its participants with a safe space of understanding whilst teaching the girls how to cope in different situations and changing their attitudes towards school," she said.

● Visit 32auctions.com/ShootingStars



It is high time non-Aboriginal players take on some of the heavy lifting required in the anti-racism space.

Time can be the great revealer of man

WHERE do we even begin sometimes? It's a question no doubt asked by plenty of fair-minded folk during this past fortnight following several episodes of racist acts within football. If it's not a coward from behind a pseudonym (and a computer) then it's from a public figure who really should know better who has lived, worked and played with Aboriginal people, so yes, current Adelaide Crows forward Taylor Walker (see page 4).

Out of all the head shaking and hand wringing and proposed 'journeys' and we-all-need-to-be-betters I've heard and seen these past two weeks, the one thing I was at least encouraged by were some quarters putting the onus back squarely on the protagonists, basically for them to take responsibility, to own their racism. Still, it's like what famed essayist and author, the great James Baldwin, once observed, rather cautiously, when he wrote, "People can cry much easier than they can change."

Taylor Walker's friendship with Eddie Betts will have changed forever, but that's the least of his worries right now. Taylor's first job is to look deep within, to search that soul and find an honest answer as to why he could freely say what he did.

If he sees no wrong with it, then that's a problem that will follow him around for life. If he genuinely arrives at seeing how degrading such words are to a fellow human being then he is on the right track and redemption within the Aboriginal community may come with time.

Paralympians inspire

Almost two weeks of intense sports action begins this week and I for one am looking forward to the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo.

The hook for me is how sport has provided athletes who may have an intellectual disability or been in an accident where they may have lost a limb but who have still reached the pinnacle in their field to compete at a high international level.

I think the Paralympics brings sport back to a level of purity, like, sport's original intent.

Having said that, I'm also looking forward to how the medal tally pans out.

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Darren Moncrieff

Marathoners conquer 25km course in tropics



THE third stage of the Indigenous Marathon Project's class of 2021 saw runners travel to the tropics to complete a 25km course.

The hardy group of 10 runners set off on their course on the eve of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples and with inspirational quotes and markers on their hands for the run.

Originally planned as a five-day workshop in Cairns, the third IMP camp quickly manifested into two separate smaller hubs in Cairns and Darwin. This came after the announcement of COVID-19 travel restrictions to ensure runners would be able to return home after their impressive 25km achievement.

Runners travelled into Cairns and Darwin from the ACT, Adelaide, Katherine, Aurukun and Mount Isa.

Kalkadoon man Derrick Cusack of Mount Isa spoke about some of the challenges he experienced during his race in Cairns.

"I hit a wall about 20km in and that's when the mental games started," he said.

"You have to remind yourself you made it this far and give yourself positive talk and go within yourself. That's when the best of you comes out. Through the hard times is where you find out who you really are."

The IMP squad is training for their next event mid-September which is a 30km time trial to provide their readiness for the midnight marathon in Alice Springs on October 23.

All runners have since returned home and are following COVID-19 restrictions as per their respective state or territory health guidelines.

Founder of the Indigenous Marathon Foundation and four-time Olympian Rob de Castella said that while COVID-19 travel restrictions continue to impact the operation of IMF programs, it is determined to continue its impact.

"Our purpose and the purpose of our IMP squad remain the same no matter what," he said.



Cissy Johns celebrates completing the 25km course in Darwin recently. Picture: IMP

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Discovering Aussie basketball's hidden Gems



TWO weeks after Patty Mills led the Australian men's basketball team to an historic Olympic medal in Tokyo, Shaneice Swain's elite passing game took the Aussie Gems to a gold medal play-off

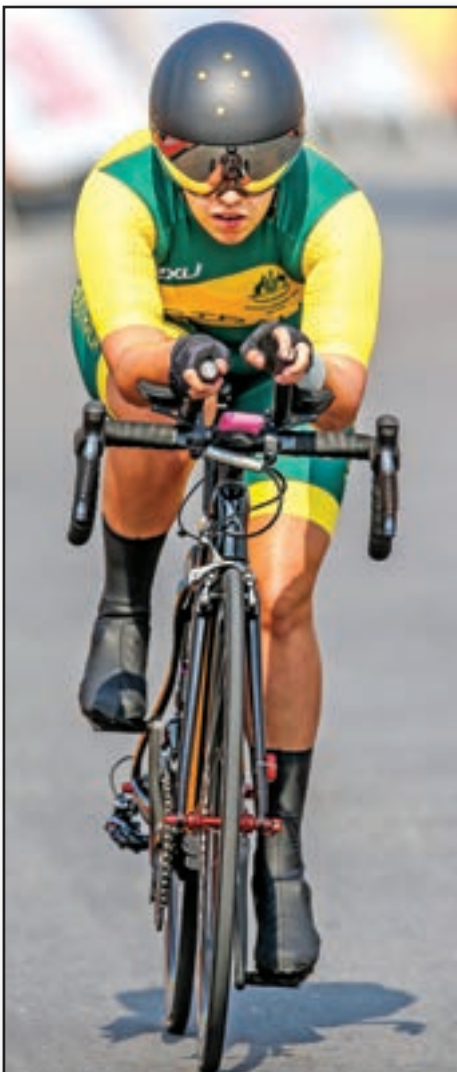
at the FIBA Under-19s Women's World Cup in Hungary last week.

The teenager, along with the talented Ally Wilson, will now join the Opals squad ahead of the Asia Cup in Jordan next month.

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● Shaneice Swain represented Australia at the FIBA Under-19s Women's World Cup in Hungary last week.
Picture: FIBA



Deadly trio aims for Paralympic gold

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'We're still dealing with this in 2021'



LARRAKIA man and SANFL premiership player Marlon Motlop has called on the football and wider community to end the scourge of racism while also questioning why we still need to ask this in 2021.

The star midfielder who helped push the Tigers to its breakthrough premiership in 2019 led the move for the SANFL and its 10 league clubs toward a show of solidarity with the Indigenous community recently.

It comes in the wake of former Adelaide Crows captain Taylor Walker using a racial slur toward an Aboriginal opposition player two weeks ago.

Walker was banned for six games and fined \$20,000 for his racist comment.

"It is certainly disappointing we're still dealing with this issue in 2021," Motlop said.

"There is a total lack of understanding across the nation and the entire society of how this challenges Aboriginal people and their identity, the effect it has on the victims and the ripple-effects on all Aboriginal people."

In its response to the Walker incident, the AFL said that extra steps could be added to the league's racial vilification process.

AFL chief executive Gillon McLachlan said the league could beef up its racial vilification policy further, making genuine



2019 SANFL premiership player Marlon Motlop, who led call for unity in Adelaide.
Picture: Peter Argent

remorse and education part of the process before any suspensions are lifted.

Indigenous great Eddie Betts, former star Gilbert McAdam, North Melbourne chief

executive Ben Amarzio and Melbourne coach Simon Goodwin are among AFL figures to express their dismay and fury about racism in football.

The league's Indigenous players are pledging to carry Betts' anti-racism legacy through their careers.

Betts spoke of his tiredness at fighting racism before announcing his retirement last week.

Port Adelaide's Karl Amon said he and other Indigenous players in the AFL had vowed to continue the anti-racism battle on Betts' behalf.

Departing Hawthorn coach Alastair Clarkson has also called on the entire AFL industry to stand up as leaders for social change on racism, rather than leaving the responsibility solely with the game's Indigenous players.

McLachlan said he had spoken with senior Indigenous players about what the league should do next, adding the broad conversation is "complicated". But he said the focus moving forward would be on improving education, ensuring Indigenous representation at every club – which he hinted would be done outside the soft cap – and requirements for offenders around accountability and contrition.

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