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## Barty is back with perfect start



ASH Barty stormed to sensational start in the 2022 season, with the world number one claiming the Adelaide International singles title in straight sets, defeating Elena Rybakina 6-3, 6-2.

Barty made the finals of both the singles and women's doubles in the Adelaide International last weekend.

Barty defeated Iga Swiatek 6-2, 6-4 to reach a second final in Adelaide, having lifted her first trophy on home soil at the 2020 tournament. The local favourite dominated to claim her 14th WTA singles title in good preparation for the Australian Open in Melbourne.

"This tournament was exceptionally tough right the way through," Barty said. "There were certainly no easy matches. I love to test myself against the best in the world and tonight was no different."

Barty also competed for the doubles trophy in Adelaide, after combining with friend and countrywoman Storm Sanders to reach the final of that event.

"This is unreal," Barty, buoyed by the support of a bumper Adelaide crowd, said.



Ash Barty serves up an ace in her semi-final in the women's singles at the Adelaide International.

Picture: Peter Argent

## Omicron variant hits remote communities



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander health experts saw their fears realised last week, when the highly contagious Omicron variant of COVID-19 reached a number of vulnerable remote communities.

As of last week, outbreaks had been reported in the Torres Strait and remote communities in Queensland, NSW, the Northern Territory and South Australia.

And in all states and territories except Western Australia the total number of people infected by the virus continued to rise last week.

In the NT Northern Land Council (NLC) chairman Samuel Bush-Blanas said that the suspension of permits for entry to remote communities for non-essential workers would continue.

"The NLC is maintaining our very strong response to the threats that COVID-19 poses to our communities and we issue this updated advice in support and on

behalf of traditional owners from across the Top End who have consistently called for strong controls on access to their communities," he said.

"Families on Aboriginal land should use common sense, restrict their own travel and stay home, get vaccinated and a booster, 'listen out' and follow health advice.

"Stay Calm, Stay Safe, Stay on Country and Care for Family."

Torres Strait Islands Regional Council Mayor Pillemon Mosby

was pleading with residents to follow health advice and get vaccinated, including booster shots for those who have already had two vaccinations.

And on Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam told the *Koori Mail* that residents should be prepared to isolate after an outbreak of COVID.

"And please if you test positive, do the right thing and go immediately home and do not leave," he said.

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sense of urgency that must now apply to all of us. I don't want to sound alarming, but this is like a cyclone or bushfire or tsunami wave about to hit us.

"And we can't do too much to prepare and keep one another safe.

"It's hard to see the invisible threat. But it's real and it's imminent.

"I am asking residents to do what's right. And do it now."

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# MY FAMILY Kailah Maynard (Truwuna/Cape Barren Is.)



**W**E'VE been living on Cape Barren for about three years. My partner Corey left Tasmania for work about 10 years ago and we lived in Adelaide for five years, tried to start a new life up there but missed our family too much. They mean everything to me, so we moved back to Cape Barren Island.

I couldn't do life without my family.

Most of my family live here most of the time. Three of my siblings live in town, or mainland Tasmania as some people call it.

My family have lived on Cape Barren for generations. I lived here when I was little with my aunty and uncle, then Flinders Island with family.

Life is pretty cruisy. We go motorbike riding all the time – it's a big thing over here – and swimming, fishing, boating. Corey gets about singing. He's an 'island boy'.

We have family barbecues, go fishing, collect werriners, do cultural things, go diving with Wally, our cousin, and we've been mutton birding for the last two years.

I love how willingly the kids want to do things like that.

We eat well. In the last week we've had crayfish, abalone, werriners – you can't get much better than that.

Doing cultural things, it's a feeling I can't put words to, like you're meant to be there. It's keeping your culture going. It's important.

We were connected with the Aboriginal community in Adelaide, but it wasn't our culture, you don't feel the same connection we have here with our family and our own community. I didn't think about it before we went there. It was really different.

So it was good to come back to Cape Barren.

The young'ns miss things like dancing and soccer in Adelaide. You don't have things like that on a little island.

The plan is to move off Cape Barren for the twins to go to high school. We'll move to town (Launceston), where there are also lots of family and community around.

Hopefully we'll be lucky enough to get a property out of town so they still have that bit of freedom they have on Cape Barren.

– As told to Jillian Mundy

Brai Berne-Maynard (18), Kailah Maynard (me), Matilda Maynard-Stokes (10), Corey Stokes, Huxley Maynard-Stokes (8 months) and Darcy Maynard-Stokes (10).

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Young students River Cavanagh, Alexis Reid and Jayalaani Webb will be attending Gumbaynggirr Giingana Freedom School. It is the first bilingual school in NSW, with a focus on Gumbaynggirr language and culture. See story, page 11.

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# Virus outbreaks reach remote communities



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander health organisations were scrambling last week, as COVID-19 reached numerous vulnerable

First Nations communities around the country, due mainly to the spread of the highly contagious Omicron variant.

In South Australia, several cases were uncovered in remote Indigenous communities, including a person who had relocated from Adelaide. But on Sunday, SA Premier Steven Marshall said it was pleasing that 270 community members in Amata, in the APY Lands, had tested negative after two cases were reported there earlier.

Northern Territory Health Minister Natasha Fyles said the virus has spread to every region in the territory as the number of active cases grew to 1200 last weekend.

The Torres Strait is also battling an outbreak, as are several north Queensland Indigenous communities in the lead up to the wet season.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) senior medical advisor Jason Agostino said Indigenous people living in remote communities were at risk.

"It's safe to assume that we're going to see higher rates of infection and more people with severe disease in remote communities because of higher rates of chronic conditions that lead to more severe COVID, like diabetes and heart disease," he said. "In earlier outbreaks Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were infected at twice the rate."

"There have been higher hospitalisations and ICU admissions in every single age group and we expect that to continue through Omicron."

Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam has pleaded with residents to prepare to isolate and stock up with supplies for at least seven days after an outbreak of Covid.

There were 34 reported cases of Covid on the north Queensland Aboriginal community by January 8 with many more predicted in coming weeks. Palm Island has a population of around 3000 permanent residents and Covid vaccination rates are low.

One elderly resident who contacted the *Koori Mail* on January 8 said he didn't have COVID, but couldn't leave his home for fear of contracting it.

Queensland Health has advised there are likely hundreds of positive cases on Palm and every family should act as if they are potentially exposed to the virus.

Rapid antigen tests with results in 15 minutes are now available on the island.

Sealink, which runs a regular catamaran service between Townsville and Palm Island, issued a regulation requiring passengers to wear masks.

Cr Sam told the *Koori Mail* that residents should prepare now for



**Luke Penrith, with his family:** "I want my kids to be healthy and to learn from Elders who remain strong and healthy into the future; that's why we are getting vaccinated."

## Vaccine available for children



COVID-19 vaccinations are now available for all children aged 5-11 years old, following approval by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and Australian Technical Advisory Group (ATAGI).

Proud Wiradjuri man and father Luke Penrith is helping to raise awareness in the community about getting children vaccinated against COVID-19.

"We have a responsibility to look after our Elders and our children," Luke said.

"It's important we all get vaccinated as soon as eligible, particularly before school returns."

"We are watching COVID-19 spread amongst our communities."

"I want my kids to be healthy and to learn from Elders who remain strong and healthy into the future; that's why we are getting vaccinated."

Vaccines give the immune system a helping hand to protect against serious illness and possible long-term effects from COVID-19.

Vaccination also helps to protect friends, family and the community by reducing spread of the virus.

The dose for children aged 5-11 years is about a third of the adult dose, but works in the same way in fighting the virus.

Children should receive two doses of the vaccine, which is given eight weeks apart.

NSW Health advises that serious side effects from COVID-19 vaccination in children are rare.

"Risk of complications from catching the virus are higher than the side-effects of vaccination with most side effects being mild and resolved after a day or two, similar to adults," the health department said in a statement.

"Common symptoms after vaccination may include a headache, fever and chills, fatigue or tiredness, muscle pain and a sore arm, and are normal and show that the immune system is responding to the vaccine."

"Vaccination is your child's best protection against getting COVID-19 and avoiding serious illness. It also helps to reduce the spread of the virus by helping to break chains of transmission."

"In addition, getting your child vaccinated will help reduce the risk of spreading the virus at schools, which means less time out of the classroom for our kids."

Kids can get their vaccine through at their local Aboriginal Medical Service, GP, pharmacy or Health clinics.

If you have any questions or concerns about COVID-19 vaccines for your child, have a yarn with your Aboriginal health professional or GP.

Extra resources have been sent to Yuendumu, along with nearby Yuelamu where there are more close contacts.

More than 20 infections have also been detected in Alice Springs and one was discovered in Tennant Creek, 510km to the north.

An investigation was launched into cases in Nhulunbuy in east Arnhem Land, about 700km east of Darwin. In the nearby community of Yirrkala, a man returned a positive result to a rapid antigen test on Saturday morning.

Ms Fyles urged people to get vaccinated and to access health services if they are unwell.

"Our health system is there to care for you whether it's COVID or other illnesses, so please remember that," she said.

A territory-wide lockdown of unvaccinated people aged 16 and over started on Thursday and was due to continue until at least Monday, January 10, when a proof of vaccination pass system was scheduled to be rolled out.

Under the lockdown, unvaccinated people can only leave their homes for medical treatment and testing, essential goods and services, and to care for a vulnerable person.

They are not permitted to go to workplaces or travel more than 30 kilometres.

Australia reached a tragic milestone on August 29, 2021, with the first COVID-19 death of a First Nations person.

Since then, the SARS-CoV-2 Delta variant has infected First Nations people at twice the rate of other Australians. By mid-October 2021, there were an additional 12 deaths, more than 4500 cases, and 550 hospitalised among the First Nations people.

NSW's COVID-19 testing woes are set to continue for weeks, despite millions of rapid, at-home tests on order and a move to make them free for some of the state's residents.

After a national cabinet meeting last week, Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced a limited number of rapid antigen tests would be provided free to six million concession card holders across Australia, with each person able to get 10 over the next three months.

However, the changes will not help NSW keep track of its escalating infections for a while, with the scheme not expected to be up and running for another week. Rapid tests will remain in short supply and testing sites overwhelmed in the meantime.

NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet warned the state was in for a challenging few weeks.

He said the Government is doing everything it can to drive down testing delays while waiting for some of the 50 million rapid antigen tests it has ordered to arrive.

The at-home tests, which begin arriving late next week, will be distributed through PCR testing clinics, as well as vulnerable communities including the homeless and Aboriginal medical services.

isolating and get family supplies together enough for seven days.

"And please, if you test positive, do the right thing and go immediately home and do not leave," he said. "It's difficult to overstate the sense of urgency that must now apply to all of us. I don't want to sound alarming, but this is like a cyclone or bushfire or tsunami wave about to hit us."

"And we can't do too much to prepare and keep one another safe. It's hard to see the invisible threat. But it's real and it's imminent. I am asking residents to do what's right. And do it now."

"Together we have to trust each other as it's an honesty system."

"The next few weeks are going to stretch every resource we have

and be tough on our families.

"We will need outside support and assistance and must all do the right thing."

"Stay safe and be kind to each other. Be strong."

In late December, a temporary morgue was sent to Palm Island as residents were reminded of the risk COVID poses.

"The big difference is our population is massively under vaccinated compared to the rest of the Queensland," Cr Sam said.

Ms Fyles outlined the impact the pandemic was having on the NT's health workers.

Of about 800 full-time equivalent health workers, 120 have been identified as close contacts, and another 30 people have contracted

the virus. All except one of them contracted the virus in social settings outside the health system.

By Saturday, the NT had reported three positive cases in Yuendumu in the central desert northwest of Alice Springs, a town with a relatively low vaccination rate of 65% first dose and 41% double vaccinated.

Ms Fyles said the trio had travelled from Alice Springs before realising they had contracted COVID-19, and health workers had been in touch with them.

"They made sure that these people were aware they are positive, they touched base with their close contacts and advised them of their responsibilities," she said on Saturday.





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Hobart Hurricanes batter D'Arcy Short prepares for the BBL match against the Adelaide Strikers while following COVID protocol.

# Sporting world learning to live with COVID-19

By PETER ARGENT



THE COVID-19 pandemic has thrown the world into disarray, including professional sport. But elite athletes are used to adapting to unforeseen challenges.

Last week world number one tennis player Ash Barty, a Ngarigo woman, was back on the court at the sporting precinct of North Adelaide, South Australia.

And a couple of decent backhands away at the Adelaide Oval, T20 cricket talent D'Arcy Short, a Mitakoodi man, was back on the pitch, batting and bowling for the Hobart Hurricanes.

The different approaches to state and territory borders and regulations across the nation and the recent spike in COVID-19 cases have played havoc with sporting schedules, including the men's cricket Big Bash League and the National Basketball League (NBL) currently.

With a large number of COVID cases amongst playing and support staff of the Melbourne Stars and the Brisbane Heat teams, Big Bash games have been postponed and will be rescheduled, with similar issues in the NBL.

The clash between the Adelaide 36ers and the Perth Wildcats in the NBL has been rescheduled twice so far.

The multi format Ashes series between the Australian and English women's cricket teams has been adapted, with a trio of T20 matches – expected to include Aboriginal cricketers Ashleigh Gardner and Hannah Darlington – to be played at Adelaide Oval, now starting on January 20.

Salt-of-the-earth Barty played her first singles match since last year's US Open at the Memorial Drive centre court last Wednesday, January 5, coming from a set and a break down to defeat exciting young American talent Coco Gauff 6-1 in the third.

After a tenacious and crowd-pleasing win, Barty was typically forthright in her appraisal at the post-game press conference.

"I was able to create opportunities, but just was a little bit slack on the execution, rusty in the sense of stringing quality points together," Barty explained.

"I felt like I would play two or three good ones



Ash Barty shows that even the world number one is not exempt from COVID safety.

(points) and then give away two or three cheapies quite quickly, which comes with match practice.

"Midway through the second set, I was able to find my rhythm a little bit better on serve and just continued to be aggressive on my forehand.

"Obviously playing here in Australia, I love to play as much as I can.

"It's home!

"This is where I want to play.

"I'd love to be selfish and play the whole year here.

"Anytime I get a chance to play in Australia, I love to play; I love to enjoy it."

Later this month Barty will endeavour to become the first Australian woman to win the Australian Grand Slam since Christine O'Neil back in 1978.

She is also looking to follow in the footsteps of Aboriginal tennis legend Evonne Goolagong Cawley who won four Australian Opens from 1974-1977.



# Aboriginal Tent Embassy leaders denounce setting fire to Old Parliament House doors



LEADERS of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy and traditional owners have denounced the setting of a fire at the doors of Old Parliament House.

Their condemnation comes amid fears that a growing band of protestors associated with the so-called 'Freedom movement' could derail the 50th anniversary of the heritage-listed Tent Embassy, set to take place on January 26.

The fire on December 30 broke out during a protest at the entrance of the building, causing damage to the doors and the portico. Police made five arrests in the days after the fire. One who was arrested, released on bail, arrested again and released again was Nicholas Reed, 30, of Victoria.

Reed is accused of carrying numerous armfuls of kindling and several coolamon loads of hot coals to the front of Old Parliament House. An ACT court was told he had been shown in posts on social media stoking the fire.

A statement issued by the Tent Embassy Council on December



Anti-vaccination protesters stand in front of the burned out entrance doors to Old Parliament House in Canberra, Thursday, December 30, 2021. Picture: AAP Image

30 condemned the 'smoking ceremony', saying it was done "without the knowledge, consent or mandate of the Embassy Council and Traditional Owners responsible for the regulation of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy".

Ngambri Ngunnawal Elder Matilda House-Williams also condemned the protesters' actions, saying she believed in respectful dialogue as a means to

support Australians living on Ngunnawal land.

"As a Ngambri Ngunnawal Elder and having been there in 1972 with my brothers, Crow and Arnold, to assist in establishing the Aboriginal tent embassy with Bertie Williams, Billy Craigie and Tony Coorey, I am hurt to see the actions of the protesters on the steps of Old Parliament House," she said.

"As custodians of the ACT and surrounding region, my family are always open for respectful dialogue, to support and take care of the many men, women and their families that find themselves here on our beautiful lands."

Ms House-Williams said the fire at the protest did not represent the Aboriginal community in Canberra, and was disappointed the protesters did

not communicate with the Elders of the tent embassy.

"I am disappointed these protesters chose to disregard cultural protocols and not communicate with myself or other Elders of my family," she said.

"These behaviours do not represent the Aboriginal community here and it doesn't reflect the vision of families that have held the space at the Aboriginal tent embassy for almost 50 years."

Media reports have suggested that those involved in the protest, during which the fire started, were part of a coalition of 'alt right freedom' groups, which had co-opted Indigenous people and their issues through a process activists and academics have termed 'Blackfishing'.

Greens Senator Lidia Thorpe said she stood in solidarity with the Tent Embassy.

"The people responsible for the fire have disrespected Ngunnawal traditional owners. There is no place for anti-vaxxers and conspiracy theorists in the struggle for First Nations sovereignty."

● Read Lynda-June Coe's opinion piece, page 24.

# Embassy calls for unity



THE last surviving member of the 'founding four' who established the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra in 1972 wants to see Aboriginal people unite for "a common purpose".

Ghillar Michael Anderson, convenor of the Sovereign Union and leader of the Euahlayi Peoples Republic, said it was time to unite to face the "common enemy".

"Let's take this fight forward together, casting off personality clashes and personal ideological differences," he said.

Mr Anderson said the original intention of setting up the Tent Embassy in 1972 was to highlight the commitment of Aboriginal people to fighting for justice and self-determination based on continuing sovereignty.

"For my part, the Aboriginal Embassy stands for land rights, that is, the invaders have to return and pay for what they stole from us," he said.

"There are no laws in this country, nor in England, that intended to extinguish any rights that First Nations had then and that we continue to hold now.

"The underlying part of the protest was 'sovereignty never ceded'."



Founding the Aboriginal Tent Embassy are Michael Anderson, Billy Craigie, Bert Williams and Tony Coorey.

The Aboriginal Tent Embassy was established 50 years ago on January 26 by Billy Craigie, Tony Coorey, Michael Anderson and Bert Williams, in protest at the government's treatment of Aboriginal people.

They called for land rights, the protection of Aboriginal sacred sites, and proper compensation for lands not returned.

Their voices reached the ears of Federal Opposition Leader Gough Whitlam, who visited the embassy to sit and listen to the views of the Aboriginal protestors, before he

became Prime Minister later that year.

The protestors highlighted the violence of colonisation, theft of Aboriginal land and the risk that posed to Aboriginal culture.

"People who come to Canberra will hear another side that hasn't been spoken of since the inception of the embassy," Mr Anderson said.

"We had an agreement with Whitlam and we have photographs of him on the lawns and walking out of the embassy.

"We will also hear from speakers who were involved in making things happen, such as (activist) Paul Coe and Gary Foley. There will also be people down from Brisbane, Tony Coorey's wife and son, and we'll be trying to work out how we will mark the police raid on the embassy, which happened 20 days off six months since the embassy was established."

Mr Anderson said the 50th Anniversary of the Tent Embassy "must go back to the original themes so that we can then come forward on our terms".

"We must demand the Australian Parliament go back to the drawing board on the matter of native title and Aboriginal law.

"The embassy by its very presence is a constant reminder of unfinished business."

Mr Anderson said he was disappointed by the gathering of protestors who allegedly set

a fire at Old Parliament House, saying the embassy had always advocated non-violence.

"None of them have had anything to do with the embassy," he said.

"Even if we disrespect the occupation of our lands, I was taught by Elders that you have to stay above the gutter level that the British brought with them.

"We will work with authorities to maintain a peaceful protest and the sheer numbers of people will support us.

"We don't take kindly to anything being destroyed."

Given the pandemic, Mr Anderson urged anyone with symptoms to stay away and for those attending to give each other space.

Mr Anderson has proposed that January 27 be a day of talking about sovereignty, self-determination and land rights.

"I am inviting two international experts in their field of law and society to address these very issues so that you will understand that this is not a pipe dream. We can achieve a lot, but we must be committed to take on the fight.

"These talks, 'Where to from here?', will take place at the Albert Hall on Commonwealth Ave very close to the Aboriginal Embassy in Canberra."

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Aaron Everett points out baby flathead in a small lagoon on the property to Tanganutura Everett-Green.

# Return of Country is cause for celebration

By JILLIAN MUNDY



LAST year the pakana community welcomed a 195-hectare property known as Diana's Basin on the east coast of Lutruwita (Tasmania) back to Aboriginal ownership.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) chairperson Graeme Gardner said having the property back would enable Aboriginal people to strengthen their connection to the Country.

"This whole coastal area of north-east Lutruwita, from St Helens all the way to Musselroe and beyond, is the home of our Old People, our direct ancestors," Mr Gardner said.

"We can see their lives written all over this land. We can rejoice with their amazing ability to live securely in this environment for millennia as well as weep for the tragedy that saw them exiled

from the land of their birth to die in pitiful circumstances and their graves robbed for the curiosity of the invaders after their death."

While the Aboriginal community has a 40-year lease on Larapuna (Eddystone Point) and has been campaigning for years for the return of Mt William National Park, Diana's Basin is the first area of north-east Tasmania that has been returned to Aboriginal ownership.

It was purchased as a partnership between by the TAC, the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC) and the Tasmanian Land Conservancy (TLC).

Purchasing partners, neighbours and around 50 Aboriginal people, nearly all with direct ancestral links to the area, attended a small ceremony that included speeches to mark the return. The ceremony coincided with the 26th anniversary of the state's most significant land returns, in 1995, when 12 parcels

of land were returned.

Properties around Tasmania are being snapped up, cleared of vegetation, built up and subdivided by cashed-up developers like never before, often from interstate and overseas buyers. Prices of properties have sky rocketed. According to domain.com, two Tasmanian suburbs have seen property price increases of 90% in just five years.

The Diana's Basin property was likely saved from the same fate when a group of local conservationists, the North East Bioregional Network, successfully campaigned 15 years ago to have a prohibition on subdivision within a kilometre of the coast.

They are pleased to see the property back in the hands of Aboriginal people.

The TLC and TAC are working on a conservation covenant that will prohibit any future subdivision or wide-scale

vegetation clearance, with some exclusion zones in case the TAC wants to build anything and clauses for cultural uses.

Covenants are a set of legally binding rules attached to the land title in perpetuity, protecting the land should it ever leave the hands of the TAC. Once the covenant has been worked out the title will be handed to the TAC.

More than 70% of the ecologically sensitive and culturally significant property is old growth forest.

It is home to two lagoons, a variety of bushland and at least three threatened species.

"If this property had not been returned to Aboriginal ownership, it would still have been sold, but with uncertainty over future access and the way that cultural and environmental values would be managed – if at all," ILSC chief executive Joe Morrison said.

The ILSC has also granted

money to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre to enable Diana's Basin to be managed by the TAC ranger team

Chair of the Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania Michael Mansell explained how the ILC (now ILSC) was set up in the 1990s during native title discussions as a land fund for Aboriginal people who would be unable to successfully litigate native title.

"It didn't turn out that way. "It allowed native title holders to compete with non-native title holders and so the bucket of money is reduced, otherwise Aborigines in Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia and the bottom end of Western Australia would have a lot more land purchased. That's the way it transpired, not withstanding that the ILC has stood by the Aboriginal community," he said.

"No land has been returned by the state (Tasmanian Government) since 2005."





The coastal property has two lagoons and a variety of bushland.



Pakana rangers Kulai Sculthorpe and David Lowrey look forward to culturally managing the property.



Bjorn Everts from the ILSC, TLC chairperson Jennie Churchill and TAC chairperson Graeme Gardner.



Pakana man Cody Gangell from the National Indigenous Australian's Agency said it was brilliant to be out on Country with community, discussing the possibilities for the future use of the returned land.



Lisa Coulson from TAC, Loueen Triffitt with granddaughter Isabelle and daughter Ange, and TLC board member Julian Von Bibra.



Daisy Allan and son Blake from Launceston.



Mel McPherson from Burnie TAC and Lisa Coulson from Launceston TAC.



Jo James cleansing at the smoking ceremony and Aaron Everett keeps the fire.



Theresa Sainty cleansing at the smoking ceremony as Colin Hughes watches on and Aaron Everett keeps the fire.



Chair of the Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania Michael Mansell talks about native title and the ILC land fund and praised the terrific relationship between the purchasing partners.



# Artists boycott Sydney Festival in support of Indigenous rights



DOZENS of artists and arts organisations, including First Nations artists, have withdrawn from this year's Sydney Festival in protest over the Israeli Embassy's \$20,000 sponsorship of the dance work *Decadance*, by Israeli choreographer Ohad Naharin.

The Boycott Sydney Festival campaign posted an open letter, calling on the Sydney Festival board and organisers to return the money to the Israeli Embassy. "We are deeply concerned by Sydney Festival's refusal to sever its ties to the apartheid regime of Israel, despite urgent calls from a cross section of artists and organisations," the letter on website [dobetteronPalestine.com](http://dobetteronPalestine.com) says.

"The Festival has made the decision to accept funding from the Embassy of Israel, making the embassy a Star Partner.

"As artists who work and create on unceded land, we are committed to justice for Indigenous peoples everywhere, from so-called Australia to Palestine. As such, we urge Sydney Festival to drop its partnership with the Israeli Embassy as a matter of conscience.

"Israel has long used culture and the arts to cloak its atrocities against the Palestinian people."

First Nations artists who have withdrawn from the festival include author and journalist Amy McGuire, rapper Barkaa and theatre company Marrugeku.



Wiradjuri artist Karla Dickens has reworked a collection of found postcards for a large scale installation *Return to Sender* at Carriageworks, but the artist has withdrawn the work from Sydney Festival.

Other performers and artists who have joined the boycott include comedians Judith Lucy, Nazeem Hussein and Tom Ballard, writer and refugee Behrouz Boochani, commentator Yumi Stynes and singer Marcus Whale.

In December Wiradjuri artist Karla Dickens announced that she was withdrawing her large scale installation *Return to Sender* at Carriageworks from the Festival.

"As a First Nations artist of Australia I withdraw my work *Return to Sender* from the 2022 Sydney Festival program in protest at the negligence and

complete disregard of cultural safety and duty of care on the part of the Festival with regard to participating artists, including myself," she said.

"*Return to Sender* was installed before I was made aware of any of the Festival's funding partnerships."

A number of scheduled festival events and installations including Marrugeku's *Jurrungu Ngan-ga*, theatre production *seven methods of killing kylie jenner*, co-directed by Bardi Jabirr Jabbir woman Shari Sebbens and Zindzi Okenyo, and Dickens' work *Return to Sender* are still going

ahead, but in an independent capacity.

The cast and crew of *seven methods of killing kylie jenner*, which will be staged at Darlinghurst Theatre, made a statement saying that they had no choice but to withdraw.

"We will not be coerced into complicity," they said.

"We have come to this decision together to stand in solidarity with the Palestinian cause and with all Indigenous peoples' right to sovereignty and liberation. We live, create and perform at the intersections of Solidarity."

Carriageworks unveiled Dickens' new large-scale wall assemblage titled *Return to Sender* last week.

Installed in the Carriageworks public space and presented free to the public until January 30, the installation reworks found postcards picturing First Nations people from the turn of last century with contemporary representations of First Nations Australians.

In a show of pride and defiance, these racist postcards are stamped for return to their sender. Dickens rescues the postcards and inserts two defiant contemporary portraits of First Australians into the scene. Printed on industrial tarpaulin, these collaged images are framed with domestic detritus, from rusted corrugated iron to unhoused front fences and decapitated letter boxes, sealing the installation with a 200-kilogram prison door.

*Return to Sender* acknowledges the persistence of racial violence in contemporary life. Courageous and timely, the work is a call for resistance.

"I have always seen it as my duty to bring home objects depicting First Nations people and give them a safe home," Dickens said.

"The thought of leaving them for a racist to own scares me. I want to pay respect to the people depicted in the postcards and hope to bring back any power stolen when these historical images were first taken and distributed. May we all continue to reveal, engage and expose Australia's darkness."

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# A stitch in time to keep community COVID-safe

By JILLIAN MUNDY



REUSABLE facemasks were stitched up in the nick of time at a workshop in Nipaluna/Hobart run by the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) before

Christmas.

The TAC's Social and Emotional Wellbeing Program's (SEWP) facemask workshop was held the day before Lutruwita/Tasmania opened its borders on December 15.

It was back by popular demand after a couple of earlier workshops.

Three days later, the State Government announced that masks would be mandatory for all indoor settings except in your home from December 21.

Lutruwita had had tight restrictions and low numbers of COVID infections since the beginning of the pandemic, with the exception of an outbreak which closed down the North-West Regional Hospital in early 2020.

Sara Maynard, who runs the SEWP, said she had realised there was a need for reusable masks after a sudden three-day lockdown in October for southern Tasmania. Until then there had been no state requirements outside of medical settings to wear facemasks.

"I noticed the pregnancy support worker and midwife from the Aboriginal Health Service had homemade bibs on their wall," Sara said.

"They'd run a couple of burp cloth and bibs workshops with the pregnancy support group and I asked about them making masks.

"We know throwing away masks costs a lot of money.

"Although the World Health Organisation recommends surgical masks as the best protection, we're saying having a material mask is better than having none at all."

At the time of the workshop Sara was thinking that, if a lockdown was announced and you couldn't go out to get a mask without having a mask, "well, they'll have one".

Good thinking. Within days they were sold-out in shops.

That was before Christmas.

As the *Koori Mail* went to press a few days ago, Tasmanians had become well used to wearing facemasks, and were instead dealing with being turned away from long queues to be tested for COVID as more than 700 cases were being confirmed each day amongst those who managed to get tested.



Sheveka Kelly with son Teddy Kelly and her sister Heidi Fenton with son Liam Mogford amongst their bibs and burp cloths.



Chris Mabb and partner Jade Triffit made bibs and burp cloths for their baby who is due in July. Chris last sewed with his Nan when he was about 10 years old.



Sharee Burgess, Miriam Enno and Kira-Lee McKenzie model their handmade masks.

Apart from the benefit of having a mask on hand, Sara said the workshop was special.

"Partners and parents with their children attended. This little workshop has bought a variety of community together," she said.

It also inspired people who had never sewn before to start sewing at home.

"My Nan bought me a sewing machine to encourage me. It's still under the bed in the box," Heidi Fenton told the *Koori Mail*.

"I'm excited to start. They've given me the basics. I want to make little native animal plush toys."

Pregnancy support worker Kira-Lee McKenzie said that the workshop was suited to any ability level and people were teaching each other.

Kira-Lee and midwife Miriam Enno bought their own sewing machines in and

a range of colourful material, some featuring Aboriginal artwork, was supplied.

There are plenty of facemask making patterns available online to download for free and you only need scraps of cotton material, elastic and a bit of wire for the bridge of the nose.

The workshop used patterns from <https://www.irisluckhaus.de/en/2020/diy-cloth-mask/>

The World Health Organisation recommends cleaning your hands before putting your mask on, as well as before and after you take it off, and after you touch it at any time, making sure it covers both your nose, mouth and chin, storing it in a clean plastic bag when you take it off, and every day either washing fabric masks or disposing of medical masks in a trash bin, and not using masks with valves for covid prevention purposes.



Natasha Mansell made her son a facemask and granddaughter a matching bib and burp cloth.

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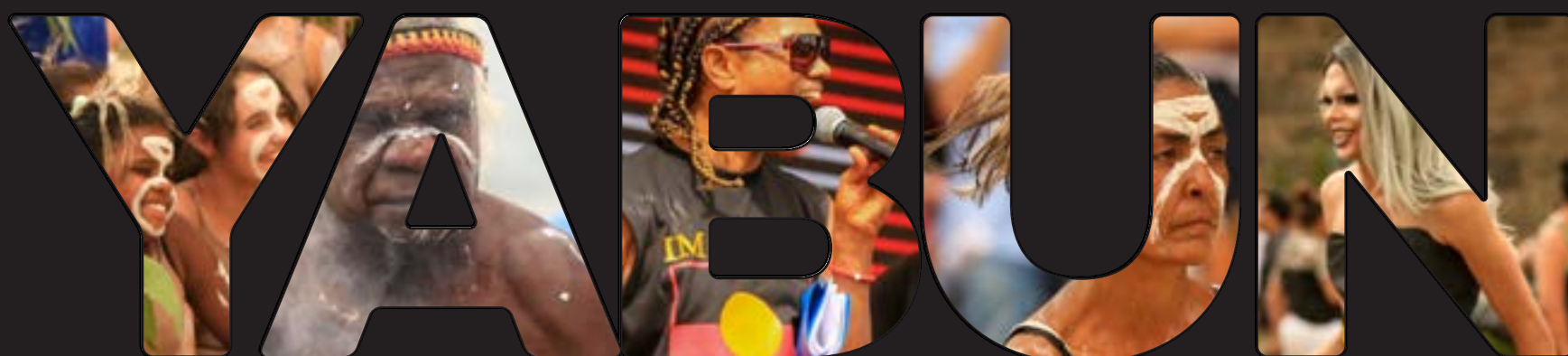


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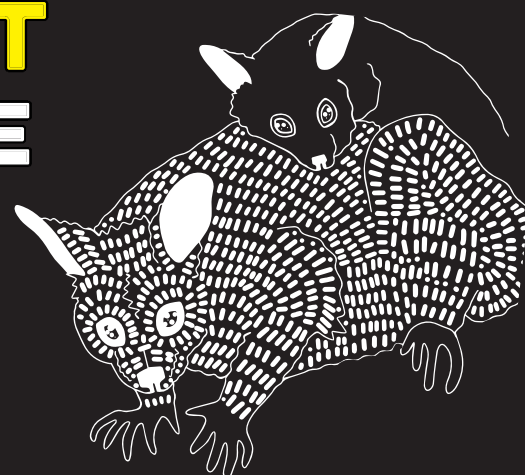
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# Freedom School brings language and culture into the classroom

By DARREN COYNE



THE first bilingual school in NSW is set to open its doors to students this year.

The Gumbaynggirr Giingana Freedom School, which will be based at the Coffs Harbour TAFE campus, will cater to Aboriginal children from Kindergarten to Year 2.

The school will focus on the Gumbaynggirr language and culture, and will eventually cater to students through to year six.

It will be run by the Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan Aboriginal Corporation after being granted a permit by the NSW Education Standards Authority.

Nathan Brennan, the chief operations officer of the corporation, told the *Koori Mail* that the school was the realisation of a long-held dream.

"It's been on the cards for a long while and we finally felt that we were at a stage where we were successful with language, tutoring and homework services, and we had the capacity to start the school," he said.

"We will open in February with 15 to 20 students and the curriculum will be taught from a Gumbaynggirr perspective, including language, maths,



River Cavanagh, Alexis Reid and Jayalaani Webb will be students at the Gumbaynggirr Giingana Freedom School.

English, geography and Gumbaynggirr culture.

"The students will be learning about different plants and stories and cultural places in and around Coffs Harbour."

Mr Brennan said the school

would have a teaching principal and another teacher, two language teachers, and two positions for Elders.

He said the Elders would come in to work with the students and would incorporate cultural



Kids enjoy learning in an outdoor classroom.

dancing, songs and music, along with bush tucker, cultural resources and stories.

He said the school would be the first bilingual school teaching an Aboriginal language in NSW and was committed to striving for academic excellence among all students by developing and implementing innovative practices.

"We are in the process of fitting out the premises at the TAFE and have some exciting developments over the coming

months in regards to the school," Mr Brennan said.

"It's all happening. We're still finalising some positions but in terms of the nuts and bolts we've got the premises and we're now getting down to the nitty gritty, installing computer systems and the rest."

He said the students would also be given the opportunity to learn on Country at the nearby Coffs Creek (Buluunggal) and the old camp, where some Elders lived until the 1950s.

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# Plans underway to create national home of culture



THE Federal Government is planning to build a \$315.6 million Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural precinct on the shores of Canberra's Lake Burley Griffin.

Ngurra – meaning 'home', 'country' or 'place of belonging' – will include a learning centre, a national resting place to care for Indigenous ancestral remains, and a new home for the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the precinct would take its place in the Parliamentary Triangle as a place of national pride and significance and be a "landmark of the highest order".

"All Australians and visitors to our nation will be able to gain a deeper appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' diversity and cultures, and the richness this offers our country," he said in a statement.

"This new world-class facility will contribute to our continuing journey of reconciliation, where Indigenous Australians can tell their stories, in the way they want, for all visitors to have a greater understanding of our shared history."

Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt said, as AIATSIS's new home, the precinct would house and make accessible the world's largest collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural and



Heather Henderson, AIATSIS chairperson Jodie Sizer, Jenny Morrison, Prime Minister Scott Morrison and AIATSIS chief executive Craig Ritchie.

heritage items.

Remains of Indigenous Australians taken from their Country would be cared for at Ngurra until they are able to be returned to their communities.

"And in instances where provenance has been forgotten or erased, they will be cared for in perpetuity with dignity and respect," Mr Wyatt said.

An architectural design

competition will be run this year to develop a design that reflects Indigenous Australian's aspirations, achievements and connection to Country.

AIATSIS Council chair Jodie Sizer said that Ngurra: the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Precinct recognises the important standing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and history as

central to the nation's story.

"It will be a place of storytelling, and of teaching, and of sacred rest for ancestral remains and other sensitive materials for which the provenance is uncertain," she said.

"The inclusion of a National Resting Place is of vital importance, and is long overdue. Consultation on this concept dates back more than two decades.

"Ngurra: the National Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Precinct will complement storytelling by other national institutions in the Parliamentary Triangle – the Parliamentary buildings, Reconciliation Place, the Tent Embassy, the High Court, and the national collecting institutions. And it will provide a new and more accessible home for AIATSIS."

Mr Ritchie said consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people throughout the project's development will be essential.

"Ngurra: the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Precinct will have national significance in the Parliamentary Triangle, speaking to the central place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia's story," he said. "It will allow us to showcase the work of AIATSIS to the world in new ways, with built-for-purpose facilities.

"It will be a place for discoveries by the tens of thousands of schoolchildren who visit Canberra each year, eager to learn.

"These activities support telling the story of the central and enduring place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. A story that is over 65,000 years old.

"Telling that story is very much at the core of what AIATSIS does.

"The new facilities offered by the Ngurra: the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Precinct will create new opportunities for people to encounter, engage with, and be transformed by that story."



## Mid-Murray Anabranches Demonstration Reach Project

### Invitation for registration of Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge Holders

Water Infrastructure NSW is currently investigating a range of infrastructure projects as part of the Mid-Murray Anabranches Project. Replacing infrastructure along the Native Dog and Bullatale Creeks will enable improved water management and deliver better social, environmental, and cultural outcomes for communities along these creek systems.

The project would involve ground-disturbing construction works at a range of locations within a project area that stretches from Tocumwal in the east along the Native Dog and Bullatale Creeks within the Murray River and Berrigan Shire Local Government Areas.

In accordance with the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents* (Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, 2010), Water Infrastructure NSW is seeking registrations of interest from Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to this project area and the cultural and spiritual significance of the Native Dog and Bullatale Creek systems more generally.

Community consultation with Aboriginal people will assist us to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report for the project. Where potential impacts are identified, consultation will also assist the Department of Premier and Cabinet in the consideration and determination of any Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit applications as required.

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

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**Registrations must be received by close of business on 31 January 2022.**

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# Concern as contracts go to non-Indigenous companies

By DARREN COYNE



WIRADJURI man Paul Towney believes his company is missing out on State Government contracts worth millions because they are being awarded to non-Indigenous companies. Mr Towney owns and operates Wiradjuri Demolitions Pty Ltd, which specialises in civil demolition and asbestos removal. He told the *Koori Mail* that he was upset to learn that contracts worth millions had been awarded to non-Indigenous companies as part of the Roads to Home program, which is designed to provide infrastructure and services for discrete Aboriginal communities across NSW.

Mr Towney said he had been undertaking multi-million dollar asbestos remediation works across NSW for five years and was pre-qualified with the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE) for such works.

"I am also registered with the Federal Government's Indigenous Supply Nation, yet was never invited by DPIE or Lyons Advantage (the company that scored the contracts) even though I had emailed my licensed company details to DPIE six months previously," he said.

Mr Towney said non-Indigenous construction contractors were being given contracts by Local Aboriginal Land Councils, which were supplied with a list of potential project managers.

"I received a call from Walgett mob I know asking why didn't I put in for asbestos removal works worth at least \$6 million to start asap at Walgett. I answered I was never contacted by Roads to



**Wiradjuri man and demolition business owner/operator Paul Towney is concerned that Indigenous businesses are missing out on millions of dollars in contracts awarded to carry out Indigenous projects.**

Home DPIE senior management and I already registered with DPIE administration over six months ago for upcoming works statewide."

Mr Towney said a non-Indigenous company, Lyons Advantage, had been appointed project managers for work at Walgett, Wellington, Collarenebri and Gulargambone in western NSW.

"I asked all local LALCs how did they come to employ Lyons Advantage, a non-Indigenous project manager for all their Roads To Home projects. They all answered that DPIE referred this non-Indigenous company even before looking for Indigenous licensed contractors," he said.

"I am tired of finding out that no matter how hard we try to get to the same level playing field in the construction field as a licensed



Indigenous company, we are not good enough.

"When government hands out multi million dollar Indigenous construction works and simply hands our funding straight over to non-Indigenous operators to economically benefit without any of my fellow licensed construction companies or I being considered then I will challenge the current status and make sure government funding is appropriately spent and Indigenous communities actually benefit through engaging our mob.

"In total, Lyons Advantage would be receiving millions in Indigenous funding as I know Wellington LALC are receiving at least \$2 million, Walgett LALC for the asbestos removal works alone is worth \$6 million and

Collarenebri LALC will be receiving at least \$2 million, of which Lyons will profit the majority of the funding as the appointed, non-Indigenous, project managers."

A spokesperson for the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment defended the department's track record of Aboriginal participation and engagement.

"The Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) awarded over 50% of all construction contracts to Aboriginal businesses last financial year," the spokesperson said.

"That's nearly 400 jobs in construction for Aboriginal trades.

"Last financial year, the AHO awarded all 19 tenders for

demolition works to Aboriginal businesses.

"Aboriginal participation and engagement remain a core requirement of the Department's transparent tender process.

"The AHO has significantly expanded its team of Aboriginal builders by conducting open tenders and working directly with Supply Nation and the Indigenous Chamber of Commerce.

"The AHO has made numerous attempts to obtain complying tenders from Mr Towney's business, and if he wishes to participate, AHO will continue to encourage and support him to submit complying tenders.

"In a letter to Mr Towney, the AHO has also advised it would explore options for him to participate in a panel of preferably Aboriginal businesses being formed to streamline procurement for smaller projects."

The spokesperson said the Roads to Home program does not award or manage any contracts to provide services or works. The program provides funds to Local Aboriginal Land Councils, which then choose their own contractors or project managers.

"The Department gives Local Aboriginal Land Councils a list of project managers that may be available in their area, but the councils are free to choose anyone they believe is suitable, including project managers who were not on the list.

"The Aboriginal Housing Office accepts the registration of businesses through the Indigenous Chamber of Commerce and Supply Nation at face value. It does not adjudicate this issue themselves, and any questions or concerns can be raised with the Indigenous Chamber of Commerce or Supply Nation."



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# Protest: End child detention



A SMALL group of protesters gathered outside the Northern Territory's infamous Don Dale youth detention centre on New Year's Eve to demand an end to the imprisonment of Indigenous children.

Dozens of Aboriginal children saw Christmas and the new year behind bars, four years after the NT Government agreed to close Don Dale, following one of the recommendations by the NT Youth Detention Royal Commission.

Inmate numbers have climbed to 44 in recent months after the NT Government toughened youth bail laws earlier in the year.

"This has now been going on for seven years, four years after a royal commission recommended closing it down," Darwin lawyer John B Lawrence said.

"These children are staying in cells previously occupied by rapists, killers and paedophiles."

About 20 protesters gathered late on December 31 near the entrance of the Don Dale Youth Detention Centre in Berrimah at the site of the condemned Darwin Correctional Centre.

They held placards, one reading "unjust, unconscionable and unAustralian", and declared they would campaign until the children were released.

Mr Lawrence is representing an 11-year-old Indigenous boy on remand in the former men's



A group that gathered outside the Northern Territory's infamous Don Dale youth detention centre on New Year's Eve have declared they will continue their protest against the imprisonment of Indigenous children until the children are released.

prison. The boy's application for bail was rejected by the court on December 31.

"He is occupying a cell on his own and he's locked down at 6.30pm every night, and in the last couple of days he's only been allowed out for one hour three times a day due to staff shortages," he said.

"To me that's just barbarism writ large."

In 2017, the NT Government accepted recommendations from the royal commission to shut down and replace Don Dale.

But four years on, a new facility is not complete.

Most of the children in detention in the NT are Aboriginal.

Mr Lawrence, a former president of the NT Bar Association and former president of the Criminal Lawyers Association, said the situation was "shameful and embarrassing" and must stop.

There were 34 children detained in the Don Dale youth detention centre and 15 in an

Alice Springs facility, according to NT government figures on December 13.

The final report of a royal commission into the protection and detention of children in the NT revealed systemic and shocking failures, including regular, repeated and distressing mistreatment of young people.

The NT Government accepted in full or in principle all 227 recommendations.

The Territory's Children's Commissioner released a report late last year slamming conditions in the NT's youth detention centres.

Increased prisoner numbers and staff shortages impacted the ability to provide basic services to inmates, Commissioner Sally Sievers found.

Some children were locked in their cells for more than 23 hours and 45 minutes a day and denied adequate access to education and medical services.

The NT Government has previously said that it is working to reform the Territory's youth justice system and that significant progress had been made to implement 218 recommendations.

Work on a new Darwin youth detention facility is underway and the Alice Springs facility is being refurbished.

Experts have recommended raising the age of criminal responsibility in the NT from 10 to 14. The NT Government supports in principle raising the age to 12. —AAP

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**Stuart Island Tribal Elders Descendants Local Aboriginal Land Council**

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs is considering whether to appoint an administrator to the Stuart Island Tribal Elders Descendants Local Aboriginal Land Council, under section 222 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (ALRA) to perform all of the functions of the Council.

The grounds on which the Minister is considering appointing an administrator to the Stuart Island Tribal Elders Descendants Local Aboriginal Land Council under section 222(1) of the ALRA are relevantly:

- There are not sufficient members of the Stuart Island Tribal Elders Descendants Local Aboriginal Land Council to form a quorum of the Council (section 222(1)(a)); and
- The Minister is of the opinion that the Stuart Island Tribal Elders Descendants Local Aboriginal Land Council has ceased for 6 months substantially to exercise its functions (section 222(1)(f)).

Written submissions are requested by Aboriginal persons with an interest in the Stuart Island Descendants Elders Local Aboriginal Land Council.

The submissions received will assist the Minister in his consideration whether to exercise his power under section 222(1) of the ALRA to appoint an administrator to exercise all of the functions of the Stuart Island Tribal Elders Descendants Local Aboriginal Land Council.

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Written submissions should address the above matters and be received no later than **5.00pm Friday 11 February 2022**. Submissions can be forwarded by post to:

Ms Lil Gordon  
Head of Aboriginal Affairs  
Aboriginal Affairs NSW  
PO Box 207, MASCOT NSW 1460  
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# Dual name is recognition



THE Bathurst Local Aboriginal Land Council (BLALC) has welcomed official approval of the dual name Wambuul for the Macquarie River.

Wambuul, the traditional Wiradjuri name for the river, has now been approved by the NSW Government.

The dual name will sit alongside the existing name with both names having equal status and being considered official names for the feature. Signposts, maps and directories relating to the area will feature both names.

BLALC chief executive Tonilee Scott said the move was a positive start to recognising and celebrating



**Left:** Hailee Provest, Bathurst Mayor Ian North and Bathurst Local Aboriginal Land Council chief executive Tonilee Scott. **Right:** Wambuul means 'winding river' in the Wiradjuri language.

Aboriginal heritage.

"Wambuul means 'winding river' in the Wiradjuri language and is a fitting title for this significant tributary," she said.

"Using the Wiradjuri language for this ancient river is a powerful and inclusive symbol of the broader community's appreciation of First Nations people's very long

ties to Wambuul."

Bathurst Regional Council Mayor Ian North said the dual naming is vital to meaningful community reconciliation.



"The dual naming of the river, Macquarie River/Wambuul, signifies and recognises our city's Aboriginal heritage," he said.

"This is a significant occasion for our city as it helps unite our community to move forward into the future."

The application received support from the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, Gunhigal Mayiny Wiradyuri Dyilang Enterprise, numerous community members and the Orange, Trangie, Warren and Wellington Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

The names can be used individually, either Wambuul or Macquarie River, or combined in either order; Wambuul/Macquarie River or Macquarie River/Wambuul.



## NOTICE

**Native Title Act 1993 (C'th) - sections 24MD(1)&(7), 26(1)(a),(b)&(c)(iii) and 29 Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (NSW)**  
**Native Title (Notices) Determination 2011 (C'th)**  
**Native Title (New South Wales) Act 1994 section 103**

**Notice of intention to do a future act to which subsection 24MD(2) or (2A) and Subdivision P, Division 3 Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (NT Act) apply: acquisition of land, including any native title rights and interests, by compulsory process, for the purpose of conferring rights or interests in relation to the land and/or waters on persons other than the State of New South Wales and not for the purpose of infrastructure.**

Transport for NSW (TfNSW), pursuant to section 177 of the Roads Act 1993 (NSW) (Roads Act) and the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (NSW) (LAJTC Act), intends to acquire by compulsory process for the purposes of the Roads Act, being to enable the transfer of the land to Grafton-Ngerrie Local Aboriginal Land Council, all the interests, including native title rights and interests, if any, in land at Glenugie described in the Schedule hereunder ("the land").

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### Notification day and prescribed documents & information pursuant to s. 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993

Only persons who are native title parties within the meaning of the NT Act will have negotiation and other rights under Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of that Act. The notification day for the act is 21 January 2022. Under Section 30 of the NT Act, persons have 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Any inquiries in this regard should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Sydney Registry, telephone (02) 9227 4000.

### Compensation

Any person with an interest in the land acquired, including native title holders, has a right to claim compensation under the LAJTC Act (see below).

The acquisition may affect native title rights and interests, if any, in the land as provided in section 24MD(2)(c) of the NT Act and compensation may be payable for any such rights and interests so affected. The acquisition notice will vest the land in TfNSW freed of all interests. Section 55 of the LAJTC Act states that regard must be had to the following matters in determining the amount of compensation:

- the market value of the land on the date of its acquisition;
- any special value of the land to the person on the date of its acquisition;
- any loss attributable to severance;
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If compensation under the LAJTC Act is not on just terms, the holder of any native title rights and interests is entitled to compensation for the acquisition in accordance with Division 5, Part 2 of the NT Act. A claim for compensation form will be available from TfNSW after the giving of any proposed acquisition notice.

### Name & postal address of the person by whom the act of compulsory acquisition of the land would be done

Transport for NSW  
PO Box 973  
Parramatta CBD NSW 2124

### Further information about the compulsory acquisition can be obtained by contacting the person below

Contact Statutory Land Transactions Manager,  
Transport for NSW  
Address: PO Box 973  
Parramatta CBD NSW 2124  
Telephone: (02) 8843 3135

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### SCHEDULE

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- **Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Emerging Young Community Leader of the Year**
- **Sustainability Award**
- **Lifetime Achievement Award**
- **CALD Elder Community Leader of the Year and CALD Emerging Community Leader of the Year**

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| Monday,<br>17 January 2022              | 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm  | Sawtell/Toormina<br>Toormina Velodrome Lot 53<br>Minorie Drive Toormina, NSW                           |
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## New Year's Resolutions

**Leonard Noble**  
(Palm Island)



My resolution is to give up smoking in 2022. Hopefully, I can achieve that as I stopped drinking alcohol three years ago.

**Millianna Davey**  
(Erub Island, Torres Strait)



I turned 80 last August and got to come to my home island Erub from Townsville for Christmas. Hope to do that again in 2022.

**Peter Kabay**  
(Mornington Island)



My resolutions are to be kind to everybody and listen to our Elders as they have been there and have the experience.

We need to make sure all our mob are kept safe, make sure all are getting their jabs, because it's our mob who will be affected the most. Keep strong and let's all rise above and make our community a lot more united and make sure we are setting an example for our children and they have a better future.

**Robert Sagigi**  
(Thursday Island)



Mine is to hope the Newcastle Knights go well in the NRL as I have supported them since 1988. Also to win more on the punt.

## Danny Eastwood's view



# COVID pandemic shows no pause

**S**TRAP yourself in, people, 2022 is upon us, and what a start to the new year it has been! With COVID-19 cases skyrocketing across the country following the emergence of the Omicron variant, it would seem that any hopes the pandemic had reached its peak were sadly mistaken.

The 'let it rip' strategy of both the Federal Government and, especially, the NSW Government in the lead-up to the Christmas holiday season has proved disastrous, with front-line health workers exhausted, hospitals barely managing the influx of patients, and essential workers being isolated, causing problems with food supply and other services.

As always, Indigenous community-led health organisations are again at the coalface of the pandemic, doing their very best to protect and support their people.

Vaccination rates have been steadily increasing, which shows that proper messaging from trusted Aboriginal people will win out over the misinformation being spread on social media platforms.

It is disheartening, however, that there has been a marked lack of leadership at the Federal Government level with regards to the pandemic, resulting in poor supply of vaccines, testing kits, and the disintegration of the testing and tracking regime.

That Prime Minister Scott Morrison and his ilk thought it was OK to hand over the supply of rapid antigen tests to the private sector speaks volumes about their priorities.

Of course, the PM had to quickly back-pedal following a national outcry, eventually



deciding that tests would be free for those on social security. But even that concession is too little too late, especially for a government already on the nose for its willingness to overpay millions to its business mates in Jobkeeper, and not ask for that money back.

With an election due this year, the many lies, rorts, false promises and absolute dereliction of duty from this government will no doubt be highlighted by the Opposition, itching for a chance to take control.

In the meantime, First Nations people from across the nation will continue the very real struggle to survive and prosper in their own land. And while they are being urged to converge on Canberra for the 50th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy this month, even this momentous occasion is in danger of being hijacked by alt-right, conspiracy theory nutters and anti-vaxers, who have been flooding into the capital in recent weeks.

The fire they lit at Old Parliament House was not an act sanctioned by ACT traditional owners or Elders of the Tent Embassy, yet it risks damaging the support the 50th would otherwise have received from many fellow Australians. Hopefully, respect and a common purpose will prevail, leading us not only into the new year, but a new era of reconciliation.

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Bundjalung man Djon Mundine has curated a new exhibition the *Dingo Project* at Ngununggula, a new art gallery in the NSW Southern Highlands.

# Ngununggula hosts the *Dingo Project*



FOR its summer exhibition Ngununggula, a new regional art gallery at Retford Park in the NSW Southern Highlands, is making a star of the dingo.

The brainchild of Bundjalung man, curator, writer, artist and activist Djon Mundine, who lives in Mittagong, the *Dingo Project* opened on Sunday and features newly commissioned and existing work by more than 15 artists.

They include Michael Cook, Karla Dickens, Fiona Foley, Fiona Hall, Garth Lena, Danie Mellor and Jenny Sages.

Mundine asked each of them to respond to the question: "What does a dingo represent to you?"

More broadly, the exhibition seeks to explore the significance of ancestral dingos through a range of spiritual and historical narratives as interpreted by the artists, a majority of whom are Indigenous.

## Dingo story

Visitors to the Dingo Project are greeted with a wall text relating a traditional Mildjingi-Wunggun dingo story once told to Mundine: *The Dingo: Wunggun, the Macassar, and the Matches*.

It details Macassar man's repeated attempts to give Wunggun, or dingo man, a range of gifts – rice, tobacco, canoes, matches – and Wunggun's steadfast refusal.

"If I took these things from you," Wunggun finally explains, "I would become dependent and become a white man. (I would be civilised but dependent!)"

"That is the basic thrust of this show," Mundine explained. "How do we live with difference, with

other people, other societies, other creatures?"

"But also, in a Freudian sense, how do we live with the creature from the Id, this passionate nature that is in all human beings?"

"This passion can lead to violence, but it can also lead us to do incredible things. How do we live with other people without killing them, or losing our temper?"

Cultivating empathy for, and curiosity about, other people and the way they view the world, can help.

This exhibition drives an appreciation of the many facets of Australia's wild dog as both totem and symbol.

## Portraying the Dingo

Hailing from Ramingining in the Northern Territory, Yolngu man Johnny Malibirr, from the Ganabingu clan, paints the storyline of Djanyarr, a dog spirit that created three streams of water inside a cave for Ganabingu people to drink from, and which they still can (although the central stream, being sacred, is off-limits).

Bidjara artist Michael Cook includes dingos as companions to several Aboriginal people in his painterly and highly theatrical photographs, including one figure in colonial costume riding a bicycle along a shoreline – a witty visual subversion of Europeans 'discovering' an already inhabited continent.

What these images appear to suggest is that while settlers may have regarded the dogs as 'wild', that wasn't necessarily the case for those who have lived alongside them for tens of thousands of years.

Bpangerang woman Judith Crispin's multimedia work looks like an arched, stained-glass window centred on the shapes of two dingo pups.

It has a lengthy, and poetic, title: *Comets in the Snow Gums and Alpine Flowers, the Night Orion and Estelle Crossed the Federal Highway, Falling in Traffic, in the Hymns of Winter Nightjars, and Rose Again Covered in Stars*.

Upon closer inspection, it's evident Crispin has used several unusual techniques including Lumachrome glass print (which, she has said, is "literally constructed from light, earth and flesh"), cliché-verre (a combination of painting and/or drawing, with photography) and chemigram drawing (where an image is made by painting with chemicals on light-sensitive paper) to make the work.

The materials involved include – yes – two roadkill dingo pups, wildflowers, seeds, resin, wax, gold chloride, turmeric, rodinal and selenium toner.

These were exposed for 42 hours on silver-coated gelatin fibre paper in a geodesic dome, with the paper then nailed to stained ply and decorated with hand-sewn echidna quills.

It's a very 'direct' piece, not least because of the techniques involved, and also spiritually evocative, in that the light-filled pup forms seem to be ascending to heaven, a reading enhanced by the artwork's arched shape.

Tallulah McCord's digital drawings of canine characters (*Dancing Loona, Protegene Beast*) are all fangs, pointy ears and bushy tails – the sort of expressionist avatars expected if dogs discovered the internet and

started online dating.

And Dhungatti artist Blak Douglas reimagines Goya's famous *The Drowning Dog* with a dingo in his signature pop style, drawing attention to the issue of 'the black dog', or depression, within First Nations communities, as he explains in the accompanying message.

An entire room has been given over to *The Adventures of X and Ray*, an ongoing series that began in the late 1980s as a collaboration between artist Michael Eather and Yorta Yorta artist Lin Onus.

After Onus died in 1996, his son, Tiriki, continued the series with Eather.

Ray the dingo and X the stingray are fibreglass sculptures, placed in the centre of the space.

Then, through a series of works on paper, they embark on amusing adventures, including *Michael and I Are Just Slipping Down to the Pub for a Minute*, which sees Ray riding X as though he were a surfboard on the crest of Hokusai's *Great Wave*.

## Ngununggula Gallery beginnings

Pronounced 'Narn-an-goola', Ngununggula means 'belonging' in the language of the Gundungurra people, the traditional owners of the lands on which the not-for-profit gallery is located.

"Local matriarch Aunty Velma Mulcahy, who has been involved from the start, wanted to give us a name, and we're honoured that she did and we treat the name with respect," director Megan Monte said.

"We instil Indigenous voices throughout our artistic and

education programs, through our events, and through our entry pavilion commission by Quandamooka artist Megan Cope.

"In the entry pavilion we also have a text by Aunty Velma explaining the Dreamtime story of how the local river systems were made here."

Championed by artist Ben Quilty alongside a group of dedicated locals over a five-year period, Ngununggula opened in October 2021 in redeveloped heritage buildings dating from 1912 – a dairy and a vet clinic – adjacent to Retford Park, which is owned and managed by the National Trust.

Construction cost \$7 million and the gallery negotiated a 25-year-lease.

"Ben Quilty's energy, drive and passion was instrumental in founding the gallery and, being one of our board members, he is still involved in everything we do," Monte said.

"He's got a real vision for this place, and our visions align, especially in terms of programming and community engagement."

Ngununggula enjoys operational funding from Wingecarribee Shire Council and has just received program funding from Create NSW.

"We also have a patrons program, which we rely on heavily," Monte said.

"More than \$4 million was donated to build the gallery, so we are fortunate to have a strong, healthy pool of people who are invested in what we do."

The *Dingo Project* opened on Sunday and runs until March 6.

For information, visit <https://ngununggula.com/>





Esme Fewquandi and Betty Hill.

# Crowds return to the Stable for Christmas

By ALF WILSON



NINE-year-old Desmond Little was among the huge number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people who attended the unique Stable on Riverway Christmas event in Townsville and was arguably the most comfortable.

An estimated 20,000 people attended 20th Stable festival event, held over five days from December 18 to 22, at the Riverway area near the fresh water reaches of the Ross River.

Before the event Desmond injured his leg in an accident when jumping into a swimming pool, but didn't want to miss the festivities.

So his family pushed Desmond around in a trolley, giving him the royal treatment.

For good measure they even bought him a tasty hot dog smothered in tomato sauce.

"It was great to have Desmond here with us. We are an Aboriginal family originally from the Bundaberg area and have been in Townsville for six years," his father Gabriel Little told the *Koori Mail*.

Proud Indigenous women Tajuanna Whaleboat and Miriam Agita said they enjoyed the spirit of goodwill and happiness there.

Of Mer descent, Tajuanna, who was with her two-year-old nephew Taharqua, is a member of a big Torres Strait Islander family who live on several islands, with family members also in Cairns and Townsville.

"I have really enjoyed the Stable event and there are lots of people here," Tajuanna said.

Miriam is of Papuan and Saibai descent and was with her brother Ryan Agita and his daughter Nooyah.

"We loved going through the village of Bethlehem and seeing it all and there was a real Christmas atmosphere," Miriam said.

Orlando Nawarie from Kubin Village on Moa Island said he enjoyed the event, especially a section of Bethlehem which



In the central roles of the Christmas story are Joseph and Mary with a real baby as Jesus.

included camels.

Stable was not held last year due to COVID-19 regulations and the previous 19 events were at Strand Park beside the Pacific Ocean.

One of the organisers Richard Hosking told the *Koori Mail* the venue was changed because of COVID-19.

"The location at Riverway is more spread out which helped with social distancing and this has been a success," Mr Hosking said.

Huge crowds attended over the five nights as guests experienced the sights, sounds and smells of Bethlehem 2000 years ago.

Among the highlights were performances by Aboriginal gospel singer Joel Wiggins (Gunaikurnai), Esme Fewquandi (Bwgcolman and Kuku-Yalanji) and Betty Hill (Kukuyalanji, Millaa Millaa and Wujal Wujal), Pat Morgan and the local Wulgurukaba Walkabout dancers.

Others performances included a version of the Nativity scene –



Desmond Little, aged nine, in his trolley (see story), Annalee Pope, Alyssa Little, 10, Gabriel Little, Courtney Douglas, and Jarrod Chinfat, 11.



Ryan, Nooyah and Miriam Agita.

Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus – and all the Christmas story characters including shepherds and their sheep, wise men with their camels, the innkeeper without any spare rooms, King Herod and his Roman soldiers.

There was a Bethlehem Puppet Theatre where children

and adults were enthralled by Stable's version of *The Bethlehemian Rhapsody* (a reworking of the famous Queen song *Bohemian Rhapsody*).

The festival at Raintree Grove warmly greeted visitors, providing a 'feel good' welcoming area where there were many activities



Tajuanna Whaleboat and her nephew Taharqua, aged two.

including storytelling, craft, treasure hunts, live music and opportunities to share a message with those for whom Christmas is a lonely time.

Other activities at the event included a food fair, a youth hub featuring a sports arena, a lagoon party and a skate park.





# In memory of an inspiring champion of his people

The Autonomous Region of Bougainville has lost a champion of Independence and the father of the 2018 Independence Referendum.

The Honourable Joseph Watawi passed away at 3.45pm Bougainville time on Monday, November 15, 2021.

Joseph Watawi was born on January 27, 1960, in Gohi Village in the Selau language group on the northern part of mainland Bougainville.

His mother Anna Tsehu was a chief and landowner in the matrilineal culture of Selau, and his father Paul Mini was a chief in the Selau clan Nabuin.

With a fierce intelligence that lasted until his death, he finished high school at Hutjena on Bougainville before completing his engineering qualification at Malaguna Technical College in Rabaul and later Lae Technical College on mainland Papua New Guinea.

In 1979 he began working as a fitter/machinist at the vast Panguna mine in central Bougainville run by a subsidiary of Rio Tinto. At Panguna he became the union shop steward and found himself advocating not only for the rights of workers, but for the rights of landowners. At that time, the senior women, who were the landowners at the Panguna mine (the most profitable mine on the planet at the time), were not being paid enough in royalties to buy food for their families from the mine store.

Joseph Watawi was instrumental in closing the mine operations during the breakdown in negotiations that eventually led to the 10-year Bougainville war from 1988, whereby Bougainville villagers defeated the Australian-backed Papua New Guinea Defence Forces (PNGDF) and won the Bougainville Peace Agreement in 2000.

As the paramount chief of Selau, during the years of the Bougainville war Joseph Watawi found himself in the very dangerous position of having to front negotiations with the PNGDF whilst protecting both the civilian population of Selau as well as combatants who were actively fighting the PNGDF. This was a time when the PNGDF were carrying out arbitrary executions.

A tall commanding figure, a great intellect and a truly great orator, he was able to survive this period and provide protection for his people.

The Bougainville war was de facto won in 1994 at the Kangu Beach Massacre where the Bougainville Revolutionary Army (BRA) joined forces with the Bougainville Resistance, who were supposed to be fighting on behalf of the PNGDF.

In an action that is now called 'green on green' Bougainvillean fighters wiped out the PNGDF Charlie Company at a sports day. This single ambush killed 25% of Papua New Guinea's standing infantry, however with Australian helicopter support this universally unpopular war was allowed to drag on for another five years.



**Mourners at the funeral of Joseph Watawi last year. Watawi was a leader in the movement for Bougainville independence and before his death was preparing to open negotiations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.**

After the signing of the Peace Agreement in 2000, Joseph Watawi became the chairman of the Bougainville Interim Authority and later the vice president of the first Autonomous Bougainville Government in 2005.

Relentlessly dedicated to achieving Bougainville independence, he was re-elected member for Selau in 2015 and took

up the position of chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for the (UN-backed) independence referendum.

During this period he was key in running a traditional, customary truth and reconciliation process to soothe the wounds and internal divisions left by the war. He travelled the length and breadth of Bougainville from remote mountain villages to making the 1000

nautical mile tour of the even more remote Bougainville atolls, all the time advocating for a peaceful referendum and 'yes' to the independence vote. With support from ex-combatants he was a key player in the disarmament process during this time.

He coined the referendum slogan 'Bruk Lus, Bruk Gut, Bruk Steret na Bruk Olgeta' (Break loose, break clean, break now, and breakup altogether).

While he was instrumental in disarmament, peace and reconciliation in Bougainville he never forgave Australia for their role in supplying helicopters and pilots to strafe and burn Bougainville villages and strafe boat loads of school children, and he was a staunch critic of Australian political interference in Bougainville affairs and the Bougainville referendum.

He campaigned against the Australian practice of setting up 'advisors' at the heads of Bougainville government departments and in a 2017 press release he famously told Australia:

"Australian aid is not about helping Bougainville but about gaining power and influence. As it stands now, Australia would have more power and influence here if they replaced their foreign and aid corps with a drunk rugby team."

He hit his stride and ruffled some feathers prior to the 2018 Bougainville independence referendum by running a practice referendum in his Selau electorate, demonstrating that Bougainville was going to vote almost 100% for independence.

Never one to suffer fools, during the referendum Watawi engaged in a heated argument with a UN worker who told him that votes that arrived late would not be counted. Watawi insisted that the vote of every man and woman in Bougainville should be counted. Tired of the argument Watawi threw a copy of the Bougainville Constitution hitting the UN worker in the head by his account.

Needless to say, Watawi got his way.

As the referendum numbers came in he kept track in the tally room he had set up in his house at Kokopau, calling the 97.45% independence vote before the Bougainville Electoral Commission.

In his advocacy for Bougainvillean rights and Bougainville independence he travelled the world from Australia, England, Ireland, India, Singapore and China to the USA, Dubai and neighbouring Pacific Island nations.

He is survived by his loving wife Belinda Watawi, six children and seven grandchildren. He is loved and missed by thousands of extended family, clan and language group members in Selau as well as people throughout the 20 plus language groups in greater Bougainville.

Joseph Watawi, your departure is a great loss to us all. Vale Joseph Watawi.

**Andrew Kilvert  
Bougainville**

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# Anti-vax movement front for racists

THE Aboriginal Tent Embassy is under attack by white supremacist groups. They infiltrate and influence through subterfuge and undermine principled justice movements. They do not belong in our movement. Their agenda is diametrically opposed to ours; so why do they embed themselves?

On December 21, members of anti-vax movements and right wing extremists held a protest outside of Old Parliament House and set the front doors of the building on fire. So far the AFP have charged four people involved in the altercation and have since moved some of these people on, but they continue to make claims of 'taking over embassy' backed by those with no legitimacy or authority within our communities or Embassy itself.

Although we have had to grapple with supremacists within all areas of Australian society, what is most alarming for me is the involvement of Indigenous people who have encouraged and are aligned with these racists who operate under the guise of the anti-vax movement, which is underpinned by the extreme right, conspiracy theory and conservative groups.

I have a healthy distrust of government and I am double vaccinated and soon to be boosted. I am also a sovereign Wiradjuri and Badu Island woman and I will not compromise my ethics and values to stand alongside a white supremacist to propel an anti-government agenda.

Let me make this clear: these groups are not our allies nor are they anti-colonial, but are working from a place of fear.

Their fear is embedded in the fear of their power and white privilege being dismantled. As Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people we do not protest and rally against this oppressive system



**Lynda-June Coe**

based on fear but justice. Hence, our positions are not aligned and those who have been in the justice movement would know this, would critically assess those seeking to assert themselves as 'allies' most destructively.

To further add to this mess, a non-Indigenous group originating from the US calling themselves 'sovereign citizens' have found themselves a support base in Australia with members co-opting language of the Aboriginal Sovereignty Movement by refusing to recognise the legitimacy of settler sovereignty. The issue I take here is Australian settlers originate from 200 years of migrancy and Australian sovereignty finds its origins from the British Commonwealth. 'Sovereign Citizens' are weaponising settler privilege inherited from Indigenous dispossession to propel a non-compliance agenda towards mandatory vaccination to assert body-sovereignty and freedoms against a vaccine.

The Indigenous struggle is emancipatory from structures of racial violence. Sovereign Citizens, neo-nazi and conservative groups alike are about maintaining

structures of racial power not dismantling it. We are not the same and yet we are constantly having to explain this and distance ourselves from those who co-opt and undermine our movement.

The Aboriginal Tent Embassy to this present day is a site for remembering our collective resistance and our unceded sovereignty. Leaders of the Embassy announced they did not endorse, support or condone the actions which resulted in the fire at Old Parliament House. Local Ngunnawal Elder Auntie Matilda House made a statement in relation to a breach of traditional cultural protocols by Indigenous people who are directly involved with the encampment which was lodged near the Embassy site with recent reports amongst a community of hostility and aggressions made towards local woman and Elders.

Auntie Jenny Munro and Auntie Matilda spoke to the *Canberra Times*, and appealed for the ACT Government to intervene and remove the anti-vax camp from the area which surrounds the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, given its close proximity to Indigenous people on the ground and those intending to travel down over the next few weeks for the 50th anniversary on January 26.

I, too, am requesting the ACT Government to act now to remove these agitators so that our people can commemorate and remember our heroes of the struggle peacefully.

I am also calling on our allies and supporters who have asked time and time again "how can we help?"

To them I say that now is the time for solidarity and to hold to account circles who are preying on the vulnerable to recruit and lead their pro-fascist ideologies. Your silence is deafening at a time when complacency means complicity. In the words of the late Desmond Tutu,

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor."

For some years now I have been involved in leading and organising Invasion Day rallies in Sydney and throughout NSW and have done so non-violently, even when faced with threats by police refusing to allow us to protest during the COVID-19 restrictions. I have also been vocal in uniting our people to converge on the Aboriginal Tent Embassy site to replicate and re-energise the spirit of what our old people fought for in the 1960s and 70s: the objective of the Commonwealth addressing Indigenous sovereignty is still unfinished business.

Australia is the only settler nation (like Canada, New Zealand and the United States) to not have a treaty with Indigenous nations. And I am not saying entirely that treaties or compacts have proven to be beneficial in enacting Indigenous sovereignty, but there are opportunities to learn from past failures and draw from a transformative, equitable-based approach if we are to achieve peaceful cohesion in this country.

The Aboriginal Tent Embassy is a symbol of our reckoning with the settler state and we should never forget its message.

And to our mob who are standing on the wrong side of justice, Indigenous sovereignty is drawn from community health principles. I use the term 'community' to represent the diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nations, language and clan groups right across this continent. The functions of our social and kinship systems are centred on the health status of the collective, both human and non-human forms. We understand this by looking after our most vulnerable in community, our Elders and gothas (children). A health system that has withstood the test of time. The

recognition of our people's sovereignty in a political sense means the settler state must reform and reconcile its imposed system through treaty which includes a package of rights – returning land, compensation for land/cultural loss, decolonising institutions and eradicating racism from its legal and criminal system for a fair and just Australia – not just for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – but all people who now share a sense of belonging to this beautiful country. This is our way – ensuring the health of the entire community.

The year ahead holds a multitude of significance for Indigenous Nations as many have been organising for months in advance to commemorate 50 years of the oldest political demonstration in the world, the Aboriginal Tent Embassy on Ngunnawal Country, Canberra. It is in our remembering of who we are as the oldest continuing culture on the planet that we find our strength and resilience to persevere, resist and rebuild against layers of colonial violence and racism. With this new disease that has come to our shores, it is imperative that we look after our health first and foremost and to heed caution as we navigate this latest threat on the soil of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy. Lastly, I finish by quoting Kurnai/Gunai, Gunditjmarra, Wiradjuri and Yorta Yorta writer Nayuka Gorrie in her article on Indigenous X:

"...the way our community cares for each other is our greatest strength right now. Where white culture leaves their most vulnerable behind, it is in our cultures to protect each other to ensure our survival."

● *Lynda-June Coe is a proud Wiradjuri and Badu Island Yinaa from Erambie, Cowra NSW. She is a cultural educator, teacher, activist and PhD student currently living on Wonnarua Country. This piece was first published on IndigenousX and is*

# Starting with a love story...

**GIYAA Nhuubala Yilaambiyal-baa! (Happy New Year!)**

For the first article of the year, I wanted to do something a little bit different. I have a background in creative writing and rather than a standard editorial column I wanted to begin the year with creative prose.

The basic purpose of prose is to convey an idea. It is often conversational in tone, built on familiarity over grammar, which helps connect readers to the voice and thoughts of the writer. Prose can educate, but it's best when it also entertains and emotionally moves the reader by triggering the imagination, appealing to the heart of our own life experience.

The new year always begins in conflict for our people. January 26 brings with it protest and division, and already the brochures from supermarkets and clothing shops have begun advertising the celebration of our invasion and attempted genocide in their Australiana merchandise.

This year has started with even more division and controversy after the fallout from an anti-vax protest at Old Parliament House.



**Woolombi Waters**

The Aboriginal Tent Embassy and Canberra traditional owners have distanced themselves from the Old Parliament House fire, resulting from an unsanctioned smoking ceremony.

For me, what separates Aboriginal people from other people is our ancient selves, that no matter the immediate circumstances we face, our lives are seen through the experiences, the history, the stories, the dance, and ceremonies of our old people.

It's why January 26 brings so much pain to so many of our mob in reliving the

violence of the past.

For Aboriginal people these stories go back tens of thousands of years. I wanted to start the New Year by sharing these experiences in such a way to unlock the oldest, most ancient memories of our past. And what better way than through a love story as timeless as our creation, inspired by Mungo Lady and Mungo Man. This story tells who we really are, a loving caring people who have endured and continue to survive.

Discovered in 1974 by Professor Jim Bowler, the couple were ritualistically buried in the most important human remains discovery ever found in Australia. Their burial re-wrote the story of this ancient land and sent shockwaves around the world. Mungo Lady and Mungo Man tell a story of love over 40,000 years old. These burials are amongst the oldest ceremonial remains of modern humans and were not found in Africa. Mungo Lady is the oldest known cremation in the world, representing the early emergence of humanity's spiritual beliefs.

In writing about Mungo Lady and Mungo Man I also acknowledge their descendants who still live

around the Willandra Lakes area, the Paakantji, Ngyiampaa and Mutthi Mutthi people, who are immensely proud of what the ancient remains prove of their survival from the past.

The kinship system that existed prior to colonisation – and I can only speak here with authority for Gomeroi, Kamilaroi and Gamilaraay – was one that maintained this love between ancient souls over generations through a Yanguru or moiety system that ensured our genetic memory as well as our physical memory in who we married and who we had children with.

It's why when we go back only three or four generations many sisters from the one family would marry brothers from another family to ensure this connection was maintained. It's why we see familiar names pop up over generations. For my family these include Florence, Ruth, Grace as well as Amelia and Ronald, Donald, and Len. Woolombi, though not given to me at birth, was also handed down by my Grandfather Len Waters.

The new year brought with it the rain, reminder of a timeless love as we savour the rhythms of an ageless

dance taking me back to memories long ago, finding you on the soft forest floor before losing you to the spectre of colonisation. I walked this land for centuries after, searching for you, hoping to smell the scent of sweat mixed in ochre and sandalwood that would lead me back to you.

The centuries passed. I watched the seasons come and go, the trees in the forest felled by the hands of settlers hungry for wealth, the soil ravaged in mining expeditions. The land desecrated by cattle and horses, the waters poisoned and stolen. Our people dispersed, savagely uprooted, and wept, wailing for the ancestors long gone, and the children unborn.

Country called us home to wage war on the savages who stole our children and placed them in missions, wiping clean the ochre from their bodies and dressing them up as slaves within the homes of the invaders, intoxicated with the impossible dreams of making us white.

From the weakened arteries of my heart, my soul cried out for you and the wind carried the wailing across time as mothers of children

taken dug their hands deep into the soil from the rich untouched womb of the earth. They cupped their hands in the rivers of sacred waters as there you appeared, like an apparition. You sprung to life warring against oppression, chasing the settlers from the land.

The great grandchildren of Frontier Warriors dismantling the greedy tentacles of these land whores sucking the nutrients from our Country. And when you unclasped the last intruders' grasp from our native land, you laid your weapons down before lighting the fire in calling me back home to you.

My heart surged like the rising currents of the ocean surrounding our ancient land, to settle in calm acceptance of the love you bring to me. Centuries after kissing you goodbye on the shoreline, over 40,000 years have come and gone and now our love rises up through our desire to live against all odds, so that I may nestle in the salvation of your arms and return to sacred lands and remain buried with you forever in eternity.

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





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

### Notice of an application for the preservation and protection of a specified area known as Dhiyaan Indigenous Centre (now Dhiyaan Aboriginal Centre), Moree, New South Wales

#### Invitation to make representations

I, Professor Richard Mackay AM, hereby give notice as follows:

The Minister for the Environment (**Minister**), responsible for the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (Cth) (Act)*, has received an application under section 10 of the Act. The application is seeking long term preservation and protection of the claimed significant Aboriginal area known as the Dhiyaan Indigenous Centre (now Dhiyaan Aboriginal Centre), Moree, New South Wales. The Minister has appointed me to provide a report to her under paragraph 10(1)(c) of the Act.

#### The Applicant

The application is made by Mrs Noeline Briggs-Smith OAM (**applicant**) a Kamilaroi elder who represents the Indigenous Community of Moree in New South Wales.

#### The purpose of the application

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

#### Matters the report is required to deal with

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

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

#### The specified area

Figure 1 below depicts the area for which preservation and protection is sought. This specified area is the Dhiyaan Aboriginal Centre, within the Moree and District War Memorial Education Centre building, on the south-east corner of Ballo and Albert Streets, Moree, New South Wales.



Figure 1 – Map showing the specified area of Dhiyaan Aboriginal Centre in Moree, New South Wales

#### Claim in relation to 'significant Aboriginal area'

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

- The applicant identifies the importance of the specified area as a 'keeping place' that holds the Dhiyaan Indigenous Collection which is important in inter-generational transmission of cultural knowledge about Kamilaroi society.
- The specified area holds objects which are secret and sacred, and others which are rare and susceptible to damage if not stored appropriately.
- The specified area contains records of the names, births, deaths, marriages, genealogies, cultural landscapes, legends, language, stories and social practices of individuals and families of Kamilaroi people.

#### Claimed threat of injury or desecration

The Applicant claims the specified area is under threat because the applicant cannot access and use the Dhiyaan Indigenous Collection that is housed in the Dhiyaan Aboriginal Centre by Moree Plains Shire Council. The applicant attributes the threat to the denial of Kamilaroi control over the specified area when the Dhiyaan Indigenous Collection was intended to be for the benefit of Kamilaroi people. Non-Kamilaroi control and management of sensitive information collected for Kamilaroi constitutes a threat to the inter-generational transmission of cultural knowledge about Kamilaroi society.

#### Invitation to make representations

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

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

Representations must be made in writing by 5pm on **Thursday 3 February 2022** or within such further period as may be allowed. **Do not send your representations directly to the Minister.**

Representations received by the due date will be provided to the applicant and to interested parties who submit a representation, and thereafter the applicant and such interested parties will be provided an additional two weeks to make final comments in writing.

#### Claiming confidentiality

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

#### Privacy notice

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

Sensitive information is a subset of personal information and includes any information or opinion about an individual's racial or ethnic origin, political opinion or association, religious beliefs or affiliations, philosophical beliefs, sexual preferences or practices, trade or professional associations and memberships, union membership, criminal record, health or genetic information and biometric information or templates.

By submitting a representation in response to the 'Notice of an application for the preservation and protection of a specified area known as the Dhiyaan Indigenous Centre (now Dhiyaan Aboriginal Centre), Moree, New South Wales', you consent to the collection of all personal information, including sensitive information, contained in your representation.

I, Richard Mackay, collect your personal information (as defined by the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)*) contained in your representation for the purposes of consideration in drafting a report under section 10 of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (Cth) (Act)* in relation the specified area and related purposes. If you do not provide some or all of any relevant personal information in your representation(s), I may be unable to fully and comprehensively consider your representation in the drafting of the report to be submitted for consideration by the Minister responsible for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (**Minister**).

The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (**Department**) collects your personal information (as defined by the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)*) contained in your representation for the purposes of the Minister's consideration in deciding whether to make a declaration under section 10 of the Act in relation to the specified area and related purposes. If you do not provide some or all of any relevant personal information in your representation(s), the Minister may be unable to fully and comprehensively consider your representation in deciding whether to make a declaration under section 10 of the Act in relation to the specified area.

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By submitting a representation, you consent to the disclosure of all personal information contained in your representation to the Minister and parties that may be affected by the decision of the Minister under section 10 of the Act.

See the Department's Privacy Policy to learn more about accessing or correcting personal information or making a complaint. Alternatively, telephone the Department on +61 2 6272 3933.



# Activist to sue health service



AN Aboriginal activist who has a successful record of litigation said he will seek a \$1 million payout from the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service (TAIHS) claiming wrongful dismissal from his job as the chief executive.

Dr Stephen Hagan was stood down by TAIHS on December 22, five months after being appointed chief executive into a three-year contract.

Dr Hagan is a former *Koori Mail* columnist, editor of the *National Indigenous Times* and founder of the First Nations Telegraph website.



**Dr Stephen Hagan**

Dr Hagan said that he is planning to sue TAIHS for unfair dismissal and reputational damage, claiming he had no

warning and that he was meeting all his key performance indicators as chief executive.

The TAIHS board unanimously passed a vote of no confidence in Dr Hagan.

On December 24, the *Koori Mail* received a statement on the matter signed by Michael Illin, the chair of the seven-person TAIHS board.

"TAIHS confirms the cessation of the employee/employer relationship with Dr Stephen Hagan effective Wednesday, December 22, 2021," the board's statement says.

"TAIHS does not agree with some of the information publicly tabled by Dr Stephen Hagan and

acknowledge some inaccuracies and inconsistencies with relevance and fact.

"The board chair and directors declare and confirm that the financial viability and security of TAIHS remains unchanged, with no threat to the ongoing operations, service provision or staff security of the company.

"TAIHS remains committed to the provision of community health services, and as such ALL health clinics and supporting programs and services are operating as normal with no foreseeable changes or disruption.

"TAIHS delegates have appointed an interim CEO to continue driving success and

outcomes for communities."

Dr Hagan has a long history of litigation and was a key figure in a long campaign to rename Coon cheese due to its offensive history. Dairy products company Saputo agreed to re-label it Cheer cheese in July 2020.

Dr Hagan also won an appeal before the United Nations to rename the E S 'Nigger' Brown grandstand at a Toowoomba stadium.

"I sued Mattel recently for a Scrabble game where you can use (derogatory terms) 'abo' and 'coon' to win a Scrabble game and that's now been changed. I got golliwogs out of chemists. It goes on and on," Dr Hagan told media.

## Stations riding the airwaves of success



INDIGENOUS radio stations have delivered a strong showing in the annual Community Radio Awards.

Six Indigenous broadcasters scored 19 nominations, with five of them taking out top honours in the awards, which are run by the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt congratulated the winners, and those nominated.

"Indigenous radio stations featured in almost half of the categories this year, which stands as a testament to the depth and breadth of programming they offer," he said.

"Indigenous radio is an integral part of our communities and it's great to see the excellent and thought-provoking programming receive the recognition it deserves.

"The CBAA Community Radio Awards are a chance to showcase and celebrate the people behind the programs and the stations and highlight their creativity and passion in delivering high-quality content.

"Throughout COVID-19, the leadership role of Indigenous broadcasters has been more important than ever, as they have delivered trusted, tailored messaging and important health information.

"I congratulate all of the nominees for their resilience over a tough year, their innovation and ongoing commitment to serving their communities."

The Indigenous broadcasters that won awards or were recognised as finalists were:

3KND Kool 'N' Deadly in Melbourne, Victoria, which won



**3KND Kool 'N' Deadly in Melbourne won the Excellence in Indigenous Engagement Community Radio Award for their initiative 'Standing Strong Together'.**

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The station was also the joint winner of the Best Radio Production for a segment on COVID-19.

### **Excellence**

The station was also nominated for the Best New Radio Program, Best Special Event Broadcast, Outstanding

Youth Contribution, Excellence in Sports Programming, Excellence in News and Current Affairs Programming, and the Station Leadership Award.

Ngaarda Media in Roeburn, Western Australia won the Best Online Content for Wirrilimurra Lore, and was nominated for Excellence in Journalism, and the Station Leadership Award.

Noongar Radio in Perth won the Excellence in Indigenous

Broadcasting Award for their program *Law Matters*, and was joint winner of Excellence in News and Current Affairs Programming. The station was also nominated for Best Radio Program.

PAW Media in Yuendumu, Northern Territory, was the joint winner of Best Station Production for their *Washing Your Hands* jingle and Excellence in Creative Audio for

their program *Pina Pina Jarrimi – Warlpiri manu English*.

Wangki Yupurnanupurru Radio in Fitzroy Crossing, WA, was the joint winner of Excellence in News and Current Affairs Programming, and was nominated for Excellence in Indigenous Broadcasting.

Radio Goolarri in Broome, WA, was also nominated for Excellence in Indigenous Broadcasting.

## Two camp dogs held following death of child



A YOUNG boy who died after going missing from a remote central

Australian desert community was mauled during a dog attack.

The three-year-old's

family reported his absence on the evening of December 31, after searching Ntaria (Hermannsburg), south-west of Alice Springs, for several hours.

Northern Territory police joined the search late on New Year's Eve and an

officer found the injured child about 9am on Saturday.

He was taken to the local health clinic but died before he could be treated.

Acting assistant NT Police commissioner Sachin Sharma said the child's wounds were "consistent

with an animal attack" but they were not ruling out foul play.

### **Investigation**

"Our investigation determined the involvement of an animal attack," he said.

Two camp dogs are

being held and are awaiting forensic examination.

Their owner is co-operating with investigators.

Acting Assistant Commissioner Sharma said the community and first responders were suffering significant grief, and counsellors had been sent

to help them.

"It's that sense of loss. It's horrible; it's horrific," he said.

"We are now preparing a report for the coroner and the cause of death for this little child will be determined by the coroner's office."



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## Shine Super Girl to play Sydney

It's a special day for Sydney's Indigenous community as the Shine Super Girl, a young Indigenous woman, is set to perform at the Sydney Super Girl event. The event is a celebration of Indigenous culture and talent, and the Shine Super Girl is a role model for young Indigenous women. The event is being held at the Sydney Super Girl event, and the Shine Super Girl is a young Indigenous woman who is a role model for young Indigenous women.

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## Domestic violence: women afraid to tell

Indigenous women are often too scared of losing their children to report domestic violence, a new report has found. The report, released by the Northern Territory Football League and GLENELG from South Australia, found that Indigenous women are often too scared of losing their children to report domestic violence. The report, released by the Northern Territory Football League and GLENELG from South Australia, found that Indigenous women are often too scared of losing their children to report domestic violence.

Women must not be forgotten, says Shelley Ware, page 51



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Barty pumped for Australian Open, page 51



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Rugby league's Battle of the Countries, page 67



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Barty gracious in defeat at Australian Open, page 58

# Strength in community

## Edition 742 – January 13

- The year kicked off with the release of a report into family and domestic violence, led by renowned academic Professor Marcia Langton. The report found that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are often too scared of losing their children to report domestic violence.

Professor Langton, University of Melbourne foundation chair of Australian Indigenous studies, said the findings underscored the urgency for increased funding for agencies working directly with First Nations people who need support.

- Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt launched the second stage of co-design meetings about an Indigenous Voice to Parliament and publicly released the interim report by the Indigenous Voice Senior Advisory Group.

The report said that the Federal Government would be obliged to consult the Voice when crafting laws on race, native title and racial discrimination that impact on Indigenous people, but the Voice would have no power to overturn policy or prevent laws coming into force.

- It would not be enshrined in the Constitution.
- Star basketballer Patty Mills reached a significant milestone in America when he played his 600th game for the San Antonio Spurs against New Orleans in the NBA.



Seed volunteers participate in campaigns for climate justice to protect land, water and the future. Seed Mob network has more than 35,000 supporters, including 250 young Indigenous volunteers across the country.

## Edition 743 – January 27

- Australia was slammed by First Nations, and legal and international organisations for its record on human rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Australia fronted the United Nations for its report card on human rights, the Universal Periodic Review.

Australia was taken to task for its record on racism, dodging its obligations to Indigenous people and was told it needed to step up action to promote the human rights of Indigenous people.

- A boomerang handcrafted by Kurna man Jack Buckskin was taken into space aboard a NASA-operated Tesla rocket. Carved out of

western myall wood, the boomerang was received by the crew of NASA's SpaceX Crew-1 mission on the International Space Station. It was commissioned by the South Australian Museum as an expression of modern Aboriginal culture and ingenuity and sent to US astronaut Shannon Walker after being presented to the State

## Government at a ceremony last year.

- Football lovers in Darwin were treated to the long-awaited return of the famous black, white and ochre representative jumper when the Northern Territory Football League and GLENELG from South Australia battled in a representative AFL match at Marrara Oval. The representative match was the first in 15 years that a combined NTFL side played wearing the black, white and ochre jersey. And the Top End Buffaloes, coached by Yorta Yorta man Craig Baksh, gave the Southern Tigers a lesson in wet-weather football, when they won by 24 points, 9.12 (66) to 6.6 (42).

## Edition 744 – February 10

- While the Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt wants club president Eddie McGuire to stay on at Collingwood, Victorian Senator Lidia Thorpe joined the growing voices saying it's time for him to go. Do Better, an independent report into the AFL club by Aboriginal professors Larissa Behrendt and Lindon Coombes from the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research at the University of Technology Sydney, found – unsurprisingly to anyone familiar with the club – that Collingwood had a problem with systemic racism.
- A northern NSW prison officer

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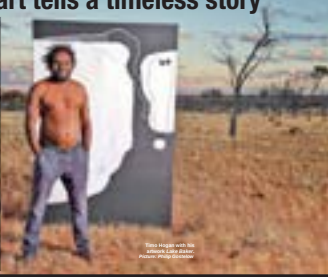
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in the face of COVID crisis

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**Paralympians bring home medals from Tokyo, page 54**



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**Runners put in a marathon effort**

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**It's 'Showtime' when Fleming steps into the ring, page 85**



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**Always was, always will be Aboriginal land**

So why are governments so afraid of handing back control?

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**Check out all the action from footy finals in Sport**

prisoners scaled the roof at the prison on July 12 for a three-hour demonstration, spelling out BLM with their clothes and holding their fists in the air.

Another 50 inmates in the prison yard below refused directions from prison officers to return to their cells, and were eventually moved by guards using tear gas and pepper spray.

- Former champion boxer and rugby league star Anthony Mundine was fined for breaching public health orders at least twice regarding COVID-19.

Mundine was fined \$1000 for travelling on a plane from Sydney to Ballina, on Bundjalung country, northern NSW, without a reasonable excuse, in breach of travel restrictions. And NSW Police said Mundine entered a store in Kingsgrove and refused to scan the QR code, as required by the NSW Government, and refused to put on a face mask. Mundine also came under criticism for sharing anti-vaccination propaganda via social media.

- Produced by Australian Geographic, a new *Deadly Science* series of books was written and edited by Kamilaroi man Corey Tutt, who was shocked to learn that many Australian schools are severely under-resourced for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects – to the point where certain Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids have been discouraged from pursuing these important topics any further.

Corey founded Deadly Science, a charitable educational organisation, which aims to provide STEM resources to remote schools across the country. Deadly Science has shipped more than 20,000 books, telescopes and resources to more than 110 communities across Australia.

#### Edition 757 – August 11

- A funeral plan company was ordered to pay back almost \$140,000 to various Aboriginal people after being found to have engaged in “deceptive and misleading conduct”.
- In a series of determinations, the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA) repeatedly found that ACBF Funeral Plans Pty Ltd had misled its customers, who were led to believe that it was an Aboriginal owned and controlled company. In its most recent determination, the AFCA found that ACBF Funeral Plans Pty Ltd, now trading as Youpla, must refund the complainant all of the premiums they had paid, plus interest.
- The Tokyo Olympics came to a close with Indigenous athletes



**The WBBL Indigenous cricketers (from left) Mikayla Hinkley (Brisbane Heat), Anika Learoyd (Sydney Thunder), Ashleigh Gardner (Sydney Sixers), Hannah Darlington (Sydney Thunder) and Ella Hayward (Melbourne Renegades) at the First Nations Round launch in Adelaide. Picture: Sarah Reed/Getty**

featuring in the medals. Beach volleyballer Taliqua Clancy picked up a silver medal with pairs partner Mariafe Artacho del Solar. Wimbledon champ Ash Barty won bronze in the mixed doubles tennis, with partner John Peers. And basketballer Patty Mills also claimed a bronze medal with the Boomers.

- The South Coast Black Cockatoos delivered the news that no-one wanted: that the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival would have to be cancelled due to COVID.
- Timo Hogan, a Pitjantjatjara man from remote Tjuntjuntjara in Western Australia, won the 2021 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards major prize, with a creation story told through his painting *Lake Baker*.

#### Edition 758 – August 25

- Aboriginal health experts' fears were realised when COVID-19 reached remote and regional communities in western NSW. The virus was also detected in Shepparton, in regional Victoria, another area with a large Aboriginal population. Cases were reported in the predominantly Indigenous community of Goodooga near the Queensland border, Dubbo, Wilcannia, Walgett, Bourke, Gilgandra and Broken Hill. All of NSW was in lockdown and police ramped up enforcement of restrictions as authorities battled to contain the spread of the Delta strain. Five Australian Defence Force (ADF) teams of medics, nurses and logistics experts were sent to western NSW to help boost vaccination rates.

- Larrakia man and SANFL premiership player Marlon Motlop called on the football and wider community to end the scourge of racism, also asking why he even needed to be talking about it. Motlop's call came in the wake of former Adelaide Crows captain Taylor Walker using a racial slur towards an Aboriginal player.
- Basketball player Shaneice Swain's excellent passing game took the Aussie Gems to a gold medal play off against the United States in the Under-19 Women's Basketball World Cup in Hungary.
- A class action secured \$35 million for young people who were mistreated in youth detention facilities in the Northern Territory.

#### Edition 759 – September 8

- First Nations people across the country were rocked by the news that COVID-19 had caused the death of an Aboriginal man from Dubbo. The man in his 50s, who was not vaccinated and had significant underlying health conditions, died at Dubbo Hospital in Western NSW and was understood to be the first Indigenous person to die from COVID-19 in Australia. But, at the same time, as stories of tragedy were being shared, from the depths of sadness came tales of resilience, hope and generosity. Stories of mob helping mob. In the remote NSW town of Wilcannia, manager of the Aboriginal-owned radio station Wilcannia River Radio Brendon Adams was helping to distribute food parcels last weekend.
- Mak Mak Marranungu rapper J-MILLA joined the chorus of

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices asking eligible people to book in for their COVID-19 vaccination. J-MILLA's song *60K+* featured in the #VAXTHENATION campaign, which was also supported by Archie Roach, Troy Cassar-Daley, Briggs, AB Original, Sycco, Emma Donovan and Alice Skye.

- Wemba-Wemba and Gurin-gai cyclist Amanda Reid became the first Indigenous athlete to win gold at the Tokyo Paralympics when she blitzed the field in the 500m time trial.
- A group of Wangan and Jagalingong cultural custodians held a ceremony at the edge of Adani's Carmichael mine, calling for an immediate stop work at the mine site to protect the sacred Doongmabulla springs. Spokesperson Coedie McAvoy said that they will stay at the site until Adani (now trading as Bravus Mining and Resources in Australia) stops work.

#### Edition 760 – September 22

- An Aboriginal grandmother from central Australia told a royal commission that too many children were being taken from their families without consultation. The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability focused on the experiences of Indigenous children with disability in out-of-home care. Central Australian Strong (Aboriginal) Grandmothers Group member Kumalie Kngwarraye said too many children had been taken from their families and that more Aboriginal people needed to be trained and employed as carers so

children could remain in their communities.

- Just six weeks away from achieving their marathon dreams, Rachel Dean and Waynead Wolmby completed a 30km course. The pair were part of the Indigenous Marathon Project's 2021 intake of 12 runners from across the country who are preparing for the midnight marathon in Alice Springs in October. Dean, from Cairns, and Wolmby, from Aurukun, joined their fellow marathon aspirants in plotting their own course in their respective communities.

- Yamatji Noongar woman Dorinda Cox was confirmed to fill a Western Australian Senate vacancy for the Greens. The former police officer and Indigenous social justice campaigner was officially chosen to replace retired Greens senator Rachel Siewert in a joint sitting of the WA parliament. Ms Cox joined WA police as a 17-year-old cadet and worked as an Aboriginal police liaison officer in Perth and Kalgoorlie, specialising in family violence and sexual assault.
- \* The Federal Government ramped up efforts to vaccinate First Nations people amid criticism that the vaccination program had been a huge failure of public administration. The Government announced that the Indigenous peak health body, NACCHO, would receive an extra \$7.7 million on top of \$19 million already provided to support the pandemic response.

#### Edition 761 – October 6

- Four national parks including the Daintree rainforest will be handed back to traditional owners the Eastern Kuku Yalanji 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 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 Melbourne Demons celebrated a huge 74-point win 21.14 (140) to 10.6 (66) over the Western Bulldogs in the men's AFL grand final, with Aboriginal players Kysaiah and Steven May performing well at Perth Stadium.
- Penrith defeated South Sydney 14-12 in the men's NRL final at Lang Park.
- Outback icon Constantina Bush joined a growing chorus of Aboriginal voices in the NT urging mob to get vaccinated against







# Treaty is 'no excuse' for locking up Victorian kids



THE First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria has called for the State Government to raise the age of criminal responsibility and "stop locking up our children".

The co-chairs of the Assembly have written to state Attorney-General Jaclyn Symes to stress the need for immediate change, saying treaty must not be used as an excuse to stall reform.

"This does not need to, nor should it, wait for treaty," reads the

letter, signed by Auntie Geraldine Atkinson and Marcus Stewart.

"It is a much needed, sensible, compassionate, evidence-based and simple reform that community overwhelmingly supports. We want the Government to stop locking up our children."

Children as young as 10 across Australia can be arrested by police, remanded in custody, convicted by the courts and jailed.

Australia's attorneys-general in November agreed to support a proposal to raise the minimum age from 10 to 12 after the

Federal Government faced pressure from more than 30 United Nations countries.

But the independent Indigenous group has urged Ms Symes to listen to the experts and legislate a change to 14 years, recommended by Victoria's Commission for Children and Young People in June.

There were nearly 600 children aged between 10 and 13 in custody in 2018/19, according to data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

More than 60% were Aboriginal

or Torres Strait Islander.

The ACT is currently the only state or territory committed to changing the age of criminal responsibility to 14, while the WA Government passed a similar motion in October.

Both Victorian Labor and the Liberal/Nationals in March rejected a Greens bill to raise the state's age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 14, and the minor party is urging the Government to reconsider supporting its stance.

"This reform could happen

tomorrow. We just need the political will," Greens justice spokesman Tim Read said.

A Victorian Government spokeswoman confirmed it was 'working to develop and consider a proposal' to up the minimum age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 12.

"In the meantime, we're continuing to tackle the root causes of youth offending, because the best outcome for young people is to avoid contact with the justice system in the first place," she said. –AAP



Protesters against the proposed nuclear dump near Kimba in South Australia.

## SA mob take legal action against nuclear dump plan on their land



TRADITIONAL owners have launched legal action in the Federal Court to try to block

Federal Government plans for a nuclear waste dump on their Country in South Australia.

The Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation (BDAC) says, if successful, its action will overturn the decision to locate the dump at Napandee, near Kimba, by quashing the declaration of Commonwealth Resources Minister Keith Pitt.

"Barngarla have never been respected or engaged by this government at all in this process," chairman Jason Bilney said in a statement.

"After winning native title after 21 years of fighting for our country, we were then excluded from the community ballot (on the dump proposal).



Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation chair Jason Bilney.

"The Government has continued to treat us unfairly, including not undertaking heritage assessments with us and abandoning the commitment to broad community support at the last minute.

"We will continue to fight to protect and preserve our Country, like we have always done, and make sure that the Government's failures are

brought to light in the court."

In November, the Commonwealth announced it had acquired 211 hectares at Napandee, 24km west of Kimba on the Eyre Peninsula, with its plans subject to heritage, design and technical studies.

The Federal Government wants to use the site to store nuclear medical waste currently spread across more than 100 facilities including universities and hospital basements.

Mr Pitt said the vast majority of nuclear waste produced in Australia was associated with the production of nuclear medicine.

"Nuclear medicine is used in the diagnosis of a variety of heart, lung and muscular-skeletal conditions as well as the treatment of specific cancers, and a by-product of its production is low-level radioactive waste," he said.

In conjunction with the legal

action, opponents to the dump rallied on the steps of parliament house in Adelaide.

Conservation SA chief executive Craig Wilkins said it was unacceptable that the clear opposition of the Barngarla community had not been respected.

"This is a plan for Australia's first dedicated national dump and store, and some of the radioactive waste it would handle is a hazard to people and the environment for up to 10,000 years," he said.

"To directly disenfranchise Aboriginal traditional owners and also deny the wider South Australian community a say in such a significant project is simply unacceptable."

Mr Wilkins said Conservation SA supported responsible management of radioactive waste but believed the Kimba plan was "deeply flawed and unnecessarily divisive". –AAP



Barrandhang Christmas by Skye Burnes.

## Koala card chosen by minister



ARTWORK featuring gum leaves and a koala, designed by Skye Burnes, was chosen as this year's Christmas card by Federal Minister of

Indigenous Affairs Ken Wyatt.

Mr Wyatt congratulated Skye, 8, who is a student at Brungle School on Wiradjuri country, NSW.

Skye's entry, Barrandhang Christmas, celebrates spending Christmas with family surrounded by gum trees, with the Barrandhang ('koala' in the Wiradjuri language) chewing eucalypt leaves.

Mr Wyatt said the competition had become an annual tradition to get young people creating art while reflecting on what the Christmas period meant to them.

"Every year I look forward to seeing how young people respond to the theme with something meaningful to them," Minister Wyatt said.

"Through art, people tell their stories, share their history and inspire others.

"This year, we opened the competition to all primary students in Australia, not just those schools involved in the Remote Schools Attendance Strategy, and I was so impressed by the diversity of entries we received.

"The responses to the theme 'Christmas in my community' demonstrated how much our young people see their family as the centre of their community.

"Barrandhang Christmas has been used as my official Christmas card this year and I want to thank Skye for her artwork, which is spreading joy this holiday season."

An online gallery of eligible entries can be viewed on <https://www.indigenous.gov.au/xmas-card-comp-2021>



# Wollotuka Institute delivers pathways to learning for Indigenous students



FOR more than 30 years, the Wollotuka Institute has operated as a support centre for Indigenous students studying at the University of Newcastle.

Together, Wollotuka and the University are championing the need for academically enriching and culturally affirming education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at a local, national and international level.

Wollotuka operates across all University of Newcastle campuses located on different Aboriginal countries across the east coast of Australia. The campuses are welcoming, inspiring and collaborative environments.

Indigenous students who study through Wollotuka are supported by experienced staff, Elders, cultural leaders and fellow students.

Wollotuka provides assistance and a number of services during undergraduate and postgraduate studies, including an enabling pathway program – Yapug – specifically designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Yapug is a free pathway program that is offered by the Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre in partnership with Wollotuka.

It is specially designed for Indigenous people to gain skills for entry into undergraduate degrees at the University of Newcastle.

Yapug helps students develop the academic skills and self-discipline required for success in undergraduate study.

Some of the key services offered by the Wollotuka Institute include counselling,



**Yapug student Tanika Ridgeway has been studying a pathway program at the Wollotuka Institute at the University of Newcastle.**

tutorial assistance, a well-equipped resource centre, audio and visual materials on Indigenous topics and issues, health support and cultural programs.

In 2022, Yapug will be offered at both

the Callaghan Campus in Newcastle and the Ourimbah Campus on the NSW Central Coast.

It offers flexible study options and availability across both campuses with

peer supported academic assistance offered throughout the program.

For any student interested in exploring Indigenous culture and history as part of their studies, Newcastle University offers a Bachelor of Global Indigenous Studies.

This dynamic and highly specialised degree has also been combined with a Bachelor of Development Studies and is taught and managed by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander academic and administrative team.

The program focuses on ensuring that students have a strong understanding of Indigenous culture, history and politics and that they are able to use Indigenous knowledge systems to respond to ecological, social and economic challenges.

While the thought of moving away from home to study might be daunting, the University of Newcastle offers hundreds of scholarship programs that can give students extra support throughout their studies and provides secure, affordable and comfortable accommodation options.

Wollotuka provides an inclusive, culturally safe environment where students can come for support, advice, collaboration and knowledge-sharing.

Wollotuka is guided by a comprehensive set of cultural standards including providing a space where First Nations students can connect with other students and community – a home away from home while studying at the University of Newcastle.

To find out more about Wollotuka and explore degrees available for 2022 visit [www.newcastle.edu.au](http://www.newcastle.edu.au).

# Public school to relocate following artefact finds

By DARREN COYNE



THE NSW Government has scrapped plans to redevelop the Lennox Head Public School following the discovery of hundreds of

Aboriginal artefacts on the site.

The school, which has 200 students over its enrolment cap, will be instead moved to another site once alternative land is found.

The decision to scrap the plans to redevelop the school on its present site has come as no surprise to Troy Anderson, a member of the Numbahjng Clan from nearby Cabbage Tree Island near Ballina.

Mr Anderson told the *Koori Mail* that his grandmother, Winifred Cook, had told him of the significance of the Lennox Head site when he was just 10 years old.

"When I was playing football for the Wardell Under 14s we would go to Lennox to play the Lennox Head Dolphins," Mr Anderson said.

"One time we were hopping around in the sand dunes and found some rocks. They turned out to be artefacts.



**Troy Anderson first learned of the Lennox Head artefacts when he was 10 years old.**

"When I showed them to my grandmother she told me to put them back and told us not to go down the back because there were Old People.

"I thought she meant there were some old people camped down there, but she was talking about burial sites."

Mr Anderson, who works as a sites officer for the Ballina Shire Council, said he was told of at least three burials on the school site.

"We also found axeheads and other artefacts around the school



**Aboriginal artefacts have been identified in the grounds of Lennox Head Public School, halting plans to redevelop the school.**

and I told them about the Old People," he said.

"They got an expert from Queensland and they did ground-penetrating radar and discovered I was right."

The artefacts were discovered in November 2017 during a due diligence investigation requested by the Ballina Shire Council.

The findings initiated an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit as required under NSW legislation.

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) and

subsequent consultation with registered Aboriginal parties (RAPs) commenced in December 2017 and was approved by the Department of Planning, Environment, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in November 2018.

The AHIP enabled test pits to be carried out in line with the approved salvage methodology to determine if there were further artefacts on site.

The investigations found a significant number of artefacts

within the test pits and work ceased in December 2018.

Just before Christmas last year, NSW Education Minister Sarah Mitchell confirmed that expansion on the site was no longer considered possible.

"This decision has been made after extensive discussions with all stakeholders and project leaders," Ms Mitchell said.

"This a positive outcome for the local community.

"We will secure a new site better suited for a brand new purpose-built school while preserving and respecting local Aboriginal culture and history.

"The NSW Government will now fast-track plans to identify other options that will meet the educational needs of students across the region in the long term."

Mr Anderson said local Aboriginal people were quite happy to negotiate with the Government and the education department to find a new place for the school.

Until then, the 520 students at the school would continue their education in 12 demountable classrooms already in use on the site, with one more to be installed over summer.



# Bangarra dances up old story



STORIES from the past make their mark on the present in an epic-scale contemporary corroboree by Bangarra and Sydney Theatre Company.

*A metal mouth digging.  
A change unforgiving.  
A dam is constructed.  
The land is disrupted.*

In the deep darkness just before dawn, workmen find ancestral bones while excavating for a dam. This ancestor is Wudjang, who longs to be buried the proper way.

A dynamic modern corroboree by Bangarra Dance Theatre and Sydney Theatre Company, *Wudjang: Not the Past* reveals the power of ancestral stories to reach us through generations.

Seventeen dancers, four musicians and five actors all take the stage in an ambitious performance full of humour and tragedy. *Wudjang* reclaims stories from non-Indigenous historians, teaching how to acknowledge, listen and learn from the past.

Directed by Stephen Page and co-written with Alana Valentine, the work uses the Mibinyah language from Page's Yugambah country home in Queensland.

In every poem chanted, strutted, muttered and sung, dance is alive.

This vivid piece of First Nations performance promises to be a benchmark Australian production.

*Wudjang: Not the Past* is due to open on January 14 and run until February 12 at the Roslyn Packer Theatre in Walsh Bay as part of this year's Sydney Festival.



*Wudjang: Not the Past* is an epic-scale production by Bangarra Dance Theatre and Sydney Theatre Company.  
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Artist and Elder Kel Williams at the Kuranda markets, near Cairns.

## Documentary celebrates the life and work of Elder artist Kel Williams



THE extraordinary life and cultural heritage of Indigenous artist and Elder Kel Williams was celebrated with the launch of a short, documentary film produced by UMI Arts with support from Cairns Regional Council late last year.

Filmed and directed by Gregg Maxwell, the 15-minute film was 12 months in the making and the first in a series of stories by UMI Arts that observe the importance of far north Queensland's artist Elders.

UMI Arts executive officer Peter Lenoy said Mr Williams is truly deserving of any attention and admiration the film will bring.

"People need to know about people like Kel, who as an Elder statesman and long-time member of UMI Arts, has made an immense contribution to our regional community through his talent and artwork that authentically speaks to culture and Country," he said.

"We are excited to share this film, which is destined to be a lasting legacy about one man's experience and the close ties that bind culture and Country to community."

With Ugar (Stephen Island) and Guuguyimidhirr (Cape York) heritage, Kel was born and raised in Cairns, but now lives in Bellenden Kerr, where he practises his visual

art, specialising in wood carving. While Kel is also a brush artist, he is better known for his beautiful, collectible Aboriginal figures and carvings of Australian native animals.

From the age of 10, Kel was learning the traditions of wood carving under the tutelage of his grandfather.

After completing his trade certificate in boat building during the 1970s, he applied his skills to commercial industry.

Turning his hand to art, he later, in the early noughties, completed a Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training in 2004, which qualified him to share his craft, teaching wood carving to emerging artists across many remote Aboriginal and Island communities all around Cape York.

Kel has also established himself as an expert in creating wooden boat models that reference the old pearl luggers that were used in the Torres Strait. Along with his boats and native animals, there is a range of fine jewellery and a new exploration into print making – producing contemporary linocut prints thanks to the support of UMI Arts workshops and studio.

The documentary *Kel Williams the artist* is produced by UMI Arts with support from Cairns Regional Council through its Regional Art Development Fund grant scheme.

## LOOKING AFTER COUNTRY WITH FIRE

Aboriginal burning knowledge with Uncle Kuu

Join Uncle Kuu as he takes us out on Country and explains cultural burning. Featuring stunning artwork by Sandra Steffensen, this is a powerful and timely story of understanding Australia's ecosystems through Indigenous fire management, and a respectful way forward for future generations to help manage our landscapes.



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# Free exhibitions at Perth festival



PERTH Institute of Contemporary Art (PICA) is presenting two free exhibitions as part of this year's

Perth Festival: *Monumental*, a video installation by Amrita Hepi, and *We Hold You Close*, a layered installation of textile and sound works by Katie West.

*Monumental* is an immersive video installation created by award-winning Bunjalung/Ngapuhi artist and choreographer Amrita Hepi.

"Monuments are dialectical," Hepi said.

"Central pillars that seep into the periphery. Like the horizon line, they are steadfast informants of space: stable, grand, expansive and looming, continuously being built, and yet continuously being rinsed out by retrospective inertia and rain."

The video begins and ends with the image of the sun rising – or setting – over the ocean.

Seven dancers, Hepi among them, surround the foot of a plinth occupied by a central monument to a looming colonial figure. Bathed in orange light, the dancers serenade and then proceed to topple and destroy the monument before



*Monumental* is an immersive video installation created by Bunjalung/Ngapuhi artist and choreographer Amrita Hepi.

collectively mounting the empty plinth, building a new monument with their bodies.

Drawing together textiles, sound, storytelling and community practice, York-based, Yindjibarndi artist Katie West has created her most ambitious project to date for PICA's vast ground floor gallery spaces.

PICA and Perth Festival have commissioned *We Hold You Close* by West, a vibrant textile installation that presents a

patchwork of dilly bags.

The dilly bags are made from a string-making technique that West has learned from different women over the years.

Using sewing skills she learned as a child, West's dilly bags are made of velvet, organza, lycra, and other recycled materials.

This work includes a video collage of material and movement, showing West making and guiding the

audience through a meditation. Through her work, West places herself within the tradition of string making, weaving and dillybags, surrounded by her ancestors.

Accompanying the installation is a soundscape made of fire, rain, making, and walking recorded by Josten Myburgh.

Scored by West's long-time collaborator and composer Simon Charles, the soundscape

incorporates string instrumentation by musicians Djuna Lee and Jameson Feakes.

Charles was invited to respond to his own experience of a natural dyeing workshop held by West at her home on Noongar Ballardong Boodja in York, the resultant field recordings, and the movement and rhythm created through making string.

"Acknowledging and honouring the influence and nourishment of the collective – our families, friends, ancestors, and Country – the others we would not exist without and who need our presence too," Katie West said.

In the surrounding galleries, visitors are invited to sit on hand-dyed soft-furnishings, to make and drink tea together, and join in the making of hand-twisted string from repurposed fabric.

Over the course of the exhibition visitors add their handiwork to the gallery walls, creating an ever-expanding supportive structure.

The exhibitions open at PICA, as part of Perth Festival, on February 19 and run until April 24.

# Share the spirit of performance



SHARE the Spirit, presented by Songlines Aboriginal Music, returns to Arts Centre

Melbourne's Sidney Myer Music Bowl in Melbourne for its second year as part of Live at the Bowl on January 26, Survival Day.

The community-based festival celebrates the survival of First Nations people in Australia and is an important cultural gathering for local and regional communities.

Songlines co-chief executive Robbie Bundle said that Share the Spirit presents a reminder to all Australians that despite the many great accomplishments Australia has achieved as a nation, nationhood has come at a cost to the country's First Nations people.

"Share the Spirit is the illumination of love and life that frees the spirit," he said.

This year's stellar musical line-up includes Christine Anu, Dan Sultan, Kutcha Edwards, Philly, Bumpy, Bricky B, Miss Hood and Soju Gang.

Drawing on the collective talent, support and passion of the local and regional Indigenous communities, the festival will see a jam-packed



Christine Anu

program of music, dance, arts, the return of market stalls and various cultural activities for all ages.

The annual festival was created in 2003 by Songlines and has been growing stronger each year as it continues to be an important gathering for increasing awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, and contribute to the process of political change, reconciliation and national excellence.

Share the Spirit runs from 11am – 6pm and is a FREE, non-ticketed family-friendly

event that is drug and alcohol free. Live at the Bowl runs from from January to April 2022.

From home-grown favourites to international acts, audiences can enjoy a stunning program of music, dance, circus, community-led and family-friendly events right in the middle of Melbourne. Created by Arts Centre Melbourne, Live at the Bowl aims to bring joy to audiences and invigorate the creative sector.

As we emerge from yet another year of closure, the second series is a significant moment for live performance.

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# Community champs take the lead to lift vax rates



COMMUNITY champions are rolling up their sleeves in order to promote COVID-19 vaccinations in the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) of far north Queensland.

An \$11,000 campaign funded by the community-owned Indigenous organisation, Bamaga Enterprises Ltd (BEL), aims to increase vaccination uptake within the five communities of the NPA.

Bamaga team leader Hylda Wapau, from Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service (TCHHS), said local "champions" were assisting the COVID-19 vaccination and engagement team.

"Our champions are highly respected community members Clifford Wasiu, Reginald Williams and Jeffrey Aniba. With their support, we have had more families engage in and support the COVID vaccination program," Ms Wapau said.

"We aim to enable better preventive measures against the severity of COVID-19, and also prepare by having a family plan in place in case we are faced with COVID-19 cases.

"In addition to BEL's support, the team has also partnered with NPA Regional Council and NPA Family and Community Services.

"We would like to thank all of our partners involved, the support provided by each organisation and all the staff involved. We look forward to working closely together going forward in 2022."

BEL general manager Chris Foord said when TCHHS applied for funding through BEL's socio support policy, vaccination rates in the NPA were reported at a low 38% for double doses.

"We're happy that this figure has increased to 49%+ double vaccinated in the communities TCHHS has visited, but there is still work to be done," Mr Foord said.

"Having these community leaders who can speak the Kuku Yalanji language visit unvaccinated households and workplaces has been essential to protect individuals, families and our community as interstate borders open.

"These community champions engage in respectful conversations, sharing factual information to enable informed decision making."

Torres and Cape Hospital Services is battling an outbreak of COVID-19 in the Torres Strait islands, with the Torres Strait Local Disaster Management Group asking all members of the community, agencies and businesses to consider measures they can take to help reduce virus transmission.

"For businesses and agencies, please consider work from home arrangements, where practical, for staff," they said in a statement.

"For residents, please continue to utilise QR codes when shopping and visiting venues, wear a mask in public and use hand sanitiser regularly and as needed."



Northern Peninsula Area vaccine champions Clifford Wasiu and Jeffrey Aniba.

# Discovery of gene mutation boosts understanding of kidney disease



AUSTRALIAN scientists have found a gene in the human body that mutates in some people and accelerates kidney disease.

Kidney disease impacts 1.7 million Australians each year, according to Kidney Health Australia.

The discovery is expected to help medical practitioners better understand the disease and manage it.

Australian National University researchers sequenced the genome of patients with autoimmune kidney disease and Indigenous Tiwi Islanders with extremely high rates of kidney disease.

They found the VANG1 gene, which in most people stops the immune system from attacking the kidney.

"The natural function of this gene is to slow that inflammatory process down," nephrologist Simon Jiang said.

But for about 15% of the population, a mutation in the gene has the potential to cause kidney diseases.

"Patients with this mutation will be significantly more likely to develop kidney disease," Dr Jiang said.

"When you have a systemic immune or inflammatory disease, it allows the immune system to attack the kidney."

Tiwi Islanders have a much higher prevalence of the mutation, which affects

about 50% of the population.

The islands in the Northern Territory, 80km north of Darwin, also have the highest recorded rates of kidney disease in the world.

Their disease rates are four times the rates of mainland Indigenous Australians and about 11 times that of other Australians.

Kidney disease is usually a chronic disease in which a person's kidney function is reduced or damaged.

This affects the kidney's ability to filter blood and control the body's water and other hormone levels, leading to increased fluid and waste within the body.

An increase in these fluids can cause high blood pressure, anaemia and uremia.

The most common cause of chronic kidney disease in Australia is diabetes.

This is the result of high blood sugar levels that damage the blood vessels in the kidneys, stopping them from filtering wastes properly.

About one in 10 Australian adults show some signs of chronic kidney disease.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are twice as likely to have chronic kidney disease than other Australians.

The study was published in *Cell Reports Medicine*.





Students and mentors taking part in the Show Me The Way program at Walgett, NSW.

# Business awards finalist is proud to show the way



THE Aboriginal not-for-profit organisation Show Me The Way has beaten out thousands of competitors to become a finalist in the Telstra Best of Business Awards.

The organisation, which connects young people with their communities through custom-designed film workshops, is a NSW finalist in the Indigenous Excellence section.

Show Me The Way chief executive Chris Maguire told the *Koori Mail* that the nomination was the result of 15 years of hard work.

"There was something like 24,000 entries across eight categories in the awards and that has gone down to less than 250," he said. "We are one of 15 Indigenous organisations across Australia to be nominated and in NSW the other nominees are a cleaning company, an engineering company and a restaurant in Byron Bay."

As part of the Show Me The Way experience, students make short documentary films capturing the life experiences

and achievements of local heroes who have inspired them in one way or another.

Upon completion of the program the incredible, original student films are premiered at special screenings at different venues such as the State Library of NSW and the Whitlam Institute, as well as being distributed and available to purchase across Australia.

In NSW, the other Indigenous businesses to be nominated include the Bolton Group, an Indigenous-owned and operated engineering company, Byron Bay restaurant Karkalla, which is the passion project of Mindy Woods, proud Bundjalung woman of the Widjabul Wia-bul clan, and Killara (formerly GJK Indigenous Solutions), an Aboriginal owned and operated cleaning company.

State winners will be announced in February and the National Awards Gala event is scheduled to be held in Sydney in April.

To check out other nominations from all states and territories in the Indigenous Excellence category go to [telstrabestofbusinessawards.com](http://telstrabestofbusinessawards.com)

## NT business and employment hub calls for tenders



THE Morrison Government is calling for applications from Indigenous suppliers to design and deliver the new Indigenous business and employment hub in Darwin.

Minister for Indigenous

Australians Ken Wyatt said the hub will provide Indigenous businesses access to targeted advice and support, a place to work and network, and greater connectivity across industries.

"The new hub in Darwin will join a successful network of Indigenous Business Hubs already thriving across Australia," he said.

"The concept, which was born out of consultations that led to the Indigenous Business sector strategy, creates a network across the country where Indigenous business owners can share best practice and be supported as they grow.

"The new hub in Darwin will provide tailored support for entrepreneurs and business owners as they kick start a new business or expand an existing one, with a special focus on how to engage government and larger industries.

"The hub will also be a place for job seekers looking for opportunities and businesses looking to engage Indigenous employees.

"While building on the success of similar hubs in Western Sydney and Perth and the entrepreneurs' hub in Adelaide, Darwin's hub will be designed in close consultation with the NT business community, for the NT business community.

"For example, the hub's key services will be online so that remote parts of the NT can have equal access to its programs and initiatives and translators will support delivery of services in language.

"The hub will evolve to suit NT needs as its operating model in Darwin and surrounding areas is worked through by the successful provider, in partnership with local Indigenous businesses and leaders. This will help to ensure the right support is provided at the right time to give new NT businesses the best chance of success."

The approach to market is now open and is looking for an Indigenous organisation with a demonstrated capacity to engage the sector and deliver this important service.

For more information and instructions on how to apply, visit [AusTender](http://AusTender) and search for PRC0017333.

# Murrina Group purchase shows growth in sector



IN one of the first transactions of its kind, First Nations-owned business the Murrina Group has acquired Lendlease Building's Plant

Yard operations, an important milestone for both the construction

industry and the Aboriginal business sector. Supply Nation certified business the Murrina Group has acquired the yards, tower cranes, hoists and auxiliary equipment across sites in St Mary's, Sydney, and North Altona, Melbourne, aligning with its growth strategy to become a key player in the industry.

Since 2018, the business has been steadily building a strong portfolio of projects including recent works at Nepean Hospital, Prince of Wales Hospital, and Alexandria Park Community School in Sydney.

NAB's Business Bank financed the deal, marking one of the largest investments of credit ever to a First



First Nations-owned business the Murrina Group has acquired Lendlease Building's Plant Yard operations

Nations organisation in Australia.

The Murrina Group and Lendlease's Building business have established an executive steering committee to help facilitate the transition of the Plant Yards to the Murrina Group's operations, and to

identify best ways of working together moving forward.

Murrina Group managing director Trevor Walker said that they were excited about the purchase.

"This acquisition adds to our suite of existing services and grows our client portfolio to support the industry in this period of economic recovery and major infrastructure investment around Australia," he said.

Lendlease Building managing director David Paterson said that the deal worked well for all involved.

"We've achieved the best possible outcome on the divestment of our Plant Yard operation, completing a significant deal with a mature First Nations business," he said.

"As an Elevate Reconciliation Action Plan organisation, we have a very clear commitment to aligning our operational performance with our commitment to provide growth and opportunity for equal

social and economic outcomes for Australia's First Nations People.

"This industry milestone demonstrates market confidence in First Nations businesses and their breadth of capabilities, and represents an important step in supporting companies like the Murrina Group so they can continue to expand and diversify their service offerings."

NAB executive for metro business Michael Saadie said they were pleased to finance the acquisition.

"I want to congratulate the Murrina Group on securing such a strong venture to drive real change and open up opportunities for the Indigenous community," he said.

"When this proposal was brought to us, we were excited by the prospect to support a First Nations business as this deal clearly aligns with our customer and community values as a business bank whilst also representing a strong commercial proposition which we are proud to support."



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## Traditional owner proud to serve his community



LIEUTENANT Sebastian Jingle has become the first known Indigenous Australian from the western Cape York region to commission as an Australian Army Reserve officer.

In November the proud traditional owner from the Yupangathi and Teppethiggi lands of far north Queensland graduated through the Army Part-Time Officer Commissioning Program.

Lieutenant Jingle has a deep sense of commitment to his community.

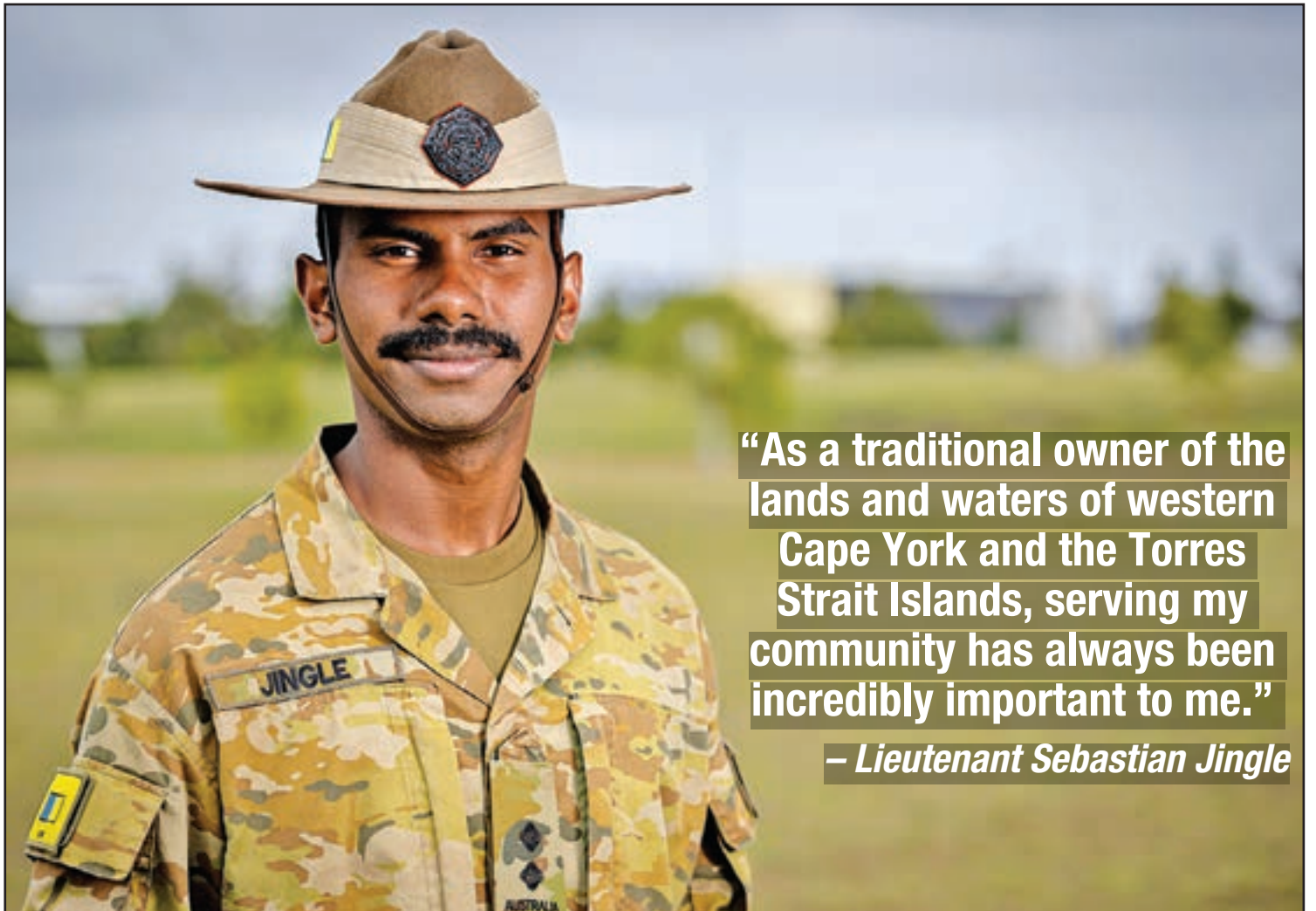
Growing up in Weipa, Queensland, and in the surrounding communities of Napranum and Mapoon, Lieutenant Jingle spent much of his childhood exploring the lands and waters of the region and developing a deep connection to Country.

He joined the army in 2019 as a patrolman in Bravo Company, the 51st Battalion, Far North Queensland Regiment (51FNQR), supporting Operation Resolute, Operation COVID-19 Assist, and driving recruitment within local Indigenous communities.

"As a traditional owner of the lands and waters of western Cape York and the Torres Strait Islands, serving my community has always been incredibly important to me," Lieutenant Jingle said.

"I never thought I'd have the opportunity to play a leadership role in the local community, but my army training and experience has shown that I can step up as a role model to many other younger people across the region."

After indicating an interest in becoming an officer, Lieutenant Jingle entered the Indigenous pre-recruit program and transitioned into officer training



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**– Lieutenant Sebastian Jingle**

Traditional owner from the Yupangathi and Teppethiggi lands of Far North Queensland, Sebastian Jingle has become the first known Indigenous Australian from the Western Cape York region to commission as an Australian Army Reserve officer.

through the Sydney University Regiment.

With a heavily modified training program because of the ongoing COVID-19 situation, Lieutenant Jingle still spent months away from home, but was committed to achieving his goal of graduating as an army officer.

"I've spent my whole life in the western Cape York region, so it was tough to be away from my family and friends for that long, especially in a big city like

Sydney," he said.

"But, it was a great opportunity to learn from a number of really experienced soldiers and officers and make sure I return to Weipa with new skills and capabilities."

Upon graduation, Lieutenant Jingle returned to Weipa to rejoin the 51FNQR as a patrol commander, preparing to support Operation Resolute once again, while also stepping up local recruitment initiatives.

"I'm passionate about sharing

my army experience with as many Indigenous men and women in my community as I can," he said.

"I know hearing how positive my journey has been will be a strong incentive for many others to consider a career in the Army."

Commanding Officer 51FNQR Lieutenant Colonel Claire O'Neill said that Lieutenant Jingle was a trailblazer for his community.

"Sebastian has made his

community incredibly proud.

"He returns to Weipa as a junior leader in Bravo Company with a very bright future ahead," Lieutenant Colonel O'Neill said.

"I look forward to working with Sebastian and other Indigenous Australian soldiers and officers in the army to strengthen our future force with traditional owners who have an unrivalled connection to the land and waters of far north Queensland."

## Your guide to employment

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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Darumbal Community Youth Service Inc. (DCYSI) is a not-for-profit, community-controlled organisation providing a broad range of services, activities and events to young people and families in the Central Queensland area.

DCYSI is seeking to find their new Chief Executive Officer who will be responsible for providing leadership and management to implement and progress the DCYSI Vision, Purpose and Strategic Directions. The successful incumbent will be responsible to lead the Senior Management Team in ensuring high quality and innovative services that meet all quality, operational and financial requirements.

Salary sacrificing options are available and DCYSI is prepared to negotiate an attractive remuneration package to suit the successful applicant's experience.

The Position Description can be obtained by contacting The Recruitment Officer at [admin@darumbal.org.au](mailto:admin@darumbal.org.au) or calling (07) 4922 6180. Please ensure that your application addresses each of the Key Selection Criteria; applications that do not address the Selection Criteria will automatically be eliminated.

**The closing date for applications is Friday, 28 January 2022**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

\*The successful incumbent must have a Working with Children Blue Card and Certificate of COVID-19 Vaccination.



## Aboriginal Health Worker or Aboriginal Health Practitioner (Aboriginal Chronic Care Program)

**Department:** South Western Sydney LHD  
**Employment Type:** Permanent Full-Time  
**Remuneration:** Dependent on Qualifications  
**Aboriginal Health Worker:** \$55,492.00 - \$81,731.00 per annum  
**Aboriginal Health Practitioner:** \$61,993.00 - \$81,731.00 per annum  
**Enquiries:** Julie Cherry on 0447 397 425 or [Julie.cherry@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Julie.cherry@health.nsw.gov.au)

In this role being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person is a genuine occupational requirement, and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997 (NSW).

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander job applicants by providing information about applying for roles in NSW Health organisations.

**For more information, please visit:**  
[steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au](http://steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** 6 February 2022

Applications must be lodged electronically at  
[healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com](http://healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com)  
Search for Job Ref Number: REQ277572

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**



## NASCA IS HIRING



Do you want to support young Aboriginal women to reach their full potential?

**NASCA empowers young Aboriginal women to shape a future of their own choosing. We provide workshops to strengthen connection to culture, in-class support and before/after school activities.**

We're looking for people with excellent engagement and communication skills to deliver NASCA programs in schools across multiple locations in NSW.

To receive a job pack visit [nasca.org.au](http://nasca.org.au) or call 0429 460 164.



## Aboriginal Health Worker – Nowra

- Full time or part time negotiable
- Based in Nowra

We are currently recruiting an Aboriginal Health Worker, full time or part time negotiable (minimum 4 days per week).

The Aboriginal Health Worker will work as part of the Aboriginal Health Team to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Nowra and the surrounding region.

To apply visit: [www.gph.org.au](http://www.gph.org.au) or contact Simon Sadler, Manager Aboriginal Health and Integrated Care on 0497 849 901.

*\*This position is Aboriginal Identified under Section 50 (d) of the Equal Opportunity Act.*

**Applications close: 23 January 2022**



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST 2022 JOB VACANCIES

**With a new year comes new opportunities with Burrun Dalai across our offices within NSW.**

Burrun Dalai is one of the largest Aboriginal Out of Home Care agencies in Australia, with offices in Kempsey, Tamworth and Taree and over 140 staff. We provide services to Aboriginal children, young people and families from the Nambucca, Macleay, Manning, Armidale and Tamworth regions. The team at Burrun Dalai have the same vision, the belief that Aboriginal children and young people, should stay in their community with their family. They should be safe. If living with family isn't an option, then we should be able to help them live in a caring and nurturing Aboriginal family that have the links and connections to their community thereby enabling these kids the ability to maintain their identity and connections.

On the back of covid 19 shutdowns during 2020/2021, we as an agency are now experiencing a period of intense growth. We are increasing services and increasing the number of children, young people and families we provide those services too.

Burrun Dalai offers employees full salary packaging, attractive and competitive above industry pay rates, flexible work, 35 hour work week, monthly ADO, supported and nurtured professional development, career growth and opportunity to work alongside a friendly and culturally safe team environment.

As we welcome 2022 and start navigating the growth we are experiencing we have a need to welcome new individuals into our teams to help deliver the services to our communities.

**We have the following vacancies:**

- **Out of Home Care Caseworkers** Kempsey, Tamworth and Taree as we welcome more children and young people into our agency
- **Intensive Family Based Services** Taree ( management opportunity)
- **Cultural Programs Manager** ( this role can be located in any of the offices)
- **Cultural Officers** ( Kempsey & Tamworth) due to a growth in the Cultural Programs team
- **Communications Officer** Kempsey ( this is a new role for the agency)
- **Human Resource Manager** or Human Resource Officer

We look for people who have the right values, motivators, skills and or experience and previous relatable work history. All staff must have a valid WWCC, Police Check, Driver's License and Covid-19 vaccination.

If you feel you have the ability to be suitable for one of our roles please email a copy of your resume and cover letter to [hr@burrundalai.org.au](mailto:hr@burrundalai.org.au), if we review your application and feel you would be suitable for one of our roles we will be in contact to discuss further with you about any opportunities.

**Expressions of interest close 31st January 2022 at 5pm.**



## Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

**Full-time**  
**Salary range \$90k-\$105K**  
**(Dependent on qualifications and experience) plus superannuation,**  
**PBI salary packaging available**

The current CEO position is vacant and to ensure the continuation of current programs the Broken Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council (BHLALC) is seeking a committed, motivated, and values-based leader who possesses significant management experience in a similar sized or a not-for-profit organisation that can deliver a range of services to our community.

Essential requirements; Ability and experience to manage, lead and develop staff and programs; Demonstrated experience operating in a senior management position in an organisation with a board of management; Demonstrated administrative and organisational time management skills; Capacity for working with various software programs, including ability to use the BHLALC financial and asset management systems and Demonstrated experience working with stakeholders and an ability to translate strategy into tangible outcomes are considered essential attributes for this position

The Chief Executive Officer will be based fulltime in the Broken Hill office and will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the BHLALC under the direction of the Board and the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act, managing a small team delivering a Local Social Housing and Regional Beyond Linking Program, whilst identifying and delivering new program opportunities identified in the Community Land & Business Plan.

### HOW TO APPLY

**Applications close Monday 31st January 2022 at 5.00pm**

To be considered for this role applications must be submitted directly to the Chairperson [chairperson@bhlalc.org.au](mailto:chairperson@bhlalc.org.au) or marked confidential and addressed to the Broken Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson, PO Box 392, BROKEN HILL, NSW 2880 by the closing date.

Applications must include: A Cover Letter expressing your interest and suitability for the role (2 pages or less), together with a copy of your Resume which contains your work history, qualifications, and contact details for at least two work-related referees (5 pages or less).

Please note: Pre- employment screening will be undertaken which forms part of the application process, this includes a National Criminal Records Check conducted by the Office of the Registrar to establish employment eligibility.

**Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.**

Should you require further information or to obtain a copy of the position description which includes the key accountabilities please email your request to [chairperson@bhlalc.org.au](mailto:chairperson@bhlalc.org.au)

Great opportunity to embrace living and working in Broken Hill, Far West NSW



## UNIQUE MANAGEMENT POSITION LOCATED IN WOLLONGONG



A brand new management opportunity available within the beautiful vibrant city of Wollongong.

Are you looking for an opportunity to help create a service and put your stamp on something within the Illawarra community?

The IAC are going through a period of growth and have a brand new opportunity for a manager to help build and develop the Family Preservation service.

They offer position security, ongoing professional support and opportunities for career growth in a supported team. Preservation program Marana will work closely with families at risk of having their children enter the Child Protection system to develop personal, social and emotional health and wellbeing in order to maintain a stable and safe environment for the family, keeping children and family together.

The goals of Marana are that more children remain safe at home with their families, children are healthy and thriving and have improved long-term outcomes. Preservation Case Workers will provide intensive services to at risk families focusing on four core component areas;

- Family & Parenting Support
- Child Focused Support
- Safety & Monitoring
- Risk Mitigation

The IAC is seeking a qualified and experienced Team Leader to coordinate the development and delivery of the Marana Preservation Program to meet Program and Family Case Plan Goals and provide leadership and development to the team. This role will have direct contact with families and children so we require flexible people who can work some evenings and participate in an on call roster after hours and on weekends.

**Successful candidates will have;**

- Significant demonstrated previous experience in Aboriginal Family Wellbeing Services, Intensive Family Based Support (IFBS) or Out of Home Care (Foster Care) sector
- Program coordination in the Child Protection sector. Understanding of ethical practices and demonstrated commitment to continual quality improvement
- Recognised tertiary qualification Cert IV or above in Community Services, Child Protection, Social Work or relevant related area.
- Proven experience leading a high performing team both maximising outcomes for clients and achieving regulatory framework requirements
- Previous operational experience at a senior level with knowledge of regulatory and compliance frameworks relating to the service
- Demonstrated understanding of vulnerability and risk indicators relating to families at risk of entering the Child Protection system
- Strong understanding of and proven ability to engage with and work within the local Aboriginal Community
- Proven high quality business writing capability and excellent verbal communication skills.
- Proven effective interpersonal, conflict negotiation and resolution skills and the ability to provide strong leadership under pressure
- Excellent computer skills including database entry, word processing and Microsoft Office suite of programs

It is a mandatory requirement for this position to have a Working with Children Check, National Criminal Police Check and current NSW Driver's licence and Covid-19 vaccinations.

To support your application you will need to provide

- A cover letter identifying why you think you are the best candidate
- Your resume

**All applications will be received via SEEK**

If you feel you have what is required for this role we would love to hear from you!

**We offer an excellent range of benefits including:**

- Full non-profit status with salary sacrifice available to reduce tax and increase your take home pay
- An opportunity to really make a difference to our community
- Supported study and professional development
- Management growth opportunities to help people to the next steps in their careers
- Supportive and nurturing team environment

To find out more or request position description please contact Julia [julia@abundancehr.com.au](mailto:julia@abundancehr.com.au)

**Applications close at 5pm 18th January 2022.**

APPLY NOW <https://www.seek.com.au/job/55441594>





## KOORIE LIAISON COORDINATOR Chisholm Institute

Full Time Ongoing Contract

Salary: \$79,600.00 - \$85,447.00 p.a. plus Super  
Location: Frankston

Join the Chisholm team in the role of Koorie Liaison Coordinator to support Koorie learners to achieve effective and sustainable education and training outcomes and realise aspirational goals.

- Work with the Koorie Student Support Officers (KSSOs) to provide engagement and retention strategies to support Koorie Learners
- Provide advice and guidance to the Institute to strengthen capacity to provide culturally inclusive resources and programs that respect the value of Koorie culture
- Build and maintain partnerships with major Aboriginal organisations
- Provide Aboriginal cultural perspectives in matters such as employment/ professional development and course curriculum
- A key and active participant of the Student Support and Engagement leadership team

### ABOUT YOU

This is a special measures role and only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply, as per the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Training will be provided for the successful candidate, supporting the incumbent to develop and strengthen existing skill sets.

### To apply you should have:

- A relevant tertiary qualification and/or substantial experience working in community, support or education environments with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (Desirable)
- Professional experience working within the Indigenous education or community sector, collaborating with community networks to address community needs
- Understanding of Government integration and social justice initiatives, and working knowledge of Equal Opportunity and Social Justice principles
- Experience designing and implementing wellbeing programs/initiatives
- Experience leading teams and/or stakeholders
- Experience leveraging multidisciplinary supports for student engagement and retention
- Capacity to work collaboratively in multi-disciplinary teams in a large organisation

Learn more about the benefits of the role and how to apply here  
<https://chisholmjobs.nga.net.au/cp/index.cfm?event=jobs.home>



Home Assistance and Regional Transport Services

Do you want to make a difference?

## MEDICAL TRANSPORT ASSISTANT

Northern Rivers region of NSW

Permanent part-time position – 21 hours week

Additional hours required from time to time

SCHADS/SACS Award– level 3

To apply you must obtain an application package from

[recruitment@hartservices.org.au](mailto:recruitment@hartservices.org.au)

Applications close

5 pm Monday 31 January 2022

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply

## Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council



## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

The Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council (YLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the role of CEO.

To obtain a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer – Dave Brown on (02) 66 453 676 or email [yaegl@internode.on.net](mailto:yaegl@internode.on.net)

Applications marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson  
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 216  
MACLEAN NSW 2463

Applications close Friday, 31th January 2022

## Men's Family Violence Service Manager (Identified) Lilydale, VIC



### About the Role

Join a passionate and supportive team dedicated to making a genuine difference in the lives of Aboriginal people impacted by family and domestic violence!

Great benefits including flexible work arrangements and ongoing professional development!

Oversee and guide the quality of practice, supporting and developing all clinical staff in the integration of theory and practice whilst demonstrating your expertise through practice and the supervision of practitioners.

A highly attractive remuneration circa \$106,080 plus salary packaging up to \$15,999.

Enjoy substantial career development and growth opportunities!

To view specific details and to apply, please visit: <https://applynow.net.au/jobs/144829>

Apply Now



## ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR

Full-time ongoing position - Generous salary

Great opportunity for a professional & passionate Administration Co-Ordinator to lead a team in a values based organisation.

For further enquiries contact Bernedette Collins 03 5440 1100

Applications close 19 January 2022

To view PD and application details, please visit careers on our website.

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## The NDIA are currently recruiting to APS 4, APS 5 and APS 6 Planners in Broome!

These positions are Identified positions and the successful candidate will have:

- an understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, and
- an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

### APS 4 Planner

The position will provide operational and administrative support that is informed and directed by sound knowledge in service delivery areas and may undertake some research and analysis activities. You may have direct contact with participants along with applying well-established policy, principles, practices and procedures to achieve outcomes that supports and contributes to NDIA's objectives to "build a world-leading National Disability Insurance Scheme".

### APS 4 Planner

The APS5 Planner will undertake planning activities and tasks using available information where options are not always evident. It will be required to perform procedural, clerical, administrative and operational tasks that supports and contributes to NDIA's objectives to "build a world-leading National Disability Insurance Scheme". It is a team membership position that may be required to perform work that involves team leadership responsibilities requiring the setting of priorities and allocating work to other lower level team members within a team.

### APS 6 Planner

This role will provide detailed technical, professional, policy, operational support and advice in relation to complex problems. It may be required to coordinate and assist in the strategic planning, program and project management and policy development that support the NDIA's objectives to "build a world-leading National Disability Insurance Scheme". This position may also be required to perform leadership and management responsibilities. The position has reasonable autonomy and accountability to exercise both initiative and judgment to interpret legislation and policy, in the application of practices and procedures to achieve outcomes within the functions.

All roles will have considerable level of contact with internal and external stakeholders and will be required to communicate with and provide advice on a range of service delivery matters to resolve moderately complex to highly complex enquiries.

If you are interested in joining the agency to contribute to improving the lives of people who live with disability, we encourage you to submit an application by **11.30pm AWST, Friday 31 January 2022**.

For more information on NDIA employment, position descriptions and to apply, visit [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au) or contact DFP Recruitment on telephone 1300 558 870 or email [ndia@dfp.com.au](mailto:ndia@dfp.com.au).

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The Nature Parks is an inspiring workplace and, as the largest employer on Phillip Island, offers a range of career opportunities. Our people are enthusiastic, committed, and professional in what they do.

We are seeking the following roles to join our organization:

### Field Services Officer

**2 x Positions, fixed term till 30 June 2022 (1 x 3 days and 1 x Full time)**

Undertake habitat management works including timely weed control techniques and assistance with revegetation works, nursery operations, seed collection and track maintenance.

For further information on this position and how to apply visit our website:

<https://www.penguins.org.au/about/employment/current-vacancies/>

### Practice Leader - Aboriginal and Torres Strait

**Child and Family; Region – South West;  
Service Delivery - Child and Family**

**Department of Children, Youth Justice &  
Multicultural Affairs**

**Salary:** \$124,401 - \$131,463 p.a.

**Location:** Ipswich

**REF:** QLD/400859/21

**Key Duties:** This role provides leadership to strengthen cultural responsive practice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander to identify and respond to deliver culturally responsible child protection practice.

**Skills/Abilities:** It is a genuine occupational requirement that this position be filled by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

**Enquiries:** Gail Haslem 07 3432 1800 To apply please visit [www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Friday, 21 January 2022



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### We are hiring!

**Yoorrook's Letters Patent requires it to prioritise the employment of First Peoples. First Peoples are strongly encouraged to apply for ALL roles at Yoorrook.**

Did you know that the Yoorrook Justice Commission is the first formal truth-telling Royal Commission of its kind in Australia?

Yoorrook is independent of the Victorian Government and is committed to a transformed Victoria based on truth and justice and grounded in First Peoples' enduring spirit, cultures and self-determination. We will do this through **Truth, Understanding and Transformation.**

We are currently seeking experienced senior researchers to fill the following positions:

- **Assistant Director of Legal Research and Policy**
- **Assistant Director of Social Research**

To learn more about Yoorrook please go to [yoorrookjusticecommission.org.au](http://yoorrookjusticecommission.org.au)

Information about these roles can be found on the 'Work with us' page.



### Employment Opportunities

Thiyama-li Family Violence Service Indigenous Corporation is a FVPLS funded by NIAA. We are a regional, holistic and trauma informed community legal practice with 3 offices in north-west NSW servicing Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities.

A not-for-profit organisation providing access to free legal services (from legal advice to full legal case work/court representation) and non-legal support through an integrated case management practice model, welfare support, advocacy and early intervention and prevention for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victims or Survivors of family violence and/or sexual assault.

**We currently have the following vacancies open:**

#### Practice Manager

(identified role Full Time Fixed Term)

#### Solicitor

(Community Legal Education) Full Time Fixed Term

#### Principal Legal Officer

Full Time Fixed Term

**Aboriginal applicants are encouraged to apply.**

For more information, closing dates and details on how to apply, please refer to the SEEK website [www.seek.com.au](http://www.seek.com.au)



### Join Barnardos Australia and the Yuranha Walan team based in Orange

Barnardos are looking for an **Aboriginal Case Manager** for a full-time permanent role in our Yuranha Walan Out of Home Care team. The location for this will be based in Orange, NSW.

To be successful in this role, you will have;

- Preferred Cert III or Cert IV in community services or similar
- Knowledge of child development, attachment theory and trauma related behaviours in children.
- Knowledge of child protection processes
- Case Management experience

**Salary:** Base \$66,393 to \$82,571 plus leave loading plus superannuation. Packaging available to receive \$15,860 of your salary tax free.

**For a confidential discussion please call Zoe Banbury on 02 9218 2346**

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Aboriginal Identified)

ECHUCA, VICTORIA

#### About us

Located in Echuca on the beautiful Murray River in Northern Victoria, Njernda Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (**Njernda**) aims to deliver community controlled, holistic services and programs which improve the physical, emotional, cultural and spiritual wellbeing of the Aboriginal Community of Echuca and surrounding areas.

For more information please see our website [www.njernda.com.au](http://www.njernda.com.au)

#### The role

Reporting initially to the Special Administrators and then the Board of Directors, this executive role will focus on the overall strategic direction and management of the organisation to ensure the achievement of the established strategic goals.

#### Your key objectives include:

- ensuring that the organisation is a leader in delivering efficient and effective business operations, risk management and financial performance;
- ensuring compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and funding requirements;
- establishment of core organisational values in conjunction with the Board of Directors and ensuring these values are reflected in all aspects of the organisation and communicated to all stakeholders;
- creating, implementing and maintaining high quality and service performance standards and developing systems to build key relationships and improve operational efficiency;
- overseeing all functions within the organisation and providing direction and guidance to the organisation as a whole;
- ensuring and contributing to the operational and strategic decision-making process and providing authoritative advice to the Special Administrators/Board of Directors in relation to operational matters and performance;
- Identifying, developing, and implementing new initiatives or continuous improvement activities across the organisation; and
- undertaking duties relevant to the Aboriginal Children in Aboriginal Care program, as per Section 18 of the Children, Youth and Families Act (2005).

#### About you

**This is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.**

You will be in an executive level role with extensive experience in management at a senior leadership level, preferably with an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation. You will need demonstrated knowledge and understanding of health issues impacting upon the health status of Aboriginal communities as well as:

- Post Graduate Tertiary qualification in Business, Commerce, Management, Finance, Health or similar discipline
- Demonstrated knowledge of strategic planning and achievement of strategic objectives
- Demonstrated experience in ensuring an effective management system, policy and procedure framework and financial system for an organisation
- Demonstrated ability to lead and develop a team at a senior level
- Exceptional communication skills to work effectively and positively with a wide variety of external stakeholders, community members and internal staff
- High level of computer literacy; sound working knowledge of Microsoft Office software
- Experience in children's services, particularly related to out of home care or the Aboriginal Children in Aboriginal Care program would be highly regarded, but not essential provided you can demonstrate an understanding of this process
- Current valid Driver's license, minimum of Class "c" or equivalent

Appointment to this position will be subject to a National Criminal History Record Check clearance and Working with Children Check. Two reference checks will be required including one recent supervisor.

#### We offer an excellent range of benefits including:

- \$200,000-\$210,000 salary range plus super
- Company vehicle with private use
- Non-profit status with salary sacrifice available to reduce tax and increase your take home pay
- Housing can be provided (rent payable)
- An opportunity to shape the organisation and really make a difference to the communities we serve

To find out more please contact Kelli Dragos, Abundance Human Resources on 0419 419 554.

**The closing date for this role is 9.00am on Monday, 7 February 2022.**



### Research Assistant (First Nations Female Identified)

- **Advocacy, Research and Policy Unit**
- **Location: Canterbury**
- **Part-time (15 hours per week)**
- **Contract to June 2023**

Classified under the SCHADS Award Level 4, Paypoint 4

\$40.39 gross per hour + super + generous salary packaging

First Nations Female Identified

Contribute to research that privileges the voices and goals of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

CRC is excited to be appointing a First Nations Female Identified Research Assistant to our Advocacy, Research and Policy Unit, an integral part of CRC's leadership team. If you're keen to bring a First Nations lens to all that we do, we'd love to hear from you.

As First Nations Research Assistant you will support us to strengthen our expert voice in the area of justice reform, building the evidence base in order to change the life trajectories of vulnerable, disadvantaged and criminalised people in NSW.

This role will work directly with, and in support of, Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander women and other women, and for this reason someone identifying both as First Nations and female is required.

#### How to apply:

If you have a passion for and commitment to listening to and amplifying the voices of First Nations Communities and people with lived experience of incarceration and want to help us build sector capacity to better respond to the needs of CRC clients, we encourage you to apply today.

Please submit your response to the selection criteria and upload a copy of your resume.

**Applications will close by COB 21 January 2022. PLEASE APPLY NOW via this link!**

<https://www.crcnsw.org.au/about-us/work-with-the-crc/>

For more information and a copy of the Position Description, please email [info@crcnsw.org.au](mailto:info@crcnsw.org.au).

**CRC considers being a woman is a genuine occupational qualification as specified under section 31h of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).**

**CRC considers being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification as specified under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).**



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## WELLS, Adele Louise

It is with great sadness that the Wells family announces that their beloved wife and mother, Adele Wells (53), passed away unexpectedly at home on 2nd of January 2022.

Adele was the loving wife to Scott Wells and the adored mother to Olivia, Madeline, Alexander and Nicholas. She was also the dearly loved older Sister of Victor and Clarence Ralph.

Adele was a proud Mutti Mutti, Wadi Wadi, Wemba Wemba and Wotjobaluk woman who was a proud voice for her communities. Adele was also a well-loved member of the local Wynyard community as a hairdresser at Surreal Hair Designs for many years.

Adele's pride was in her family whom she absolutely adored. Adele inspired all around her to live a life they are proud of, through her fun-loving nature, everyday bravery, and bright personality. Adele's smile, laugh and sense of humour could fill a room, and will be missed by all those who knew her.

Adele passed in Wynyard, Tasmania.

## WELLS, Adele Louise

The family and friends of the late Mrs Adele Wells are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service, which will be held in the Chapel of Parkside Funerals, 254 East Cam Rd, Burnie, on FRIDAY, January 14, 2022, commencing at 2pm. Private cremation will take place at Parkside Gardens Crematorium. Mask required. We invite you to view the service via live stream, please go to Youtube and search Parkside Funerals.

**HOBSON,**  
**Percy Francis**  
**05.11.42 - 04.01.22**  
Surviving sisters Heather, Freda, Sue, Margaret and Jean. Reuniting with Mum, Dad, sisters Claire, Gwen, and Valma and brother Billy.  
Adored Father to Wesley, Douglas, Frances & Keith.  
Loving Grandpa to six and Great Grandpa to one.  
**He will be dearly missed**



## Notice of applications for determination of native title in Western Australia

Notification day: 26 January 2022

These are applications by native title claim groups which are asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

If you want to become a party to any of these applications, you must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court, **on or before 26 April 2022**. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from [www.fedcourt.gov.au](http://www.fedcourt.gov.au). After **26 April 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 any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.



**Application name:** Bill Williams & Anor on behalf of the Martu #3 Native Title Claim Group and State of Western Australia  
**Federal Court File No:** WAD170/2021  
**Date filed:** 21 July 2021  
**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration

**Description:** The application area covers about 1,288 sq km across six separate areas, located about 100 km east of Newman and 250 km east of Port Hedland  
**Relevant LGA:** Shires of East Pilbara and Wiluna



**Application name:** Daisy Tjuparntarri Ward & Ors on behalf of the Traditional Owners of the Pila Nature Reserve and State of Western Australia  
**Federal Court File No:** WAD174/2021  
**Date filed:** 28 July 2021  
**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration

**Description:** The application area covers about 18,400 sq km over the Pila Nature Reserve, located about 84 km north west of Warburton  
**Relevant LGA:** Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku



**Application name:** Valma Saunders & Ors on behalf of the Ngadju Mia Wamu Native Title Claim Group and State of Western Australia  
**Federal Court File No:** WAD180/2021  
**Date filed:** 9 August 2021  
**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration

**Description:** The application area covers about 6.4 sq km over the Norseman townsite  
**Relevant LGA:** Shire of Dundas

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Claire Smith on 08 6317 5333 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).



## Notice Under Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) Mining Lease Application 613 (Act 1992)

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

### Description of the nature of the act

The Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional NSW intends to grant a mining lease under section 63(1)(a) of the *Mining Act 1992* (NSW) on land subject to native title.

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

**Note:** If the lease is granted, the renewal, re grant or re-making (including partial renewals or partial transfers) or extension of the term of the lease may be valid pursuant to section 24MD(1) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) without further notification, provided the requirements in section 26D(1) are satisfied.

LFB Resources NL (ACN 073 478 574) is the applicant for Mining Lease Application 613 which, if granted would authorise ancillary mining activities on the lease for an initial term of up to 21 years.

### Description of area that may be affected

The area of Mining Lease Application 613 that covers an area of about 1.0144 hectares situated approximately 10 kilometres north east of the town of Blayney, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram below.

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

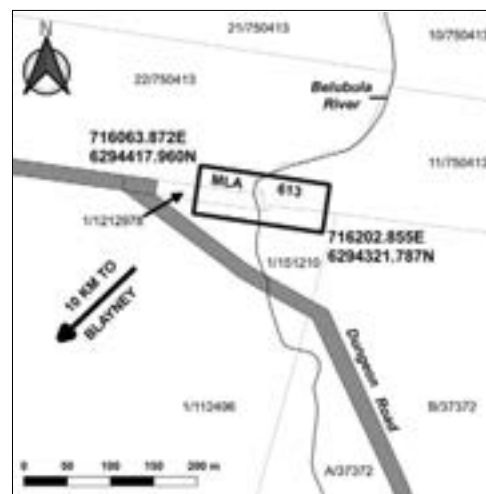
Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional NSW, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

### How further information about the act can be obtained

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

### Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) the notification day is 27 January 2022. Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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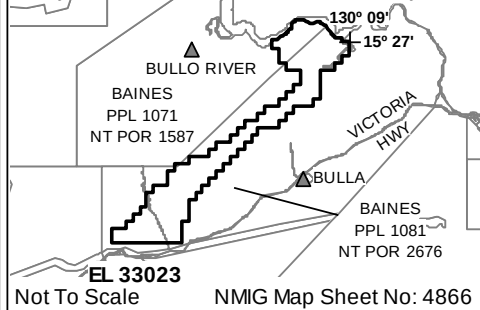
# NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

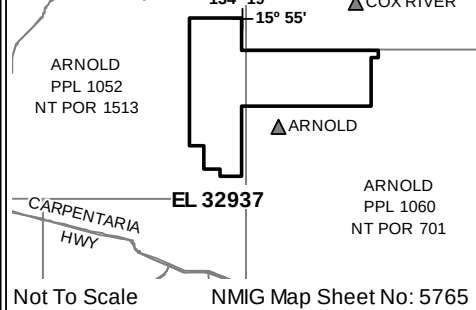
The Honourable Nicole Manison MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mining and Industry, C/- Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of her intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

### Applications to which this notice applies:

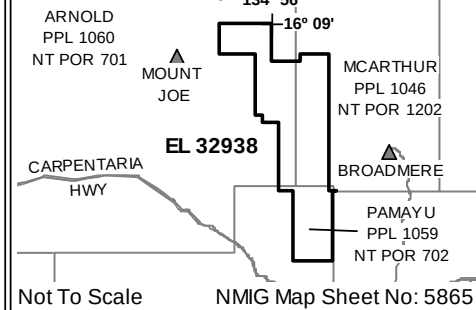
Exploration Licence 33023 sought by KESS DIAMOND MARSTELLA and CORE URANIUM PTY LTD, ACN 652 691 579 over an area of 196 Blocks (628 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINKERTON locality.



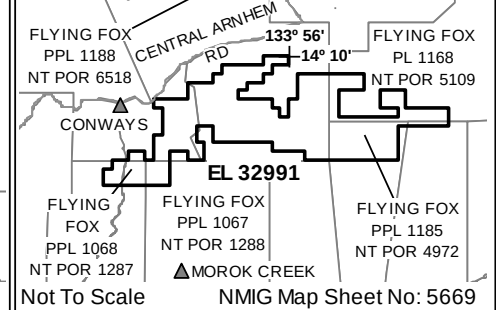
Exploration Licence 32937 sought by BAUDIN RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 618 455 593 over an area of 250 Blocks (826 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ARNOLD RIVER locality.



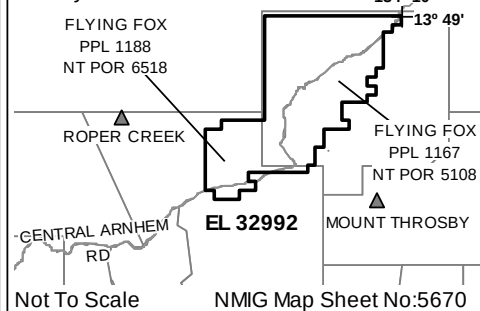
Exploration Licence 32938 sought by BAUDIN RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 618 455 593 over an area of 230 Blocks (745 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TANUMBIRINI locality.



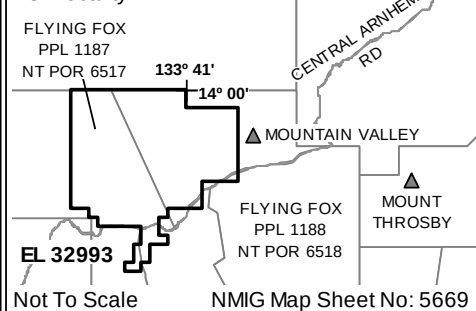
Exploration Licence 32991 sought by CEDAR RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 612 086 932 over an area of 249 Blocks (829 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FLYING FOX locality.



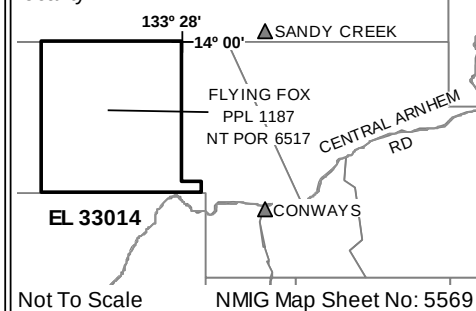
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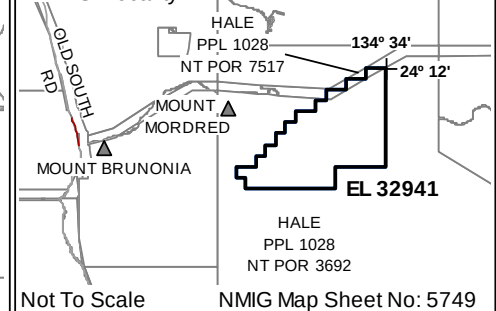
Exploration Licence 32993 sought by CEDAR RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 612 086 932 over an area of 250 Blocks (833 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FLYING FOX locality.



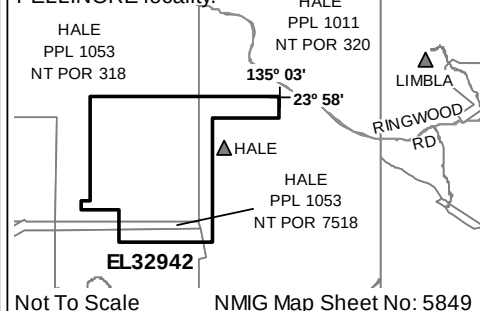
Exploration Licence 33014 sought by CORE URANIUM PTY LTD, ACN 652 691 579 over an area of 198 Blocks (634 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WATERHOUSE locality.



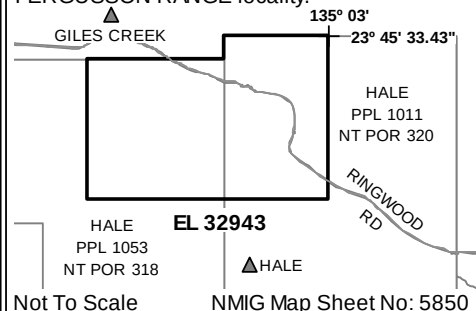
Exploration Licence 32941 sought by GEMPART (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 081 859 896 over an area of 93 Blocks (292 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SANTA TERESA locality.



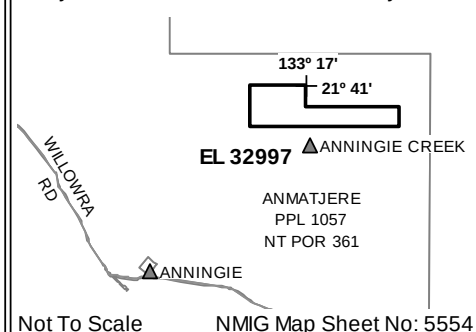
Exploration Licence 32942 sought by GEMPART (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 081 859 896 over an area of 188 Blocks (590 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PELLINORE locality.



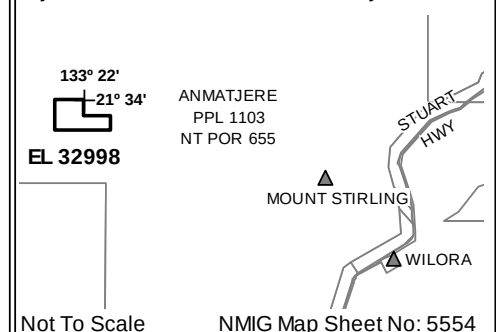
Exploration Licence 32943 sought by GEMPART (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 081 859 896 over an area of 238 Blocks (720 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FERGUSON RANGE locality.



Exploration Licence 32997 sought by JALEIN PTY LTD, ACN 124 331 157 over an area of 11 Blocks (36 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ANNINGIE locality.



Exploration Licence 32998 sought by JALEIN PTY LTD, ACN 124 331 157 over an area of 6 Blocks (20 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ANNINGIE locality.



**Nature of act(s):** The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

**Native Title Parties:** Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act 1993* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane QLD 4001, or telephone (07) 3307 5000.

**Expedited Procedure:** The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act 1993*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 12 January 2022

## New resources about COVID vaccine for First Peoples with disability



A range of new accessible, culturally appropriate resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability have been released today by the peak body First Peoples Disability Network.

"Our community urgently needs information about the vaccine, so we have created a poster with culturally relevant information and artwork to let people know about what is happening and why," said Damian Griffis, 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 Griffis.

"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/](http://www.fpdn.org.au/covid19/)

More information:

El Gibbs, [elg@fpdn.org.au](mailto:elg@fpdn.org.au), 0419 290788

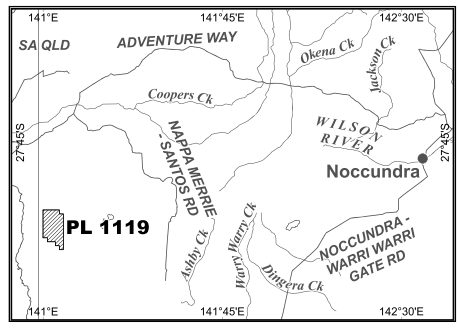


# NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A PETROLEUM LEASE

## 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 grant of the Petroleum Lease (PL) 1119 shown below under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld).

Petroleum Lease 1119 sought by SANTOS LIMITED ACN 007 550 923, DELHI PETROLEUM PTY. LTD. ACN 007 854 686, SANTOS PETROLEUM PTY LTD ACN 000 146 369 and VAMGAS PTY LTD ACN 006 245 110 over an area of 48 sub-blocks (126 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 155 kms West South West of Noccundra, in the locality of the Bulloo Shire Council.



**Nature of Act(s):** 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 twelve (12) years with the possibility of renewals for terms not exceeding twelve (12) years.

**Name and Address of person doing Act(s):** It is proposed that the Petroleum Lease be granted under *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 grant of the 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](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au). Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Petroleum Lease, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Petroleum Lease application may be obtained from the Department of Resources Telephone: (07) 3199 8119 or Email: [petroleumhub@resources.qld.gov.au](mailto:petroleumhub@resources.qld.gov.au).

**Notification Day: 3 February 2022**



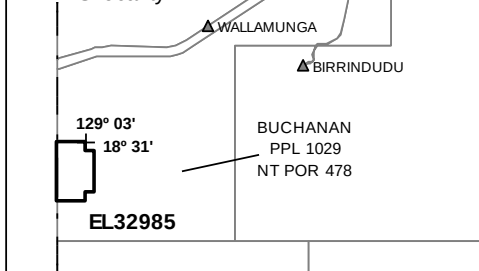
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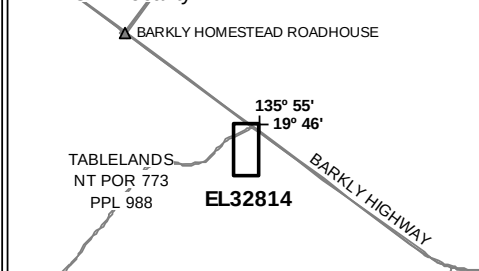
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 32985 sought by AUSTRALIAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 640 413 823 over an area of 22 Blocks (72km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PHIBBS locality.



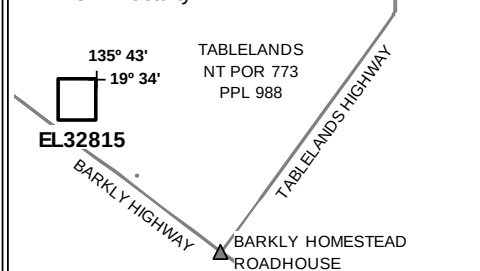
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Exploration Licence 32814 sought by BARKLY OPERATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 641 856 706 over an area of 2 Blocks (7 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALMORE locality.



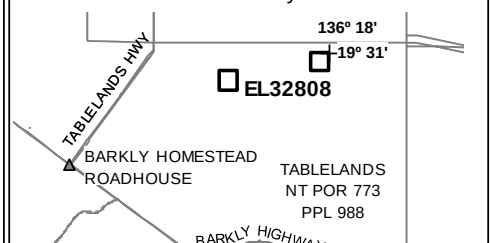
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Exploration Licence 32815 sought by BARKLY OPERATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 641 856 706 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALMORE locality.



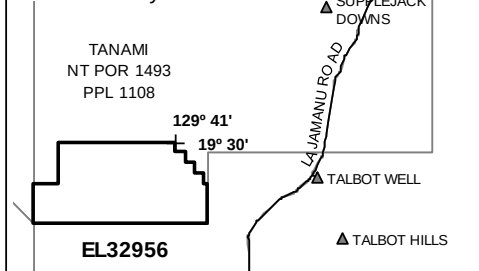
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Exploration Licence 32808 sought by INCA MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 128 512 907, MRG RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 614 946 164 and Jonathan WEST over an area of 8 Blocks (26 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years within the WONARAH locality.



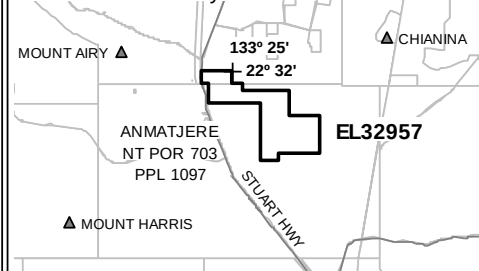
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Exploration Licence 32956 sought by JARRIAH NIA EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 654 419 986 over an area of 130 Blocks (400 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TANAMI locality.



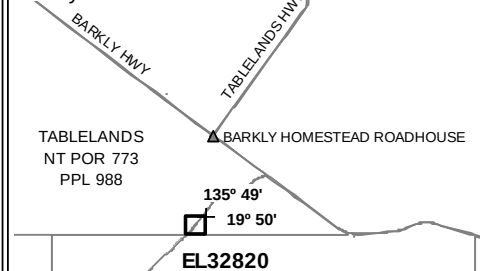
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Exploration Licence 32957 sought by JARRIAH NIA EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 654 419 986 over an area of 117 Blocks (371 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BUSHY PARK locality.



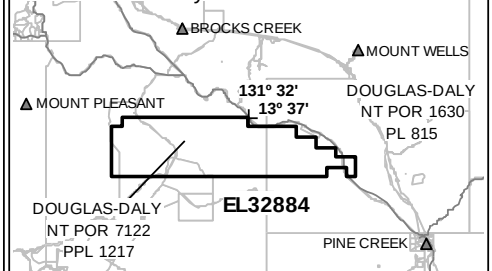
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Exploration Licence 32820 sought by KNOX RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 623 480 286 over an area of 4 Blocks (11 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALMORE locality.



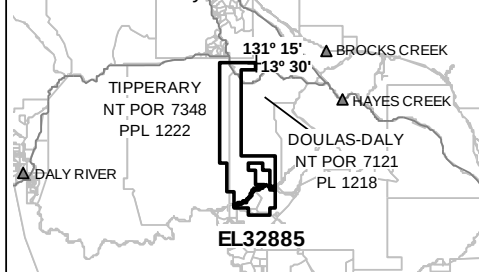
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Exploration Licence 32884 sought by MANGUSTA MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 653 950 522 over an area of 124 Blocks (414 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TIPPERARY locality.



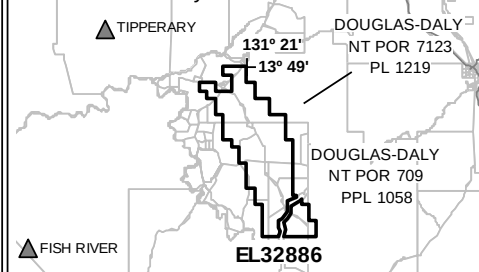
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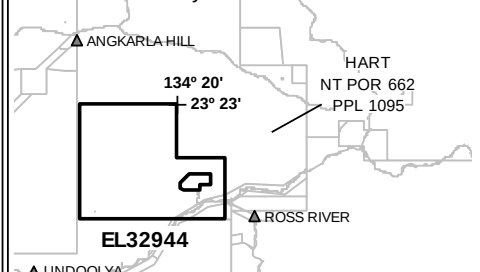
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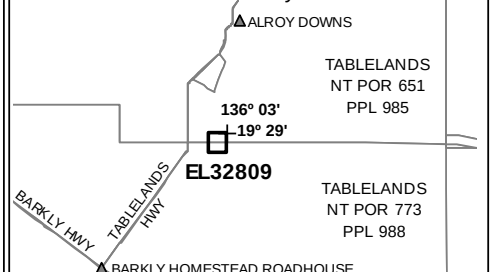
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Exploration Licence 32944 sought by RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED, ACN 000 057 125 over an area of 196 Blocks (606 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LAUGHLIN locality.



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Exploration Licence 32809 sought by STRATEGIC ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 051 212 429 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 km<sup>2</sup>) depicted below for a term of 6 years within the WONARAH locality.



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**Notification Day: 12 January 2022**



# Vale Percy Hobson – our first Games gold medallist

By KRIS FLANDERS



PIONEERING athlete Percy Hobson, Australia's first Indigenous athlete to win a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games, passed away in Melbourne

aged 79.

The Ngilyampaa man from Bourke in western NSW is being remembered as a trailblazer for his people following his passing last week.

He died last Tuesday (January 4).

Born in 1942, Hobson was one of 10 children to parents Fanny Williams and Percy Hobson Snr. His grandfather was famed Aboriginal tracker, Frank Williams.

The young Hobson began high-jumping in his early teens and by 17 he was appearing in the national rankings. When he broke the long-standing NSW high-jump state record, big things were expected.

It was how he began high-jumping that made his story remarkable.

Hobson used a homemade set up for training and would land on the rough Bourke dirt of his backyard home. As he started getting better, and as local word spread, those hard landings were made somewhat more comfortable through donations of sand.

Hobson won gold at the Games in Perth with a then-record 2.11m at Perry Lakes Stadium.

He out-jumped a field of 10 in front of 20,000 people over a three-hour period and in stifling 40C heat on Saturday, November 24.

Fellow Australian Chilla Porter won silver (2.08m) and Barbadian Anton Norris won bronze (2.03m).

His gold medal was the first won by an



Percy Hobson was interviewed by Karla Grant in 2018. Picture: SBS/Living Black



The park in Bourke named after the great man. Picture: Stephen Langman

Aboriginal athlete in the international athletics arena, and was one of 38 won by Australia in Perth, which accumulated 105 medals overall.

He later recalled his memories of his gold-winning exploits to this writer for the

Koori Mail in May 2021.

"I never thought I'd win gold. I was very emotional up on the dais, I can tell you. I was thinking of my mum. She supported me so much.

"You know, you can make records and someone else can break them, but they can't ever take away a gold medal that you win – that's yours forever."

Also in May last year, his history-making jump was immortalised back in Bourke via painted mural on the town's water tower.

The water tower, which stands in the Percy Hobson Park, shows his high-jumping style as well as the Hobson family totems with a sand-goanna and a bilby.

Hobson, a humble man, was moved by the gesture. He told me that he was honoured by the gesture.

"I didn't think it'd be anywhere near that good. It surprised me. They (artists) did a really good job," he said.

"It gives a bit of hope for young people, that you can do it if you try."

Hobson is survived by his four children – sons Wesley, Doug and Keith and daughter Francis – as well as his six grandchildren and a great-grandchild, along with his surviving sisters Freda, Heather, Sue, Margaret and Jean.

Freda said Percy was thrilled to have been invited to the annual First Nations Day at the upcoming 2022 Australian Open. He was set to be alongside seven-time tennis Grand Slam champion Evonne Goolagong-Cawley and other great Indigenous sporting heroes.

"He was thrilled to be invited and remembered and was really looking forward to that," Freda said.

"We are all heartbroken. He was our hero."

Helen Coolican, a Bourke local when



The mural on the Bourke water tower depicting Percy Hobson's gold medal-winning jump in at 1962 Commonwealth Games in Perth. Picture: Supplied.

Percy Hobson was out-jumping the athletics world, is writing a book about him and the pair built a wonderful friendship over the last few years.

She remembers her great friend with a tear, but also a smile.

"He is just the most amazing role model," she said.

"He was very laidback and laconic. He never big-noted himself and had a great sense of humour too. He was a champion right through to the end.

"We spoke regularly every week. I love him and I'll miss him."

R.I.P. Percy Hobson 1942-2021.

## BBL teams on the move as COVID impacts season



CRICKET Australia will play three Big Bash double-headers in Victoria in a bid to make up games lost through COVID-19 outbreaks.

Officials confirmed that all teams will be housed in Melbourne, as part of a plan first revealed last week.

Matches will still be played around the country, with fly-in fly-out events in Brisbane, Adelaide and Sydney in the next week.

No games will however be played in Tasmania, with Hobart's home clash against the Sydney Thunder moved to the MCG.

A return clash between the teams, which was meant to be held in western Sydney, has also been moved to Melbourne.

Double-headers will in turn be played at the MCG, in Geelong and then at Docklands Stadium.

By week's end, 11 matches would have been played with only the postponed clash between Brisbane and the Sydney Sixers still to be made up.

Every team in the competition has been impacted by COVID-19, with the exception of the Adelaide Strikers who are yet to have a player contract the virus.

Brisbane remain the most impacted with 12 players confirmed as positive, as well as a member of their coaching staff.

The Melbourne Stars have also had a dozen players miss two matches, but they will have the majority of their men back for Monday's clash with the Strikers.

"The past week has thrown many COVID-related challenges the Big Bash's way," BBL boss Alistair Dobson said.

"But throughout we have remained steadfast in our resolve to safely and successfully complete the season.

"These changes are designed to help the league and clubs deliver on this while also reducing risks to players, support staff and the matches themselves.

"Having our players based in one state provides significantly greater flexibility to manage any further impacts of COVID-19."

Meanwhile the final remaining WNCL match for this month has also been postponed, with ACT unable to field a team against NSW.

It makes for a fifth game postponed, with Australia's women's stars struggling to get any game time before this month's Ashes series. – AAP

Revised BBL schedule (all times AEDT unless stated):

January 12, 6:15pm: Brisbane Heat v Adelaide Strikers at the Gabba.

January 13, 3:45pm: Sydney Thunder v Hobart Hurricanes at Docklands Stadium;

7:35pm: Melbourne Renegades v Melbourne Stars at Docklands Stadium;

January 14, 10:10am ACDT: Adelaide Strikers v Perth Scorchers at Adelaide Oval;

January 15, 10:10am ACDT: Adelaide Strikers v Melbourne Stars at Adelaide Oval;

6:40pm: Sydney Sixers v Sydney Thunder at SCG.

January 16, 7:15pm: Melbourne Stars v Brisbane Heat at MCG.



Brendan Doggett puts the ball on a 'dime' in a recent BBL match. Picture: Peter Argent





Newcastle Hawks' Randall Briggs cools down during a game at Tribal League in Dubbo, western NSW, in late 2020.

## We can all navigate this thing together

**W**ELCOME to 2022 where the latest Covid outbreak is already impacting preparations for this year's NRL and NRLW seasons.

The All Stars game planned for February in Sydney will open the football season and it will be a nervous wait between then and now to see how the latest outbreak will affect the four teams.

I am looking forward to seeing Josh Addo-Carr play and what the change to Sydney and the Bulldogs will do for his game. I know how much the All Stars means to him and I know he will be pumped for it in his hometown.

I know our mob have been looking forward to the game coming to Sydney for the first time and all the community events and opportunities for our players to connect with the mob will most likely be affected as the new rules in place designed to keep communities safe. Hopefully, we can still get the teams out to the communities in western Sydney and even into Redfern and Lapa for some events for the mob.

Even at community level some of our early-season football carnivals will be put at risk, but I'm hoping organisers will take a leaf out of the Tribal League book and come up with a COVID-safe plan that ensures the event is run in a way that does not put our communities at risk.

I'm also hoping this year I can get up to the NSW north coast and see some of these great comps that will be run at the start of the year.

We were all hoping that the past two years were the worst of the pandemic and that we could get our lives back to normal, but it looks like it will be around well into 2022 and will be part of our lives yet.

Let's just keep pushing through and we will come out the other side of this together.

*\*Dean Widders is a proud Anaiwan man. He played 159 NRL games for Sydney Roosters, South Sydney and Parramatta and 60 Super League games for Castleford. He is the NRL Indigenous Pathways manager.*



Dean Widders

## Soward ready to lock horns with Widders in NRLW

# Master v the Apprentice

By KRIS FLANDERS



WHEN round 2 of the NRLW kicks-off in February next month one of those games will create history – it will be first time that two Aboriginal men as coaches will be facing off as opponents at the elite level.

Jamie Soward, the coach of St George-Illawarra, and Dean Widders, the coach of Parramatta, will be plotting each other's demise when the two sides meet at Kogarah Oval in Wollongong in the second-round of matches for the new season.

It's a clash that new Saints mentor Soward is looking forward to and he has come in early with some high praise for his opposite number.

"Dean is twice the coach that I'll ever be. He's been around a lot longer than me," Soward said.

"He has such great knowledge of his players, his culture and his awareness and that's something that I envy. It's something that I want to build on for myself as a coach.

"I owe Dean a lot for what he has done for the game and for Indigenous people in rugby league."

Soward was part of the Dragons' successful 2010 NRL premiership team and he returns to the club with more big victories as part of his overall plan.

"It's been great walking back into the office and seeing some of the old faces around the place," he said.

"I'm excited to be back and it's a club that has got some strong foundations and we want to build on that.

"At the back-end of my playing career I always thought about coaching. I didn't think it would be happening just yet, but it's been an itch that I've wanted to scratch. It's a great opportunity to test and challenge myself. I'm preparing the best I can and I think that will hold me in good stead when it begins."

Soward was coached by some of the best in the business, including the great Wayne Bennett and the most recent premiership coach Ivan Cleary. Now, as a first-time coach, he thinks he can bring plenty of that rugby league knowledge and experience to the role.

"First of all, I am extremely proud to be put into such a wonderful position and very privileged to be part of the NRLW," he said.

"It's a massive occasion in my life. I think I bring my energy and excitement. For me, I'm still learning, but I'm surrounded by great people here at the Dragons to learn from.

"I'm an outside-of-the-box thinker so my ideas may not be something that the girls have been used to. I'd like to think that I also bring in emotional care – when I played I know



St George-Illawarra NRLW coach Jamie Soward takes the reins of the Dragons when the season kicks off next month.

Pictures: Getty Images

what got the best out of me so I'll bring that to the team. Plus, a focus on getting the best out of the Dragons to make them successful in this elite level."

Soward is thrilled about the players he will work with now in the pre-season and during the season proper.

On paper, the Saints have a very strong side with a good mix of experienced players and talented new-comers.

"The planning for me has already started. I'm not going to leave anything to chance," he said.

"We have a lot of outside backs who are still learning the game, I've got some really experienced forwards, like Kezie Apps and Holly Wheeler. I've got the two best number nines in Keeley Davis and Quincy Dodd.

"There's a lot of youthful exuberance and some successful players who have achieved so much already too. It's a great combination for me to work with."

The 37-year-old was part of the first Indigenous All-Stars team in 2010 and here's one for the record books: he scored the winning try in that famous 16-12 victory.

He said he is excited about linking up with the fabulous five Indigenous players at the Saints – Jamie Chapman, Mahalia Murphy, Shaylee Bent, new signing Quincy Dodd and NRLW debutante Taliah Fuimaono.

"Having played in that first game of the All Stars is something that I don't take lightly and is a huge privilege," he said.

"So to see these amazing sisters coming through and represent their families at this level is amazing. They're all extremely talented and bring so much to the Saints.

"As a father of two little girls at home, I hope that one day they can come through and represent our mob whether that be in football or other areas. They can know and be thankful



Dean Widders was appointed coach of the Parramatta Eels' NRLW side last year.

of the strong women that went before them and laid that platform."

Soward was considered one of the best goal-kickers in the game, slotting over 510 NRL goals during his career. His kicking game in general play was also an integral part of his gameplay. His own Saints sharpshooters will benefit from that kicking prowess.

"Kicking was a strong point of my own game, but, in saying that, the women I have in those positions, they have their own skills in that area," he said.

"I can help to a point, but they have to do the work too and want to get better in that side of the game. One thing I will say is whenever I phone them to talk about football, they ask so many questions and want to learn."

With the 2021 NRLW season cancelled due to restrictions relating to the pandemic, 2022 will be huge in women's rugby league. There will be two NRLW premiership seasons, an All Stars match in February, the stand-alone State of Origin match and a season-ending World Cup.

Soward says it is a great time to be part of the women's game.

"Twenty-twenty-two has so many opportunities for these players with premierships to play for, Origin jumpers up for grabs and the chance to play for Australia too," he said.

"The young ones can push some of the older ones. It's a huge year. It's going to be a different year. There is such a great spread of talent across the competition now, plus with the three new sides (Parramatta, Gold Coast and Newcastle).

"I can't wait for February to come and start the season. We are striving to be up there and compete alongside Brisbane, who are the pinnacle in our competition.

"I wish we could play tomorrow; that's how pumped I am for this to begin."



## Indigenous players in the 2022 AFLW premierships season

**Adelaide:**  
Danielle Ponter  
**Brisbane:**  
Ally Anderson  
Dakota Davidson  
Courtney Hodder  
**Carlton:**  
Natalie Plane  
Maddie Prespakis  
**Collingwood:**  
Aliesha Newman  
**Fremantle:**  
Tiah Toth (nee Haynes)  
Gemma Houghton  
Mikayla Morrison  
Jasmin Stewart  
**Geelong:**  
Georgie Prespakis  
Stephanie Williams  
**Gold Coast:**  
Janet Baird  
Ashanti Bush  
Kalinda Howarth  
**North Melbourne:**  
Kaitlyn Ashmore  
Mia King  
**West Coast:**  
Imahra Cameron



Above: Gold Coast's Julia Baird.  
Main: Collingwood's Aliesha Newman.  
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Fremantle's Mikayla Morrison. Picture: Getty Images

## Sixth season of AFLW with a difference

FOOTY is back and for that I am happy! The start of this, the sixth AFLW season, is full of excitement, also trepidation. With the COVID-19 Omicron variant hitting hard, AFLW fans are holding their collective breath and hoping the season will play out as planned.



Shelley Ware

People, including me, are exhausted from the pandemic, but we're remaining hopeful at the same time. The distraction and joy that the AFLW will bring during such difficult times will be most welcome.

The 2022 AFLW season was pushed forward and started last weekend. This will change, though, according to the head of women's football at the AFL Nicole Livingstone, who recently said: "In the future, the season will start in December moving forward."

When the fixtures were released for this season there was some shock at the departure from tradition, that the opening game this time was not the traditional season-opener Carlton-Collingwood at Princes Park, the site of memorable scenes all the way back in season one in 2017 when there was a lockout because the ground was full. This time, it will be St Kilda-Richmond and at the Saints' base at Frankston which will get the new season underway. This is an interesting choice by the powers that be as neither the Saints nor Tigers made the finals in 2021, and tradition is such a huge part of football. To many, it doesn't make sense. Maybe AFL House wants to keep every year fresh and not be weighed down by the traditions of old?

Still, fans are taking to social media and expressing their excitement for the new season, dressing their houses with team colours, with one displaying 'Happy AFLW Season'. I also saw many posts with "Can't wait!" and "LESSSGOOOOO!" online.

A sure sign of the emotional investment people have made and are making is them equating their AFLW team victories with that of their AFLM team victories. This comes from making connections with the players over the past couple of seasons and, of course, the odd grand final appearance. I personally know a few people in this boat.

And the season ahead is set to be the longest yet with 10 regular rounds followed by three weeks of finals. Thankfully those conferences have been abolished.

For our people, Indigenous Round is in round 8 and I can't wait to see our culture celebrated and enjoyed by the wider community.

Head over to the AFLW website, click on 'fixture' and the 'buy tickets' buttons and get on out to support your team. May the best team win – yours and mine.

*\*Shelley Ware is a proud Yankunytjatjara and Wirangu woman from Adelaide. She appears on AFL.com.au's Colour Of Your Jumper.*



chances.

### ADELAIDE

Coach: Matthew Clarke. Captain: Chelsea Randall. 2021: 1st on ladder (7-2), lost to Brisbane in the grand final. Player to watch: Two-time league best-and-fairest winner Erin Phillips remains one of the competition's most dangerous goal-kicking midfielders at the age of 36. Predicted finish: 2nd.

### BRISBANE

Coach: Craig Starcevich. Captain: Breanna Koenen. 2021: 2nd on ladder (7-2), beat Adelaide in grand final. Player to watch: The Lions' staunch back-line will be led again by All-Australian defender Kate Lutkins, who was named best-on-ground in last year's grand final. Predicted finish: 3rd.

### CARLTON

Coach: Daniel Harford. Captain: Kerryn Harrington. 2021: 7th (5-4). Player to watch: Powerful midfielder Maddie Prespakis has quickly become one of the competition's most dominant players over the past three seasons. Predicted finish: 8th.

### COLLINGWOOD

Coach: Steve Symonds. Captains: Steph Chiocci and Bri Davey. 2021: 3rd on ladder (7-2), lost to Brisbane in preliminary final. Player to watch: A genuine matchwinner in attack, Chloe Molloy is fast, strong and agile - and knows her way to goal. Inspires teammates with her energy. Predicted finish: 5th.

### FREMANTLE

Coach: Trent Cooper. Captain: Hayley Miller. 2021: 5th on ladder (6-3), lost to Melbourne in qualifying final. Player to watch: Gemma Houghton's five-goal haul in the Western Derby win over West Coast showcased her amazing talent, and she is also damaging on the wing. Predicted finish: 4th.

### GEELONG

Coach: Dan Lowther. Captain: Meg



The Kangaroos' Mia King is one of a number of Tasmanians in the side.  
Picture: AFL Photos

McDonald. 2021: 13th (1-8). Player to watch: After two seasons derailed by serious knee injuries, talented midfielder Nina Morrison should finally get her chance to shine in the Cats' engine room. Predicted finish: 13th.

### GOLD COAST

Coach: Cameron Joyce. Captain: Hannah Dunn. 2021: Last (0-9). Player to watch: Key defender Lauren Ahrens was a bright light for Gold Coast in their wooden spoon year and has been battling a foot injury in pre-season, but should return early in the campaign. Predicted finish: Last.

### GWS GIANTS

Coach: Alan McConnell. Captain: Alicia Eva. 2021: 9th (4-5). Player to watch: Young defender Georgia Garnett has been flagged as a star on the rise, impressing

with her clean ball-use and ability to cut off opponents' attacking forays. Predicted finish: 9th.

### MELBOURNE

Coach: Mick Stinear. Captain: Daisy Pearce. 2021: 4th on ladder (4-2), lost to Adelaide in preliminary final. Player to watch: Big-name recruit Tayla Harris is aiming to rekindle her best form after joining her third AFLW club. Predicted finish: Premiers.

### NORTH MELBOURNE

Coach: Darren Crocker. Captain: Emma Kearney. 2021: 6th on ladder (6-3), lost to Collingwood in qualifying final. Player to watch: Ruck-forward Emma King has been appointed a vice-captain in a new-look leadership group and will be allowed to spend more time in attack as Kim Rennie takes the lead ruck role. Predicted finish: 6th.

### RICHMOND

Coach: Ryan Ferguson. Captain: Katie Brennan. 2021: 10th (3-6). Player to watch: Dual-code star Monique Conti is brilliant in traffic and equally effective on the outside. Predicted finish: 11th.

### ST KILDA

Coach: Nick Dal Santo. Captain: Hannah Priest. 2021: 11th (3-6). Player to watch: Young star Georgia Patrikios has taken leave from the club because she is not vaccinated against COVID-19. The 20-year-old was the Saints' best performer over the past two seasons and is still on the club's active player list. Predicted finish: 10th.

### WEST COAST

Coach: Michael Prior. Captain: Emma Swanson. 2021: 12th (2-7). Player to watch: Star midfielder Dana Hooker managed just one game last season before slicing open her foot in a freak kitchen accident. She is fully healed now and primed for a huge campaign. Predicted finish: 12th.

### WESTERN BULLDOGS

Coach: Nathan Burke. Captain: Ellie Blackburn. 2021: 8th (5-4). Player to watch: Richelle 'Rocky' Cranston was delisted by Geelong at the end of last season but could add some X-factor to the Bulldogs' forward-line. Predicted finish: 7th. – AAP



## Ashes get the go-ahead for Goldfields

By ALF WILSON



MORE than 500 male and female Indigenous cricketers will play at Australia's biggest cricket carnival – the annual Goldfield Ashes after the event got the go-ahead from Queensland Health.

The carnival started in 1948 with just six men's sides and in 2020 a massive 246 teams battled it out in four men's and women's divisions.

The 2021 Ashes were cancelled due to COVID-19. The event this month will be held from January 21-23 at Charters Towers.

Garbutt Magpies Sporting and Cultural Association have entered cricket teams in the men's and women's divisions.

A Garbutt's women's team played at the Rockhampton cricket carnival in April last year and was co-champion in their division contested by six sides.

"We will have at least seven Ross family members in the B-2 division men's team and a lot in the women's comp," Garbutt's Jermaine Ross said.

Other teams such as Black Bream, Brothers and West Indigies sport a majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players.

West Indigies' Jimmy Ahmat is heavily involved with the Kulpiyam rugby league team.

Captain Glenn Butler is looking forward to the challenge.

"We have a team of mostly Indigenous boys from around here and always enjoy the cricket and catching up with family and friends," he said.

At the last carnival, Black Bream women's team finished second while Bothers finished in 14th place in the men's B-2.

Mingela which will contest the B-2 division will have the services of several players who have represented Queensland in the Imparja Cup at Alice Springs in Bradley Stout and Mick Prien.

They are proud Bindal men along with Bradley's brother Anthony Stout who will be team captain.

Some of the teams have strange names such as Tridanjy Troglodytes, Simpson Desert Alpine Skiers, Smashed Crabs, Wokeyed Wombats and many others.

# McDowell-White tallies up big numbers for NZ

By HALIM MELLICK



NEW Zealand Breakers' point-guard William McDowell-White is having a breakout season on the floor despite his team having perhaps its poorest start to an NBL season.

A tough schedule to start the 2022 season and with a number of players unavailable due to injury, plus issues surrounding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, have made for a tough ride for the Breakers.

It has, however, provided McDowell-White a chance to display his international experience.

The son of AFL great Darryl White, McDowell-White is averaging 11.2 points, 4.3 assists and 5 rebounds per game, a big step up from his previous year in the United States'

G-League. His experience and confidence is improving in all aspects of the game.

He was a stand-out against Adelaide in which he scored an incredible 27pts that included 4reb and 7+ass and shooting 71.4% from the field including seven 3-pointers at an unbelievable 77.8% from 3.

The Breakers led by 19 points at one stage and were it not for the 36ers responding to a rocket by their coach, after which they turned it around in the fourth, the Breakers would have recorded their first win for the season.

Another heartbreaking loss for the Breakers was in a double-overtime thriller against Illawarra in which McDowell-White sent it to overtime with an insane clutch-bucket where he blew past three defenders.

The 23-year-old's ability to score means he attracts defenders, but where he really shines is in his awareness and ability to find the open

man in that moment. A good player knows how to score, but a great leader knows how to elevate the rest of his team.

Perhaps the biggest moment for McDowell-White came when he executed a one-handed slam-dunk on South East Melbourne's forward Tohi Smith-Milner in round 2. All of Phoenix's games are being broadcast in China because of import centre Zhou Qi.

Also overseas, Oklahoma's Aussie draftee Josh Giddey became the youngest player in NBA history to record a triple-double, beating previous record-holder and fellow draftee Lamelo Ball, meaning that the most recent records of this incredible achievement in the NBA have come from former NBL players (Giddey and Ball).

Last year, McDowell-White became just the second player in Breakers history to record a triple-double.



New Zealand Breakers' William McDowell-White is having a breakout season the NBL. Picture: Peter Argent

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Scott Boland celebrates an England wicket in his debut in the Second Ashes Test at the MCG. Picture: Getty Images

# Boland's Test debut was one for the ages

By KRIS FLANDERS



THERE aren't enough superlatives to describe Scott Boland's epic debut for Australia in the Second Test of the Ashes series against England at the MCG.

The fast bowler's overall figures speak volumes on one of the greatest individual performances on debut in Test cricket.

Boland won selection into the Australian team after solid displays in the Sheffield Shield for Victoria in November and December.

That won him an Australia A cap in the tour match against the English Lions in between the first (Brisbane) and second (Adelaide) Tests. He was named as 12th man for the Australian team for the Second Test before earning a call-up for the Third Test in Melbourne.

Boland's first baggy green cap has him listed as the 463rd Australian Test cricketer.

But he also becomes just the fourth Indigenous Test cricket player in Australian cricket, and sports, history – following in the footsteps of the legendary Faith Thomas (1958), Jason Gillespie (1996-2006) and Ash Gardner (2017-current).

Boland said he hopes his debut could inspire more Indigenous cricketers and believes we won't have to wait too long for the fifth Indigenous Test player.

"Hopefully this can be a springboard for young Aborigines to get involved in the game of cricket," he said.

"I think the Indigenous community in AFL and rugby (league) are so big, so hopefully one day the Aborigines in cricket can be just as big."

Boland is considered an MCG specialist with the ball and in his debut he did not disappoint.

He took seven wickets overall – 1-48 in England's first innings, and an incredible, and match-winning, 6-7 in the second innings. He was a major contributor to

restricting the English to a paltry 68 runs. Also, he took three catches (one of which was a caught-and-bowled wicket) and made six runs at No 11 in Australia's first innings total of 267.

In between his mesmerising spell with the ball, Boland fielded at fine-leg, on the boundary near an adoring and appreciative crowd who cheered his every move.

"I've never had a crowd behind me like that," Boland said.

"I tried to soak it up when I was down at fine-leg. I really enjoyed it. It felt like they were pushing me on when I was running in to bowl.

"I was just hoping I was going to be good enough."

The 32-year-old's magical performance meant there were no arguments when he was named player of the match and he was awarded the Johnny Mullagh Medal, poetically the first Australian recipient of the two-year-old award which honours the star of the 1868 Aboriginal cricket team that



Australian Test cricketer, Scott Boland.

toured and played England, 10 years before an Australian team followed suit.

"About 17 of us went away a couple of years ago to commemorate that tour from 1868," Boland said.

"We got to learn so much about that tour and what went on and my family are very proud, and I am obviously very proud to win this award."

An emotional Belinda Duarte, the first Indigenous member of the MCG Trust and a descendant of Dick-a-Dick, who was a teammate of Mullagh on that historic tour, presented the Mullagh medal to Boland.

"Some would even say the Old People have had something to do with this," she said.

"We carry our old people everywhere. There were so many indicators today that they were by his side."

## Aussie quick's other journey is a familiar story

By KRIS FLANDERS



EVERYONE now knows the name Scott Boland following his unbelievable Test debut for Australia in the Ashes series against England that has elevated him to a cult-hero status.

But it's taken plenty of hard work – sweat, countless hours in the nets – and a strong self-belief to get here for the 32-year-old.

"I think for the past four to five years I've been pretty consistent and taking wickets at the (Sheffield) Shield level and becoming one of the senior bowlers in the Victorian team," Boland said.

"Especially this year (2021-22 season) the ball has been coming out really well in all formats of the game.

"I'm feeling very strong in my action and

in a good mental space as well."

Boland's love of cricket began as a six-year-old in an under-12s game with the Parkdale Cricket Club, and the fierce backyard cricket matches with his younger brother, Nick.

"My brother is two years below me and we battled with cricket in the summer and football in the winter," Boland said.

"But I went through a different pathway than most in my cricket journey; I didn't get selected in Victorian rep sides so I just toiled away playing my juniors and then seniors cricket. I moved from Parkdale to Frankston and played premier cricket with them from when I was 18.

"When I was 21, 22, I think I started to believe that I was good enough to then make the Victorian team and I really knuckled down."

In recent years, Boland had discovered his Aboriginal roots via his grandfather,

John Edward, and from the Guligan mob from the Colac area in Victoria. Grandson sought to embrace these origins, to learn more about his people and culture.

"Our family didn't know much about that and it was probably about eight years ago when my uncle went through our family tree and ancestry," Boland said.

"It was from that that our family discovered that Aboriginal heritage. It was something that I wanted to know more about. Our family wants to get everyone together and head to Colac and speak more to the mob there.

"The biggest thing that has helped was me and my brother being involved in the Australian Indigenous teams. It's been a wonderful experience, obviously playing cricket, but more importantly learning about identity and culture."

In 2018, the Boland brothers played in the 150th anniversary side that honoured

the 1868 Aboriginal cricket team and their tour of England – Scott played in honour of Yellanach (Johnny Cuzens) and Nick played for Grongarrong (Mosquito).

"It was great to play those games with Nick and there was also the Doggett brothers (Brendan and Sam)," he said.

"It was special for us to have family on tour, one of the best tours I've been on.

"Apart from the wonderful players and brothers in that side, we were also able to talk to and learn plenty from Peter Cooley (team manager). I learnt so much from him and really embraced the story of those 1868 tourists.

"They travelled there by boat and played something like 90 days of cricket and were away for six months; we were lucky and privileged to follow them.

"It was an amazing story and hopefully it inspires other mob to learn about that 1868 tour."



# Basketball in holding pattern

By CHRISTINE HOWES



CAIRNS Taipans assistant coach Kerry Williams is counting his and his NBL club's luck despite having to postpone its recent set of fixtures because of health and safety protocols surrounding the pandemic.

Cairns Taipans' home games scheduled for last weekend were postponed due to league health and safety protocols.

The Taipans had received positive test results from within the team and had to self-isolate. Combined with injury to other players, and close contacts, Cairns was unable to field a team. Hence the postponement.

Williams, however, is looking at the bigger picture.

"I think we've been lucky up here in north Queensland, up in Cairns; we hadn't been hit yet," he said.

"We were still on court, we were still together, still doing a lot of other things and



Cairns Taipans' assistant coach, Kerry Williams. Picture: Christine Howes

still training every day, where some of the clubs were stuck in hotels for the last seven days. We were one of the lucky clubs.

"The frustrating part was just not being able to play games, but it is what it is, right? Those are things that we can not control

(so) we've just got to go about what we can control, and that was practising and staying sharp and being professionals."

Williams, one of the few Indigenous men as coach in the NBL, said there is a strong support network within the Taipans organisation to deal with this scenario.

"The coach is very, very adamant that, as much as it's about basketball, it's about mental wellbeing," Williams said.

"This is not just about basketball for us, this is about the whole aspect of it. We've got to make sure there's a balance in our lives, so all the coaches have done a great job of making sure that we stay checked-in with each other."

Williams said he remains prepared within his role at the Taipans.

"I've been fortunate enough to come in this role and have some good mentors and role models who have been great support," he said.

"We are prepared for every team at the moment, and we haven't played all of them. "There is a learning aspect to being able

to be adaptable and being prepared and that's helped me with my growth, and I've enjoyed it.

"I played with the club as a player and now I'm learning the coaching side of it, and what it takes to prepare for games and the time that goes into it.

"It's been awesome and it's been a great experience and I've learned a lot. I'm just grateful to be in this position."

In a statement, Cairns Taipans chief executive Mark Beecroft said that while the postponement may cause some inconvenience for fans, he knows the Taipans fanbase will understand.

"This is the world we are living in right now, and we knew at some point during the season we would be impacted," he said.

"We must be prepared to be flexible and put health and safety as the top priority for not just our playing group, but all our patrons. It is a shame to reschedule these games, but they will be played at a later date and I'm sure our fans and sponsors will understand and accommodate that."

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## Barty primed for tilt at Aussie Open



NOT content with her golden 2021, Ash Barty hopes to unveil the "complete package" in the new year, beginning at last week's Adelaide International.

All eyes were on the world No 1 and Australian Open title favourite when the big home hope launched her title defence against American Coco Gauff in Adelaide.

It's hard to imagine an even superior version of the dominant force that accrued five more trophies, including the prized Wimbledon crown, last season.

But that's the chilling reality Barty plans to serve up in 2022.

The 25-year-old may boast a laid-back exterior, but the dual grand slam champion possesses a ferocious appetite for hard work.

Barty hadn't played since suffering a third-round US Open defeat in September and calling an end to her 2021 campaign citing mental and physical exhaustion.

— AAP



Ash Barty returns a powerful backhand at the Adelaide International. Picture: Peter Argent



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## Hickey finds his feet on the floor for United



WILLIAM Hickey is grabbing his second chance in the NBL with both hands despite the stop-start nature of the 2021-22 NBL season.

The skillful point-guard took up a development player contract on the Melbourne United roster, a role he had previously held with new franchise South East Melbourne.

Hickey was injected into the fray in the match against Sydney in which United obliterated the visitors, 82-68, and which put him head-to-head with childhood friend, the Kings' Biwali Bayles.

Long-time mentor and Victorian basketball legend Rick Baldwin was courtside.

"He (Hickey) came on late in the fourth and sunk a quick five points," Baldwin said.

"And just seeing two proud Aboriginal young men who grew up in Redfern now competing under the bright lights in the NBL... this does not happen often.

"These two are very close brother-boys and they both belong in the NBL. They have exciting futures ahead."

Melbourne United's William Hickey (left) controls the play as the Sydney Kings' Biwali Bayles attempts to intercept in a recent NBL match. Picture: Getty Images



## Calls for a diplomatic Games boycott is hypocritical

THE first time I heard the word 'boycott' was when England opener Geoffrey was boring everyone to tears with his stout defence in the Ashes series of the late 1970s. Old mate should've taken a hint from his own name and either started being adventurous with the bat or just left and gone back home.



**Darren Moncrieff**

The next time I heard the word was when the Americans soaked about competing in the Soviet Union at the 1980 Olympic Games, so they stayed home.

The next time I heard it was when I was beginning to understand the situation in South Africa and why that country was largely absent from international sport.

The word has mostly become associated with sport. You never hear 'blockade' and/or 'embargo' used in this context; these are tools used by self-righteous 'democracies' seeking to impose capitalistic ideas on countries seeking rightful autonomy, self-rule and responsible social policies. Anyway, sport...

There is big debate swirling around the Winter Olympics in Beijing which begins next month.

Ever eager to please, and without a skerrick of self-awareness, Scott Morrison has said Australia will not send diplomats to Beijing during the Games due to "human rights abuses in China". Yeah, he really said that. Now, not for one second would I downplay the CCP's shameful abuse of the Uyghurs, for example, but I am coming at this from what I know here.

Right, so... let me get this straight: Australia, led by Morrison, who openly purports 'Christian values' (whatever that is) has people, including Australian-born children, IN INDEFINITE DETENTION IN THIS COUNTRY RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT yet this is his tone-deaf take on something that will not make an iota of difference? A reminder here that it is not in any way illegal to seek asylum. It is beyond humanity, however, to lock up indefinitely those very people seeking asylum and to work to change laws to keep them there.

This, and Tennis Australia's trickery in getting Novak Djokovic, and others with an influential platform who are ambivalent toward vaccination, into the country is a slow-peel reveal of the actual Australian values. This is not a dump on this country – well, maybe it is – but this is a frustration in how the leaders in Australia apply rules to others they would never in a heartbeat have applied to themselves. Despite its claim to an egalitarianism society, there exists an elitism in this country underscored by an unquestioning media, or one that is too compliant.

This column was supposed to be about sport; it sort of is. This one is about sport and politics, two bedfellows that pretend they're not together but everyone knows they really are. Please register to vote in the federal election. And wear a mask. Happy New Year!

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# From Redfern; now deadly duo in the NBL

By CHRIS PIKE



ROOKIE Biwali Bayles was proud to be part of the Sydney Kings' early-season turnaround, but, in the bigger picture, he is excited to be representing his hometown and Indigenous culture every day he pulls on the purple and gold.

Having decided against pursuing a college career after a season at the University of Hawai'i on the back of a decorated under-age career, Bayles signed with the Kings for the 2021/22 season. It's an opportunity he has grabbed with gusto.

With imports 'RJ' Hunter and Jaylen Adams struggling with early-season injuries, 19-year-old rookie Bayles has been entrusted by coach Chase Buford with near 20-minutes a game across the early rounds.

The teenager has not only shown that he is capable in the NBL but that he adds a level of excitement to the game; someone who can help push the pace and make a difference for the Kings.

There is, however, much more to Biwali Bayles than what you see on the floor on game day.

Bayles grew up in the inner-city Sydney suburb of Redfern, of which he sports a tattoo with the postcode "2016".

While it wasn't an easy upbringing, Biwali dreamed of playing professional basketball and is proud of where he came from and where he is now.

To not only be representing Redfern on the big stage, but also leading the next generation of Indigenous basketball and providing a shining light of what is possible, is something that Bayles takes seriously, revealing a maturity beyond his years.



**Sydney Kings' Biwali Bayles.**

"It is exciting to see Aboriginal players coming through and you are even seeing a lot more coming through in the juniors," Bayles said.

"It is just great to see that happening and seeing them on the right path. That's exciting for me and for our community and our culture. I used to look up to guys obviously like (NBA player) Patty Mills and see the platform that they were on with all the stuff they would be doing.

"I'm obviously not on the same platform as Patty but to have my own little platform where kids can look up to me as well is a dream come true for sure."

Bayles is also excited to be joined by Melbourne United development player William Hickey, with whom he grew up.



**Melbourne United's William Hickey.**

"Man, it's crazy that we grew up together in Redfern, Waterloo, and to see where we are now," Bayles said.

"We know each other's struggles and to see that we are both now in the league is honestly a dream come true.

"We used to talk about it all the time as kids growing up so seeing that happen now and matching up against him, gives me goosebumps.

"Just knowing the area we come from, people are proud of us, and seeing each other do well is a blessing, you know."

Bayles also feels blessed to be providing a light for the next generation of Indigenous youth, and to represent the Redfern community, and the city of Sydney generally.





## Boland's dream Test debut and Johnny Mullagh Medal



SCOTT Boland etched his name into the cricket history books when he became the first Australian winner of the Johnny Mullagh Medal – awarded to the best player of the annual Boxing Day Test at the

MCG in Melbourne.

The Aboriginal paceman skittled the England batting line-up in a mesmerising spell that saw him claim 6-7 in the second innings which led Australia to win the match.

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Scott Boland with the Johnny Mullagh Medal as player of the match in the Boxing Day Test. Picture: Getty Images



# Uncle Percy flies into the Dreaming



THE first Indigenous athlete to win gold at the Commonwealth Games, Percy Hobson, is being remembered as a trailblazer for his people following his passing last week.

The Ngiyampaa man from Bourke in western NSW died in Melbourne last Wednesday (January 5). He was 79.

Hobson won gold in the high-jump at the 1962 Games in Perth with a then-record

2.11m at Perry Lakes Stadium. Fellow Australian Chilla Porter won silver (2.08m) and Barbadian Anton Norris won bronze (2.03m).

He out-jumped a field of 10 over a three-hour period and in stifling 40C heat on Saturday, November 24.

His gold medal was the first won by an Aboriginal athlete in the international athletics arena, and was one of 38 won by Australia in Perth, which accumulated 105 medals overall.

Last year, he told *Koori Mail Sport* that while records can be broken, gold medals will forever remain: "You know, you can make records and someone else can break them, but they can't ever take away a gold medal that you win – that's yours forever."

In May, his history-making jump was immortalised in Bourke in the form of a painted mural on the town's water tower.

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Percy Hobson's gold medal-winning jump is depicted on the Bourke water tower.

## Festival of Indigenous Football heads to Sunny Coast



INDIGENOUS football will take centre-stage in Queensland when the Sunshine Coast Festival of Indigenous Football kicks off in Maroochydore in March.

The big event has the backing of Football Queensland. The five days of festivities will include a training camp and exhibition matches that will be broadcast or streamed live.

The matches will see Indigenous men's and women's teams play in a series of games against local opposition teams.

The Australian Indigenousroos (men's) and Koalas (women's) teams will play against respective Sunshine Coast All-Stars teams.

These teams last year played in games against 2020 NPL1 champions Peninsula Power FC whose nationwide rankings are in the top 15.

In addition, the NSW South Coast Jummalungs (men's and women's) and Sunshine Coast Goannas (women's) teams will play against Sunshine Coast representative teams.

Former Socceroos coach Frank Farina will coach the men's side while former A-League Men's star Travis Dodd will coach the women's team.

One of the key organisers of the event Lawrence Gilbert said this will work toward increasing the game's

reach for Indigenous people.

"It does; it increases football's profile," he said.

"But the key objective of this is two-fold – to create new role models and leaders in our communities, and to provide an opportunity to perform at an elite level."

Hosts of the event are Marrochydore FC and Sunshine Coast Football. The entire event will run from March 2-6.

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