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Tasmanian Aboriginal Land Council manager Rebecca Digney wants an Aboriginal-managed Kooparoona Niara/Great Western Tiers National Park. Picture: Jillian Mundy

Always was, always will be Aboriginal land

So why are governments so afraid of handing back control?



FROM the Daintree in the north to lutruwita (Tasmania) in the south, always was, always will be Aboriginal land. And last week the Queensland and Tasmanian governments had the opportunity to hand back control to traditional owners.

At a ceremony north of Wujal Wujal, the Queensland Government signed an agreement to hand back four national parks, including the World Heritage-listed

Daintree, to traditional owners. More than 160,000 hectares of land will be jointly managed before a full handover is made to the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people.

Kuku Yalanji negotiator Chrissy Grant said the handback was an opportunity to go into joint management with National Parks.

"And to gradually move into sole management," she said. "Our ultimate goal and aspiration is to be able to manage those national parks by ourselves."

Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal

Corporation board member Desmond Tayley said it had been more than 20 years since their native title determination.

"And whilst we are here for a handback, in a name, it is not really a handback," he said. "The bubu (land) has always been and always will be part of the Yalanji Nation. I say this mindful that many great outcomes have been achieved by negotiations."

In lutruwita, the State Government decision to ignore calls for an Aboriginal-managed national park was met with

frustration, dismay and despair.

Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania manager Rebecca Digney said that the Government had missed an opportunity.

"All land in lutruwita/Tasmania was Aboriginal land for thousands of generations and not one hectare was ever ceded to the crown. Here's a genuine opportunity to take unallocated Crown land and return it back to Aboriginal ownership," she said.

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MY FAMILY

Lorelle Holland (Mandandanji/Qld)



FIVE proud Mandandanji women across two generations have plenty to catch up on when they compare their progress as graduates of the University of Queensland.

Professor Keitha Dunstan is now provost at Bond University while sister Lorelle Holland is an associate lecturer in nursing and affiliate of UQ's Poche Centre for Indigenous Health.

Lorelle's niece Jade Ball is in her second year of UQ's Doctor of Medicine program, daughter Anna is a hardware engineer for a leading defence and security company, and daughter Amy is a casual academic and PhD candidate at UQ.

"We are all proud of our family, our links to the Mandandanji people of south-west Queensland, and our UQ connections," Lorelle, who managed to arrange a family get-together in a gap between COVID-19 lockdowns, said.

Lorelle (UQ Masters in Public Health, in the field of Indigenous Health, 2020) spent three decades as a registered nurse in varied clinical, management, education, clinical facilitation and research roles.

Her clinical nursing career highlight was working with Aboriginal people as a remote area nurse in the Northern Territory.

Lorelle's academic career highlight thus far was receiving the UQ Postgraduate Coursework Academic Excellence Award in 2020.

As a relatively new nursing academic at UQ, she hopes to inspire the next generation of nurse clinicians and researchers to ensure the delivery of competent, compassionate, and culturally respectful nursing practice.

Lorelle is enrolled in PhD studies in the Medicine Faculty and hopes to explore critical race theory and complex health needs concerning the disproportionate rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth in detention who are removed from their families during critical periods of child development.

She hopes to mentor young people and their communities to co-design culturally appropriate holistic assessment and diversionary pathways to counter youth detention practices.

Keitha Dunstan, Anna Holland, Jade Ball, Amy Thomson and Lorelle Holland.

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OUR CHILDREN



Entrepreneurial boys Franco and Denniquis have their own spot at Deadly Defiance, a merchandising brand set up by their mum promoting connectedness and inclusivity through messages of resistance and inspiration. The boys are having lots of success with their sideline making deadly necklaces and bracelets in a variety of styles that are available online at deadlydefiance.com/product/atsi-jewellery-project

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The gap revealed in low vaccination rates

By DARREN COYNE



COVID-19 vaccination rates for First Nations people are falling further behind despite promises

from Prime Minister Scott Morrison that all would be vaccinated by winter.

New data shows that the disparity in the vaccination rate between First Nations people and other Australians has continued to blow out across the country.

Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs Linda Burney has described the situation as a national shame.

As of last week, just 30.3% of Indigenous Australians aged 16 and over have had two doses, compared with 53% for the general population.

Nationally, just 165,866 Indigenous people have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

NSW accounts for 65,000, up dramatically from 28,000 four weeks before, when an outbreak primarily affecting Aboriginal people was spreading in the state's west.

But Queensland and Western Australia continue to trail the rest of the country. Just over 11,000 Indigenous people in WA have been fully vaccinated, or slightly more than 10% of the eligible population.

Just 38,640 of the more than 221,000 Indigenous people in Queensland have had two jabs.

"This data would not even be public if advocates had not demanded it, and Labor had not moved in the Senate to compel its release," Ms Burney said.

"The Government needs to stop hiding and start acting."

Ms Burney said the data showed that there had been an increase in the gap between First Nations people and other Australians in every state and territory.

"The Prime Minister promised First Nations Australians would be vaccinated by winter. But less than 50% of First Nations people have even received a first dose," she said.

"It's too little, too late – from a Prime Minister who made a promise to First Nations Australians, but has failed to deliver."

Federal Health Minister Greg Hunt has blamed the slow roll-out to Indigenous people on vaccine hesitancy, saying that had been acknowledged by Pat Turner, the chief executive of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation.

"She specifically said access was not the issue, but that it's about hesitancy and also about dealing with some of the issues with regards to myths or views

Constantina Bush sends out serious message with a smile



ABORIGINAL medical services around the country have been coming up with some creative ways to encourage their clients to get their free COVID-19 vaccination.

From mobile vaccinations centres visiting Aboriginal communities, to yarning circles with Elders and medical professionals, to prominent Aboriginal people talking about why they received the jab, Aboriginal community-controlled organisations are putting big efforts into improving vaccination rates.

In the Northern Territory, outback icon Constantina Bush stars in the latest short film by the Northern Land Council and the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT) that encourages all Territorians to "get the jab!" and get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Speaking from Katherine in the heartland of the Top End, Constantina has a serious message on misinformation online about COVID-19.

"People should be really careful with information they see on Facebook, TikTok or other social media," the deadly diva said.

"To get the right story, go to your clinic or talk to your health worker, your doctor or your nurse. Everyone should get vaccinated to protect our families, our communities and our performing arts."

NLC Chairman Samuel Bush-Blناس stressed the importance of having well-known Aboriginal people in the *Get The Jab!* films.

"We know our mob listen to their countrymen and women better than to any politician in a suit," he said.

"That's why we are working with strong Aboriginal leaders from right across the Top End like Lisa Mumbin from the Jawoyn Association, Helen Lee from the Arnhem Crows Football Club and Neville Namarnyilk from Guluyambi Cultural Cruises in Kakadu on these films.

"We also know that our mob like a good laugh and reckon that Constantina



Outback icon Constantina Bush is encouraging everyone to get their COVID-19 vaccination and accurate information from medical professionals.

has hit the spot in this latest video."

AMSANT acting chief executive Erin Lew Fatt said at the heart of the campaign around vaccinations is protection of Aboriginal communities.

"Our people have enough health problems to worry about and this virus needs to be taken seriously," she said. "We need to listen to true stories about the need to protect our Elders and our kids."

The *Get The Jab!* series of seven –

with more to come – follows on from the 18 short films in NT Aboriginal languages produced by NLC in March and April 2020 that provided vital messaging about COVID-19 and how to stay safe, stay on Country and care for family.

For more information on NLC TV's *Get The Jab!* series of short films and the 2020 COVID-19 series go to the NLC TV YouTube page or on their Facebook page.

about the safety of vaccines," he said last week.

"So our message to Indigenous Australians is: There are multiple channels for accessing the vaccine – and so many Indigenous Australians are in urban environments and not just rural and remote – but that it is safe, and it's effective."

Ms Burney dismissed that claim, saying that proper communication in a culturally appropriate manner was key.

"The first thing is there needs to be more money to First Nations media for messaging," she said.

"And we know that

messaging is most effective when it's coming from trusted Elders and groups like the Aboriginal Medical Services.

"Don't just recommend a government website, that's useless.

"They need to use local, significant people.

"The other thing is the availability of data so decisions can be made as to where is the real need.

"This needs to be a national strategy. It's not rocket science and it baffles me that these things are not in place."

Ms Burney's comments followed scathing remarks from

former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, who accused the Morrison Government of letting down Indigenous people.

Mr Turnbull described the vaccine rollout as the "biggest failure of public administration" he's witnessed.

"The reason we are in lockdown is because the Federal Government did not buy enough vaccines last year. There is no argument about that," Mr Turnbull said.

The former Liberal leader said Indigenous communities should have been provided with vaccines at the earliest possible opportunity.

"It is extraordinary that you've got vulnerable communities that are actually lagging behind the mainstream of the community – the big cities in Sydney and Melbourne and so forth," Mr Turnbull said.

"It's a failure of administration. I'm sure it is not a policy issue.

"It's just that they did not get their act together. They let us down and they let down Indigenous communities particularly."

He said it would have been "so easy" to do deals with Pfizer and Moderna for more vaccines earlier in the roll-out. – with AAP

Call to return lutruwita wilderness shot down

By JILLIAN MUNDY



SEVERE frustration, dismay and despair.

This is how the Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania (ALCT) describes hearing that the Tasmanian Government plan to reclassify 22,550 hectares of the World Heritage-listed Kooparoona Niara/Great Western Tiers as 'low grade reserves', ignoring growing calls for an Aboriginal-managed national park.

The Government also announced 2,850 hectares of adjacent land would be added to the Mole Creek Karst National Park.

Kooparoona Niara and Mole Creek are in the central north of the island and contain countless important Aboriginal places, as do all other areas of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA).

It comes after four decades of wrangling the interests of state and private loggers, and conservationists, and a 2015 visit from UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation), who recommended banning logging and mining in the TWWHA and to "consolidate the emerging joint management of the TWWHA with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community".

The land council believes reclassifying the 22,550 hectares to anything less than a national park is little more than creative labelling and a missed opportunity.

"With proclamations coming to Parliament that will change the tenure of unallocated Crown Land in the TWWHA, Premier Gutwein has the chance to deliver a win-win and leave a lasting legacy that breaks new ground for land justice and reconciliation in Tasmania – an Aboriginal owned and managed national park," ALCT manager Rebecca Digney said.

Earlier this year Liberal Premier Peter Gutwein had

"All land in lutruwita/Tasmania was Aboriginal land for thousands of generations and not one hectare was ever ceded to the crown. Here's a genuine opportunity to take unallocated Crown land and return it back to Aboriginal ownership. When Parliament changes the tenure of this land there is a moral imperative to right past wrongs and return it to its rightful owners."

– Rebecca Digney.



Manager of the Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania (ALCT) Rebecca Digney shares the community's frustration and dismay at the State Government's plan to designate World Heritage-listed Kooparoona Niara/Great Western Tiers National Park as 'low grade reserves', ignoring calls to hand the land back to traditional owners. She is pictured at the entrance to one of the many caves in the area.

committed to "receive and consider proposals for further land return" and "taking significant steps on our path to reconciliation and, also importantly, to taking significant steps to ensure we improve the lives and circumstances of our First People".

Soon after, ALCT and other community representatives met with the Premier in what they say was a positive meeting.

The Government's public consultation report on changing the 'labels' says 97% of submissions supported all areas in question being a national park – the highest conservation status available (85% of the TWWHA is made up of seven separate national parks). Five submissions, including the land council's and a neighbouring landowner supported an Aboriginal-owned and managed national park.

"It's on the table. We're

making it easy. They're already discussing this. It's unallocated. They're going to protect it anyway. No-one's locked out of anything. Why can't they just create this new tenure?" Ms Digney said.

"It's a no brainer; it's easy to do. It's not as if we're going to have opposition from the parties that oppose such things, like forestry and mining. That area is already going to be protected.

"It's going before the Parliament. It is largely uncontroversial."

Ms Digney said the Tasmanian Aboriginal community has the capacity to run a national park.

"We've got our own rangers, including people who choose to take a significant wage drop to work for their community on returned land," she said.

"Our people are winning awards for (land) management. "If the Government were to

give us a slice of the pie, a national park and the funds to manage it, I don't think we would have any issues.

"We've been managing our land for tens of thousands of years, and doing it quite well I might add."

She pointed out that most land management is healing it from colonisation of the land, removing weeds and feral animals, and managing cultural resources that have been plundered.

"There have been great success stories on the mainland with Aboriginal-owned national parks when they are properly resourced," Ms Digney said.

"I think for the broader Tasmanian community, there is still a wide-reaching perception that land is locked up. What people don't understand is that Aboriginal land has conditions on it. We always say hand it back without strings attached, but

there are always conditions, and most of them relate to public access. We've got to continue to allow the public to access land.

"The whole idea of a national park is people can access it and it would be a showcase of the skills we've got as land managers."

When Ms Digney spoke about the proposal on local ABC radio, one listener sent in a message saying the Government was reluctant because they are afraid the Aboriginal community would show them up in their ability to manage land – she tends to agree.

Last fortnight, the land council wrote to Mr Gutwein, inviting him to walk on country to discuss their proposal. As the *Koori Mail* went to press they were still waiting for a response – and reading the news that the Daintree National Park in Queensland is being returned to traditional owners.

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Bama celebrate historic deal to return Daintree

By CHRISTINE HOWES



FOUR national parks including the Daintree rainforest will be handed back to traditional owners the Eastern Kuku Yalanji

(EKY) people in a historic deal with the Queensland Government.

More than 160,000 hectares of land stretching from the Daintree north of Port Douglas to south of Cooktown will be jointly managed before a full handover is made to the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people.

The agreement was signed by Environment Minister Meaghan Scanlon, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Craig Crawford and representatives from the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people last week at a special ceremony in Bloomfield, north of Wujal Wujal.

The Daintree, Ngalba-bulal, Kalkajaka and the Hope Islands National Parks will now be jointly managed by traditional owners and the Queensland Government, while a new nature refuge will also be created.

The signing of Indigenous Land Use and Management Agreements marks a new era for Eastern Kuku Yalanji people.

This latest deal was the result of at least four years of hard negotiations between the State Government, the Wet Tropics Management Authority and Traditional Owner Negotiating Committee (TONC), who met on and off Country as far afield as Cooktown, Cairns, Yarrabah, Townsville and Palm Island.

Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation (JYAC) steered the negotiations and was appointed grantee of the bubu (land) on behalf of all Eastern Kuku Yalanji Bama (people) at the signing ceremony last week.

JYAC Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land tenure resolution manager Conrad Yeatman Jnr said that Eastern Kuku Yalanji people wanted to be enabled to live and work on country from Black Mountain right down to Port Douglas.



Lizzy, Barry and Betty Olbar, Marie Shipton and Kelvin Olbar oversee the smoking ceremony.

"One of the most important things about the whole process was the way traditional owners maintained their cultural practices in communicating back to their family groups," he said.

"They've had the full support of their respective families to keep moving forward towards sole management of the national park, and that's been great."

Ms Scanlon said that the national parks will protect Aboriginal cultural sites, ecosystems, wetlands and mangroves while forming part of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

"The Eastern Kuku Yalanji people's culture is one of the world's oldest living cultures and this agreement recognises their right to own and manage their Country, to protect their culture and to share it with visitors as they become leaders in the tourism industry," she said.

"Today's handback marks the Government returning more than 3.8 million hectares of land back to traditional owners on Cape York, with 2.3 million hectares to

be jointly managed by our rangers and the community.

"It means there are now 32 Aboriginal-owned and jointly-managed national parks on the Cape York Peninsula."

Kuku Yalanji committee member Chrissy Grant said four years of negotiations have been an important process to establish the framework for when they solely and wholly manage the land.

"On September 29, 2021, this significant historic event becomes legal and a reality for the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Bama to realise our vision for a more promising future for all our people," she said.

"From an EKY's point of view, it's really really significant.

"The handback gives us an opportunity go into joint management with National Parks and other partners, and to gradually move into sole management.

"That's our ultimate goal and aspiration, is to be able to manage those national parks by ourselves."

MC on the day Tahlia Burchill O'Brien said it was something to be celebrated.

"Not just by us, but by future generations of Bama and all people of Queensland," she said.

JYAC board member Desmond Tayley said a lot of hard work and effort had gone into making the day possible, even though it was a handback in name only.

"This is only the second part of the bigger Yalanji Native Title Plan that we achieved back in 2000," he said.

"And we just got here now.

"And whilst we are here for a handback, in a name, it is not really a handback.

"The bubu (land) has always been and always will be part of Yalanji nation.

"In many ways, this is not the end of the process, but rather, the beginning. I say this mindful that many great outcomes have been achieved by negotiations.

"We read the Indigenous Management Agreement (IMA) as it's presented, and we are encouraged that joint

management will see greater consultation, engagement with traditional owners regarding influencing national park activities, and also visitor experiences. We welcome the inclusion and commitment to transition and protocols.

"Handback excitement must be tempered with on-the-ground reality. We have to manage expectations. The expectation held by many Bama here today, is that from today, things will be immediately different and this misconception must be set right.

"Today is the beginning of many things to come, but again, it only works if we are in true partnership.

"The truth is, the Department of Environment, Science, and Queensland Parks & Wildlife Services (QPWS) will continue to run the operational management of national parks, virtually unchanged.

"So, when I say we are at the very beginning of this journey towards sole management, I acknowledge that in the IMA, there is a very clear intent to reach sole management within five years. And despite the best endeavours of our TO's negotiating team, the strongest commitment the state would agree to in the IMA, is an obligation to make 'reasonable endeavours'.

"Bama are ready to work positively through joint management, and demonstrate our strength and our determination to perform our duties.

"So today, on behalf of all Bama here today, those Bama who could not make it here, I appeal to you directly, Minister Scanlon, to commit your department to a steadfast application of transition protocols, outlined in the IMA.

"We ask you, Minister, to work with us to ensure that the department shows a genuine commitment to the 'reasonable endeavours' clause in the IMA.

"We need to understand that the government is committed to that, not just on paper.

"We approach the future with confidence and high expectation."

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Vincent shares the legacy of Albert



VINCENT Namatjira has written and illustrated a children's book telling the story of his great-grandfather, Albert Namatjira, one of Australia's best-known artists.

Vincent's bold, expressive and witty paintings are accompanied by evocative text, which tells the pivotal moments in Albert's life.

Vincent – the first Aboriginal artist to win the Archibald Prize – builds a compelling picture of the times and conditions in which Albert lived and worked, capturing his triumphs and tragedy against a backdrop of social change and historical injustices. It is a deeply moving biography that pays homage to the great-grandfather Vincent never met.

"I think every kid in Australia should know the story of Albert Namatjira – one of this country's most important artists," Vincent said. "I hope it helps their understanding of our history. They might not know that it wasn't so long ago that Aboriginal people weren't considered Australian citizens. I also hope that it encourages more recognition and respect of our Indigenous leaders and role models, past and present."

Vincent's distinct and poignant paintings throughout the book are part of a body of work called *Albert's Story*, which was acquired by the Queensland Gallery of Modern Art.

The artworks were created using acrylic on canvas, and the



Award-winning artist Vincent Namatjira has written a book about his great-grandfather Albert.

portraits accompanying the biographies at the end of the book are lithographic prints.

Through his artworks and children's book, Vincent is building his own connections to the legacy of Albert Namatjira.

"I feel very proud to be able to share my great-grandfather's

important story. I hope it reaches a lot of people because this is a very important story for this country," Vincent said.

Published by Magabala Books, *Albert Namatjira* will include teacher notes linked to the Australian curriculum for those wishing to use the text as

a learning tool.

The book provides an important launching pad for discussion about art history, and an exploration of key moments in the Aboriginal rights movement.

Vincent Namatjira is a Western Aranda painter from Indulkana in South Australia who has gained

significant recognition for his work both in Australia and overseas.

In 2020, he became the first Indigenous artist to win the Archibald Prize. In 2019, he was awarded the \$100,000 acquisitive Ramsay Prize at the Art Gallery of SA. Vincent is represented by Iwantja Arts.

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Hocking rejoins Koori Mail team



WARLPIRI woman Rachael Hocking has joined the *Koori Mail* team as a journalist.

"Having started as a stringer for the *Koori Mail* nearly a decade ago, it feels like I'm returning full circle to where my love of storytelling began," Rachael said.

"I can't wait to continue sharing yarns with you all, for the best newspaper in the country."

Last year Rachael was named Media Person of the Year at the Dreamtime Awards, and she received a First Nations Media Australia award for her coverage of the Kumanjaji Walker story.

In 2019, she joined the board of the Dart Centre for Journalism and Trauma in the Asia Pacific, where she advocates for better, trauma-informed reporting in Indigenous communities.

Rachael was a reporter at NITV for several years, before moving on to anchor NITV's flagship current affairs program *The Point*.

Earlier this year, Rachael co-hosted CONVERGE, the annual First Nations Media Australia conference, which was held in Lismore in between lockdowns.

Editor Rudi Maxwell said it was wonderful to welcome Ms Hocking, who will be based in Sydney, back to the *Koori Mail* news team.

"It's been fantastic to follow Rach's career as a journalist. She's an extremely talented reporter



Rachael Hocking has joined the Koori Mail as a journalist.
Picture: Rhett Wyman

and writer who has already achieved so much at a young age," she said. "We are very fortunate to have Rachael join our team and I know she'll bring a fresh voice and creative ideas."

If any readers have story ideas they'd like to discuss, please email Rachael at rachael@koorimail.com or Rudi at editor@koorimail.com

● "It's love work" – Latoya Rule reflects on 'Fella's Bill' and the campaign to ban spit hoods in a story by Rachael Hocking, page 8.

Wangan and Jagalingou mob stand their ground



WANGAN and Jagalingou people camped on Country near the edge of Adani's Carmichael mine

have been told by Queensland Police that they will not be forcibly removed.

In August, a group of Wangan and Jagalingou cultural custodians, including Coedie McAvoy, started a ceremony called Waddananggu (the talking) on their Country and set up camp.

They have vowed to stay until Indian mining giant Adani (now trading as Bravus Mining and Resources in Australia) agrees to stop work on the massive Carmichael coal mine.

"More than a month after we established a stone Bora ring and ceremonial ground on our Country, police officers have told us that they recognise our cultural rights to conduct ceremony, under provisions of the 2019 *Queensland Human Rights Act*," Mr McAvoy said in a statement.

"This has been a long time coming for our family, going back to the separation and forced removal from Country.

"We are setting a historic precedent.

"We are the first Aboriginal people to use the *Human Rights Act* to defend our cultural rights and we are going to keep doing it.

"Police inspectors will be talking to Adani this week about our request for an independent investigation into the impacts of Adani's mine on our sacred Doongmabulla springs.

"Despite Adani's unlawful



W&J man Coedie McAvoy has vowed to stay on Country until Adani (Bravus) stops mining coal.

attempts to remove us, Waddananggu will continue on unhindered."

And a report released last month by the Australian Human Rights Commission adds weight to the actions of the Wangan and Jagalingou custodians, finding that many companies in Australia are failing to meet their international human rights obligations, particularly regarding First Nations people.

The report highlighted the destruction of Indigenous land and cultural sites, such as Juukan Gorge in 2020 by mining company Rio Tinto, as part of the wider issue.

"There are many examples

where companies have failed to engage in meaningful human rights due diligence processes and obtain free, prior and informed consent before permanently destroying culturally significant sites," the report said.

"Access to justice and compensation for land dispossession is a key area of 'unfinished business' that remains unresolved for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."

The commission's report called for greater accountability from major corporations as well as ensuring human right abuse victims had access to remedies.

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.

Bravus told *Guardian Australia* that the group of cultural custodians were "anti fossil fuel activists" who were "trespassing under the guise of traditional activity".

"We are supportive of our traditional owners undertaking cultural practices and ceremonies on their traditional lands and as a responsible landholder we will continue to ensure that when people do wish to access our land properties, they are able to do so in a planned, safe and respectful manner," the miner said.

"However, we won't tolerate criminal activity on our mining lease, nor anti-fossil fuel activist group Frontline Action on Coal cloaking their anti-coal protest camp and trespassing under the guise of traditional activity."



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The draft strategy places a strong emphasis on conserving water and using water more efficiently, while exploring options to make Sydney less dependent on rainfall for our future water supply. It also explores how we can create a cooler and greener city, protect our waterways and coastal environments, and support the water interests of Aboriginal communities.

We want to hear from you. You are invited to attend an online community information session to hear more about the strategy and find out how you can give us your feedback.

The session is scheduled for:

Thursday, 14 October 2021 at 11am to 1pm

You can register for the sessions, view the draft strategy and find out how you can have your say at dpie.nsw.gov.au/greater-sydney-water-strategy

The fight for Fella is a fight for Black justice

By RACHAEL HOCKING



IN the painting, Fella is standing by the water in shorts and a bucket hat, his bare arm revealing a mob flag tattoo.

One hand grips a fishing rod, the other freshly caught cod.

In the sky above a constellation of fishing line and stars spell what has become an anthem for many families who have lost loved ones in custody: 'Justice for Fella'.

The stars seem to flicker, capturing a moment in time: a proud Wiradjuri, Kokatha and Wirangu man doing what he loved.

More than a year ago Latoya Rule – an Aboriginal and Maori scholar – asked Wiradjuri, Ngilyampaa artist Charlotte Allingham to create an artwork in memory of their brother Wayne Fella Morrison. They waited another 12 months to share it with the world.

"At the time it was going to be used for a protest poster, but it didn't feel like the right time," Latoya said.

"A year later I thought, 'It's good to use as our final picture, you know? Something nice to leave everyone with, that sense of pride.'"

It's been half a decade since Latoya and their community lost Wayne, who was just 29 years old when he was pulled unconscious from a prison van, cuffed and wearing a spit hood. What occurred in the less than three-minute journey prior – where one restrained man was surrounded by five guards – remains a mystery.

"We want a royal commission into Wayne's death, because so far the silencing in our court case has been completely inadequate," Latoya said.

"We deserve that, and our community deserves answers, because we don't want this to happen again to any other family or individual, whether they're Aboriginal or not."

As the lengthy and overdue coronial inquest heard final submissions last month, it included



Latoya Rule pays tribute to brother Wayne Fella Morrison.

support from counsel assisting for an additional inquiry. Representation for some of the officers involved said that was not an appropriate recommendation for the coroner to make.

The latest call follows many from a grassroots movement borne in response to the injustices surrounding Wayne's death, including a law forever connected to Wayne's spirit.

Fella's Bill – a legislated ban on the use of spit hoods by South Australia – was tabled by minor party SA Best's Connie Bonaros more than a year ago, but it was only last month that it garnered the multi-party support required to pass the Legislative Assembly.

In her statement to the SA Parliament, Ms Bonaros was clear: "Putting a spit hood over a detained person's head amounts to torture ... There is no question, absolutely none, that the barbaric and archaic use of spit hoods has



Justice for Fella by Charlotte Allingham.

no place in our community."

"It's bittersweet," Latoya reflected.

"I felt a lot of bitterness at the time, hearing from the Government

that they were suddenly going to support Fella's Bill.

"But to have this positive outcome from something so intensely traumatising and horrific, I think has actually changed our family forever.

"(The bill) is something to the name of our family that I know they're really proud of."

In their fight, Latoya, dedicated campaigners and the wider community have made significant progress.

Before Fella's Bill, SA moved to amend another law allowing coroners to compel evidence from witnesses. This was a direct response to the more than 1600 claims to penalty privilege that the guards exercised during the coronial inquest, allowing them to dodge questions about what happened in the back of the prison van.

While that law will have no bearing on Wayne's coronial inquest, Latoya said its significance shouldn't be undervalued, that the campaign for

answers was never solely about their brother.

The #BanSpitHoods movement saw an action earlier in the year which garnered widespread support: protestors dressed as prison guards wearing spit hoods and badges that read 'SILENT'.

Their calls were for a ban not just in SA, but nationwide and in all institutional settings.

"We've never held a rally just for Wayne. We've never contributed to building the movement just for our brother. Our outcomes are shared," Latoya said.

"That's something I think people don't see.

"They don't see that it's a collaborative approach, as much as it is a family approach, as much as it is an individual longing for justice."

Darumbal South Sea Islander journalist Amy McQuire recently wrote of Black justice in her article response to Gomeroi journalist Allan Clarke's documentary into the Bowraville murders.

"I saw a form of Black Justice that did not require the continual blows that had been inflicted upon the families," she wrote.

"I saw the power of the families, and this power was sustained by their love not only for Colleen, Clinton and Evelyn (the Bowraville children), but for each other.

"This black love is Black Justice, and it can't be found in the white man's courts, but in our communities."

More than the legislative changes, Latoya said it is 'love work' which best captures their family and community's fight.

"I just want people to know, and I know people have seen through our movement, that we love our brother. And that we love Aboriginal people. We love our community. We love our family so deeply," they said.

"We never had to be in this position. But because we love our people so deeply we've been able to make these changes.

"It's really love work."



Have your say on planning for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis

Planning information about the Western Sydney Aerotropolis is on public exhibition until **2 November 2021**. We want your feedback.

On exhibition are an explanation of the intended effects of proposed amendments to the environmental planning legislation relating to the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, a discussion paper outlining options for the future sustainability of Luddenham Village, and the draft phase 2 development control plan.

To view the documents and make a submission, visit planning.nsw.gov.au/aerotropolis.

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Public Notice and Registration of Interest

30-46 Auburn Road (Lot 1 in DP 656032 & Lot 2 in DP 433938), Regents Park, NSW
Consultation for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

30 Auburn Road Pty Ltd proposes to redevelop the land at 30-46 Auburn Road in Regents Park and the Planning Secretary Environmental Assessment Requirements (SSD-20724880) that have been issued for the project requires the preparation of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the proposal.

In accordance with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010) individuals and groups are invited to register their interest to participate in the consultation and to be involved in the development of the Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment for the project.

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The registration period closes on 22 October 2021
The consultation period closes 8 November 2021

Plan to shut detention centre draws calls to raise the age



THE proposed closure of a controversial youth detention centre in Tasmania has

prompted calls for the State Government to take the next step and raise the age of criminal responsibility.

There has been a series of allegations regarding the Ashley Youth Detention Centre – including historical sexual abuse, with a former detainee taking action in the Supreme Court – and repeated concerns raised by the Custodial Inspector.

More recently, a public servant who filed a sexual harassment complaint against a colleague at the centre more than a year ago was reportedly devastated to hear that the person she complained about had been cleared.

The staff member, Alysha, told the ABC she was deeply hurt and angry that the outcome was broadcast in Parliament before she was told of the investigation's findings.

Following the latest controversy, Tasmania's Liberal premier Peter Gutwein conceded that the centre would continue to be stigmatised by allegations of abuse.

Mr Gutwein said there was a need for systemic change

"Locking kids up in prison causes lifelong damage to their physical and mental development and means that they are more likely to get stuck in a cycle of recidivism."

– Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service chief executive Tracey Dillon



and a new approach.

He announced that the centre would close within three years, to be replaced with two new facilities – one in the north and one in the south.

The new facilities would be built to house young offenders, and the facilities would have better links to family and service providers.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (NATSILS), along with

the Tasmania Aboriginal Legal Service, welcomed the announcement that the Government would close the controversial centre.

"It has long been reported as harmful; with abusive staff and dire conditions for kids," NATSILS said.

"On the back of this decision, which is a small step to ending the mistreatment of our kids and overincarceration of our people, we urge the Tasmanian

Government to raise the age of criminal responsibility to at least 14 years of age and invest in Aboriginal community-controlled solutions."

Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service chief executive Tracey Dillon said Aboriginal children in Tasmania were six times more likely to be in detention than other young people.

Across the nation, in 2019-2020, 499 children aged between 10 and 13 were

imprisoned, with 65% of them being Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids.

"While we welcome the long overdue decision to close Ashley Youth Detention Centre in Tasmania, it is horrendous that our Government can imprison 10-year-old children," Ms Dillon said.

"Locking kids up in prison causes lifelong damage to their physical and mental development and means that they are more likely to get stuck in a cycle of recidivism.

"We urge the Government to stop stalling. We must raise the age and invest in Aboriginal-led solutions that connect kids with the inherent strengths of our Country, culture and community while diverting them from the justice system."

Tasmanian Opposition Leader Rebecca White said the closure of Ashley was a good move, but it was critically important the facilities that replaced it were fit for purpose.

"Children as young as 10 are incarcerated at the Ashley Youth Detention Centre and we can't give up on them," she said.

"We have to make sure they have access to therapeutic, restorative justice practices that help them come out and be contributing members of the community again."

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LGBTIQ+ community get an Indigenous viewpoint



AUSTRALIA's first young, Indigenous and queer commissioner is calling for better services and safer spaces for the First Nations LGBTIQ+ community.

"When I was in high school, I was told that I would never succeed because I'd be an Aboriginal person," Todd Fernando said.

"And here I am as the youngest, first openly gay Indigenous commissioner."

Mr Fernando, a Kalarie man from the Wiradjuri Nation, was last month appointed as Victoria's Commissioner for LGBTIQ+ Communities.

As the state's first Indigenous queer commissioner, he will offer a fresh voice for Victoria's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer community.

"In the last 20 years, we've seen an incredible shift away from the soft bigotry of low expectations not just for Aboriginal people but for queer people," he said.

"To then exist in a state that believes equality is not negotiable – that shows how far we are into the tipping point of normalising the experiences of people with various sexualities and gender diversities."

Mr Fernando, 32, is the second commissioner to hold the role since its creation in 2015, replacing Ro Allen, who



Wiradjuri man Todd Fernando has been appointed as Victoria's Commissioner for LGBTIQ+ Communities.

was appointed Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner earlier this year.

He has always been passionate about human rights and keenly interested in

issues facing rural Australians after growing up in Condobolin in central western NSW, which he playfully suggests was made famous by singer Shannon Noll.

When exploring his identity as a teen, Mr Fernando found accessing LGBTIQ+ services and information difficult.

As one of countless queer Australians to leave the bush for the city, he now questions why so many continue to make that journey.

"It's often to do with wanting to connect with communities that are similar to them, wanting services that are welcoming and inclusive," he said.

"I'm not saying we need to have drag queens at the local pub every Friday night – but the ability for a young queer person to walk into a health service and get specific medicine or health care related to their sexuality is really important.

"At the same time, we need investment in education to ensure safe schools can operate in those areas so no one is bullied."

In 2018, Mr Fernando co-founded Koorie Pride Victoria, which advocates for gender and sex-diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

He says Indigenous people can sometimes feel the need to "minimise their Indigeneity" in predominantly White LGBTIQ+ spaces, to connect to

their queerness. Meanwhile, in heterosexual Indigenous spaces they "minimise their queerness to elevate their Blackness".

"When Aboriginal queer people come together in a room that's designed with them, from them and by them, it's an unbelievable space," Mr Fernando said.

"We don't have to minimise any part of our identity because we're in a room that's safe and welcoming for us.

"If we can translate that experience into the services – we're going to see incredible outcomes that combat discrimination and increase opportunities for success. That just seems like a no-brainer for me."

He says COVID lockdowns have exacerbated the mental health challenges faced by many in the LGBTIQ+ community.

"There's a lot of work to be done once we open back up and that's about reconnecting with people and really understanding what the experience is like on the other side of COVID."

As the global pandemic rolls on, Mr Fernando worries about young people locked in homes with families who may not be supportive.

"Them having to minimise their queerness to create a safe space for themselves – we need to outdate that, we need to get rid of it – and part of that comes with education," he said. – AAP



Health Chief Executives Forum

Applications now open for Agency Management Committee vacancies

The Agency Management Committee provides governance and oversight to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra). Ahpra works in partnership with the 15 National Boards to help protect the public by regulating Australia's registered health practitioners and setting standards and policies that all registered health practitioners must meet.

Applications are now sought for appointment to the Agency Management Committee from members of the community with expertise in:

- Health,
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We are committed to increasing Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Peoples' leadership and voices on the Agency Management Committee and warmly invite Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons to apply.

To find out more about the selection criteria, remuneration and being a committee member, visit <https://statutoryappointments.ahpra.gov.au/nb/en/listing> or email statutoryappointments@ahpra.gov.au

Applications close **Sunday 31 October 2021 at 5:00pm, Australian Eastern Daylight Time.**

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



Parramatta Light Rail – Stage 2

On behalf of Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW), RPS is seeking to identify Aboriginal people or groups who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places within the project area for Stage 2 of Parramatta Light Rail.

The project will connect with Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 in the Parramatta CBD and travel to Ermington, Melrose Park, Wentworth Point and Sydney Olympic Park, before terminating at Carter Street. It will have 10-12 stops over a 10-kilometre two-way track, with travel times of around 25 minutes from Sydney Olympic Park to Camellia and a further eight minutes to Parramatta CBD.

The proposal is subject to assessment and approval as State Significant Infrastructure under the *NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The purpose of this consultation is to inform the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposal and to assist Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, in consultation with Heritage NSW, in the determination of the proposal.

If you are an **Aboriginal person or group who may hold cultural knowledge**, in compliance with the *Heritage NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (2010)*, please forward the relevant contact details by **no later than 20 October 2021** to:

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Songbook gives language a voice in an offering of love

By KIRK PAGE



GINA Williams is a proud Ballardong/Noongar woman with links to the Gitja people of the East Kimberley in Western Australia.

Gina has paved a successful pathway in the media as a journalist and a TV presenter, but it was entering into a song competition that would lead her to share her love of music and culture.

Over the years she has received multiple accolades that celebrate and acknowledge her talent and commitment to her Noongar language and passion for music.

"I worked in media for a long time and decided I would enter this songwriting competition and I won. I was invited to perform a lot in 2001 and this has brought me to where I am now," Gina said.

Kalyakoorl, ngalak warangka (Forever, we sing) is collection of songs and sheet music that includes translation of the stories celebrating Noongar language.

Williams has worked with longtime collaborator Guy Ghouse on this new songbook and together they have introduced the Noongar language to hundreds of young people.

The collection of songs in this



Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse holding *Kalyakoorl, ngalak warangka*.

book represent the first two albums Gina and Guy have released — *Kalyakoorl* (Forever) and *Bindi Bindi* (The Butterfly).

Just like their music, this anthology is informed by the four principles of Koort (Heart), Moort (Family and Community), Boodja (Land) and Koorlangka (Children and Legacy).

"Everything we do we follows these Noongar principles. If this is

always at the front you can't go wrong," Gina said.

"Since 2012, I have been working with language.

"Guy and I have been really lucky and we are committed to my language, its beauty and integrity."

Creating sheet music for songs in the Noongar language has been a real thrill, Gina said.

"We want to provide a source that can be shared. We get a lot of

requests from schools and choirs for sheet music," Gina said.

"Magabala have done a great job with this book and we are so proud of it.

"I hope people will enjoy this songbook form and look at our language in a different way, learning language and song together.

"We have three albums out and have been touring regularly for a

number of years.

"We have shared welcome songs in our language and also try to connect with other language holders. We translate our song into other people's language and then it becomes their song."

Learning culture and language through song is something Gina encourages and says that learning language from the area you live in can be a way we can all connect to the country.

"Historically all of our language and lore was passed on by story song and dance. Even though things are difficult sometimes, there's this extraordinary awakening that's happening and it's driven by artists and we are doing this in a culturally appropriate way," she said. "The work of our theatre Elders — people like Jimmy Chi, Justine Saunders and Bob Maza — they carved the path for us tirelessly in a time when it was much harder. They knew all along how vital our stories are, for our identity and to see it represented in a modern context now it's a privilege to be a part of it.

"I'm deeply in love with my language and community and this is how I can serve them.

"I didn't learn as a kid and I wanted to leave this as a legacy to my kids. If we can help people connect to culture and the language I'm excited about that."



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SCAN TO BOOK



Get close to Country with the evocative voice of Maanyang

By RACHAEL HOCKING



AS Country continues to call for a collective healing, a new song in language hopes to pull listeners closer to the land.

Nguura is a collaborative effort from emerging artist Gumbaynggirr Yaegl man Michael Laurie – or Maanyang – and a collective of musicians called Headland, led by Dr Murray Paterson.

Together they have created a rhythm of language and guitar that feels like travelling Country. Much in the same way that *Nguura* – Gumbaynggirr for campfire – holds meaning for mobs around the continent (in Warlpiri it means ‘home’).

There’s a yearning in Michael’s voice which, across the almost five-minute track, seems to channel the spirit of his artist name, Maanyang – or breeze. Speaking to the *Koori Mail* he said he hoped to achieve what the late Yolngu song-man Dr G Yunupingu mastered.

“To grab that rawness of Country and put that into your body, then out of your voice,” Michael said.

“It was around walking



Jaanyмили Jaanybarr Baalanda
waagay gu ngurrajili, ngurrajili

*Gather, come together men
prepare fire to share out, share.*

Ngiyaa Waari- Yanaa gu
ngayinggirra gu ngarra,
ngarraanga gu bayi

*We all walk about
to sit together,
listen deeply, learn to love.*

Maanyang in the filmclip for *Nguura*.

Country, listening to Country, hearing, feeling.

“Doing that with some really positive people in my life... and that’s what the song’s about: listening and learning and sharing that love amongst the people in your camp.”

The lyrics and story are reflective of the song-making experience: bringing native language into a space with non-Indigenous musicians and “sharing culture”, as Michael put it.

Murray said after initially

inviting Michael away for a weekend jam session, he “tricked” him into jumping into the studio to make a recording.

“I’d seen Mick perform and was really struck by the sort of energy of his performances – his dancing and singing – and we just became friends through that,” he said. “We were careful with the way we weighted the collaboration, I just wanted to give a bed for Mick’s story.

“I see it as important not to get in the way of the story.”

The song was written for the

fourth episode of a film series called *Lost Track Atlantic*, exploring coastlines from Scotland to West Africa. And while the films don’t focus on his traditional Country, it was Michael’s connection to saltwater that allowed him to bring authenticity to the soundtrack.

“My dad grew up with Pippi Beach at Yamba. It’s something I love, to connect with the coast,” he said. “I hang out with quite a lot of surfers, and that’s the link. They’ve got a

deep connection with the coast and the ocean, and that resonates with our deep connection and understanding.”

That mutual respect for the coastline informed Murray and Headland’s “softly, softly” approach in the collaboration with Maanyang.

“When we set out with the Headland project, it was a response to a particular place.

“I sort of spent my formative years in Lennox Head – I was immersed in that coastal culture,” Murray said.

“So I was familiar with trying or attempting to let the Country speak in the music that we make.

“And that’s the potential I saw in the collaboration for this song – the idea that you let the terrain or landscape, or Country inform your knowledge.”

For Michael and the band, the song speaks to a deeper responsibility to care for Country, to tread carefully and listen openly.

They hope to continue making music, with the goal of creating a full-length LP.

You can watch the film-clip for *Nguura* on YouTube, along with the film series *Lost Track Atlantic*.

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K'gari is welcome return to paradise for Butchulla mob



BUTCHULLA people were celebrating last month, after the UNESCO World Heritage area centred on Fraser

Island has reverted to the name used by its traditional owners: K'gari, meaning 'paradise'.

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service renamed the national park as K'gari (Fraser Island) in 2017.

Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation official Jade Gould said her people had been campaigning for years for the name to be changed back.

"The name Fraser Island is a tribute to Eliza Fraser – a woman whose narrative directly led to the massacre and dispossession of the Butchulla people," she said. "A word meaning paradise in Butchulla language is a much more fitting name for such an iconic place."

Queensland Environment Minister Meaghan Scanlon says the Government will soon begin talks with the Butchulla people and other stakeholders to formally rename the island.

She said the Government has renamed a number of places already, including Naree Budjong Djara National Park on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) and Gheebulum Kunungai National Park Mulgumpin (Moreton Island).

"The Palaszczuk Government



Jody Burns and Butchulla dancers celebrate on K'gari. Picture: courtesy Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation

recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island heritage and cultures, which represent an enduring and ongoing connection to Country for over 60,000 years," Ms Scanlon said.

Kate Doolan from the Butchulla Native Title Aboriginal Corporation has welcomed the World Heritage Area's name change to K'gari.

"On behalf of the Butchulla people we pay respect to our

Elders who are no longer with us to hear this news," Ms Doolan said.

"Today is a time of reflection for our people and for those souls who long advocated for such a meaningful change over such a

lengthy period of time.

"BNTAC also looks forward to a positive future relationship with the Department of Environment and Science and the State of Queensland to promote reconciliation by working collaboratively in partnership."

The island's Kingfisher Bay Resort Group general manager David Hay said his company supported the Butchulla people's push for the name to revert.

"This change couldn't have come at a better time as we emerge from COVID and work to attract domestic and international travellers back to the region and the island," he said.

"There has never been a truer word spoken – K'gari really is paradise."

K'gari was originally known by Europeans as Great Sandy Island before it was changed to Fraser Island after Scotswoman Eliza Fraser was shipwrecked there in 1836.

Ms Fraser was eventually rescued by an escaped convict and taken back to Moreton Bay, now Brisbane.

She initially claimed she was mistreated by the local Indigenous people on the island, but she changed her account a number of times.

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Barengi Gadjin Land Council (BGLC) represents Traditional Owners from the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk peoples, who were recognised in a 2005 Native Title Consent Determination, the first in south-eastern Australia.

Reporting to the Board, the new CEO will drive the organisation forward by developing an energised, positive and connected organisational culture with a focus on capacity building of individuals to ensure growth and potential is fulfilled. From a strategic leadership perspective, potential partnerships will be explored and opportunities to take the organisation to the next level are being proactively explored and uncovered. This includes investing in traditional owner businesses, constructing cultural centres and identifying other untapped opportunities that align to the organisation's strategic objectives.

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One of the winners this year is Jae Lear for Technology & Business Student of the Year. Jae is a proud Gadigal man who is the first to win a TAFE NSW Gili Award in subsequent years. Following up on his success in this category in 2020 when Jae was awarded the Technology & Business Student of the Year following completion of his Diploma in Human Resources, Jae went on the complete Dual Diploma's in Business and Business Administration, seeing him acknowledged once again as the vocational student of the year.

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Adding to his education success, Jae also completed a Diploma of Community Services, along with courses to respond to children and young people at risk and case management. By completing, multiple Diploma's and embracing the thirst for knowledge and eagerness to complete the work once started.

Jae achievements are even more remarkable given he has had to overcome major hurdles while completing his

studies. Significant challenges he faced included supporting his extended family after a house fire, supporting his wife completing her final year at University, dealing with the impacts of COVID-19 which forced changes to their wedding plans and the premature birth of their first child.

Jae is currently working in a non-for-profit organisation, providing case management for teenagers who are not working and disengaged from school. His role is to assist to transition from school to vocational education and training or employment. Jae is a strong advocate for TAFE NSW, assisting his clients to transition to vocational education and training. Jae regularly networks and interacts with TAFE NSW to assist young people enrol at TAFE NSW for industry specific courses or general education.

TAFE NSW opened up many doorways for Jae, with offers for a number of positions due to the skills obtained at work and knowledge gained from studying at TAFE. Despite these offers, Jae's commitment to helping young people has seen him remain in his current role where he feels he best provide the support and assistance needed to see young people achieve their own educational and employment goals.

Find out more about the achievements of all 2021 TAFE NSW Gili Award winners at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/gili-awards>

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Boost to National Native Title body



THE Federal Government is providing \$2.9 million over three years to the National Native Title Council (NNTC) to continue its work as the peak body for the native title sector, representing the views of native title holders and their representative

organisations.

Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt said the NNTC plays an essential role in looking after the interests of native title holders across the country.

"This funding will provide a firm footing for the NNTC to support traditional owners navigate the native title system and receive the full range of benefits from their native title holdings," he said.

He said the NNTC provides national leadership and support for the sector as well as a voice in important national conversations.

"Importantly this year, the NNTC is helping native title representative bodies adjust to the major reforms and improvements made to the *Native Title Act 1993*. These changes were sector-led, with strong input from leaders in the sector like the NNTC."

NNTC chief executive Jamie Lowe said the funding will help the council focus on longer-term strategic goals for the sector.

The 2021-22 Federal Budget saw a \$36.7 million increase in funding for Prescribed Bodies Corporate.

An invitation to get yarning about your language



ABORIGINAL people in NSW are being invited by the Aboriginal Languages Trust to online yarning sessions about language revitalisation.

Aboriginal Languages Trust executive director Gamilaroi and Dhunghutti woman Clare McHugh said they were seeking feedback and guidance from Aboriginal communities across NSW.

"The trust's Strategic Plan is set to be finalised and once in place will guide our efforts to support the growth of Aboriginal languages activities over the next five years," she said. "It is important the plan is informed by communities' voices and we invite NSW-based Aboriginal community members to come and share with us how we can support your language aspirations."

"The trust has been having in-depth discussions with individual Aboriginal language experts and practitioners across the state, language centres, peak Aboriginal bodies and regional groups, and government departments and institutions to gather feedback on the draft strategic plan."

A draft strategic plan consultation document was developed and released by the Trust Board in March 2021.

YarnUp focus regions and dates are: October 13, North Coast; October 14, Hunter, Central Coast; October 15, Greater Sydney; October 18, New England, North West; October 20, Illawarra, South East; October 21, Binala Bilaa, Central West; and October 22, Murdi Paaki.

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ICTV takes news to the people



THE pilot series of Indigenous Community TV's (ICTV's) *Community News* has broken new ground in providing information and stories on national, regional and local issues relevant to residents of remote communities.

The eight-episode initial series is presented in three Indigenous languages from central Australia, as well as English. It provides a platform for freelance reporting in languages and from communities throughout remote Australia.

ICTV general manager Rita Cattoni said *Community News* covers everything from serious topics, like COVID, land rights and deaths in custody, to lighter



Damian Williams interviews Bobby West from Purple House for ICTV.

segments about local sport and community profiles.

"Remote Indigenous audiences need access to the important information broadcast by news services, but it's not

always presented in a way that is readily understood," she said. "By delivering this information in language and simple English we are trying to address a critical need for information transfer for Indigenous Australians living in remote areas."

Western Aranda news presenter Damien Williams said *Community News* also provides important training opportunities.

"The program is a great opportunity for our contributors to learn and develop new skills around news gathering and delivery," Mr Williams said.

"One of the reasons I was keen to join the *Community News* team is the platform it gives people in remote communities to

preserve and strengthen their language."

Warlpiri presenter Theresa Napurrurla Ross says the program has strengthened knowledge and communication in her community.

"It's about communicating with the Yapa (local Indigenous person) voice," Ms Ross said.

"People in my community get to find out what's happening in Australia through the news in their own language and they wouldn't have been able to find that out before.

"And then they share that news when they go to another camp with people who haven't heard the news. That's the Yapa voice, people telling each other about what they just heard – communicating."

Grant guidelines for Aboriginals Benefit Account to change



IN the lead up to the establishment of a new Aboriginal-controlled Commonwealth entity to administer the Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA), the Morrison Government is changing the ABA grant guidelines.

Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt said the changes have been developed with the four Northern Territory Land Councils and the ABA Advisory Committee.

"The co-designed amendments to the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, currently being considered by Parliament, will activate the potential of Indigenous land in the Northern Territory," he said.

"The comprehensive reforms will put more power in the hands of Aboriginal Territorians to invest according to their priorities. In the meantime, we're getting started straight away with changes to simplify the existing grant process, which will remain in place until the new entity is established.

"The ABA has moved to an open funding round, so, rather than having to fit applications into two time-limited rounds each year, applicants can work with the National Indigenous Australians Agency and the NT Land Councils over time to develop proposals and bring them forward when they're ready.

"The changes will also provide greater flexibility in how funding can be used. Projects can now be funded over multiple years, administrative costs can be covered, and grants may be provided for projects that could be, but are not budgeted for, by Government or mainstream sources.

"Non-Indigenous applicants will also now be eligible to apply for funding, provided their project will deliver benefits for Aboriginal Territorians, there is no suitable Aboriginal-owned or controlled organisation for the project, and where there is demonstrated community support."

Aboriginal owned solar farm a first



VICTORIA's first solar farm wholly owned and operated by an Aboriginal corporation has received one of five grants supporting community-led renewable energy generation across the Gippsland and Latrobe Valley region.

Successful groups from the first round of funding include Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation with \$1 million for construction of a 4.9 MW solar farm and \$26,000 to install solar on the Heyfield and District Museum, Coongulla Community Hall, Heyfield Golf Club and Heyfield Tennis Club.

The Ramahyuck solar farm will be the first on Aboriginal-owned land in Victoria, empowering the local Aboriginal community to achieve self-determination by developing their own renewable energy generation.

It is expected to create at least 40 jobs during construction and 14 ongoing roles, as well as create an income stream for the corporation.

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Fresh songs on *First Sounds*



NIDALA, a Djungan artist, has released a new single *Colours of My People*, as one of the 12 tracks on *First Sounds Volume 6*.

"There is something so special about seeing my track side by side with so many other Indigenous artists," she said. "I love being a part of this amplified voice, being one of the representatives of representation! Makes me feel extra proud of being Aboriginal."

In partnership with First Nations Media Australia and the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia, the latest *First Sounds* volume gives new and emerging

First Nations artists the opportunity to have their music played on the airwaves.

Featuring artists from Djungan (Broome) to Boonwurrung (Mornington Peninsula), from Yindjibarndi (Roebourne) to Noongar (Perth), Kauruna (Adelaide) and the Anmatjere/Warlpiri (Central Desert), a diverse range of voices of First Nations music makers have been compiled into one album.

Including sounds from blues, R&B, rap, country, desert rock, reggae and dance, the album traverses powerful stories about life and loss, strength and healing and the experiences of being First Nations in this country. Two songs

on the latest compilation feature language from Anmatjere and Warlpiri Country, and Noongar Country.

First Sounds delivers fresh Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music to community radio with the album distributed to more than 250 community radio stations and broadcasters, creating awesome exposure for emerging First Nations artists. You can also stream *First Sounds Volume 6* and artists' singles on www.indigitube.com.au.

This project has been assisted by the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body, and the Community Media Training Organisation.



Djungan artist Nidala features on *First Sounds Volume 6*.

Geographical Names Act 1966

The Geographical Names Board is seeking public comment on the following proposals:

Badu Narang as a dual name for Bardenarang Gully, for a gully that flows a from Pitt Town Lagoon, north into the Hawkesbury River, Pitt Town, Hawkesbury LGA.

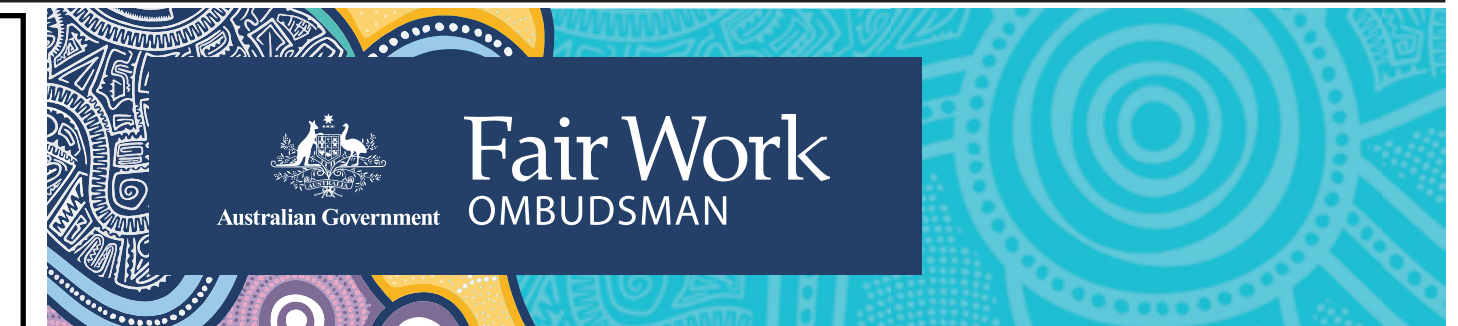
Wyingay for a creek located in Cattai, connecting Wheeny Lagoon on the east with a series of unnamed lagoons/chain of ponds on the west (within Riverside Oaks Golf Course), The Hills Shire LGA.

The proposals can be viewed, and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board website at gnb.nsw.gov.au from 6 October 2021 to 8 November 2021. Alternatively, written submissions can be mailed to the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Avenue, Bathurst, NSW 2795.

In accordance with Section 9 of the *Geographical Names Act 1966*, all submissions lodged may be subject to a Government Information (Public Access) application and may be viewed by a third party to assist the Board in considering this proposal.

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Invitation to Register an Interest

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR)
Artefact Heritage, on behalf of Mamre Developments Pty Ltd, is undertaking an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report on 805-817 Mamre Road, Kemps Creek 2178 (Lot 26, DP258414) to support its Development Application to Penrith Council.

The ACHAR will be prepared in accordance with the OEH 'Guide to investigating, assessment and reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW'. Preparation of the ACHAR will include consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties conducted in accordance with the 'Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010'.

Contact details for the proponent are:
Matthew Thiselton
Gibb Group Pty Ltd
Matthew.Thiselton@gibbgroup.com.au

The proponent wishes to consult with any Aboriginal persons or organisations that hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places at and adjacent to 805-817 Mamre Road, Kemps Creek. The purpose of community consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties is to assist the proponent in the preparation of the ACHAR and, if required, an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) application. The purpose of consultation with registered Aboriginal parties is also to assist the Director General of DECCW in his or her consideration and determination of the application.

Interested parties should register in writing, providing their name, address, email, phone number and information about their connection to the area. Please note that the consultation guidelines require us to provide details of the Registered Aboriginal Parties to Heritage NSW and Deerubbin Aboriginal Land Council. In your response could you please advise if you would not like your details to be provided.

Please register your interest in the project by **20th October 2021** by contacting:

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Rangers rescue sawfish



THE Northern Land Council's Malak Malak Rangers have partnered with the Australian Marine Conservation Society (AMCS) and Charles Darwin University (CDU) to support a long-running and unique program to locate and rescue critically endangered juvenile largetooth sawfish in the Northern Territory.

The Malak Malak Rangers have been undertaking annual patrols of their floodplain Country around the Daly River for the past 10 years in the late dry season as floodwaters recede and waterholes dry up.

The sawfish they find trapped in the drying billabongs are carefully moved into the main river channel so they do not run out of water and die in the evaporating pools.

This vital work has so far seen the Malak Malak Rangers rescue 75 largetooth sawfish – a significant number for a species assessed as critically endangered in Australia.

The new partnership will support the rescues and the work of CDU scientist Dr Peter Kyne to monitor the health and survival rates of the rescued sawfish.

Senior Malak Malak Ranger Aaron Green said it was incredibly rewarding knowing that they're helping the sawfish survive.

"Especially because of the fish being an endangered species, to help out as many as we can each year from dying in a stranded billabong is really good," he said.

"I don't think many people know



Senior Malak Malak ranger Aaron Green carries a sawfish rescued from the billabong to prepare it for transport to the Daly River.

that they are actually an endangered species. Some people still think that they're out there in the wild in big numbers."

AMCS shark scientist Dr Leonardo Guida, who accompanied the rangers on a recent rescue operation, said the juvenile sawfish

faced multiple threats from fishing, water extraction, and the climate crisis.

"Northern Australia is one of the last strongholds left on the planet for sawfish so we are proud and delighted to be partnering with the rangers and CDU on these



A sawfish is measured prior to release.

important missions," he said.

"The Top End is a global 'lifeboat' for four of the world's five sawfish – dwarf, green, largetooth and narrow – but even here they still face threats from fishing practices like gillnetting, water extraction from rivers to support industry, and the impacts of global heating."

In 2000, the largetooth sawfish was first listed under national environmental laws as 'vulnerable'.

Recognising the increased extinction risk due to these threats and the advancement in scientific knowledge, AMCS nominated the largetooth sawfish for uplisting from 'vulnerable' to 'endangered'. A decision on the uplisted status is due in October 2022.

"At it stands our national environmental laws are failing to both adequately protect sawfish

and assist their recovery," Dr Guida said.

"In over two decades, we've witnessed the ongoing declines of sawfish species. Our nature laws need to be reformed, modernised and strengthened to protect and rebuild Australia's endangered species and correct our appalling extinction record."

Young largetooth sawfish ('pups') are born at river mouths and spend the first four to five years of life in freshwater rivers and floodplain billabongs before migrating back to the ocean. They've been found inland more than 500km from the coast.

"The rescue missions are the helping hand that sawfish need in the Daly River," Dr Kyne said.

"This unique sawfish annual patrol and rescue mission is undertaken nowhere else on earth."

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International forum of First Nations artists makes connection over land



SIXTEEN First Nations artists, curators and filmmakers from Australia, Taiwan and Aotearoa/New Zealand will overcome border restrictions and gather online for a QUT-hosted international symposium from October 7-9.

'Grounded in Place: Dialogues Between First Nations Artists' is a free event that will give members of the arts community and the wider public the chance to listen to talks by artists and curators and watch three award-winning documentaries by First Nations filmmakers.

Non-Indigenous scholars and museum professionals from Australia and abroad are also taking part, including Manila-based art scholar and curator Patrick Flores, who is the curator of the Vargas Museum and was the artistic director of the Singapore Biennale 2019.

The event is the first collaboration between QUT and its symposium partners: Taiwan's National Museum of Prehistory and Aotearoa's Govett-Brewster Art Gallery.

Australian First Nations artists on the program include Vernon Ah Kee, Leah King-Smith, Mandy Quadrio and Judy Watson.

Artists Chang En-Man, Akac Orat, Ciwas Tahos and Yuma Taru will stream in from Taiwan.

And the Aotearoa artists are Ngahuia Harrison, Sarah Hudson, Kaihaukai Art Collective, and Areta Wilkinson on behalf of the Ngāi Tahu artist collective.

QUT's Dr Sophie McIntyre is the symposium organiser and said it was a positive example of how people could



Renowned Waanyi artist Judy Watson is one of the featured speakers in 'Grounded in Place: Dialogues Between First Nations Artists'.

collaborate during lockdowns and border closures.

"It's a platform for cultural understanding, connecting and exchanging ideas and insights, and we hope it will pave the way for future face-to-face engagement," she said.

Dr McIntyre from QUT's Faculty of Creative Industries, Education and Social Justice is a scholar and curator who specialises in Taiwan art and has lived and

worked in Taiwan and Aotearoa.

"The symposium will explore First Nations artists and filmmakers' perspectives on and connections to land, as a site and place of belonging and as a source of learning, sustenance, and creativity," she said.

"We live in the Asia-Pacific, but generally we know so little about our First Nations peoples in our region.

"Although most of the speakers in this

symposium have exhibited internationally and some have even participated in the same exhibition with each other this is the first time they will have met virtually.

"We hope this symposium will inspire new ideas, forge new connections, and create opportunities for future cooperation and exchange between Australia, Taiwan and Aotearoa."

Renowned playwright and artistic director Wesley Enoch, who is QUT's Indigenous chair in the Creative Industries, will deliver the event's Welcome to Country.

The symposium will be opened by the director-general of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Edward Tao, and is sponsored by the Ministry of Culture (Spotlight), Taiwan.

Dr McIntyre said four panel discussions would take place around the conference theme of connections to land: History and Sovereignty; Land and Community; Site and Materials; and Place and Space.

The conversations will lead to new fields of research and inquiry, which will inform a bilingual publication and exhibition project.

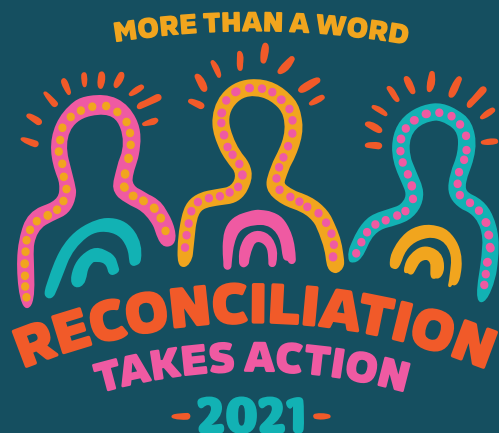
Three documentaries will be available for viewing during the symposium – *Maralinga Tjarutja* (directed by Larissa Behrendt), *Where Has the Land Gone?* (directed by Pilin Yapu), and *Bastion Point—Day 507* (directed by Merata Mita, Leon Narby and Gerd Pohlman).

The 'Grounded in Place: Dialogues Between First Nations Artists' symposium has been organised by Dr McIntyre in collaboration with Dr Fang Chun-wei (National Prehistory Museum in Taiwan) and Dr Zara Stanhope (Govett-Brewster Gallery).

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Favourite other food?
Yam and taro, which we roast.

What about saltwater food?
Turtle cooked Kup Murri style.

Favourite drink?
Water.

Favourite music?
Island songs, which we dance to.

Favourite sport?
Rugby league. I barrack for Newcastle Knights.

Favourite holiday destination?
Cairns, because there are lots of things there.

Favourite movie?
Special agents movies.

What do you like in life?
I would like to be aged 21 again – I'm 68.

What don't you like in life?
Losing. Especially when a horse runs second.

What person would you like most to meet?
Nelson Mandela.

Which people or person would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My creator, Jesus Christ.

Who or what inspires you?
People who enjoy life, like me.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?
More reconciliation and we all have to respect each other.

Quote



"We know that there have been extraordinary people doing so many great things. We want to as much as possible acknowledge our leaders and honour the work people do."

– VACCA chief executive Muriel Bamblett announces the theme for the Auntie Mollie Dyer Awards.

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Always was, always will be

IT'S somewhat galling that the handback of land to traditional owners always seems to come with conditions that favour the colonisers.

That is the case up north, where the Queensland Government has signed off on an agreement with Eastern Kuku Yalanji people to return the Daintree rainforest and three other national parks.

The land covers more than 160,000 hectares, stretching from the Daintree, north of Port Douglas, to south of Cooktown.

It will be jointly managed with the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, with the intention to reach sole management within five years.

And therein lies the issue.

As Desmond Tayley, a board member of the Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation, said, it is a handback in name only.

"The truth is, the Department of Environment, Science and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service will continue to run the operational management of national parks, virtually unchanged," Mr Tayley said.

He said that, despite the best efforts of the traditional owners' negotiators, the strongest commitment the state would agree to in the Indigenous Management Agreement was an obligation to make "reasonable endeavours" towards giving TOs sole management.



That hesitancy to recognise the ability of Aboriginal people to manage their own affairs reeks of the very colonial mindset that saw TOs lose their land in the first place.

We are talking about the world's oldest living cultures after all. Aboriginal people do know a thing or two about their own Country, and are quite able to make their own decisions as to what they want to do with their land.

If anything, the handback is a starting point towards that recognition, and it is incumbent upon the Queensland Government to do everything in its power to ensure that sole management becomes a reality.

A long way further south, Tasmanian Aboriginal people are not even being given the chance. Despite having the capacity to run a national park by themselves, the State Government is instead choosing to reclassify 22,550 hectares of the World Heritage-listed Kooparooona Niara/Great Western Tiers as 'low grade reserves'. This is simply not good enough.

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Ryhia Dank taking the design world by storm

By DARREN COYNE



WRANGLE crocodiles. Check. Deal blackjack in a high rollers room. Check.

Design digital wallpapers for the world's largest search engine, Google. Check.

Aboriginal artist Ryhia Dank is clearly a woman of many, and varied, talents.

The 30-year-old began painting 18 months ago after finding herself in lockdown in the Northern Territory, unable to return to Melbourne where she had been working as a national promotions manager for a major retail company.

The Gudanji/Wakaja woman who grew up on her mother's Country in the Gulf of Carpentaria and spent time with her father's family around the Gold Coast is no stranger to moving between two worlds.

"I am a contemporary Aboriginal woman who grew up in a remote community and lives in modern Australia," she said.

While stuck in Darwin, Ryhia started her art company Nardurna, which means woman in her language.

"For Gudanji, our big story is about three women who came from the ocean near Ngukurr in the Gulf of Carpentaria. They travelled a long way and then created our place, this hills and freshwater Country.

"Growing up in the Gulf of Carpentaria meant I got to know my Country through the stories my family told me and I got to walk in the places and footprints my family has travelled since the beginning."

That upbringing provided Ryhia with the inspiration to begin painting, with her colourful, intricate artworks quickly becoming popular with customers.

Then one day she received an email from Google, announcing a competition to design digital wallpapers to celebrate the United Nations International Day for the World's Indigenous Peoples.

"I'd just signed with an agent so it was the first job they worked on to help me," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I'd only been painting for 18 months, but I've always been creative, with drawing, and then graphic design at university.

"It was surreal to be chosen.

"It was a paid gig for three artworks and what I



Ryhia Dank at work.

liked about working with Google is that they usually purchase the rights of artworks, but I wasn't into that.

"I told them this is my story and in the end they decided to still go with me so I still have the rights.

"If you have a Google Pixel phone, you'll find my artwork in the wallpapers folder."

Before turning to painting, Ryhia spent time pursuing other interests.

"My first job was as a zookeeper. I was just out of school and they were looking for volunteers at the zoo and crocodile farm in Darwin and they chose me. I volunteered for eight weeks and then they offered me a job.

"I used to feed lions and tigers and dingoes and I would also feed the crocodiles and do the shows.

"They had a 35 kilo boa constrictor and I would get it out and do reptile shows with it and the other snakes.

"Two times each year we would go out and get crocodile eggs from the wild.

"We would fly into remote swampland in the Northern Territory. The helicopter would hover as we jumped into the water and collected the eggs.

"Then I wanted to start studying again and wanted a less demanding job so I got work at the casino, where I was a blackjack and poker dealer, working in the high rollers room.

"It really was a different world and eventually I wanted a change.

"I wanted to study graphic design and Melbourne was the place for me. I'd only been there once with Mum and I loved the architecture. I booked a ticket and was there three days later where I enrolled in college.

"I did a few different jobs while studying and eventually became the promotions manager for a retail company before my

partner had a workplace accident and we decided to move to Darwin into my sister's house at Berry Springs, which was vacant.

"We moved and stayed for 15 months during which time I started my company. But Darwin was difficult because the mail service was not great so it was difficult sending things to customers.

"We were all set to move back to Melbourne when COVID struck. Instead, when my sister's house sold we moved to the Sunshine Coast which is where we are now."

Ryhia said the couple were happy to stay in Queensland and were in the process of moving into a warehouse at Maroochydore that would have a retail space.

For now though, she is working to finish a number of art commissions which will keep her busy until the end of the year.

To check out Ryhia's work visit nardurna.com



A phone case designed by Ryhia which is available from The Dairy.



Ryhia works up a design.



Waterways –
After the wet season:
"Country has its fill of water; rivers and creeks are flowing creating new pathways."



Regenerate –
Endurance after burning off:
"Burning off on Country sees a contrast of red earth, black trees and green growth."



Elements –
Coexisting on Country:
"This piece reflects People, Kangaroo Tracks, Water, Fire and Earth. All coexisting."

Ryhia's first paid gig was a competition to design three digital phone wallpapers for Google – which she won. Each of the designs depicts a part of the story of Ryhia's Country.

A novel approach to weaving our stories

By CHRISTINE BROWN



WHAT will I do with those old *Koori Mails* I don't want to throw out? Maybe a

question many of us ask as we try to declutter.

It didn't take long before Sonya Rankine, this year's South Australian NAIDOC artist of the year, had a novel and ingenious response to this question using her weaving talents.

Sonya Rankine identifies as a Ngarrindjeri, Narungga, Ngadjuri and Wirangu woman.

Coming across some of those old *Koori Mails* coincided with Sonya thinking about pieces for an upcoming exhibition.

As part of the annual South Australian Living Artists Festival, she was invited to participate in the Port Adelaide Artists Forum exhibition. Their theme was 'A Novel Idea' – works inspired by print.

"I was looking at some of those *Koori Mails* I haven't wanted to throw out and was struck by the headline from Issue 434, 10 September, 2008 – 'Legal group taking 'racist' complaint to United Nations'," Sonya said.

It was about South Australia's Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement asking for urgent support from the United Nations to make governments more accountable for supporting Aboriginal legal services.

"My distress that 13 years on and nothing has changed motivated me to use these pages for my next three exhibition pieces that clearly fitted the 'inspired by print' theme," Sonya said.

From that edition of the *Koori Mail* emerged Sonya's *Nothing Has Changed* series.

"I used Ngarrindjeri and Ngadjuri stitching from black, yellow and red waxed polyester thread for two baskets, but the third and largest basket was without stitching.

"Strips of the *Koori Mail* were laboriously twined into a basket that's almost 20 centimetres high. Very time consuming, but a great way to retain *Koori Mail* articles."

Weaving the words from editions of the *Koori Mail* into three baskets shows Sonya's inventive and artistic talent.

Her weaving is based on traditional techniques taught to her by celebrated Ngarrindjeri weaver and Elder Aunty Ellen Trevorrow.

Learning to weave with Aunty Ellen sparked Sonya's passion for weaving and also helped her to strengthen her cultural and family ties.

"About 25 years ago, at a community event, Aunty Ellen Trevorrow was doing a workshop, so I sat down with her and did my first piece which I still have," Sonya said.

"It was about learning that tradition and being able to connect with it. I've just kept



Above: Artist Sonya Rankine with her *Nothing Has Changed* series, which she wove out of old editions of the *Koori Mail* for the *A Novel Idea* exhibition at the Port Adelaide Artists Forum. Right top and bottom: Detail of the series. Pictures: Kalya Micenko



Sonya collects natural materials from Narungga Country, where she lives, to craft her unique artworks.

connecting with it since."

Sonya has always loved taking time to weave not only because of the creative and meditative aspects to it, but also because it connects her with her culture and identity.

When Sonya was seven months old she was placed in a children's home and eventually fostered by a non-Aboriginal family.

To extend her own Ngarrindjeri and Narungga language skills and to ensure the revival and maintenance of her two languages she always uses language titles in her work.

Her inventiveness and passion for her art practice earned her the Don Dunstan

Foundation Emerging artist award at the previous *Our Mob* exhibition in 2019.

Our Mob showcases First Nations art across a diverse range of media from artists living in South Australia.

Sonya officially opened the most recent *Our Mob* exhibition at the Artspace Adelaide Festival Centre and also created a range of pieces for her solo exhibition, her largest display to date.

"I wanted to do pieces that showed a variety of weaving styles and using different materials," she said.

"I love collecting natural materials over here where I live on Narungga Country. Hag stone which is found in a few places on

the Yorke Peninsula has been used in my baskets, wall hangings and even jewellery pieces.

"Abalone is a traditional food for Narungga people, so I've featured the shells in several pieces."

Raising three children as a single mother and working full time in education didn't allow much time for Sonya to follow her creative aspirations. Now that her children are adults and variations to her work in education have provided more time, Sonya has been able to pursue her artistic endeavours and to develop her business Lakun Mara. The Ngarrindjeri words mean weaving hands. Through her business she

delivers weaving workshops and sells her work.

The year is still not finished and nor have the opportunities to exhibit for this grandmother of two.

Another significant achievement for Sonya Rankine is being invited to exhibit with First Nations artists from across Australia at the esteemed annual *Tarnanthi* exhibition at the Art Gallery of South Australia and providing pieces for sale at the online Tarnanthi Art Fair.

For more information on Sonya Rankine and her work, go to Lakun Mara on Facebook and Instagram.

● Tarnanthi art fair, pages 27-29



Waking up the snake: coalition for hope

"Waking up the Snake – a coalition for hope" is a quote from Dr Anne Peolina, which well describes the deadly yarning that took place on Saturday, September 18. The amazing photo of a snake is one of Craig Cromelin's.

Anne and Craig were two of the 18 panellists on the series of four yarnings over the day, which was curated and hosted by Torres Strait Islander man Thomas Mayor, who was born and raised on Larrakia Country in Darwin.

This day was organised at the invitation of the Raising Peace Festival team, and launched a week of thought-provoking events calling for peace! All events are available on the Raising Peace website raisingpeace.org.au.

This first day found some 500 participants on Zoom, listening and interacting via chat with these deadly First Nations grassroots leaders from across Australia leading a dialogue on peace with First nations sisters and brothers in our own nation! The videos and music greatly added to the spirit of the event.

We are grateful to the 'Peoples Movement' and thank the Raising Peace team for their vision and commitment, and to the many volunteers and networks for their solidarity. They helped to create a powerful grassroots day in making history with the inclusion of Australian South Sea Islander

history, an often forgotten narrative for over 60,000 displaced Pacific peoples trafficked to NSW with the influx to Queensland in the 1800s.

Yarning with First Nations was our first session.

Facilitated by Thomas Mayor, national Indigenous officer at the Maritime Union Australia, with Welcome to Country by Nathan Moran, chief executive of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council. The panel consisted of (Waskam) Emelda Davis, chairwoman of Australian South Sea Islanders (Port Jackson); Carol Vale, managing director of Murawin; Shane Charles community leader, educator and reconciliation advocate; and film director Adrian Russell-Wills, who introduced the screening of the documentary 88.

Each leader spoke to the success of their work in social justice and cultural specific narratives with the call for unification on a Voice to Parliament. Reflection was reminiscent of the day of mourning, the protest of Australia's Bicentennial of the First Fleet on January 26, 1988.

This historical event triggered



Picture: Craig Cromelin

the largest gathering of Indigenous people the country has ever seen. Aboriginal people travelled from all over Australia to take part in the March for Freedom, Hope and Justice. The protest became a catalyst for mass public debate about the concept of Australian history and the events of this day subsequently changed white and black Australia forever.

Yarning *Uluru Statement from the Heart* & Truth-telling was our session two.

Facilitated by Thomas Mayor and guest leaders and community advocate speakers Craig Cromelin Dean Parkin and Nicole Laupepe.

The yarning shared the trials and tribulations involved in furthering Australians' understanding on why there is a need for constitutional reforms that will empower First Nations peoples in taking their rightful place in their own country.

Yarning Mother Earth – caring for Country was our third session.

This session was facilitated by strong Indigenous voice, media and communications professional Michelle Aleksandrovics Lovegrove. Panellists included lands and 'Water for Rivers' campaign rights activist Bruce Shillingsworth and Dr Anne Peolina, chair of the Martuwarra Fitzroy River Council. Anne spoke of 'First Law' and the need for unity in caring for country and her words complimented the wisdom of respected Elder and Aboriginal educator Craig Cromelin.

Yarning Walking Together was our the fourth session.

The panel reflection and wrap-up session appealed to the ongoing work required to meet the objectives of Voice Truth Treaty

and Peace. We need a continuum in campaigning for unity, collective education and sharing of the *Uluru Statement from the Heart*, as a call from the people, in being the solution for better outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

So many participants asked 'How do we build on the momentum of this day of truth telling and hope?

The strategies – the road map is clear, the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* has laid it out for all of us clearly!

There is a groundswell of commitment to direct action leading up to the election, and beyond, which so many of us are committed to continuing.

The power of this event was that it was a grassroots informal yarning from the heart – a format worth repeating!

We invite every reader to join, or continue, the journey of 'Walking Together for the VOICE of First Nations and PEACE'.

Wake up the snake – we are building a coalition of hope.

(Waskam) Emelda Davis, chairwoman of Australian South Sea Islanders (Port Jackson)

Robyn Hutchinson, Women's Reconciliation Network & Sydney Alliance

Governments must lift their game in response to COVID

As NSW and the ACT continue to respond to the ongoing COVID situation, we are seeing the ongoing impacts of the Delta 19 variant on Aboriginal communities in places such as Dubbo, Wilcannia and Bourke in Western NSW.

Governments have known for decades of the disparity in socio-economic wellbeing between Aboriginal and other people. The Australian Government has had Closing the Gap policies since 2007 and, while there have been some slight improvements in a few areas, generally the 'gap' – particularly in relation to chronic health issues and life expectancy – is as significant now as it was over a decade ago.

With the clear knowledge that Aboriginal communities are 'at risk' from a COVID perspective, it is concerning that so little pre-emptive support has been given to Aboriginal communities in western NSW to prepare for the likelihood that COVID will reach these communities. Where was the Pfizer vaccine roll-out earlier this year in places like Wilcannia, Bourke and Dubbo?

This question, I know, is moot, as whatever the answer, these communities were substantially unprepared for the arrival of the Delta variant.

The Australian and NSW governments must act urgently and effectively to ensure all Aboriginal communities in NSW are effectively and appropriately supported to respond to COVID-19.

This includes the required financial and other resourcing of Aboriginal Medical and Health Services, the ready availability of both Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines, and ensuring issues like overcrowded housing and options for appropriate isolation accommodation in all regional and discrete Aboriginal communities are addressed as a matter of urgent priority.

Governments also need to ensure that there is clear and culturally effective messaging to reduce fear of the vaccines and reduce the hesitancy of Aboriginal people to get the vaccine.

There are thousands of people on social media every day spreading misinformation

about the vaccines that is feeding vaccine hesitancy and promoting anti-vaccination myths. Many Aboriginal people have a legitimate and understandable wariness towards government-implemented vaccine programs as a result of the colonial history of this country and the devastating impact of previous 'vaccination programs' on Aboriginal communities.

It is vital that the Government provides the funding resources to develop clear information to address the unfounded rumours and gossip about the current vaccines, and that this information is provided to Aboriginal communities via Aboriginal Medical and Health Services in formats that are accessible and language that is culturally appropriate.

For what it is worth, I am double vaccinated (Pfizer) as I know it is the best way to protect my own health and that of my family and community.

I've been fully vaccinated for about four months and have had no health issues arising from the vaccine.

My children and the majority of my extended family have also been double vaccinated (including some with AstraZeneca) with no problems arising.

From a Uniting Church perspective, Aboriginal communities should feel encouraged to reach out to their local Uniting Church to seek assistance with practical supports such as food and other items that may help ease the stress and strain caused by AstraZeneca... While some of our congregations are small, I am sure they will offer assistance where they can.

If any Aboriginal community in NSW has a need for COVID-related support that isn't being met by the NSW and/or Australian Government please feel free to contact me, and the Synod of NSW and the ACT will do our best to help find collaborative solutions.

Nathan Tyson, manager, First Peoples strategy and engagement Synod of NSW and the ACT Uniting Church in Australia

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Renaming to reclaim our place(s)

ON the 19th of September, Butchulla dancers and community representatives came together at Kingfisher Bay Resort to celebrate the renaming of Fraser Island to the K'gari (Fraser Island) World Heritage Area.

The renaming was the result of a decades-long campaign by Butchulla Elders and community members, and was endorsed by the Queensland government and adopted by the World Heritage Committee.

This event is the latest in a growing number of Indigenous name repatriations across the nation.

As a Butchulla person, and a researcher of the representation of Indigenous peoples in archives and historical narratives, I can appreciate the significance of something as seemingly small as a name change.

The reversion to the name K'gari has happened in stages over a number of years. In 2011, the Bligh government added K'gari as an alternative to the place name Fraser Island in the Queensland Place Names Register.

The Fraser Island portion of the Great Sandy National Park was changed to K'gari (Fraser Island) National Park in 2017. This latest change is specifically in relation to the UNESCO World Heritage area.

K'gari is among a growing number of places around Australia that have returned to their

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Rose Barrowcliffe

Indigenous names. One of the most famous examples is Uluru.

In Queensland, the National Parks First Nations Naming Project has been assisting in reverting national park names to Indigenous names where possible as a part of the government's commitment to the truth-telling process.

North Stradbroke Island and Moreton Island National Parks have reverted to Minjerribah and Gheebulum Coonungai, respectively.

According to then-minister for environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Leeanne Enoch: "This project is a positive step in our truth-telling around First Nations Peoples' significant and ancient connection to Country."

Changing a place name will not

fix racism in one fell swoop. No one is claiming it will. But name repatriation speaks to the importance of language in both culture and sovereignty.

Indigenous place names link traditional Country to the history, culture and people that have been a part of that land long before colonisation.

Overwriting Indigenous names with colonist names is an attempt to deny this deep, pre-existing connection and the sovereignty of Indigenous peoples.

The renaming of Butchulla Country was one of the first things Captain James Cook did as he first sailed the east coast of Australia.

In 1770, as Cook's ship sailed close to Tacky Waroo, a large basalt headland on the east side of K'gari, it was met by a party of Butchulla warriors standing on the headland. In the lexicon of the day, all dark-skinned people were called Indians, so Cook renamed Tacky Waroo Indian Head.

In other cases, colonial place names were, and still are, blunt reminders of colonial violence. Places like Murdering Creek, Massacre Bay, Skull Creek and many more litter the Australian landscape and indicate violent acts that occurred in those places.

The name Fraser Island is named after a Scottish woman, Eliza Fraser, who was shipwrecked on the island in 1836. Fraser lied about being

mistreated by Butchulla people

after being shipwrecked. Even in those days, her account of her time on K'gari was thrown into doubt.

Fraser was known to be a sensationalist who made her story more and more salacious as time went on, in efforts to garner more money from sympathetic supporters. Her accounts of her time on K'gari were syndicated as far as the Americas, and reinforced the narrative that Indigenous peoples were 'savages' and 'cannibals'. These classifications led to Indigenous peoples being vilified around the globe.

Language plays an important part in reinforcing the notion that history in Australia began with the arrival of Cook.

Colonial place names are another subtle yet persistent reinforcement of the notion that this land only has a place in history once it intersects with the narratives of colonists.

K'gari was the name chosen by the Butchulla because that is the sky spirit the island was created from.

The name goes back to the very creation of the island, and yet the name that stuck was the name of a woman who spent not more than two months on the island.

Re-adoption of Indigenous place names signifies the increased recognition of history and culture that predates colonisation.

More importantly, these name

repatriations recognise that history and culture continue today.

The history of colonisation is not Indigenous history.

Indigenous history and the history of this continent predates, pre-exists and will eventually override colonial history. Indigenous place names are evidence of that.

Repatriation of Indigenous place names is a part of the process of reintroducing Indigenous perspectives into the narratives of our modern society.

Repatriation of Indigenous place names reaffirms that First Nations have always existed, and still exist in Australia today.

Moreover, they are a source of distinction that sets Australia apart from the rest of the world for the one thing no other country in the world can come close to: being home to the oldest living cultures in the world. That should be a source of pride for all Australians.

Always was, always will be K'gari.

● Rose Barrowcliffe is a Butchulla researcher who is currently undertaking doctoral research at the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC). Rose's research examines the representation of Indigenous peoples in archives and how that impacts historical narratives. Her research is grounded in the K'gari Research Archive (held at USC) as an agent of representation of Butchulla history.

This piece was first published on The Conversation.

Family gives us strength

I HAVE never fully understood grief.

Why it is some people pass and it does not affect me the way I am told it should, when I find it hard to cry and express how I feel? Then there are other times when it hits me hard and I feel immediate grief and sadness.

This is what happened when I heard Uncle Teddy Hopkins passed away recently in Mianjin (Brisbane).

My children are Hopkins through their mother, and when my daughter told me about Uncle Teddy I just burst into tears.

Edward Leonard Hopkins, affectionally known as Teddy, was born in Cherbourg on September 8, 1954.

Teddy was the seventh child of 15 born to Edward and Geraldine Hopkins.

Testimony to Uncle Teddy's life was the gathering at his beloved Musgrave Park when we arrived at his funeral.

Brisbane City Council had supplied marquees and seating and as you walked down to the park there was a sea of people who had flooded in to bear witness to his life.

When I was around 15, I had the privilege of sitting in the back of a car with my Uncle Stanley, one of my



Woolombi Waters

grandfather Len's brothers, in a drive from St George in Queensland to Toomelah.

There were seven boys in my grandfather's family and each one had a special gift.

Pop became the world-famous WWII fighter pilot, Uncle George a legendary stockman, and Uncle Stanley one of best yuligi corroboree (stomp) dancers to ever come out of Toomelah.

Every time we would get together as a mob I remember everyone saying, "kick up dust Uncle Stanley" wanting him to yuligi.

His nickname was Uncle Mugi or spook, our language for ghost because the mission managers used to lock him up to stop him dancing, but he would still

get out at night and yuligi to lift everyone's spirits and in the morning when everyone woke up he would be back in his cell.

I still remember the yarn Uncle Mugi told me on that drive. It was about how we would have these big families and just make do and support one another, and in supporting one another we developed strong family values associated with community and our mob and where we came from.

He was concerned that mob were no longer having so many children and how this would affect our communities and the strong identity we had, having come from such big families.

Uncle Teddy Hopkins was born in the same era. His extended community and family kinship ties becoming integral to Mianjin and Queensland Murri communities and identity including Hopkins, Blackman, Coulson, Harrison, Sericos, Williams, West, Weazel, Stanley, Davidson, Brown, Leefu, Jacobs, Bell, Turners, Simpsons, Malone, Cobbo, Duncans, Carlos, Brady, McAvoy, Georgetown, Fisher, Johnsons, Cherside, Graham, Saunders, Curries, Booth, Hart, Sandy, Sandows, Blair, Freemans, Hills, Buttons,

Rankin, Sheridans, Tanners, Frasere, Daylights, Boyds, Kings, Ross, Sullivans, Gala, Daisy, Daltons, Roma, Booth and Chambers. If I haven't listed all family names please accept my most humble apologies; this was not my intention.

In listing these names, I began to better understand why I was so overcome with emotion when I heard Uncle Teddy had left us to join our ancestors.

With every name mentioned I think of loved ones and friends that, throughout my life, I have come to associate with each family, from Peta Fisher, Bowman Hopkins, Justine Malone, Stephenie Davidson, Lewis, Mabel and Hedi Saunders (my grandmother is a Saunders), Pauly Sandow, Headly Johnson, Anna Bell, Casey and Birdy Currie, Jason Sandy... I could go on and on naming so many more and have missed so many others, all of whom were so important to my development and identity as a Brisbane Black.

Uncle Teddy had an operation because of throat cancer in the 1980s and needed one of those mike speaker things he would hold up to his throat to speak. This was the man I met as a teenager. I was bouncing back and forth

between West End, Inala and Toomelah. We had such a tight strong community and the names I mention above were all part of my community and Uncle Teddy was our common link.

When I was in West End I would stay at Paris St, Shane Wilkie's place, who would become the Mayor of Woorabinda. This is where I become connected to Cherbourg mob – through Bowman Hopkins, Derek Landers, Fletcher Lacey, Gabboo Grey and many others – going on to play footy with Brisbane Natives and extending these relationships to Kerry and Raelene Jackson. Uncle Lance Bligh was our coach, and this is when I connected to my Saunders family.

What struck me at the time was the deep respect everyone had for Uncle Teddy and his brother Roy.

I played footy with Uncle Roy and these years became the foundation in establishing my Aboriginal identity. What really hit me was that although Uncle Teddy appeared quite fragile due to his cancer, he was strong in the way he carried in his family name, and his position within the Mianjin community as a benevolent King of the drones, the park mob, becoming a life member of the Jagera cultural centre.

Uncle Teddy was invited every year to the Brisbane Lord Mayor and Brisbane Lions Christmas luncheons. I would witness some of the toughest men I knew almost bow with respect to him and never raise their voice.

Only a few years ago, I caught up with him in his beloved Musgrave Park and we yarned long time, about the young angry no-good boy he first met at Born Free Hostel in West End, his niece who I married for 25 years, my kids and the man I had become.

He was very proud. I am crying again as I write this.

It was then he told me about his love for boxing and his incredible career having trained with such legends as Uncle Elly Bennett (my great-grandmother was Grace Bennett) and Uncle Don Brady, winning the Golden Gloves in the early 70s and then training under Dumpy Morris. I had no idea, so unassuming was Uncle Teddy, and this was my memory of him. Unassuming, humble and yet one of the most important people I have ever met. Nguru buruwi-y gaba binaal-ga (May he rest in Peace).

● Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail correspondent.

Uncle Bill honoured as a strong leader of his community



ONE of the most prominent figures in the Newcastle community, William Edward Smith, has been remembered as a trailblazer.

Bill Smith passed away in Newcastle on August 29 from pancreatic cancer, aged 83.

He was a father of six, a grandfather of 18 and great-grandfather of 50.

He was also instrumental in improving the lives of the Aboriginal community in the region through his many years of public service.

Mr Smith was the co-founder of the Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Co-operative, and also the foundation chairman of the National Aboriginal Rugby League Association.

For five years he was a representative of the National Aboriginal Conference and was also a councillor with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

Born in Tamworth with connections to the Anaiwan, Wonnarua and Kamilaroi nations, Mr Smith was one of 11 children.

After leaving school at 12, he

worked on a cattle farm. But in 1955 the flood that tore down the Hunter Valley presented an opportunity for young Bill Smith.

He moved from the New England region to Maitland and joined the NSW Department of Railways, helping repair damaged tracks.

In the late 1950s, when he returned to the New England area to visit his sister, he met a young woman named Gloria.

The couple married in 1960 and raised their family in a Railways tent at Teralba, before they built their home together in the Lake Macquarie village.

In 1969, Bill Smith, his two brothers and their father began their contracting business, laying rail tracks.

Smith General Contracting, which employed hundreds of Aboriginal workers, did railway contract work for BHP in Newcastle and Port Kembla as well as undertaking other major projects including the line to the Port Waratah coal loader.

In the mid-1970s, Mr Smith was involved in establishing the Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Co-operative, assisting with everything from housing

to health. His eldest daughter Carol described Mr Smith as "the strongest person I've known all my life. He instilled in us that we fight for the people who can't fight."

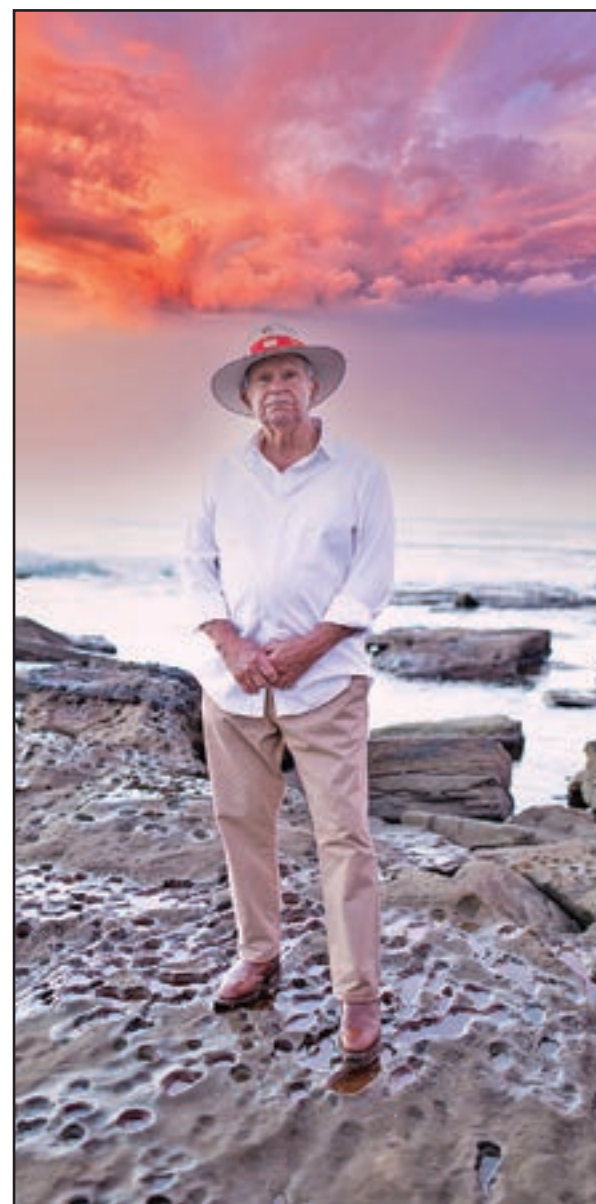
His youngest son Malcolm Smith said his father believed in seizing whatever advantage that came along.

"Dad said, 'Opportunity only knocks once so you've got to take that opportunity when it does,'" Malcolm said.

Following news of his death, the Newcastle Knights rugby league team wore black armbands in their match against the Brisbane Broncos, and issued a statement.

"He worked tirelessly to bring awareness to Indigenous issues and Indigenous perspectives, increasing the cultural literacy of Indigenous and other Australians from all walks of life," the statement said.

"His work to share cultural knowledge with our club spanned many years, up to and including 2021 when he performed the Welcome to Country played at each Newcastle Knights home game at McDonald Jones Stadium."



William Edward Smith has been remembered for his dedication to culture and community.

Cultural Heritage Assessment

Notification of project proposal and registration of interest under Heritage NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (Stage 1) – Proposed Dobies Bight Sand Quarry Expansion

McCardle Cultural Heritage (MCH) have been engaged by Advitech Pty Limited on behalf of Grahams Cedar Point Quarry Pty Ltd (1 Craig Street Kyogle NSW 2474) to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) and Section 90 Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) application (if required), for the proposed Dobies Bight Sand Quarry (includes Lot 155, 156 and 361 DP 755732, amalgamated to form Lot 1 DP1261147 as part of the conditions of the current development approval) along Sextonville Road at Dobies Bight.

The purpose of community consultation with Aboriginal people is to assist the proposed applicant in the preparation of the AHIP application if required and to assist the Chief Executive of Heritage NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet in his or her consideration and determination of the application should an AHIP be required.

In compliance with the Heritage NSW policy - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010, MCH would like to extend an invitation to Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to the proposed project area and who can determine the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in the area of the proposed project to register an interest in the consultation process for this project.

Written registrations must be forward to MCH (PO Box 166, Adamstown NSW 2289 or penny@mcheritage.com.au) no later than **C.O.B. on 20 October 2021**.

All registered parties will then be contacted to discuss the project in compliance with Heritage NSW policy. If you register your interest in this project, please also nominate your preferred option to receive the initial information. You may wish to attend a non-paid meeting and receive an information pack, or receive an information packet through the mail or e-mail. Please note that any meeting may have to be a virtual event because of the relevant NSW COVID 19 regulations and guidelines, including any local lockdowns.

Any parties to register are advised that, unless otherwise requested, their details will be forward to Heritage NSW and the relevant LALC within 28 days of the closing date of registration and in compliance with Heritage NSW policy.



Australian Government

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Australian Financial Security Authority

The Australian Government is seeking applications from suitably qualified persons for appointment as Chief Executive, Australian Financial Security Authority (AFSA). The Chief Executive will also be appointed to the statutory positions of Inspector-General in Bankruptcy and Registrar of Personal Property Securities.

AFSA administers and regulates the personal insolvency system. AFSA gives effect to the statutory role of the Official Trustee in Bankruptcy under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*, the *Proceeds of Crime Acts 1987 and 2002*, and the *Customs Act 1901*, and delivers other special trustee services to government agencies. AFSA also maintains the Personal Property Securities Register established under the *Personal Property Securities Act 2009*. Information about AFSA is available at www.afsa.gov.au.

As agency head, the Chief Executive has powers equivalent to those of the Secretary of a Department of the Australian Public Service. The Chief Executive has management and accountability responsibilities under the *Public Service Act 1999* and the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*. Responsibilities include:

- directing, coordinating and controlling the operations of AFSA, including determinations of priorities, allocation of work and resources
- undertaking or personally supervising the more important matters which fall within the scope of AFSA's operations and advising the Minister, as required, on these matters
- representing AFSA in relation to its functional responsibilities.

Applicants will need to be able to demonstrate a high level of leadership, experience in operations management and a detailed knowledge and understanding of personal insolvency and personal property securities legislation and policies in Australia.

Remuneration

Remuneration and allowances for the position of Chief Executive are set by the Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal. The *Remuneration Tribunal (Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Fulltime Public Office) Determination 2021* is available at www.remtribunal.gov.au.

Information about the position, including eligibility and selection criteria and details on how to apply, is available on the Attorney-General's Department website's Careers page at <https://www.ag.gov.au/about-us/careers/statutory-appointments>. Expressions of interest close at 5:00 pm (EST) on **Friday, 15 October 2021**. Enquiries can be directed to appointments@ag.gov.au.

Mollie Dyer Award celebrates exceptional community leaders

By ALI MC



THE Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) wants to recognise extraordinary people in extraordinary times.

So this year's theme for the Mollie Dyer Awards – Leadership through Crisis: Celebrating Extraordinary People In Extraordinary Times – aim to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of Aboriginal community leaders in Victoria throughout the pandemic and beyond.

VACCA chief executive Muriel Bamblett said that proud Yorta Yorta woman Auntie Mollie Dyer, who tirelessly advocated in support of Aboriginal children, young people and families, was one of the founders of VACCA.

"The Auntie Mollie Dyer award is about acknowledging and recognising her, her contribution to where we are today, and what she stood for," Muriel said.

Muriel told the *Koori Mail* that many people in the community have been going above and beyond to help others – particularly Elders – during the extended lockdowns.

"Leaders are in families, leaders are in communities, leaders are in different roles," she said.

"We know that there have been extraordinary people doing so many great things. We want to as much as possible acknowledge our leaders and honour the work people do."

Auntie Mollie Dyer originally worked for the Aboriginal Legal Service and would encounter Aboriginal people coming in who had been removed as children.

"They were asking her to help them find their families," Muriel said. "They'd been removed and placed into non-Aboriginal care



Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) chief executive Muriel Bamblett.

and coming to the attention of the juvenile justice courts, knew they were Aboriginal but didn't know who their family was."

So Mollie Dyer co-founded VACCA in 1977 to assist and support Aboriginal children in out-of-home care and in the juvenile justice system, and was also instrumental in founding SNAICC, the peak body for First Nations children.

She said at the time: "Because of the chain of historical events which has led to the fragmentation of our Aboriginal families of today, it is up to each and every one of us to do all we can together to ensure that this situation is halted and reversed."

It is a legacy that VACCA continues to acknowledge and build upon today.

"Auntie Mollie set about to make sure any

children involved in child protection could keep connected to culture and know who they were," Muriel said. "And it was inspirational at that time – those times were really tough for Aboriginal people."

VACCA began with just five workers who were tasked with covering the entire state.

"One day they could be in Mildura, the next day they could be in Portland," Muriel said. "So these five workers were amazing at wanting to represent children."

It very quickly became obvious more workers were needed and today, VACCA now employs more than 700 people.

"Auntie Mollie's vision and dream has been realised," Muriel said. "You can see the growth in Aboriginal services across our nation. All of that was seeded from Auntie

Mollie's desire and tireless work and commitment to children and family."

While Muriel acknowledges it is difficult to reduce numbers coming into care, the organisation focuses on keeping children involved in cultural activities and to stay connected to family and community.

"What we also see are the parents getting engaged as well and learning who they are," Muriel said. "So we are growing our Aboriginal families, but we are also growing them in culture as well."

Muriel said that a recent positive development is a transfer of responsibility from government departments to community-controlled organisations.

"And this is what Auntie Mollie would be so proud of: We've got 16 Aboriginal community-controlled organisations doing child welfare," she said.

"Now we see we are able to stem the flow of children in out-of-home care to juvenile justice. I think that was Auntie Mollie's dream. Also, that all of our children leaving care know who they are and where they come from."

This year's awards see three categories: Emerging Leaders (18-24 years), Community Leaders and ACCO Leaders.

"Put forward someone you know and love," Muriel said. "There's a small amount of money that goes with it, but I think it's more the accolades for being acknowledged for what you are doing."

Nominations for the Auntie Mollie Dyer Awards are open until Friday, October 8.

Nominate online via awards.vacca.org, by email to awards@vacca.org, or by phone on 0439 921 589.

Winners will be presented in a virtual event at the VACCA AGM on November 26.

Each category winner will receive a commemorative plaque and \$3000 cash prize.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Heritage Council of NSW

The Minister responsible for heritage is seeking to appoint **up to three (3) members** to the **Heritage Council of NSW**.

The Heritage Council is an independent statutory body that works to ensure the protection, conservation and promotion of heritage in NSW. The Heritage Council recommends items for listing on the State Heritage Register, supports conservation and adaptive use, and builds community understanding of heritage.

This is your opportunity to shape heritage conservation across NSW. We're looking for individuals from a variety of professional backgrounds to contribute to the outcomes delivered by the Council.

Under the *Heritage Act 1977*, members of the Heritage Council are to be persons who, in the opinion of the Minister, possess qualifications, knowledge and skills relating to any of the following areas: archaeology; architecture; the building, development and property industries; conservation of environmental heritage; engineering; NSW or Australian history; local government; moveable heritage; natural heritage; planning; property, planning or environmental law; property economics; rural interests or cultural landscapes.

We are looking for people with a broad knowledge and skills, and with a passion for heritage.

The Heritage Council meets once per month and members are remunerated in accordance with NSW Government guidelines.

Please submit your application, including a resume and brief covering letter (maximum two pages) which details your skill and experience relevant to the role.

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

Phone enquiries: (02) 9873 8579

Email enquiries: HeritageCouncil.Secretariat@environment.nsw.gov.au

Website: heritage.nsw.gov.au

Applications should be sent to The Secretariat, Heritage NSW via email to:
HeritageCouncil.Secretariat@environment.nsw.gov.au

The closing date for applications is 11:59 pm on Wednesday, 13 October 2021.



Request for Quotation - Design an Artwork for the Prevention and Response to Violence, Abuse and Neglect Unit

The NSW Health Prevention and Response to Violence, Abuse and Neglect (PARVAN) Unit is seeking tenders from an Aboriginal artist/s and/or Aboriginal organisation to design an artwork. The artwork will aim to represent PARVAN's connection with NSW Aboriginal communities, highlight the Aboriginal Family Wellbeing and Violence Prevention workforce throughout NSW, and will be on display in the PARVAN office in St Leonards, Sydney. More information about PARVAN can be found at health.nsw.gov.au/parvan

Scope of Work

The major themes for the artwork are Aboriginal culture, family and healing. Five secondary themes have been identified by the Artwork Panel. The final package of artwork will include:

- the final chosen artwork
- the biography of the artwork and artist
- four parts of the artwork saved into separate files for use in presentations, posters, report covers, flyers and patient information pamphlets.

Artist Fee

Quotes will be accepted for the project up to \$25,000 excluding GST.

Wishing to submit an Expression of Interest?

View tender.nsw.gov.au/health and search **HAC_2115** to download the Request for Tender before the closing date **3 November 2021**.

Further Information

If you require further information please email Meggan Adam, PARVAN, NSW Health by emailing meggan.adam@health.nsw.gov.au

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Nyapanyapa Yunupingu paints on bark. Picture: courtesy the artist and Buku Larrnggay Mulka Centre

Art Fair delivers our stories to the world



NOW in its fifth year, the 2021 Tarnanthi Art Fair brings together 50 art centres with thousands of works from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists for sale, spanning paintings, ceramics, sculpture, woven objects, jewellery, textiles, clothes and homewares.

And this year the Art Gallery of South Australia's Tarnanthi Art Fair will be presented as a 100% online event from Friday, October 15, to Monday, October 18.

Tarnanthi artistic director Nici Cumpston said that the art fair celebrates the diversity and richness of Indigenous art.

"This year, we're thrilled to present the art fair as an online event, giving people across the world the opportunity to bring these stories into their homes and be reminded every day of the deep history that our nation holds," she said.

The Tarnanthi Art Fair operates under the Indigenous Art Code and supports the ethical production and sales of works of art by Indigenous artists.

With prices ranging from \$100 to \$15,000, every dollar from every sale goes directly to the artists and their art centres – delivering economic benefits to communities.

This year's art fair shares cultural stories from across Australia through works that combine traditional techniques with contemporary practice.

Buyers can journey from the islands at the Top End through to the expanses of the Central and Western Desert; and from the rainforests of far north Queensland to Australia's

southern coastline.

Art Gallery of South Australia director Rhana Devenport said that art production is a vital source of income for remote communities.

"Income that supports economic empowerment and cultural resilience," she said.

"Through the Tarnanthi Art Fair, buyers are guaranteed that their purchases directly support this country's established, emerging and next generation of First Nations artists and their communities."

The Tarnanthi Art Fair forms

part of Tarnanthi, the Art Gallery of South Australia's festival of contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art that features the work of more than 1400 artists in exhibitions at venues across SA from October 15 until January 30.

The Tarnanthi Art Fair runs online from 5pm, Friday, October 15, until 9pm, Monday, October 18, 2021.

To access the online Tarnanthi Art Fair and learn more about this year's art centres, visit agsa.sa.gov.au/tarnanthiartfair

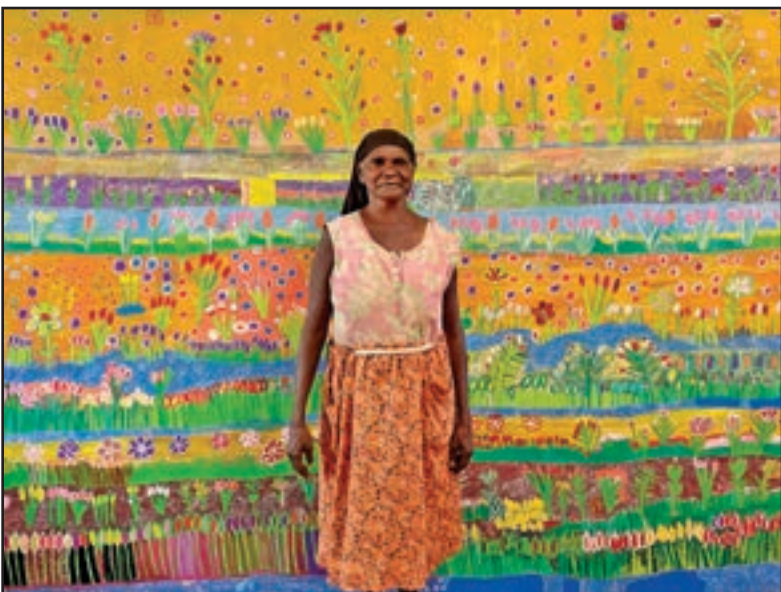
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Artists from Papunya Tjupi Arts on Country.
Picture: Claudia Sangiogi Dalmore



Tjurrpinyi Ikuntji by Doris Bush Nungarrayi.
Picture: Papunya Tjupi Art Centre



Gwenneth Blitner Picture: Ngukurr Art Centre



Pauline Wangin with her work Kapi Tjukula. Picture: Meg Hansen



Djamarrkuli with dilly bags, Milingimbi. Picture: Milingimbi Art and Culture



Christine Yantumba and Mylene Holroyd with their ghost net works. Picture: Paul Jakubowski, courtesy Pormpuraaw Art & Culture Centre Incorporated



Dunjiba Fashions, Walking in Dunjiba.
Picture: Mel Henderson, courtesy Ku Arts



Wilson Manydjarri Picture: Milingimbi Art and Culture



Amata artists on Country. Picture: courtesy APY Art Centre Collective



Monica and Rita Watson at Ninuku Arts. Picture: Meg Hansen



Tjulpu (bird) by Erica Shorty. Picture: Genevieve Harold, courtesy the artist and Tjanpi Desert Weavers



Helicopter by Margaret Smith, Tjanpi Desert Weavers/NPY Women's Council. Picture: Emma Franklin



Janet Marawarr. Picture: Nat Rogers, courtesy the artist, Bábarra Women's Centre and Art Gallery of South Australia



Jilamara by Jane Margaret Tipuamantumirri. Picture: courtesy the artist and Ngaruwanajirri Incorporated



Bush Trip by Jennifer Forbes. Picture: courtesy the artist and Ninuku Arts



Nancy Jackson and Mrs Burke near Warakurna, Western Australia. Picture: Rhett Hammerton, Tjanpi Desert Weavers, NPY Women's Council



Hermannsburg Potters artworks.



Textiles by Bábarra Women's Centre. Picture: John Montes

Jacob joins Carriageworks



DANCER and choreographer Jacob Boehme has been appointed as director of First Nations programs at Carriageworks, one of

Australia's largest multi-arts precincts.

Boehme, a Narangga and Kurna man, is a graduate of NAISDA and of the Victorian College of the Arts and an alumni of the British Council and Australia Council ACCELERATE Indigenous leaders program.

Jacob has more than 20 years' experience as a performer, choreographer, writer, producer and artistic director, as well as a long history of teaching in different contexts, and is currently within the cultural leadership program at



Narangga and Kurna man Jacob Boehme is joining the team at Carriageworks.

NIDA. "I am honoured to be joining the team at Carriageworks as director, First Nations programs," Boehme said.

"As the arts and cultural sector,

its artists and organisations navigate this time of transition and change, it is as much an exciting opportunity as it is challenging to reimagine what our futures might look like.

"I look forward to working alongside my communities, Elders and colleagues to develop and deliver a new era of First Nations arts and cultural programs at Carriageworks."

Carriageworks chief executive Blair French said that Boehme was a valuable addition to the team

"We are delighted to welcome Jacob as our director, First Nations programs, a new role within Carriageworks that is focused on leading the development of First Nations artistic and cultural strategies," Mr French said.

"Jacob brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this role, which he will draw upon to develop and deliver programs of First Nations work across multiple artforms as well as fostering professional and community relationships."

Boehme was the founding creative director of Yirramboi festival, City of Melbourne 2016-2019, and is currently artistic director for the Wild Dog project through Country Arts SA and Art Gallery of South Australia premiering at the upcoming Tarnanthi festival.

Jacob's solo work *Blood on the Dance Floor* received the 2017 Green Room Award Best Independent Production and he was also the recipient of the 2018 Australia Council for the Arts

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Fellowship.

French said that a commitment to First Nations art practices, culture and perspectives sits at the core of the Carriageworks program.

"This is highlighted by the Solid Ground initiative established in 2015 by Carriageworks and Blacktown Arts Centre that provides education and training pathways for First Nations young people into the arts and cultural industries," he said.

"Carriageworks supports First Nations performance and arts through work with its resident companies and commissions through ongoing projects such as The National: New Australian Art, Klub Koori and SouthEast Aboriginal Arts Market."



Picture: Ben Searcy

Jay Milera won this year's Don Dunstan Foundation Our Mob Emerging Artist Prize.

Dreaming stories are the focus of Jay's winning art



KAURNA Narungga artist Jay Milera was announced the winner of the \$5000 Don Dunstan

Foundation Our Mob Emerging Artist Prize during the 2021 Our Mob awards ceremony at Adelaide Festival Centre last month.

Milera impressed the judges with her artwork, titled *Land Meets Sea*, an acrylic-on-canvas painting with a captivating shell in the centre.

The prize win will allow the talented artist to continue her workshops, which mentor young adults in her traditional Aboriginal art in a variety of artistic styles.

The painting was inspired by Milera's Narungga heritage, culture and community.

"It represents a coming together of land, sea and sky," she said. "Narungga are water people. We are connected to the sea, the land and the sky through various Dreaming stories such as the Seven Sisters, Gynburra

(Butterfish) and Bruther's Rock Dreaming stories.

"This painting represents an intersection of these Dreaming stories and my Narungga cultural connections."

The 2021 exhibition also marked the first year of the Trevor Nickolls Art Prizes for Our Mob and Our Young Mob artists through the Adelaide Festival Centre Foundation. The prizes have been established due to the generosity of artist Trevor Nickolls whose intention after his death was to provide support to Aboriginal artists.

The inaugural Trevor Nickolls Art Prize Our Mob winner is artist Maude Parker and Our Young Mob winner is 16-year-old Kurna artist Mia Makuch.

Other prizes awarded on the night, were the Country Arts SA Professional Development Initiative Award, won by Gudjula and Girramay artists Kat Bell of Berri; and the Ku Arts Our Young Mob award, won by 14 year old Ulani Williams-Psorakis.

Childhood memories inspire works



ARTWORKS showcasing Dorothy Edwards' stories of her life growing up on Kokoberrin Country in

Cape York feature in a new solo exhibition at UMI Arts in Cairns.

The mother of talented Cairns-based artists, Lisa Michl Komanggén and Shaun Edwards, Kokoberrin Elder Dorothy Edwards might have waited until now to explore her own artistic ability, but a new body of work created for her first independent exhibition, entitled *Homelands*,

proves there's no bounds to the family's raft of intergenerational talent.

Homelands features a combination of prints and acrylic-on-canvas paintings.

In preparation for her first solo exhibition, Dorothy participated in UMI Arts' business, printmaking, and painting 'exhibition ready' workshops to further develop her range of skills and techniques before setting to work in the UMI studio workshop, where she spent many weeks.

According to Dorothy, her inspiration was drawn from stories

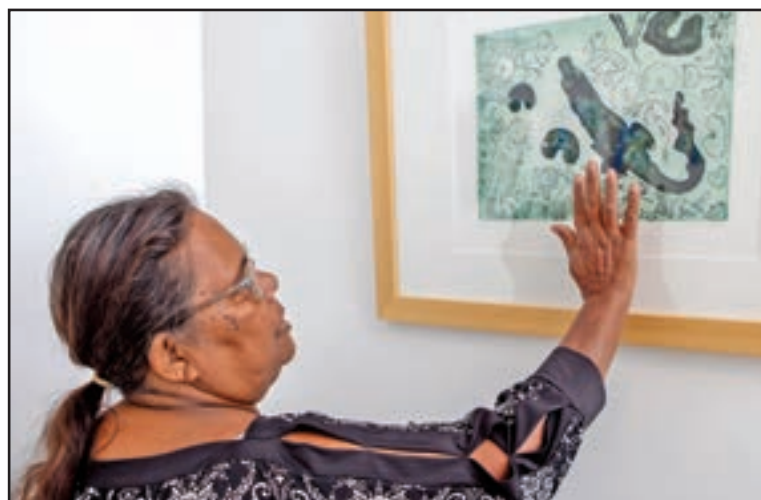
and memories of a childhood growing up on Country which are conveyed in a series of paintings and prints.

"Making artworks connects me with my ancestors and culture," she said.

"I can remember being on Country, collecting bush foods and weaving with my aunts."

"Our families still do these things today and it is through art and practising our skills that things get passed on to the next generation."

Homelands will run until December 1 at UMI Arts Gallery.



Artist Dorothy Edwards has an exhibition showing at UMI Arts in Cairns. Picture: Lovegreen Photography

Leading by example



TWO young Aboriginal men have joined a campaign aiming to create a healthier future for Victoria's young people.

Last month VicHealth announced a \$45 million initiative called Future Healthy.

As part of Future Healthy, VicHealth is working with 14 Community Champions – a diverse group of young people and parents from right across the state who are passionate about creating healthier communities.

Through their work with Future Healthy, the champions – including two young Aboriginal men Josh and James – will empower more young people and parents to have their say and help shape the solutions needed for people to lead healthier, happier lives.

Challenges

Future Healthy is calling for young people in Victoria aged 18-25, as well as parents or carers with kids aged 0-17, to share their experiences, challenges and ideas about what a healthy future means to them and their community at futurehealthy.vichealth.vic.gov.au

For Josh, a proud Gunditjmara man who lives in Ballarat, footy clubs have always been a place for friendship and connection.

"When I played under 10s footy, there'd always be the quiet kid who's probably the loud one now – all because he felt included in his footy club and it's made him come out of his shell," he said.

"I've seen kids develop friendships that will probably last a lifetime."

Josh, 20, has seen first-hand how adults who give their time to coach at sports clubs can help create an environment where young people grow and flourish – but they must really listen to young people.

While "the older generation's voices and opinions may leave young people feeling too scared to speak up", if kids and young people are given a say, according to Josh, they'll take it.



James, above, and Josh, right, are hoping to empower more young people to lead healthy lives.

"I think if the younger generation has the right opportunities and a good platform, they can really put their opinion forward," Josh, who grew up in Warrnambool, lives in Ballarat and works in construction, said.

"We really need to hone in on the younger generation so they can have their say on what they want their future to look like."

James is a primary school education and welfare support officer in a highly diverse area along the Murray River, and loves the inclusive mindset of his community.

"We have a lot of multicultural families here.

"You feel that community focus wherever you are," he said.

"I feel the importance of connection."

Connection

But James, a below-knee amputee, believes that there aren't enough community activity options available to kids and young people living in regional Victoria.

"We need to think about what we are providing these kids," he said.

"We can't just be looking at soccer,

football or netball because not everyone likes those sports.

"They're not 'one size fits all'.

"As a child, I never actually accessed the community, went out to meet children my age or participated in anything because I felt disconnected as these were the only options."

For James, a healthy future means creating and promoting community activities that everyone can participate in.

"This must include people with lower incomes and people with disability," he said. "We need to create more inclusive spaces!"

New app offers parent support



A NEW app aims to help Aboriginal parents in Western Australia keep track of medical appointments, give tips on parenting and pregnancy and help get bub to sleep with lullabies in Noongar language.

The *My Baby WA* app provides pregnancy, birth and baby information at the touch of a button and was developed especially for WA mums and babies.

In developing the app, the WA Country Health Service (WACHS) and Health Consumer Council (HCC) wanted to make sure it was easy to navigate and represented families across the entire state.

According to WACHS spokesperson Tarryn Sharp, part of that meant ensuring that the more than 55,000 Aboriginal people living in rural and regional WA were represented.

"More than 900 Aboriginal

women give birth across country WA each and every year," Ms Sharp said. "When you live out in the bush, it can be particularly stressful and we needed to make sure the app was culturally appropriate and helped expectant Aboriginal mums feel safe and reassured through access to important information."

My Baby WA includes: maternity, newborn, child and Aboriginal health services near users; tips for parents; where expecting mums are up to in pregnancy with reminders; Noongar lullabies; a spot for baby bump photos; an easy way to keep track of important medical appointments and tests; and suggestions for questions parents can ask at medical appointments about healthy eating, sleeping and looking after parents and bub.

The app is available to download free from the Apple and Android app stores; search for 'My Baby WA'.



Jenna Thorne, one of the mums featured in the app, with her kids James and baby Amari.

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Program aids entrepreneurs



GOORENG Gooreng man Malachi Johnson hopes the CQUniversity-Arrow Energy Whanu Binal Indigenous

Entrepreneurship Program will not only help him learn new skills, but also support the training of more traditional owners in central Queensland.

Whanu Binal is delivered in partnership by Arrow Energy and CQUniversity. While Arrow Energy has run the Whanu Binal program in various forms since 2013, the partnership with CQUniversity was launched in July 2019.

The Whanu Binal program is dedicated to improving Indigenous business outcomes by not only supporting business owners and entrepreneurs, but encouraging individuals and organisations to support Indigenous-owned businesses.

Malachi, who belongs to the Gooreng Gooreng nation of the Port Curtis and Coral Coast region, is the Project Coordinator for TUMRA (Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreements) through Darumbal Enterprises Pty Ltd in Rockhampton.

He joined the Whanu Binal program as a mentee and his mentor is also his supervisor at Darumbal, Malcolm Mann.

"Malcolm is the reason I moved to Rockhampton from Bundy to take on the TUMRA role – he's like family to me," Malachi said.

"The opportunity to learn from him is one of the greatest moments of my life."

Malachi said his TUMRA role involved being a conduit between traditional owners and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA).

"I'm there to look for opportunities for traditional owners, set up contracts and provide them with employment or training," he said.

"I joined Whanu Binal to upskill – I want to eventually own my own company and the program is helping me to be prepared for that."

"The program has already broadened my way of thinking from a business perspective on how to continue to help traditional owners. My understanding on setting up contracts has improved too."

Malachi encourages other First Nations entrepreneurs or business owners to sign up to Whanu Binal.

"It's very beneficial," he said.

"The people involved all have lived experience. There's no judgement and it's not like a Westernised course."

"If you have an idea, you are free to speak it and the program prepares you for the challenges and struggles that can come from having a business, and Indigenous people can face a lot of challenges in business and in life."

Prospective participants can apply by submitting an expression of interest via <https://www.cqu.edu.au/whanu-binal-indigenous-entrepreneur-program> or by emailing WBE@cqu.edu.au



Gooreng Gooreng man Malachi Johnson hopes to start his own company.

Power in the productivity of Indigenous economies



INDIGENOUS Business Month 2021 officially kicked off nationally on October 1, with a launch event in Toowoomba.

Indigenous business owners and allies across the business sector gathered at the Highlands Cultural Centre to showcase the strengths and opportunities to be had in partnering with and procuring from Indigenous businesses.

Leesa Watego, co-founder of Indigenous Business Month and director of Iscariot Media, said that this year's theme, Powering the Indigenous Economy, reflects the strength of the sector.

"We have events registered across the country for Indigenous Business Month and many more likely to take place as Australians continue to switch their attention to the power of the Indigenous economy," she said.

"This year, Indigenous Business Month aims to amp up Australia's engagement with



Indigenous Business Month co-founder Dr Michelle Evans.

Indigenous businesses, individuals and organisations. Everyone can support powering the Indigenous economy, from purchasing locally or integrating Indigenous businesses throughout the supply chain. Indigenous business month aims to bring awareness to practical opportunities for long-term benefit.

"For the entire month of October, we will celebrate the many forms of power Indigenous economies generate as part of everyday business."

Dr Michelle Evans, co-founder of Indigenous Business Month and director of Dilin Duwa Centre for Indigenous Business Leadership, said the contributions of the Indigenous economy are vast.

"The visibility of our economic contributions needs to extend past the narrow frame of GDP statistics, where the value of goods and services that are traded are counted," she said.

"In practice, Indigenous businesses provide more than this. They are a major source of innovation, mentorship, leadership, cultural knowledges and practices, community and cultural kinship, unpaid childcare, and volunteer work."

"The ingenuity of Indigenous Australians is powering the Indigenous economy. Our innovation springs from the bringing together of cultural knowledges, community

intelligence and savvy market acumen."

Dr Evans said that one of the ways Indigenous businesses were showing innovation was by creating hybrid economic models like Knowledge Water, a sustainably sourced and packaged spring water product, in North East Arnhem Land; Luggarrah in western Victoria bringing interactive game technology for on country regional engagement; Embley Contracting, in western Cape York, which provides numerous services including mine security, labour hire and is the largest bus transport provider in the region; and Dutjahn Sandalwood Oils in the Goldfields of Western Australia, which produces sandalwood oil from wood harvested on native title lands.

Mayrah Sonter, Indigenous Business Month co-founder and director of 33 Creative, said that business growth occurs through learning and acknowledging that diversity is a strength.

"Big business is missing a core ingredient if it's not engaging

Indigenous business in its operations. There is opportunity to do more," she said.

"Incorporate Indigenous businesses into supply chains across all levels, recommend Indigenous suppliers across your network. Be an active ally."

"Individual consumers also have a lot to gain in purchasing from Indigenous business. It creates a two-way exchange, in many cases a cultural learning and a shift in the paradigm that puts Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in a position of strength and success."

The three Indigenous Business Month co-founders said everyone has a role to play in Powering the Indigenous Economy.

"Look for and purchase from Indigenous businesses and show your support by recommending an Indigenous business to other businesses you engage with," they said. "Like, follow and share Indigenous business pages online, and loop your networks into the opportunity to power the Indigenous economy, generate jobs and boost local economies."

Professor Bolt is a strong First Nations voice at CDU



PROUD Yuin/Wandandian and Ngarigo man Professor Reuben Bolt has been appointed as deputy vice-chancellor First Nations leadership (DVCFNL) at

Charles Darwin University, making CDU the third university in Australia to make such an appointment.

The only other two universities in Australia that have established First Nations-focused DVC roles are the University of Sydney, with Professor Shane Houston's appointment (2011-2017) and his successor Professor Lisa Jackson-Pulver (2018-current), and Western Sydney University with the appointment of Professor Michelle Trudgett earlier this year.

Prof Bolt joined CDU in January 2020 as the pro vice-chancellor Indigenous leadership and regional outreach (PVCILRO), and he is the first person of First Nations heritage to graduate with a PhD at the University of Sydney's Faculty of Health Sciences.

"This appointment is significant for the country, and it tells the community that the university is serious about addressing issues that First Nations people experience around unemployment and addresses the lack of representation of First Nations peoples in senior leadership roles. It gets at the heart of the low levels of education completion rates," Prof Bolt said.



Proud Yuin/Wandandian and Ngarigo man Professor Reuben Bolt has been appointed as deputy vice-chancellor First Nations leadership at Charles Darwin University.

He said he didn't engage as much as he could have in high school. However, he was nominated for the Decade Award at Kelso High School (now Denison College) which he will accept in December this year.

After completing his HSC, he travelled the world performing traditional First Nations

dance before starting his higher education journey.

CDU's recently released Strategic Plan 2021-26 outlines a strong commitment to honouring Australian First Nations' knowledge and cultures by recognising, embedding, and celebrating the transformative leadership of First Nations people at CDU.

The university also seeks to become the most recognised university for First Nations training, education, and research to improve education outcomes, retention rates and employment opportunities.

"We must improve First Nations success rates at CDU and to do that we must embed a whole-of-university approach to the implementation of our Strategic Plan and initiatives to ensure our staff are cognisant of the cultural sensitivities in First Nations communities," Professor Bolt said.

"Doing so will ensure they are confident to deeply engage."

Prof Bolt said CDU intended to expand its First Nations pre-programs and the Bidjipidji school taster program so that the university could build the pipeline of First Nations students into CDU higher education and vocational education training (VET) courses.

"But what is critically important here is how our Higher Education and VET courses align to jobs within current and emerging industries for each region of the NT," he said.

"This is where CDU plays a central role in the development of the First Nations workforce in the NT."

The Northern Territory's population is 30% Indigenous with more than 1000 First Nations students enrolling in CDU's Higher Education courses. T

his student cohort is predominantly mature-aged with an average age of 35, around half from regional and remote areas.

CDU vice-chancellor Professor Scott Bowman said the university was focused on improving employment outcomes for First Nations people and ensuring its education offerings were in line with community expectations to best deliver for these communities.

"As the university of the Territory, we have a responsibility to ensure we're connected to communities and are delivering the education offerings that best support the success of First Nations people in the Territory," he said.

"We have a responsibility to ensure success rates of First Nations student improves in all universities and CDU should be leading the way.

"We're keen to support research that will lead to better outcomes for First Nations communities across the country and we'll continue to grow the next generation of Indigenous leaders to ensure they are at the centre of decision-making processes."

TAFE NSW delivers targeted training and support to remote communities



IN the western NSW town of Menindee, TAFE NSW has launched a new Certificate II in

Conservation and Land Management to address a growing demand from the Barkandji Native Title Group Aboriginal Corporation.

TAFE NSW is responding to the needs of remote communities in western NSW by delivering targeted courses that provide pathways into jobs or resonate strongly with local residents.

TAFE NSW gathered extensive feedback last year from employers and communities throughout western and far western NSW in order to tailor courses at its remote campuses in 2021.

Regional general manager for TAFE NSW's West region Adam Bennett said the positive effect in many of these small communities has been immediate.

"We're tapping into what these communities are passionate about and it's working," Mr Bennett said.

"We're also aligning our courses to take advantage of local job opportunities, so people can make a direct link between what they want to study and the work that's available to them."

The Barkandji native title claim is the largest in NSW and the traditional owners are employing



Students completing the Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management course at TAFE NSW Menindee. (Please note: This photo was taken prior to NSW COVID-19 lockdown restrictions.)

the first 'River Rangers' in the country to work with local land councils and state agencies to help conserve the Darling River.

"Making these direct links between our courses and local employment opportunities has a real and lasting effect in these communities," Mr Bennett said.

"There is a recognition within TAFE NSW that people in rural and remote communities have

different needs and characteristics than their city counterparts.

"TAFE NSW wants to respond to those needs and make available courses that address regional skills shortages and target areas of jobs growth."

In Brewarrina, Wellington and Warren, TAFE NSW has responded to business feedback about an emerging skills

shortage across NSW in the hospitality sector.

TAFE NSW is now offering a hybrid Statement of Attainment in Hospitality Essentials which delivers several micro-credentials in one short course including food handling, responsible service of alcohol, responsible conduct of gambling and barista skills.

Already several people in Brewarrina have gone on to

find work at the local RSL club and cafes.

"This is really innovative because it broadens the types of employment local people can find and for employers it provides staff who are more flexible within a single workplace," Mr Bennett said. "It's an excellent example of being flexible and responding to business and industry needs immediately."

Mr Bennett said TAFE NSW was also improving access to education for people living in western and far western NSW by increasing support for students.

"We have well-trained education support officers who provide pastoral care and have ongoing conversations about barriers to student learning," Mr Bennett explained.

"At TAFE NSW we strive to understand the individual student's journey, so we can support them when life throws obstacles in the way of their education.

"Our goal is to grow a greater sense of community and a network of support for people in these remote locations.

"The relationships our education support officers develop with our students, sometimes before they even begin study, is phenomenal."

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CDP training aims to get Borroloola mob into jobs



ROPER Gulf Regional Council is celebrating a great outcome of its Community Development Program (CDP) in

Borroloola, seeing strong participation in local training opportunities by job seekers to prepare for local employment.

The goal of the Community Development Program – a federally funded work-for-the-dole scheme for remote communities – is to support, assist and service CDP job seekers by providing a package of support that includes a combination of vocational and non-vocational training, essential skills training, assistance to overcome personal barriers to employment, job search assistance and ongoing support.

Recently, CDP job seekers in Borroloola completed training to receive their White Card, Prepare to Work Safely in the Construction Industry.

The training was delivered by senior lecturer Alvin Tan from the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education, with a total of 26 participants in the training, made up of CDP job seekers, Mabunji staff and council municipal staff.

Of these 26 participants, 19 CDP job seekers went on to begin a Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations, also delivered by Alvin Tan, to further develop their skills and expertise to operate and work on a civil construction plant.

Roper Gulf Regional Council said they would like to congratulate all participants involved in this course for investing time into their professional development and into their future.

"We are proud of the commitment shown by job seekers and encourage all participants to keep persevering with the training, everyone is



Community Development Program participants in Borroloola recently completed training to receive their White Card for work in the construction industry.

doing an awesome job," the council said in a statement.

"The high level of participation in this course is a terrific result for the Community Development Program and for the Borroloola community, with a number of local construction projects set to commence in Borroloola soon that will require qualified employees, aligning entirely with the training that CDP job seekers have undertaken and providing potential for employment."

Some of these upcoming projects include:

- construction of new toilet block at the airport at an estimated cost of \$448,000;
- upgrades of the power and water at the Borroloola Sports and Showgrounds, estimated cost \$486,000;
- road construction and upgrades in Borroloola township, estimated cost \$547,000 and
- construction of shelter and cyclone shelter at basketball courts, estimated cost \$6.9 million.

"This is a great example of how the Community Development Program can assist

local job seekers to complete training that can provide an opportunity to be employed on local jobs," the council said.

"Council would like to remind job seekers in the Roper Gulf region to trust in the CDP process.

"Make sure you use the time at your monthly scheduled appointment with your consultant to draw down on your employment opportunities and barriers.

"By ensuring that your job plan is reflective of your current circumstances and your

employment goals, Council's CDP staff can assist with creating your personalised path to future employment.

"Council would like to recognise the incredible job that all CDP staff members have done in assisting and supporting local job seekers across the Roper Gulf region.

"Council congratulates all CDP participants, staff and local stakeholders involved in this training and looks forward to seeing the opportunities that surface as a result of everyone's hard work."

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Applications close: Friday 14 October at 11:55pm

Multiple Academic Vacancies in UniSA Justice & Society



University of South Australia

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- > **Salary: \$101,784 (Level B) / \$123,961 (Level C) per annum (plus 17% superannuation)**

UniSA has a long-standing aim that Australian Aboriginal Peoples comprise at least 3% of its workforce and is committed to improving employment opportunities, supporting professional development, and creating a culturally safe and supportive workplace for Aboriginal staff members.

The University has allocated corporate funds towards the Professional Development of Aboriginal staff who are newly appointed to UniSA. This initiative is a key element of the University's Aboriginal Employment Action Plan.

We are seeking candidates who identify as Australian Aboriginal Peoples, who are collegial and demonstrate high levels of initiative to make a significant contribution to the Academic Unit's research and teaching goals. These roles will also make significant contributions in the area of Aboriginal research.

About the Roles

We are looking for a number of Lecturers and Senior Lecturers to join the team in UniSA Justice & Society, across the areas of Social Work, Psychology and Aboriginal Studies.

The continuing positions available are:

- > **Lecturer: Social Work (Academic Level B)**
- > **Senior Lecturer: Aboriginal Studies (Academic Level C)**
- > **Senior Lecturer: Psychology (Academic Level C)**

For a copy of the position descriptions and to apply, please visit: www.unisa.edu.au/WorkingatUniSA. For further information about the position or the recruitment process, you can contact the UniSA Recruitment Central Team on +618 8302 1700 or via email to recruitment@unisa.edu.au using job reference numbers 3380, 3381 and 3382.

Applications close: 11:30pm Thursday 28 October 2021

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Project partner required for Gapuwiyak Child and Family Centre

The combined boards of Goŋ-Däl Aboriginal Corporation and the Milintji Development Trust are seeking a Gunga'yunamirr ('helper' or 'partner' in the local Yolŋu language) to work with them, for up to two years, to assist in the establishment of the Gapuwiyak Child and Family Centre.

The successful Gunga'yunamirr will work with the Centre's leadership group initially to build capacity before transitioning to independent service delivery.

This open, competitive process will be distributed across Australia and encourages joint applications who may suitably address the key criteria in the expression of interest and provide a detailed plan, including a budget to support their application.

Shortlisted applicants will be required to travel to Gapuwiyak and present their proposals to the combined boards of Goŋ-Däl Aboriginal Corporation and the Milintji Development Trust in person. All associated travel and presentation costs are to be covered by the applicant.

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About the Role

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Lecturer: Aboriginal Education (Academic Level A/B)



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The University has allocated corporate funds towards the Professional Development of Aboriginal staff who are newly appointed to UniSA. This initiative is a key element of the University's Aboriginal Employment Action Plan.

About the Role

We are seeking an exceptional emergent academic with a strong commitment to Aboriginal education. The candidate will identify as an Aboriginal Australian, with knowledge and understanding of the issues

impacting Aboriginal communities. The successful candidate will be collegial and demonstrate high levels of initiative in making a significant contribution to the Academic Unit's research and teaching goals. The successful candidate will have postgraduate qualifications aligned with Aboriginal Education (enrolled in or completing a PhD to be considered for Level B).

For a copy of the position description and to apply, please visit: www.unisa.edu.au/WorkingatUniSA. For further information about the position or the recruitment process, you can contact the UniSA Recruitment Central Team on +618 8302 1700 or via email to recruitment@unisa.edu.au using job reference number 3425.

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- Capacity to work effectively both independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team, demonstrated accountability and willingness to take direction and provide written reports.

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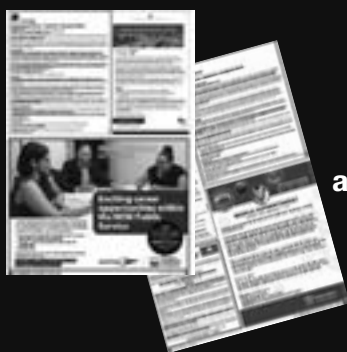
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- a cover letter
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The successful applicant will work a total of 5 days a week - 4 days as a solicitor and 1 day as the CLSD Regional Coordinator. The person will be based in the Nowra office with flexible working arrangements where possible.

Please email emma@shoalcoast.org.au for the position information pack. Phone 4422 9529 for more information.

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We are searching for someone who truly wants to make a difference in their community and is passionate about the health of Aboriginal people in NSW.

About AH&MRC:

The AH&MRC is the peak body and voice for Aboriginal health in NSW. We proudly support our 47 Member Services, the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs), to deliver culturally safe, and comprehensive primary health care to their Communities in NSW.

About the Role

As the Program Officer, you will work as part of a multidisciplinary team to design and deliver projects to support and strengthen member services and promote and protect the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in NSW.

The AH&MRC strongly encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to apply.

**For further information about this position,
see our ad on the Koori Mail website under
JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS**



Manager of Transition Programs - Far West Identified Position

- Located in Broken Hill
- Full time 38 hours per week
- Contract to 30th June 2024
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Are you an experienced and passionate First Nations manager with a solid background in leading teams providing holistic trauma informed care? Want to make a real difference in reducing reoffending by supporting First Nations people transitioning from prison into post-release support services?

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- Access the support of Cultural Supervision for First Nations staff

How to apply:

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- Hold a valid CPR Certificate, a current First Aid Certificate along with a current Working with Children Check or ability to obtain one.

About NCIE

The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) is built on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. NCIE builds capabilities and creates opportunities by delivering life-changing programs from our heritage-listed facilities in Redfern, Sydney. Our values are Excellence, Inclusiveness, Integrity and Growth.

We offer:

- Free on-site gym & pool membership
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Health and Fitness Team members

NCIE is looking for multiple Health & Fitness members to join our NCIE Fitness team.

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You have:

- Cert III and IV in Fitness or similar qualification.
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- Experience coaching one-to-one personal training clients and delivering on their training goals and objectives.
- Enjoy working in a fun, collaborative and proactive team.
- Current CPR & First Aid Certificates.
- Hold a valid Working with Children Check.

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AFTER HOURS WORKER - SENIOR PRACTITIONER

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There are 2 positions located in Wangaratta and Wodonga, Salary range \$74,427 to \$97,128 depending on qualifications, skills, and experience. Salary sacrifice arrangements are also available.

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Applications close: 8th of October 2021



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Do you have?

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- Ability to work collaboratively in a team;
- Sound knowledge of mathematics and physics (Year 12 completion preferred);
- Good Computing skills, particularly Microsoft Office Suite;
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Place Manager - Aboriginal Engagement

- Be a big part of supporting and engaging our Community
- Work on a variety of different Community projects
- Salary Range: \$83,282.59 to 89,923.27 per annum

Position overview

This is a full-time, ongoing position based in Bairnsdale. The role will aid and support to residents and communities across East Gippsland to respond to issues and opportunities in a timely and outcome focused manner. Its focus is to give the Aboriginal community greater confidence and trust to engage with Council, and to help stimulate consideration of the needs of the local Aboriginal community across all areas of Council.

This is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic). Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Applications close at 11.59pm on Monday 18 October 2021.

For more info or if this sounds like your next career move, please view the vacancy under our Careers Page on the East Gippsland Shire website.

For more information in a confidential setting, please contact **Rebecca Pantry, Acting Community Programs Coordinator**, on (03) 5153 9500.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

- Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation
- Primary Health Care & Wellbeing Services
- Nhulunbuy & East Arnhem Land, NT

Miwatj Health, a large and successful Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service, seeks to appoint a new Chief Executive Officer to strengthen the leadership, financial management, service delivery and strategic development of the organisation. Applicant skills and experience sought include:

- Extensive experience in a senior management capacity in community services, ideally with a primary health care organisation.
- Strategic approach with the vision to drive the organisation's excellence as an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service operating across a range of remote areas.
- Strong financial skills, including grant and operations management, budgeting and financial reporting.
- Success in relationship development with funding agencies, service regulators, peak bodies, strategic partners and community bodies.
- Strong cross-cultural capability to work effectively and respectfully with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Proven leadership, team building, mentoring, communication, motivation and management skills.
- Tertiary qualifications in business, finance, clinical or community services disciplines.

Applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged, but this is not a designated/identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander appointment.

Applications in the form of a brief resume and cover letter to response@kmsearch.com.au please, quoting ref #4553. Suitable candidates will be supplied with a candidate brief and invited to submit responses to selection criteria later in the recruitment process.

For more information, contact **Keith Mackay** of KMSearch on 07 3289 6071 for a confidential discussion.

Applications close 12 noon 22 October 2021.



Indigenous Engagement Coordinator

Location: New South Wales or Clayton campus

Remuneration: \$102,120 - \$112,722 pa HEW Level 08 (plus 17% employer superannuation)

The Opportunity

We are seeking someone who can ensure Indigenous perspectives, knowledges and ways of being are creatively and successfully practiced in the delivery of the Fire to Flourish program. This includes enhancing opportunities for engagement and partnerships across a range of Indigenous communities in New South Wales and Victoria, to ensure the program has a meaningful and lasting positive social impact.

The successful candidate will ideally have experience working with and in Indigenous communities and have an understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and knowledge of protocol. This position is suited to a highly motivated Indigenous Australian with extensive relevant experience; relevant education and training is desired but not required. People leadership and supervisory experience in a complex environment, with the ability to motivate and develop a high-performance team is also desired.

Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply. This position is exempt under the Special Measure Provision, Section 12 (1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2011 (Vic).

Enquiries

Briony Rogers, Associate Professor and Fire to Flourish Chief Executive Officer, (03) 448 716 914

Jacinta Elston, Professor and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous), William Cooper Institute Head, (03) 9905 8643

Closing Date

Wednesday 27 October 2021, 11:55pm AEDT

To view the position description and instruction on how to apply see our ad on the Koori Mail website under JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS



First Nations Lawyer

First Nations Community Engagement Officer

Do you want to help First Nations communities in Victoria to care for Country?

We're a not-for-profit environmental legal organisation starting a new program that builds on our work with First Nations peoples, using environmental law to protect Aboriginal interests.

You will work closely with First Nations individuals, organisations and communities to understand their legal needs and work with them to overcome the legal barriers that stop them from exercising their caring for Country rights and obligations.

These are Aboriginal Designated Positions. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply. The positions are based in Melbourne.

Closing date: 31 October 2021

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TAFE NSW

TAFE Services Coordinator

TAFE NSW, Wyong Campus
Full-time ongoing role

Remuneration Package is valued at \$93,515
(\$83,885 - \$90,336 + employer contributions).

Applications close Tuesday 19 October 2021 at 11:59 pm

For more information please
visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number 0000817Z
or contact Manager TAFE Services,
Tamara Reilly on (02) 4350 2367 or
tamara.reilly3@tafensw.edu.au

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The Aboriginal Community Elders Services (ACES) is an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation that supports and advocates for the Aboriginal community. Our strength lies with our people. Our team is committed to the organisation's vision and values; advocates for our Elders and other vulnerable community members; and shows respect for, observance and compliance with Aboriginal cultural protocols, practice and ceremony. Our Aboriginality is what distinguishes us from mainstream services and what enables us to deliver the positive outcomes we achieve for our people.

Finance Officer

8 Months Maternity leave

ABOUT THE ROLE: Currently ACES is recruiting Finance Officer 8 Months Maternity Leave. The overall of the Finance Officer will be proceeding Fortnightly Payroll, accountable, payables, Personnel and General Administration duties.

Community Engagement Worker

ABOUT THE ROLE: The Community Engagement workers will seek out and connect with Aboriginal Elders living in the community who have no supports to assist with but not limited to their: ADL's, social interaction, independence, engaging with the community and mental and emotional wellbeing supports within the Greater Melbourne area and also connect them with ACES and other support services as required.

The worker will then maintain contact with the Elders on a regular basis to ensure they are supported in their homes and that they are further connected with the community and engaged in community events to reduce their isolation. This position involves proactively delivering activities to engage and communicate with Elders, community, Aboriginal.

OUR VISION: Will be a place of choice. We will lead in service delivery whilst maintaining Aboriginal Culture and values around family and kin.

For further information about these two positions and a link to apply see our ad on the Koori Mail website under the heading JOBS & GENERAL WEB ADS



JOBS FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE – MULTIPLE ROLES, MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Positions funded until 30 June 2024

We are recruiting Australia-wide and have the following roles available:

About us

Thirrili Ltd (Thirrili) delivers the National Indigenous Suicide Postvention Service across Australia and has taken a national leadership role in the provision of suicide postvention support and assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals, families and communities. Thirrili employs a dedicated team of professionals to provide support across all states and territories in Australia. We are an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation, with Indigenous Board and Executive & Leadership team.

We provide flexible working arrangements and extensive salary packaging opportunities for all employees. We support our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander staff with Cultural and Ceremonial Leave, as well as annual leave and personal leave.

We have multiple roles available with contracts until 30 June 2024.

The Role: Finance Coordinator (\$92,294-\$97,558pa, plus Super) – LOCATION FLEXIBLE

The Finance Coordinator provides oversight of all financial matters for the organisation, including monthly accounting journals; preparation of Financial Reports to the Board; preparation of financial reporting and acquittals to funding bodies; oversight of month end accounts; fortnightly payroll and balance sheet reconciliations. Provision of reports to the Audit, Finance & Risk Subcommittee of the Board. Will be responsible for building a quality financial management system with a focus on continuous improvement and compliance.

About you:

Mandatory requirements: Tertiary qualifications in accounting or other relevant qualifications. CPA/CA qualification or working towards will also be of benefit. A minimum of 3 years' experience

Ideally this role would be filled by an Indigenous Australian. Salary packaging options. Location flexible.

The Role: Regional Coordinator (\$84-\$96,794pa, plus super) – Location WA/SA and NSW/VIC

This position provides leadership to, and oversight of, teams of Indigenous Suicide Postvention Advocates in – there are two positions available – one for NSW/VIC and one for SA/WA (and you can be located in either jurisdiction). You will be responsible for providing guidance and support to the Advocates to ensure quality case practice. You will also be required to engage with stakeholders across government, the non-government and not for profit sectors, including with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs). Salary is based upon qualifications, skills and experience and is in accordance with the SCHADS Award Level 5 & Level 6.

The Role: Practice Manager: (\$92-\$96,794pa, plus super) Location Flexible

The Practice Manager provides critical support, guidance and advice to Advocates relating to case coordination and management. They also lead Case Review Meetings; Case Audits and professional development supports for the Advocate teams. Your expertise will ensure cultural safety is at the forefront of our practice and you will provide regular reports on progress. You will be required to monitor adherence to our Model of Care and Program Logic. About you: As Regional Coordinator and/or Practice Manager, qualifications in either Mental Health; Social & Emotional Wellbeing; Counselling; Psychology; Social Work or Aboriginal Health Workers/Practitioners or other relevant disciplines are mandatory, together with at least 3 years' experience in provision of social, cultural and emotional wellbeing services.

Both roles are identified positions - you must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander to apply for these roles.

The Roles: Indigenous Suicide Postvention Advocates (\$74-\$79,807pa, plus super):
The Locations: WA, NSW, QLD, SA, VIC and NT

The Indigenous Suicide Postvention Advocates provide a local response and provision of practical support to individuals, families and communities, following a loss to suicide or other fatal traumatic incidents.

You will also engage with Aboriginal community led and controlled organisations; Government agencies; and other services and supports available in local and regional areas.

About you: Qualifications in either Mental Health; Social & Emotional Wellbeing; Counselling; Psychology; Social Work or Aboriginal Health Workers/Practitioners are mandatory. We encourage applicants who have lived experience of suicide.

These roles are identified positions and applicants must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

The Role: Community Development Workers (2 positions – Adelaide/Regional SA) (Salary dependent upon experience – up to \$74,000 plus super pa)

The Community Development Workers deliver support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals, families and communities across South Australia, who are or may be, impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. You will visit communities; engage with services; provide reports to State Government and travel to communities to yarn about wellbeing.

About you: You will ideally have experience in community development roles, or have qualifications in health related areas such as Mental Health, Aboriginal Health Worker/Practitioner, Community Development, Indigenous Development and capacity building. You will use your experience to support our families.

These roles are identified positions and applicants must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

The Role: Marketing & Communications Coordinator (\$81,001 plus super) Location Flexible

This is a new, exciting role that provides opportunity to build a portfolio of experience across a broad range of areas. This role will take responsibility for developing and maintaining our website and social media platforms; developing and designing our promotional material; designing and drafting our monthly newsletter; maintaining stakeholder information; and preparation of Reports to the board, including data analytics for the social media and websites; and stakeholder activity. You will bring your creative flair; exceptional oral and written communication skills and demonstrated experience in a similar role/s.

About You: This role is preferably to be filled by an Indigenous Australian. Ideally you will have qualifications in communications, media and/or marketing and a minimum of 2 years experience in similar roles.

The Role: People & Culture Coordinator (\$81,001 plus super) Location flexible

This is a new opportunity within Thirrili and provides an opportunity for an experienced HR practitioner to develop and expand their skills and expertise. Responsibility for Employee Development, including leading our Performance Development Planning; Recruitment; HR advice; supporting Executives and Managers to build their teams; provision of Award advice; developing and implementing a comprehensive Orientation and Induction program; reviewing, implementing and monitoring our Health & Wellbeing policies.

About You: Your experience in multi-faceted HR roles, together with your qualifications in a relevant discipline, and ability to work collaboratively as part of a small yet dynamic leadership team will be highly regarded. Ideally you will have a minimum of 3-5 years' experience in relevant roles.

Sound interesting? Contact Christine Clarke (Christine.C@thirrili.com.au) to obtain a copy of the Position Description and selection information. Applications must include: CV, Referees, Statement of Claims addressing the Selection Criteria.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE – 20 October 2021

More about Thirrili at www.thirrili.com.au and also our social media pages:



Education
and Training

Position Title: Student Support Services Administration Support Officer

Position Number 20008242

Employment Type: Fixed Term Until 04/02/2021 - full time

Job Function: Administration / Secretarial

Classification: VPS3

Closing Date: 10/10/2021

Salary Range: \$71,853 – 87,245

Contact: Samantha Heriz - samantha.heriz@education.vic.gov.au

Student Support Services Administration Support Officer, NEV - Ovens Murray North-Eastern Victoria Region/ Department of Education and Training

An opportunity exists to join the Ovens Murray Area Student Support Services team.

This is a fixed-term and full-time role until 4 February 2022.

The purpose of this role is to provide administrative support to the Area's Student Support Services team. Student Support Services are a team of Allied Health professionals whose purpose is to assist children and young people facing a range of barriers to learning to achieve their educational and developmental potential through the provision of a range of strategies and specialised support at individual, group, school and Area levels.

The Administrative Support Officer plays a key role in supporting the Student Support Services Manager and other team members as required.

The responsibilities of the role include, but are not limited to, managing emails and stakeholder consultations, preparing papers and agendas, maintaining updated information systems and databases, providing project support, and supporting project reporting procedures.

This position requires strong organisational and administrative skills, as well the ability to manage relationships and interface on behalf of the area. This role will suit an applicant that enjoys working in a fast-paced and challenging environment.

The position requires knowledge and experience in using a variety of software programs, including the Microsoft Office suite and SharePoint. Skills and experience in handling and reporting on data are desirable.

For more information, please contact Samantha Heriz - samanthaheriz@education.vic.gov.au. To apply, please visit the following website: <https://jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/jobs/VG-DET-SRSG-20008242>.

Department of Education and Training is committed to diversity. The Department places considerable effort and resources into responding to the needs of staff with a disability. People from disadvantaged groups are encouraged to apply for this position. If you require assistance, with the recruitment process, have accessibility or adjustment requirements, please communicate with the contact person listed on this job advertisement or contact the People Division via email: vps.hr.services@edumail.vic.gov.au



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- Family Therapist (Regional & Metro VIC)
- HR Business Partner (VIC)
- Paw Pals Program Facilitator (Regional VIC)
- Program Manager (Coonamble or Walgett)
- Residential Care Workers (Regional & Metro VIC)
- Senior Therapeutic Specialist (Social Workers/Psychologists) (NSW & ACT)
- Student Placement Administrator (New Role) (VIC)
- Talent Acquisition Partner (VIC)
- Therapeutic Case Worker (NSW)
- Youth Workers (Regional & Metro NSW & ACT)

How to apply

To view our current vacancies and to apply, please visit: www.mackillop.org.au/careers

If you would like more information about working at MacKillop, contact **Esmail Manahan, National Leader, Aboriginal Service Development** on Esmail.manahan@mackillop.org.au or 03 8687 7496.



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Consumer Peer Worker – MyStep to Mental Wellbeing – Deniliquin – Temporary Full-Time role until 20 June 2023

Known for our innovative consumer focused models of care which are designed for the rural and regional population we serve, our Mental Health teams provide critical services within acute, sub-acute and community settings throughout the Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

As a member of our team you will have the opportunity to work within a talented multidisciplinary environment, have excellent support with ongoing development and access to key technologies connecting you with colleagues and consumers based throughout the District.

- Generous Salary Packaging options + rural and remote incentives
- Short-term accommodation available
- Relocation assistance available

This is an identified position in accordance with Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

The Aboriginal identified Consumer Peer Worker will work within the MyStep to Mental Wellbeing Program to provide appropriate and effective support to consumers accessing or considering connecting with the MyStep to Mental Wellbeing Program. Advocacy and consultation to local Aboriginal people residing in the Western and Border Murrumbidgee region will be an essential part of this role.

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles within NSW Health. For more information, please visit: steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

Department: Murrumbidgee LHD

Applications Close: 21 October 2021

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Vacant Positions

YORTA YORTA TRADITIONAL
OWNER LAND MANAGEMENT
BOARD (the Board)

General:

Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation is seeking applications for 3 (three) vacant Yorta Yorta positions on the Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board (the Board).

Role of Board:

The role of the Board is to enable the knowledge and culture of the Yorta Yorta People to be incorporated into management of Barmah National Park. The key function of the Board will be to monitor and encourage compliance with the Joint Management Plan through the preparation of a Joint Management Implementation Plan.

For Position Description including Key Selection Criteria please contact:

Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation.

Attention: Kristie Hearn

Subject: YYTOLMB Board Vacancy.

Email: reception@yynac.com.au

Website: www.yynac.com.au

Phone: (03)5832 0222

Applications close **COB, 18 October 2021** all applications must address the key selection criteria.

No late applications will be accepted.



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Aboriginal Community Project Assistant

Victoria University has two Aboriginal Community Project Assistant jobs

They are part time positions at HEW 5, \$69,449 - \$79,773 per annum (pro rata) working 18.38 hours per week over a fixed term contract period to 16/12/2022 at the Footscray Park Campus and in the Aboriginal community in the west of Melbourne.

About the role

The overall purpose of the Aboriginal Community Project Assistant is to work closely in a small Aboriginal team in Moondani Balluk at VU and with the Traditional Owners of the Werribee River to research and document water and land usage. Some research will be archival or in the public domain and accessible via desktop work in the office. Other work will be done in liaison with relevant Traditional Owner organisations, in particular those Registered Aboriginal Parties as appointed by the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council.

About the person

We are looking for someone with basic research skills, who has an understanding of Traditional Owner boundaries in Victoria, and who is willing to step outside of their comfort zone to work in a project with Water Engineers and Scientists and Greater Western Water. If you have good organisational skills and some relevant project work experience, this is the job for you.

How to apply

For a position description and to submit an application please visit our 'Employment Vacancies' website: www.vu.edu.au/jobs.

Applications must be submitted as a single document comprising:

- Your curriculum vitae/resume, and
- Your responses to the selection criteria listed in the position description.

More information about the position please contact KJ on Phone: (03) 9919 2836 or Email: Karen.Jackson@vu.edu.au



Manager

**Youth Justice; Region - South West;
Service Delivery - Child and Family**

Applicants are required to nominate an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander person who is recognised and accepted within the community as a referee to support their ability to meet the key responsibilities

Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs

Salary: \$124,401 - \$131,463 p.a.

Location: Toowoomba

REF: QLD/388780/21

Key Duties: Lead and manage Youth Justice Service Centre in delivery of high quality Youth Justice Services to clients and communities through implementation of quality case management systems and practice.

Skills/Abilities: Shape strategic thinking, achieve results, cultivate productive working relationships, exemplify personal drive and integrity, communicate with influence

Enquiries: Alex Smith 0436 671 582 To apply please visit www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Tuesday, 2 November 2021



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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.

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WaterNSW

Upper Namoi Zone 3, Mooki Valley (Breeza To Gunnedah) Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Lachlan James Barker** for an approval for a **Water Supply Work and Water Use**, for a Bore with a capacity of 50 ML/Year at Lot 2 DP841781, Parish of Cooridoon, County of Buckland and water use for Irrigation at Lots 2 - 3 DP841781, Lot 92 DP751010 and on Crown Land (Part Road Reserve) adjacent to Lots 2 – 3 DP841781 Parish of Cooridoon, County of Buckland. The application relates to the Upper Namoi Zone 3, Mooki Valley (Breeza to Gunnedah) Groundwater Source subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the Namoi Alluvial Groundwater Sources 2020.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW P O Box 1251 Tamworth NSW 2340 or to customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A020450**. 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 **Water Regulation Officer Ben Hutt** on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Surat Groundwater Source

Brewarrina Shire Council has applied for a **Combined Water Supply Work and Water Use Approval** for a bore with a capacity of 29L/s, on Lot 2313 DP 764259 in the Parish of Coobung, County of Narran for road construction purposes (ref: A027261).

If you object to this application, write to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, Licensing and Approvals—West, Locked Bag 5022, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124 or nrar.enquiries@nrar.nsw.gov.au within 28 days of this notice being published. You must include your name, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above.

If you have questions, email Water Regulation Officer Rachel Daly at rachel.daly@nrar.nsw.gov.au.

SB2802

NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Lower Murrumbidgee Shallow Groundwater Source

Federation Council has applied for a **Water Supply Work Approval** for a 200mm bore with a capacity of 5L/s on Lot 89A DP 756447 in the Parish of Urana, County of Urana for recreation purposes (ref: A026530).

If you object to this application, write to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, Licensing and Approvals—West, Locked Bag 5022, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124 or nrar.enquiries@nrar.nsw.gov.au within 28 days of this notice being published. You must include your name, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above.

If you have questions please contact Water Regulation Officer Rachel Daly on rachel.daly@nrar.nsw.gov.au.

SB2793

WaterNSW

Upper Namoi Zone 7, Yarraman Creek (East of Lake Goran to Mooki River) Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Maylan Pty Ltd** to amend an approval for a **Water Supply Work** by adding works being 1 x bore at Lot 109 DP 755494, 1 x bore at Lot 9 DP 755494, both County Pottinger and Parish of Doona; and 1 x bore at Lot 118 DP 755520, County Pottinger, Parish of Doona; with a combined capacity of 1000 ML/year. The application relates to Upper Namoi Zone 7, Yarraman Creek (East of Lake Goran to Mooki River) Groundwater Source subject to Water Sharing Plan for the Namoi Alluvial Groundwater Sources Order 2020.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO BOX 1251 Tamworth NSW 2340 or customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A019760**. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact **Mark Griffith, Water Regulation Officer**, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au

KH1668



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	31/495	COXSROCKS PTY LTD NEXUS MT CELIA PTY LTD	63.50HA	13.1km NE'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 122° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	37/1363	DIXON, Trevor John	198.62HA	10.3km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 6 October 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 **6 January 2022**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **6 February 2022**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR

Yass Catchment Groundwater Source

Transport for NSW has applied for a **Combined Water Supply Work and Water Use Approval** for a bore with a capacity of 1L/s, on Lot 73 DP 1271904 in the Parish of Jeir, County of Murray for road construction purposes (ref: A027683).

If you object to this application, write to the Natural Resources Access Regulator, Licensing and Approvals—East, Locked Bag 5022, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124 or nrar.enquiries@nrar.nsw.gov.au within 28 days of this notice being published. You must include your name, address, the reason for your objection and the approval reference number stated above.

If you have questions, contact Water Regulation Officer Heather Dewson at heather.dewson@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements in Western Australia

Notification day: 13 October 2021



WI2021/012 Wanggil ILUA
Description of the agreement area:
The application area covers all of Lot 525 on Deposited Plan 409302, being an area of approx. 1.66 sq km, located approx. 6.5 km southwest of the Gibb River Road/Great Northern Highway intersection and approx. 14 km east of the Emma Gorge Resort
Relevant LGA: Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley

The agreement contains the following statements:
[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]
3.3 [Each Party consents to the Land Transaction];
3.5 [The Right to Negotiate Procedure does not apply to the Land Transaction];
Land Transaction means the amendment of the boundaries of Reserve 40419 for the purpose of “Gravel (Main Roads)” to include Lot 525 on Deposited Plan 409302 under section 51 of the *Land Administration Act 1997 (WA)*;
Right to Negotiate Procedure means the procedure under [Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*].

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Jacqueline Gallagher, Rebecca Sampi, Charlyne Johnson and Dean Morgan for and on behalf of the Wanggil Claim Group; Kimberley Land Council	PO Box 2145 Broome WA 6725
Minister for Lands; Commissioner of Main Roads	c/- State Solicitor’s Office, David Malcolm Justice Centre 28 Barrack Street, Perth WA 6000

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:
This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Kimberley Land Council, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a), (b) and (c) of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6848** by **13 January 2022**. Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.
For assistance and further information about this application, call Claire Smith on 08 6317 5333 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

New resources about COVID vaccine for First Peoples with disability



First Peoples Disability Network Australia

A range of new accessible, culturally appropriate resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability have been released today by the peak body First Peoples Disability Network.

“Our community urgently needs information about the vaccine, so we have created a poster with culturally relevant information and artwork to let people know about what is happening and why,” said Damian Griffiths, CEO of First Peoples Disability Network (FPDN).

“During the pandemic, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability found it hard to get the right information about what was happening, and it looks like those lessons haven’t been learnt when it comes to the vaccine roll out.”

Uncle Paul Constable Calcott has created artwork that clearly explains what the vaccine is, how it works, and encourages people to participate in the roll out.

The images show a syringe, filled with vaccine warriors, ready to battle the COVID virus and protect Elders and everyone in community.

The Disability Royal Commission hearing about COVID-19 in 2020 heard that accessible, appropriate information about public health orders and changing rules was difficult to find, and many advocacy organisations, such as FPDN, produced their own for people with disability.

“We are urgently calling for all levels of government to improve their communications

about the vaccine for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability,” said Mr Griffiths.

“First Peoples with disability worked hard to stay safe during COVID-19. Our organisation heard from people every day about how hard it was to know what was happening.”

“Our community needs to be a priority during this vaccine rollout. We’ll be distributing these resources widely, and they can be downloaded from our website.”

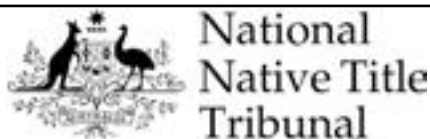
Download resources: www.fpdn.org.au/covid19/

More information:

El Gibbs, elg@fpdn.org.au, 0419 290788

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

Notification day: 20 October 2021



This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

If you want to become a party to this application, you must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court, **on or before 19 January 2022**. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from www.fedcourt.gov.au. After **19 January 2022**, you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to become a party.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Raylene Singh (on behalf of the Tommy Lyons Group) v Northern Territory of Australia
Federal Court File No: NTD11/2020
Date filed: 25 May 2020
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **not accepted** this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it

Description: The application area covers approx. 18 sq km and is located approx. 22 km south of Darwin on the Cox Peninsula
Relevant LGA: Un-Incorporated (Cox-Daly) Area

For assistance and further information about this application, call Sylvia Jagtman on 07 3052 4248 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in Victoria

Notification day: 20 October 2021



This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

If you want to become a party to this application, you must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court, **on or before 19 January 2022**. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from www.fedcourt.gov.au. After **19 January 2022**, you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to become a party.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Carolyn Maria Briggs & Anor on behalf of the Boonwurrung People and State of Victoria
Federal Court File No: VID363/2020
Date filed: 29 May 2020
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **not accepted** this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it

Description: The application area covers approximately 13,077 sq km, extending from Melton to Wilsons Promontory including Port Phillip Bay and Mornington Peninsula
Relevant LGAs: Shires of Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Cardinia, Macedon Ranges, Mornington Peninsula, South Gippsland and Yarra Ranges; Cities of Bayside, Boroondara, Brimbank, Casey, Frankston, Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Hobsons Bay, Hume, Kingston, Knox, Maribyrnong, Maroondah, Melbourne, Melton, Monash, Moonee Valley, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Whitehorse, Wyndham and Yarra; French-Elizabeth-Sandstone Islands (Unincorporated)

For assistance and further information about this application, call Sylvia Jagtman on 07 3052 4248 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

► PUBLIC NOTICE - GEOGRAPHIC NAMING PROPOSAL

Hepburn Shire Council is proposing to rename Jim Crow Creek in recognition of Aboriginal heritage and that the current name is offensive and derogatory. The new name proposed by the Traditional Owners is Larni Barramal Yaluk (Home of the Emu Creek) in Dja Dja Wurrung language. The creek runs 26km from Breakneck Gorge in Hepburn Regional Park to the Loddon River below the Guildford Plateau at Strangways. Refer to map

Further information about the renaming proposal is available at Participate Hepburn <https://participate.hepburn.vic.gov.au/proposed-renaming-jim-crow-creek>.

Members of the public can provide feedback on the name by one of the following methods.

Email: creekrenaming@hepburn.vic.gov.au

Mail: PO Box 21 Daylesford, VIC 3460

All submissions must comply with the Naming Rules for places in Victoria - 2016

Submissions must be received by 12 November 2021.

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Enquires: Donna Spiller
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

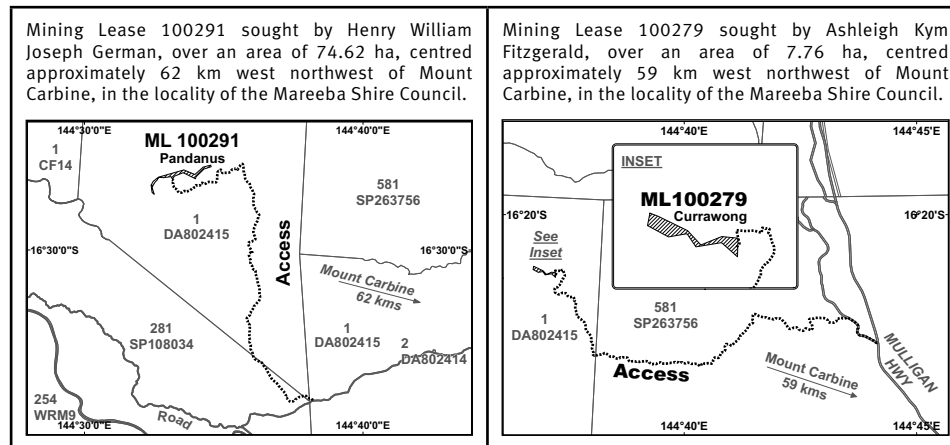
The Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of Mining Leases (ML) 100291 and 100279 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Nature of Act(s): The grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years, with the possibility of renewals for terms not exceeding twenty (20) years.

Name and Address of person doing Act(s): It is proposed that the Mining Leases be granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of a Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501 Email: enquiries@nntt.gov.au.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of a Mining Lease, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease Applications may



be obtained from the Department of Resources, Mining Registrar, Mineral Assessment Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland, 4810. Telephone: (07) 4447 9230 or Email: MineralHub@resources.qld.gov.au

Notification Day: 20 October 2021



WaterNSW

Great Lakes Coastal Sands Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **SGD 1 PTY LIMITED** for an approval for a **Water Supply Work**, for an excavation and 80 mm pump with a capacity of 7.84 ML/year at Lot 5 DP280011, Parish Coweambah, County Gloucester. The application relates to Great Lakes 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@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A27666**. 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@watnsw.com.au.

KH1675

WaterNSW

Floodplain Management Plan for the Gwydir Valley Floodplain 2016

WaterNSW has received an application from **LAWSON GRAINS PTY LIMITED**, for an approval for a **Flood Work** for a Levee Bank (existing work) at Lot 4 DP 751792, Parish of Wallanoll, Lots 11, 23 and 25 of DP751792 and Lot 10 DP 112139 in the Parish of Mooee, all lots within the County of Courallie. The work is subject to *Floodplain Management Plan for the Gwydir Valley Floodplain 2016*.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO Box 1018, Dubbo NSW, 2830 or to customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A026439**. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact **Louisa Coffey Water Regulation Officer**, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au.

KH1676

WaterNSW

Great Lakes Coastal Sands Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Trevor John CUMMINS** for an approval for a **Water Supply Work**, for an excavation and 80 mm pump with a capacity of 2.6 ML/year at Lot 1, Section Q, DP8287, Parish Coweambah, County Gloucester. The application relates to Great Lakes Coastal Sands Groundwater Source subject to North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Water Sharing Plan.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 398, Parramatta NSW 2124 or customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A027691**. 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 **Amanda Herring, Water Regulation Officer**, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au.

KH1677

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE AND GRANT OF ADDITION OF MINERAL OR PURPOSE INTO A MINING LEASE, DRILLING ON LAND NOT INCLUDED IN SURFACE AREA OF A MINING LEASE AND INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL SURFACE AREA WITHIN A MINING LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with s29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of Mining Lease (ML) 100290, proposed addition of mineral or purpose into ML 10277, proposed drilling and other activities on land not included in the surface area of ML 10277 and proposed inclusion of additional surface area within ML 10277 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Nature of Act(s): The grant of a Mining Lease 100290 under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years, with the possibility of renewals for terms not exceeding twenty (20) years.

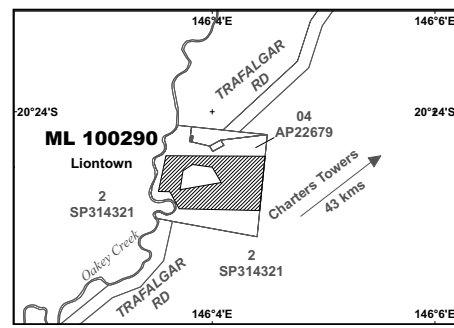
The proposed addition of mineral or purpose into Mining Lease 10277 and inclusion of additional surface areas within the Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for the term of the Mining Lease.

The proposed drilling and other activities on land not included in the surface area of the Mining Lease 10277 under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holders to carry out drilling and other associated activities on the relevant area subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for a period of two years.

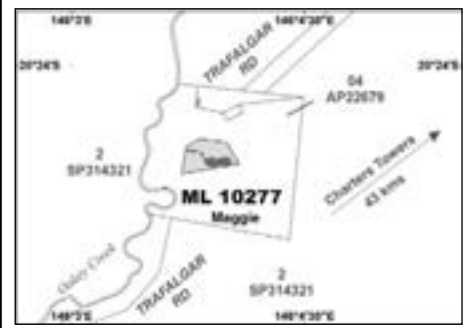
Name and Address of person doing Act(s): It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted and the applications for the addition of mineral or purpose into the Mining Lease, proposed drilling and other activities on land not included in the surface area of the Mining Lease and inclusion of additional surface area within the Mining Lease be granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of a Mining Lease, proposed addition of mineral or purpose into a Mining Lease, proposed inclusion of additional surface areas within a Mining Lease and proposed drilling and other activities on land not included in the surface area of a Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, Harry

Mining Lease 100290 sought by Cromarty Resources Pty Ltd ACN 601 398 841, over an area of 115.4 ha, centred approximately 42 km southwest of Charters Towers, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



Mining Lease 10277 held by Cromarty Resources Pty Ltd ACN 601 398 841, over an area of 17.964 ha, centred approximately 42 km southwest of Charters Towers, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501. Email enquiries@nntt.gov.au

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of a Mining Lease, proposed addition of mineral or purpose into a Mining Lease, proposed inclusion of additional surface area within a Mining Lease and proposed drilling and other activities on land not included in the surface area of a Mining Lease including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease Applications may be obtained from the Department of Resources, Mining Registrar, Mineral Assessment Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland, 4810. Telephone: (07) 4447 9230 or Email: MineralHub@resources.qld.gov.au.

Notification Day: 20 October 2021



NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADDITION OF EXCLUDED LAND INTO AN AUTHORITY TO PROSPECT AND PROPOSED GRANT OF A PETROLEUM LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land into Authority to Prospect (ATP) 814 and then the subsequent proposed grant of Petroleum Lease (PL) 1045 shown below under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld).

Nature of Act(s): It is proposed to add Excluded Land back into Authority to Prospect 814. Once the Excluded Land has been added to the Authority to Prospect, it is proposed to grant Petroleum Lease 1045 over part of the area of the Authority to Prospect.

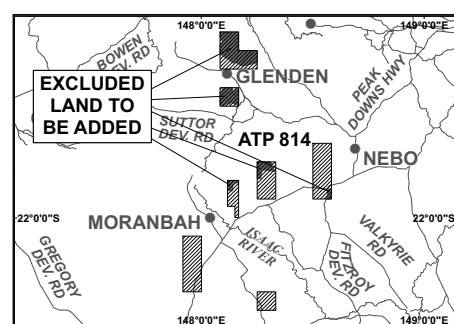
Addition of Excluded Land: It is proposed to amend the Authority to Prospect by adding Excluded Land under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004* (Qld). If the Excluded Land is added to the area of the Authority to Prospect, the land ceases to be Excluded Land. This authorises the holder to explore for petroleum for the current term of the Authority to Prospect, with the possibility of renewals for terms not exceeding twelve (12) years. A holder of an Authority to Prospect may apply for a Petroleum Lease over land that is the subject of the Authority to Prospect. A Petroleum Lease entitles the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce commercial quantities of petroleum.

Grant of the Petroleum Lease: The grant of a Petroleum Lease under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) authorises the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce commercial quantities of petroleum for a period not exceeding twenty (20) years, with the possibility of renewals for terms not exceeding twenty (20) years.

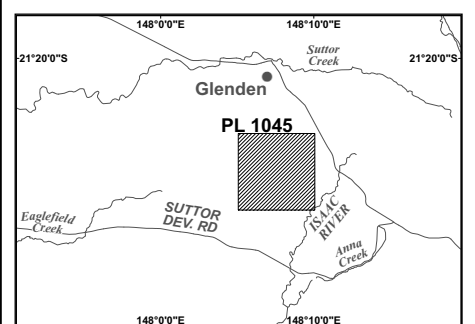
Name and Address of person doing Act(s): It is proposed that the addition of Excluded Land into the Authority to Prospect and the proposed grant of the Petroleum Lease be granted under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed addition of Excluded Land into an Authority to Prospect and the proposed grant of a Petroleum Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the

Proposed addition of Excluded Land into Authority to Prospect 814 sought by EUREKA PETROLEUM PTY LTD, ACN 107 185 222, over an area of 349 sub-blocks (1110 km²) centred around Glenden and Moranbah, in the locality of the Isaac Regional Council and Whitsunday Regional Council.



Proposed grant of Petroleum Lease 1045 sought by EUREKA PETROLEUM PTY LTD, ACN 107 185 222, over an area of 7970 ha, centred approximately 11 km south of Glenden in the locality of the Isaac Regional Council.



National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed addition of Excluded Land into the Authority to Prospect and the proposed grant of the Petroleum Lease, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Authority to Prospect and the proposed area to be granted in the Petroleum Lease applications, may be obtained from the Department of Resources, Telephone: (07) 3199 8119 or Email: petroleumhub@resources.qld.gov.au.

Notification Day: 20 October 2021



WaterNSW

Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Southern Murrumbidgee Irrigators Inc** for an approval for a **Water Supply Work**, for a 600mm pump with a capacity of 905 L/s at Lot 7307 DP11387264 County of Waradgeri, Parish of Hay South. The application relates to the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source, subject to the Water Sharing Plan for Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2016.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW PO Box 156 Leeton NSW 2705 or customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A027640**. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact **Paul Morsanuto, Water Regulation Specialist**, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

Sydney Basin Richmond Groundwater Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Cheryl Ann Camilleri and Reno Camilleri** for an approval for a **Water Supply Work and Water Use**, for a Bore with a capacity of 40ML/year at Lot 11 DP857974, Parish Wilberforce, County Cook, and water use for Irrigation at Lot 11 DP857974, Parish Wilberforce, County Cook. The application relates to Sydney Basin Richmond Groundwater Source, subject to Greater Metropolitan Region Groundwater Sources 2011.

Objections must be submitted in writing to WaterNSW P O 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 **A027653**. 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 **Cathy Ahmed, Water Regulation Officer**, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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WaterNSW

Upper Nepean and Upstream Warragamba Water Source

WaterNSW has received an application from **Jason John WALES and Jo-Anne PICKER** for an approval for a **Water Supply Work**, for a 50mm centrifugal pump with a capacity of 7 L/S at LOT 1, DP553203, Parish of Goulburn, County of Argyle. The application relates to Upper Nepean and Upstream Warragamba Water Source, on the Wollondilly River, subject to the Water Sharing Plan for the Greater Metropolitan Region Unregulated River Water Sources 2011.

Objections must be submitted in writing to PO BOX 398, Parramatta. NSW. 2124 or customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form waternsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A27558**. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact **Martin Holland, Water Regulation Officer** on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@waternsw.com.au.

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/3363	MOORE RIVER METALS PTY LTD	63BL	74.3km NE'ly of Mt Augustus	Lat: 23° 57' S. Long: 117° 32' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	26/228	YERILLA NICKEL PTY LTD	2BL	10.3km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 39' S. Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/652	JINDALEE RESOURCES LIMITED	21BL	48.4km E'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 22' S. Long: 121° 49' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/3122	AUSTRALIAN NICKEL COMPANY LIMITED	1BL	162.6km N'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 30° 59' S. Long: 123° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/3138	JINDALEE RESOURCES LIMITED	40BL	57.9km S'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 19' S. Long: 122° 17' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/1143	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	8BL	96.5km W'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 52' S. Long: 120° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1248	COSTANZO, Patrick Natale	5BL	38.6km SE'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 1' S. Long: 122° 40' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1298	ERRAWARRA PTY LTD	17BL	49.8km SW'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 3' S. Long: 121° 55' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/1019	COBALT PROSPECTING PTY LTD	19BL	61.4km S'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 27' S. Long: 120° 33' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1447	MCA NOMINEES PTY LTD	37BL	47.3km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 28' S. Long: 121° 28' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3655	RICHMOND, William Robert	2BL	110.4km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 38' S. Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3656	RICHMOND, William Robert	1BL	108.1km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 39' S. Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2247	ORECORP HOLDINGS PTY LTD	75BL	97.6km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 1' S. Long: 123° 20' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
						MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2269	ABARTA LAVERTON PTY LTD	4BL	95.8km NE'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 18' S. Long: 123° 9' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2270	ABARTA LAVERTON PTY LTD	11BL	122.1km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 26' S. Long: 123° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2271	ABARTA LAVERTON PTY LTD	1BL	118.7km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 29' S. Long: 123° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2272	ABARTA LAVERTON PTY LTD	1BL	119.7km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 30' S. Long: 123° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2273	ABARTA LAVERTON PTY LTD	1BL	107.1km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 28' S. Long: 123° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2274	ABARTA LAVERTON PTY LTD	1BL	107.4km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 30' S. Long: 123° 24' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2275	ABARTA LAVERTON PTY LTD	1BL	110.8km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 27' S. Long: 123° 25' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2276	ABARTA LAVERTON PTY LTD	1BL	113km E'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 26' S. Long: 123° 26' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5966	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	6BL	70.6km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 35' S. Long: 119° 14' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/5983	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	2BL	80km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 32' S. Long: 119° 5' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/2058	PAYNE GULLY GOLD PTY LTD	40BL	54.7km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 51' S. Long: 118° 2' E	CUE SHIRE
						MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2585-6	PVW LEONORA PTY LTD	282BL	121.5km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 27° 29' S. Long: 115° 53' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5820	GUTHRIE, John	2BL	39.4km NW'ly of Mukinbudin	Lat: 30° 35' S. Long: 118° 2' E	MOUNT MARSHALL SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/5825	MOORE RIVER METALS PTY LTD	10BL	96km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 27° 40' S. Long: 115° 25' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
						NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2865	GOLDZONE INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	18BL	146.2km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 33' S. Long: 119° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5651	WA1 RESOURCES LTD	67BL	153.6km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 9' S. Long: 128° 35' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6576-S	KENT, Timothy Ernest	9.97HA	19.7km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 6' S. Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6649	TELFERSCOT NOMINEES PTY LTD	41.72HA	15.3km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 2' S. Long: 121° 2' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3112	PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD	96.59HA	20.2km S'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 33' S. Long: 121° 3' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3113	PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD	197.55HA	23.3km S'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 34' S. Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3114	PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD	193.53HA	24.5km S'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 35' S. Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3317	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	164.64HA	26.1km SW'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 34' S. Long: 120° 55' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3321	EVOLUTION MINING (PHOENIX) PTY LIMITED	9.91HA	32.2km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 40' S. Long: 121° 3' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3322	HOLMES, Garry Wayne	113.75HA	29.5km S'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 37' S. Long: 120° 58' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3327	CHARLTON, Judith Dianne CHARLTON, Michael Edward	4.85HA	25.6km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 43' S. Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3337	KERLEY, Peter John	82.91HA	19.8km SW'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 29' S. Long: 120° 54' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5545	BORROMEI, Rino	9.77HA	17.6km N'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 17' S. Long: 121° 17' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5546	RICCIARDELLO, Kenneth	28.71HA	8.8km N'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 21' S. Long: 121° 19' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2662	MINING INVESTMENTS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	181.24HA	41.9km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 50' S. Long: 121° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2706-S	MANSEN, James Karl	6.30HA	21km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S. Long: 121° 41' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2707-S	MANSEN, James Karl	6.11HA	20.8km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S. Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2708-S	MANSEN, James Karl	7.99HA	18.7km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S. Long: 121° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2709-S	MANSEN, James Karl	8.03HA	18.7km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S. Long: 121° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2710-S	MANSEN, James Karl	1.49HA	19.1km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 44' S. Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2712-S	MANSEN, James Karl	7.99HA	18.1km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4432	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	58.64HA	23.6km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 51' S. Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4645	BOWDEN, Mitchell Sam	6.28HA	32.6km N'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 55' S. Long: 121° 45' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2483	KEAN, Steven Lionel	9.70HA	43.4km NE'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 17' S. Long: 121° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2490	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	2.34HA	24km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S. Long: 121° 34' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	30/1158-9	LEDDRA, Joel	329.12HA	55.7km NW'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 3' S. Long: 120° 36' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9530-1	BHASIN, Neelesh CREW, Ross Frederick	399.34HA	18.2km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 45' S. Long: 121° 27' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/9543-6	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert CREW, Ross Frederick	776.17HA	32.7km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 48' S. Long: 121° 39' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/3251	PEARCE, Mitchell Hamish	198.90HA	54km SE'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 51' S. Long: 119° 12' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1510	SWAIN, John	21.00HA	5.4km NW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 56' S. Long: 119° 16' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 6 October 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 **6 January 2022**. 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. 6 February 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.

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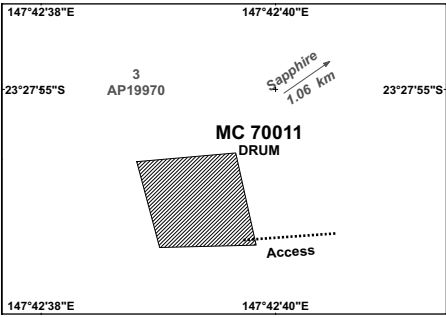
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT AND RENEWAL OF MINING CLAIMS

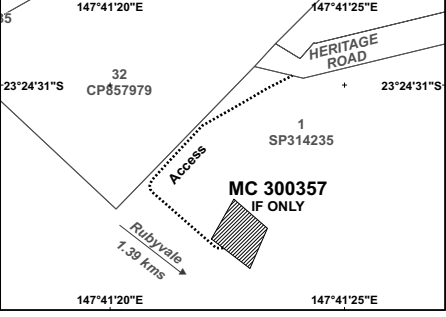
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The Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of Mining Claim (MC) 70011 and grant of Mining Claims (MC), MC300357, MC300358, MC300361, MC300362, MC300364, MC300366, MC300367, MC300368, MC300369, MC300370, MC300371, MC300375, MC300376, MC300379, MC300384, MC300385, MC300392, MC 300393 and MC300396 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

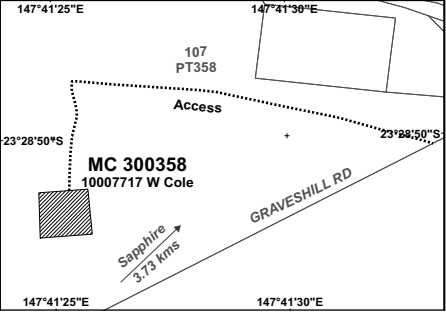
Mining Claim 70011 renewal sought by Janette Fay Symes, over an area of 887 m², centred approximately 1.06 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



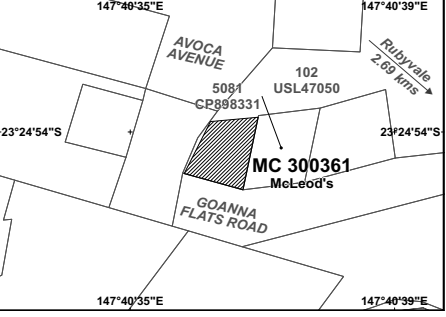
Mining Claim 300357 sought by Darrell John Brydon, over an area of 818 m², centred approximately 1.39 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



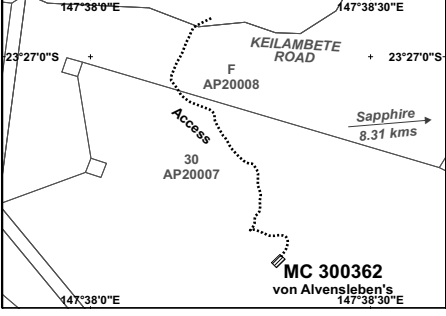
Mining Claim 300358 sought by Tracey Leigh Cole and Warren David Cole, over an area of 900 m², centred approximately 3.73 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



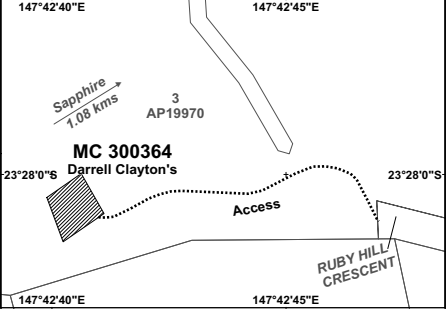
Mining Claim 300361 sought by Gene Robert McLeod, over an area of 882 m², centred approximately 2.26 km North West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



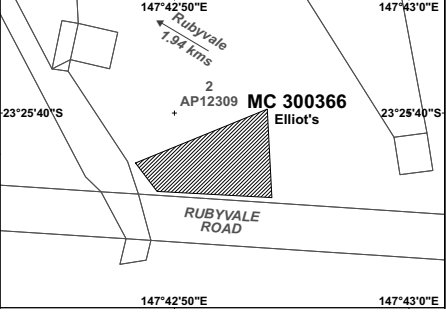
Mining Claim 300362 sought by Nick Von Alvensleben, over an area of 856 m², centred approximately 8.31 km West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



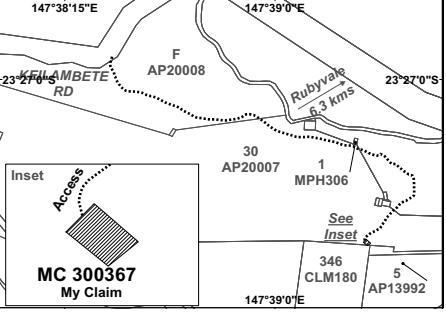
Mining Claim 300364 sought by Darrell John Clayton, over an area of 850 m², centred approximately 1.08 km South West of Sapphire, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



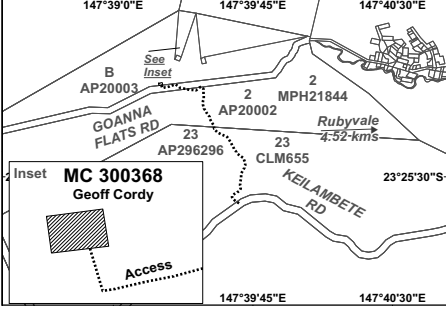
Mining Claim 300366 sought by Jennifer Muriel Elliot, over an area of 1.2110 ha, centred approximately 1.94 km South East of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



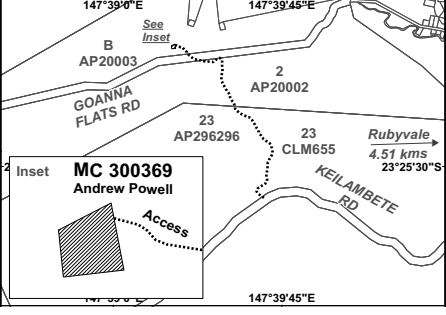
Mining Claim 300367 sought by Melanie Jan Plisch and Raymond Louis Plisch, over an area of 888 m², centred approximately 6.31 km South West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



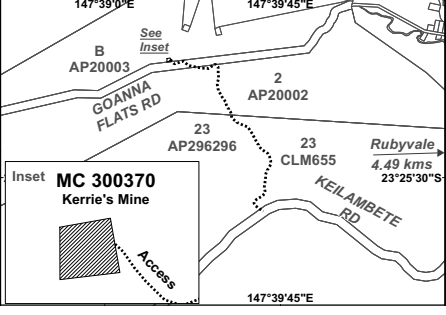
Mining Claim 300368 sought by Geoffrey Norman Cordy, over an area of 835 m², centred approximately 4.52 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



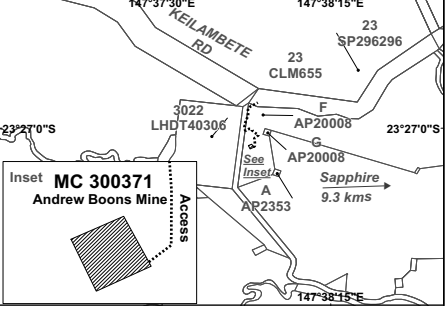
Mining Claim 300369 sought by Andrew James Powell, over an area of 874 m², centred approximately 4.51 km West of Rubyvale, in the locality of the Central Highlands Regional Council.



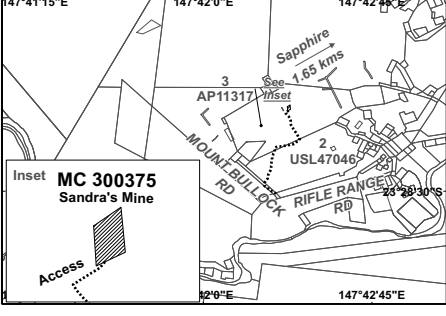
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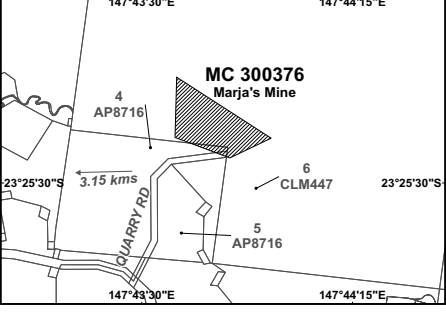
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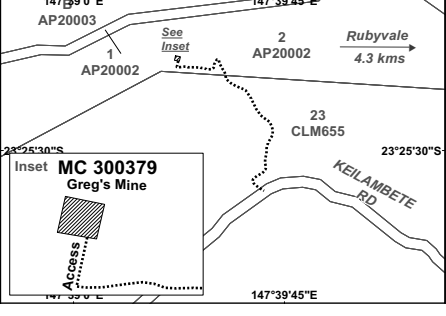
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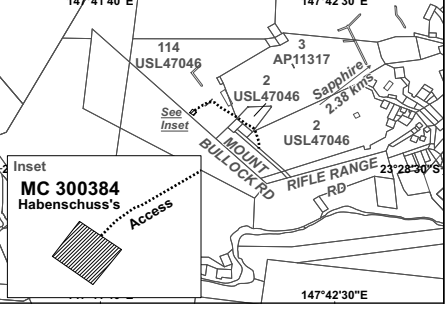
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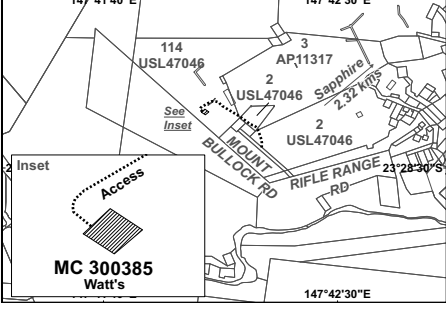
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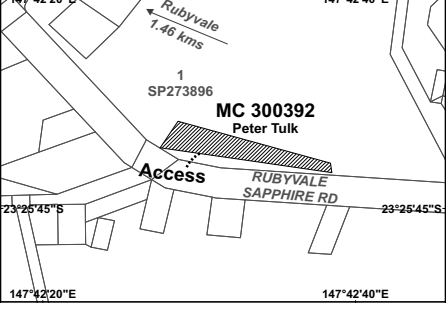
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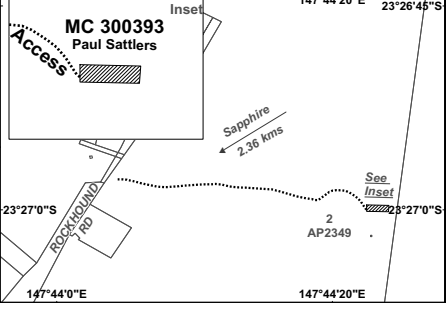
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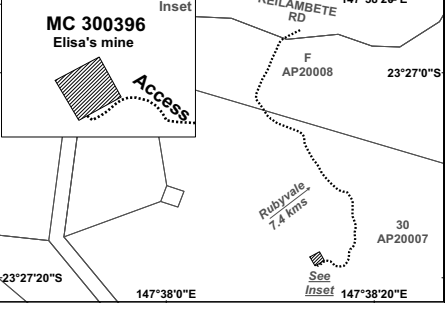
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Nature of Act(s): The grant or renewal of Mining Claims under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and Address of person doing Act(s): It is proposed that the Mining Claims be granted or renewed subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal or grant of Mining Claims. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North

Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant and renewal of Mining Claims, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Claim Applications or Renewals may be obtained from the Department of Resources, Mining Registrar, Mineral Assessment Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland, 4810. Telephone: (07) 4447 9230 or Email: MineralHub@resources.qld.gov.au.

Notification Day: 20 October 2021.



Refs left in limbo after cancellation

By KRIS FLANDERS



THE cancellation of sports across the country hasn't just affected players, coaching staff, club volunteers and

supporters, but it has left game-day officials in limbo across the country.

The Group 7 competition was abandoned midway through its 2021 season due to ongoing issues related to COVID-19. This comp has 13 clubs across two divisions.

Feeling the impact of its cancellation this year are two Indigenous young referees making their way through the sport.

Taleasha Heitel-Freeman, 24, and Baluun Simon, 17, were hit hard when their competition was abandoned.

Heitel-Freeman, who is now in her sixth year as a referee, says the cancellation of the Group 7 competition has made her hungry for more football and said she will use the extended off-season to becoming the best possible official she can be.

"It was pretty devastating, as it was for all the refs," she said.

"Our entire association is looking forward to 2022. It's not just about keeping the physical side of things going but keeping the mental wellbeing side of things too.

"Those connections with other refs and speaking to them and supporting each other, just reaching out to one another and making sure they're OK."

Heitel-Freeman had just made a successful comeback to the field after surgery to both legs when the competition was cancelled.

"I had some time off to recover and I put a lot of work into my rehab and getting my strength and fitness back up," she said.

"I was so determined to get back into a good head space and get back on the field again. I changed my diet, had physio, lost a lot of weight just so I could return.

"When I did return, it was like nothing had changed and was glad to be back. I think I got six or seven games in before COVID cancelled the season."

Baluun has been a referee since 2018. He started in the junior leagues, controlling the mini and mod games before rising through the ranks to officiate in the 18s and first running the flag as a touch judge in first grade.

He said to see the 2021 season cancelled due to COVID-19 was extremely disappointing.

"I was upset because I knew I was in a good position as a referee in the both the juniors and seniors ranks," he said.

"I was going really well and proud of my efforts this year and then it all came to a halt. The new season is such a long way off now."

The young whistleblower says that he will see out the rest of the year by keeping his fitness levels up and is excited about a full rugby league year in 2022.

"Before this season ended, I was refing in the 18s, and that is something I hope to pick up again in the new year," he said.

"I'd like to work my way up into reserve grade and then, if I'm lucky and I've earned it, refing in the A-grade by the end of 2022.

"I can't wait for next season."



Baluun Simon (centre) takes charge of a girl's rugby league game in the Group 7 competition on the NSW south coast.

Next-gen officials are learning from the best

By KRIS FLANDERS



BALUUN Simon is a Biripi young man from the NSW mid-north coast and the teenager has rugby league football coursing through his veins.

His father Craig Simon played for the Illawarra Steelers and South Sydney during the 1990s.

His uncle John Simon played 230 games for the Steelers, the Roosters, Parramatta, the Warriors and Wests Tigers. He also played State of Origin for NSW and represented Australia in 1997.

But it's an unrelated Aboriginal figure in rugby league that this Simon wants to emulate.

"I'd like to follow in the footsteps of (former NRL referee) Gavin Badger," Baluun, 17, said.

"To have had him there makes me strive harder to aim towards that and be another Indigenous ref in the NRL. He is someone who I've looked up to since I started following rugby league.

"I actually got the chance to work with Gavin at last year's Tribal League comp, to run the line with him in the middle. I learnt so much. I was able to bring that back to my game in the Group 7."

Baluun is one of the many young up-and-coming officials in the Group 7 rugby league competition which covers the boundary drawn from the Southern Illawarra and the NSW south coast regions from Warilla down to Milton-Ulladulla.

"We have a really important role within the game as officials. Week in and week out, we make sure everyone is safe and following the rules," Baluun said.

"As well as the efforts we have to put in at training there are our performances on the weekend, where we might have to do four or five matches on Saturday and back that up on the Sunday.

"Our match fitness is paramount, to keep up with the play and make sure we are in the right positions and then make a call if needed.

"You need to develop a thick skin and bounce back from mistakes or bad calls and make sure that the next decision is correct."

Taleasha Heitel-Freeman is a Wiradjuri



Taleasha Heitel-Freeman

woman who played rugby league until injuries meant she couldn't play contact sport anymore. As a passionate league fan she found a way to stay involved in the game she loves and in 2016 she became a referee in the Group 7 competition.

The whistleblower started in under-6s and -7s and progressed quickly through to older age divisions. Selection for the juniors referees representative squad soon followed and she found herself refereeing in competitions around NSW.

"I instantly found a new level of respect for referees and the role they play within the game," Heitel-Freeman said.

"I also appreciated the game more. Being a player coming into being a ref, I had that

knowledge of what players are thinking on the field and could adjust my refereeing accordingly."

In 2019, Heitel-Freeman made her 18s debut as a referee in a feisty clash between rivals Gerringong and Berry.

"That gave me a lot of confidence in my abilities and knowledge of the rules that I was doing the right thing," she said.

"The representative squads also gave me a chance to train and learn from some NRL refs too. It was through there that I met Gavin Badger.

"He's been a great support to me and wonderful role model for Indigenous refs. To see what he did at the elite level for so long and thinking if he can do it, we can do it.

"Having Baluun there as another Indigenous ref is great for me. (It) gives you more confidence and makes you proud of your culture and identity.

"For me, I want to be the best possible referee I can be at Group 7 and also help younger refs through the ranks locally. If I can do that then I would be very satisfied with my career."

The pair say they have copped their fair share of abuse from sideline experts, players and coaches but a thick skin and a motivation to succeed keeps them focussed on the job at hand.

Baluun said: "The strategy that Group 7 has implemented has been working in the juniors and the seniors. It's great to speak with other refs about that and decisions we've made and why we did them – get their advice and then move on."

Heitel-Freeman said: "Supporters need to have a better understanding of all the rules of the game.

"A lot of people come to the games and hurl abuse without the correct knowledge and have a biased perspective towards their team. We are human and without refs and officials then we don't have a game to play.

"It's definitely hard, but once you get in a rhythm you concentrate more on the football.

"Most of the players will come up to you after the game and apologise.

"Especially being a female in a position of authority, it can be intimidating for some male players."

O'Loughlin lights up big stage

By HALIM MELLICK



Australia.

EARLY birds at Perth Stadium on AFL Grand Final day got a sneak peek into the future when Blayne O'Loughlin put in a best-on-ground performance for South

The teenager is the nephew of AFL great and Sydney premiership player Michael O'Loughlin. He was playing for SA against Western Australia in an under-19s match that was the curtain-raiser to Perth's historic AFL grand final, the city's first.

Using his speed and drive out of defence, Blayne racked up 22 disposals in a commanding display for the Croweaters.

Despite that, it wasn't enough for his state. The result came right down to the wire. The flow of the game swung back and forth, but a goal by the Sandgropers near the final siren saw the home side win the thriller, 8.11 (59) to 8.6 (54).

Blayne was one of several Indigenous young players in this game. He was joined in the SA side by Isaiah Dudley and Nasiah

Wanganeen-Milera, and in the WA side were Eric Benning, Richard Farmer, Arthur Jones and Jahmal Stretch.

This game replicated the main event with its high level of skills across the park.

The game was one of several under-19s matches around the country where future AFL draft hopefuls hope to enhance their prospects.



Jahmal Stretch (left) celebrates a goal with his WA teammates.



WA's Eric Benning (left) and SA's Nasiah Wanganeen-Milera had an intriguing battle primarily in ruck contests throughout the game.



Blayne O'Loughlin put in a solid four-quarter performance for South Australia in the match against Western Australia at Perth Stadium. The interstate clash was the curtain-raiser to the AFL grand final in Perth.

Pictures: Halim Mellick



Western Australia's Eric Benning played a key role in the ruck.



Jahmal Stretch booted two goals for WA.



South Australia's Isaiah Dudley was among the Croweaters' best.



WA's Richard Farmer kicked the Sandgropers' first goal.



Arthur Jones was lively for WA and he booted two goals.

Farewell to a true champion of our people

It was the end of an era recently when the NRL's head of Indigenous strategy, Gomeroi man from Walgett, Mark DeWeerd, finished up after 10 years in the role. Mark was my boss at the NRL, and as a mentor and a mate there is none better.



Dean Widders

Now, Mark would not be too happy that I'm writing about him here as he preferred to remain behind the scenes and unnoticed, but the difference he has made to a lot of people throughout the game is enormous, and too good to not write about. As the first ever full-time Indigenous employee at rugby league headquarters, Mark led the way in creating a positive change for our people at all levels of the game.

The NRL is one of the leading major sporting bodies in terms of their relationship with Indigenous communities and Mark has driven a lot of that through various initiatives.

One was the Reconciliation Action Plan where he made sure that that wasn't just a pretty piece of paper. He made it something that people throughout the game, Indigenous or not, truly believe in.

The NRL's school-to-work program is one of the most successful transition programs between education and employment, and Mark was not only instrumental in starting the program, but he led a terrific team since its inception where there are amazing results year after year. Its impact has been felt far and wide by so many people and is one of the programs that really is making a difference in people's lives.

Mark saw the value in getting input from the Indigenous community reaching the top levels of the NRL. He helped set up the ARL Indigenous Advisory Council and the Indigenous player leadership group which maintains the game's connection to its people. The council members have loved working closely with Mark just as much as his colleagues at the NRL do.

Over the years we have seen the Indigenous NRL players find their voice and stand up for things they believe in, knowing they have people at the decision-making table backing them up and supporting them. That is part of the reason we see strength in the Indigenous playing group today.

I saw firsthand the impact he has had on the running of the Koori Knockout in NSW and the professionalism that the event now shows in the way it is organised. This is largely because of Mark and how he supports the clubs tasked with hosting the KO every year. He would be there to offer advice, build connections and relationships with people working in the game and the volunteers running our KO clubs. He was always there to work alongside the community clubs, but importantly he would build capacity in our people so they could make a difference in their own communities.

Ask any of the current or former NRL players and they will speak glowingly of his leadership around the All Stars. He has been the one person holding it all together at that important showpiece of our culture and within the game. Mark will be sorely missed at the NRL. He has made a huge impact on myself and many others.

As the 2021 season comes to an end, it is a good time to talk about the end of an era in the administration of the game, and to say goodbye to a really good person, Mark DeWeerd, whose impact has been immense.

**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.*



Brisbane Natives celebrate winning the Queensland Murri Carnival women's division in Brisbane recently.

Wagtails, Natives win big at Murri Carnival

By AFL WILSON



A STAR-studded Purga Wagtails outfit from Ipswich that included current and former NRL

players has won the Queensland Murri Carnival after defeating Gulf Warriors 50-8 in the grand final, while Brisbane Natives defeated Mona Kielly Memorial 12-4 to win back-to-back trophies in the women's division at Albany Creek, just

north of the Brisbane CBD.

The Murri rugby league carnival made a welcome return after being cancelled last year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Included in the Wagtails team were NRL speedsters James Roberts (Wests Tigers) and Brian Kelly (Gold Coast) along with 2012 Dally M Medal winner Ben Barba who was a member of the Cronulla Sharks 2016 NRL premiership side.

Barba scored two tries in the decider against the Warriors and

showed he still has plenty of class.

Purga captain Wes Conlon starred for the Wagtails in a game where his side just had too much speed and quality.

The victorious footballers from the Ipswich-based team dedicated the win to Tyrell Thompson, who tragically passed away on June 15. Tyrell was the son of Wagtails coach Raymond, whose family has a long and respected association with Murri rugby league.

Ipswich Jets and Gulf

Warriors speedster Kieron Moseley was named player of the tournament and the Purga's Glen McGrady was named player of the final.

After having done her part for the Brisbane Natives, Lyrech Mara will suit up for Deddeyal Gammas on Thursday Island at the Zenadth Kes rugby league carnival.

Blockbusting frontrow forward Lyrech was named among the best for Natives.

There was a big emphasis on vaccination at the Murri carnival.

Devils, Seagulls in Queensland Cup final

By KRIS FLANDERS



THERE were few better than Delouise Hoeter in the Queensland Cup preliminary final weekend when he scored a hat-trick of tries to lead Wynnum-Manly to the

grand final.

In hot and steamy conditions, Hoeter and Wynnum-Manly Seagulls defeated Tweed Seagulls 40-18 at Lang Park in Brisbane in a match that featured Lendon McGrady at fullback and Gold Coast's Treymain Spry in the centres for Tweed.

It was the first of two Queensland Cup preliminary finals that were also the curtain-raisers to the NRL grand final on Sunday.

Hoeter's hat-trick took his 2021 season tally to 51.

His teammate at fullback, Cherbourg-born, Selwyn Cobbo, was brilliant for Wynnum-Manly, gaining more than 160 metres.

Cobbo made his NRL debut with Brisbane this season, playing seven games for the Broncos and scoring two tries.

Another shining star for Wynnum-Manly was hooker Jayden Berrell who was dangerous every time he touched the ball and was rewarded for effort through two tries.

In the second preliminary final, Norths Devils booked their spot in the season-decider after defeating Burleigh Bears.

The sides were engaged in a first-half arm-wrestle before the Devils clicked into gear to lead 20-0 at half-time before piling on the points in the second half to win 34-



Norths Devils' Tyrone Roberts.



Wynnum-Manly's Selwyn Cobbo.

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The Devils were directed around the ground by former NRL star Tyrone Roberts and current Brisbane Broncos hooker Danny Levi.

Roberts had his kicking radar on and was brilliant with the boot, striking seven from seven.

A highlight for the Bears was Shallin Fuller's intercept try. The 21-year-old from

Beaudesert had signed on with Gold Coast and was one of the best all year for Burleigh.

Wynnum-Manly and Norths played just once during the regular season with the Devils prevailing 24-16.

The Seagulls last tasted success in 2012 and will be looking to add to their six Queensland Cup premierships while the Devils are the holders of 13 premierships, with the last one back in 1998.

Wittwer heroics lead Lions to incredible win

By PETER ARGENT



IN one of the most incredible country football grand finals in living memory, Josh Wittwer and his South Gawler teammates played the game of their lives to claw back a 56-point deficit and survive a final-minute surge by Willaston to win the 2021 Barossa, Light and Gawler Football Association premiership by one straight kick at Elliot Goodger Reserve.

Wittwer's Lions produced a game-defining turnaround after the Donnbrooks had them out for the count early in the match to win the BLGFA flag by six points, 15.5 (95) to 14.5 (89).

Wittwer was awarded the Hurn Medal as best-on-ground for his incredible performance that included four goals and several clutch possessions.

In what would have convinced spectators to hand the flag to Willaston early, the Donnybrooks had booted nine goals before South Gawler even got on the board. The Lions' first goal didn't come until midway through the second quarter.

● **Next edition:**
Josh Wittwer on that incredible grand final victory and his motivation to win.



South Gawler's Josh Wittwer kicks a crucial fourth-quarter goal for the Lions despite the protestations from Willaston's Michael Clinch.
Picture: Peter Argent

Dees' flag was one for the true diehards

HOW good was the AFLM grand final! Melbourne fans had been waiting 57 years. The majority of the fans were in lockdown in Melbourne, but, as we have seen, even that couldn't dampen the joy that this game and the result brought when the Demons defeated the gallant Western Bulldogs.



Shelley Ware

Western Australia and the AFL really outdid themselves with the grand final in Perth.

The day started out wonderfully with a beautiful Welcome to Country by Uncle Richard Walley followed by some special pre-game entertainment.

You would always want a close game in grand finals. While the final result was a 74-point margin in the Dees' favour, I think the game still did bring out the excitement (again, if you're a Melbourne fan).

When the Demons held that 21-point lead at the end of the first quarter it looked like it was going to be all Melbourne all night.

I'm imagining the Bulldogs' quarter-time huddle and what coach Luke Beveridge would have said – and it must've been good! – because his boys came out firing and kicked six goals to one which put them back in front by eight points at half-time. Not sure about you, but I was beside myself; it was exactly the game I had hoped it would be.

Then things happened in the third quarter. The Bulldogs actually lead by three goals at one point, but then the Melbourne steam train arrived and simply ran over the 'Dogs.

What we saw from Melbourne was amazing. Christian Petracca, Bailey Fritsch, Christian Salem, Angus Brayshaw, Ben Brown all together played their best football all year. 'Trac' put in one of the best grand final performances we have seen in a long time. Ben's story was among the most uplifting.

'Kozzy' Pickett was invaluable for Melbourne. He ran non-stop, taking his defender out and away from contests and providing plenty of space for the other forwards to operate in, who were relentless in their attack – kicking goal after goal after goal, 16.4 to 1.1 from that point onwards.

As revealed post-match, Steven May played with a torn hamstring. You could sense he was not 100% but he was never going to miss a grand final. He made the move from Gold Coast in 2019 simply because he wanted to play finals footy. He envisioned it and made it happen with hard work and determination, and now he is a premiership player.

And what to say of Neville Jetta, who put 13 seasons into this club? Nev just wasn't able to secure a spot in the grand final side, but there is no doubt he played a huge role in that win as a true clubman. There was a touching moment when Kozzy shared his medal with Nev for a photo with family. On the Monday after, Nev announced his retirement. I hope his contribution to this game and this club doesn't get lost when all is said and done.

Mark of the man

A huge congratulations to Richmond's Shai Bolton who won this year's mark of the year for the grab he took against Geelong in round 8.

It was a classic high-flyer and it is so good to see it coming back into the game.

***Shelley Ware is a proud Yankunytjatjara and Wirangu woman from Adelaide. She appears on AFL.com.au's Colour Of Your Jumper.**

Materas combine to win flag with Subiaco

By HALIM MELLICK



THE Matera brothers, a surname synonymous with South Fremantle, conspired to defeat their family's original club as damaging Subiaco forwards to win the 2021 WAFL premiership last weekend.

Brandon and Bailey Matera shared three goals between them to help propel the Lions to defeat the Bulldogs convincingly by 44 points, 13.7 (85) to 5.11 (41), in front of an electric crowd of just under 30,000 at Perth Stadium.

One of the largest WAFL grand final crowds in recent times was an even split of Subiaco and South Fremantle fans and neutrals no doubt still buzzing at the venue after hosting its first AFL grand final a week earlier.

Subiaco added a fifth premiership in eight years while snuffing out Souths' hopes of back-to-back flags.

The Materas were efficient in the Lions' offence, booting three majors from a combined 10 kicks. After a relatively quiet start, they slowly worked their



Subiaco's Bailey (left) and Brandon Matera celebrate the 2021 WAFL premiership win at Perth Stadium at the weekend.

Picture: Halim Mellick

way into the game and were busy in attack.

AFL returnee Matthew Parker, who was released by Richmond for the finals series, re-joined Souths, his original

WAFL club, where he won a flag last year. He was busy in attack, but try as he might he could not effect lasting damage.

AFL hopefuls Jesse Motlop, son of Port Adelaide's Daniel

Motlop, and Cody Ninnette were also targets in attack for the Bulldogs, but the big bodies and experience of Subi shone through.

Despite the margin, the game did not disappoint. The first half was close, with physical and contested play. Souths led in terms of clearances, inside-50s and scoring shots. However, the Lions held sway and went into the major break nine points up.

Subiaco turned it on in the third and kept the Bulldogs scoreless. Brandon finally broke the shackles from the close checking of the Souths defenders. Bailey chipped in with a solid contribution, too.

The Lions booted six goals to none in the second half to seal the deal, also recording their seventh straight finals win over Souths.

The game brings an end to a big year of footy in Western Australia that saw the AFL's premiership cup tour the state, Perth host its first AFL grand final with just over 61,000 fans, the WAFL's largest grand final attendance in recent years, and the Essendon-Richmond Dreamtime match that drew in over 55,000 fans.

Panthers power to premiership



PENRITH'S 14-12 defeat of South Sydney has handed the club its third NRL premiership, making amends for last year's grand final heartbreak and ending coach Ivan Cleary's long wait for a title.

The Panthers dominated territory but were left scampering in the final minutes of Sunday's epic grand final at Lang Park to ensure Souths didn't steal a win in captain Adam Reynolds and coach Wayne Bennett's final game for the club.

Souths had been tackled just once inside Penrith's 20-metre zone but were hanging on, with the scores locked at 8-8 with 13 minutes to play as Penrith squandered chances.

The wall finally burst though, with star Rabbitohs playmaker Cody Walker's all-or-nothing cut-out pass intercepted by Panthers winger Stephen Crichton who ran 35 metres to score and create a six-point lead.

Souths weren't flustered though, with Walker setting up Alex Johnston's 30th try of the season to get within two points.

But Reynolds' sideline conversion attempt flew just outside the right post.

Walker then threw a pass over the sideline with just over two minutes to go as a possible Johnston match-winner went begging, before Reynolds' two-point field goal attempt fell well short of the uprights.

It was only Bennett's third loss in his 10th grand final as a coach, his appearances now stretching across five decades with four different clubs.

Penrith's third title was a breakthrough for Bennett's Penrith counterpart Cleary in his 370th game as a coach, becoming the only man to win one for the first time after their 250th game.

The Panthers' victory comes after a 17-game winning streak was brutally snapped by Melbourne in last year's grand final.

There was no such shellshock on Sunday night, Penrith clean with the ball and playmaker and Clive Churchill medallist Nathan Cleary calmly directing traffic.

Souths had won 16 of their past 17 games after a huge defeat to Penrith in May, but the loss of suspended Latrell Mitchell on the eve of the finals eventually caught up with them.

— AAP



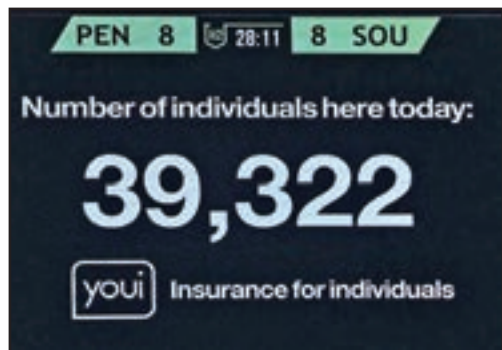
Penrith celebrate their 2021 NRL premiership after defeating South Sydney 14-12 in front of over 39,000 fans at Lang Park in Brisbane, the NRL's first grand final outside of Sydney. Pictures: AAP; Getty Images



Souths' Cody Walker steps Penrith's Nathan Cleary (7) on his way to the tryline in the first half.



Souths' Blake Taafe (right) and Penrith's Jerome Lui engage in a friendly scuffle.



It was a good turnout at Lang Park, reflecting the 75% capacity.



The Rabbitohs' Alex Johnston scores in the corner during the second half.



Bunnies fans were out in force in the 39,000-strong crowd at Lang Park.



Melbourne players celebrate their 2021 AFL grand final triumph after defeating the Western Bulldogs and breaking their 57-year premiership drought at Perth Stadium.
Pictures: Halim Mellick

Christian's Demons put Bulldogs to the sword

By HALIM MELLICK



MELBOURNE'S 2021 AFL premiership was delivered to its long-suffering fans on the back of an all-team game, but it was capped off by a record-breaking performance by the Demons' Christian Petracca.

The Dees' 74-point win, 21.14 (140) to 10.6 (66), over the Western Bulldogs in front of 61,118 fans at Perth Stadium, ends a 57-year premiership drought for the foundation club, among the oldest in the world.

With two goals and 39 damaging disposals, the most touches in a grand final, Petracca was unanimously awarded the Norm Smith medal as the game's best player by the judging panel which included Andrew Krakouer.

Melbourne's all-round team effort was underscored by several, selfless acts by the Demons' two Aboriginal players – Kysaiah Pickett and Steven May.

Pickett's pressure acts, which don't show up on the stats sheet, could absolutely be felt throughout the game and that return was reflected on the scoreboard. Last year's Rising Star award-winner Pickett had the words 'CHASE - TACKLE - PRESS' written on his hand and that is exactly what he did. An early chase and smother lead to a teammate (Charlie Spargo) goal. A shepherd for Petracca gave him enough space to score his second goal, which put the Dees up by 12 points. His chase and hustle throughout the game spooked the Bulldogs' defence, and, if not for a missed high-tackle, Pickett would have had his name on the scoresheet.

May was the backbone of the Dees' backline all year and his mere presence in the grand final was testimony to his mental strength.

May tore his hamstring in the preliminary final but opted to not know the result of the scans until after the grand final. He was hampered by it physically (and apparently aggravated it during the game) but he more than made up for it mentally right to the final siren.



Melbourne fans are ecstatic at their team's victory.



Western Bulldogs fans were out in numbers in the 61,118-strong crowd at Perth Stadium – the majority of them born-and-bred Western Australians.



Melbourne's Steven May celebrates with a teammate at the final siren.



The Demons' Kysaiah Pickett is a study of concentration.



Kirby Bentley joins the Western Bulldogs.

Bentley in key role at Bulldogs



NYOONGAR woman Kirby Bentley has taken up a key role at the Western Bulldogs' AFLW club as development coach for the 2022 season.

"To be appointed development coach ahead of the upcoming season and still be involved in the AFLW is something I'm incredibly excited about," the former Fremantle and Carlton player said.



D'Arcy makes Short work for WA

By PETER ARGENT



ONE of Australia's most exciting short-form cricketers, D'Arcy Short, started his 2021/22 summer cricket campaign with a handy cameo in a 50-over clash against South Australia in Adelaide last week.

Short, playing for Western Australia, arrived at the crease as a

middle-order bat as the Sandgropers produced a commanding 78-run win over the Redbacks.

Short's maternal grandmother's people are the Mitakoodi of the Cloncurry River region in north-west Queensland.

He was surprisingly left out of the national squad for the 2021 T20 World Cup. He is a marquee player of the Big Bash League and plays for the Hobart Hurricanes.

D'Arcy Short cuts the ball to the off-side for Western Australia in the 50-over match against South Australia in Adelaide last week.
Picture: Peter Argent

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Sharks' jab option at league carnival

By ALF WILSON



SPECTATORS who receive a COVID-19 vaccination at Townsville's Bindal Sharks

Indigenous rugby league carnival will be granted free entry to the three-day event.

Organisers have put the finishing touches to the 35th annual carnival that begins this weekend and they have tied in a key health component to protect the Indigenous community and event-goers from COVID-19.

Last year's carnival was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Organisers and stakeholders remain concerned that many Indigenous people in the region are reluctant to have the jab.

That was evident at a meeting in Townsville last

week of over 50 people.

Included at the meeting were representatives of the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service Townsville University Hospital, including Clinton Washington, Sarbi Baker, Samara Luta, Noel Solomon and Tyrelle Smith, and others from elsewhere in the health sector.

The event is widely popular across Queensland's far northern regions with big crowds and people travelling from all over.

More than 10,000 spectators are expected through the gates throughout the long-weekend event and organisers have worked hard to put in place safeguards against contracting the coronavirus.

Already, there are 22 senior teams (16 men's and six women's) that will compete at what is far north Queensland's biggest Indigenous rugby league carnival at the

Townsville Sports Reserve from October 8-10.

"In partnership with the Bindal Sharks, TAIHS will have a promotional tent and vaccination clinic at the venue should anyone wish to have it done," Jenny Pryor from the Bindal Sharks said.

"And (those that do) will receive a three-day pass for free."

The carnival has received sanctioning from the QRL.

Northern division boss Scott Nosworthy was at the stakeholder meeting supporting the measures put in place by the organising committee.

Aside from the regular round-robin matches, an exhibition match between an Indigenous All-Star side and the police will take place, as well as a Masters clash and an under-12 junior game between a visiting Northern Territory side and Palm Island will take place.

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Canberra plan for marathon



THIRTEEN runners have advanced to the final stage of their six-month program at the Indigenous Marathon Project with the goal of tackling a midnight marathon later this month.

The midnight marathon is a new event for the IMP, implemented last year in place of the annual international trek to the United States for the New York Marathon because of restrictions around travel from the coronavirus pandemic.

In what will be a first for the IMP's annual event, the runners will tackle two marathon courses – one in Alice Springs, the other

in the nation's capital, Canberra.

Last year, the group ran the midnight event at Alice Springs.

The plan has coach Damien Tuck excited.

"I spoke with the squad about the significance of making the 2021 IMP marathon team and what an amazing effort that was, but we acknowledge the job is not yet done," he said.

"The squad will continue to focus on ticking the box on each of their training sessions, each of their recovery sessions and making sure their diet and nutrition is spot on as we taper a week or so out from the marathon.

"The squad's resilience in challenging times and their commitment to each other and

to the IMF, and their ability to push through their physical and mental boundaries to make the final squad completely fills me with pride and admiration.

"I can't wait for the squad to take it to the next level and get the job done."

The complete 13-strong squad that's advanced to the next stage is Sherice Ansell, Matty Axten, Clinton Bennell, Jye Roe Banks, Derrick Cusack, Hope Davison, Rachel Dean, Cecilia Johns, Tristan Nelliman-Adams, Joyrah Newman, Tasma Rudeforth, Bonnie Smith and Waynead Wolmby.

The Alice Springs and Canberra midnight marathons will be run on Saturday, October 23.



Derrick Cusack is in the squad of 13 runners who have advanced to the next stage toward the midnight marathon. Picture: IMP

Darlington's star is on the rise

By KRIS FLANDERS



HANNAH Darlington's meteoric rise in cricket continues following her recent debut in Australia's current multi-format series with India which sees the two countries play three one-day internationals (50 overs), a one-off Test and three Twenty20s.

The 19-year-old Kamilaroi woman was presented with her first Australian cap by fellow Indigenous star and Muruwari woman Ashleigh Gardner upon her debut last week.

Darlington became Australian player number 145 and just the third Indigenous woman to represent the national team after the legendary Faith Thomas and Gardner.

The 50-over matches were held at Mackay in central Queensland. Darlington debuted in game one which saw Australia win by 9 wickets. The Indian women made 8-225 from their allotted 50 overs where Darlington chipped in with two wickets and finished with of 2/29 off 8 overs and a maiden.

Her first international wicket was India's Pooja Vastrakar. The right-arm medium-pacer struck again when she rattled the stumps of Sneha Rana with a wonderful in-swinging.

Post-match, Darlington spoke about what it meant to have Gardner present her first cap and what it meant to debut for Australia.

"It was really nice to have Ash present it (the cap). She watched me go through the system and I've kinda looked up to her," she said.

"To be the third Indigenous woman (to represent Australia) is something pretty special to do, between Faith and Ash Gardner, and it's been incredible to go out there and represent my country."



Hannah Darlington made her international debut for Australia in the multi-format series against India. Picture: Getty Images

A-League undergoes fresh rebrand



AUSTRALIA'S top-tier men's and women's soccer competitions, the A-League and W-League, have been collectively rebranded as the A-Leagues before the upcoming seasons.

The A-League has been renamed A-League Men while the W-League is now known as A-League Women, with the Y-League rebadged as A-League Youth.

The Australian Professional Leagues (APL), which officially took full control of the leagues in December last year, said it had consulted players, coaches and fans in deciding to align the leagues under a unified banner.

"The APL is all about football. It's not men's football or women's football; it's just football," APL managing director Danny Townsend said.

"Bringing the female game up onto a level playing field with the men was something we felt really strongly about.

"We thought it's about time football took a leadership role in this space.

"We've got an amazing couple of years ahead of us with the Women's World Cup coming to Australia, so this is just another step in our commitment to the women's game."

The men's competition kicks off next month on November 19 with the women's league starting on December 3. – AAP

Broad vows Mt Kembla will return bigger and better

By KRIS FLANDERS



AT 42-years-old, Rod Broad was thrilled to share the field with his 17-year-old son when they lined up for Mt Kembla Illawarra Cup second division rugby league competition on the NSW south coast.

Unfortunately, like many other sports competitions around the state, their league was cancelled not long after as cases of COVID-19 increased which forced the state,

and the Illawarra region, into lockdown.

"Our last game was against the defending premiers (Figtree Crushers) and we ended up winning the game," Broad said.

"Looking back on it now, that was our grand final, beating the champs.

"To have the competition fall apart after starting so well, I truly think that we would have been in the grand final (but) it wasn't to be."

Still, the memory of playing in the same football side with his son is one that will stay with him for a long time to come.

"He's been with me for years, from crawling around in the dressing sheds, so to now play with Tristan was a milestone and dream for both of us to achieve," the proud dad said.

"When he scored a try, I had a tear in my eye, but I said to him that he could have scored closer to the posts because I'm the goalkicker!

"Although the season ended prematurely, Tristan says he wants to stay with me and play and bring that trophy home. That's not just for us but for the whole club."

Broad said the season cancellation hasn't failed to douse the spirit of everyone involved at the club.

The Mt Kembla Rugby League Football Club was established in 1912 and the Lowries nickname refers to the crimson Rosella birds that are common in the area.

Broad is no stranger to feeling the impact that sports' cancellation can bring.

He is involved with Koori Knockout team, the Illawarra Titans which hosts the annual Kids In Care Cup, which also had to be called off.

Wills question for Aussie sport

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



CRICKET Australia and the Australian Football League have been urged to interrogate explosive new claims that a celebrated figure in their respective histories was involved in the killing of Aboriginal people.

Last month, in a report first aired by the ABC, researchers uncovered an account that appears to place Thomas Wills in a reprisal shooting and killing of an Aboriginal man, or group, in 1861.

Thomas Wills is credited as a founding father of a foot-ball game in 1858 that would evolve into Aussie rules that's since spread nationally and is today governed by the AFL.

Wills was also prominent in early Australian cricket in Melbourne and Sydney and was the primary force behind the 1868 Aboriginal cricket team that played a series of matches in England.

Wills died by his own hand in 1880 aged 44.

Cricket Australia and the AFL place Wills central to their storied histories.

John McPherson, who has written

several thesis on historical events and that of Wills, has urged both organisations to arrive at a place of truth-telling and acknowledgement of Wills' apparent involvement.

McPherson is a descendant cousin of Thomas Wills. Wills' father and McPherson's great-great grandmother, Eliza Wills, were brother and sister.

The revelations of Thomas Wills' apparent involvement in atrocities visited upon Aboriginal people centre around a recent discovery by Melbourne-based researcher Gary Fearon which appears to place Wills at the killing or killings of the Gayiri people at Cullin-la-ringo in central Queensland in 1861.

Fearon discovered a report by the Chicago Tribune from 1895 in which an eye-witness appears to centre Wills at the horrific events at Cullin-la-ringo.

The 1895 report quotes a Wills contemporary of the tragic events 19 years earlier and carries specific details known only to those involved.

"I believe that Cricket Australia is looking into a process to interrogate the past and understand what is going on," McPherson said.

"I'm not sure of the AFL's position but I have confidence that they will also interrogate this and offer an understanding of the roles of Tom Wills and understand the damage that was done by the colonists of that region."

The killing or killings Wills was said to be involved in was in response to the slaughter of 19 settlers, one of whom was his father, Horatio Wills. This was thought to be carried out by the Gayiri people, the traditional owners of the area. The Gayiri people were believed to be carrying out payback following the earlier killing of several of their countrymen by squatters in the area, the Gregsons.

What followed from these events was a violent and disproportionate response to Aboriginal people carried out by other white settlers and Queensland Native Police, and the mistaken belief that the Gayiri people were no more.

McPherson had written to the AFL about his family's folklore, its oral history, concerning these events.

He had finalised a thesis on the matter ahead of the AFL's 150-year celebration of the game's codification (1858-2008) and had sent it to the organisation's

headquarters, without response

Wills holds a prominent position within Australian football and cricket folklore and in this country's sports history generally.

He is officially recognised as the founder of Aussie rules; in 1989 he was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame; in 1996 he was the first inductee into the Australian Football Hall of Fame; in 2008 the AFL held a Tom Wills Round in his honour; in 2016 the Johnny Mullagh-Tom Wills Foundation was established; and in 2001 a statue of Wills was erected and placed outside the MCG, near to where that first football game was played in 1859 (a year after the rules were codified).

The Bradman Museum and the International Cricket Hall of Fame laud Wills for his early acts of reconciliation.

McPherson said the issue had split the large Wills-descendant family.

"For my part, and my belief, as a member of the broader (Wills) clan, is that there should be truth-telling," he said.

"The land of the Gayiri was stolen and damage was done to the people and their culture from people that I am related to. I certainly believe that part of this process is to address the issues of the past."

Statement from Cricket Australia and the AFL



CRICKET Australia and the AFL last week responded to the recent revelations surrounding Thomas Wills' apparent involvement in atrocities visited upon Aboriginal people.

Cricket Australia:

"We are currently digesting the news that has uncovered evidence suggesting Tom Wills' participation in the mass murder

of Gayiri people during the attacks that followed Queensland's Cullin-la-ringo massacre.

"We bear witness to and are deeply sorry for the grief this conversation may cause Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We acknowledge and honour their Elders past and present.

"This story is part of the journey our nation is on, of understanding and reconciling our collective history. We are

committed to leaning into the traumas of the past, listening and learning so that we can be better. We commend the researchers for their work and are eager to learn more.

"Ultimately, this is about grappling with who we are, not only as a sport, but as a nation. We as an organisation firmly believe that Reconciliation is for all of us, and is the way forward. We as a sport are committed to playing our role in that pursuit.

"We will take some time to work with and

be advised by our National Aboriginal Advisory Committee, as well as other experts to consider our next steps."

Australian Football League:

"We acknowledge the information that came to light... and the trauma associated with historical events that occurred in Australia. We will now seek advice from those with knowledge of the available evidence as well as from the communities whose trauma this speaks of."

Stewart the new chair of First Nations Rugby



PROUD Yuin woman Sonja Stewart has taken up the chair of the First Nations Rugby committee in a move that Rugby Australia says will reaffirm its commitment to Indigenous people.

Stewart's expertise in governance, change management and strategy development will see her lead the First Nations committee as it continues to implement its strategic pillars and outcome statements of cultural respect, health, aspiration and connection.

Her appointment coincides with the Wallabies unveiling their First Nations jersey during the Rugby Championship series between the hosts, New Zealand, Argentina and South Africa.

"I grew up in a rugby family so it's a real honour to be appointed as the chair of the First Nations Rugby committee," Stewart said.

"It's an exciting opportunity to work with Rugby Australia and the Lloyd McDermott team as we continue to build on the significant impact that First Nations players have had on our game, as well as help make it more accessible for new participants.

"On behalf of the committee, I'd also like to thank my predecessor, Dr Terri Janke, for everything she has done for the committee.

"The challenge is now for me to continue the meaningful work she's started."

Dean Duncan, president of the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team, said Stewart's appointment would only add to

furthering the ties already in place.

"This will strengthen our partnership with Rugby Australia while creating greater access to the sport of rugby for all First Nations people," he said.

Stewart's professional background is in law, Indigenous-led consulting and as deputy secretary in the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Earlier, when Australia played Argentina in Townsville, Wallabies players connected with local communities as the team looks to engage and develop a greater understanding of Australia's cultural history.

The team had promoted the physical, social and emotional health benefits of participating in team sport and engaged with the Proud Warrior program to positively influence at-risk youth within Townsville.



Sonja Stewart is the new chair of the First Nations Rugby committee. Picture: Supplied



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Above: Sammy Leone runs The Boss Boxing gym in Brisbane. Right: Youngsters undergo various training regimes as part of the Solid Murriz program.



History, sport are tied to country's origins

SPORT right at this moment is at a crucial point in its engagement with the wider community and relevance to discerning fans. It is perfectly placed to begin long overdue truth-telling following recent revelations surrounding Tom Wills (see our back page and page 54).



Darren Moncrieff

Both the AFL and Cricket Australia can effect positive change in how institutions confront and ultimately begin to accept the true origins of this country. How they do that will be informative to the legion of fans that follow their respective sports, for those with a particular eye for history, or both.

So often we've seen sport take the lead and for government to eventually, often reluctantly, follow.

Indigenous Rounds and the All-Stars games have often led the conversation surrounding Treaty, sovereignty, self-determination and even the national anthem.

Pride Round in football was a thing way before the government's same-sex marriage plebiscite that led to an overwhelming vote in favour of marriage equality.

If there's one thing the average Australian will take notice of it is when their favourite sports dip their toes in matters of social issues. What those fans do with that information is entirely up to them, oftentimes a segment of fans will push back but sport cannot be held back by what a few recalcitrants think sport ought to be or do.

I expect the revelations surrounding Tom Wills won't be the last. Australia's settler history is littered with atrocities visited upon Aboriginal people. That some of that was perpetrated by those directly involved in the origin of sports we've come to love should come as no surprise.

Someone with great insight once said, "The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there". It is true. History is an ever-changing landscape as historians uncover more of Australia's violent past. The challenge for contemporary Australian society, then, is to listen and learn and hopefully grow from it.

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Solid Murriz put their best gloves forward

By KRIS FLANDERS



SAMMY Leone is a firm believer that boxing doesn't just help you physically, but that the discipline has plenty of mental health benefits as well, which was one of the reasons he got the Solid Murriz program started.

People had struggled for exercise options due to being in lockdown from the threat of COVID-19 but the recent ease of restrictions in parts of Queensland meant that the eight-week fun and fitness program could finally get underway.

Leone said this model of the program will target young mob from grade 6-10 school students where these young new Solid Murriz will train at one of the few gymnasiums that encourage participation for First Nations people, The Boss Boxing, which he runs in the Brisbane suburb of Zillmere.

"During the eight weeks, they will interact with boxing trainers and personal trainers," Leone said.

"Boxing is that type of sport that has always been accessible for people. It's a grassroots sport that doesn't judge a

person or their background. You need grit and determination to train and compete.

"Boxing gives you discipline and mental toughness. You can replicate that in life when things get tough, to put your head down and fight back. Those qualities will help you in education and employment."

Already, the turnout has been encouraging.

"We've had great numbers for the start of Solid Murriz," Leone said.

"Everyone that was there really enjoyed it. There was a real buzz around the place and it was very encouraging. To see the smiles and the determination on the young faces was what we were hoping for.

"We open our doors to everyone. It's very conclusive and it's a place where we can also share and celebrate our culture. Everyone can come and train there and feel safe, feel welcome and comfortable.

"We engage with local service providers, the police liaison officers, and the health and education organisations for their support in speaking to our youth here."

The program will benefit from having sports scientists share their knowledge and experience for the participants.

Leone said it was important to not only show people how to box and use proper

techniques, but to educate about nutrition too.

"For those young people to have access to that type of information, they may not have received that before," he said.

"Information about good diet, the dangers of sugar intakes and the benefits of a healthy lifestyle is so important for our mob. Through this program we can get that to them at an early age too."

The two-month boxing course will also bring local Elders into the gym to connect and speak to the participants.

"That's something I was taught from a young age, to listen to my Elders, and we wanted to run this program properly with Elders backing and support. Their knowledge is valuable and they need to be valued too."

Leone wants the connection between the Murri community and The Boss Boxing gym to continue beyond this first program.

"They will get consistency when they come here, they will know that they can come here anytime and continue to box and stay fit," he said.

"We are planting seeds in them for their future. I can't wait to see the outcomes and the ongoing mentoring that will come with this."

Vax for Vics – govt mandates jabs



PROFESSIONAL athletes in Victoria will be required to receive their first COVID-19 vaccine dose by October 15 and their second by November 26 in order to train and play.

Last week, Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews confirmed all authorised workers in Melbourne and regional Victoria would need to be vaccinated by those timelines in order to continue working on-site.

Victoria's extensive list of authorised workers includes "professional or high-performance sportsperson, workers that support the safe running of that person's professional sport, and public broadcast

personnel necessary for broadcasting the professional sport".

"Yes, it does (apply to professional athletes)," Andrews said.

"I expect there'll be a conversation, for instance, with the AFL, where the AFL will be informed, on behalf of all their clubs, that if you want to go back to pre-season training in a month's time or so, you will need to be double-vaxxed, as an authorised worker."

AFL teams begin their staggered returns to pre-season in November, with the Western Bulldogs recently confirming their entire squad had received their first vaccine dose while AFLW players are currently in pre-season training.

Melbourne's A-League Men and A-League Women teams are both in pre-season training ahead of their November 19 and December 3 season start dates, while the NBL and WNBL are scheduled to tip off in November.

Super Rugby's Rebels and the NRL's Storm will also kick off their pre-season in the coming months.

None of Australia's major sporting codes has implemented mandatory coronavirus vaccination rules yet, though the NBL's New Zealand Breakers recently parted ways with Tai Webster, and the Illawarra Hawks released Travis Trice after those players were unwilling to receive the vaccine. –AAP



North Melbourne's Tarryn Thomas, whose Victorian-based AFL club has completed an almost 100% vaccination rate.



Melbourne's Kysaiah Pickett (left) and Steven May celebrate their club's 57-year drought-breaking premiership in the AFL grand final at Perth Stadium.
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South Sydney's Cody Walker (right) and Dane Gagai react to the final siren in the NRL grand final at Lang Park in Brisbane.
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Australian sport urged to interrogate explosive claims



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