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Mob helps out mob



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people across the country were rocked by the news

last week that COVID-19 had caused the death of an Aboriginal man from Dubbo.

The man in his 50s, who was not vaccinated and had significant underlying health conditions, died at Dubbo Hospital in western NSW and is understood to be the first Indigenous person to die from COVID-19 in Australia.

But, at the same time as

stories of tragedy were being shared, from the depths of sadness came tales of resilience, hope and generosity.

Stories of mob helping mob. In the remote NSW town of Wilcannia, manager of the Aboriginal-owned radio station Wilcannia River Radio Brendon Adams was helping to distribute food parcels last weekend.

Mr Adams told the *Koori Mail* that the people of Wilcannia were showing great resilience in facing the threat of COVID.

"In 2020, when COVID was all over the world, but not here we had fear of it coming here,"

he said. "We were calling out to Government that we wanted to be locked down, but we weren't listened to because we live on a major highway with 800 vehicles passing each day.

"As a community leader I was disgusted with the response."

When Gomeroi woman Cristal Walters first started getting messages from family and friends in Wilcannia about the COVID crisis there, she didn't know what to do.

"I was feeling so hopeless, seeing them really struggle," Ms Walters said.

So Cristal, an educator from the Lake Macquarie region of NSW, got together with other members of the Kumardha local AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) and they brainstormed.

"We put our heads together and decided we would raise money to buy and transport quality fresh food and use our local connections to do that," she said.

On Saturday, the food delivery of 22 pallets arrived – and boxes of fresh meat, fruit and vegetables were delivered direct to houses.

"My inbox is now getting messages with love hearts and thanks," Cristal said.

"It makes me want to cry."

And Ebony Eulo is running a GoFundMe campaign to raise funds for Aboriginal people in the remote town of Enngonia, in north-west NSW.

Ms Eulo has now raised nearly \$4000 to get appropriate supplies to Enngonia, but said she's hit barriers with a new local emergency management committee.

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Singing in unison to vax the nation



MAK Mak Marranungu rapper J-MILLA has joined the chorus of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices asking eligible people to book in for their COVID-19 vaccination.

"I'm too keen to get back on stage and have the music scene back to normal," J-MILLA said.

"I'm now fully vaxxed to contribute and can protect my community and everyone around me."

J-MILLA's song 60K+ features in the #VaxTheNation campaign, which is also being supported by Archie Roach, Troy Cassar-Daley, Briggs, AB Original, Sycco, Emma Donovan and Alice Skye.

Meanwhile, Federal Indigenous Australians Minister Ken Wyatt visited Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service in Canberra with National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation chief executive Pat Turner last week. They joined three young families as they all took their teenage kids to get vaccinated, now that the age has been lowered to 12 for Indigenous people.

"Our community supports each other, we stick together and we help each other. This is never more important than now, as we face the highly contagious Delta variant of COVID-19 spread," Mr Wyatt said.

"Indigenous leaders right across our country are making the difference, so I thank them all for encouraging everyone to roll up their sleeves and get jabbed.

"Don't listen to the toxic misinformation you might hear on the street or see on social media. Listen to our doctors, our nurses, our Aboriginal Health workers. The vaccines are the key to protecting our families, our Elders, our communities and our culture."

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Rapper J-MILLA is one of the many Aboriginal voices who have lent their star power to the #VaxTheNation campaign.

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MY FAMILY

Margaret Ware-Ilorangi (Kelso)



FISHING together is a recreation that we really enjoy as a family. I was trying to catch some fish with my cousins Kai-anna Maitie, Xavier Maitie and Bradley Gela and his two-year-old daughter Alana Gela when your photographer saw us on September 4, just after noon, off the local breakwater.

Other favourite spots we have are off Rooney's Bridge, which crosses Ross River, Pallarenda and Bushland Beach, which is north of where we live.

Often we catch bream, cod, mangrove jack and other species that make good eating.

Originally, I was from Brisbane, but came up north about 10 years ago and love

it and the lifestyle. And we all live together as a family now at Kelso so we do see a lot of each other.

Some of us have Torres Strait bloodlines as well from Boigu Island and St Paul's on Moa Island.

I want to try and get up that way soon, but before then we are all going over by ferry to Magnetic Island to fish.

Your photographer told us a spot where we can land some coral trout and what bait to use.

Also we like going swimming, especially at the Riverway near where we live in the freshwater lagoon.

When we get time we also travel up north to Crystal Creek and a spot

called Paradise Waters for a swim.

Barbecues together are also enjoyed by us and we invite lots of other family and friends to our place for them.

We have close family connections with members of the Neliman and Oth families.

Another thing we like is rugby league football and I barrack for the Brisbane Broncos.

But each of the others support different teams so that is something we don't all agree on.

Life is good and as we were fishing today it was cool weather and some nice wind was blowing.

And the main thing is I was with my family.

As told to Alf Wilson

Bradley Gela, holding his daughter Alana Gela, aged two, Kai-anna Maitie, Margaret Ware-Ilorangi and Xavier Maitie.

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OUR CHILDREN



Brothers Harry and Paul Grose enjoy a delivery of fresh fruit and veggies to their home in Wilcannia. Full story, page 7

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Indigenous performers are singing from the same songbook in fight to beat COVID



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander musicians across the country are singing from the same songbook and encouraging everyone who is eligible to book in for their COVID-19 vaccine.

Archie Roach, Troy Cassar-Daley, Briggs, AB Original, Sycco, Emma Donovan, Alice Skye and J-MILLA have joined other musicians for the #VaxTheNation campaign.

The Live Industry and Venues Entertainment Alliance (LIVE) has launched the #VaxTheNation campaign with the support of more than 400 of the country's biggest artists and performers, who have joined forces with tour promoters, festivals, venues, ticketing agencies, record labels, streaming platforms, industry associations and community groups.

The campaign is asking the country to help 'stop the interruptions' and get vaccinated, especially when it comes to protecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

"It's like boxing – a few well-placed jabs can keep your opponent at bay – so let's get the jab to fight COVID-19 so we can get back to what we love doing," Archie Roach said.

A community service TV campaign has been created to spread the message and includes imagery from the National Indigenous Media Awards (NIMAs), Garma and

Rapper J-MILLA is one of the many Aboriginal voices who have lent their star power to the #VaxTheNation campaign.



concerts including 2021 NIMA nominee for Best New Talent J-MILLA, whose song 60K+ is played during the ad.

#VaxTheNation aims to remind everyone of the magic of live music, sharing space with friends and family, and protecting the community.

"Ayyee family! I'm too keen to get back on stage and have the music scene back to normal," J-MILLA said.

"I'm now fully vaxxed to contribute and can protect my community and everyone around me."

Garma Festival – which was cancelled for 2020 and 2021

because of the pandemic – director Denise Bowden said she was happy to support the vaccination campaign.

"We really miss coming together each year, celebrating Yolngu culture and the connections we make with our friends, families and supporters from interstate," she said.

"We're urging everyone to #VaxTheNation and get vaccinated, so that the Garma Festival and other cultural gatherings and events can resume in a safe environment."

Singer and songwriter Emma Donovan said it was important to reach out to communities and

family during lockdown.

"Get vaccinated, do your part and help us get back to gigs and playing for you all," she said.

Organisers of the Gurindji Freedom Day Festival – usually celebrated annually to mark the success of the Gurindji stockmen's Wave Hill walk off and the birth of land rights in Australia – said they had been "disappointed and saddened" to cancel their event two years in a row due to COVID.

"We look forward to a time when we can confidently and safely have people gather again on Gurindji country to celebrate with us in the spirit of

unity and pride," they said.

Organisers of Victoria's Yaluk-ut Weelam Ngargee Festival said that they were looking forward to a time when restrictions could ease.

"We need to get our people together again to celebrate our deadly arts and culture as one, and get back to celebrating, gatherings and being an active, vibrant and sharing community," they said.

A LIVE Alliance spokesperson said that vaccinations are not only important for overall public health, but an essential step in stopping the ongoing and devastating effects on communities.

"The impact of the pandemic on Australia's world-leading music, theatre, comedy and live entertainment industries has been truly staggering," they said.

"Getting vaccinated is an important step which every citizen can take, one which will help us all be able to be back together once again, enjoying our many incredible artists live on stage.

"Every jab makes a difference, and everyone can play their part.

"Let's get our music community back on the road so all the deadly artists in the country can get back onstage doing what they love and keeping the community strong."

Head to the #VaxTheNation website for further details and information on where to get your jab: vaxthenation.com.au

Concern for inmates as COVID spreads in prisons

By DARREN COYNE



MANY Aboriginal prisoners in NSW prisons feel they have been left as 'sitting ducks' following outbreaks of the COVID-19 Delta strain inside the state's jails.

An outbreak inside Parklea Correctional Centre had reached almost 100 inmates last Friday, with almost a dozen of those Indigenous, and another cluster had been detected at Bathurst Prison, and also at Silverwater Prison.

Keenan Mundine, a prison advocate who has a brother inside, told the *Koori Mail* that he was "blown away" to learn that prisoners were still being transferred between prisons across the state, and that inmates were being denied basic protection.

"A friend in Clarence (Correctional Centre) told me that Justice Health had only just put a callout for those wanting to get vaccinated, but there was no indication on when the vaccines would be available," he said.

"My brother had to go through quarantine from Bankstown to Silverwater, then into the mainstream and then to John Maroney at Windsor so they are still moving people about in prisons.

"Another mate said only staff get PPE, but inmates don't get masks or sanitiser, only when they are entering the clinic or going into an office with a screw.



Prison advocate Keenan Mundine and NSW Greens MP David Shoebridge are concerned about the effects COVID is having on prisoners.

"Other than that they are left to their own devices in the yard when they are not being locked down.

"When they first detected cases there was rapid testing but then they opened them up again. There's no social distancing, and the boys are in two or three person cells."

Mr Mundine said the feedback he had received was that many prisoners felt abandoned and depressed.

"Not many are watching television in the mornings because they get so depressed

with all the numbers," he said.

"They're hearing about all the support out in the community and saying nobody is talking about us.

"The brothers are saying 'give me the vaccine if it means we can go back to normal and have contact visits'."

Mr Mundine said the recent COVID outbreak had also resulted in rehabilitation programs being abandoned, which meant prisoners hoping for early release are potentially facing longer times inside because they were unable to complete court-ordered programs.

Mr Mundine fronted the media with NSW Greens MP David Shoebridge last week, calling for the release of non-violent prisoners.

Mr Shoebridge told the *Koori Mail* that the NSW Government had been "grossly negligent" in its handling of COVID in the prison system.

"A coalition of community and First Nations groups made the call in March last year and the NSW Government has been given the powers to release prisoners, but they have refused and no action has been taken," he said.

"Nobody is meant to be sentenced to death in NSW, but with so many prisoners having serious health complications, especially First Nations people, doing nothing is just that.

"This is not only an issue for prisons

because if COVID gets a hold of the 13,000 prisoners in NSW, that could overload our public hospital system and intensive care units.

"All releases would be subject to strict parole conditions and prisoners could be placed in supported, oversights accommodation which is COVID safe."

Meanwhile, advocacy group Human Rights Watch (HRW) last week said that low vaccination rates in NSW prisons was a cause for concern, especially considering one in four prisoners was Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

"Indigenous Australians have an increased risk of complications from COVID-19 due to high rates of underlying health conditions and chronic illness, and systemic inequality, racism, and discrimination in getting health care in Australia," the group said.

Australian researcher for HRW Sophie McNeill said NSW was lagging behind other states and territories when it came to vaccinating prisoners.

She said only 21% of prisoners in the state's government-run adult facilities were fully vaccinated, with 42% having received at least one dose.

The general population's vaccination rate for NSW was 35% fully vaccinated, while 65% had received at least one dose.

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MusicNT's Bush Bands Bash is considered one of Australia's premier Indigenous music events. Since 2003, the annual

The concert is also the culmination of Bush Bands Business, a development program where artists have the opportunity to hone their musical and

After a tough selection process, MusicNT announced the performers who will be taking part in Bush Bands Business before hitting the stage in the main event: Bush Bands Bash at Alice

Springs Telegraph Station, on Sunday, September 12. The performers are: Docker River Band, Mr J Whiskey Trio, Wildfire Manwurrk (formerly KK Band), Eastern Arrernte Band, Desert 7, Jonathan Doolan and the Areyonga Band, Karrku Reggae Band, Moonlight Reggae band, Ray Ray and Kirra Voller.



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Yoo-rrook names expert members



Mark Kulkens has a background in a clinical psychology with extensive experience working with men who have perpetrated violence, including First People. Mark has worked in various Victorian correctional settings over a number of years and currently works with Dardi Munwurro, a family violence service for First Peoples men.

Call to arms: vax drive to target communities



UP to 30 Indigenous communities across Australia could receive a rapid surge in coronavirus vaccinations as part of a bid to drive up poor immunisation rates.

After the sad news that an Aboriginal man from Dubbo in western NSW became the first Indigenous person to die from COVID-19 in Australia, Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt was urging everyone who was eligible to get vaccinated.

The man in his 50s, who was not vaccinated and had significant underlying health conditions, died at Dubbo Hospital.

"Our community supports each other, we stick together and we help each other. This is never more important than now, as we face the highly contagious Delta variant of COVID-19 spread," Mr Wyatt said.

"All Indigenous Australians 12 years and older are now able to go and get vaccinated.

"Indigenous leaders right across our country are making the difference, so I thank them all for encouraging everyone to roll up their sleeves and get jabbed.

"Don't listen to the toxic misinformation you might hear on the street or see on social media. Listen to our doctors, our nurses, our Aboriginal Health workers. The vaccines are the key to protecting our families, our Elders, our communities and our culture."

The national roll-out has been criticised for leaving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people behind.

Just 21.86% of the Indigenous population aged over 16 has been fully vaccinated, while 39% have received their first dose.

In some remote communities rates are as low as 7%.

Australia has fully vaccinated 36.43% of the wider population while 60.53% have received one dose.

Vaccine roll-out coordinator Lieutenant General Frewen has nominated 10 remote and 20 other communities to be involved, but will not reveal their location before showing national cabinet.

"The list at the moment are the



NACCHO chief executive Pat Turner, Indigenous Australians Minister Ken Wyatt and Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service chief executive Julie Tongs.

communities where there are the greatest gap between the current national first-dose, second-dose vaccination rates," he told a Senate committee.

"But also where there are the greatest number of individuals in those communities as well."

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation chief executive (NACCHO) Pat Turner and colleague Dawn Spence have worked on the plan.

The proposed surge would involve community leaders and Indigenous ambassadors over the next four weeks.

Lt Gen Frewen said a specific communications strategy would be designed to combat vaccine hesitancy.

He said western NSW – where emergency teams were deployed after an outbreak infected Indigenous people – provided a blueprint.

"We have been making up some very good ground over at least the last month, but you can see there is a gap," he said.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison agreed with Ms Turner that Indigenous vaccination rates needed to be as high as possible.

But he doesn't believe lower coverage should "disable" Australia from easing restrictions when 70

and 80% of the wider population are vaccinated.

"In Indigenous communities, it's really tough, but we're committed to achieving it," Mr Morrison said.

Critics have blasted the Federal Government for failing to ensure Indigenous vaccination rates were higher despite being in a high priority phase of the six-month-old roll-out.

Labor's Indigenous Australians spokeswoman Linda Burney said the plan to ramp up efforts in 30 communities was too little, too late.

"This is an admission the government completely stuffed up the First Nations vaccine roll-out – a group they said would be a priority – and who are now lagging behind," she said.

Ms Burney believes hesitancy is not an excuse for the Federal Government.

Chief medical officer Paul Kelly said some communities had experienced incredible mistrust of vaccines because of dangerous conspiracies and misinformation.

"All those things are playing out in the most remote communities and it's a tragedy," he said.

South Australian health officials are concerned about "incredibly low" COVID-19 vaccination rates in some Aboriginal communities.

The rate of full vaccination for

Indigenous people is as low as 16% in parts of SA, including northern Adelaide.

Outback SA, western Adelaide, the Barossa, Yorke and Mid North and the state's south-east are all below 20%, according to federal data. SA Health deputy chief executive Don Frater says misinformation is hampering the roll-out for Aboriginal communities and better communication is needed.

"We have had some communities that have told us that COVID does not exist and, needless to say, our vaccination rates there are incredibly low," he told a parliamentary committee.

What we have worked on is sending staff, Aboriginal staff, into those communities for a couple of weeks before we intend to start vaccinating again and talking to people and building the awareness, building the support for it.

"Where we have done that, we have achieved better results in terms of vaccination."

Mr Frater said the vaccination rate in Adelaide's northern suburbs was particularly concerning, adding that the AstraZeneca vaccine was not preferred for the roll-out.

"We just need to engage them in a manner which is culturally

appropriate so that they feel comfortable in coming forward and discussing what is a very sensitive issue," he said.

"And we'll give them all Pfizer. We'll ignore any Commonwealth restrictions on that. We'll give them Pfizer because we'd like them to be vaccinated within three weeks with the double doses."

Other states including Western Australia have also cited fearmongering in remote communities, including from fringe Christian groups, for their own low Indigenous vaccination rates.

In Queensland, Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam is committed to having all residents of the north Queensland Aboriginal shire receive the COVID-19 vaccination following two positive water tests in sewage there.

Speaking to the *Koori Mail* on September 2, Cr Sam said a local health worker surveyed 120 people on Palm Island and 58% had been vaccinated.

"That is not good enough and we need to get everybody vaccinated," he said.

Palm Island has a population of 2800 although that is often swelled with visitors from the mainland or workers.

"We haven't had one case of COVID-19 here but request that any visitor be vaccinated or have had a test which is negative," Cr Sam said.

Queensland chief health officer Dr Jeannette Young said the fragments could either indicate the presence of an undiagnosed case of COVID-19 in the community or that a case who is no longer infectious is still shedding fragments of the virus.

"It is likely it is a persistent shedder who's attended the island and may or may not still be there, but we must be absolutely cautious, and get people with symptoms tested as soon as possible," Dr Young said.

Kieran Keyes, the chief executive Townsville Hospital and Health Service told the *Koori Mail* on September 2 that the vaccination outreach team has administered 1375 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to people on Palm Island.

— with Alf Wilson and AAP

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Communitites rally

By DARREN COYNE



WHEN the spotlight shifts, what then?

Already those at the forefront in the fight against the COVID pandemic gripping remote NSW communities like Wilcannia, Enngonia and Goodooga are asking that question.

These are people who for many years have been pleading with various levels of government for improved housing, adequate health care, and the sort of things their city counterparts take for granted.

Simple things, like a corner store selling affordable fresh food and fuel.

Then out of nowhere, a silent virus has revealed in no uncertain terms that the voices of those people had largely been ignored.

With COVID-positive numbers rising, the Federal Government sent in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to help with food distribution, vaccinations and compliance, and the State Government has scrambled 30 motorhomes to help community members in Wilcannia isolate.

That temporary accommodation option was due to be operational from last Monday and was to be located at the council-owned campervan site in Wilcannia.

Also, following pressure from former Triple J DJ Nina Las Vegas, Telstra announced that it would improve phone and internet coverage for the beleaguered town, again something community members had been asking for years.

"The fact they have had to bring in motorhomes to house people should tell everyone what they need to know," Peter Gibbs, a senior manager with REDi.E, an Aboriginal-led service provider headquartered in Dubbo, said.

"There has been a housing issue for over a generation. I've been working here for 30 years and that crisis of accommodation won't end when the motorhomes are taken out.

"What about the preventative work to keep people in decent conditions in the first place? That didn't happen. So when the spotlight leaves, will we be left with the same legacy?"

"But now is not really the time to be pointing fingers. Right now we need everybody to provide assistance as required.

"Out Goodooga way, which is five hours from Dubbo, there is no shop. Within a month, we're hoping to change that with an announcement this week.

"We, at REDi.E, are trying to work with as many layers of government because it really is a crisis.

"Food packages are going out, and then there are the logistics of getting them into these communities. We're trying to coordinate as much as we can."

Mr Gibbs said Wilcannia River Radio had been instrumental in keeping the community connected as COVID cases began to rise.

Indeed, when contacted just prior to deadline, the manager of the local radio station Brendon Adams was in the middle of handing out food parcels around his community late last Saturday.



Ike Williams loads his truck. Pictures: Paul Brown, Wilcannia News



Temporary accommodation is due to be set up at the council-owned campervan site to ease the close contact transmission of COVID resulting from the housing shortage in Wilcannia.

"Can I call you back in half an hour brother? We're just delivering the last of the packages," Mr Adams said, before the line dropped out.

The next day, Mr Adams told the *Koori Mail* that the people of Wilcannia were showing great resilience in facing the threat of COVID, although many remained angry that the NSW Government had ignored pleas from the town back in 2020 to lock the town down, when Aboriginal Health Service Maari Ma wrote to Indigenous Australians Minister Ken Wyatt warning of the potential for disaster.

"The cases are increasing every day and the reason why it's so high is because of the overcrowding situation," Mr Adams said.

"We have houses with 12 people living in them and when you get one person in a house that gets sick, the whole house becomes infected really quick.

"In 2020, when COVID was all over the world but not here, we had fear of it coming here. We were calling out to government that we wanted to be locked down, but we weren't listened to because we live on a major highway with 800 vehicles passing each day.

"As a community leader I was disgusted with the response.

"Motorhomes arrived yesterday in Wilcannia and that's good, but this could have been the prevention that we could have had in the first place."

Mr Adams said mixed messages about vaccines and misinformation on social media had also resulted in vaccine hesitancy in the early days, but now "when Elders got the right information from the health service and Flying Doctors they

were happy to get the vaccine".

He said the radio station had played an integral part by bringing in experts from the police, health and other services to answer questions.

"We brought in our own professionals locally to talk about the agendas and issues. We could ask our questions. We had the police in, the general manager from the shire, and health organisations like the Flying Doctors and Maari Ma Health to talk about issues.

"Our employees were also the first ones to volunteer to get food out to the community. So they were not only providing information but also putting their hands up to make sure people have food, medical supplies, and were supported by other agencies like police."

Mr Adams said community members had also gone on kangaroo runs to get fresh meat for the community.

"Right now we're in a very serious situation and what I'm seeing is that we need to work with government, the police and the ADF so we can deal with this issue now," he said.

"But I'd also like to see that, once this COVID outbreak finishes, we need to work on a plan for further prevention, not just here but in Aboriginal communities across Australia."

Mr Adams also praised his community for their strength.

"We are so connected to family and land that people couldn't understand lockdown at the start and the community wasn't very compliant," he said.

"Now 85 to 90% of people are doing the right thing.

"Our people are taking it seriously and with the strength and

father, Budjiti Elder Phillip Eulo, have been receiving "distressing phone calls" from family and community members.

Her uncle told her he hadn't had his medication for three days. An aunt was airlifted to Dubbo after testing positive and is in intensive care.

Others said food hampers being delivered weren't suitable or sufficient.

"What's in them is not food that our mob eat," Ms Eulo said.

Mr Shillingsworth said his food had been dumped at the front of his house in the pouring rain and that dogs had eaten the meat before he found it.

Ms Eulo has now raised nearly \$4000 to get appropriate supplies to Enngonia, but said she's hit barriers with a new local emergency management committee.

It's a collaboration between NSW Police, NSW Health, and Maranguka, a justice reinvestment organisation in Bourke.

"I don't think the Aboriginal voice and especially the Aboriginal Elders' voices from these communities are being heard," she said.

"These kids are not used to being locked in four walls. These kids are out running around, going hunting with their fathers, uncles and aunts, and now they're stuck," Ms Eulo said.

"And if they're not getting the food that they need, then how's their physical health?"

Mr Shillingsworth described the mood in the town as "depression, aggression, frustration".

Federal Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney, a Wiradjuri woman, said it had taken weeks of effort from Labor to access localised figures regarding Indigenous vaccination rates from the Federal Government.

She said the latest data – which the Federal Government had resisted making public – showed that vaccination rates were as low as 13.77% in far west NSW; 15% in outback South Australia; 7% in outback Western Australia and 12% in Cairns and central Queensland.

"Today alone, we had four new cases in Wilcannia. There are now upwards of 80 people in Wilcannia, a town of 700, with COVID and there are upwards of 800 infections across the western region of NSW.

"It is too little too late – two and a half weeks late – to get mobile homes out to Wilcannia.

"Wilcannia has been crying out for the capacity to isolate for a very long time now."

Ms Burney said the actual vaccination rates of First Nations people across the country showed that the Federal Government had failed in its duty to protect First Nations people.

"The best way you can describe it is patchy. The worst way to describe it is incredibly worrying," she said.

"And no matter where you go, apart from the state of Victoria, the vaccination rates of First Nations people are way below the vaccination rates of the rest of community.

"With the vaccination rates that we are seeing nationally, it is an absolute worry about outbreaks in other communities." – with AAP



Robert Clayton and Brendon Adams near the end of the day.

resilience of this community, we are getting on top of it."

COVID-19 has also broken out in the north-west NSW town of Enngonia, which has a population of 150 and is an hour's drive from the nearest hospital, at Bourke.

Peter Shillingsworth, a 45-year-old Budjiti man, lives in Enngonia with his partner and five boys – one of whom tested positive for COVID-19 a few days ago.

"It is scary," he said. "I am very, very, very worried."

Despite the positive case, the family of seven remains in the same four-bedroom house.

Mr Shillingsworth said he only knows about the town's high case numbers because his local MP, Roy Butler, posted it on Facebook. Otherwise Enngonia's numbers are included in the count for Bourke.

By Mr Butler's count, Enngonia had 17 active cases by 7pm on Thursday. At least one more was reported on Friday, and another on Saturday.

Mr Shillingsworth's cousin, Kiara Eulo, believes case numbers are going to get higher.

Big families in the same house are common in Enngonia, said Ms Eulo, who lives in Maitland but has close kinship ties with Enngonia.

"It's not going to stop because you're not going to be able to do what the medical advice is and isolate."

She is worried by the high rate of co-morbidities amongst the Enngonia population, plus the mental health risk posed by isolation.

Ms Eulo's sister Ebony is running a GoFundMe campaign to raise funds for Aboriginal people in Enngonia.

Ebony Eulo says she and her

Kumaridha to the rescue

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHEN Gomeroi woman Cristal Walters first started getting messages from family and friends in Wilcannia about the COVID crisis there, she didn't know what to do.

"I was feeling so hopeless, seeing them really struggle," Cristal told the *Koori Mail*.

"My partner Daverick Lawson and his family are from Wilcannia and live in Wilcannia, so we were seeing how bad things were. Mob were struggling and not getting quality produce.

"I knew we needed to do something."

So Cristal, an educator from the Lake Macquarie region of NSW, got together with other members of the Kumaridha local AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) and they brainstormed.

"We put our heads together and decided we would raise money to buy and transport quality fresh food and use our local connections to do that," she said.

On Saturday, the food delivery of 22 pallets arrived – and boxes of fresh meat, fruit and vegetables were delivered direct to houses.

Kumaridha received donations of \$36,000 in eight days and with Aboriginal Health Service Maari Ma kicking in an extra \$7000 for transport, all money went directly to purchasing produce.

"My inbox is now getting messages with love hearts and thanks," Cristal said.

"It makes me want to cry."

Cristal was also able to educate her eastern NSW community about what is happening in western NSW.

"I felt so fortunate that our community was able to help," she said. "A lot of people were unaware what the community is facing in Wilcannia. The media is not exactly painting an accurate picture of how bad it is there.

"When you watch the numbers in the Premier's press conference at 11am, it's from a different perspective when you can put



Jarid Cattermole Jr and Kitana Cattermole are happy to receive some fresh fruit while their community is in lockdown.

names to those numbers.

"It's just hard being 11 hours away, sitting back seeing how much suffering there is.

"Before we did this, I was thinking, 'I've got a fridge full of food and they have nothing.'"

Cristal, like many others familiar with the situation in western NSW, is frustrated that governments didn't do enough to protect vulnerable Indigenous communities before this outbreak of the virus.

"There was a letter from Maari Ma Health Service given to Government 18 months ago, predicting what is happening right now.

"No one listened or heard what community were warning the Government about," she said.

"It's really bad. I don't think people understand how bad it is. People went to their local shop to buy a few supplies and caught

COVID, and others at the post office. They're just trying to survive daily life, and their health is at risk, particularly if they haven't had a vaccination.

"I'm deeply concerned about the lives that could be lost in Wilcannia, whether from people not having enough food – because they can't leave their homes – or potentially losing their life if they catch COVID.

"People can't go to Broken Hill like they normally would, 197km away to shop, because they're not allowed to leave the house.

"And the local prices are really high if they can afford food – and are prepared to risk getting COVID. It's not sustainable or safe."

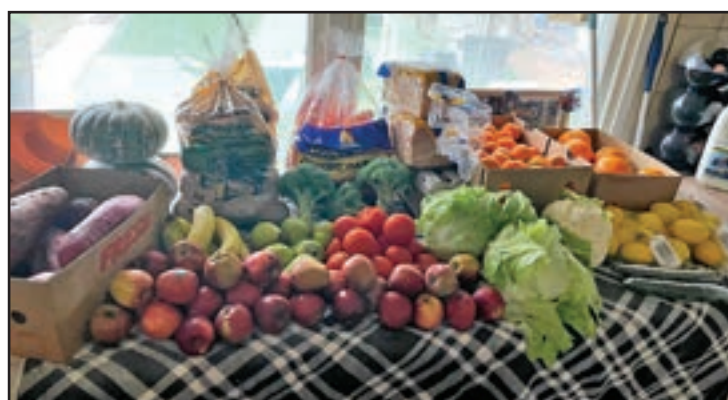
Cristal said she was both gratified and amazed that they'd been able to achieve so much so quickly and wanted to thank every single person and



Aunt Evelyn opens her box of fresh fruit and vegetables.



Aunt Erika might be in lockdown, but she's grateful.



Some of the food sent to Wilcannia, thanks to Kumaridha local AECG.

organisation who donated.

"My good friend Charlie-Sue Frail really kicked things off. She has a link with GHD, a global professional services company, with offices across NSW and Australia. They straight up donated \$22,300, providing \$100 per household of fresh produce.

"Leo from Fill and Carry – a local fruit and veg shop here – he was the one who was able to support logistics, doing the calculations with 223 houses in Wilcannia, wanting to provide a week's worth of food. How many tonnes of produce?"

"And he was able to negotiate and use his contacts at the Sydney fruit and veg markets so we were able to provide the best quality produce and save \$3000. He's been sensational.

"Leo has a mate in transport, from BNF Turner, who normally goes as far as Cobar, but he said,

'Because of what you guys are doing, how much suffering there is, I'm more than happy to go further.' So that meant we could transport straight from the Sydney Farmers Markets direct to Wilcannia.

"Crookwell Vet Services donated \$1000, Macarthur Gateway Resource from Cambelltown donated \$5000, community members donated whatever they could. It was just crazy.

"We were really fortunate that people see the urgency of providing fresh produce."

Cristal said that they were hoping to do another run and that anyone wanting to donate could make a deposit at –

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Coedie McAvoy, Nathan Baira and Jacob Wilson.



Adani's Carmichael mine threatens sacred springs



A GROUP of Wangan and Jagalingou cultural custodians last month held a ceremony at the edge of Adani's

Carmichael mine, calling for an immediate stop work at the mine site to protect the sacred Doongmabulla springs.

Spokesperson Coedie McAvoy said that they will stay at the site until Adani (now trading as Bravus Mining and Resources in Australia) stops work.

"We've come to a crucial point in our fight against the mine. Adani is draining the water table. It's impacting the Doongmabulla Springs," he said.

"If they keep going, we will lose these ancient and unique spring systems."

The ceremony at the mine site is called Waddananggu – which translates to 'the talking' in Wirldi language and is named after the bora circle as a place for talking.

"The ceremony is for our ancestor spirits that are out there and need to be called in from that



Wangan and Jagalingou people held a ceremony known as Waddananggu (the talking) near the Carmichael coal mine on their country.

pit area," Mr McAvoy said.

"This is also a talking circle for connecting and treatying with other tribes in the area.

"The experts are saying the

springs are dying, and we have to stop it.

"We've asked the Queensland Government to issue a stop work order to protect the springs, but

they're in too deep and are saying their hands are tied.

"So, as traditional owners, we need to stop this.

"We're putting our own stop

work order on Adani and saying we're not leaving until you leave."

Mr McAvoy said that the Wangan and Jagalingou group has been clear that they want the Queensland Government to respect their human rights and not interfere with their tribal lore.

In May, the Queensland Police Service issued an apology to Mr McAvoy and other Wangan and Jagalingou people for not allowing them to practise their culture on their traditional lands.

In June, Bravus announced that they had struck coal and exposed the first coal seam at the mine, following more than a decade of controversy, including many court battles with Wangan and Jagalingou people.

Bravus chief executive David Boshoff said India – where the parent company, mining giant Adani is based – will be a foundation customer for the Carmichael mine.

"We're on track to export first coal this year, and despite reaching this significant milestone, we will not take our eyes off our larger goal of getting coal to market," he said.

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Wangan and Jagalingou call for mine stop work



WANGAN and Jagalingou tribal leader Adrian Burragubba had a message for Indian mining giant Adani last week.

"Wangan and Jagalingou people are telling Adani to walk away and don't come back," he said at a protest outside the Queensland Parliament in Brisbane.

"We're fighting against corruption, lies, deception, coercion and the rape of our land."

The Queensland Government is being urged to intervene to ensure Bravus' controversial coal mine project is not draining a nearby nationally significant wetland.

About 100 protesters rallied outside State Parliament to call for the Government to investigate the Carmichael mine and rail project in central Queensland.

The \$2 billion project is being built by Indian-owned Bravus Mining and Resources, formerly known as Adani Australia.

"We're on the frontline in the fight against this massive mine – not only that but the Government that is trying to dehumanise our people and take away our rights," Mr Burragubba said.

"If the Queensland Government doesn't stop work on the mine immediately and get an independent investigation into the use of water, we will take the Queensland Government to court.

"Once and for all, we're going to put an end to this.

"Our religion, our culture and our beliefs are all connected to the water. It's the Dreaming story.

"Our story is the beginning and the water comes from Doongmabulla Springs.

"That's why I fight to do the things I do.

"I'm fighting to protect our religion and who we are as a people."

A group of Wangan and Jagalingou people and supporters have set up camp on country, saying they will stay until work at the mine is stopped (see story, opposite page).

"My son is out on country at the moment and Adani is intimidating



Adrian Burragubba addresses a crowd of protesters outside Queensland Parliament House last week. Mr Burragubba is calling on the State Government to halt mining at the Bravus (formerly Adani Australia) Carmichael Coalmine to investigate water usage and the effects on the sacred Doongmabulla Springs. Picture: Alex Bainbridge

and threatening them and trying to get them to leave our land," Mr Burragubba said.

"Discrimination and racism are rife in this state.

"They moved our family off their land by gunpoint. They murdered my grandparents. They took our land and then they go out there and they thief our land and they gave it to Adani and they ignored our human rights.

"We're not going to stand for it any more.

"This has got to stop.

"It will be a catastrophe every bit as destructive to our culture, and as hurtful to our people, as the blasting of the caves at the Juukan Gorge (in Western Australia by mining giant Rio Tinto)."

Land and water, he said, is inseparable from Indigenous culture and extracting

groundwater locks in future environmental damage.

"We have raised many times that the Adani mine breaches our human rights, as there was no free, prior, and informed consent for the issuing of the mining leases and that our lands and waters are in peril," Mr Burragubba said.

which could be expanded to six times that size.

It is also building a rail line that will be opened to other companies if it gets the tick of approval to mine coal in the region.

Bravus said in a statement that the occupants are in breach of legal and safety obligations, and "do not represent the majority of native title claimants".

It says it is committed to delivering on its responsibilities under the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) and associated Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

"While we acknowledge that individual Wangan and Jagalingou community members may have their own personal views as to our operations, we continue to engage with those members who are formally appointed to represent

"Wangan and Jagalingou people are telling Adani to walk away and don't come back."

– Adrian Burragubba

"The Queensland Government and Adani's investors are responsible for the terrible impacts occurring on our country and to our sacred sites and they must respect our human rights."

Bravus is building a 10 million tonne-a-year capacity thermal coal mine in the Galilee Basin,

their community," the company statement said.

"Mr Burragubba and his supporters are not above the law and are not entitled to special treatment ahead of the authorised native title representatives for the Wangan and Jagalingou people.

"In line with our commitment to traditional owners, they are welcome to access the pastoral lease area to conduct traditional activities. However, due to obvious safety issues, this does not extend to the mining lease or the Carmichael mine."

The company says it has notified "relevant authorities" and work on site is unaffected.

The Wangan and Jagalingou Nagana Yarrbayn Cultural Custodians raised the alarm over environmental practices by Adani Mining (Bravus) in July.

Lawyers from the Environmental Defenders Office, acting for the traditional owners, lodged a complaint with the Queensland Government regarding Adani's groundwater use leading to devastating impacts on the sacred Doongmabulla Springs.

The complaint included a report by RMIT University hydrogeologist Matthew Currell, which concluded that baseline groundwater data compiled by Adani was not adequate to protect the springs, or fully comply with the mine's approval conditions.

The Queensland Government took no action and is continuing to allow Adani to drain groundwater, which has led to a drop in the water level of 50m at one aquifer on Adani's mining lease.

Water experts and traditional owners fear that the drop in water levels may have already resulted in irreversible damage to the sacred Doongmabulla Springs.

The battle over the proposed coal mine has been the subject of numerous court actions for years and has seen rifts between traditional owners; the Federal Coalition Government change the *Native Title Act*, with the support of the Labor Opposition; and the Queensland Government extinguish native title on part of Wangan and Jagalingou country.

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Shelley shares her passion of helping Blak businesses

By DARREN COYNE



SHELLEY Cable is on a mission. As the chief executive of the Minderoo Foundation's

Generation One initiative, the 26-year-old Wilman-Noongar woman from Perth wants to help 300,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into work within the next 20 years.

"We focus on supporting employers – large employers in particular – around Australia to improve their Indigenous employment and create parity (where the proportion of Aboriginal people employed is equal to the proportion of the population – about 3%) in their organisations," Ms Cable said.

"And we support Indigenous Australians to become entrepreneurs and create their own jobs, to grow and scale their business."

Ms Cable said the Indigenous business sector held the key to improving employment outcomes for Aboriginal people.

"Indigenous businesses are up to 100 times more likely to employ Indigenous Australians than any other businesses," she said.

As part of that strategy, the Minderoo Foundation has partnered with the recently launched Dilin Duwa Centre for Indigenous Business Leadership at the University of Melbourne.

The name Dilin Duwa means 'everlasting flow' in the Woi Wurrung language of the Wurundjeri people, on whose lands the centre is located.

It signifies the convergence of three streams of activities – teaching/programs, research and engagement – into impact.

And that might all sound like a massive task, but Ms Cable is no newcomer to taking on big challenges.

As the granddaughter of AFL Hall of Famer Barry Cable, she was raised to believe in the value of hard work and



Wilman-Noongar woman Shelley Cable is passionate about creating employment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

commitment. Her CV reflects those lessons learnt.

She graduated high school with the second highest ATAR rank of any Indigenous student in WA's history, receiving the Rob Riley Memorial Prize in 2011 for her effort.

The next year she won Curtin University's most prestigious

scholarship for all undergraduate students, going on to become one of less than 100 Indigenous certified practising accountants in Australia.

After graduating, she began working with Shell Australia as that company's first Indigenous graduate, and in 2016 she won

the Miss NAIDOC Perth competition.

That same year, she left a job at Shell Australia to focus on community duties.

During that time, Ms Cable completed an Ironman triathlon aged just 18, and also partnered with Brianna Ozies to be the first Indigenous duo to swim the 20-kilometre Rottneest Channel.

The historic swim was an important cultural journey as it aimed to bring awareness to the island's taboo past as an Aboriginal men's prison, and the site of the country's largest number of deaths in custody.

In 2017, Ms Cable was invited to attend the United Nations and presented to the UN's Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on how financial empowerment can help protect and express human rights.

Her Noongar community chose her that year as a representative to the Uluru Summit, which developed the Statement from the Heart, which calls for structural reform and constitutional change based on voice, treaty and truth.

A graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Ms Cable was also a finalist in the 2017 and 2018 Western Australian of the Year Awards, and winner of the WA Young Achiever Awards leadership category in 2018.

In September 2019, she took up the role as chief executive of Generation One, four years after winning Generation One's 'CEO for a Day' competition.

There's no doubt it's been a rapid rise for the 26-year-old, and not without major challenges, especially in recent times.

Like organisations across Australia, Ms Cable has had to adapt to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Australian business sector.

Staying connected with those impacts across the country has been a key focus.

"In WA we are so lucky.

Mining and construction is going well and big contracts are being announced for Indigenous businesses whereas on the east coast the travel industry has been decimated and many businesses are offering their services online," she said.

"But our businesses are always adaptable. People are struggling, but finding a way to survive."

For example, despite 10 years in the making, the recent launch of the Dilin Duwa Centre went ahead as a zoom (video) call. And just last week, she was one of the 'stand out' speakers at the virtual 2021 Governance Institute National Conference.

Ms Cable said keeping the Indigenous business sector connected and flourishing required supporting "the wealth of talent" in Indigenous communities.

She said the newly formed centre would be running master classes online that supported Indigenous entrepreneurs, focusing on areas such as Angel investors as a way of raising venture capital.

Another focus was closing the data gap that exists in relation to Indigenous employment in Australia, which sees Generation One and other organisations across the country having to work with outdated data.

She said the Dilin Duwa centre would be a great starting point for Indigenous people interested in getting involved in the business sector.

It would also serve as a primary resource for governments and corporations, providing previously unavailable research and data to inform policy and provide insights into procurement and Indigenous engagement activities.

"The Indigenous business sector contributes billions of dollars to our economy, and demand for Indigenous goods and services continues to grow," she said.



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Right to write the wrongs



A TASMANIAN researcher who is documenting the removal and destruction of some of the earliest examples of rock art dating back 14,000 years is the recipient of the 2021 Australian Academy of the Humanities' John Mulvaney Fellowship.

A proud Pakana woman, Zoe Rimmer is currently completing her PhD on Tasmanian Aboriginal activism in cultural institutions. Winning the fellowship will allow Zoe to expand her studies and enable her to visit the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and other museums in Canberra to continue her groundbreaking work.

The John Mulvaney Fellowship is presented to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander early career researchers and PhD students working in any area of the humanities and is designed to support recipients to undertake research fieldwork in Australia or overseas. Emeritus Professor John Mulvaney was often described as 'the father of Australian archaeology'.

The main objective of Zoe's research is to investigate and document the Aboriginal community campaign in Tasmania for the repatriation of ancestral remains and cultural material from the 1970s onwards. It also tracks the impact this campaign has had on both museum practice and the revival of community cultural identity, spirituality and practice. "A major component of this



Pakana woman Zoe Rimmer in south-west Tasmania. Picture: Jillian Mundy

study, and the focus of my fellowship application, is the Preminghana petroglyphs, the collection of slabs of engravings taken in the 1950s by the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery and by the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) in 1962, and the current unfolding repatriation of these to the Aboriginal community and country," Zoe said.

Petroglyphs are rock carvings

made by etching a rock surface using a stone chisel and a hammerstone to create designs on a rock's surface.

There is a special significance in Zoe being presented with the Academy's 2021 Fellowship.

In 1963, archaeologist John Mulvaney, after whom the award is named, visited north-western Tasmania knowing that TMAG had recently removed a large slab of the engravings from Preminghana

(then known as Mount Cameron West).

"He was 'absolutely shocked' by what he saw: 'They had sawn off the face of the carvings' and there 'were bits of carvings lying all around, all broken'," Zoe said.

"He condemned the museum's 'removal' of the petroglyphs as a deplorable destruction of some of the most important examples of early rock art in the world, and of a site of deep cultural significance.

Mulvaney's outrage effectively stopped TMAG from cutting further panels out of the petroglyph site and led him to involve the Aboriginal Institute ... to undertake extensive excavation and documentation of the site in 1969."

This ended more than a century of "amateur-led collecting and archaeology in Tasmania" and instigated new research that recognised the deep cultural significance of the island and its original inhabitants.

It also influenced the development of government legislation intended to protect Aboriginal heritage.

Zoe says the decision by TMAG in late 2019, to repatriate the Preminghana petroglyphs, followed in February this year by the museum's formal apology to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community for their treatment of ancestral remains, shows a remarkable transformation.

In congratulating Zoe on her Fellowship, Academy president Professor Lesley Head said it gave her great pleasure to recognise and support the work of a young Indigenous researcher whose project work is so closely aligned to John Mulvaney, albeit nearly five decades later.

"Zoe's project is original, timely, much-needed and significant in documenting a sad part of our recent history," Professor Head said.

"Importantly, it also captures the positive results of a community-driven campaign which has helped right this terrible wrong."

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Ngunya Jarjum nurtures kids and culture caring for country

By KIRK PAGE



NGUNYA Jarjum (Our Children) was established in 1995 by Bundjalung Elders and

community members to address the crisis and need for more Aboriginal kinship and foster carers in North-East NSW.

Wiradjuri woman Michelle Rogers is head of programs at Ngunya Jarjum.

"The service is important because we try and keep family on country and within their own families and kinship systems wherever possible," she said.

"Twenty-five years ago the organisation was established and this came about because there were kids being placed with strangers and off of country.

"Kinship care is our main aim, where families can become carers rather than the kids being fostered out with strangers.

"There's been many shifts within the organisation; we are excited about the new activities.

"This current project is really exciting, planting native plants from the area and we have a talk and walk tour, which is a great new program where we share with the carers and families about the specific history and important sites and landmarks around the area.

"We are looking to take activities out to communities in the Northern Rivers region such as Jubullum, Jubal and Bonalbo, where the communities will get the chance to plant native species to revitalise land areas that have been impacted by bushfires and the damage that's been caused.

"We started to think about the symbiotic relationship of the land and the people and how do we get the jarjums to



Jarjums (children) with bush tucker seedlings they're about to plant on Bundjalung country. This photograph has been used for illustrative purposes only and is not intended to imply the children are in care. Picture: Michelle Rogers

heal the land and to heal ourselves?

"We wanted to encourage the conversations with our young ones and create space for the older ones in the community to share their wisdom and knowledge of our plants and their many uses.

"We thought we could create a program that encourages our youth to connect with Elders and our knowledges through planting our native trees and bush foods and plants."

The organisation has

grown from a small Aboriginal foster care support agency to one of the largest Aboriginal community-controlled designated agencies under the NSW Office of Children's Guardian.

Ngunya Jarjum is tasked to provide culturally appropriate care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in statutory out-of-home care, and they work within the Bundjalung Nation encompassing the Clarence, Richmond and Tweed valley areas, including

Lismore and Ballina.

Ngunya Jarjum has received funding for programs that benefit the community, the young kids and their families, and Michelle and the team are thrilled to get the support that's needed to lift the spirits of the families involved with the carers program and to help develop new programs.

"When our young people plant the trees with our Elders, it encourages the exchange of knowledge that can be passed on," Michelle

said.

"Healing our country and the nation will take time, like the growing of a tree."

The programs are designed to engage the families with activities that promote culture learning with support from Elders and case workers, bringing them all together.

Working in collaboration with Ngulingah Land Council in Lismore and their nursery, the organisation has ordered up to 600 plants and will begin the process of healing country with the new programs and activities.

"We thank Ngulingah Nursery for their collaboration and great planning in preparing the plants, and the National Indigenous Australians Agency for the funding opportunity to support 'Healing Country - Healing our Nations' through their NAIDOC funding," Michelle said.

"We're getting the plants, putting them in the ground, then nurturing and caring for them - as Bundjalung people have done for tens of thousands of years before us. "It keeps healing alive and shares the fruits of our labour."

Plants will be distributed through our casework staff during home visits with jarjums, through community drop offs, and also left with local Aboriginal organisations.

"NAIDOC gatherings have needed to be postponed due to recent COVID outbreaks. We are looking forward to sharing the many native plants such as native tamarind and pigface, plum pine, fingerlime, bolwarra, whalebone and rose myrtle," Michelle said.

"We will be giving the plants to specific communities such as Jubal. Jubullum and Tabulam will also be targeted as they continue to recover from bushfire and flooding events of recent years."

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Rolfe trial delayed again



THE trial of a Northern Territory policeman accused of murdering a Warlpiri teenager during an attempted arrest in Yuendumu has been postponed for the third time.

Constable Zachary Rolfe, 30, has pleaded not guilty to murdering Kumanjayi Walker, 19, in November 2019.

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

Rolfe was scheduled to stand trial in the NT Supreme Court in Darwin on August 23.

But 60 minutes before the proceedings were due to start the High Court granted the prosecution's application for a stay order.

Justice Jacqueline Gleeson granted the stay until September 10 when an application for special leave to the High Court will be heard.

Samara Fernandez-Brown, Kumanjayi Walker's cousin, said his family was happy with the High Court decision.

The prosecution is seeking to appeal a recent legal decision by a full bench of the NT Supreme Court related to Rolfe's defence.

Prosecutor Philip Strickland says the decision to allow Rolfe's legal team to use three separate defences before the jury, including the immunity clause in



Samara Fernandez-Brown, Kumanjayi Walker's cousin, outside the NT Supreme Court in Darwin.
Picture: AAP Image

the NT *Police Administration Act*, was wrong.

He said it was not consistent with the criminal code, which require a police officer's actions to be reasonable for immunity to apply. He said the criminal code's reasonableness provision was

designed to protect the public from the excessive use of force.

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

Justice Gleeson noted it was a "matter of significant public importance, and that the Crown had substantial prospects of

obtaining a grant of special leave to appeal, and that there were exceptional circumstances warranting a stay pending the determination of the application".

Rolfe is charged with murder and the alternative counts of manslaughter and engaging in a

violent act causing death.

NT Supreme Court Acting-Justice Dean Mildren enlarged his bail ahead of a directions hearing for his criminal trial on September 13, three days after the High Court hears submissions for the special leave application.

Justice Mildren formally discharged the jury, saying Rolfe's trial was unlikely to be heard until December.

Outside court, Mr Strickland said he hoped the proceedings could be brought on before the end of the year.

Rolfe's trial has previously been postponed twice by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first time was in July when the Crown's interstate prosecution team found themselves unable to travel to the NT from virus-ravaged Sydney.

It was later rescheduled to August 18 after Mr Strickland agreed to fly to Darwin to undertake two weeks' quarantine at Howard Springs.

But it was further postponed when parts of the Top End were plunged into a three-day lockdown on August 16 after an infected US man travelled from Sydney to Darwin.

When the trial goes ahead it is expected to run for three weeks with about 50 witnesses and experts.

Darwin is about 1500 kilometres north of Yuendumu.

—AAP



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Police have new tool to improve understanding



A NEW Aboriginal language interpreting app will be rolled out to every Western Australian police officer in a bid to improve relations between the force and Indigenous communities.

The 'Yarning' app allows officers to select from eight Aboriginal languages and play aloud key messages relating to issues including rights in custody and the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is hoped it will improve understanding among Aboriginal people who do not speak English as their first language, particularly those in remote communities.

The app, developed with the assistance of Aboriginal Interpreting WA, will be rolled out to all serving officers.

WA Police Commissioner Chris Dawson says the app, which has been trialled in WA's Pilbara region, is the first of its kind in Australia.

"By providing key messages in Aboriginal languages we are being fair and showing the care we have for that community," he said.

"The app has the ability to be scaled up to include new messaging which means we can get critical key messages, for example in emergency situations, in the hands of police officers to share with Aboriginal communities quickly."

Development is underway to add a further three languages.

WA Police said the app had been endorsed by senior Aboriginal community members and agencies including the Aboriginal Legal Service.

Police Minister Paul Papalia said it would provide a quality interpretive service for "every Aboriginal language and dialect in the state".

"The use of this app will strengthen relationships between police and the Aboriginal community by enhancing respect and understanding for Aboriginal people and their culture," he said.

Mr Dawson formally apologised to Aboriginal people in 2018 for their history of mistreatment



A newly developed app that interprets eight Aboriginal languages will be rolled out to every police officer in Western Australia in a bid to improve relations between police and Indigenous communities. Development is underway to add a further three languages to the 'Yarning' app.

by police, promising to take steps to "heal historical wounds".

Thousands protested in Perth last year against Aboriginal deaths in custody, including that of Ms Dhu, a Yamatji woman who died in 2014 after being locked up in South Hedland for unpaid fines.

She was later found to have been treated inhumanely.

More than 780 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages are identified in the Gambay interactive map published by First Languages Australia.

About 20 are used daily by fluent speakers, according to the group. —AAP

NT grows remote teachers



A PROGRAM has been providing educational opportunities and graduating Indigenous teachers for remote Indigenous schools in the Northern Territory since 2009.

The Growing Our Own program recently graduated three Indigenous students from Charles Darwin University (CDU) with a Bachelor of Education Primary, while 10 graduated with a higher education Diploma or Bachelor of Education Studies.

The program has an impressive 67% retention rate and a 90% employment rate, considerably higher than national standards.

Growing Our Own is a joint project

between CDU and Catholic Education Northern Territory (CENT), with funding from the Federal Government which ran from 2009 to 2020, when 24 students graduated with a teaching degree.

Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic School teacher Rachel Puantulura, the last teacher to graduate from the program, said she feels privileged to teach in her home community of Wurrumiyanga (Nguu) on Bathurst Island in the Tiwi Islands.

"I started as a teacher's aid and now I'm graduating from CDU with a Bachelor of Education Primary," she said. "I'm so happy to be working here. I'm born and bred, and my family and friends are here. This is my home."

Program coordinator Dr Cris

Edmonds-Wathen, CDU College of Indigenous Futures, Education, and the Arts, Senior Lecturer in Education, said it focused on upskilling existing local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander assistant teachers, teacher aides and school staff by enrolling them in the Bachelor of Education Primary through CDU.

"Most lecturing and studying was done on site and contextualised to make it more accessible for students who could not leave the community due to family commitments," she said.

"We graduated fully qualified Indigenous teachers for remote Indigenous schools while maintaining the intercultural aspirations of Indigenous communities in the NT."



Some of the many Indigenous students who participated in the Growing Our Own program in the NT.

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How to apply

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- positions available in Adelaide, Canberra and Penrith
- successful candidates commence February 2022

Applications are open from **6 September 2021** until **1 October 2021** on the Australian Public Service Commission website www.apsc.gov.au/SchoolLeaver

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Joe Williams, third from left, appears in documentary *A Matter of Life and Death*, hosted by Osher Gunsberg, fourth from left.

Mental health is priority for Joe Williams

By KIRK PAGE



DESPITE forging a successful professional career in football and a boxing, Joe Williams battled the majority of his life with suicidal ideation and bipolar disorder.

Joe is a proud Wiradjuri/Wolgalu man born in Cowra and raised in Wagga Wagga, NSW. Joe played in the National Rugby League for South Sydney Rabbitohs, Penrith Panthers and Canterbury Bulldogs, achieving great things in his sport.

It was during his football career that he suffered his first concussion, which triggered negative dialogue in his mind that plagued him for most of his life.

"I remember from the age of 13 this narrative would be playing out in my thoughts and at the same time trying to juggle what was going on mentally and emotionally and at the same time chasing my football dream," Joe said.

"There were intersections and crossovers of addiction, trying to hide, escape and run away from the pain inside my head then, on top of that, trying to anchor myself with my football. I was lucky to still achieve the things I did in my career.

"It's been an adventure. I've spent a lifetime trying to work myself out on this journey of healing."

"I attribute connection to the land as my medicine – my therapy. Too many times it's worked for me not to believe it," Joe said.

Joe's purpose now is to create healthy dialogue for people who struggle with mental illness.

'The Enemy Within' is a platform Joe has developed that brings awareness to the wider community through workshops, public speaking and audio books.

The programs and forums bring a focus on suicide prevention and wellbeing education – lifting the veil and bringing this very common issue to light.

Joe will appear soon on SBS TV as a part of *Australia Uncovered*, which screens weekly from Sunday, September 12, and looks at a range of issues. *A Matter of Life and Death* hosted by Osher Gunsberg is one of the new documentaries exploring diversity and equality in contemporary Australia.

A Matter of Life and Death looks at new treatments and approaches to healing and some of the issues surrounding mental health and suicidal ideation. Joe appears on the program with members of his community sharing his own healing practices with the show's host.



Joe Williams and Osher Gunsberg.

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"The conversation around mental health is happening more than it did 15 years ago – no one talked about it then," Joe said.

"Many people we know are going through the same thing. Talking about it gives a voice to the voiceless and helps others to gain confidence in speaking about their own challenges.

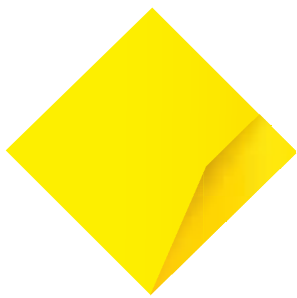
"I made a promise to myself after I had come through some dark times that I would commit to making a difference. I set out to do this and realised that helping other people really helps me – by showing compassion care and love for others.

"Every action I do, I base it around five values – love, humility, respect, care and compassion. When I'm making decisions and if my choices do not line up with those values, then I don't do it.

"I've been asked who is my greatest influence and I said, 'I am.' We all know the difference between right and wrong or what's best for us for the immediate future. We need to start tapping into ourselves a bit more. I always encourage others to reach out for help but I also think we should lean on ourselves a bit more.

"In moments of overwhelm I can find solace in the silence – for me it's a form of mindfulness or meditation, learning to be still with my mind stops the chaos in my mind.

"If you think about it, people will often say, 'I need some quiet time.' To really sit and listen to our thoughts, that's when our true self speaks to us – we have to find the time to do this for ourselves."



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Beau James begins a new act at the Sydney Opera House

By KIRK PAGE



FIRST Nations curator producer and performer Beau James is from the Mununjali clan of the

Yugambeh Nation from south-east Queensland with family connections to Minjerribah (Stradbroke Island).

This year, Beau has taken up a new role at the Sydney Opera House as the head of First Nations programming.

Beau has been an active member of the arts sector beginning their career in Brisbane. Beau has worked as a company director, circus artist, physical theatre and cabaret performer, and was the co-founder and director of their own circus company, Circus Minimus, in Brisbane for 10 years.

Circus Minimus worked with Queensland-based community organisations such as Mununjali Jymbi housing, Access Arts, Flipside Circus and developed shows *Outside the Square* and *Behind Closed Bars* with the youth at risk through Sisters Inside.

Working collaboratively with communities, artists and art centres throughout Australia and internationally, Beau has curated



Head of First Nations programming at the Sydney Opera House Beau James. Picture: Daniel Boud

innovative exhibitions and programs and sourced exciting new works intertwining the traditional with the contemporary to explore First Nations culture.

Beau's exhibition *Gapu-Monuk Saltwater: Journey to Sea Country* has been a major award winner including International Museums

and Heritage Award for International Project of the Year in 2019, Museums and Galleries National Award for Indigenous project or Keeping Place in 2018, and the International Design and Communications Award for Best Scenography for a Temporary Exhibition, also in 2018.

In this new role, Beau will lead a national and international cultural agenda advancing and championing First Nations peoples, cultures, places, knowledge and narratives.

The Opera House's First Nations Program was launched in 2012 by trailblazing arts curator

and cultural knowledge keeper Rhoda Roberts.

Under Beau's leadership, the Opera House's year-round First Nations program will continue to celebrate the richness, diversity and vibrancy of First Nations culture.

"I am very excited and honoured to be stepping into the position of head of First Nations programming at the Opera House and continuing to build on the legacy of the brilliant Rhoda Roberts," Beau said.

"I'm looking forward to programming First Nations artists and using this platform to drive real cultural change in the arts and society by truth-telling for First Nations voices and increasing their visibility.

"Through all my work I strive to highlight Aboriginal culture and life within the LGBTQIA+ community by engaging with issues such as culture, race, gender, and sexuality."

One of the events Beau will be involved with at the Opera House is the seventh Dance Rites festival, Australia's First Nations dance competition that celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island dance and cultures.

This year the event will be held online, as it was last year, but promises to be just as engaging and inspiring.



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Strong Brother, Strong Sister runs surfing programs as part of their one-on-one mentoring.

Youth support gets stronger

By KIRK PAGE



PROUD Yorta Yorta man Cormach Evans grew up on Wadawurrung country close to the magnificent Bell's Beach.

Cormach is the founder and creator of Strong Brother, Strong Sister, an Aboriginal youth mentoring organisation in regional Victoria.

Founded in May 2017, when Cormach was only 27, Strong Brother, Strong Sister creates culturally appropriate safe spaces for Aboriginal young people so that they can achieve excellence and succeed when it comes to challenging times. The organisation runs youth groups, one-on-one mentoring programs and suicide prevention programs.

The organisation also works with Elders, families, schools, sporting clubs, child protection, corrections and other services throughout the Geelong region to provide support to individuals or families experiencing gambling-related harm.

Strong Brother Strong Sister has recently been selected to deliver the Djilang Gambling Awareness Program, which will provide support to young people affected by gambling activities.

"We want to support all of our young ones by giving them opportunities to ensure that no one is left behind," Cormach said. "If we can connect our kids who aren't connected to a strong and healthy lifestyle and strengthen their resilience through a sense of belonging and identity, we see great outcomes. Doing it this way allows gambling to not be an option."

It's apparent that Cormach believes in the power of positive mentors and is not afraid to put himself out there to create change in the community.

He saw there was a need to transform situations and prioritise his community and through his experience working as a healthcare worker Cormach became a mentor.

"I worked as a healthcare worker with mental health and saw a lot of barriers in place that



Strong Brother, Strong Sister founder Cormach Evans.

should have been easier to overcome," he said.

"I saw emerging Elders passing away at a young age in their mid fifties and this was continually happening and I wanted to find a way to shift this. I began to look at how we could transform this by looking to our young people, so they could lead a healthy and strong and culturally connected life.

"There is a lot of feedback from community to focus on early and preventative support for our young ones and we applied for funds to help ground the program and now have the resources that allow us to do this.

"We want to keep our youth engaged through connecting with culture and educating them through returning to country with healthy mentors."

The Aboriginal-owned and

Woorangalook Aboriginal State Surfing Titles with young people from the Strong Brother, Strong Sister Koorie Youth Group.

-run organisation offers one-on-one mentoring to Aboriginal young people in out-of-home care with group workshops for schools, leadership programs and an Aboriginal surfing team.

The programs have connected with more than 450 Aboriginal young people in Victoria over the past 12 months.

Building this organisation from the ground up has required commitment, generosity and hard work, and Cormach says that he has rallied some fantastic support as the organisation expands its services and its reach.

"Partnering with the Cotton On Foundation, we have secured a space – a massive warehouse that we want to turn into a youth hub," he said.

"It's run by our young people with consulting rooms where youth can connect with each other and specialist councillor support. It's an exciting time for the organisation and we are proud to say that all of our programs are run by young people and the youth get to see us lead by example.

"Hopefully we will see the organisation continue and keep the building as a gathering place.

"It started from a group of young kids that we invested in from their early teens and now we see some of them leading the way – becoming youth workers themselves so we are really proud and it seems we are creating obtainable goals."

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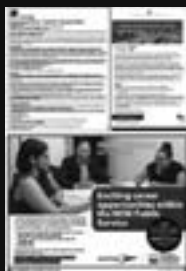
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Quote



"... if I had a magic wand, I'd want all these children (in out-of-home care) to be placed back home with family, so they don't lose that culture and identity."

— Cephia Williams, grandmother, foster carer and child/family advocate

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Governments are playing catch up

AS the COVID pandemic continues to spread throughout parts of the country, what is being brutally revealed is the lack of resources available for vulnerable Indigenous communities in remote areas.

The western NSW outbreak, which has resulted in the State Government having to accept assistance from the Australian Defence Force, shows just how inadequate preparations have been in remote areas. And while some in the government are blaming vaccine hesitancy as the reason for low vaccination rates in some of these communities, that really is a case of victim shaming.

The real problem has been the lack of foresight from both the state and federal governments.

The Federal Government must be held account for failing to acquire enough vaccines in the first place, and for failing to deliver adequate quarantine facilities after the virus found its way into the country. The NSW Government, unlike its Victorian and Queensland counterparts, has been hesitant to go hard with lockdowns, resulting in the virus escaping Sydney into more remote areas.

As for the decision to take vaccines from remote areas to give to HSC students in Sydney... Well, that just shows that the NSW Government has given little priority to remote areas. In Dubbo and surrounds, for example, local Aboriginal-led service providers have been sounding the warning bells for more than a year, and yet are now forced to try in their best way to meet challenges such as food shortages, and



the lack of basic health services.

And while the relative isolation of those remote communities may have contributed to a slow uptake of vaccines in the early days, mixed messages from politicians since, coupled with inadequate supply of vaccines, have created conditions for the perfect COVID storm.

Meanwhile, calls to release prisoners from overcrowded jails appear to have also fallen on the deaf ears of authorities, especially in NSW.

There is no doubt that a prison is the last place anyone would want to be during a pandemic that is wiping out people across the world.

Overcrowding, a lack of basic personal protection equipment such as masks and sanitisers, and the continued movement of prisoners from one facility to the next are making prisoners, and their families, very nervous.

Advocates have long argued that if there was ever a time for the release of non-violent inmates, now is that time.

As Greens MP David Shoebridge said: "Nobody is meant to be sentenced to death in NSW but with so many prisoners having serious health complications, especially First Nations people, doing nothing is just that."

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Straight talk through the language of dance

By KIRK PAGE



DANCE company Marrugeku is an unparalleled presence in the Australian arts scene, dedicated to Indigenous and other Australians working together to develop new dance languages that are restless, transformative and unwavering.

Jurrungu Ngan-ga (Straight Talk) is the company's latest dance work.

Marrugeku is based in Broome, Western Australia. Yawuru/Bardi woman Dalisa Pigram is a leading force in the company and one half of the artistic team that creates the dance theatre work along with collaborator and dramaturg/director Rachael Swain.

Working together since 1994, they conceive and facilitate Marrugeku's productions and research laboratories, introducing audiences to the unique and potent structures of Indigenous knowledge systems and the compelling experience of intercultural performance.

"Marrugeku's meaning comes from the Kunwinjku people who had been working together with us in the 90s. The word translates to 'clever people'," Dalisa said.

"We were up on stilts during the making of a show and perhaps because of the nature of the images and the skills it takes to stay up and not fall down that must have seemed 'clever', and also being up high created a special energy. The dance form we were using was close to the spirits and the old people."

Working from bicoastal operations in Broome and the urban Centre of Carriageworks, Sydney, Marrugeku harnesses the dynamic of performance exchange drawn from remote, urban, intercultural and trans-Indigenous approaches to expand the possibilities of contemporary dance.

Marrugeku's productions, including *Mimi* (1996), *Crying Baby* (2001), *Burning Daylight* (2006) and *Buru* (2010), have toured throughout urban and remote Australia and throughout the world.

Dalisa's first solo work, *Gudirr Gudirr*, premiered in 2013 and won the prestigious Australian Dance award in 2014 for most outstanding independent dance work.

Since then Dalisa has toured her solo show across Australia, Europe, the UK and Canada and at the Tjibaou Cultural Centre in Nouméa.

"Coming from Broome and being a part of the Pigram family, music and performance has always been a part of my



Yawuru/Bardi woman Dalisa Pigram.

"We talked about how this concept of straight talk could apply to wider Australia and how we have never really had this kind of direct communication, and what is it that holds us back. Is it fear of cultural difference? There is something there that has stopped us from true reconciliation and moving forward as a nation."

— Dalisa Pigram

life," she said. "That influence has been with me from both sides of my family."

"I can remember hearing many stories as a kid that always had some kind of message and meaning. Those stories always interested me so I have developed my storytelling talent from there."

"I was always pretty active as a kid and later in my teenage years I was captivated by things like flipping and the challenge of achieving those kinds of tricks."

Jurrungu Ngan-ga was set to run for a season in Sydney in August but the COVID-19 restrictions have seen the show postponed.

Jurrungu Ngan-ga – meaning Straight Talk in Yawuru dialect – reflects on the disproportionate number of Indigenous people in custody and firsthand descriptions of life inside Australia's

immigration detention centres.

"The title of the new work comes from a kinship term within my language group, from the Yawuru people. It is inspired by lore and how mother-in-law and son-in-law are not allowed to speak directly to one another or straight to each other," Dalisa said.

"We often begin with concepts for our new work having conversations between ourselves and our cultural dramaturg Patrick Dodson."

"We talked about how this concept of straight talk could apply to wider Australia and how we have never really had this kind of direct communication and what is it that holds us back. Is it fear of cultural difference? There is something there that has stopped us from true reconciliation and moving forward as a nation."

"During the development of

Jurrungu Ngan-ga we wondered how we approach this narrative and how to put this fear on stage. Around the same time we saw the images of a young boy in Don Dale detention centre and how our young people were being incarcerated and how it's a part of that fear and misunderstanding."

"This relates to how we essentially come from this penal colony structure of locking people up – that which you fear is a part of our psyche as Australians."

"As we continued this yarn, there was an important connection made between how we treat our refugees and First People in this country – the dehumanising spaces that strip people of their identity and self worth."

"This nation is quite good at that and it's shameful."

Dalisa said that one of the

inspirations for *Jurrungu Ngan-ga* came from the book *No Friend But the Mountains: Writing from Manus Prison*, an autobiographical account of Behrouz Boochani's perilous journey to Christmas Island and his subsequent incarceration in an Australian Government immigration detention facility on Manus Island.

"We worked with Omid Tofighian, the translator for the book, and he became a part of the team guiding us and sharing his cultural perspective," Dalisa said.

"This new work crosses boundaries and culture, but the baseline of the work is how people of culture have been impacted by laws and opinions of the current government."

"Developing the ideas of how we could speak about these things in the new work *Jurrungu Ngan-ga* led us down many paths, all leading to Australians' shame around how they have treated the 'other' over time."

"When you hear of the treatment of people who are seeking asylum or are refugees, we see the direct similarities of our First People's experience and, in fact, very similar tactics are used, like being treated suspiciously – these are the systems at play."

"Imagine what it would be like if people from other cultures and countries were welcomed with open arms to this land and visitors could have a better experience of arriving here."

Theatre can change the way we see ourselves or invite us to walk in someone else's shoes and see things from a new perspective."

In a time when we are pushed to the edges and out of the comfort zone, I am reminded by Dalisa that we need to take care of our hearts. During this time of pandemic we need to remember what's important to us – a lot of people are suffering right now."

"Right now we are doing our best to shapeshift through the difficult time as a company – trying to honour the artists and our program for this year," Dalisa said.

"We recently were invited to be a part of the performing art framework, which is fantastic and has allowed us to breathe a little easier and provides security."

"We are exhausted thinking about getting through this current time. We hope we can get this new work on the stage. We are facing all the challenges with everything we have."

"I want to continue nurturing and working with the next generation of change makers in dance and support them to be able to say what they want to say."

Cephia Williams: driven to get kids back home

By CHRISTINE HOWES



THE number of foster and kinship carers and child safety investigations in Queensland continues to rise, according to data released in June.

And when five kids are removed from their home for one chocolate-stained shirt, it's time for Queensland's child 'safety' system to change, longtime advocate Cephia Williams says.

"A child only had a dirty shirt with chocolate stain," she said.

"They come and they removed five.

"And another family, a kid broke a window and they had five cop cars, two child-safety cars at the school, all lined up, dragging these kids into cars.

"And that schoolyard was so happy and laughter.

"There's no more laughter there no more.

"That's another case. I can give you hundreds and hundreds of cases."

Minister for Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs Leanne Linard said the number of children requiring care rose steadily up to 10,828 on December 31, 2020, compared to 10,698 on September 30, 2020, and 10,021 on December 31, 2019.

The heartbreaking reality has motivated Mrs Williams, a grandmother and foster carer, to work with parents from across the state to get their children back, since 2013.

"I'd like to see within the child safety department and government, the changes. We need changes in decrease of numbers in child removals in all communities, even in the mainstream," she said.

"That's what we need to see.

"What happens is a lot of failure for us as Aboriginal people.

"The system failed us and it fails our children, too."

Parent's voices

Mrs Williams is an active member of the Queensland Parents' Advocacy Committee and the International Parents' Advocacy Committee.

"It's voices of parents. We're the voices. We go in and we sit at the table. We do updates about everything and we just talk about certain issues in our communities like around children, mainly," she said.

"And also how to deal with child safety and what mechanisms we have to help support our families and children and get them home."

She said the key was working with families and communities to keep their children on country.

"You're fighting for years just to get one child home," Mrs Williams said.

"And we've got orders, but we don't need the orders to be put in place.

"Our families, across the board, are afraid of the



"What happens is a lot of failure for us as Aboriginal people. The system failed us and it fails our children, too ... It's like the Stolen Generation never ended. It's just a new wave of it."

– Cephia Williams

Cephia Williams – a foster carer, children's advocate and grandmother – wants the Queensland Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs to work with families to reduce the number of children being removed.

Department of Child Safety, but we can manage it ourselves with the families and let our families adopt their children. We don't need the system in their lives forever.

"It's like the Stolen Generation never ended. It's just a new wave of it."

Mrs Williams said Queensland was no different to NSW or Western Australia, in terms of removing children and not giving families enough support to get their children back.

"And they're a big failure and they're a let down to our families and children," she said.

She said too many families don't know their rights under the system.

"They take out court orders but those orders can be revoked and our families don't always know that," she said.

"That's why they fall down and they don't get back up again, many of our families, and they give up and then there's depression, alcohol, drugs, suicide.

"I say remove them for the right reasons, not the wrong reasons.

"A lot of families need to be held accountable, too, for their children.

"You know what I mean? They blame the department, but I see it.

"With me, it works both ways.

"If I see a child at risk and living in the way the parents cannot look after this child, well, I'm not going to sit back and say nothing, too. You know what I mean?"

"But I'd rather take them without orders.

"We can manage it.

"Let's get families to adopt them, not the department."

One of her biggest passions is to make sure children are kept within their own country.

"That's the main thing, because when they leave country, they lose the identity, they lose song, they lose dance, they lose everything," she said.

"You've got them searching later on in life, 'Who am I? Where do I belong?'"

"And when they come back, it's sad.

"I've seen a lot of it. They're coming back home now, searching for families.

"You take them children out of country, they lose everything."

She said her biggest wish is for the departments to work with families in an appropriate manner to help the children.

Work with families

"People want them back, so just work with families and the community," she said.

"Go straight to the Elders who live there on the community, talk to the Elders and then place these children back home.

Broken

"When they come out of DoCS, they're broken – but where's the counselling? Where's the help?"

"We have to do that ourselves.

"They will not support us.

"When a child turns 15 or 16, most of them run away.

"They're finished. They're out.

"They're just a little tick in a box.

"They don't care about them. They're homeless, they get on s*** and stuff and blah, blah, blah.

"But if I had a magic wand, I'd want all these children to be placed back home with family, so they don't lose that culture and identity.

"The system fails them big time and then they put them into residential care and they fail them again."

She said parents in the community had the most

important role of all to play.

"If you're not going to be prepared to stand up there and sit in meetings and talk, you won't get the child home," she said.

"But then there are parents, they do all their programs, they put all this in place – 'You do this, you abide by our rules, you do our programs, you get the child back.'

"But it doesn't work like that. I've seen it.

"A mother I know has done it three times over and over, and she's still waiting to fight to get her children back home. It's just disgusting.

"And then you've got the top notches in higher places. You've got a manager. You've got the director general. You've got the bosses of them.

"No one wants to listen to you, too honest.

"You send emails and no one wants to listen.

"You go into the minister's office, nobody wants to listen.

"These children make me sorry because they grow up in a different little world and lots of them don't come home.

"I sit on those committees and my voice, I don't know if I'm being heard, but I know I'll get it out there and they know who I am."



Woolombi Waters says the pandemic is painfully exposing third-world standards in health faced by mob, page 24.

2021 Desert Song Festival transformed

It is with a deep sense of sadness and regret that Central Australian Singing Inc announces the cancellation of the 2021 Desert Song Festival!

This has been a bruising and extremely difficult decision.

We have had to let go of our ambition to present our most innovative program yet including the much-anticipated premiere of Anne Boyd's new opera of the life of the remarkable Olive Pink.

Over the past six weeks we have watched the steadily deteriorating situation across the country. The Delta variant of COVID-19 has caused lockdowns, disrupting the travel arrangements of many of our interstate friends who planned to attend the festival. We remained optimistic, working persistently to mitigate the risk to the festival, revising and revising the ambitious 2021 program in the hope of bringing an exciting festival to the community. However, the constantly changing circumstances have created increasingly insurmountable challenges, delays and mounting risk.

The dramatic deterioration of the situation nationwide over the past week and the possibility of a Northern Territory outbreak further increased the level of risk and uncertainty. It is simply unacceptable for us to proceed with a festival as planned.

Whilst presenting a festival characterised by artistic integrity and cultural significance is of critical importance to us, the safety and public health of the Mparntwe/Alice Springs community and the



Morris Stuart conducts the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir.

participating remote communities is our priority. In these challenging times our duty of care is paramount.

Cancelling our much-loved festival for a second year is unspeakably disappointing! But, we are not vacating the scene on a negative note.

The Desert Song Festival plans to re-emerge in 2022 with the boldest program yet. And, we remain ambitious and optimistic for the future of the Olive Pink Opera.

And it is with great pleasure that I am announcing the Desert Song mini-fest across what would have been the two

festival weekends: 10-12 and 17-19 September. The mini fest program will have six special events.

The Club: three nights at Epilogue Rooftop Bar, Friday, September 10, Saturday, September 11 and Saturday, September 18, featuring King Marong and Tamala Express, Katie Harder, Xavia, Jessie May, Sally Balfour, Dave Garnham and The Reasons to Live, Asante Sana.

Vibrato Bar, at Epilogue Rooftop Bar on Friday, September 17, featuring ELLAH, SIENNA EMMA, Galambitxs, the Williams Family, Caleb Goman, Kodivine and Kadek, Tom Mac and special guest The Shavings.

Voices from the Desert at Centralian Senior School Theatre on Sunday, September 12 at 2pm. A blockbuster showcase of Centralian talent, featuring Asante Sana, delivering their 'Last Hurrah', accompanied by the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir, the Shavings, Splinter sisters, the Olive Pink opera ensemble – those exceptional artists and symphonic players from the Alice Springs community, a talented bunch of singers, musicians and dancers-students from Alice Springs Schools, and special guests the Arafura Music Collective from the Top End.

The Big Day Out at Ormiston Gorge including 'A cappella in the Gorge' on Sunday, September 19, late morning until 5.30pm. The community gathers and gives 'the 2021 Festival season that wasn't', a great send-off with a day-long picnic in the most beautiful gorge in central Australia: pop-up performances, food from the kiosk, a bush barbecue and the climax, our much-anticipated end of season 'A cappella in the Gorge'. Say farewell to Asante Sana delivering their 'Last Hurrah', accompanied by the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir, the Shavings, Alice Sings, the Arafura Music Collective, King Marong and much more.

Two weekends

Two Triplets

Two finale concerts: one in town, the other at Ormiston Gorge.

**Morris Stuart
Desert Song
festival director**

Ngana Barnagarai celebrates 10 years of *Dreaming Inside*

Writers Wanted!

Ngana Barnagarai (Black Wallaby) is a unique grassroots project which sees Aboriginal Elders and a small group of tutors visit Junee Correctional Centre (JCC) annually and collect poetry, biography and other writing from First Nations inmates.

This results in an annual publication called *Dreaming Inside*. It's launched annually as part of the Sydney Writers' Festival.

Started by Aunty Barbara Nicholson, the program is now in its 10th year with two workshops planned in the lead up to the 10th anniversary edition.

It's a grassroots project, which has struggled for years to obtain funding. After positive evaluations from Griffith and Wollongong universities, as well as the Geo Group, which operates JCC for the NSW Government. Another university, RMIT, has since put



Aunty Barbara Nicholson started Ngana Barnagarai (Black Wallaby) a writing project with First Nations inmates at Junee Jail. The inmate's writing is collated in an annual publication, *Dreaming Inside*.

considerable input behind the project so it can grow and continue to support the inmates.

The program, known as Ngana Baragarai (Black Wallaby), assists inmates to improve their literacy

skills, but perhaps more importantly offers other benefits in terms of higher self-esteem, greater cultural awareness and an increased ability to understand their own feelings.

While JCC is a men's prison,

women occasionally transit through it on their way to court, and *Volume 9* saw the first poems from some of these women. Transgender inmates have contributed already for a number of years.

Volume 9 also contained the first poem written by a prisoner from outside Junee after an inmate in the Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre in the ACT read an article in the *Koori Mail* and sent in his poems.

2022 will see the publication of *Volume Ten* – an incredible milestone for something that ran for years on the smell of an oily rag.

To celebrate 10 years, there will be an additional book – a 'companion volume' – published next year. It will contain a selection of writing from the previous books. It will also feature short pieces (up to 500 words) from people who have been involved in the project over the years.

We'd like to put a call out to former inmates of Junee Correctional Centre who contributed writing to previous editions.

What are your thoughts on the project? What did you like about it? What (if anything) didn't you like about it? Should there be more projects like this? How did being involved in the project make you feel?

Please send your writing to: Ngana Baragarai, PO Box 53, Port Kembla, NSW, 2505 or ngana.baragarai@gmail.com

Please also contact us if you want to know more about the project (there's info on the *Dreaming Inside* Facebook page, too) or if you want to contribute something about the project, even if you haven't been involved in it.

Simon and Aunty Barbara on behalf of Ngana Barnagarai (Black Wallaby)

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Stolen Gens need more than a scheme

This article contains mentions of the Stolen Generations, and policies using outdated and potentially offensive terminology when referring to First Nations people.

THERE has been a long debate around whether First Nations people should be compensated for the past acts and conduct of settlers. Recently, the Commonwealth Government created the Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme to compensate Northern Territory, the Australian Capital Territory and Jervis Bay Stolen Generations survivors.

The primary purpose of the redress scheme is to help the Stolen Generations to heal the trauma from being forcibly removed from their family.

The redress scheme seeks to specifically “recognise the harm and ongoing trauma of forced removal from family for Stolen Generations survivors” and “assist with the healing of this trauma for the Stolen Generations survivors”.

A way to consider the nature and purpose of any redress scheme is to reflect on whether reconciliation can be achieved through engaging with injustices of the past.

This redress scheme raises questions about the ability of Australia to address the needs of First Nations peoples. Australia still hasn't properly compensated First Nations people after the recommendations of the 'Bringing Them Home' report 20 years ago.

Addressing past injustices

Damage was created through injustices against First Nations

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Jim Morrison and Brendan Loizou

people, and it is the legacy of this damage that Australia needs to address.

This legacy stems from the history of modern settler colonialism, which is defined as a distinct type of colonialism that functions through the replacement of Indigenous populations with an invasive settler society that, over time, develops a distinctive identity and sovereignty. Settler colonial states include Canada, the United States, Australia and South Africa.

In 1997, the Human Rights Commission issued the 'Bringing Them Home' report. This landmark document identified the intention of the removal policies was to destroy Aboriginal culture. One principal effect of the forcible removal policy was the destruction of cultural links.

This was of course their declared aim.

The report noted this practice was a form of genocide: When a child was forcibly removed, that child's entire community lost, often permanently, its chance to perpetuate itself in that child.

The inquiry has concluded that

this was a primary objective of forcible removals and is the reason they amount to genocide.

On this basis, federal and state governments have been well informed that policies imposed on First Nations people were genocidal in nature.

Limitations of the recent redress scheme

The redress scheme concedes the finding by the 'Bringing Them Home' report that “most (Aboriginal) families have been affected in one or more generations, by the forcible removal of one or more children”.

However, there are limitations to this proposed scheme.

First, the 'Bringing them Home' report is over 20 years old. It would have been more accurate to refer to a more recent report. Organisations such as The Healing Foundation have created many recent reports while working with Stolen Generations survivors.

Second, the purpose behind the redress scheme is to provide financial compensation for the

damage caused by the policies and actions impacting Stolen Generations survivors — but only in the territories.

It raises questions about other states committing to compensating and providing redress for Stolen Generations survivors.

Third, the nature of trauma requires greater consideration. This ongoing trauma is not just the loss of immediate and extended family and community — but the disconnect from respective lands and culture.

Genocide affects more than one member of the family, and is carried on through generations. So, the issue of trauma suffered by Stolen Generations survivors and their descendants needs to be considered more broadly.

What government should do to help survivors

Over the years, Stolen Generations survivors have attempted to seek justice through litigation, such as the case of Cubillo v Commonwealth. This case sought redress and compensation for the past injustices of policies and practices designed to separate Lorna Cubillio and Peter Gunner from their families when they were children.

However, the High Court found the plaintiffs were not able to sue the Commonwealth for negligence, despite the abuse they endured.

A one-off payment to Stolen Generations survivors isn't the best way to approach long-term and intergenerational trauma.

It would be more effective to provide ongoing support for these survivors through culturally safe health services. It would also be

more beneficial for the government to have discussions with Stolen Generations survivors and their families about their respective needs to heal.

This would need to include the consideration of trauma experienced by other Stolen Generations survivors who might not qualify under the eligibility criteria of the redress scheme.

For example, descendants of Stolen Generations are not covered by the redress scheme proposal, despite many of them being impacted by intergenerational trauma.

Australia has a colonial settler legacy, and its effects continue to cause suffering to the families who had their children taken from them. Most have yet to be recognised or compensated.

These are the silent victims of policies designed to destroy their culture and the future of their families.

A just society would be able to engage with its past and not shy away from it. However, the colonial settler society of Australia is yet to fully face its past and the legacy of the foundations it was built on, as it struggles to comprehend the nature of a just society.

● *Jim Morrison is a senior Noongar man, a traditional custodian from WA's southern coast who has passed his strong Aboriginal values to following generations of his extended family. His mother, father and their 21 siblings were all stolen and separated as children. He is the managing director, West Australian Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation.*
● *Brendan Loizou is a PhD candidate, University of Technology Sydney.*

This piece was first published on theconversation.com

Inequity laid bare by virus

I'M writing this just after I read the tragic report that an Aboriginal man from Dubbo in his 50s who was unvaccinated has sadly become the first one of our own mob to die of COVID-19 in Australia. Thoughts immediately turn to his family.

I then read in an article citing a leak to the ABC that the Broken Hill-based Maari Ma Aboriginal Health Corporation had written to Indigenous Australians Minister Ken Wyatt way back in March 2020 warning of a COVID disaster. Maari Ma warned of the serious threat an outbreak in remote NSW would cause and requested “urgent and drastic action”.

Fast-forward a year and a half later and one-in-15 people in Wilcannia, a predominantly Aboriginal community, two hours drive from Broken Hill, have this coronavirus. A rate five times higher than Sydney's worst hotspot, and despite a lack of mainstream attention, this is the highest concentration of COVID-19 transmission in NSW, and it comes at a time when the town only has one ventilator.

Service gaps are nothing new for our people seeking health care. In 2019, the state coroner urged a



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regional NSW health district to look at levels of implicit bias and racism calling to improve its representation of Indigenous workers following the death of a young pregnant woman.

Naomi Williams, a Wiradjuri woman, was 27 years old and 22 weeks pregnant with a son when she died of septicaemia at Tumut Hospital in January 2016. The inquest heard Ms Williams made 20 visits to Tumut Hospital and a number of doctors from nearby medical centres in the seven months before her death.

In Wilcannia, the average life expectancy is 37 for

Indigenous men and 42 for Indigenous women. The average national life expectancy for all Australians is 82.

The next question is how this is allowed to happen in one of the richest western countries in the world. There are many priority concerns within our communities that have been neglected historically, including lack of adequate housing, health infrastructure, education and employment, and we can now add COVID vaccine rollouts and prevention to the list.

The simple truth is that before the recent vaccination blitz, only 6.3% of the Aboriginal population in western NSW was fully vaccinated, compared to 26% of the rest of the population, which is only slightly behind the rest of Australia with a fully vaccinated rate of 27.8% but still well behind the NSW overall vaccination rate of nearly 34%.

To add insult to injury NSW Health Minister Brad Hazzard compared the spread within the third world Aboriginal community to a Sydney lockdown party within the affluent Eastern Sydney suburb of Maroubra

after mob attended a funeral.

Not sure how you make a comparison between the sense of entitlement of over-privileged Sydney-siders holding a party, attended by up to 60 people that resulted in 20 confirmed cases among guests, with a third-world Aboriginal community holding a funeral. What the minister did not declare in his tirade was that unlike the party held in Maroubra, the funeral in Wilcannia took place on August 13, when the town was not under lockdown restrictions. He has since apologised.

There is some hope though, even if it is not coming from Government, and that is that an appeal to raise funds to have food supplies, including fresh meat, delivered to communities in western NSW via a GoFundMe page was flooded with donations, and currently sits at \$252,158. The fundraising page, titled 'Far West NSW Fresh Fruit & Veggie Covid-19', was set up by Wilyakali woman Taunoa Bugmy from Broken Hill in a bid to raise money to help provide COVID struggling families with supplies.

The army has also been handing out food packages to families.

Food relief charity Foodbank is also lending a hand, distributing more than 2030kg of food hampers to the area. This shows that, despite the institutionalised racism and history that compounds failure in Closing the Gap, there is a general feeling of goodwill that is slowly changing the landscape of Australia.

The current circumstances also demonstrate the importance of having Aboriginal voices involved in planning for services in our own communities. The Federal Government blamed hesitancy due to health fears, omitting its bungled messaging around the AstraZeneca vaccine and failure to secure adequate stocks of the more popular Pfizer vaccine.

Meanwhile state authorities have sidestepped the issue, saying it is a Commonwealth responsibility. It's disgraceful that the health and wellbeing of our people becomes a political football between state and federal governments.

Federal Labor has also raised concerns with spokesperson for Indigenous Affairs Linda Burney saying

the situation in western NSW is a “national emergency”.

In a response to the question whether NSW has failed Aboriginal communities, the NSW premier, Gladys Berejiklian, said the Government has “worked really hard to support all of our vulnerable communities across the state, and we'll continue to do that”, but then also sidestepped taking any real responsibility claiming again, as did the NSW health minister, Brad Hazzard — after criticising locals — that the vaccination rollout is a federal responsibility.

And this is clearly the problem. When will Australia realise that you can't gain the benefits and wealth generation that comes within settler communities built on the stolen resources of our people and continue to allow the original Indigenous people to suffer in third-world communities lacking basic health care, education, and opportunities the rest of Australia take for granted?

The wellbeing and health of every Australian is a collective responsibility.

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



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

Notice of an application for the protection of a specified area, being the area known as Lake Torrens, South Australia

Invitation to make representations

I, David Williams, hereby give notice as follows:

The Minister for the Environment (**Minister**), responsible for the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (Cth) (Act)*, has received an application made under section 10 of the Act. The application is seeking long term preservation and protection of a significant Aboriginal area being the area known as Lake Torrens, in South Australia. The Minister has appointed me to provide a report to the Minister under paragraph 10(1)(c) of the Act.

The Applicant

The application is made by Kahlia Gibson, Chairperson, and Glen Wingfield, Heritage Services Manager, of Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation (KAC) on behalf of the Kokatha People and Aboriginal People who have an interest in the protection of Lake Torrens (the **Applicant**).

The purpose of the application

The application seeks the long-term preservation or protection of the area specified in the application. This specified area (**specified area**) is depicted in Figure 1 below. Section 10 of the Act confers power on the Minister to make a declaration to preserve and protect an area where the Minister is satisfied that it is a 'significant Aboriginal area' under threat of injury or desecration. A 'significant Aboriginal area' is defined by section 3 of the Act as an area of land or waters that is "of particular significance to Aboriginals in accordance with Aboriginal tradition". 'Aboriginal tradition' is defined as the "body of traditions, observances, customs and beliefs of Aboriginals generally or of a particular community or group of Aboriginals, and includes any such traditions, observances, customs or beliefs relating to particular persons, areas, objects or relationships".

Matters the report is required to deal with

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

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

The specified area

Figure 1 below depicts the area for which preservation and protection is sought. This specified area is described as the surface area of the whole of Lake Torrens, in South Australia including the islands.

The area has been described as approximately 350km northwest of Adelaide, approximately 450km long and 65km wide, with an area of 5900 square km. Its western boundary borders the Native Title Lands of Kokatha people.



Figure 1 – Map of the specified area, being the surface area of Lake Torrens, South Australia.

Claims in relation to 'significant Aboriginal area'

The Applicant claims the specified area is of particular significance in accordance with Aboriginal tradition for the following reasons:

- A number of significant Tjukurpatjina (dreaming) tracks pass through the lake, including Wati Wilyaru, Wati Nyiru (restricted), The Seven Sisters, and Kadnu.
- The specified area is a restricted men's area and is still in use for ceremonial purposes.

Claimed threat of injury or desecration

The Applicant claims that the specified area is under threat from the drilling proposed by Mr Lindsay Owler, of Kelaray Pty Ltd. The threat is primarily attributed to mining activities.

Invitation to make representations

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

David Williams

Clansdale Consulting
Principal Consultant

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0407 430 138
clansdale@iinet.net.au

Interested parties are urged to **contact me** as soon as possible to be provided with further information about the submission process, including the provision of the Application, then the making representations in response to the Application, followed by the making final comments in response to representations received.

Representations must be made in writing by 5pm on 30 September 2021 or within such further period as may be allowed. **Do not send your representations directly to the Minister.**

Representations received by the due date will subsequently be provided to the Applicant and to all interested parties who duly submitted a representation, and thereafter the Applicant and such interested parties will be afforded an additional period of two weeks to make final comments in writing.

Claiming confidentiality

If you wish to claim confidentiality over any part of your representation, please identify why you are claiming confidentiality and how you wish confidentiality to apply. Representations will be provided to the Minister for the Environment and the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, along with the section 10 report. Representations, even those subject to confidentiality, may be disclosed where it is authorised or required

by law, to meet procedural fairness requirements, and in response to a request by a House or Committee of the Parliament of the Commonwealth.

Privacy notice

Personal information means information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable.

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By submitting a representation in response to the 'Notice of an application for the preservation and protection of a specified area, being Lake Torrens, you consent to the collection of all personal information, including sensitive information, contained in your representation.

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As a result of the recent redistribution of federal electoral divisions in Victoria you may be voting in a different electoral division at the next federal election.

Following the determination of the names and boundaries of the 39 federal electoral divisions in Victoria on 26 July 2021, some electors have moved electoral division. A new electoral division, the Division of Hawke, has been created in the local government areas of Hume City, Melton City and Moorabool Shire.

A list of the areas which have moved to a different electoral division is provided in the table below.

Where can I find out more?

Further information can be found at www.aec.gov.au/VIC-redistribution Maps and descriptions of federal electoral divisions are available at www.aec.gov.au/profiles

Do I need to change my federal electoral division?

No, you do not need to take any action if your electoral division has changed as the result of this redistribution. The AEC has:

- transferred you to your new federal electoral division, and
- written to households whose federal electoral division has changed.

How do I check my enrolment?

You can check your enrolment online at www.aec.gov.au/check For privacy reasons, your electoral enrolment will only be confirmed if the details you enter are an exact match to your details on the electoral roll.

You can also check which federal electoral division your suburb or locality is located in at www.aec.gov.au/electorate Alternatively, you can contact the AEC on 13 23 26 or find your local AEC office details at www.aec.gov.au/contact

Which areas have moved to a different electoral division?

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Division of Aston	• no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division.
Division of Ballarat	• the Division of Hawke – part of the Moorabool Shire, including the localities of Ballan, Bacchus Marsh and Myrniong.
Division of Bendigo	• the Division of McEwen – part of the Macedon Ranges Shire, including the locality of Woodend.
Division of Bruce	• the Division of Hotham – the balance of the localities of Springvale and Springvale South, and part of the localities of Keysborough, Noble Park and Noble Park North.
Division of Calwell	• the Division of Maribyrnong – the localities of Gladstone Park and Melbourne Airport, the balance of the localities of Keilor Park and Tullamarine, and part of the localities of Jacana and Keilor.
Division of Casey	• no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division.
Division of Chisholm	• the Division of Deakin – the balance of the locality of Forest Hill and part of the localities of Blackburn, Blackburn South and Nunawading, • the Division of Kooyong – the balance of the locality of Surrey Hills, and • the Division of Menzies – the localities of Blackburn North and Box Hill North, and part of the localities of Blackburn, Box Hill and Nunawading.
Division of Cooper	• the Division of Melbourne – the balance of the locality of Clifton Hill.
Division of Corangamite	• the Division of Ballarat – part of Golden Plains Shire, including the locality of Meredith, and • the Division of Wannon – the balance of Colac Otway Shire, including the localities of Apollo Bay and Forrest, and the western part of Surf Coast Shire, including the localities of Anglesea, Lorne and Winchelsea.
Division of Corio	• no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division.
Division of Deakin	• the Division of Menzies – part of the localities of Mitcham and Nunawading.
Division of Dunkley	• no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division.
Division of Flinders	• no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division.
Division of Fraser	• the Division of Gorton – part of the City of Brimbank, including the localities of Calder Park, Delahey, Keilor Downs, Keilor Lodge, Keilor North, Kings Park, Sydenham and Taylors Lakes, and part of the locality of Keilor.

Note: This notice is not related to the redivision of Victoria's state electoral boundaries. For information about the currently ongoing redivision of Victoria's state electoral boundaries visit the Electoral Boundaries Commission's website at www.ebc.vic.gov.au

Further information

www.aec.gov.au/vic-redistribution

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Has your federal electoral division changed?

Division of Gellibrand	- the Division of Fraser – part of the City of Maribyrnong, including the localities of Kingsville and Seddon, and part of the localities of Footscray, West Footscray and Yarraville, and - the Division of Lalor – the locality of Williams Landing.
Division of Gippsland	no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division.
Division of Goldstein	no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division.
Division of Gorton	the Division of Hawke – part of the City of Melton, including the localities of Melton, Melton South and Melton West, and part of the localities of Diggers Rest, Hillside and Mount Cottrell.
Division of Hawke	! The Division of Hawke is a new electoral division.
Division of Higgins	- the Division of Hotham – part of the locality of Hughesdale, and - the Division of Kooyong – part of the locality of Glen Iris.
Division of Holt	the Division of Bruce – part of the locality of Narre Warren South.
Division of Hotham	- the Division of Bruce – part of the locality of Mulgrave, and - the Division of Chisholm – the localities of Notting Hill and Wheelers Hill, the balance of the localities of Chadstone, Glen Waverley and Mount Waverley, and part of the localities of Clayton, Mulgrave and Oakleigh.
Division of Indi	no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division.
Division of Isaacs	no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division.
Division of Jagajaga	the Division of McEwen – part of the Shire of Nillumbik, including the localities of Diamond Creek, Plenty and Wattle Glen.
Division of Kooyong	no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division.
Division of Lalor	the Division of Gellibrand – part of the localities of Point Cook and Truganina.
Division of La Trobe	- the Division of Bruce – the balance of the localities of Narre Warren and Narre Warren North, and part of the localities of Berwick and Harkaway, and - the Division of Casey – the locality of Avonsleigh, and the balance of the localities of Clematis and Menzies Creek.
Division of Macnamara	the Division of Higgins – part of the locality of Windsor.
Division of Mallee	no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division.
Division of Maribyrnong	the Division of Fraser – the localities of Maidstone and Maribyrnong, and part of the localities of Footscray and West Footscray.
Division of McEwen	the Division of Hawke – part of the City of Hume, including the localities of Bulla, Sunbury and Wildwood, and part of the localities of Clarkefield, Diggers Rest and Oaklands Junction.
Division of Melbourne	the Division of Maribyrnong – the locality of Kensington.
Division of Menzies	- the Division of Deakin – the locality of Warranwood, the balance of the locality of Croydon Hills, and part of the locality of Wonga Park, and - the Division of Jagajaga – part of the Shire of Nillumbik, including the localities of Kangaroo Ground and Research, and part of the localities of Eltham, Eltham North and North Warrandyte.
Division of Monash	the Division of La Trobe – part of the Shire of Cardinia, including the localities of Bunyip, Garfield, Koo Wee Rup and Tynong, and part of the locality of Lang Lang.
Division of Nicholls	the Division of Indi – part of the locality of Trawool.
Division of Scullin	no changes have been made to this electoral division which result in the transfer of electors to another electoral division.
Division of Wannon	- the Division of Ballarat – part of the Golden Plains Shire, including the localities of Linton, Mount Mercer and Rokewood, and - the Division of Mallee – the balance of the Northern Grampians Shire, including the localities of Halls Gap and Stawell.
Division of Wills	the Division of Melbourne – part of the locality of Brunswick East.

The changes listed above provide an overview of the results of the redistribution of Victorian federal electoral divisions.

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Framework aims to provide better help for country

By DARREN COYNE



THE Victorian Government is stumping up \$11 million to implement a new strategy – the first of its kind in Australia – to protect and manage cultural landscapes across the state.

The Victorian Traditional Owner Cultural Landscapes Strategy was developed and written by traditional owners, with support from the Government and land management agencies.

It provides a framework for traditional owners to lead the management of country in line with their cultural obligations, and is expected to redefine the relationship between traditional owners and the state as part of the ongoing treaty process.

Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations chief executive Paul Paton told the *Koori Mail* that the strategy was developed in partnership with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, and Parks Victoria.

"The importance of the strategy is that it reflects the significance of cultural landscapes to traditional owners and recognises the rich tapestry of knowledge that exists on country through our values, practices and knowledge," Mr Paton said.

"It provides a framework and plan to ensure that traditional owner knowledge, through that lens of a cultural landscape, is incorporated in the planning and policy development of country."

Mr Paton, a Gunai Monaro man, said the strategy sought to address the impact that European colonisation has had on traditional owner rights and obligations to care for country by restoring knowledge systems and reconnecting traditional owners to country and cultural land management practices.

This would be particularly significant in the face of climate change challenges such as drought and bushfires.

"Our cultural landscapes are deeply significant for community and this strategy will play a big part in sharing decision-making powers, reforming systems and removing barriers," Mr Paton said.

He said the launch of the strategy marked an important step towards reconciliation and treaty, and set guidelines for traditional owners to, once again, care for country.

He said that the strategy – which was developed over two years – had been well received.

"It's going to benefit all Victorians. It shouldn't be seen to be a threat to the way we currently manage land as it can only add value, enrich and get better outcomes for the health of country," Mr Paton said.

"Having a state government that genuinely recognises traditional owner rights and governance, and has made a real commitment



Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations chief executive Paul Paton.

to self-determination, provides a platform for these types of strategies and others to be achieved."

Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Rodney Carter welcomed the launch as "another significant guiding document".

"This strategy can connect us through our Country Plans to build upon our relationship with the Victorian Government," Mr Carter said.

"As Victoria's First People we are steadily being placed back at country to care for it as our ancestors once did. They would be so proud we honour their legacy."

Daniel Miller, manager of on-country operations at GunaiKurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation, said it was hoped that by 2030 the strategy would formally embed legislative requirements and institutional arrangements to access and manage country, and the right to sole management of important cultural sites.

"When traditional owners are empowered, it forges a path for healing of country, which, in turn, creates strong and respected cultures," Mr Miller said.

Victorian Energy, Environment and Climate Change minister Lily D'Ambrosio said that the Government was "proud to have worked in partnership with traditional owners and Aboriginal Victorians on this strategy."

"We recognise the difficult and traumatic history First Nations people have experienced and are ensuring traditional owners have the power to make decisions about the care and management of country in Victoria," she said.

Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gabrielle Williams said "strategies like this one are so important – not just in what they say, but how they are created – led by traditional owners".



Notice under Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* Exploration Licence Number 8800 (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 8800 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

PTR Resources Pty Ltd (ACN 153 851 702) is the holder of Exploration Licence 8800 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 8800 – that covers about 65 units situated approximately 3 kilometres west southwest of Bingara, 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 23 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.



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Bringing the bettong back from the brink



FOR Narungga man Garry Goldsmith, seeing 40 brush-tailed bettongs (or woylies) released on his country, Guuranda (Yorke Peninsula), was emotional.

One of Australia's rarest marsupials, the brush-tailed bettong – a tiny wallaby – has been reintroduced to mainland South Australia after being locally extinct for more than a century.

The nationally endangered animals were released at two sites in Dhillba Guuranda-Innes National Park on the southern Yorke Peninsula last month in a milestone moment for 'Marna Banggara', an ambitious rewilding project to restore lost species to the landscape.

Mr Goldsmith, the business manager for the Narungga Nation Aboriginal Corporation, said Narungga people had been involved at every level of 'Marna Banggara'.

"I absolutely love the project," he said.

"It's an opportunity for the Narungga people to see their natural fauna being reintroduced and it takes us back to what our Elders, our old people, would have seen in their daily lives.

"It's such an exciting project because it's stepping into the future, but also rooted in the past."

Mr Goldsmith said that the project name 'Marna Banggara' – which originates from the Narungga language, with 'marna' meaning 'healthy or prosperous' and 'banggara' signifying 'country' – recognises the traditional owners.

"And having the bettongs back in the park resembles the ecology that Narungga people would have been familiar with and cared for," he said.

"These animals were a part of the ecosystem.

"Bettongs play a really important part, and reintroducing them starts to bring back the environment to what it once was that sustained our people for generations."

Before the bettongs were released traditional owners held a ceremony to bless the animals.

"It helps to ensure the little bettongs have the best opportunity to thrive in their natural surroundings and also for Narungga people to bring back cultural practices through language, storytelling and ceremony," Mr Goldsmith said.

The 28 females and 12 males were translocated from nearby Wedge Island, where an abundant population of more than 1500 brush-tailed bettongs live. Health checks showed that many of the females were also carrying pouch young.

Brush-tailed bettongs once occupied more than 60% of mainland Australia, but



A brush-tailed bettong is released as part of the 'Marna Banggara' project, a rewilding effort working to restore lost species.



Narungga man Quentin Agius performs a traditional smoking ceremony before the release of brush-tailed bettongs.

introduced predators, like cats and foxes, and habitat loss has pushed the species to the brink of extinction. The small marsupial has only survived in tiny pockets of Western Australia, offshore islands in SA and a handful of fenced sanctuaries.

Most of the bettongs have been fitted with a radio-tracking collar so researchers can monitor the progress of the animals.

Also known as a woylie, the species was selected as the first to be reintroduced to the southern Yorke Peninsula due to the important role it plays in ecosystems as 'nature's gardener'. Brush-tailed bettongs spread native plant seeds and dig up between two to six tonnes of dirt and leaf litter each year, which improves water infiltration, nutrient cycling and helps native plants grow.

This pilot release is the first of

several planned reintroductions, with 80 WA bettongs and 80 SA bettongs set for translocation during the next two years. Other locally extinct species such as the southern brown bandicoot, red-tailed phascogale and western quoll will also be reintroduced to the landscape to help restore biodiversity.

Narungga man Quentin Agius conducted the smoking ceremony for the bettongs.

"It's happy for us to see them released today because we can sing a song that we haven't sung for a while," he said.

Caroline Schaefer, Northern and Yorke Landscape Board's chair, said that one of the unique aspects of Marna Banggara is that it is part of a working landscape, where reintroduced native species will make their home next door to farms, popular beaches and towns.

"The first release is an important first step in testing this



Most of the bettongs have radio collars so researchers can track them. Pictures: WWF-Australia/Juansimage.com

concept, which we hope will bring flow-on benefits to farm production, tourism and the wider Yorke Peninsula community," she said.

National Parks and Wildlife Service executive director Mike Williams said that a 25km predator control fence across the foot of the peninsula is designed to help protect native species from predators creating a 150,000-hectare safe haven comprising Dhillba Guuranda-Innes National Park, remnant vegetation, conservation parks, farmland and small townships.

"To aid the success of the brush-tailed bettongs in their new environment, our rangers have been working with the other project partners to reduce fox and feral cat numbers in Dhillba Guuranda-Innes National Park and surrounding areas," he said.

Darren Grover, WWF-Australia's head of Healthy Land

and Seascapes, said that, if successful, Marna Banggara could become a model for transforming altered landscapes in other areas of Australia.

"This project is about helping nature to help itself," he said.

"Many of our native plants need native animals to survive and thrive, so when we restore lost species to the landscape, we help to regenerate Australia and re-establish the relationships that allow nature to flourish."

The project is jointly funded through the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, the South Australian Department for Environment and Water, WWF-Australia and Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife in partnership with the Narungga Nation Aboriginal Corporation and with the support of the Narungga people.

Welcome return of

By JILLIAN MUNDY



IT is hoped that a recent Aboriginal cultural burn on a massive button grass plain will be the first of many in

Tasmania's state-managed parks and reserves.

"This is the first cultural burn that's been done by Parks, so we've got their eyes on us," said Tasmanian Aboriginal man Colin Hughes as he briefed the team of Aboriginal men doing the burn.

"Our old people burnt these areas years ago and it's just us reintroducing the custom now. It's on our shoulders.

"The old ones are with us."

The slow, cool two-day burn on the 6000 hectare Dempster Plains, in north-west Tasmania, went off without a hitch.

The burn took place over two days while the ground was still wet and the nights cold and dewy, ahead of coming rain.

As in many other places across Australia, invasion, attempted genocide and displacement of Tasmania's First People from their land all but put a stop to traditional burning practices that had maintained country for tens of thousands of years.

Much of the intimate understanding of fire in the landscape that was maintained by only a few, is being relearned by today's wider Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

It is well researched and documented that fire was used to open up the country for ease of passage, to promote new tender shoots or 'green pick' for the animals to eat thus making them easier to hunt, lessen the risk of wildfire and was used by Aboriginal people as defence and attack during the Black War.

Hughes recalls accompanying his Uncle Melvyn to burn off the mutton bird islands, when he was a child.

"I just thought he was an arsonist," he joked.

"I didn't know what he was doing, but he was burning off the tussocks so it was easier for the birds to come back and lay the next year."

As the benefits of cultural burning are being more widely understood, cultural burning is being reintroduced to privately owned land and, of course, returned Aboriginal land.

About a third of Tasmania falls under the management of the state Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS), part of the Department of Primary Industry, Water and Environment.

Getting cultural burns back onto state-managed land, which have their own fire fighting regimes, has come with challenges and it is no secret that not everyone in the department is supportive. The PWS regularly does fuel reduction burns, reducing the risk of bush fires.

"But they burn everything. They burn hot and many animals don't have a chance to escape," Colin explained.



Josh Mansell keeps an eye on what were probably the largest the flames of the burn as tea tree dispersed amongst the button grass lit up. It was only the second cultural burn he has been involved with and the breadth of experience of the rest of team was reassuring: "It was good. It was important we done a good job, demonstrating the right way of fire."



Regional PWS fire operations officer Linda Walker briefs the capable cultural burn team before leaving it in their hands.



"Mother Earth showing us what she wants to burn, leaving unburnt patches of habitat for ground creatures." – PWS Working on Country ranger/fire fighter Linton Burgess.

PWS also conduct ecological burns aimed at specific native plants such as those that need fire to germinate and to reduce weeds.

"Our burns are all of this AND carrying on a custom," Colin said.

"Our burns, the slowness and the sounds of our burns, the crackling – the insects, the frogs, the animals can hear it and get out of the way.

"Parks, they will burn with big winds to push it faster. We don't want big winds."

Cultural burns are slower and less risk.

For nearly three decades there have been discussions, a symposium in the 1990s and a management report recommending the reintroduction of cultural burning, including an Aboriginal fire crew for the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, which covers a quarter of the state and falls under the jurisdiction of the PWS.

There are also plenty of PWS staff members advocating for cultural burning.

One of them is regional PWS Fire Operations Officer Linda Walker, who attended the burn

on the first day.

"I think there are better ways of doing things," she said.

"We've experienced so much bushfire recently and seen how destructive it is, and some of the planned burns haven't held as good as we thought they were, so we're looking for new techniques."

In the past decade there's been around a dozen Aboriginal rangers employed by the PWS – some mainstream PWS rangers who are Aboriginal, others employed through the federal Working on Country (WOC)

Ranger program. Most have been involved at some point with cultural burning, usually out of work hours with the Aboriginal community.

Last year the PWS employed two Aboriginal fire rangers and an Aboriginal fire policy officer.

Colin, an Aboriginal heritage officer of almost three decades, was one of those PWS fire rangers.

He is keen to see the Aboriginal fire crew suggested in the 1990s come to fruition.

He also wants the current PWS fire crew to understand

the slow cool burn

their positions would not be threatened.

"We'd have a different role, not doing back burns and fighting fires," he said.

"A dedicated Aboriginal fire crew wouldn't go out and do these fuel reduction burns, the only thing they do is cultural burns.

"We can burn on all landscapes.

"It won't happen straight away. After five or 10 years it can reduce the risk of major bushfires.

"You're also employing Aboriginal people and reintroducing an age-old custom.

"Even growing up, I'd see all these resources being thrown into putting wildfires (in remote areas) out. I say let them burn – but you can't have the tourists seeing a blackened landscape, the tourists won't come here," he said, mocking the presumption of tourists' aesthetic preferences.

"They don't want bushwalkers walking through blackened scrub, but bushwalkers are switched on, most are environmentalists. You don't get bogan bushwalkers who go and walk for eight days.

"I think if they understood what it was about they would be supportive."

The men at the Dempster Plains burn have years of experience between them – as volunteer fire fighters, remote area fire fighters and cultural burning practitioners.

Steele Mansell, a WOC ranger and qualified remote area fire fighter, oversaw the burn's safety and was on hand if the fire or weather took an unexpected turn.

"I f'n loved it. It's a learning curve from what Parks do," he said. "Doing a cool burn made me feel at home. It was peaceful, soothing and relaxing.



Reclaiming culture on land under Parks and Wildlife tenure: Luke Press, Steele Mansell, Colin Hughes and Jason Williams, pictured in front of the day's cultural burn.

"You can sit there and think. Cool, calm and collected. Let Mother Nature do its thing."

It is a far cry from his experience of fighting the Tasmanian bushfires in the summer of 2018/2019, which raged for nearly three months. On one occasion, he had to feel his way along the hose back to the fire truck through thick smoke as he vomited and cried.

Had he qualified a few weeks earlier, Steele would have been sent interstate to fight major bushfires. He told the *Koori Mail* of the harrowing experiences of workmates who were sent and

tried to save people caught in cars, and another who administered CPR to a woman for hours only to find later that she was already dead. These fire fighters are still in counselling to this day.

Jason Williams, who is a volunteer fire fighter and former police officer, also found the recent burn calming, rather than "confronting and scary" like other fires he has been involved with.

"We had to fight the whole way to get this to happen," he said of the red tape he has encountered since being in the Aboriginal fire policy

officer position. "To see the (men) on the fire ground is a relief and a proud moment. It shows we can do it safely, and hopefully it's the start of more burns to come."

Of course cultural burns, or cool burns as they are also called, by their very nature are human resources intensive.

Considering the human and environmental cost of bushfires it would seem like a no brainer that it's money well spent.

Colin said that one of the most important things about the Dempster Plains burn is education – not so much for

those on the fire ground, but as a demonstration to others in the department.

"Dempster Plains is six thousand hectares. Once we get the first couple of burns out of the way we'll invite the (PWS) fire crew up there, as a training day to show them that's what cultural burning is."

He has witnessed attitudes within the department starting to shift.

It would be accurate to say it's been a slow burn.

Disclaimer: Jillian Mundy has a close personal relationship with Colin Hughes.



The white smoke of the cool burn on the Dempster Plains, one of the largest button grass plains in Tasmania.

Blak Jewellery project has designs on culture

By ALI MC



A NEW exhibition at the Koorie Heritage Trust (KHT) uses jewellery to show connections between past and present.

Blak Jewellery – Finding Past, Linking Present shows a beautiful range of contemporary jewellery anchored by connection to culture, country and family.

The exhibition is the outcome of the Blak Design program.

An Australian first, this four-year program is presented by the KHT to foster First Nations cultural innovation within the Victorian design sector and provide a platform for nurturing sustainable, First Nations design practices.

Photographer, business owner and jewellery-maker Hollie Johnson was one of 11 participants in the program and is excited about the opening of the exhibition.

"I always had a love for jewellery," Hollie said.

"Whether it's making my own or buying a lot of jewellery – perhaps too much!"

A young, proud Gunaikurnai and Monero Ngarigo woman, Hollie aims to share culture through a range of creative mediums, holds a degree in photography and is currently studying Indigenous languages.

With both sides of the family boasting arts practitioners, including woodcraft, ceramics, wood burning and painting, it was only natural that Hollie would gravitate towards a variety of arts practices.

"The program came up last year. I wasn't sure whether to apply or not," she said.

"I was very fortunate to be one of the artists accepted into the program."

Hollie said the Blak Design program was an opportunity to learn new skills and work with a wide range of other First Nations artists from a variety of artistic practices.

A joint program with RMIT, the artists refined their jewellery making skills at RMIT jewellery studios under the guidance of jewellers Blanche Tilden and Laura Deakin, with technical support by Lindy McSwan.

"The materials that I tend to use when I make jewellery are either clay, resin or wood," Hollie said. "But (this program worked in) silver and goldsmithing and I really wanted to give that a go."

Hollie said her inspiration for jewellery pieces designed in the program came from significant places for her family, including Mystery Bay, an area in Gippsland which her family has camped at for generations.

"There's a painting that my nan did of a particular place that's quite significant to our



Gunaikurnai and Monero Ngarigo woman Hollie Johnson.



Tackan il Wariga Sight and Sound – Mystery Bay Necklace 2021 by Hollie Johnson.

family called Mystery Bay," she said.

It's the vivid depictions of the gumtrees in her nan's painting, *Mystery Bay*, that inspired the colours used in her jewellery design.

Hollie said she was also inspired by the cicadas that live in the area.

"I had an interest in insects with this whole journey through Blak Design," she said.

"Just because I feel that most insects that get noticed are a butterfly or something quite beautiful. But a lot of insects are quite beautiful whether it's the iridescence that comes through or the size or the patterns or the textures that come from them."

"I drew from the cicada given they are quite prominent at the campsite and they are quite loud in the noises that they make."

Hollie was also inspired by the canopy of trees that they camp

under and was influenced by the way "they accommodate space and growth with each other".

While Hollie said that the initial aim of the program was to increase skills in jewellery making among First Nations artists, as the program evolved, the artists also advocated to have an exhibition showcase at the end of it.

"We wanted to work as a collective – as First Nations mob that tends to be the case," she said. "So we put forward the idea of an exhibition to the trust and they were happy to do that."

As well as jewellery design and photography, Hollie has also started an apparel business called Deadly Wears with her husband and a cousin.

"We hope to branch out into different businesses," she said. "There's a lot of ideas there. And we're hoping eventually all the businesses would be supporting

First Nations People and supporting community and employability and enriching culture."

Due to COVID restrictions, the exhibition is currently featured online, but there is hope it will be possible for people to actually see it in person in the coming months.

"We got to have a walk-through and it looks amazing," Hollie said.

It is also hoped that similar arts programs will be run in the future and Hollie encourages First Nations' artists from all backgrounds to get involved.

"It is a great opportunity," she said.

"To actually meet (the other artists) and to hear their stories and to work with them – everyone has been really amazing."

"It's such a deadly group to share this time with. We kind of



Jenna Lee's doedoet: to tie up.



Evolving Gorget – Wambuul Bula by Wiradjuri artist Ange Jeffery.



Beverley Meldrum's Found Treasures – breastplate 1.

don't want it to end.

"We all have a different variety of skills and art forms to bring to the table, so anyone can do it."

Blak Jewellery – Finding Past, Linking Present runs until February 27, 2022.

Due to current restrictions, the exhibition can be viewed online at www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au

Participating First Nations artists: Ange Jeffery (Wiradjuri), Aunty Beverley Meldrum (Wirangu, Kokatha), Cassie Leatham (Taungurung), Hollie Johnson (Gunaikurnai, Monero Ngarigo), Isobel Morphy-Walsh (Taun Wurrung), Jenna Lee (Larrakia, Wardaman and Karajarri), Kait James (Wadawurrung), Lisa Waup (Gunditjmara and Torres Strait Islander), Sandy Hodge (Lardil), Sharn Geary (Bundjalung) and Aunty Suzanne Connelly-Klidomitis (Wiradjuri).

Ballarat delivers the sacred from artist Robert Fielding



AS part of the Ballarat International Foto Biennale, the Art Gallery of Ballarat is presenting a photography exhibition of works by notable Aboriginal artist Robert Fielding, which are a powerful exploration and celebration of community and country.

Robert Fielding is a contemporary artist of Pakistani, Afghan, Western Arrente and Yankunytjatjara descent, who lives in Mimili community in the remote Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia.

His work combines strong cultural roots with contemporary perspectives. His current practice spans photography, works on paper, sculpture, film and installation.

In two distinct bodies of new photographic work making up the exhibition *Robert Fielding: miil-milpa (sacred)*, Fielding continues his work connected to the significance of Elders in his community, their stories and their understandings.

One body of work showcases Elders in his community through intimate portraits. The other explores country through landscape images produced by experiments with ultraviolet exposure.

"Our people, our spirit, our languages, our song and dance are all expressions of the sacredness of this earth," Fielding said. "This sacredness radiates through my Elders, in everything they do, everything they are, everything they create. It can be seen in all expressions of this landscape and its people."

"From the earth we come and to the earth we return. My work is a reminder of that sacred interconnectedness, miil-milpa."

Gallery director Louise Tegart said that Robert Fielding is one of Australia's most important artists and his work provides deep insights into the significance of country.

"These are exceptionally strong works," she said.

"The portraits have a huge impact, revealing a depth of wisdom and understanding in the faces of Fielding's Elders. They are powerful as portraits, but really work on another dimension as well, providing viewers with an insight into the Mimili community."

"The other body of work in this show are images which attempt to express the cultural and spiritual significance of country, overlaying text which holds great spiritual meaning over mute and mysterious images created using an experimental UV exposure technique."

"The Art Gallery of Ballarat is proud to have commissioned the work of this thoughtful and talented artist as part of this year's Ballarat International Foto Biennale."

Robert Fielding: miil-milpa opened last month and runs through until October 31. Free entry.



Self-portrait by Robert Fielding.



Portrait of Mantuwa George by Robert Fielding.



Portrait of Betty Muffler by Robert Fielding.



Portrait of Alec Baker by Robert Fielding.

MUMA call-out for design for First Peoples Art Wall



MONASH University is seeking expressions of interest from Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander artists to design a new permanent art wall on Clayton campus at the high-profile entry to the Faculty of Information Technology.

All Expressions of Interest (EOI) submissions should be responsive to country/place and state how consideration and respect will be given to traditional owners' cultural rights and custodianship.

EOIs close 5pm, September 24.

The selected artist/s (collaborators are welcome to apply) will work with Monash University Museum of Art (MUMA) to turn their creative concept into a wall treatment integrated into the building's new architecture.



Weelam Ngulut by Megan Cope welcomes people onto the country of the people of the Kulin Nation, the traditional owners of the land and waterways at Monash University Clayton campus.

To express your interest, share an idea in one to three paragraphs along with a visual schematic of how it might look and a short artist biography. Entrants can submit one design only, which must be copyright of the artist/s.

This commission will join a collection of more than 30 public

art projects across Monash's campuses by artists including Megan Cope (pictured).

The First Peoples Art Wall Commission is an initiative of Monash University Museum of Art (MUMA) and Monash Faculty of Information Technology for Monash University Clayton.

Heartfelt letters written by First Nations men about life, masculinity, love, culture and racism.

Thomas Mayor, a Torres Strait Islander man born on Larrakia country in Darwin, invites 12 contributors to write a letter to their son or father, bringing together a range of perspectives that offers the greatest celebration of First Nations manhood.

Find out more about *Dear Son* and Thomas at hardiegrant.com/au/explore



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Ranger traineeships helping to record cultural heritage and care for country



A NEW ranger traineeship program in north Queensland is helping to build a cultural heritage database for traditional owners of the Goldsborough region.

The Wet Tropics Management Authority, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and Partnerships (QPWS&P) and Dulabed and Malanbarra Yidinji peoples of the Goldsborough area are working together to protect country and culture under a project supported by the Queensland Government's \$10 million Reef Assist program.

Facilitated by the Wet Tropics Management Authority, the Working on Country Together project has led to the Dulabed and Malanbarra Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation (DMYAC) employing their first two trainee rangers.

Through a Memorandum of Understanding with QPWS&P, assistance has been provided in training and developing skills in the field, which has enabled DMYAC to deliver on-ground actions, and to establish their own ranger program.

Trainee ranger Luke Clubb said at the moment they were working with national parks.

"That includes doing a lot of fire management, reveg, track maintenance, looking after the campgrounds, toilet maintenance – just caring for country," he said.

"The Reef Assist program has been really great for us. If we're not going to look after our cultural heritage, who is going to do it.

"Eventually we'd like to be self-sustainable, running our own tours and doing land management on a scale that we can assist other people while generating our own income through that."

Having rangers has also value added to DMYAC's Looking after Country Grant through the Queensland Indigenous Rangers Program. This grant has allowed for the development of a cultural heritage database system. Rangers have been actively involved with Elders in

documenting cultural knowledge and undertaking training in cultural heritage management.

Trainee ranger Jason Ambyrum said that the Reef Assist funding had been very important.

"Some of our (cultural) sites are still here, so we need to preserve them by looking after them and managing them, as well as educating the broader community on what we have here," he said.

"Some of the cultural work we have been doing is finding burial sites and ceremony sites and finding tools that they would use in those days.

"We're developing a cultural heritage database, and that enables us to go out and record sites with Elders. Whatever we go out and record, we record that on a tablet and take that back to our organisation and that gets put into our database. I think this is a really important part of what we do to preserve the culture for future generations.

"It's important for us to preserve what we have here and to be able to continue to manage it. We want our kids to come through and do the same thing as what we've been doing and what our Elders have been doing for so many years.

"We want to get our kids connected back onto country."

The Wet Tropics Management Authority's executive director Scott Buchanan said that the trainee ranger program is one of four ranger programs they have supported this year through Reef Assist funding.

"There are other successful programs being run by the Gunggandji-Mandingalbay Yidinji Peoples Prescribed Body Corporate Aboriginal Corporation in Yarrabah, Mamu Aboriginal Corporation in Innisfail, and Gimuy Walubara Yidinji rangers in Cairns," he said.

"These projects being delivered by rainforest Aboriginal peoples are a testament to the importance of incorporating traditional knowledge into contemporary land management and restoration practices."



Trainee ranger Jason Ambyrum is part of a new Dulabed and Malanbarra Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation project.

Scholarship support for LGBTIQ+ uni students

By KIRK PAGE



DYLAN Barnes is a proud Wiradjuri person, born and raised on the Central Coast, NSW, with cultural connections to the Ngaridi people of East Arnhem Land and the Darkinjung people of the NSW Central Coast. Dylan is in the third year of study towards a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Indigenous studies, at Macquarie University.

Dylan says that Macquarie University is the first of its kind to offer a course in studies from queer First Nation perspectives that reflect those communities and knowledges.

There is a common misconception that since Australia achieved marriage equality, life for young LGBTIQ+ people has become much easier.

For some that may be true, but



Dylan Barnes is studying a Bachelor of Arts at Macquarie University and is a Pinnacle Foundation Scholarship winner.

for many, it's far from the truth.

National LGBTI Health Alliance research tells us that young adults in the LGBTIQ+ communities are still between five and 11 times more likely to attempt self-harm or

experience psychological distress directly related to experiences of stigma, prejudice, discrimination, bullying or abuse.

The Pinnacle Foundation's scholarship program is designed with this in mind. The scholarship offers mentorship and support that is specialised and aimed at connecting students with similar interests and lived experience. The Pinnacle Foundation scholarship is also very aware of the regional population and strongly encourages young people who live outside major cities to apply.

Many of the young LGBTIQ+ people that Pinnacle Foundation supports have grown up in environments where they have been rejected because of who they are and how they identify.

"A lot of young LGTBIQ+ youth can experience personal hardships and barriers throughout childhood and during teenage

development into our adult lives as well," Dylan said. "The impacts of isolation, homelessness and conflict within friendship groups can create issues with development and mental health which can drastically impact on their future.

"Access to support is sometimes hard if there is no one in the community to help with these issues or if you do not know what's out there and how to access it."

The scholarship provides mentoring and opportunities for young LGBTIQ+ Australians to create a more diverse and inclusive society with visible LGBTIQ+ role models.

"Mentors provide advice with mental health support and academic advice and life advice," Dylan said. "They will often have experience in the same research and career area that you are studying and the same sexuality

along with the same gender experience as you do. This provides the best personalised mentor experience to each scholar which is one of the defining features of the scholarship. It means you get the support and connection from someone who understands your own lived experience. It's a really liberating experience to have that support from someone you genuinely connect with."

This unique model of valuable scholarships and mentorship has proven very successful for Pinnacle scholars. In 2020, despite the impacts of Covid-19, every funded Pinnacle scholar successfully completed their studies for the year and said they would recommend the program to other students to help them achieve their goals.

Applications for the 2022 round of Pinnacle scholarships are open now and close September 15.

Medical student takes out WA Premier's STEM award



YAMATJI medical student Daniel Curran has been named the the Aboriginal STEM Student of the Year Award in the Western Australian 2021 Premier's Science Awards.

Daniel won the award for his inspirational work and commitment to closing the gap, including in his role as the first Aboriginal tutor in the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme at Curtin University's Centre for Aboriginal Studies.

Daniel is a third-year student who started his pathway into medicine when he was 25, when he completed a 12-month enabling course for mature age entry.

Daniel said his growing awareness of the disparity between Indigenous and other health care spurred him to do medicine. Watching family members struggle to access health care or engage with the system highlighted the barriers the Indigenous community faces.

"To me, health is the most important thing," he said. "I just always thought that way – it's fundamental. And there's a real need to knock some of those barriers down."

Curtin University vice-chancellor Professor Harlene Hayne congratulated the Curtin recipients acknowledged at the signature annual awards, a keystone in the



Third-year medical student at Curtin University Daniel Curran.

State Government's efforts to raise the profile of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"I am particularly excited to see two inspiring Curtin students recognised among

the state's brightest minds for their achievements in science, technology, engineering and mathematics," Professor Hayne said.

"An outstanding role model for aspiring

Aboriginal medical doctors who is committed to closing the gap, Daniel was the top achiever in the Indigenous pre-medicine enabling course through the Centre for Aboriginal Studies and is now in his third year of a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery at Curtin Medical School."

The winners of the Premier's Science Awards were announced at a ceremony held at WA Museum Boola Bardip during National Science Week, which runs from August 14 to 22.

The Premier's Science Awards judging panels are chaired by the chief scientist of Western Australia, Professor Peter Klinken.

The Shell Aboriginal STEM Student of the Year is awarded to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander undergraduate or postgraduate student who has demonstrated excellence in STEM studies.

"I never thought I could get into medicine," Daniel said. "And now receiving this award – what an honour. It's hard to understand the magnitude."

Daniel has acted on the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association Student Representative Committee and is the First Nations representative for Curtin's Health Sciences Student Consultative Committee. He is a role model for aspiring Aboriginal medical doctors and healthcare professionals.

Donation keeps Awabakal Medical Service stocked with surgical facemasks



INSURANCE company nib Group has delivered 10,000 urgently needed surgical KN95 facemasks to Awabakal's Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service to help protect their frontline healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Delivered to the Awabakal Medical Service located in Hamilton and Maitland in the NSW Hunter Valley, the facemasks will enable frontline workers to continue to safely administer COVID-19 vaccines as well as other health services to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people while Newcastle and the Hunter Region remain in lockdown.

Awabakal chief executive Raylene Gordon said the delivery of the surgical facemasks came at just the right time, while their service was experiencing an increase in visits from community members to receive their COVID-19 jab as well as routine health checks.

"Our healthcare workers at our Awabakal Medical Service play an important role in providing the best education, advice and care for our people and their health, particularly now as we experience lockdown as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic," Ms Gordon said.

"The delivery of these facemasks by nib came at the perfect time, with our current stock already running low as more of our people show up to receive the COVID-19 jab following our campaign on social media. It will mean our healthcare workers can continue to safely carry out their work and care for our community."

Nib chief executive Australian residents health insurance Ed Close said that while COVID-19 is active in the community it's vital everyone comes together to protect healthcare workers so they can continue to provide health services to our most at-risk community members.

"When we heard from the Awabakal Medical



From left: Awabakal's Toni Carson (regional manager Newcastle), Una Taufaa, Olivia Smith, Jamahl Douglas and Michelle Morcombe (Hamilton Clinic staff).

Service that they were running low on facemasks we knew we had to do our bit to help, so we reached out to our contacts to ensure their stock could be quickly replenished," Mr Close said.

"It's a small way that we can support our local First Nations people to access the health care they need in a safe manner."

Nib has also been working alongside Awabakal throughout the year to support community-based initiatives through funding from their charitable organisation, nib foundation.

"We've supported Awabakal's Community Sponsorship program, which offers grants to organisations and community members to support their participation in local community events, art, culture and sports," Mr Close said.

"Awabakal does a fantastic job in providing accessible and culturally appropriate health and social services to their community members, and we hope the delivery of these facemasks will help provide the protection our frontline healthcare workers need to continue to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic."



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Knowledge-giving water is smart way to support schooling for kids in Mandjawuy



THE small community of Mandjawuy in East Arnhem Land, home to Yolngu people, is keeping traditional culture alive and taking control of its future by producing Knowledge Water, through the establishment of the Arnhem Beverage Company.

Arnhem Beverage Company chief executive Rod Baker said proceeds from sales would help fund the Mandjawuy Homeland school, train local Yolngu teachers and create local jobs.

"Funding for remote education is always a challenge and the future of our school is uncertain," he said. "Our school is bicultural, which means our kids are taught English in the context of our traditional knowledge. It keeps our culture and our identity alive."

"We also need jobs on our homeland, so we can be strong and independent."

Mandjawuy community leader and board member, Rurruwiliny Ngurruwutthun said they wanted to keep their culture alive.

"And we want to take control of our own future. That is why we decided to build this Knowledge Water business," she said.

SeaLink Travel Group was proud to sign Arnhem Beverage Company's first contract for Knowledge Water, purchasing the very first pallet and helping to



Yolgnu children at the Knowledge Water launch ceremony.

support local jobs and education, so the community can remain independent.

Knowledge Water will be available for purchase on SeaLink's Northern Territory ferry services to Mandorah and the Tiwi Islands, and Group chief executive Clint Feuerherdt said that Knowledge Water would also be provided to guests on

SeaLink's Tiwi Islands tours.

"SeaLink's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) provides a pathway to advance reconciliation, but we passionately believe it is the actions we take to connect authentically that make a lasting impact, and demonstrate our commitment to the communities we service," he said.

SeaLink NT general manager

Angela Piper said that the transport company was actively seeking ways to support local Aboriginal-owned businesses.

"Every year, we carry large numbers of tourists who are interested in Aboriginal culture and increasingly seeking to engage and participate in reconciliation," she said. "Stocking Knowledge Water is a small way



Knowledge water in cartons.

for SeaLink and our customers to make a difference for the children in Mandjawuy."

Meanwhile SeaLink Travel Group has also recently launched new ferries with local language names, undertaken in consultation with traditional owners in each region, including the Parrabah in Tasmania and the Coolgaree Cat servicing Palm Island. It has two public buses operating in the Transport for NSW network wrapped with Gamilaroi/Wiradjuri man Allan McKenzie's *Vibrations of Country* artwork.

Under their inaugural Innovate level RAP in 2018, SeaLink developed a suite of initiatives and partnerships through their operations including a Larrikia Nation's Minbani Bebe Kinship program to travel to the Tiwi Islands to reconnect children in care with their Tiwi culture and extended families.

Research to help grow a new Tiwi forestry model



THE Cooperative Research Centre for Developing Northern Australia (CRCNA)'s latest collaboration is tipped to increase the export value of the

Tiwi Islands forestry industry with the development of improved tree species and management practices over the next three years.

Project participants officially kicked off the three-year, \$4.6 million 'Maximising Northern Tropical Forestry' project during a live webinar event last week.

The project brings together the Tiwi Plantations Corporation (TPC), local community development specialists, commercial tropical forestry experts and researchers to create a new model of forestry for Tiwi.

Chairman of the Tiwi Plantations Corporation Kim Puruntatameri said the project will deliver new options for economic development and employment for the Tiwi community by supporting a shift away from acacia-based products and lower-value bleach hardwood kraft pulp, to eucalyptus-based products like those used in higher-value speciality pulp markets for textiles and other bioeconomic products.

"This fundamental shift in the plantation production system will bolster the long-term viability of the Tiwi plantations and provide an integrated socio-economic model for the



Tiwi Plantations Corporation chair Kim Puruntatameri.

expansion of the plantation forestry estate in the north," he said. "We're already seeing productivity gains – close to 100% – in a network of small-scale paired trial sites previously planted on Melville Island."

"Based on these figures, this is expected to secure a multimillion export market in future years."

Nicole Mansion, the Northern Territory Minister for Agribusiness and Aquaculture, and Northern Australia and Trade, said that the Territory Government is supportive of projects that help create long-term local jobs.

"We want to increase investment in the Territory and create sustainable, long-term jobs for locals, particularly in Aboriginal communities," she said. "This is part of our target to grow the Territory's economy to \$40 billion by 2030, with a focus on growing industries, including agribusiness."

CRCNA chair Sheriden Morris said the launch of this project during the Developing Northern Australia conference in Darwin, was a great opportunity to highlight the importance of northern forestry as an enabler of economic development for First Nations communities.

"The team have co-designed this work to ensure opportunities for the local workforce to train and gain skills in all facets of the research work, meaning the benefit of this research investment will extend beyond the life of this project," she said.

Ms Morris said that training linkages will align with Charles Darwin University's Indigenous Community Researcher Program through the Northern Institute.

TPC and the research team will not be wasting any time applying the science within a real-life, commercial setting, taking the data from the field to the lab and back to the field in an iterative, closed-loop learning process. This will allow for outputs to be quickly turned into decision support tools to help guide best management practice and an ongoing exchange of information between collaborators.

In addition to technical field work and trials, researchers and community development practitioners will work with Aboriginal and rural communities across Northern Australia to document best practice forestry plantation establishment practices and develop a Northern Forestry Industry Growth Model which will outline new options for economic development and employment on Indigenous-owned lands.

Ms Morris said the research centre is proud to support this initiative and to play a role in this transformative project.

Research trials will occur within the Tiwi forestry plantation area that has exported 24 shipments of hardwood woodchip, and pine logs to four separate customers in China and Japan. The project will continue to export woodchip for the duration of this project.

Assessment of current eucalyptus pellita and hybrids trials on Melville Island indicate potential increase in productivity of close to 100%.

Research will also provide the scientific basis for the second rotation planting within the Tiwi plantation area, which will require investment of over \$100 million over 20 years, establish plant nurseries and planting programs that will provide approximately 35 ongoing Tiwi jobs, and provide full-time skilled work for up to 120 Tiwi people over the same period.

The Tiwi are seeking third-party investment partners.

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Workplace-ready mob are on path to success



GOANNA Services, Asuria and the Aboriginal Advancement Alliance (AAA) recently placed 13

Indigenous workers into roles with John Holland CPB on the WestConnex Rozelle Interchange Project in Sydney, thanks to the implementation of the Workplace Readiness Program (WRP).

John Holland CPB Contractors engaged Goanna Services to recruit and provide mentoring to participants entering the WRP, which enabled them to secure full-time paid traineeships on the major infrastructure project.

To deliver this, Goanna Services collaborated with AAA (Aboriginal Advancement Alliance) and leading employment services provider Asuria.

Having been selected by Asuria, participants attended AAA's 'Revelations' Program, which consisted of two days of culturally appropriate vocational pre-placement mentoring, training, and job readiness coaching. Participants were then interviewed and selected to attend the WRP, which included three weeks of paid construction training, where Health & Safety Advisory Services, a Registered Training Organisation, delivered the technical skills training for civil-construction-accredited training units of competency.

To date, the collaboration between Goanna Services, Asuria and AAA has seen 13 Indigenous job seekers, including two Aboriginal women, placed into employment with John Holland CPB Contractors, where they've since commenced working on the \$3.9b project as civil and tunnel workers, plant and equipment operators, trade assistants and in carpentry roles.

Following their successful placements, participants in the



Workplace Readiness Program graduates with representatives of Asuria, Goanna Services and the Aboriginal Advancement Alliance.



Workplace Readiness Program graduate Joshua Milson celebrates with Asuria's Debbie Spinks.

WRP will continue to gain access to Goanna Services' and Asuria's ongoing support and expertise, with the goal of achieving sustainable employment for

everyone involved.

Goanna Services director Cory Robertson said that additionally, the program will recognise and reward

participants for their hard work and community contribution by offering pathways to formal qualifications, including Certificate II or III in Civil Construction.

"When you show people who they can be, see their eyes light up and their confidence build, they start to walk taller knowing they can have a better life and career. That's the constructive outcome you want from what we do and why we do it together," he said. "And thanks to CPB and John Holland for the opportunity to work with them. The project has some very caring and capable leaders sincerely committed to our philosophy of 'Driving Change and Constructing Champions', which is a breath of fresh air."

Asuria's jobactive executive director Alicea Shaw said that the strong, early results delivered by the WRP were a "testament to

what can be achieved when innovative organisations come together around the shared goal of helping people from diverse backgrounds to be successful in employment.

"Not only is this a great result for John Holland CPB, it's also a shining example of the skills and staffing solutions employment service providers are capable of delivering for industries across infrastructure, transport, logistics, health care and more," she said.

AAA director Nathan Ross said their company was all about placing good people into good jobs with good companies.

"The collaboration on delivering our program for such a good project and with leading companies like CPB and John Holland has been successful, a pleasure and a lot of fun," he said.

Joshua Milson, one of the WRP participants and new starters with John Holland CPB said he'd enjoyed the training.

"From setting up my personal business to the skills and training we need on the job," he said. "I feel part of a team and continue to be supported. I love the work I am doing on the project and continue to learn every day. I now have the direction and purpose I needed and have been looking for. I can see a great future ahead for me now."

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This Workplace Readiness Program is a collaboration between Asuria, the Aboriginal Advancement Alliance and Goanna Services.

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LEAD is a small not-for-profit organisation that has been supporting family and community workers and service providers in Western Sydney for over 36 years. We are looking for a new Director to join our Board (who are all volunteers).

We recognise the significant responsibility to enable self-determination, be accountable to Traditional Owners and provide opportunities to strengthen First Peoples' connection to Country. We are committed to creating a culturally safe environment, where individuals feel safe, valued, and able to celebrate their culture, and spiritual and belief systems.

For more information, please email LEAD CEO Kerry Palejs: kerry@leadpda.org.au

Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

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Aboriginal Targeted Senior Solicitor Legal Officer Grade IV

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We are looking for a Senior Solicitor to contribute to the leadership of the Civil Law Service for Aboriginal Communities. This is a part time role and will work with other senior solicitors to lead and manage legal service delivery to Aboriginal clients including women in custody and Aboriginal communities across NSW. The successful candidate will have management and supervision experience, as well as a thorough knowledge of working with community.

Apply Online: iworkfor.nsw.gov.au

Ref. No. 00008FJR

Closing Date: Sunday, 19 September 2021, 11:59pm

Enquiries: Emma Langton on (02) 9213 5296 or emma.langton@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Health Service Manager (Full Time)

The Health Service Manager plays an integral role in overseeing the practice and programs delivered from the Health Service.

This managerial position expands across the whole of the organisation providing input and support on a variety of levels and is not isolated to just the Health Service.

Applications close 9am,

Monday 27th September 2021

For an application package and more details contact Georgina.

E: hr@rekindlingthespirit.org.au

P: 02 6622 1117



Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer (identified)

Department: Ngarra Jarra Aboriginal Health Program

Location: Austin Hospital

Employment status: Part-time, Permanent (24-31 hours per week, negotiable)

Enquiries: Debra Leahy (03) 9496 5560

The role:

The Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer (AHLO) is essential in providing culturally safe care to patients and carries responsibilities for supporting patients throughout their hospital stay, effective liaison and linkage between Austin Health and community services. The AHLO is involved in developing and implementing several culturally responsive initiatives, improving access and availability to services, supporting and maintaining positive relationships with the community. This role will suit someone who has experience working in Aboriginal communities and experience in providing support and advocacy.

Austin Health is committed to increasing employment for Aboriginal people and has developed a new Employment Plan and is currently developing a second Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan. For more information, please visit Austin Health's website.

How to apply:

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. To apply please visit Austin Health's careers page and submit an application online

<https://www.austin.org.au/careers/current-vacancies/>

Applications close: 24/9/21



Manager/Senior Manager- PwC's Indigenous Consulting (PIC)

Our purpose is to enable meaningful change in Indigenous communities by realising futures through Indigenous knowledge. We are a national Indigenous consulting business - the result of a unique partnership between Indigenous Australians and PwC Australia. The unique power of PwC's Indigenous Consulting (PIC) is the combination of Indigenous expertise and experience, with PwC's world-leading consulting capability. PIC is a member firm in the PwC global network.

We offer a full suite of consulting services with a focus on Economic Development & Nation Building, Digital Innovation and System Change.

What will you create?

You'll work with governments, Australian businesses and not-for-profit organisations and specialise in providing advice, developing strategies and supporting their execution to help realise the commercial and community potential of Indigenous policies, programs, projects, organisations and businesses. You will have a primary focus working in either Economic Development & Nation Building, Digital Innovation or System Change.

As a Manager/Senior Manager your impact will be seen by:

- Drive a team who is helping public and private sector clients implementing programs that will achieve their priorities including Indigenous-led solutions and initiatives
- Analytical strength with the ability to solve problems accurately and quickly
- Ability to discern fact from opinion and offer proof
- Communicate ideas and conclusions clearly, concisely and with meaning in both formal and informal settings
- Actively listen and respond to input of others including respecting local knowledge and understanding
- Present ideas and information at CEO and Board level and explain conclusions drawn

About you

You have a background in consulting, policy and/or Indigenous affairs and are skilled in research, analysis, stakeholder engagement and consultation. You will also be able to demonstrate significant experience working in either Economic Development & Nation Building, Digital Innovation and System Change.

Essential skills

- Degree qualified
- Demonstrated understanding of Indigenous affairs
- Passion for enabling meaningful change in our Indigenous communities

Personality characteristics

- Degree qualified
- Demonstrated understanding of consulting and Indigenous affairs
- Passion for enabling meaningful change in our Indigenous communities
- Relevant experience at least 5 years for Manager, at least 7 years for Senior Manager

You're collaborative and enjoy working in an innovative environment. You're a problem solver by nature and want to join a firm that values the kind of people who reimagine the possible for their clients and stakeholders. You are flexible and a self-starter. Most importantly, you act with integrity and show care for the people you work with.

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policy & advocacy manager

- Achieve justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Influential role with stakeholder engagement and political reach
- Suit an individual with social policy and management experience

The Organisation

Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT (ALS) has been providing legal services to Aboriginal people since 1970. They were the first free legal service in the country and are the leading legal services organisation providing free legal help, including advice and representation, to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, women and children in NSW and ACT.

ALS is fearless with its advocacy and committed to achieving justice for Aboriginal people. They are ethical, accountable and community focused and, with the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations, have a lead role in the development of jurisdictional implementation plans to support the goals of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

Benefits

- Redfern based office
- Competitive salary with generous salary packaging
- Respectful, values driven, culturally sensitive environment

The Role

Working closely with the Deputy CEO, you will manage a wide range of policy, advocacy, campaign and research matters. You'll provide advice and support to the ALS executive team including briefs, submissions, reports, and speaking points in relation to policy and law reform issues.

Additionally you will:

- Work across the legal service teams to effect policy and research development
- Engage with a range of influential stakeholders and represent ALS at key forums and events
- Develop communication plans in collaboration with media and communication staff
- Oversee external communications including publications, annual reports and educational resources
- Lead and manage a team of two direct reports (Closing the Gap Officers)

Skills Required

You will identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and will have proven experience in a similar role. You have knowledge and understanding of the injustices and issues affecting Aboriginal communities and individuals across NSW and the ACT, and you will also have:

- Relevant qualifications and/or experience in legal practice, policy development, advocacy or reform
- Experience in campaign development and implementation
- Advanced research, analysis and writing skills
- Political astuteness and government relationship skills
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills including the capability to develop position papers and consult, negotiate and liaise with a diverse range of stakeholders

If you're motivated to join an organisation fighting for justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people please send your resume and cover letter responding to the skills required above to Kelly Gentle at cv@ngorecruitment.com. Alternatively, please call Kelly Gentle on 02 8243 0570 for more information.



NEW SOUTH WALES

Aboriginal Caseworker Domestic & Family Violence

- Part time fixed term contract (3 days per week) until 30 June 2023 at Blacktown
- \$82,000 - \$87,000 salary + super + salary packaging (pro-rata)
- This is an identified Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander position

About Relationships Australia

Our clients are, and always will be, our first priority. This matters more now than ever before. Relationships Australia NSW provide a safe, judgement-free environment where individuals, couples and families can address the matters impacting their relationships and lives.

Your new role

We have an exciting opportunity for an Identified Therapeutic Caseworker to provide cultural expertise within the DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE program. Working as part of a multi-disciplinary team you will provide therapeutic casework to STMP clients and contribute to the program and service development. You will also be involved in supporting the centre including promoting services to clients and stakeholders.

What you'll do

- Provide quality therapeutic casework for STMP program participants focusing on behaviour change.
- Provide culturally appropriate casework to Aboriginal clients and their families.
- Provide intensive casework intervention as required and in consultation with the Team Leader.
- Conduct sessions using multiple mediums including face to face, telephone, video and other mediums in accordance with RANSW policy and procedure.
- Apply person centred, trauma informed, MBC practice and strength-based approach to working with clients.
- Maintain service to clients from referral to closure as appropriate, including all clinical and administrative tasks.
- Assess and refer clients to relevant services according to client identified need.
- Maintain accurate client records, e.g. file notes updated daily, and data entry according to RANSW policy.
- Enable clients to start taking responsibility for their behaviours.
- Address identified risks to victims and children.
- Assess the risks to victims and needs of children and other family members. In accordance with the family safety program, provide family members with relevant services eg counselling, family therapy, WCC.
- Ensure confidentiality of all client information in accordance with RANSW policy and adhere to legislated Privacy principles.
- Facilitation of groupwork programs if required.

What you'll bring

- Formal qualifications in Social Work, Psychology or other relevant disciplines.
- Minimum 1 years experience in working with families that have experience family and domestic violence.
- Casework experience with individuals and families.
- Experience in working with men who use violence.
- Experience with working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people and ability to ensure cultural safety.
- Experience in facilitating men's behaviour change programs is desirable.
- Qualifications in counselling, trauma or other relevant disciplines is preferred.
- Completion of relevant training in MBC practice i.e. Grad Cert in MBC (Individual and Group) is ideal.

Why work with us?

- Empower people to have healthy, well-being and meaningful relationships by addressing the issues impacting them
- Strong clinical and supervision framework to deepen our practice excellence
- Work alongside people who truly care about what you achieve. Grow with us as a team.
- We have a strong focus on wellbeing including salary packaging, additional leave days, weekly wellness alerts and fitness passport
- Flexible working arrangements help you find the perfect balance
- We value inclusion and belonging; We want a workforce reflective of all of the communities we serve.
- RANSW is committed to deepening our relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Our RAP guides our efforts to build strong relationships, increased employment opportunities and enhanced respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples and other Australians

Next Steps

Interested? Apply online at <https://www.relationshipsnsw.org.au/careers/> today!



WE ARE HIRING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

The Department of Communities and Justice are looking for Aboriginal Caseworkers to come join us in supporting children and their families in our local community.

Benefits include:

- Salary from \$74,117 to \$102,403 + super
- Industry leading training
- Ongoing professional development
- Generous leave entitlements
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For more information contact:

BecomeACaseworker@facs.nsw.gov.au
or call (02) 9765 3022

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Business Support Trainee

Location: Flexible - 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne
Salary: VPSG2 \$53,946 to \$69,276 plus super
Position No: 50936115

- Develop your administration and business skills
- Work in an environment where your manager has received Aboriginal Cultural Safety training
- Provide business support to the DELWP's Planning Group

You will work in environment that will support your development and growth in the areas of business and administration. You will have the opportunity to work with Executive Assistants and Business Support Officers across the Planning Group to provide business critical administration support to Management.

Specialist/Technical Expertise/Qualifications

- A relevant qualification or certificate/ diploma (or completing a qualification) in Administration or Business is desirable.

This is an ongoing position.

To be considered for this position, your application should include a supporting statement demonstrating that you meet the Key Selection Criteria detailed in the position description.

Applications close at midnight on Wednesday, 22 September 2021.

Other relevant information:

Preferred candidates will be required to undertake pre-employment screening, including a Declaration and Consent form and a National Police Check.

This position is designated for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people under s.12 Special Measures of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Interested applicants will be asked to supply a completed confirmation of Aboriginality Form or a copy of a past completed form. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

We recognise the significant responsibility to enable self-determination, be accountable to Traditional Owners and provide opportunities to strengthen First Peoples' connection to Country. We are committed to creating a culturally safe environment, where individuals feel safe, valued, and able to celebrate their culture, and spiritual and belief systems.

For general information about Aboriginal Employment at DELWP, please contact self.determination@delwp.vic.gov.au.

For further information including the position description, key selection criteria and to apply visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

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Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS)

The Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) Link Worker is responsible for provision of support to clients of the Greater Western Aboriginal Health Service SEWB Program. The SEWB program provides support with needs related to Alcohol and Other Drugs, Mental Health and broader supports around grief and loss, trauma and abuse, domestic violence, removal from family and family breakdown, cultural dislocation, racism and discrimination.

Social and Emotional Wellbeing Link Worker

Full time

Location: Luxford Road, Mount Druitt
Hours per week: 40 38 hrs plus 2 hrs AWH

Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander identified position

Minimum qualifications for the position

- Aboriginality.
- Male
- Relevant qualification- either relevant VET qualification (e.g. Cert IV Community Services, Mental Health, AOD Work) or equivalent tertiary qualification or working towards.
- Experience in the direct care delivery and care coordination of programs and services for mental health, alcohol and other drugs and other community supports for Aboriginal people.
- Ability to make appropriate referrals to relevant mental health and alcohol and other drug services and community programs.
- Effective organisational and time management skills- including the ability to manage competing priorities.
- Excellent written and spoken communication skills and ability to communicate with a range of stakeholders.
- Ability to record relevant program data using computer software collection systems.
- Drivers licence.

About the position

The role includes both direct practical support such as transport as well as coordination of care provided by the GWAHS Clinic and other providers, for example external psychological support, withdrawal management, primary health care, psychiatric care, counselling.

The position reports to the Team Leader- SEWB, GWAHS.

Closing date for the position: 13/09/2021

Contact name: Jim Porter

Contact phone number: 0417620081

Contact email address: jimp@gwaahs.net.au



Aboriginal Advancement Coordinator

Business Unit/Directorate: Strategy and Engagement

Salary: Level 5 \$89,047 - \$97,994 PSCA 2019

Position No: 100745

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 is an exciting opportunity for a motivated person to be part of a small team that will enhance the Department's capability and capacity to deliver meaningful outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This role will coordinate a consistent approach to work across the Department in support of Aboriginal outcomes.

The role is responsible for supporting and growing our engagement and contribution to broader Government agendas and supporting staff in liaising and partnering with our Aboriginal stakeholders.

This opportunity is for one year with possibility of extension and/or permanency.

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



FIRST NATIONS ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

PPCA is seeking a part-time (1 - 2 days per week) First Nation Engagement Officer to join our busy Distribution Department in Sydney's Surry Hills. PPCA is a copyright collection society that licenses, collects and distributes fees for the use of protected recordings and music videos.

The role will have a dual reporting line to both the Distribution Manager and Chief Operating Officer, with a particular focus on outreach to First Nations contemporary music industry professionals to drive awareness of PPCA and increase artist and licensor registrations.

This administrative role will include:

- Building networks with First Nations contemporary music industry professionals, organisations and artists
- Liaising with First Nations Artists/Mangers/Record Labels regarding their track registrations;
- Assisting with the maintenance of track registration information in our distribution database;
- Assisting in the processing of track play information, in order to distribute licence fees collected to registered artists and recording labels; and
- Reconciling and processing ad hoc payments, on the resolution of registration disputes.

The ideal applicant will have:-

- Existing First Nations music industry relationships and connections;
- Familiarity and understanding of current best-practice cultural protocols and processes;
- Experience working with First Nations communities;
- An understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
- An ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people;
- Demonstrated knowledge of the contemporary music industry;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills with the ability to communicate with all types of artists, managers and all levels of record label personnel; and
- A diligent work ethic;

Along with:

- Data entry experience
- Ability to work without supervision
- Strong organisational skills and the ability to meet tight deadlines
- Proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office (Outlook, Word, and particularly Excel)
- Experience with a record company in royalty accounting and/or qualifications in Music Industry studies would be an advantage
- Experience in accounts / reconciliation will also be highly regarded.

This is an identified position, within the meaning of special measures under subsection 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*.

Please note that only applicants selected for interview will be contacted.

Please apply with resume and covering letter to HR.Mail@ppca.com.au

Drummond St Services



At drummond street services, we strongly encourage First Nations People, LGBTIQ+ people, people with disability, and people from Culturally Diverse Communities with relevant experience to apply to work with us.

For more info go to: ds.org.au/career-opportunities/ or call 03 9663 6733.

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Chief Executive Officer

Type: Full time

Location: Sydney

Salary: \$200,000 - \$250,000

Website:

<https://communityresources.org.au>

Oversee a breadth of social enterprises in waste, recycling, environment, community and Aboriginal services creating jobs that care for people and the planet.

- Build on a solid foundation and established reputation
- Ensure operational excellence for continued growth & opportunity
- Provide vision and guidance to a committed team

To apply:

People for Purpose are partnering with Community Resources to lead the search for this role. For further information about this position and a link to apply, see our ad on the Koori Mail website under 'JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS'. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island people are encouraged to contact us. You will be able to discuss the opportunity with our Chair, Katriina Heikkanen.

Expressions of Interest by Sunday, 12 September 2021





Evaluation Associate

You will be highly analytical and enjoy interpreting complex information through varied research methods. You will work alongside like-minded team members who are passionate about delivering rigorous, relevant, and accessible information to build knowledge and evidence about the arts. To obtain further information, please visit our careers page at <http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers/>

Applications close 22 September 2021 at 3:00pm (AEDT)

Executive Assistant

Your role presents an opportunity to work alongside and provide high level support to the Executive Director, Development and Strategic Partnerships to contribute to their success and that of their team. No two days are the same for you, which will require a high degree of proactivity, confidentiality, discretion, and professionalism. To obtain further information, please visit our careers page at <http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers/>

Applications close 20 September 2021 at 3:00pm (AEDT)



Gowrie SA is the Inclusion Agency for South Australia under the Inclusion Support Program. The Inclusion Support Programme (ISP) is funded by the Australian Government.

INCLUSION PROFESSIONAL

We are currently recruiting for a full time or part time Inclusion Professional to be based in the metropolitan Adelaide area.

We want to recruit an Inclusion Professional who identifies as Aboriginal or as a Torres Strait Islander who has a diverse knowledge and experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Gowrie SA has a Reconciliation Action Plan and are active in their endorsement of this.

Only those applicants successful for an interview will be contacted.

To view the full job advert and the job & person specification please go to <https://gowriesa.org.au/inclusion-agency/positions-vacant>. You will need to address the selection criteria in your application letter. Applications by email, including two current work-related referees, should be sent to the HR Officer at recruit@gowriesa.org.au.



Identified

Aboriginal Suicide Prevention Peer Worker

Location: Tamworth Community Health Service
Reference ID: REQ250077

Aboriginal Suicide Prevention Outreach Team Professional

Location: Maitland Hospital
Reference ID: REQ254010

These positions are identified for Aboriginal people and exemption is claimed under 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

Targeted

Administration Officer Aboriginal Mental Health Service

Location: Hamilton Campus
Reference ID: REQ246250

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

All Enquiries: Bron Rose at
Bron.Rose@health.nsw.gov.au
Closing Dates: 15 September 2021
Department: Hunter New England LHD

Applications must be lodged electronically at healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com
Search for Job Ref Numbers: **see above**

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Forthcoming vacancies on the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

The Hon. Gabrielle Williams, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, is calling for applications from Victorian Traditional Owners to become members of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (Council).

What is the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council?

The Council was created under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006. It is the only statutory decision-making authority in Australia whose members are all Traditional Owners.

The Council's purpose is to work with all Victorians for the protection and enjoyment of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage.

The Council's principal functions involve:

- Advising the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage matters in Victoria
- Making decisions regarding the appointment of Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs)
- Overseeing the reporting and return of Ancestral Remains and Secret or Sacred Objects
- Promoting awareness and understanding of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage.

Expressions of Interest are sought to fill Council member vacancies

To be eligible to be a Council member you must be an Aboriginal person who:

- is a Victorian Traditional Owner;
- is resident in Victoria; and
- has relevant experience or knowledge of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in Victoria.

Consideration will also be given to:

- influence/ leadership at State level
- conflicts of interest/management and knowledge of risk management principles
- knowledge of decision-making processes and governance experience
- knowledge and experience of Cultural Heritage management in Victoria
- experience in stakeholder engagement, strategic planning and leadership
- knowledge of financial management processes
- gender balance and cultural fit with Council's current membership.

Council members are expected to have adequate time to commit to the duties of the Council. They are paid a sitting fee and are reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with the Victorian Government guidelines.

Please email your written Expression of Interest, addressing the above criteria to vahc@dpc.vic.gov.au

Expressions of Interest must be received by Monday 11 October 2021.

For further information, please contact the Office of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

E: vahc@dpc.vic.gov.au

T: 03 7004 7198

W: www.aboriginalheritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/become-member-aboriginal-heritage-council



Australian Government

DIRECTOR-GENERAL National Archives of Australia

The Australian Government is seeking applications from suitably qualified persons for appointment as the Director-General of the National Archives of Australia (National Archives). The position is established under the *Archives Act 1983*. The appointment is for a term of up to five years.

The Director-General is the head of the National Archives and is responsible for the supervision and direction of the National Archives. The National Archives provides leadership in best practice management of the official records of the Commonwealth and ensures that Australian Government information of enduring significance is secured, preserved and available to government agencies, researchers and the community. Information about the National Archives is available at www.naa.gov.au.

As Director-General, you will be responsible for the strategic leadership and day-to-day management of the National Archives with the development of policies, systems and processes. You will build strong and enduring working relationships with key stakeholders and represent the National Archives in a range of public forums.

You should have significant experience with archival, information and data management. While you should have familiarity with the Act and relevant Commonwealth legislation, legal qualifications are not a requirement. Fields of professional experience may include the law and other professions, government, public policy, academia, the media and the private sector.

You will need to be an outstanding leader and manager with a high degree of strategic focus to lead a busy organisation. You will have personal drive and integrity with a demonstrated ability to achieve results. You will also be committed to driving a digital transformation agenda.

Remuneration

Under section 68 of the *Public Service Act 1999*, the head of an Executive Agency is to be paid the remuneration that is determined by the Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal. In accordance with the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*, the successful candidate will receive remuneration and allowances for the position of the Director-General.

Information about the position, including eligibility and selection criteria, and details on how to apply, is available on the Attorney-General's Department website Careers page - <https://www.ag.gov.au/about-us/careers/statutory-appointments>. Expressions of interest close at 5:00 pm (EST) on Friday, 17 September 2021. Enquiries can be directed to appointments@ag.gov.au.



BOOKKEEPER & ADMIN MANAGER

ABOUT US:

The Koori Mail is Australia's fortnightly national Indigenous newspaper that has been operating for 30 years from our head office in Lismore NSW. Established in May 1991, the Koori Mail is distributed Australia-wide in print form and globally online, providing news, views, advertisements, and other material of vital interest to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and Australians interested in Indigenous affairs. We have also recently launched a Koori Mail podcast program to provide another media platform for accessing Koori Mail content and Indigenous news and stories. The Koori Mail stands out as a company who looks after our staff, providing a culturally safe workplace and long-term employment for the right candidate.

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.



NEW SOUTH WALES

Counsellors – Wattle Place

- Part time permanent positions at Harris Park
- Working hours and days are flexible
- \$82-87,000 salary + super + salary packaging (pro-rata depending on hours worked)
- Build trust with people who have being let down by services and the system

About Us

Our clients are, and always will be, our first priority. This matters more now than ever before. Relationships Australia NSW provide a safe, judgement free environment where individuals, couples and families can address the matters impacting their relationships and lives.

Wattle Place is a place of understanding, support and hope for people who grew up in care, former state wards and orphans; Forgotten Australians; the Stolen Generation; people impacted by past Forced Adoption Practices and people impacted by the National Redress Scheme.

Our work is not for everyone, please go to www.wattleplace.org.au to learn more and determine if we are the best fit for you. This position is not suitable for new graduates.

What you'll do

As our Counsellor in Wattle Place, you will provide high quality counselling, therapeutic case work, social connection and practical support to our clients. This includes duties such as supported file release, supporting family reunions and completing documents and statements for those accessing the National Redress Scheme. Support is provided in person, over the phone, online and in partnership with other services.

Critical to your success will be your ability to build trust with people who have experienced being let down by services and the system, how you create a safe place for healing without over-promising and your trauma informed counselling approach.

Our work is not for everyone, please go to www.wattleplace.org.au to learn more and determine if we are the best fit for you. This position is not suitable for new graduates.

What you'll bring

As an experienced Counsellor, Case Work or Social Worker you will have:

- Minimum 3 years experience providing trauma-informed counselling and therapeutic casework ideally to people impacted by childhood trauma
- Understanding of institutional care and Out-of-Home Care in Australia and the issues/ barriers faced by Forgotten Australians and Stolen Generation
- Using structured evidence-informed counselling modalities to respond to the challenges facing our clients
- Experience supporting those impacted by a range of additional vulnerabilities, eg mental health distress, and/or people with disabilities is an advantage
- Trustworthy, compassionate and supportive approach and strong self-care practices
- Impeccable professional boundaries; over-promising our clients will compound their trauma.

Why work with us?

- It is a privilege to work with our clients and share their journey; as a Counsellor in Wattle Place you get to see how people have overcome and live well despite their history
- Strong clinical and supervision framework to deepen our practice excellence
- Work alongside people who truly care about what you achieve. Grow with us as a team.
- We have a strong focus on wellbeing including salary packaging, additional leave days, weekly wellness alerts and fitness passport
- We value inclusion and belonging. Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging serves to ensure that we are representative and supportive of the communities in which we support
- RANSW is committed to deepening our relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people. Our RAP guides our efforts to build strong relationships, increased employment opportunities, and enhanced respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples and other Australians
- RANSW encourages all persons from diverse communities to apply for the Counsellor role(s) at Wattle Place

Next Steps

Interested? Apply online at <https://www.relationshipsnsw.org.au/careers/> today!



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Aboriginal Health Worker (Child and Family)

Department: South Western Sydney LHD

Location: Hoxton Park Community Health Centre

Employment Type: Temporary Full-Time, 38 hours per week up until 30/06/2022

Position Classification: Aboriginal Health Worker

Remuneration: \$1,042.24 to \$1,535.05 per week

In this role being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person is a genuine occupational requirement, and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997 (NSW).

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander 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: 26 September 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically at healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com
Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ251414.**

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Bethany Group - Inclusion and Diversity Advisor

At Bethany we value people and build upon their strengths. We are innovative and for over 150 years we have been supporting individuals within the community by developing new ways of working to make a difference.

We are excited to advertise for the role of **Inclusion and Diversity Advisor**, part time ongoing – 30.4 hours per week, based in Geelong Victoria.

This role will work across all areas of our organisation to implement Bethany's Inclusion and Diversity Strategy, while embedding best practice inclusion and diversity actions into core business practice.

For further information and to apply for this position please go to the 'Current Vacancies' section of our website at www.bethany.org.au. **Applications close 9:00am Monday 13 September 2021.**

Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

The Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council (YLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the role of CEO.

To obtain a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer – Joanne Bolt on (02) 66 453 676 or email yaegl@internode.on.net
Applications marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 216
MACLEAN NSW 2463

Applications close Friday, 06th October 2021



Families,
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Senior Child Protection Practitioner - Non Supervisory (CPP5) Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO)

- **Central Highlands**
- **\$102,637 - \$113,410 p.a (plus super)**
- **Full Time - On Going**

The Senior Child Protection Practitioner (non-supervisory) is responsible for supporting and developing Child Protection Practitioners in the integration of theory and practice whilst

demonstrating their expertise through case practice, working collaboratively with the Team

Manager to strength case practice, provide effective service delivery and support other

practitioners. The Senior Child Protection Practitioner (non-supervisory) may be responsible

for receiving and assessing reports of alleged abuse and neglect of children and young

people, undertaking investigations and developing plans to bring about the changes

necessary to ensure the safety, stability and development of children and young people and

to promote the achievement of case plan objectives within specified timeframes This may

include taking matters to court. The Senior Child Protection Practitioner (non-supervisory)

maintains a full case load, is a senior member of the team and works collaboratively with the

Team Manager to provide effective service delivery and support to other practitioners.

Contact for further information: Nathan Sherlock - 0400 588 171 nathan.sherlock@dffh.vic.gov.au

vic.gov.au

Reference number: DFFH/WWD/520901

Applications close: COB Monday 13 September 2021

For more information about this opportunity, please go to www.careers.vic.gov.au and

download a position description to view departmental information, the selection criteria, our

pre-employment screening requirements and our Diversity and Inclusion commitments.



Join the Supply Nation team!

Have you ever wanted to work in an organisation where you are creating a positive impact every single day?

This is your opportunity to join our dynamic and growing team and help create a vibrant, prosperous and sustainable Indigenous business sector.

We are currently recruiting for two full-time positions based in our Sydney office (currently working remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions):

RELATIONSHIP MANAGER NSW (full-time)

Reporting to the Head of Membership, the overall objective of the role is to provide support and assistance to members and Indigenous businesses, to increase their levels of business activity with each other.

We encourage you to apply if you are:

- a talented communicator with negotiation and relationship management capabilities.
- comfortable working with procurement teams and Indigenous suppliers; from high level executives to operations teams and everyone in-between.
- a people-person, with experience in business development.
- keen to focus on effectively and efficiently growing the Indigenous business sector in Australia.
- someone with the drive to help make Australia a more equal society through supplier diversity.

INDIGENOUS BUSINESS OFFICER (full-time)

Reporting to the Manager of Certification and Audit, the overall objective of the role is to ensure that our Indigenous Business verification program maintains the highest standard of integrity and authenticity and that Indigenous businesses needs and enquiries are actioned where required.

We encourage you to apply if you have:

- been looking to make a difference through what you do.
- demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Indigenous societies, cultures and issues affecting Indigenous Australians in business.
- demonstrated knowledge and understanding of small to medium business enterprises and business structures.
- an investigative mind that does not take information at face value and critically assesses information against a set standard.
- high level communication, analytical and liaison skills; in particular skills relevant to working with Indigenous communities and other key stakeholders.

Suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information and to apply, please visit our website: supplnation.org.au/careers/ or via email at recruitment@supplnation.org.au



Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Land Council

"The objects of BBLALC are to improve, protect and foster the best interests

Of all Aboriginal persons within the Council's area"

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Land Council (BBLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the BBLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer by email: bblalc@bigpond.com or on (02) 44727390.

Applicants can be forwarded to bblalc@bigpond.com or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson
Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 542 Batemans Bay NSW 2536

Applications close Friday 17/09/2021

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

**For all your advertising needs
email: advertising@koorimail.com
or call 02 6622 2666**



The position description for all roles and details of how to apply can be found on our website - <https://ntv.org.au/about-us/work-with-us/>

Membership and Engagement Officer

This role will support the implementation of the NTV Membership Strategy to support existing members and grow NTV membership across Australia. The role will contribute to the ongoing development and maintenance of a new client relationship management system.

The Membership and Engagement Officer will work closely with our communications team to create materials that will appeal to our members. An understanding of the family violence sector is essential in order to support conversations with our members and feedback information to the relevant teams within the organisation.

Statewide Coordinator

specialist Family Violence capacity building program in Mental Health & Alcohol and Other Drugs

No to Violence (NTV) provides state-wide coordination for the Specialist Family Violence Advisor (SFVA) Capacity Building Program in Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug Services. To acquit recommendations 98 and 99 of the Royal Commission into Family Violence, the SFVA roles are embedded in area mental health services and AOD agencies across Victoria.

The State-wide Coordinator serves as the program representative and central contact. They facilitate SFVA peer connection and development and program coordination and reporting. The role is responsible for providing the SFVAs with advice and coaching, engaging with key stakeholders to share program learnings, including identified gaps and barriers, and collaboratively developing solutions and resources.

ANMF Federal Professional Officer

About the business

The ANMF is Australia's largest national union and professional nursing and midwifery organisation. In collaboration with the ANMF's eight state and territory branches, we represent the professional, industrial and political interests of over 313,000 nurses, midwives and carers across the country.

Our members work in the public and private health, aged care and disability sectors across a wide variety of urban, rural and remote locations. We work with them to improve their ability to deliver safe and best practice care in each and every one of these settings, fulfil their professional goals and achieve a healthy work/life balance.

Our strong and growing membership and integrated role as both a trade union and professional organisation provide us with a complete understanding of all aspects of the nursing and midwifery professions and see us uniquely placed to defend and advance our professions.

Through our work with members we aim to strengthen the contribution of nursing and midwifery to improving Australia's health and aged care systems, and the health of our national and global communities.

About the role

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) is seeking a registered nurse for a part time Professional Officer position on a permanent basis (0.5 EFT). This role is to assist with progressing and implementing the ANMF's professional program. The successful candidate will be responsible for:

- Providing professional nursing and midwifery research, advice and representation to support ANMF Branches and members,
- Contributing to the provision of strategic advice and direction on national professional and clinical issues for nursing and midwifery, professional legislative and regulatory matters and related professional issues,
- Preparing ANMF responses to a range of stakeholders on professional issues,
- Providing research, report writing and policy development on professional issues as required,
- Communicating and lobbying on professional and related matters on behalf of the Federation,
- Professional representation of the ANMF in a range of forums.

Applications close: Monday 20 September 2021

A position description is available at the ANMF website - <https://bit.ly/3dtdErR>
For further information please email Anastasia Shianis ashianis@anmf.org.au.

Salary and Conditions

This is a permanent part time position for a registered nurse to join our federal professional team.

ANMF supports flexible work arrangements, with the opportunity to work from home. Candidates throughout Australia are encouraged to apply.

The ANMF offers generous conditions of employment, with the salary in accordance with the ANMF Appointed Staff Enterprise Agreement.

Starting salary - \$121,000 (pro rata) plus 15.5% superannuation guarantee.

Skills and experience

To be successful in this role you must be a registered nurse or registered nurse/midwife and will need to possess the following skills and attributes:

- Tertiary qualifications in nursing, with relevant postgraduate qualifications, or equivalent,
- Minimum of 5 years postgraduate nursing experience,
- Knowledge and understanding of nursing and midwifery practice, and relevant legislation, with experience in clinical practice, education, management or research,
- Ability to work autonomously and as part of a team and take a collaborative approach to work,
- Excellent writing skills,
- Ability to work under the pressure of deadlines and balancing multiple priorities,
- Health policy development and report and submission writing experience desirable,
- Commitment to the principles of trade unionism,

How to apply

Please email your application, including covering letter and CV, addressing the essential selection criteria in the PD, to Annie Butler, ANMF Federal Secretary fedsec@anmf.org.au by **Monday 20 September 2021 COB**.



Executive Assistant (Identified)

- **Department of Education**
- **Full-time ongoing appointment**
- **Clerk Grade 3/4**
- **Location: To be negotiated**

\$88,562 p.a. Package includes salary (\$72,635 to \$79,535), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The role provides administrative support to the Learning (School) Strategy Unit to ensure the efficient operation of the unit.

About the role

- Provide a range of administrative and support services to meet the business needs of the unit.
- Provide efficient and diverse executive support and administrative services while maintaining confidentiality and professionalism.
- Meeting conflicting work priorities within agreed time frames. The challenge is to produce accurate work at a consistently high level.
- This is a diverse administrative role that requires professionalism, confidentiality, a positive problem solving and solutions focused approach. The challenge is to be flexible in the scope and range of activities as required by the business unit.

About the Directorate

The role of the Aboriginal Outcomes and Partnerships Directorate is to advance education for Aboriginal students in public schools across New South Wales.

To achieve this, the Directorate works closely with a number of partners, including Education and Skills Reform Division and the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Incorporated.

How to apply

We are committed to creating a diverse and inclusive workplace. We encourage applications from all candidates including people with a disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from all diversity groups, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, cultural background or sexual orientation.

To apply for this role, please submit an application by clicking "Apply Online" below. To apply, you will need to attach a cover letter (max. 2 pages) and your resume (max. 5 pages) in either Word or PDF format. Please address any **pre-screening questions and any essential requirements**. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the **role description** in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

This is an Aboriginal identified role. When applying for an Aboriginal identified position, applicants must provide confirmation of Aboriginality and a certified statutory declaration upon interview as defined in the Confirmation of Aboriginality Guidelines: education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/careers-at-education/why-work-at-education/diversity-and-inclusion/aboriginal-peoples

This is a child-related role. If you are the successful candidate 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 Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Pre-Screening Questions

- Describe how you keep yourself organised when dealing with complex tasks and requests from multiple sources? (300 words)
- Outline the kinds of documents you have been responsible for preparing. What software did you use and how did you support this work? (300 words)

Essential Requirements

- This is an Aboriginal identified role.
- 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.
- Working with Children Check for paid employment

Note: A recruitment pool may be created through this recruitment process. A recruitment pool is a group of applicants who have been assessed and identified as suitable for this role, and who may be considered for a range of similar roles, including temporary, term or ongoing roles, over the next 18 months.

Applications Close: 22 September 2021

For enquiries about this role, contact Sam Ricketts, Director, Learning (School) Strategy, Aboriginal Outcomes and Partnerships, Department of Education, at (02) 4357 5347 or by email to Samuel.ricketts@det.nsw.edu.au

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au website and refer to the following keyword: 00008H08 or 192513

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Invitation for Registrations of Interest – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment – Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Transmission, Upper Hunter Shire, Warrumbungle Shire, Mid-Western Regional and Dubbo Regional LGA.

TransGrid is planning new 330 kV and 500 kV transmission lines, substation(s) and related infrastructure within the Central-West Orana region of NSW (the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Transmission). The proposed study corridor runs approximately north-west from the existing network near Merriwa, passing south of Dunedoo before connecting to the existing network east of Wellington. The proposed study corridor also includes an option to extend further south near Lake Burrendong. More information on the project can be accessed at www.transgrid.com.au/centralwestorana

WSP Australia Pty Ltd, on behalf of TransGrid, is undertaking the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Central-West Orana REZ Transmission, and has engaged EMM Consulting Pty Ltd to undertake an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment to inform the project.

Contact details for the project are: Sherrie Anderson, Indigenous Engagement Team Lead, TransGrid; M: 0429 889 708

Registrations are invited from Aboriginal individuals and organisations who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the area, and who wish to be involved in the consultation process undertaken as part of the assessment.

The purpose of consultation is to assist the proponent in:

1. Assessing the Aboriginal heritage values of the area;
2. To assist NSW Government in the assessment of Aboriginal heritage reports prepared for this project; and
3. To support any future applications or approvals for the project sought under Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and/or National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

Registrations of interest should be provided by no later than 22 September 2021 to Alan Williams EMM Consulting Pty Ltd, 20 Chandos Street, St Leonards, NSW 2065; T: 02 9493 9500; E: awilliams@emmconsulting.com.au.

NOTICE OF BARNGARLA COMMUNITY MEETING



ON SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2021 the BARNGARLA NATIVE TITLE HOLDERS will hold a meeting to consider the next stages in resolving their outstanding compensation entitlement in the area subject to the native title determination in *Croft on behalf of the Barngarla Native Title Claim Group v State of South Australia* (No 3) [2018] FCA 552 (Croft (No 3)). All Barngarla Native Title Holders are eligible to attend this meeting.

This is a voting meeting. The matters to be considered, and/or voted on, at this meeting may include any or all of the following:

- status of the assessment and valuation of the compensation entitlement which the Barngarla Native Title Holders are entitled to claim with respect to the past extinguishment native title;
- the potential for formal negotiations with the State to resolve the compensation entitlement;
- determining who will make the compensation application under *section 61(1) of the Native Title Act 1993*, over the area depicted above;
- if necessary, authorising a person or persons in accordance with *section 251B of the Native Title Act 1993* to be applicant pursuant to *section 61 of the Native Title Act 1993* in any compensation application over the area depicted above, on behalf of the Barngarla Native Title Holders (the compensation claim group);
- authorising the making of a compensation application under *section 50(2) of the Native Title Act 1993* in accordance with *section 61 of the Native Title Act 1993* over the area depicted above, on behalf of the Barngarla Native Title Holders, either as soon as reasonably practicable or otherwise immediately upon the completion of the compensation assessment work being conducted to determine the value of the compensation entitlement the subject of the application;
- any other resolution reasonably necessary to proceed with the Barngarla compensation claim.

This meeting is being held so that the Barngarla Native Title Holders can decide how to proceed with their compensation claim. No decisions will be made about how any future compensation money will be used. It is likely to be a number of years before any compensation money is received. Further meetings will be held regarding these issues when the compensation claim has progressed further.

All Barngarla Native Title Holders are eligible to attend. The Barngarla Native Title Holders were determined by the Federal Court of Australia in *Croft* (No 3) to be those Barngarla People:

- who are related by means of the principle of descent to the following Barngarla apical ancestors:
 - (i) the siblings Percy Richards and Susie Richards;
 - (ii) Maudie Blade who is the mother of Phyllis Croft;
 - (iii) George Glennie and Mary Glennie;
 - (iv) the siblings Bob Eyles and Harry Croft;
 - (v) Jack Stuart;
 - (vi) Arthur Davis (also known as King Arthur) and his sons, Andrew Davis, Jack Davis, Stanley Davis and Percy Davis; and
- who have a connection with the Area in accordance with the traditional laws and customs of the Barngarla People; and
- who identify as a Barngarla person and who are accepted by the Barngarla People as a Barngarla person.

This includes all members of the **Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC ICN 8603**.

Date of meeting: Sunday 26 September 2021
Place of meeting: Central Whyalla Football Club
 25 McDouall Stuart Avenue, Whyalla Norrie SA 5608
Time of meeting: 1:00pm

This meeting will occur while **COVID-19** restrictions are in place throughout parts of Australia. Even without those restrictions, safety precautions are necessary for all Barngarla People. **Appropriate social distancing and hygiene measures will be implemented at the meeting.** If you cannot attend this meeting, or are still uncomfortable in doing so, please contact the meeting organisers using the details below and we will ensure that your views are considered by the meeting.

To register your attendance, or should you require assistance to come to the meeting (limited assistance may be available), please contact barngarlacontact@gmail.com or telephone 0488 122 070. Please also use these contact details if you require any further information about the meeting.



Notice under Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 Mining Lease Application 605 (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 acts

The Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade intends to grant a mining lease under section 63(1)(a) of the *Mining Act 1992* (NSW) on land subject to native title.

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

Note: If the mining lease is granted, the renewal, re grant or re-making (including partial renewals or partial transfers) or extension of the term of the lease 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

Ulan Coal Mines Pty Limited (ACN 000 189 248) is the applicant for Mining Lease Application 605 which, if granted would authorise only the following ancillary mining activities, for an initial term of up to 21 years.

Ancillary mining activities include:

- the construction, maintenance or use (in or in connection with mining operations) of any one or more of the following–
 - any building or mining plant,
 - any road,
 - any reservoir, dam, drain or water race,
 - any cable, conveyor, pipeline, telephone line or signalling system,
 - any bin, magazine or fuel chute,
- the storage of fuel, machinery, timber or equipment for use in or in connection with mining operations,
- the generation and transmission of electricity for use in or in connection with mining operations,
- the construction, maintenance and use (in or in connection with mining operations) of any drillhole or shaft for–
 - drainage of gas, or
 - drainage or conveyance of water, or
 - ventilation, or
 - conveyance of electricity, or
 - conveyance of materials, or
 - communications, or
 - emergency access to underground workings,
- the environmental management, protection and rehabilitation of land on which an ancillary mining activity referred to in another paragraph of this clause is being or has been carried out.

Description of area that may be affected

The entire area of Mining Lease Application 605 that covers an area of about 93.5 hectares situated approximately 8 kilometres north west of the town of Ulan, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below

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

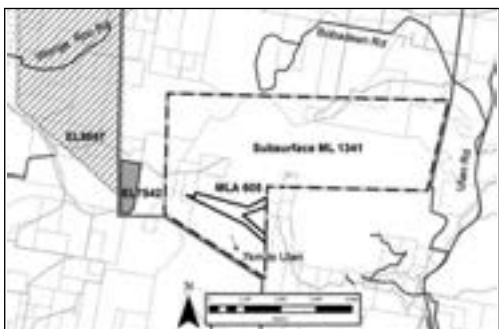
Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade,
 PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

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 23 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.



WaterNSW

Woolgoolga Creek Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Amrit Pal Singh and Jessica Jasvinder Johal** for an approval for a **Water Supply Work and Water Use**, for a by wash dam with a capacity of 5ML/year and 50mm pump with a capacity of 7 l/s at Lot 2 DP 1203254 Parish Woolgoolga, County of Fitzroy, and water use for irrigation at Lot 2 DP 1203254 Parish Woolgoolga, County of Fitzroy. The application relates to Woolgoolga Creek Water Source, subject to Coffs Harbour Area Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2009. Objections must be submitted in writing to **1243 Bruxner Highway Wollongbar NSW 2477** or to customer.helpdesk@water.nsw.gov.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 water.nsw.gov.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A027320**. 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@water.nsw.gov.au. KH1561

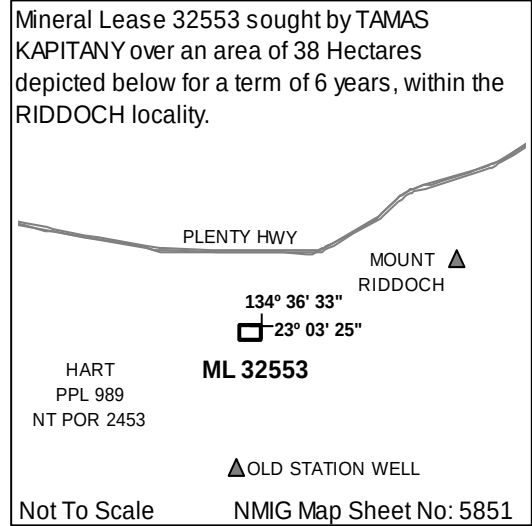


NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Nicole Manison MLA, 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 mineral title application.

The application to which this notice applies:



Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane QLD 4001, or telephone (07) 3307 5000.

Notification Day: 22 September 2021

WaterNSW

Border Rivers Valley Floodplain

WaterNSW has received an application from **Malcolm David HARRIS** for an approval to **amend a Flood Work** - adding storages, levees and a below ground channel (all existing works located at Lot 20 DP750488, Lot 46 DP704653, Lot 2 DP721422, Lot 1 DP822893, Lot 32 DP750488, Lot 1 DP795826, Crown Land East of Lot 20 DP750488, Crown Land North of Lot 32 DP750488 and Crown Land East of Lot 1 DP 795826 all in Parish of Narrawali, County of Benarba. The work is subject to the Floodplain Management plan for the Border Rivers Valley Floodplain 2020. Objections must be submitted in writing to **PO Box 1018 DUBBO NSW 2830** or customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au . Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A025632**. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact **Louisa Coffey, Water Regulation Officer** on 1300 662 077 or by email at customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2714	OD3 WYNNE PTY LTD	4BL	91km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 0' S. Long: 124° 45' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/3312	A.C.N. 629 923 753 PTY LTD	21BL	14.1km SE'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 46' S. Long: 115° 17' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/3313	A.C.N. 629 923 753 PTY LTD	75BL	56.7km SE'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 51' S. Long: 115° 36' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/3399	ZANTHUS RESOURCES PTY LTD	17BL	56.9km W'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 47' S. Long: 115° 47' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/582	MORGANTI, Romano Natale	1BL	60.1km W'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 17' S. Long: 120° 26' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/998	FAUREX PTY LTD	11BL	30.1km E'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 27' S. Long: 118° 11' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	24/228	CAMPBELL, Graeme	3BL	18.1km SE'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 34' S. Long: 121° 25' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/3098	GOLDTRIBE CORPORATION PTY LTD	23BL	111.2km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 2' S. Long: 122° 49' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/3149	GTT METALS GROUP PTY LTD	53BL	186.8km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 16' S. Long: 124° 13' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/1139	CLATWORTHY, Mark Roy	1BL	129.6km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 29° 6' S. Long: 119° 40' E	MENZIES SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1234	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	1BL	121.6km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 32' S. Long: 122° 19' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1286	ORECORP HOLDINGS PTY LTD	14BL	27.3km NW'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 35' S. Long: 122° 14' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1287	SATURN METALS LIMITED	11BL	67.8km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 21' S. Long: 121° 46' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/1017	FLEET STREET HOLDINGS PTY LTD	16BL	60.1km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 22' S. Long: 120° 21' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1450	GELIGNITE RESOURCES PTY LTD	32BL	95.1km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 58' S. Long: 121° 45' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/403	PETERS, Jeremy John	3BL	41.3km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 15' S. Long: 121° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5933	BARACUS PTY LTD	31BL	72.9km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 41' S. Long: 119° 19' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1390	VALROC VENTURES PTY LTD	1BL	43.7km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 48' S. Long: 120° 31' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1399	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	14BL	57.7km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 57' S. Long: 120° 39' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/2057	GOLDEN WHEELBARROW PROSPECTING NO 3 PTY LTD	23BL	63.3km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 10' S. Long: 118° 27' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3764	MINERAL EDGE PTY LTD	55BL	56.8km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 32' S. Long: 118° 5' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2511	BAILEY RESOURCES PTY LTD	38BL	55.1km E'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 28° 26' S. Long: 116° 3' E	GERALDTON CITY
Exploration Licence	59/2527	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	27BL	72.5km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 5' S. Long: 118° 24' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2548	REDScope ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	70BL	36.4km NE'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 28° 17' S. Long: 115° 45' E	GERALDTON CITY, MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2833	NIMY PTY LTD	20BL	108.9km N'ly of Mukinbudin	Lat: 29° 59' S. Long: 118° 36' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5643	CENTRAL PILBARA NORTH IRON ORE PTY LTD	140BL	49km E'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 4' S. Long: 126° 2' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5540	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	19.20HA	12.2km SE'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 30' S. Long: 121° 25' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5541	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	28.91HA	11.4km SE'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 30' S. Long: 121° 25' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2661 & 25/2664-7	MINING INVESTMENTS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	864.87HA	38.8km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 49' S. Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2480	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	26.95HA	45.7km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S. Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2653	GTS EQUIPMENT AND LABOUR HIRE PTY LTD	158.98HA	1.1km N'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 40' S. Long: 121° 2' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2154	KUCHARSKI, Stacey	8.27HA	16.8km NE'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 42' S. Long: 122° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2155	OZAUURUM MINES PTY LTD	2.88HA	27.4km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 51' S. Long: 122° 37' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9503-4	GLEN HUNTLY GOLD PTY LTD	253.59HA	11.1km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 48' S. Long: 121° 23' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6260	WHITE, Andrew Roy	19.14HA	60.2km N'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 16' S. Long: 122° 13' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/6261-2	GUYER WELL GOLD PTY LTD	341.93HA	50.8km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 1' S. Long: 121° 49' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1537	WHITE, Andrew Roy	146.21HA	27.4km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 6' S. Long: 121° 26' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1539	STEHN, Anthony Paterson	9.66HA	43.5km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 15' S. Long: 121° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 8 September 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 **8 December 2021**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 8 January 2022**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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Upper Namoi Zone 7, Yarraman Creek (East of Lake Goran To Mooki River)
Groundwater Source

Objections must be submitted in writing to **WaterNSW, PO Box 1251 Tamworth NSW 2340** or customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waterNSW.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A027410**. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact **David Thomas, Water Regulation Officer**, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au

WaterNSW
Floodplain Management Plan for the Upper Namoi
Valley Floodplain 2019

Objections must be submitted in writing to **PO Box 1018, Dubbo NSW 2830** or customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waterNSW.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A025952**. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact **Louisa Coffey, Water Regulation Officer** on 1300 662 077 or by email at customer.helpdesk@waterNSW.com.au.

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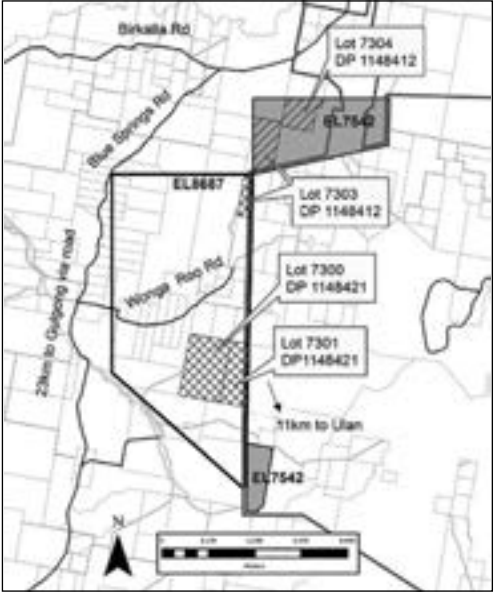
Objections must be submitted in writing to **WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124** or customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A27344**. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact **Wayne Connors, Senior Water Regulation Officer**, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

Objections must be submitted in writing to **WaterNSW, PO Box 1251, Tamworth NSW 2340** or to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A027293**. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact **David Thomas, Water Regulation Officer**, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.



**Notice under Section 29 of the *Native Title Act*
1993 Exploration Licence Number 7542 and
Exploration Licence Number 8687 (Act 1992)**

For the purposes of section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* the notification day is 23 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.



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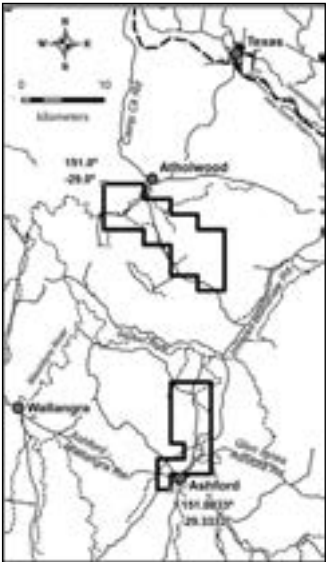
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Notice under Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* Exploration Licence Number 8394 (Act 1992)

For the purposes of section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act* 1993 the notification day is 23 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.



Invitation to Register an Interest – Inverell Solar Farm Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Ltd (ERM), on behalf of Risen Energy (Risen) (the proponent), is proposing to undertake an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment, to support Risen's proposal to construct and operate a Solar Farm and associated infrastructure at 65 Hampton Court, Inverell, NSW. The proponents contact details are:

Sabina Scharfe
Risen
Sabina.scharfe@risenenergy.com

The proponent is inviting Aboriginal groups and individuals who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the locality to register an interest in a process of community consultation. The purpose of community consultation is to assist the proponent in the preparation of a cultural heritage assessment which would support the application for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP). The consultation process will further be used to assist the director general in their assessment of the AHIP application (if required).

ERM is seeking expressions of interest from any Aboriginal people who may have cultural knowledge relating to the project area who may be able to assist.

Interested Aboriginal parties wishing to be consulted for this assessment are invited to register a written expression of their interest by 22 September 2021.

Please respond in writing to:
Alyce Haast
Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Ltd
Locked Bag 3012
Australia Square, NSW 1215
Or email to Alyce.Haast@ERM.com

Please note that the consultation guidelines require the proponent to provide details of registered Aboriginal parties to the Heritage NSW and the Anaiwan Local Aboriginal Land Council. In your response could you please advise if you would like your details to not be provided.

WaterNSW

Woolgoolga Creek Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Jaskarn Singh, Pal Singh, Satinderjit Singh and Kulwinder Kaur** for an approval for a **Water Supply Work and Water Use**, for a 1 x 0.9ML dam, 1 x 3.6ML dam and 58mm pump with a capacity of 20l/s and water use for Irrigation, all at Lot 91 DP 1046199 Parish Woolgoolga, County Fitzroy. The application relates to Woolgoolga Creek Water Source, located on an unnamed stream, subject to the Coffs Harbour Area Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2009 Water Sharing Plan. Objections must be submitted in writing to **Po Box 1400 Grafton NSW 2460** or to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A025019**. 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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WaterNSW

Alstonville Basalt Plateau Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Ballymoney Pty Ltd** for an approval for a **Water Supply Work**, for a bore with a capacity of 40ML per year at Lot 112 DP755720, Parish of Meerschaum, County of Rous. The application relates to Alstonville Basalt Plateau Groundwater source subject to North Coast Fractured and Porous Rock Ground Water Sharing plan. Objections must be submitted in writing to **PO Box 1400 Grafton NSW 2460** or to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A027403**. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact **Melissa Hundy Water Regulation Officer**, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

Upper Namoi Regulated River Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Trevor Ross Coombes, Trevor Richard Coombes and Nancye Beth Coombes** to amend an approval for a **Water Supply Work and Water Use** by replacing a work, with a 120mm pump with a capacity of 42 l/s, an increase of 23 l/s, at Lot 12 DP 5309, Parish Dinawirinda, County Darling. The application relates to Upper Namoi Regulated River Water Source, on the Namoi River, subject to Upper Namoi and Lower Namoi Regulated River Water Sources 2016. Objections must be submitted in writing to **PO BOX 890 NARRABRI NSW 2390** 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 **A026460**. 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 **Annita Devine, Water Regulation Officer**, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

Richmond Coastal Sands Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Serenitas Communities Pty Ltd** for an approval for a **Water Supply Work**, for an excavation and 80 mm pump with a capacity of 4.5 ML/year at Lots 1, 2 and 3 DP1238103, Parish Riley, County Richmond. The application relates to Richmond Coastal Sands Groundwater Source, subject to The North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources 2016.

Objections must be submitted in writing to **WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124** or customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A27350**. 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 **Louise Cady, 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 **Steven Allan Clydsdale and Michelle Louise Clydsdale** for an approval for a **Water Supply Work and Water Use**, for a 50mm Mono Pump with a capacity of 1.32 l/s at Lot 30 DP807594, Parish of Russell, County of Durham, and water use for Irrigation located at Lot 2 DP1065576, Parish of Russell, County of Durham. The application relates to Hunter Regulated River Water Source, on Hunter River, subject to Water Sharing Plan Hunter River Water Source 2016.

Objections must be submitted in writing to **WaterNSW PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124** or to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A027340**. 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, A/Senior Water Regulation Officer**, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

Paterson 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 of Middlehope, County of Durham and adding land for the purpose of Irrigation of 16Ha, located at Lot 1, DP 76911, Parish of Middlehope, County of Durham. The application relates to Paterson River Tidal Pool Water Source, on the Paterson 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 **A027364**. 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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Notice under Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* Exploration Licence Number 8692 (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 8692 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

PTR Resources Pty Ltd (ACN 153 851 702) is the holder of Exploration Licence 8692 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 8692 - that covers about 89 units situated approximately 12 kilometres east southeast of Nundle, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

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

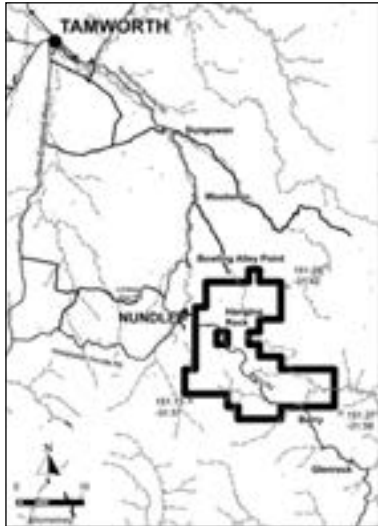
Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

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 23 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.



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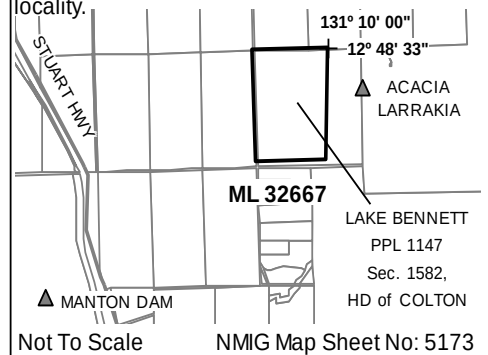
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Nicole Manison MLA, 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 mineral title application.

The application to which this notice applies:

Mineral Lease 32667 sought by DARWIN RIVER QUARRIES PTY LTD, ACN 167 335 882 over an area of 173 Hectares depicted below for a term of 25 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals including (but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral lease commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act 1993* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane QLD 4001, or telephone (07) 3307 5000.

Notification Day: 22 September 2021

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NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION MEETING EASTERN KUKU YALANJI NATIONAL PARKS LAND TRANSFER INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT

Tuesday, 28 September 2021, Bloomfield

TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO HOLD OR CLAIM TO HOLD NATIVE TITLE OVER THE FOLLOWING LANDS:

- Daintree National Park;
- Black Mountain National Park;
- Ngalba Bulal National Park;
- Hope Islands National Park; and

- Small areas of nearby or adjacent State land and existing road areas (ILUA Area)

On Tuesday 28 September 2021, a meeting will be held in Bloomfield to authorise the making of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with the State of Queensland (State) and the Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA).

The ILUA Area is located generally between Mossman in the south and Black Mountain in the north, bordered by the Great Dividing Range to the west. Also included are East Hope, West Hope, Snapper and Struck Islands. The ILUA Area is shown on the map below (hatched area).



The ILUA Area is specifically described by the following lot on plan references:

Lot 63 on RP898391, lot 107 on RP737399, lot 4 on SP288855, lots 1 to 4 on SP296954, lots 4 to 6 and 406 on SP296955, lot 7 and 8 on SP296956, lots 8 to 10 on SP296958, lot 20, 21, 96, 155, 166, 198, 220 and 900 on SP296959, lots 10 to 15 on SP296960, lot 16 on SP296966, lots 15 to 20 on SP309100, lot 1 on SP304069, lots 2 and 3 on SP304070, lots 52 to 55 on SP309102, lots 81 to 82 on SP309103, lots 92 to 95 on SP309104, lots 18, 24 and 44 on SP309105, lot 72 on SP208284, lots 24 to 25 on SP309114, lots 1 and 166 on SP309118, lot 48 on SP309121, lot 41 on SP309122, lot 8 on SP309123, lots 17 and 18 on SP309124, lots 1 to 4, 21 to 22 and 212 on SP154458, lot 11 on SP320133 and lots 91 to 95 on W3451

The ILUA Area incorporates areas within the Cape York Land Council's and the North Queensland Land Council's Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body Areas and includes:

- Parts of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Native Title Determination area made on 9 December 2007 in *Walker on behalf of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji People v State of Queensland (QC2007/002, QUD6008/1998)* for which Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation RTNBC is the Registered Native Title Body Corporate (EKY Determination Part);
- Parts of the Cape York United #1 Claim area (*QUD 673/2014, Michael Ross & Ors on behalf of the Cape York United #1 Claim Group v State of Queensland & Ors*) (CYU #1 Claim Part); and
- Areas which have not been the subject of a native title determination or are not included in a native title claim area, including East Hope, West Hope, Snapper and Struck Islands and the part of Daintree National Park which is South of the Daintree River (Non-Claimed/Determined Part).

The ILUA will provide for:

- (a) the grant of the Proposed *Aboriginal Land Act 1991* (ALA) Areas as Aboriginal Land to Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (Jabalbina) under the ALA;
- (b) the grant of the Proposed Future ALA Area as Aboriginal Land to Jabalbina under the ALA;
- (c) the State, WTMA and Jabalbina entering into, being bound by and complying with the Indigenous Management Agreement (IMA);
- (d) the dedication, use and management of the Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Areas and Proposed Future National Park (CYPAL) Areas as national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land);
- (e) the doing of all acts in the Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Areas and Proposed Future National Park (CYPAL) Areas that are covered by the IMA in accordance with the procedures set out in the IMA;
- (f) any variation of the IMA in accordance with the terms of the IMA;
- (g) the registration and grant of a Carbon Abatement Interest including any interest granting the right to deal with Carbon Abatement Products or the declaration of an Eligible Offsets Project over the ALA Freehold and Proposed Future ALA Area in favour of Jabalbina;
- (h) the creation of any Management Instrument over the Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Areas and Proposed Future National Park (CYPAL) Areas subject to the terms of the IMA;
- (i) the revocation of Proposed Future Road Areas and their dedication as Roads;
- (j) the revocation of part or all of the land representing Infrastructure Encroachments from the Daintree and Ngalba Bulal National Parks and granting the balance area of the Proposed Future National Park (CYPAL) Areas as Aboriginal Land to Jabalbina;
- (k) the future revocation from the protected area estate of lots 91 to 94 on W3451 and lot 166 and lot 900 on SP296959;
- (l) the future revocation of national park over the Existing Nursery, Lot 10 on SP296958;
- (m) the grant of Gazetted Roads to Jabalbina under the ALA and dedicating as national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land);
- (n) the grant to Douglas Shire Council of an authority under section 42AEA of the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Qld) (NCA);
- (o) the grant to Ergon Energy of an authority under section 42AEA of the NCA;
- (p) the grant to Telstra of an authority under section 42AEA of the NCA;
- (q) the State and Jabalbina entering into, being bound by and complying with the Conservation Agreement;
- (r) the State declaring the Proposed Future Nature Refuge Area as nature refuge under the NCA; and
- (s) issuing further interests (such as leases or licences) over the ILUA Area.

The ILUA will also provide consent, to the extent it is a future act, for the future prohibition of mining and coal seam gas activities on lands to be transferred under the ALA which are not to be National Park (CYPAL).

Who should attend the ILUA Authorisation Meeting?

- All those who hold or may hold Native Title in the CYU #1 Claim Part;
- All those who hold or may hold Native Title in the Non-Claimed/Determined Part; and
- Eastern Kuku Yalanji People, being the determined Native Title Holders for the EKY Determination Part as described in the Federal Court of Australia decision of Walker on behalf of the *Eastern Kuku Yalanji People v State of Queensland (QC2007/002, QUD6008/1998)*, being the descendants of:

1. Siblings Wawuyilkinga, Lily Kajakaja, Ulurban, Kurlur, Juwalkji, Jinabaji
2. Kilkil (Gilgil) and Yougie (Emera)
3. Ngamubaralba
4. Jimmy Johnson Snr and his brothers Toby King and Peter King
5. Brothers Billy King, Willie King 1 and Willie King 2
6. Siblings Nambaji, Bijun (Dangara) and Jimmy (Mandilba) Rossville
7. Old Man Jimmy and Sarah
8. Kurukuna and Nellie
9. Bluja King Kunarra and his three wives Ngingkibaji #1 and Ngingkibaji #2, and Baral-Baral
10. Dimbanga and Mara Baril Baril
11. Sisters Mujala and Rosie
12. Brothers Dickie Springvale and Mundy Nunn
13. Jilngarr
14. Burradi and Wawu Dimbi
15. Siblings Jimmy, Polly (Jukura), Nellie (Wuynkul-baka), Charlie (Junjurr or Munjurr), Lily (Jabi or Chubby) Blanket
16. Rosie Gurrmurragudgee
17. Brothers George Doughboy, Toby Bloomfield and Peter Bloomfield (Kalka Jurungu)
18. Brothers Charlie Ball (Dirrakari) and Billy Collins and Davey Douglas and Sandy Peterson
19. Isabella Henderson (Wawu-kuwa)
20. Ginny Bamboo
21. Siblings Archibald (Baully) Mossman, Jessie Mossman (Bawanya) and Billy Mossman
22. Siblings Jessie Buchanan (Babi Milbija or Narriyinya) and King Charlie Diamond
23. Henry Bloomfield
24. Yangki and Buji
25. Willy Ngamu-Darrba and his two wives Molly Kalumba and Yimaday
26. Kalkamanangu and Duraja
27. Kalkaymba
28. Rosie Maund Jankarji and her husbands Tommy Jinjarrba Lefthand, Tommy Ngangkun Johnson (Buchanan), Barney Lunn (Lund), Billie Lunn (Lund) and Tommy Jindalman Hide
29. Big Friday Ngamu-Ngulmbay and Ruby
30. Leslie Yerry
31. Brothers King Toby and Old Man Toby (Jinjirra)
32. Maggie Queen
33. Siblings Miliji, Kalkabinda, Kuruwuja, Peter Smith (Murray-Murray or Murrnbi or Jinakulu)
34. Kitty Wulbar (Maymi)
35. Rosie Rosie
36. Brothers Old Man Juwalba (Willie Cross-eye) and Wunbu Cross-eye
37. Jimmy Mossman
38. Wabaji
39. Old Kokoe
40. Charlie Ogilvie and Maggie
41. Old Man Yorkey and Rosie
42. George Mero
43. Old Man Kooka and Maudie
44. Jerry Wotton and Frances Diamond

Meeting Date and time: Tuesday 28 September 2021 at 9:00 am (lunch included)
Meeting Venue: 'Bloomfield Sports and Cricket Oval' (Gordon Hickling Oval)
Rossville - Bloomfield Road,
Bloomfield / Wujal Wujal

A Hand-back Ceremony is planned to be held at the same venue on the following day, Wednesday 29 September 2021.

If you need assistance with transport to the meeting, please call Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation on (07) 4098 3552 or email nttradmin@jabalbina.com.au. Please also contact Jabalbina if you would like to access more detailed mapping of the ILUA Area, or visit <https://m.facebook.com/jabalbinayalanji>

New resources about COVID vaccine for First Peoples with disability



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, elg@fpdn.org.au, 0419 290788

Fuimaono pair makes history

By KRIS FLANDERS



THERE will be none prouder then Michelle Fuimaono when her daughter Taliah runs out for St George-Illawarra in the NRLW, partly because it will mean that both her children would be playing rugby league at the elite level and at the same club.

Taliah Fuimaono, 22, was recruited by the Dragons for the 2021 NRLW season (see report below).

Tyrell Fuimaono, 25, is a regular starter in the Dragons' NRL side and has played more than 30 games since joining the club in 2020.

With Taliah joining the club's NRLW team, it will mark the first time in rugby league that a brother-sister pairing will play for the same club, something Tyrell says the Fuimaono family is extremely proud of.

The Wiradjuri siblings with Samoan heritage are also Indigenous All Stars, both playing earlier this year in Townsville against New Zealand Maori. For Tyrell, it was his second outing in the Indigenous colours while for Taliah it was her first selection.

"It's pretty exciting. It wasn't planned. There were a few (other) offers for her playing services," Tyrell said of Taliah joining the Dragons.

"It will be a great opportunity for her to further her football career. This is the ultimate reward for all of her efforts.

"My mum is a single parent and she's super happy for Taliah, and myself too. As long as we are doing what we love, then Mum has that great satisfaction."

Tyrell says Taliah will bring plenty to the club, both on and off the field.

"She's very skilful, very tough mentally and physically," he said.

"She's overcome some setbacks with injuries and kept going.

"Taliah is a good egg. She's a good team player and will help her teammates and lift them up too."

Taliah has had an ACL injury and two shoulder reconstructions throughout her rugby league career.

Despite the code's popularity in western Sydney, she was a late starter in the game. Her mum thought rugby league would be too rough for Taliah to play.

"It wasn't until I was about 16 when I could finally convince her to let me play in the local comp," Taliah said.

"Mum still gets nervous to watch me play these days, but she's proud and she would have been proud of me no matter what I did.

"I love the game and the friendships I've made. Playing with Mounties in the (NSWRL Women's) Premiership has taught me more about the game; they're very professional and set me up to become an NRLW player."

The All Stars games in Townsville in February were an experience Taliah said she will treasure forever. It also ignited a flame to discover more about her Indigenous background.

"In the camps, it's about bonding and talks about identity," she said.



Dragons' second-rower Tyrell Fuimaono.

"We also learnt the dance and war cry, which was an eye-opener for me. Previously, I hadn't been exposed to too much culture before. I came home from that trip and looked into it more and wanted to know more about myself and my family."

Tyrell said the cultural aspect of the All Stars is special.

"Although it's only one week, we are all family now," he said.

"It's something special and to connect with your culture and to see what that also means to the other players is what it's all about.

"It was an honour to have both of us there and she played very well in that game. I'm sure it'll be the start of further appearances for Taliah in the Indigenous side."

Taliah is a crafty player in the halves or at centre. She said that, while playing at the same club as her big brother will be special, it wasn't one of the reasons she signed with the Saints.

"There were lots of influences in that decision," she said.

"One was the coaching staff included Mat Head (Dragons' NRLW head coach and former player). He can definitely help me as a player and I've heard lots of great things about him as a coach.



Taliah Fuimaono signed on to play with St George-Illawarra in the NRLW, joining her brother at the club. Pictures: Getty Images

"Also, Keeley Davis is a good friend of mine and she just signed with them too and already has had a big impact on my football. Another reason was the area, as the south coast and beaches are amazing."

The Fuimaono siblings grew up in Penrith, but the pair may be sharing a house in the beachside surroundings in the Illawarra, near the club.

"My brother is definitely a role model to me and inspires me," Taliah said.

"He's worked so hard to get where he is and I look up to him.

"I don't know what to expect, but it's a special time for our family. I was surprised that it hadn't happened before with a different football family."

Tyrell missed just a handful of games in

2021 and he has recently signed to stay for two more years at the club.

"We've become a pretty tight unit and I've loved my time down here on the coast and the club," he said.

"I think my football has gotten better since being here and I think the Saints are a side on the up, and I want to be part of that.

"This year has had hiccups off the field that I'm sure everyone is aware of, but we've also shown potential and we have a lot of talent across the park, good leaders and amazing young talent coming through – Tyrell Sloan, for example, he's going to be enormous.

"But for the team, it's about getting that consistency right."

NRLW pushed back to January as COVID takes hold



THE Australian Rugby League Commission last week confirmed the 2021 NRLW season will now be played from January next year.

In a statement released last Thursday, NRL chief executive Andrew Abdo said the decision to delay the competition was to give players and fans a safe environment in which to play.

The statement, in part, reads:

"The NRL will present the 2021 NRLW

early in the New Year as part of a year-long calendar of women's rugby league in 2022.

"Next year will include two NRLW Premierships (seasons), State of Origin, the women's World Cup and state leagues, creating a full year of top tier women's rugby league.

"The decision to delay the NRLW competition until 2022 provides the best opportunity to ensure the six teams complete a safe and full season with minimal disruption to the lives of the playing group and support staff.

"The ARL Commission this week reiterated its commitment to ensuring the 2021 season is played and approved the change after considering that the infection rate in NSW is currently more than 10 times greater a day than it was when the men's competition was relocated to Queensland.

"It also took into account a significant number of players and officials are located in NSW local government areas of concern and cannot currently train under the NSW Stay At Home orders.

"Moving the competition to the start of 2022 creates an exciting opportunity for the first year-long calendar for women's rugby league.

"The rescheduling provides us with an opportunity to create a full 12-month calendar for women's rugby league in 2022 and importantly means our athletes will not have to relocate.

"The NRL had exhausted all options to play the 2021 season in its scheduled October timeslot.

"We explored all avenues, but it is simply not possible."



Richie (left) and Rory Arnold celebrate winning the Top 14 French rugby union championship with Toulouse against Stade Rochelais at Stade de France in Paris in June. *Picture: Getty Images*

Arnold twins wanting Toulouse to win again



AUSTRALIAN rugby's twin towers Rory and Richie Arnold will be seeking back-to-back French club championships beginning this month.

The Aboriginal siblings were key to Stade Toulousain's European double this year when the Le Stade blitzed Stade Rochelais 18-8 in the final of the French Top 14 Ligue Nationale de Rugby competition in June, and later repeated the dose against the same opposition to win the European Professional Club Rugby championship 17-22 at Twickenham.

The 31-year-old brothers, who grew up in Murwillumbah in northern NSW, will be joined in the Top 14 by former Wallabies fullback Kurtley Beale, 32, who will continue with Racing 92 in his preferred position this season.

The 2020 Top 14 season was put on hold due to the coronavirus pandemic, but organisers revamped the final rounds earlier this year.

Toulouse had finished the season top of the ladder after 26 games (17-8-1 draw) while Beale's Racing 92 placed third (17-9).

Rory has 26 Wallaby caps and last played for the national team at the 2019 Rugby World Cup. In 2018, he joined Toulouse.

Richie followed his brother to France and Toulouse in 2019. He was under contract with the Yamaha Jubilos in Japan's national Top League competition, but was forced to put an end to his career there because of the COVID-19 pandemic, after which he landed in France to begin in the Top 14.

The pair played 67 (Rory) and 59 (Richie) minutes in the 80-minute final.

The France-based Indigenous trio could also benefit from the recent scrapping of the



Racing 92 fullback Kurtley Beale (left), with teammates Juan Imhoff (centre) at left wing and inside centre Gaël Fickou, is preparing for the 2021 Top 14 season in France. *Picture: Racing92*

Giteau law, introduced six years ago.

When that rule was in place it meant that an Australian player required at least 60 Test caps and a minimum of seven seasons of Super Rugby under their belt in order to be selected for the Wallabies while being based abroad.

With that rule now scrapped, it means that national coach Dave Rennie has a

larger selection pool to draw from.

Beale in particular meets these requirements, even under the old Giteau law, but Rennie has shown his reluctance to include players abroad in his squad. However, he could now become more open to his options and to the experience and versatility that Beale would bring to the young Wallabies squad.

Push for Aussie 2027 RWC gathers steam



AUSTRALIA'S bid to host the 2027 Rugby World Cup has hit a major milestone with 50,000 people signing up to back the bid since it launched in May this year.

The marker comes amidst Rugby Australia's community engagement work where the RWC bid team connects with the rugby community via a series of virtual town halls in recent weeks, as well as visits by the Classic Wallabies in Tasmania and the Northern Territory.

This also features a call to arms for Australia's rugby community with clubs across the country encouraged to submit a letter of support, which will be included in Australia's final bid submission to World Rugby in January next year.

The 2027 event is projected to attract more than two million attendees across seven weeks of competition, including 200,000 international visitors, and generate \$2.5 billion in direct and indirect expenditure to the economy, while also creating 13,300 FTE jobs and stimulating \$500 million in new trade and investment.

"It's great to see the rugby family and the broader Australian community rally behind our bid to host Rugby World Cup 2027," Wallabies captain Michael Hooper said from Perth, where the Wallabies were based ahead of last weekend's rescheduled Bledisloe Cup match.

"As a team, we've loved the opportunity to connect with the local rugby community in Perth over the last couple of weeks.

"We've met a lot of enthusiastic rugby fans and received a number of letters of support for the bid from club presidents. It's been awesome to see such a thriving rugby community out west."

Executive director of Australia's bid team Phil Kearns said, "Bidding to host a mega event like the Rugby World Cup is no small task.

"This is an opportunity for all of Australia to bind together behind our goal of bringing the world's third-largest sports tournament back to our shores.

"It is great to see the campaign gaining momentum and people from across Australia throwing their support behind the bid.

"This is a bid on behalf of all Australians and by signing up to back our bid and submitting letters of support from clubs across Australia, you are lending your voice to our campaign.

"This will allow us to send a strong message that Australia is the obvious choice to host Rugby World Cup 2027.

"We've got a passionate rugby community, a nation of eventgoers and a tourism and major events industry that thrives on delivering world-class experiences – and we are ready to go.

"You can add your voice to Australia's bid by signing up at Australia2027.Rugby."

Chief executive of Rugby Australia Andy Marinos said, "We want to thank the 50,000 who have signed up to back our bid, of which nearly half are new audiences to rugby, meaning this dream of hosting Rugby World Cup 2027 is inspiring more than just our passionate rugby community, which is encouraging to see.

"One of the goals of this bid is to connect with as many Australians as possible, to help grow interest in the game. That's a legacy we're already seeing come to fruition.

"We also want to connect and unite the rugby community behind a singular purpose: to bring the Rugby World Cup back to Australian soil and, in doing so, help bolster the future of the game here.

"It is hard to overstate how significant hosting Rugby World Cup 2027 would be for this country, both on and off the field. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity and we are determined to win this bid for Australia."

A new team in Queensland can work for us

WITH expansion talk continuing around Brisbane-based clubs and Redcliffe, I think the opportunity to see new teams in the competition is exciting.

These bid teams have spoken of building their club from the bottom up in terms of recruiting players and building a competitive roster, which in itself presents numerous opportunities for Indigenous footballers.

There is a big population of Indigenous people in northern NSW and southern and south-east Queensland and the need for developing rugby league pathways in these areas is strong.

With another team joining the NRL from these areas, that big population where a lot of our young players are can come through the ranks and display their talents.

There is like a hidden treasure trove of raw talent and when I think of players from Moree, Toomelah and into the far north coast of NSW combined with places like Cherbourg, Roma, Dalby and Toowoomba this could be a great opportunity for the new NRL club to set up scouting and development programs in these areas.

This and good engagement will definitely pay off for them.

Standing by Souths

The finals are just around the corner and I will stand by my prediction that I wrote about here before that Souths will play Melbourne in the grand final, despite the Bunnies losing to Penrith in round 23 recently.

Souths were dominant early in that game and had two tries against the run of play against them to bring the Panthers back into the game. In the second half the Rabbitohs struggled with Nathan Cleary's bombs and couldn't find a way to get back into the game and gain momentum and the Panthers ground out a good win.

Master coach Wayne Bennet will learn from this game and have his team well prepared for the finals.

Obviously, losing Latrell Mitchell for the rest of the season is a massive loss, but that presents an opportunity for Blake Taaffe alongside Cody Walker, Benji Marshall and Damien Cook.

Challenges of coaching

With the NRLW season pushed back, as coach of Parramatta, we will continue to be creative in how we build our club and to keep our players and staff connected, while also living in lockdown.

How we're doing that is with a variety of ways.

We have training sessions conducted via Zoom. There's a wellbeing challenge, which includes a bunch activities that helps to live with lockdown and all the challenges we're all facing right now. And we're even holding online trivia and fun nights.

My general big tips for everyone in lockdown include doing 10,000 steps each day; see the sun rise at least twice a week; call or facetime people important to you; drink water; eat healthy food; write down what you are grateful for; and give someone something or help them to make their day better.

Enjoy what you can while being in lockdown – we will all get through this.

**Dean Widders is a proud Anaiwan man. He played 159 NRL games for Sydney Roosters, South Sydney and Parramatta and 60 Super League games for Castleford. He is the NRL Indigenous Pathways manager.*



Dean Widders

Smith drawing on inspiration from Pop



WILL Smith drew on the love and inspiration of his late grandfather when he led Parramatta as captain against Penrith in the penultimate round of the NRL on the Gold Coast last weekend.

Uncle Bill Smith passed away last week on Sunday. He was his grandson's biggest fan and his tradition was to always call Will after every game he played, now 72 in total.

Smith, who was named after his beloved Pop, stepped into the captaincy role for the first time as the Eels rested several players ahead of the finals.

He will be looking to cement his spot in the line-up as the finals series kicks off.

The team is locked into the bottom four of the top eight.

The Eels famously ended Melbourne Storm's record-making winning streak in the second-last round and pushed Penrith for the

majority of their game before the premiership favourites ran away with it for a 40-6 win.

"I was buzzing," Smith said when coach Brad Arthur told him he'd be captain.

"I went back up to my room and told my old man and my family.

"They loved it.

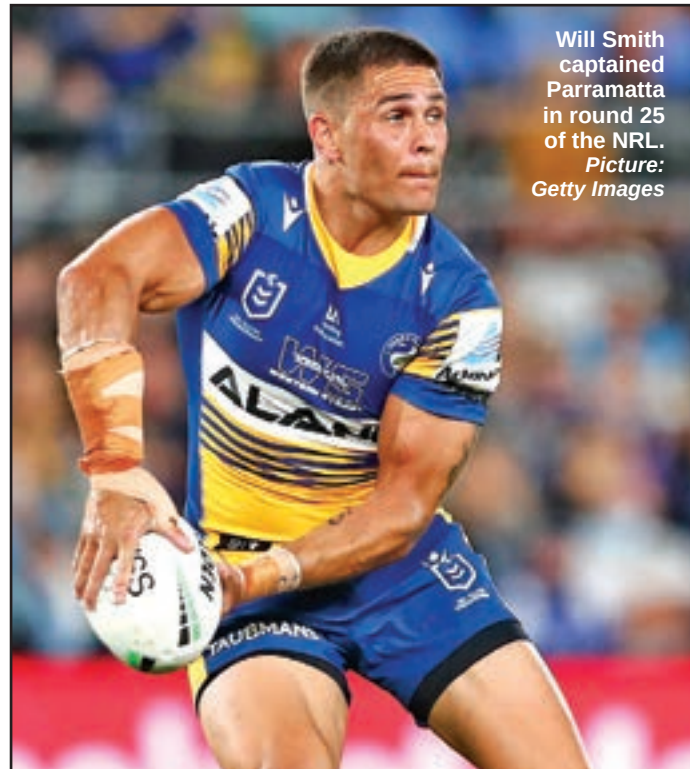
"Dad didn't cry, but my grandfather was one of the first people I told and he lost it. He was super excited and happy for me."

Smith, 29, began his NRL career at the Panthers in 2014 and played 24 games with the Mountain Men.

The 2016 Indigenous All Star is a staunch regular at the Koori Knockout and famously led the Newcastle All Blacks to its breakthrough win at Dubbo in 2018.

Last year, he was captain of the Newcastle Hawks side that won the new Tribal League event.

**Koori Mail Sport sends its condolences to Uncle Bill's family.*



Will Smith captained Parramatta in round 25 of the NRL. Picture: Getty Images



Roosters players and supporters celebrate their grand final victory in the 2021 Zenadth Kes Rugby League club competition on Thursday Island.

Roosters top the lot in the Torres Strait

By ALF WILSON



THE Roosters have come from third place to win the 2021 Zenadth Kes Rugby League club competition in a tough contest on Thursday Island in a repeat of the 2018 decider.

Around 1000 spectators saw the hard-fought spectacle at Ken Brown Oval where the Thursday Island side defeated Mulga 28-20.

It was the first grand final in three years for the Zenadth Kes club competition due to the coronavirus pandemic in 2020 and

upgrades to the oval the year before. In the 2018 grand final, Roosters also defeated Mulga.

Mulga, from Badu Island, were top of the table at the end of the regular season on 28 points. Suburbs were in second on 20, followed by the Roosters on 16 and the Knights on eight.

After defeating the Knights in the elimination final, the Roosters had a date with Suburbs in the preliminary final.

Suburbs were two points away from defeating Mulga in their qualifying final, but came up short in the 12-10 cliffhanger. The Roosters then defeated the valiant Suburbs side 30-10 to set up the big game against

Mulga. They kept up that form and led 12-0 at half-time. Mulga made a strong comeback but the Roosters held on to win.

"We had a big celebration afterwards with a barbecue and a dance," Roosters coach Terence Yusia said.

"It was a real team effort. Daniel Nona and Windsor Bowie had a good combination in the centres and Aaron Binawel shone at lock."

Keith Laifoo, Brendan Magala, Theodore Mosby and veteran Aaron Binawel also played well for the Roosters while Wes Gabey, Zengrey Nona, Alex Namai, Jordan Nona and rookie Mauga Nona were among Mulga's best.

Port primed for prelim

By PETER ARGENT



A PAIR of early opportunistic goals by Steve Motlop and an outstanding display by Karl Amon were the catalyst for Port Adelaide's pivotal qualifying final victory over Geelong at Adelaide Oval that now sees them as flag favourites for the 2021 AFL premiership.

The Indigenous pair played key roles in the win with Motlop part of a 'mosquito fleet' of Port players who have been critical to their success.

Amon, who was basically robbed of All-Australian honours after a breakout season, has been a ball magnet all year.

Sam Powell-Pepper, selected as the medical substitute, had an impact when he came on, kicking a couple of goals in the final quarter.

By virtue of their win, Port Adelaide earned the right to a home preliminary final.



Port Adelaide's Steven Motlop celebrates a goal in the qualifying final against Geelong at Adelaide Oval.
Picture: Peter Argent



Chance Bateman coaches at West Coast.

Serious lack of diversity in coaching ranks

CRAIG McRae will be the new head coach of the Collingwood Football Club's men's team. His is a fresh name in the AFL coaching merry-go-round game and it's great to see the 'Pies have landed someone who is also mostly unfamiliar to those with a passing interest in the who's who of AFLM coaches.



Shelley Ware

One thing I will continue to question, however, is the lack of mention of Indigenous coaches within the AFL industry for these vacant positions.

When vacancies do arise we are bombarded with the same names and predictable mentions – the Ross Lyons and the Alistair Clarksons of the world – but capable Indigenous men in the industry never get a look in.

When will Richmond's Xavier Clarke get a mention?

Or Chance Bateman from West Coast?
Or Roger Hayden from Fremantle?
Or Andy Lovett when he was an assistant coach at Gold Coast?

Maybe they're happy where they're at and have told their clubs so, but I doubt any journalist is privy to those conversations, yet those same journalists fail to mention them or even consider them in their reporting as potential candidates.

I often wonder if it's our people's leadership style is either not recognised nor celebrated or, dare I say, acceptable within the industry.

Peta Searle was the first female coach in the AFLM when she joined St Kilda a few years ago and she was the club's first AFLW coach. She's since left, but even with her great track record and overall credentials in football her name never came up in any discussion for any vacant AFLM positions that I'm aware of.

Lisa Alexander, the former Australian Diamonds coach has an outstanding resume in the field. She has spoken publicly that women coaching AFLM teams is possible and she wants in.

The thing is though, those I've spoken about here obviously do not cross the minds of the powers-that-be.

It is seriously time for change and no more excuses. Bring diversity to the table and what their coaching and life experiences can bring into football.

***Shelley Ware is a proud Yankunytjatjara and Wirangu woman from Adelaide. She appears on AFL.com.au's Colour Of Your Jumper.**

First AA jacket and May has flag in sights



STEVEN MAY's first AFL All-Australian jacket in 11 seasons has the key defender primed to aim higher as the finals series rolls on.

The Demons star was named at full-back for the first time in the annual honorary team. And he reminded all and sundry of his worth in the backline as Melbourne dismantled Brisbane in their qualifying final at Adelaide Oval.

The Dees will play Geelong in their preliminary final at Perth Stadium this weekend.

May, 29, from the Northern Territory, played 123 games for Gold Coast and played his first final in his 46th game in the red and the blue.

"Coming down, this is what I came here for. I just wish we were able to play our first home final at the 'G in front of our fans – that would just really top it all off," May told the *Talking Point* podcast recently.

"I'm always hungry and I always want to get the next win and get the next final win and win a premiership.

"All eyes are watching. It's why we do this, I suppose.

"Everyone wants to win a flag and play in finals."

Melbourne were minor premiers and finished the season with 17 wins and one draw from their 22 regular season matches.

The Demons' last premiership was in 1964.



Melbourne's Steven May (left) and Brisbane's Charlie Cameron tangle in their qualifying final match at Adelaide Oval.
Picture: Getty Images

And the last time they played in a grand final was in 2000 in which they lost to Essendon.

May was one of five Melbourne players named in the All-Australian side.

Meanwhile, AFL chief executive Gillon McLachlan last week confirmed Perth will host the 2021 AFL grand final for the first time on September 25, following a pre-grand final bye, after an MCG decider was officially ruled out.

The Victorian Government last week conceded the state's latest coronavirus outbreak and lockdown would result in the grand final being moved away from the MCG for the second successive year.

A timeslot has not been confirmed, but the grand final appears likely to be a twilight fixture in Perth to allow it to be broadcast in prime time on Australia's east coast.

Perth was awarded the grand final largely on the basis a 60,000-capacity crowd will attend, along with the state's coronavirus-free status.

A pre-grand final bye would also be in place which will enable the teams to quarantine and prepare while also allowing for events in the lead-up, including the Brownlow Medal on Sunday, September 19.

As part of the decision to move this year's grand final, the long-term contract in place that grants the MCG hosting rights for the annual season decider has been extended to 2059.

The MCG will also host an extra eight games over the next five AFL seasons, while four AFLW matches will be taken to regional Victoria over the coming three seasons.

Victoria will also host the AFL draft until 2023, with this year's edition expected to be held as a virtual event.

– with AAP

Public pressure leads to medal bonus for Paralympians



A PUBLIC push to treat Paralympians fairly has seen the Federal Government provide Paralympics Australia with extra funding to close the bonus pay gap between Olympians and para-athletes who have won medals in Tokyo.

At the Olympic Games, Australian athletes were rewarded with monetary prizes of up to \$20,000 for medalling, but that didn't apply to the Australian Paralympians.

The Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) and Paralympics Australia (PA) are

two separate organisations and PA does not have the funds the AOC has.

Last week, Prime Minister Scott Morrison confirmed that that will change for para-athlete medallists, including Amanda Reid (gold) and Ruby Storm (silver and bronze).

It could also be in place at future Paralympics.

"Recognising the national significance of the Paralympic team, I'm very pleased to announce that the Government will provide additional support to Paralympics Australia to ensure our Paralympic medallists will receive equivalent payments

to our Olympic medallists," he said.

In a later statement, Morrison and Minister for Sport Richard Colbeck said this decision "ensures Paralympics Australia can recognise our champion Paralympic athletes in line with payments made by the Australian Olympic Committee to medal-winning athletes in Tokyo".

"Australia's para-athletes have represented our nation with great distinction and pride in Tokyo, delivering performances that have buoyed millions during what is a difficult time for the nation.

"Like their Olympic counterparts, Paralympians often have to make major

sacrifices in their lives foregoing family and work to train and compete nationally and internationally."

Earlier, PA said it does not have the resources to invest athlete rewards for medallists with the current sports funding structure focused toward Australian teams at the Summer and Winter Games.

"This is such incredible news for our amazing Tokyo Paralympic medallists who have worked their hearts out to perform the best they can for their country and have inspired and delighted us along the way," president of PA Jock O'Callaghan said in a statement.



Amanda Reid wills herself to gold in the 500m time trial C 1-3 at the Paralympic Games in Tokyo. Pictures: Getty Images



Samantha Schmidt threw 30.26 in her discus event despite the rain.



Ruby Storm kept her pre-Games promise to take the Paralympics by storm in the pool when she won bronze and silver medals in her events.

Aussie medal haul in the top 10



AUSTRALIA has finished in the top 10 among competing nations in the medal tally as the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo drew to a close on Sunday.

The 179-strong Australian team had (at last count before deadline) won 80 medals in Tokyo – 21 gold, 29 silver and 30 bronze – and were in eighth place, ahead of Italy (9th) and behind Brazil (7th).

One of those gold medals belongs to Amanda Reid, one of three Indigenous para-athletes in the Australian team at the Games.

Reid's gold in the 500m time-trial saw

her become the first Indigenous Australian to win Paralympic gold with her time (factored down) of 35.581sec.

Earlier, swimmer Ruby Storm won her first medal at the Games with bronze in the 100m butterfly final. She added another, this time silver, as third off the blocks, in the 4x100m mixed relay (freestyle) final.

Discus thrower Samantha Schmidt finished her event in sixth place with a throw of 30.26 in the rain, a distance she was pretty happy about as she told reporters after her event.

"I am pretty much over the moon," she said. "I'm really happy with how I threw. I couldn't have done any better considering the conditions.

"You just have to make sure you don't overthink it in worrying about the wet. You just keep your mind clear and throw. And that's what I did.

"I'm not sure if next year's world champs (due in Kobe, Japan, in August) will have my event but, if they do, look out because I'm coming back."

Reid captured the moment after her gold-medal win when she said she hoped her efforts will have inspired others.

"As an Indigenous athlete, to represent my people back home, and on our team there's three of us ... I'm hoping that I can encourage more Aboriginal disabled athletes to get more into sport," she said.



Amanda Reid (centre) celebrates her gold medal with silver medallist Alyda Norbruis (left) of the Netherlands and bronze medallist Qian Wangwei (right) of China.

Legend calls time on green and gold

By LIANA BURATTI



IT was tears all round at Tokyo when Aussie Spirit captain Stacey Porter last month announced her retirement from national team duties after a stellar two decades representing her country.

Lauded as one of the greatest softballers of all time, Kamilaroi woman Porter played out her third and final Olympic Games in Tokyo, 12 years after her second Games at Beijing in 2008 and 16 years after her Olympic debut at Athens in 2004, which added to an incredible record of 446 international games.

Porter, 39, was looking to make her final international tournament count when softball was re-added to the Olympic program for Tokyo. She was hoping to bring home a gold medal to add to her Olympic silver (2004) and bronze (2008).

"I've always been that person that says when it's time to finish I'll know," she said.

"Either my body or my heart lets me know.

"The next time softball will be at the Olympics won't be until 2028 and I've had a pretty long and fun career with the Aussie Spirit.

"It's not just a tournament commitment, it's an all-year-round commitment and I just valued my time at home a little bit more.

"I was ready to give more time back to my family and friends who have waited for so long and had always been there for me.

"I'm not 20 anymore, either. I know that. I'm a little bit older now so I think everything kind of fell into place and I knew once I finished on the diamond in Tokyo that I'd made the right decision."

Softball fans would know that a golden send-off didn't eventuate for Porter and the Aussie Spirit, which finished fifth in Tokyo.

"It was very emotional announcing my retirement off the back of the game we played that eliminated us from the Olympic tournament," Porter said.

"Our team had a goal of going for gold and I said to whoever I spoke to, that I'd be disappointed without a medal at the Olympics.

"Obviously, that didn't go to plan, so there was emotion from that side of not achieving what we wanted to achieve with a group of girls that had worked so hard, and also the emotion of calling time on my career."

Although she will no longer compete for the green and gold, Porter will continue playing her

trade in the Japan Softball League, in between spending time with her partner, family and friends.

She is also keen to devote her time to promoting sport as a pathway to greatness for Indigenous kids.

"I would love to get into the Indigenous area of kids and sport and helping out in Indigenous communities," she said, with the importance she has already played in this area not being lost on her.

"It's pretty special, when you really think about those things (being a role model for Indigenous kids), because I always played softball, my chosen sport, because I loved it, but there are other Indigenous kids that sometimes don't have the opportunities that we had.

"I was always inspired by other athletes so to be able to give back to the Indigenous community is really special, because I just know how easy those kids connect to someone else who is Indigenous. They really can relate.

"We have a really, really relatable community that kids can feed off and be inspired by, so acting as a role model for them, that's something that I love to be able to say I've done."



Stacey Porter has played her 446th and final game for Australia. Picture: Getty Images

Family, friends, darts world pay tribute to Kyle

By CHRISTINE HOWES



MUCH-loved darts player Kyle Anderson, known on the international circuit as 'The Original', has passed away in Gracemere, near Rockhampton.

Popular for his humour and kindness across Australia as well as with his peers, colleagues and competitors internationally, Kyle was the first Indigenous darts player to base himself in England to join the Professional Darts Corporation's (PDC's) Pro Tour in the United Kingdom and Europe.

The PDC said they were devastated by the news as tributes from world-famous players, along with thousands of players and Aboriginal people, have poured onto social media and to his family.

The 33-year-old was a Nyoongar man from Perth and has left behind a wife and two children. Several fundraisers, including a memorial trophy competition that will be held at the end of October, have been set up to assist them.

Former player and close friend Heath Daley said he had known Kyle since about 2005.

"I met him through darts at one of the championships. He was the Australian junior champion," Daley said.

"Then he became an Australian player through Darts Australia, and he represented Australia at the World Cup a few times. He won the Japan Open in 2010 and the Oceanic Masters in 2012, which was the first stepping stone of his journey



Family, friends and the darts world has paid tribute following the recent passing of Kyle Anderson (centre). Also in this photo are mates Heath Daley (left) and Greg Major.

to being a professional darts player. That was the first time the PDC saw him."

Daley said his own project for encouraging young players to have a go at playing professionally, Daley Darts, was co-founded with Kyle and was a shared passion.

Kyle's many career highlights include a televised nine-dart (perfect) game in the 2013 PDC World Championships, a second nine-dart game in the 2017 European Championships semifinal against three-times world champion Michael van Gerwen and winner of the 2017 Auckland

Darts Masters. Van Gerwen paid a tribute when he heard the news.

"A lovely man and always fun to be with, very sorry to hear about Kyle. We had many great games and a fantastic player. A credit to Australian and world darts. RIP mate," he wrote online.

Multiple world champion player Phil Taylor also wrote: "What terrible news to wake up to, what a nice friendly man. RIP pal. Thoughts go to all your family."

Daley said his mate was genuine.

"Even if he didn't know you, he made you feel special," he said.

"Just the character of the man, the big heart, he wore his heart on his sleeve.

"He was an emotional young man, and he was genuine, always smiling, happy, very family-oriented. He loved his kids. He's sorely missed.

"Anyone and everyone in the dart halls fell in love with him.

"They all wanted to talk to him and he'd go out of his way to go and talk with people.

"There have been so many tributes. It's been great to see the support. The love shown is amazing.

"We're all lucky to have met him. We're all lucky to have known him, and lucky to love him.

"This little Nyoongar lad from Perth has touched the world, just from throwing a dart at a board.

"He was good enough to be there, but, at the end of the day, it was the person himself, the character, the love that he had for people, which is what everyone's really donating and supporting and caring for."

Wilson wins second All Star First Five

By PETER ARGENT



WNBL championship player Ally Wilson was honoured for her outstanding first season with the Norwood Flames when she was chosen in the NBL1 Central 2021 All Star

First Five, her second career selection in the honorary team.

Wilson, who WNBL won championships with Townsville (2015) and Sydney Uni Flames (2017), posted incredible figures for Norwood this season.

In seven of the 16-game season, Wilson produced "double-double" performances. This included 11 games where she scored 20 or more points, including a 39-point effort in round 16 against North Adelaide, 30 points against South Adelaide, an amazing 32 point-18 rebound match against West Adelaide, 35 points against Woodville Warriors and 36 points in the clash with Central District.

She finished the season with an imposing average of 23.43 points per game with 10.25 rebounds and 5.75 assists. She shot from the floor at 40.63%.

Her good, consistent form caught the eye of national selectors.

While she was not chosen in the Opals' final 12-woman final team for the FIBA Asia Cup, her earlier selection in the extended squad for the campaign was reward for her consistent season at Norwood.



The 2021 NBL1 Central All Star First Five team (from left): Morgan Yaeger (Southern Tigers), Ally Wilson (Norwood Flames), Sam Simons (Forestville Eagles), Olivia Thompson (South Adelaide Panthers) and Teige Morrell (Southern Tigers). Picture: AllStar Photos

"I thought the season went pretty well, particularly in the second half," Wilson said.

"Essentially, we were a bunch of strangers thrown together last minute and it took us a while to gel but once we did we proved our best was up there with the leading teams in the competition.

"I'm honoured to be named in the All Star First Five alongside four quality players.

"I've only played in the Adelaide league twice and I've been named in the All Star First Five in both of those years."

Wilson's first selection in the post-season honorary team was in 2017 when she was

also named as the competition's MVP and Halls Medallist while playing with the Eastern Mavericks.

Last WNBL season, Wilson joined Adelaide Lightning where her career began in the 2010/11 season. She had also briefly entertained the idea of playing in Poland.

Representation in the spotlight

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



RESEARCHERS at Western Sydney University have called on academics to explore the lack of Indigenous representation in off-field sport leadership roles.

Dr Andrew Bennie, Dr Sarah Kennedy and Dr Paul Perkins head up the team at WSU's graduate research school who are looking for candidates for the three-year PhD research scholarship.

The research project, titled Indigenous Experiences of Sport Leadership Roles: A Qualitative Inquiry Into High Performance Sport in Australia, will seek to answer what barriers Indigenous people and/or former athletes face beyond entry-level positions in sport administration, either as coaches, administrators or officials.

The plan is for researchers to work with and alongside Indigenous sports officials, sport scientists and managers across multiple high-performance sporting environments.

The findings will then be developed into an action plan based on implementing "policies and resources that better support Indigenous peoples who aspire to maintain connection with or gain employment in the sports industry".

Bennie, who has an almost 20-year involvement in the Indigenous sports space, said the research will be consultative. The exact path the research will take will evolve as the team begins its work, but there is a basic framework it will be guided by.

"With any project within the Indigenous space, it will take direction from the community and sporting partners," he said.

"We're not sure if we'll go into the AFLs and the NRLs etcetera at the moment."

Bennie said the need for this kind of study came from what he saw, or didn't see, over several years in the field.

"The short answer is I've been working with the community for 15 years or so and I noticed a lack of representation in coaching," he said.

"There are a lot of champion athletes, but not a lot of that is translating to the coaching

ranks. There are no Indigenous head coaches in the NRL, for example. There's a few good assistant coaches, but it's not translating.

"Some may be good at a community level and may find an entry-level position but there is not much support up the chain.

"We wanted to understand other non-playing roles (than coaching). For example, if you're a good athlete there are professional pathways to follow, but there are no similar pathways for those non-playing roles like officiating, team management, or even as a physio."

Bennie thinks there is something of an appetite for what this research may find, but time will tell.

"I think there is, but action maybe a bit harder to come by," he said.

"There's good intent in the sports industry, and in their defence there may be issues in their respective sports budgets."

Applications for the scholarship close on September 30, 2021. The scholarship reference code is RSP2021_20_SoHS. Visit westernsydney.edu.au



Former NRL referee Gavin Badger now works with the Wests Tigers. He is one of only a handful of Indigenous personnel within the non-playing ranks in the football industry. Picture: Getty Images



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Wilcannia Warrior is league's top volunteer

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



IT was a big day and a proud moment in late July when Wilcannia's men's and women's rugby league teams won their respective grand finals at Broken Hill.

Standing on the sidelines taking it all in was Rhonda Hynch, co-founder and president of both Parntu Warriors and the Wildflowers, two of Wilcannia's three teams in the 2021 Outback Rugby League competition.

Hynch, a Baarkindji woman, was last week named the NSWRL's 2021 Indigenous Volunteer of the Year for her work in building these teams and helping to keep football going in the far western reaches of the state.

In July, Parntu Warriors defeated the Wilcannia Boomerangs 32-24 in the final while the Wildflowers, in their first season, defeated Menindee Twisted Sisters 48-8 in their final, at Memorial Oval in Broken Hill.

"I thought it was just a local award at first," Hynch said when told of her volunteer award win.

"But, wow, somebody noticed us and our team and the work that we do – and we work hard.



Rhonda Hynch was voted NSWRL 2021 Indigenous Volunteer of the Year.

"It was all the emotions. I felt happy and very proud, and confused, because I didn't know I got nominated.

"It was David Skinner (who nominated

me), so I want to thank him for at least believing in what we are trying to do out here, and that's to keep our rugby league alive."

Sport, and football, brings the community together, as it does for the Baarkindji mob at Wilcannia.

"It's a big family day out," Hynch said.

"It (rugby league) brings the community together. We haven't got much for our community so it just gives kids and players something.

"Watching the club grow over the years, the players have had to earn respect from their own community and their families.

"I feel I've done good in my life here, to see it grow. I look back and I love seeing their faces and singing out for their team. It makes me happy to know our supporters care."

There are four teams in the men's ORL competition, two of which are from Wilcannia, the Parntu (fish) Warriors and Boomerangs, the others from Menindee and Broken Hill. Both the Wilcannia teams played off in the final.

"It was a bit frustrating having to play our own town in the grand final," Hynch said.

"At the end of the day I sort of didn't care who won."



Wilcannia Parntu Warriors RLFC were this year's Outback Rugby League premiers after defeating Menindee in 2021 grand final.

Pictures: Wilcannia Parntu Warriors/Wildflowers RLFC

Mother, daughter lead way in the TDRL

By ALF WILSON



BLOCKBUSTING lock Lyrech Mara led the try scoring in the women's

Townsville & District

Rugby League competition with 27 four-pointers which saw her also win the coveted player of the year award.

Mara, who turned 20 last month, scored a hat-trick when her side Brothers defeated Centrals 18-12 in the preliminary final.

"I started playing senior women's rugby league when I was allowed to, soon after turning 17, and I love the game," she said.

The rugby league passion runs deep in her family. Her mum Rothana is her coach at the Brothers' A-grade women's team. Her uncle Roy Baira coaches the Brothers men's A-



Lyrech Mara (right), with her mum Rothana Baira, won the TDRL's try-scoring and player of the year awards.

grade side, who qualified for the TDRL grand final with a convincing semifinal win over Herbert River.

"My late dad Derrick Mara, who died some years ago, was an inspiration to me," Mara said. "I have also played beside

Mum at local (Indigenous) carnivals."

Those carnivals have included Townsville's Bindal Sharks' event, the Queensland Murri Knockout, the Mackay Allblacks event and in the women's division of the Zenadth Kes on Thursday Island.

"Myself and Mum played for Wakeyama and we won that TI carnival," she said.

Outside football, Mara has two jobs – one as an Indigenous support worker and the other as a carer in the disability services sector.

The women's rugby league competition in far north Queensland is growing.

The QRLW started last year before it was cancelled after round 1 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

It restarted this year and local team, the North Queensland Gold Stars, represents the region in the QRLW.



Tyrell Sgori attempts a pack mark in the 150th intercollegiate match between Prince Alfred College and Saint Peter's. Pictures: Peter Argent

Pair delivers PAC cup in historic clash

By PETER ARGENT



VIBRANT teenage Indigenous football talents Tyrell Sgori and Zac Bishop have written themselves into the Prince Alfred College

sporting history books.

The pair were members of the PAC team in the landmark 150th anniversary intercollegiate Aussie rules match between Adelaide colleges Prince Alfred and Saint Peter's.

PAC lost in last year's annual game but in this match they started strongly, kicking nine goals to two in the opening term, and they never looked back. They would go on to win by 29 points, 16.9 (105) to 11.10 (76).

Tyrell, part of SANFL club West Adelaide's underage program, kicked two impressive goals, attempted a mark of the year and was high among PAC's best players rotating through half-forward and on the ball.

Zac, who is at The Parade with SANFL club Norwood, played as a small forward and had his moments.

This game is the longest-running and continuous rivalry in South Australian sport.



Zac Bishop (left) and Tyrell Sgori with the PAC Cup.

Bells silenced as COVID hits

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



THE third cancellation of the Australian Indigenous Surfing Titles has hit harder than the first and second, according to one leading figure close to the competition.

The tight-knit Indigenous surfing community learnt late last week that next month's national titles set for Bells Beach will now not go ahead and was cancelled entirely by the body that oversees the event, Surfing Victoria.

The organisation said that the current lockdown measures in Victoria and NSW plus compromised travel arrangements from other states had given them no choice.

The AIST had been held annually at Bells Beach on Wadawurrung country.

Jordie Campbell, an 11-time winner at the event, said the writing was on the wall when Victoria entered its current pandemic-related lockdown with further extensions as cases rose.

"The first time (in 2020) was very disappointing, but things were still fresh," he said.

"This time around the effects of it hit a little bit more. We're all feeling that disappointment.

"Since the COVID-world started, every one of our Indigenous contests across Australia have been cancelled due to lockdowns."

The chief executive of Surfing Victoria Adam Robertson echoed the sentiment shared by many in the community.

"We are shattered to have to cancel this incredible event for the second year running," he said.

"The event is a true gathering of Indigenous surfers from around Australia on Wadawurrung country, however the health and safety of competitors, staff and the community is our top priority."

As essential and important to rid the community of COVID-19, Victoria has been hit hardest by lockdown measures of all the Australian states and territories.

Multiple sporting events have been cancelled, postponed or shifted entirely out of state.

Last year, the national titles were pushed back to May of this year. A series of snap lockdowns earlier this year forced organisers to reschedule that event for this month. With no end in sight for the current lockdown, it made next month's plans untenable.

"In Victoria, a lot of our people down here rely on those gatherings, those sports gatherings, to be together in a positive space," Campbell said.

The cancellation has put the brakes on an event that was building in profile, but Campbell is confident it can regain its mojo if/when COVID-19 is contained enough for its return.

"Nowadays, it's become like a modern-day gathering of our

ocean people at the one place and a celebration of our culture and surfing where we share stories and just hang out with the brothers and sisters who we don't see that much of," he said.

"Everyone comes down and wants to win but it's more about being together and showing the world that talent."

Despite this, Campbell doesn't expect much of a drop-off from the waves.

As Surfing Victoria's Indigenous aquatics manager he is well aware of surfing's appeal in the community.

"Although we haven't been able to compete for two years now, the difference with surfing is that it's more about the surfing than the competing," he said.

"It's a lifestyle, not a sport; we live and feel it."

Surfers look on at Bells Beach at the 2019 Australian Indigenous Surfing Titles.
Picture: Surfing Victoria



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Barty ousted by hometown favourite Rogers at US Open



WORLD No 1 Ash Barty has fallen just short of her quest to win the US Open title after a shock loss to

American Shelby Rogers in the third round in an epic match at Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York on Sunday.

Barty fought back from a set down to take the second with ease before the third set went to a tiebreaker in a match that went a touch over two hours.

The 43rd-ranked Rogers pushed reigning Wimbledon champion Barty to breaking point in the tiebreaker where the Australian ultimately failed to turn around Rogers' incredible momentum in the 6-1 2-6 7-6 (7-5) victory.

Barty had held a 5-2 double-break lead late in the third before Rogers stormed back to take the win.

This was Rogers' first career victory over a reigning world No 1 and it sent her to the second week of the Open.

Barty had earlier made short work of Russia's Vera Zvonareva (6-1 7-6) and Denmark's Clara Tauson (6-1 7-5).



Ash Barty suffered a shock loss at the US Open on Sunday.
Picture: Getty Images



The Liam McAdam Motorsport team's Audi RS 3 LMS features distinctive Aboriginal art. Pictures: Supplied

Deadly design on this Audi speed machine

By KRIS FLANDERS



WHEN vehicles in the Australian Touring Car championship are racing around the circuits at a decent clip they are mostly a blur, but there is one particular car that, if you focus hard enough, stands out.

It is the Audi RS 3 LMS driven by Liam McAdam from the Liam McAdam Motorsport team. Standard fare for this class of car, except that the four-wheeled speed machine's livery has been designed by Indigenous Brisbane-based artist Stephen Hogarth.

It's an unlikely and unexpected partnership.

The distinctive design on the Audi made its debut run at Australia's most famous racing track, Mount Panorama in Bathurst, in April. Hogarth tells of how it all happened.

"I was scrolling through social media one day and came across an advertisement from the McAdam Motorsport team and they were looking for sponsorship and things," he said.

"I got in contact with them and said I'm an Indigenous artist and could I do a design with them. I sent them some work and David McAdam got back to me and he thought it was an awesome idea.

"It was a great collaboration with them. They were very supportive, but also allowed me to design from my own visions for the car."

It helps that Hogarth is also a revhead. He loves his cars and motorsports so this was the perfect opportunity to combine two of his passions in life.

"Art for me is about expressing myself and educating people about our culture, sharing that knowledge," he said.

"Art is a great escape for me and very therapeutic.

"I'm a big motorsport enthusiast. I get that from my father. He watched it all the time and did some speedway. He had lots of cars and worked on them. I loved watching the V8s and still do.

"Visually, I had so much to think about: what colours to use; how that would work with sponsorship logos and not distract from them; how would the artwork around the car be viewed from the back,



Indigenous artist Stephen Hogarth who created the design for the Liam McAdam Motorsport team's Audi.

the front and from the top."

Hogarth has painted and designed many works during his career, from Indigenous Round jumpers for the Queensland Reds in Super Rugby to the Brisbane Lions in the AFL, but he had never painted and designed anything on the scale of a touring car.

"I've always wanted to see my work out there and have people enjoy it," he said.

"It's something I love doing and to see it give people pleasure is rewarding. Sometimes things just flow when you're doing art and it comes out in your work and it looks great.

"They're a family-based racing team and they're passionate, so to do this with them was special. I'm so proud of it and I'm so glad that the McAdams love it too."

The final product was something beyond what David McAdam and crew on the McAdam team could even dream of. There's no doubt that the car is clearly the best looking vehicle on track and the envy of other crews.

"We basically gave Stephen a blank canvas, which just happened to be a car," he said.

"We love the story behind it of being about chasing your dreams, being

passionate about that and connections.

"We had some amazing assistance from a Melbourne-based organisation, Wrap Art, who assisted with getting the design onto the car itself.

"When you're going around the track at 250-plus kilometres an hour you want to still be able to see the artwork and not just a fast blur. But I've found that it is continuous. You don't miss it. It's incredibly distinctive and seeing it flash down Conrod Straight on Mount Panorama was brilliant. The car has a huge following."

Hogarth said that creating art for the car and seeing it on there and in competition is something that he can now tick off from his wish list, but he laughs when he thinks about what hasn't happened.

"The only thing missing from this whole experience," he said, "is me driving the car, although I'd probably crash it."

*The current COVID-19 crises has disrupted the Australian Touring Car championship for the second year running. It is expected that the McAdam Audi will return for the final two rounds – at Tailem Bend in South Australia in October, and at Bathurst in November.

Aussie PMs are a mixed bag with sport

DURING this month's exciting episode of Sport & Politics: How Australia Does Things, tradition dictates that the sitting Prime Minister attends the NRL and AFL grand finals, this year in Brisbane and Perth respectively, which I think would be the juiciest thing to happen, given the current political climate.



Darren Moncrieff

Last year, Prime Minister Scott Morrison became the first sitting PM to miss the AFL grand final because of quarantine rules. Earlier this year, West Coast fans caught a glimpse of him at a home game on the big screen and these not-so Quiet Australians roundly jeered.

If premiers Mark McGowan and Annastacia Palaszczuk want to achieve record-level approval ratings they would troll Smoko with an open invite to Perth Stadium and Lang Park and strongly insist that he attend.

In recent times, only a handful of PMs have come out as genuine sports fans. The majority, however, wouldn't know a handpass from a cut-out pass, a drop punt from a drop goal, or a specky from a show-and-go. So why don't we run through them all.

Bob Hawke was at home on the sports stage, effortlessly weaving yachts and bums with chucking a sickie.

Paul Keating didn't really care for sport, effective social policy was his strong suit.

John Howard was head prefect of Team Australia but you'd suspect his perfect Saturday arvo was being relaxed and comfortable while reading corporate law notes in the bosom of his library.

Kevin Rudd probably just kept swearing under his breath at the refs or the team he didn't like whenever he went to games, bless.

Julia Gillard is a dyed-in-the-wool Western Bulldogs fan and, whenever her schedule allowed as PM, she would attend games.

Tony Abbott was sporty and those budgiest of smugglers was proof.

Malcolm Turnbull was just aloof all the time and disinterested most of the time.

Morrison's true preference in sport is white-collar rugby union (nothing wrong with that) but he quickly changed his spots and sport for blue-collar rugby league the minute he was parachuted into the seat of Cook, home of the Cronulla Sharks, sorry, the "Sharkies".

As perhaps confirmed by our friendly Eagles fans in WA, most people are seeing right through his carefully crafted baseball cap-wearing double thumbs-up Aussie-everyman persona. Given how much of a shitshow his handling of the coronavirus pandemic has been, I am half expecting a no-show at one of those key events.

However, if Morrison really wants to win the locals over, then he needs to dispatch his advisors to the bar, fetch him a six-pack each of Emu Export and XXXX and sink the lot before full-time.

There really was no point I wanted to make in this column except that it was good to get it all out.

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Amanda Reid has that golden smile



AMANDA Reid's blistering pace in the 500m time-trial at Tokyo Paralympics saw her name etched into the Australian sports history books

The three-time Paralympian blitzed the field in the C 1-3 event at the Izu velodrome to win gold, the first Indigenous athlete to do so at these Games.

Reid bested rival Alyda Norbruis from the Netherlands, who defeated her in Rio five years ago.

Reid's actual time of 38.487sec was factored down to 35.581sec due to the combined classification of the C 1-3 event.

The Wemba-Wemba and Gurin-gai woman has cerebral palsy and an intellectual impairment.

She said she hoped to have inspired others with her win.

"As an Indigenous athlete, to represent my people back home, and on our team there's three of us ... I'm hoping that I can encourage more Aboriginal disabled athletes to get more into sport," she said, post-race.

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Amanda Reid became the first Indigenous para-athlete to win gold at the Paralympics.
Picture: Getty Images



Bells fall silent as surf titles cancelled



THE Indigenous surfing community has been dealt yet another body blow with the cancellation of the national titles in Victoria next month.

Organisers at the Australian Indigenous Surfing Titles couldn't guarantee visiting surfers entry into Victoria, a safe exit, or both, due to health and logistical issues surrounding the current lockdown in the state.

The annual event is held at Bells Beach, on Wadawurrung country, 100km south-west of Melbourne, and was to be held next month from September 10-12.

Victoria is currently in a hard lockdown since July with the state

dealing with an outbreak of COVID-19 cases, predominantly in Melbourne.

Travel into Victoria is restricted, as is movement within, and people seeking to leave the state have virtually no place to go with the rest of the country refusing anyone returning from the COVID hotspot.

In 2020, the titles were pushed back to May of this year, but that too was postponed due to a snap statewide lockdown.

Jordie Campbell, an 11-time senior open winner of the titles, said the writing was on the wall when Victoria entered its current lockdown, and which kept getting extended as cases rose.

"The first time (in 2020) was very

disappointing, but things were still fresh," he said.

"This time around the affects of it hit a little bit more. We're all feeling that disappointment."

In a statement released last week, Surfing Victoria said it had no choice but to make the tough decision.

"We are shattered to have to cancel this incredible event for the second year running," Surfing Australia chief executive Adam Robertson said.

"The event is a true gathering of Indigenous surfers from around Australia on Wadawurrung country, however the health and safety of competitors, staff and the community are our top priority."

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Jordie Campbell Picture: Surfing Victoria



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