'Get out and vote'

By TODD CONDIE

Get out and vote. That is the message being pushed by leading Aboriginal figures in the lead up to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) regional council elections on Saturday.

Indigenous leaders are urging people to have their say in the nationwide poll, which they say is vital to indigenous Australia's future.

Voting is not compulsory, and they fear a poor turnout on Saturday could be used by the Federal Government to make even more cutbacks to ATSIC.

A total of 1262 people have nominated for the 375 available places on the nation's 35 ATSIC regional councils.

It has been estimated there are about 150,000 indigenous people aged over 18 who are eligible to vote, but not all are on the Federal electoral roll.

ATSIC chairwoman Lois O'Donoghue, who will not seek another term in the top job, has urged indigenous people to get behind the elections, saying a strong ATSIC is vital for the political clout needed for change.

ATSIC commissioner for Victoria Marion Hansen believes the Howard Government will be eagerly watching the elections.

"The Government is saying ATSIC is not truly representative of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, simply because of the low turn-out at the last election," she said.

"I suspect that if the turn-out isn't increased in the voting, that will give them more ammunition to shut the thing down, which was what they were intending when they first came to power."

Former ATSIC deputy chairman Charles Perkins also supported the elections. "I urge indigenous people to vote because, as imperfect as it is, ATSIC is the only thing we've got at the moment," he said.

"If we sit back and moan, nothing will get done. We need people on the councils who will work hard for their community."

Uncovered: More secrets of our past

Senior Murinpatha woman Biddy Simon and Australian Museum archaeologist Richard Fullagar with some rock from a place called Jinmium, on the West Australian-Northern Territory border. What scientists, with the help of local Aboriginal people, have found at Jinmium looks set to change the face of human history. Find out why in our special report on Page 9.

Deadly music awards! - Pages 22-23
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An indigenous cultural feast in Samoa - report and pictures Page 15
The West Australian outback town of Wiluna had reduced its medical centre's workload by about a quarter after introducing Australia's first legally supported restrictions on Aboriginal people's drinking, district medical centre director Brian Harris says.

Wiluna, almost 600km northeast of Perth, officially acknowledged the Aboriginal drinking restrictions, although the agreement had been in practice unofficially for several weeks.

The agreement, brought about and supported by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, prevents people buying takeaway alcohol from the town's only hotel before 2pm and after 7pm on weekdays.

Mr Harris estimated the reduction in alcohol consumption had reduced the workload of the Wiluna medical centre by a quarter.

"There's less violence and the ladies who used to stay out drinking are now going home to their children," she said.

The medical centre was no longer seeing children suffering from neglect, Ms Harris said.

But Wiluna police have reserved their opinion on the impact of the alcohol restrictions on law and order.

"It's too early to say if it's working," constable Travers said.

"But I think we'll see a difference in the long run."

The certificate stops anyone allowing Aboriginal people to buy takeaway alcohol from the town's only hotel from 2pm to 7pm on weekdays.

The certificate was introduced in response to a complaint from a Wiluna hotelier who alleged that Aboriginal people were buying takeaway alcohol from the town's only hotel before 2pm and after 7pm on weekdays.

Each of the mediators would become expert negotiators, receiving training in mediation and learning about the government's reasons for implementing the restrictions.

The team of mediators will mark the start of the all-Australian 'Triple Bill' and Peter O'Keefe have made a significant contribution to negotiations using their particular areas of expertise, Justice Robert Diamond, Peter Bell, Don George and Peter O'Keefe have made a significant contribution to negotiations using their particular areas of expertise, Justice Robert Diamond, Peter Bell, Don George and Peter O'Keefe have made a significant contribution to negotiations using their particular areas of expertise, Justice Robert Diamond, Peter Bell, Don George and Peter O'Keefe have made a significant contribution to negotiations using their particular areas of expertise, Justice Robert Diamond, Peter Bell, Don George and Peter O'Keefe have made a significant contribution to negotiations using their particular areas of expertise.
Council vows to fight for mourning site

NSW

Outraged National Aboriginal History and Heritage Council members have vowed to fight - physically if need be - a New South Wales Government decision to allow demolition of the 'Day of Mourning' site in Sydney.

NSW Planning Minister Craig Knowles has given the go-ahead to demolition work of the site where the Sydney Opera House was planned to commemorate the theft of Indigenous land.

The site had been rejected totally by Indigenous and Heritage Council chairman Joey Munro.

'The compromise is a travesty and an insult to Aboriginal people and their efforts to honour their heroes and history makers,' he said.

A 'lost batch of white signatories' had been preserved, but Knowles is refusing to release the documentation to the public, munro said.

John Pat remembered

NSW

The good crowd which turned out in Sydney for the annual John Pat March and Rally on September 28 had one very simple and loud message - stop Aboriginal deaths in custody.

The annual march through city streets, in memory of John Pat, a young man who died in police custody in a Western Australian cell during 1983, this year also included a detour via the Olympian Theatre in the city to pay tribute to the Day of Mourning site which is now under threat from development (see adjoining story).

Hails were made during the march to observe silence in respect of all deaths in custody victims, along with those indigenous people who have died since then.

A gathering followed at Redfern Park where speeches were well received by the crowd.

Activist Kerry Reed-Gilbert spoke about the legal system and injustices towards Indigenous people and NSW Parliamentary Secretary for Aboriginal Affairs Col Marrick increased his constituency support for the Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Watch Committee and his commitment to continue to raise Aboriginal issues in Parliament.

Some families who had lost loved ones in custody spoke to the crowd, and watch committee official Ray Jackson confirmed that the group had been funded for 1996/97.

Groups warn of Games boycott

Aboriginal groups could ask black nations to boycott the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

Lyell Munro, a former chairman of the Aboriginal Legal Service, said the Aboriginal community would contact black nations to examine the rate of racism in this country.

"We will ask those countries to boycott on the same principle ... the world boycotted the Russian games, the Montreal games ... the other games that were used as a political issue," he said.

Mr Munro also criticised the International Olympic Committee, saying Aboriginal people would be 'stupid' if they didn't capitalise on the international media's focus on Australia we would attract 15,000 media people, the world will be coming to a world class country," he said in a pre-Olympics address.

"The world will be coming to a country that has the worst standards of racism ever seen in the modern world," he said.

The Aboriginal embassy will go up at Homebush, we will make attempts to disrupt and boycott, while there is this incredible media focus on Australia we would be stupid if we didn't take advantage of it."
Wilson says the Government has failed to make progress, despite repeated invitations and an extension of the inquiry's timeframe.

Students from as far afield as Widgott saw 20 displays from organisations, including the NSW Police, Ambulance Service, National Parks and Wildlife Service and Walgett Health Service, which have all made Aboriginal employment strategies.

Graeme Gordon, manager of the Moree Aboriginal Education Unit, said there were plans to have the exhibition re-opened after the students had finished their study leave.

"It is important that students realise that to get ahead you need to get excellent qualifications, either through part-time or full-time study after you leave school," she said.

"I am a bit worried that they do not have to study after they get their Higher School Certificate, but with the speed of change in the workplace it is important to continue study, initially to get the job you want and then it is important to continue to study to keep up-to-date and progress within your chosen field."
PM's 'free speech' comments blasted

Social Justice Commissioner Mick Dodson has hit back at Prime Minister John Howard that the new Federal Government has brought a new era of 'free speech'.

Mr Dodson said last week the Government had fast brought more harassment in streets and schoolyards for people who are 'different'.

Mr Howard said that his Government had put an end to political correctness, but warned the new freedom of speech must be used responsibly.

His comments were widely seen as a veiled attack on independent Federal MP Pauline Hanson, who targeted Aboriginal funding and Asian immigration in her maiden speech to Parliament.

But Mr Dodson, who has accused Mr Howard of showing no leadership on racism for not condemning Ms Hanson, said the Coalition Government had not increased freedom of speech.

"What they have brought is added harassment in the schoolyard for kids who are different, what they have brought is added complaints and inquiries to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission," Mr Dodson said.

"(Mr Howard) has urged moderation in the way in which people talk and my colleague the human rights commissioner said that along with those comments must come accuracy. The inaccuracy of what people say can also exacerbate their comments." Mr Dodson said Australia, with its many conservative talkback radio hosts and newspaper columnists, had plenty of scope for people to put their point of view.

"In my view, we've probably got the loudest silent majority in the world," he said.

If people behaved like bigots and racists, they could not complain when they were called such names, Mr Dodson said.

"You listen to talkback radio, you get all sorts of nuts out there talking about ridiculous things and making idiotic statements about a whole range of issues including race," he said.

"That's always been the case and John Howard's got nothing to do with increasing that," he said.

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Doddon urges strong action

Prime Minister John Howard is not showing leadership when it comes to racism, Social Justice Commissioner Mick Dodson says. Strong action was needed to stop the politics being pushed by people such as independent Federal MP Pauline Hanson, Mr Dodson said.

"There is in this era, and in some other areas, a total lack of leadership," he said.

"I don't think that Mr Howard shows the leadership on these things that he ought to. I think he's a very populist prime minister."

Ms Hanson has called for an immediate halt to immigration and the abolition of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

Mr Dodson also criticised Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Herron, saying his performance had not been starting 'stumbles, flounders'.

"He stumbles and flounders around. I question his competence in the portfolio - it seems to turn every single thing into a disaster," he said.

"What's going to be his next disaster? He seems to have one every other week," he said.

Although Mr Dodson was critical of the Government's actions, he also suggested the Liberal Party had in the past done more for indigenous people than Labor, which had not been generally supportive, particularly in the Hawke Government years.

"In fact I think (former Labor prime minister Malcolm) Fraser did much better than Mr Hawke in terms of Aboriginal affairs. Mr Fraser not only held the line, he pushed things along simultaneously," he said.

Liberal achievements included the 1987 referendum, the Northern Territory Land Rights Act and the Racial Discrimination Act.
Eastwood’s comment

Letters to the Editor

Dancer’s thanks

One day I was at home in Shepparton (Victoria) at the mission. My uncle was going to co-ordinate a dance, and he asked me to go and dance for him. So for the first time in my life I performed Aboriginal dancing. It felt a bit funny at first, but it was better the more I danced. I danced and danced and the days went on. The opportunity came for me to travel with the Yorta Yorta Dance Troupe. Our first performance was at a primary school in Melbourne. At first I felt strange teaching my culture, but then I got up and started dancing. As the performance progressed, to did. All my fears disappeared and I felt a sense of pride knowing I gave knowledge of my culture to many other people. It was true satisfaction. I would like to thank my uncle, Wally Cooper, and the Yorta Yorta Dance Troupe for giving me a chance to experience my culture.

CLIFTON SAMSON
Minda Juvenile Justice Centre
Sydney, NSW

Hanson’s views

Independent Federal MP Pauline Hanson’s views are ignorant and uneducated. She shows, as a parliamentarian, her irresponsibility in talking on issues in which she has limited knowledge. Also, as a parliamentarian she has a responsibility to represent the people in her electorate. Aboriginal people live in her electorate so by not representing them not only is she not doing her job, but we believe she is in breach of the anti-discrimination laws.

One of her favourite complaints is that Aboriginal people get special treatment. The only special treatment Aboriginal people get is the lowest health, education, employment and housing conditions in this country. To treat people equally, they need to stop on a level playing field. Aboriginal programs are designed to give Aboriginal people more, not to enable them to catch up to this level playing field. And another great fallacy is the so-called “huge amount” of money the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) gets. Let’s look at this budget. More than half of it goes to GDEP, work for the dole programs, Commonwealth housing programs and legal services — all programs that every Australian has access to via means testing. Aboriginal people are means tested, too.

In fact, Aboriginal people are the only group in Australia who work for the dole and voluntarily give up their social security benefits to do so. So perhaps instead of listening to ill-informed people like Pauline Hanson, Australians should turn towards Aboriginal society as a good example of pride and collective support in local communities.

Signed by Year 11 Aboriginal Studies students
Cleveland Street High School
Sydney, NSW

Election plea

I am writing this letter to remind voters of the coming ATSIC regional council elections. I believe I am qualified to make the following comments because I have been an ATSIC regional councillor for the past six years.

During that time I believe I’ve learned much about Aboriginal affairs and other issues. I have had a great time on the council. Yes, we’ve had our differences, but what family doesn’t have them?

However, there are concerns I want to raise that I have been frustrated by during my time in office. During the first three years I was a councillor I was enthusiastic about changing the overall structure of ATSIC. My goals were:

- Aboriginal housing ownership. Sadly this is still a long way off.
- Aboriginal primary, secondary and tertiary education. Some may say we’ve already got them in place. That may be true in some instances, but still we are a long way from reaching our objectives.
- Improving the prisons and juvenile justice system. In 1992, the Federal Government granted to ATSIC $400 million to establish the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody to be spent over five years. But I cannot recall one instance, but still we are a long way from achieving our objectives.

So now, after six years, I feel it is time for someone else to take on the extra energy and time to fight for change. I believe that for the Aboriginal communities to benefit we are going to have to get people who are prepared to fight, and not just go along for the ride. Those seeking election need to take an honest look at themselves and ask:

- Have they got the time to give to the position?
- What is their motivation? Is it for the people, or the sitting fees and the dollar?
- What is the goal? Is it corporate and unified, or self-interested?

We, as voters, need to also be honest with ourselves. Do we vote for candidates on merit and what they have to offer our community? Let us look for people of integrity and dignity to serve us.

PASTOR PETER WALKER
Mt Druitt, Sydney
Minister fails to make his mark

The interview with the smiling Senator Herron in the latest edition of ATSC’s ‘Walking Together’ entitled ‘An opportunity to make my mark’. It reports that John Herron believes that the Aboriginal Affairs portfolio offers him one of the greatest privileges and challenges of any Federal Minister. He says that he has been given an opportunity to make my mark and I intend doing so. He says that the Federal Government will be passing special legislation to allow the Hindmarsh Island bridge to be built and to hold no more inquiries into the sacred significance of the site for local First People. Senator Herron has taken the initiative and completely to fulfill his duty as Federal Minister to protect the interests of indigenous Australians. Senator Herron, knowing nothing about the culture and spiritual beliefs of Australia’s First Peoples, is quite prepared to do away with the need for a full inquiry before he makes his decision.

How can we allow the Members of Parliament to push aside the issues of the full inquiry when it is clear that the culture of the people of this land and the country’s history are intertwined? It is an absolute relief of colonialism. The fact that the interests of Australia’s First Peoples can be stopped around between political parties in such an unsatisfactory way (with one Minister protecting them then another coming in and selling them down the river), requires us to think about a means of restoring balance to the vitally important relationship between original and settler peoples in Australia. The Hindmarsh Island bridge, while important in its own right, is also significant for demonstrating that the colonial structures which allow us to accept the idea of a Minister of Aboriginal Affairs are part of a deeply institutionalised form of racism in Anglo-Australia.

Changing the system of attitudes which makes such a position reasonable is a real challenge. Having a smiling, white-faced, doctor-possessing hand pretending to represent the interests of Australia’s First Peoples – a man who displays no evidence of having the first stage of understanding about the culture of the people of this land and the country’s history, makes this problem visible. It is a sign that equal interest to the local struggle is the readiness of the Australian Government to seek and implement the recommendations that are put forward in the Social Justice Recommendations. It requires us to think about a means of restoring balance to the vitally important relationship between original and settler peoples in Australia. The Hindmarsh Island bridge, while important in its own right, is also significant for demonstrating that the colonial structures which allow us to accept the idea of a Minister of Aboriginal Affairs are part of a deeply institutionalised form of racism in Anglo-Australia.

We need compelling evidence from the Prime Minister that his Government is deeply committed to the process of genuine reconciliation before Anglo-Australia can regain its pre-eminence in its bona fide position provided by that commitment. Replacing Senator Herron as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs will not constitute that compelling evidence.

What is required from the Prime Minister is a statement confirming his Government’s commitment and progress in the following directions:

- In general, the Federal Government will be committed to the provision of social justice recommendations prepared by ATSC and the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation following last election.
- To begin community consultations regarding a culturally appropriate form of reconciliation for Australia’s First Peoples by the year 2000.

In other words, we need a miracle. Hopefully, John Howard’s wonderful opportunity in life to meet in person with the Dala Lama will provide him with the moral and political energy he requires to break out of his tightly constricting grey shell.

BRUCE REEVES

Dear White Fella...

We received this on the fax machine and thought we’d share it with you.

Dear White Fella…..

Douple Bingo yee noa noa.

Firstly, Wen I born – I black
Wen I sick – I black

Wen I go out in the sun – I black
Wen I get cold – I black
Wen I get scared – I black
Wen I die – I still black.

But you white fellas,
Wen you born – you pink
Wen you grow up – you white

Wen you sick – you green

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An apology from white Australia is needed before true reconciliation with Aboriginal people could be achieved, a prominent South African politician says.

Lydia Kompe Ngwenya, the African National Congress (ANC) Member of Parliament responsible for rural and women's affairs, said an apology to the Aboriginal people was the best way to begin the path to reconciliation.

"I think that is the only way of reconciliation, saying sorry and to apologise, it heals the wounds," she said.

"That can never bring back what was lost, but if you work towards gaining some progress it's not like walking backwards... you will be proceeding and having a vision for the future."

Known as 'Mama' Lydia, the 61-year-old was speaking at NSW Parliament House as part of a tour to promote Aid Abroad's Freedom From Hunger Appeal.

She said the Federal Government had a responsibility to try to sustain reconciliation and should not make cuts to Aboriginal spending.

Ms Ngwenya also said she was 'very disappointed and very sad at the depth of resentment' Aboriginal women obviously felt towards white Australia, after meeting with a group of Aboriginal women in Brisbane.

"I'm very surprised. I thought everything was normal just like in other countries that had progressed ... I know there isn't any country which is 100 per cent," she said.

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**Water key factor in TSI budget**

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**Commonwealth Cultural Grants**

**Financial assistance for**

- regional and community festivals
- performing arts touring
- touring exhibitions

**Festivals Australia**

Provides funding to regional and community festivals for cultural projects, in recognition of the cultural and economic benefits which festivals generate in communities.

Applications are sought from organisations which manage festivals for cultural projects which will commence from 1 July 1997.

**Applications due 3 February 1997**

**Playing Australia**

Funding for performing arts touring wherein this is currently not commercially practicable and there is a demonstrated need.

Applications are sought from venues, performing arts organisations and presenters planning tours which will commence from 1 July 1997.

**Applications due 3 February 1997**

**Visions of Australia**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and cultural materials accessible to more Australians. It provides funding to develop and tour cultural exhibitions. Applications are sought from organisations, such as museums, art galleries, science and cultural centres and agencies for projects which will commence from 1 July 1997.

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We've been here a long, long time

By TODD CONDIE

A potentially historic discovery in the Northern Territory could push the timeline for Aboriginal occupation of Australia beyond 100,000 years, according to an Australian Museum archaeologist.

A team of archaeologists and researchers from the Australian Museum and the University of Wollongong stumbled on the find after working for five years at the site local Aboriginal people call Jinmium in the Keep River region of the east Kimberley. The team was initially looking at Aboriginal resources in the area and plant-processing technologies.

Australian Museum archaeologist Dr Richard Fullagar, University of Wollongong senior lecturer Dr Lesley Head and Australian Research Council fellow David Price claim to have uncovered evidence that the Australian landmass could have been occupied for more than 100,000 years.

Australian Museum anthropologist Dr Paul Tacon, a world authority on Aboriginal rock art, was called in and found that rock art discovered at the site could be 58,000 to 75,000 years old.

“If the dates are reliable, and we are confident that they are, then the timeline of occupation for Australia could be pushed beyond 100,000 years,” Dr Fullagar told the Koori Mail.

“The numbers of artefacts in the sediment drop off in number after the 116,000 year level, but they do not completely disappear until the 176,000 year level.”

Previously 60,000 years was the oldest reliable date for the occupation of Australia by humans. This figure could be doubled and adjusted by the find in the Northern Territory to 176,000 years ago.

The cave paintings of Chauvet in France were previously thought of as being the oldest in the world at 32,000 years ago. The rock at Jinmium, claimed by the team, is aged up to 75,000 years. The rock is significant because it possesses two circular cupules, small indentations carved into a rock face, matching other cupules found in the area suggesting that the markings were man-made.

Dr Fullagar believes that in some ways everybody thinks about the depth of human history. It also lends weight to the idea that Aboriginal people have been living in Australia for a very long time.

While the discovery has been hailed by some as forcing a rewrite of human evolution, there have been concerns by colleagues that the release of the findings were too premature, requiring more scientific scrutiny.

Dr Fullagar agrees, but is confident that his team’s findings, especially in relation to dating techniques, are accurate.

“At this stage we are confident but cautious, we will go back to the site next year and replicate what we’ve done at other locations,” Dr Fullagar said.

The findings of the team from the Australian Museum and the University of Wollongong will be published in the British archaeological scientific journal Antiquity in December.

Meanwhile, the NT Government indicated that the Jinmium site would be incorporated into a national park. Chief Minister Stone said part of the Spirit Hills pastoral lease which included the site would become part of the Keep River National Park.

The Mirriuwung-Gajerrong people have had native title claims around the Western Australia - Northern Territory border, reportedly taking in Jinmium, accepted by the National Native Title Tribunal.
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The judge held that the definition Asian Court has not been incorporation into an Act of Parliament. Consequently, the Commonwealth Parliament and the Australian courts may freely change the definition of who is an Aboriginal person.

The ordinary meaning of an Aboriginal person admitted in Australia, is someone of Aboriginal genetic heritage, who identifies as an Aboriginal person, and receives communal recognition by their Aboriginal community. Last year a Federal Court judge was called upon to define the meaning of an Aboriginal person for the purposes of voting or standing for election under the ATSIC Act.

The judgment held that the definition of Aboriginality contained in the Act of a person of the Aboriginal race of Australia, as the meaning of the term in ordinary usage. However, it was subject to statutory qualifications. This means that the Federal Parliament has the Constitutional power to define who is, or who is not, an Aboriginal person.

The judge agreed with an observation made in a previous case that there is a good of only limited Aboriginal genetic heritage that is, coupled with self-identification alone or with communal recognition alone, may be sufficient for that person to be described in ordinary speech as an Aboriginal person.

However, the judge further suggested that an opportunistic claim by someone to be an Aboriginal person, even if they could prove they possessed a small amount of Aboriginal descent, they would not be considered an Aboriginal person in ordinary speech.

Nevertheless, the judge suggested that a person of limited Aboriginal genetic heritage, who genuinely identified as an Aboriginal person, was likely to be accepted in ordinary speech as an Aboriginal person, even without Aboriginal communal recognition. The judge also accepted evidence of past government policies of removing Aboriginal children from their parents and attempts to integrate them into the wider Australian community.

The judge suggested that members of the wider community, using their ordinary speech, would not deny to such a person who discovered their Aboriginal heritage in maturity and who genuinely acknowledged that heritage, the description of Aboriginal person and in these circumstances communal recognition of Aboriginality would not be required.

Finally, just because a judge created this definition of Aboriginality, does not mean that Aboriginal people are obliged to accept it.

For hundreds of years the convenient myth of terra nullius was accepted by the Australian courts to dispossess Aboriginal peoples of their land. Judges have been wrong before.

Colonising moves by the Commonwealth Government or the Australian courts to define Aboriginality constitutes the last act of dispossession.

The Gibbs v Capewell judgment appears in the 12th volume of the Australian Law Reports.

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Barunga success

By COLIN COWELL

It has been a very difficult year for the Barunga Community in the Northern Territory, but after many setbacks, knock-backs and much sadness the area's famous cultural and sports festival finally happened.

The June 1996 Annual Barunga Festival to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Aboriginal Land Rights was initially cancelled when the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission withdrew all funding support.

But the three-day festival was saved when the Northern Territory Government provided $37,000 to sponsor the event.

In a sad blow, the community then lost its president and it was decided not only to dedicate the opening of the festival in his honour but also to unveil a memorial plaque at the opening.

Finally, on September 20 a nervous community sat back and waited for the invited communities to arrive.

Slowly they came in trucks, buses, cars, on motorbikes and in four-wheel-drives, travelling thousands of kilometres from such places as the Pintupi homeland in South Australia, Mount Isa in Queensland, and Kununurra in Western Australia to support the Barunga Community.

Besides the very popular football, basketball, softball and athletics, there was this year a children's carnival, craft market, art exhibition, traditional dancing, a didgeridoo competition, boxing, spear throwing, rock music and CAAMA's battle of the bands.

By the Saturday, members of the Barunga community could not wipe the smiles off their faces as more than 5000 participants showed their overwhelming support by making it to this year's delayed festival.

Throughout the weekend, the sports competition was keenly contested and at night groups such as Warrinyga Band entertained the exhausted competitors.

The community at the end of the weekend, besides thanking all the visitors, made special mention of all the support they received from the Jawoyn Association, Northern Land Council, Imparja, CAAMA and the Northern Territory Tourist Commission.

ATSIC manager defends funding decisions

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Northern Territory manager John Kelly has defended funding decisions concerning the Barunga Manyanvalik Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) which was originally established as a supplementary funding role and that the Barunga council was established under the NT Local Government Act. Prime responsibility for funding therefore rests with the NT Government.

Answering calls to reintroduce the community's Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) which was terminated in July 1994, Mr Kelly said that both regional councils and ATSIC had a responsibility to ensure public monies are properly administered.

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Housing deal is Minister's goal

A new Federal/State housing agreement will lead to better deals for Indigenous Australians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister John Herron says.

Senator Herron said he hoped to reach an agreement on indigenous housing under the new arrangements by the end of this financial year.

He said the Commonwealth now contributed $51 million for Aboriginal rental housing, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission another $100 million and further funds were provided by States and Territories.

"By pooling this money we can improve housing conditions for Indigenous Australians," Senator Herron said.

The Minister said he had worked with 50 Aboriginal communities in the past six months and found many people living in appalling conditions, with an estimated shortage of about 14,000 homes across Australia.

"Overcrowding leads to health and social problems," Senator Herron said.

The previous government left us with an enormous backlog but we are determined to make housing a priority.

Jewish group backs reconciliation

The Executive Council of Australian Jewry has lent its support to the reconciliation process. A delegation of Jews from across the nation met recently with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister John Herron to discuss concerns about racism in Australian public debate.

Council president Diane Steinman said Senator Herron had re-emphasised the importance of Australians developing mutual respect.

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Course set to go on show

Aboriginal art and design course students from the Tenterfield TAFE will be on show from October 22 at the Armidale Cultural Centre.

Students from the course, which started in July, have been producing a range of artworks which have greatly improved their teachers. Now those works will be on show from October 22 at the Armidale Cultural Centre, with the opening day - planned as a celebration of achievements - to feature official speeches and live entertainment.

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Inner West Area Child Protection Committee

Nominations for Appointment as Member of the Inner West Area Child Protection Committee

The Inner West Area of the Department of Community Services has established an Area Child Protection Committee to promote an ongoing and participatory approach to Child Protection in the Inner West. One of the roles of the Committee is to actively participate in the planning and policy development of services for children and families in the Inner West.

The Committee has three staff contributions which are currently working on the following priorities:

1. Identifying areas where service provision is inadequate and developing strategies to address these.
2. Implementing training programs that will assist workers in their understanding of Child Protection issues.
3. Developing and maintaining partnerships with government and non-government service providers. The Committee is also committed to a position of leadership within the Inner West.

Nominations are invited from Aboriginal people who have:

- A thorough understanding of issues relevant to service delivery to Aboriginal children and families in the Inner West.
- A determination to improve, with Aboriginal organisations and communities, and a commitment to effective communication, consultation and feedback with Aboriginal communities.

Further information can be obtained from Patricia Atkins, Child Protection Specialist, Tenterfield TAFE, on (08) 8946 6482. Closing date: 21 November 2000 (08) 8946 6482.
Experience gained from a year in Alaska has proved invaluable for 19-year-old Perth woman Jenny Phillips, who joined the hospitality industry a few months ago.

Ms Phillips said the experience gave her an insight into North American culture and customs which she has put into good use dealing with guests at the Sheraton Perth Hotel.

"A year ago I was in Alaska, and after I met some Americans in Esquimalt and they invited me to stay with them," Ms Phillips said.

"It was a great experience but I found that everything was totally different and it was really cold."

Ms Phillips returned with little idea of what career she wanted to follow until Eddie Corbett, a relative who works for the Federal Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth (DEETYA), suggested the Hartpury programme.

The programme is funded by the Department of Employment and was developed jointly with the Hospitality and Tourism Industry Training Council. It aims to increase the number of indigenous people working in five-star establishments and to provide them with greater opportunities to participate in the workforce.

Mr Phillips applied and was accepted by the Sheraton Perth Hotel where she works as a porter and waitress in the Wandarrah Restaurant.

"I love my job," she said.

"Working as a porter and a waitress means that I am being trained in two areas.

"As a porter I get to meet lots of people. It is also important that I make a good impression as we want our guests to feel at home right away."

Hospitality and Tourism Industry Training Council project officer Glen Redhead said any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people interested in the program should contact him on (08) 220 7768.

Pictured: Jenny Phillips on the job at the Sheraton Hotel in Perth.

Credit Code views sought

Indigenous Australians are being invited to have their say on a new Australian Consumer Credit Code to be introduced on November 1.

The Department of Fair Trading has contracted EMD Consultants to undertake research with consumers, and as part of the drive for community input Michael Stewart, of Dhulagahl Consulting, will seek the views of indigenous people.

Mr Stewart says the goal is to identify all relevant credit issues affecting Aboriginals.

To that end, he says it is vital the views of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are gathered to ensure indigenous interests are taken into account.

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NSW ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

NSW COUNCIL ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Call for expressions of interest

The NSW Council on Violence Against Women will provide strategic advice to the NSW Government on issues related to forms of violence against women and the different needs of women from all population groups. Council members will be appointed on the advice of the Premier and Chairperson of the Board.

Among the duties of the position are:

- to provide advice to the Attorney-General's Department and the NSW Police Service, the Department of Community Services and the Department of Social Security on matters relating to violence against women;
- to provide advice to government decision-makers and agencies on matters relating to violence against women;
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Applications close 30th May 1996.

Applications should be forwarded to:

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The successful applicant will need to have good computer skills and be capable of bringing together the whole education and training package into a total plan for women's needs.

Applications close 30th May 1996.

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Applications close 30th May 1996.
We're 'de facto citizens' conference told

By TODD CONDIE

Thirty years after the 1967 referendum giving Indigenous people the vote, Aboriginal people remain 'de facto citizens' of this country, Justice Commissioner Mick Dodson says.

"Citizenship means entry into the political sphere. Unfortunately, I think it was a concession linked to some events and then only through the back door," Mr Dodson said at a Culture and Citizenship conference in Brisbane, organised by the Australian Key Centre for Culture and Media Policy.

"In practice, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people did not and still do not enjoy basic citizenship rights."

Mr Dodson said that too often if indigenous cultures did not comply with non-indigenous romanticised versions of Aboriginal traditional culture then it was deemed unworthy of protection.

"Non-indigenous Australia wants a blackfella culture which is rich in witchetty grubs, walkabouts and woomeras, the culture that was found 208 years ago is seen as the only legitimate indigenous culture worth something," Mr Dodson said.

"I'm sure you would have heard about 'true blackfellas' or 'real Aborigines' because they have maintained a traditional lifestyle."

He described Prime Minister John Howard as using a "language of sameness" which differed with the reality of an Australia made up of 'many different peoples and cultures including the peoples of the First Australians'.

"Equality in Australia relies on homogenisation, sameness, it is a citizenship that erases people's differences in a quest to unify all Australians under the banner of 'One Australia'. It is an approach that implies that recognition by law and just treatment come to those prepared to toe the majority line," Mr Dodson told the conference.

"Such an approach denies us our unique status in this country and will only serve to entrench our disadvantage."

Mr Dodson said that 'Australia as a nation must redefine what it means to be an Australian so that it is recognised and protects the rights of the nation's first peoples'.

"At the conference were (from left) Amy Atkins, of Brisbane, Eunice Watson, of the Health Rights Commission in Brisbane, and Sandra Mitchell, of Brisbane."

Among those attending were (from left) Wayne Wharton, Uncle Bob Anderson, Chris Lee and Brett Leavy.

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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA and AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES (AIATSIS)

SITE SELECTION CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Commonwealth Government's arts policy announced the Government's intention to establish the National Museum of Australia on a site in Canberra, to be co-located with AIATSIS. Site options now being considered are:

1. Yarramundi
2. Jette Peninsula
3. Parliamentary Zone Foreshore
4. King Park

An Advisory Committee, chaired by Ms Jones Service AM, has been established to recommend a site to the Government by December 1996. It will consider the relative merits of each site including financial, economic and environmental aspects.

The Committee is now calling for public submissions on the site selection. (Note—the Committee is not considering the concept of the National Museum as it is the responsibility of the Minister.)

For an information kit, containing necessary background information on the sites and the National Museum and AIATSIS, please write to the Site Selection Secretariat at the Department of Communications and the Arts, GPO Box 2154 Canberra ACT 2601 or telephone (02) 379 1679 (to leave a message). TeleFax (02) 379 1684 in access: the榴 agencies's website at http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/funding/spotlight.html

To assist in its task, the Committee requires submissions, brief, up to 500 words.

The closing date for submissions is 1 November 1996.

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GRANT APPLICATION CLOSING DATES

The Australia Council, the Federal Government's arts funding and advisory body, is now calling for applications to the following Funds for the December 1996 deadlines:

- Dance Fund
- Theatre Fund
- Music Fund
- New Media Arts Fund

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Theatre Fund - Closes: 30 November 1996

The Theatre Fund aims to support major works that will showcase the dynamism and diversity of Australian performing arts. The Fund seeks to support companies, individuals and independent initiatives that are exploring new artistic and innovative pathways for the development of theatre including the creation of new work.

Theatre Fund - Closes: 18 November 1996

The Theatre Fund seeks to support theatre that exhibits excellence in the areas of technique, performance, creation and presentation. The Fund aims to support theatre that integrates with other art forms, offers new strategies for audience development and is accessible to a broad range of audiences.

New Media Arts Fund - Closes: 31 October 1996

The New Media Arts Fund supports artists working in new media arts, including artists who are engaged in the development of new technologies, and ecosystems for new media production. The Fund seeks to support new media projects that explore new and emerging forms of media, with a focus on the development of innovative and interactive works.

The Music Fund supports the creation, performance, presentation and promotion of Australian music. The Fund seeks to support the development of contemporary Australian music that is vibrant and engaging, and that features new works and new approaches to existing music practices. The Fund aims to support music that is accessible to a broad range of audiences and that reflects the diversity and richness of Australian music. The Music Fund is closing on 31 October 1996.

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Click for more information on the above grants.
1500 delegates at 7th Festival of Pacific Arts

Sensational Samoa

By ANITA HEISS, who was at the festival in Samoa

They call Samoa the Heart of Paradise in the Pacific, and no one could argue that as this sunny Pacific island group played host to the 7th Pacific Festival of Arts recently.

The festival, held every four years, carried on the tradition of providing an international forum for indigenous peoples from Micronesia, Melanesia, Polynesia and Australia to unite in a celebration of culture, art and traditions.

A total of 24 nations and their collective 1500 delegates gathered to share histories and aspirations as dancers, visual artists, storytellers, writers and musicians expressed traditions still entrenched in indigenous society today.

Modern artistic mediums such as cinematography and photography were also included in the festival. Each festival country had its own section within the village to exhibit works such as handicrafts, carvings, foods, traditional medicine, tattooing and floral arts.

The Australia Council delegation was selected by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board.

Performance

Traditional dance highlighted the uniqueness of indigenous Australian culture as compared with many of the Polynesian nations at the festival.

Crowds were enthralled to watch the Bapu National Dancers, Mornington Island Dancers and the Torres Strait Islander Dance Group at venues in and around the city of Apia. Live music including rock, jazz, gospel singing and Samoan cover versions of 70s and 80s hits meant that there was something for everyone's ears.

From Australia, Broome-based boys ‘Footprince’ performed everywhere from the floating stage to the Australian High Commission, and when they weren't fulfilling their festival obligations they were trying to hijack the stages in local nightclubs.

Story-telling

Although there was no performance prose or poetry by Aboriginal writers, there was enough story-telling to keep not only the kids happy, but many of the other delegates and visitors entertained for hours.

Well-respected story-tellers Maureen Watson and Pauline McLeod performed at the cultural centre and the Australian High Commission, both displaying the ongoing oral tradition so important to Aboriginal society.

Visual arts

As with most cultural festivals, visual arts played a major role in expressing the history and culture of each participating nation.

Most Chandon Award Winner (1995) Judy Watson took time out from her hectic schedule to participate in an alternative festival event, where an artists’ workshop at the MADC Gallery titled ‘Back to Basics’ meant just that.

Crafts people

Carnarvon-based egg-carver Barry Bellotti spent many hours in the Australian fale working on his handicraft, generating much interest in this growing art form.

Barry was joined by the Yirrkala weavers, and displays of silk batiks from Utopia were also a feature.

Literature

While Indigenous Australian writers were not well represented at the festival, South Australian playwright Owen Love (Mainstreet Theatre) managed to knock ‘em dead at the cultural centre with his performance of ‘No Shame’.

The Pacific Book Exhibition held at the Nelson Memorial Library showcased the authors and publishers of the Pacific Islands including Guam, the Cook Islands, Wallis and Samoa.

But there was no sight of any Aboriginal Australian work.

The absence of Aboriginal writers at the festival was a sad reflection on how little recognition is paid to Aboriginal literature in Australia as opposed to other indigenous nations around the Pacific and the world.
Schools join in celebrations

The Aboriginal Corporation for Homeless and Rehabilitation Community Services organised special celebrations at western Sydney schools as part of NAIDOC Week. Organisers from the corporation, who were delighted by the response, said the goal was to show students that Aboriginal people were the original Australians.

Performers played the didgeridoo and demonstrated the boomerang to hundreds of students during the celebrations of many schools. Inmates at the Yaaminy Juvenile Detention Centre were also included in the activities.

Among the most popular celebrations were those at Ashfield Public School, where staff and many students joined in and learnt much about Aboriginal history and culture.

The activities were supported by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

Good, healthy fun at Expo

Daruk Aboriginal Medical Service in western Sydney held a major celebration as part of this year's NAIDOC celebrations.

Several hundred people turned out for what organisers said was their biggest day at a Health Expo Partnership held jointly by Daruk and Western Sydney and Wentworth area health services.

The theme of the day was 'address the right, not just the need' of Aboriginal health.

Features of the day included live music, dancers, plenty of healthy tucker, children's activities and health information stalls.

A special guest appearance by St George rugby league star Ricky Walters was well received by the crowd.
Exhibition boasts historic pictures

Breath of Life, an exhibition featuring work by Aboriginal activist and artist the late Kevin Gilbert and photographer Eleanor Williams, is now on display in Canberra at the start of a major national showing. The exhibition features the interviews and photographs of Gilbert, who died in 1993, and Williams’ work, which has won wide praise. It celebrates the enduring spirit of Aboriginal culture and their creative and political collaboration between Gilbert and Williams, and their contribution to the Aboriginal struggle for justice and independence.

The exhibition opens on display at the Canberra Contemporary Art Space until October 27. A special book featuring essays and poems by prominent indigenous people has been published to accompany the show.

Breath of Life will also be shown next year at Tamarama, Adelaide (March 7–April 12), Armidale Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keppel Place, northern NSW (May 6–May 15), Moree Plains Gallery (July 4–August 17), Australian Centre for Photography (September 5–28) and Perth Institute for Contemporary Art (October 22–22 November).

This picture is one of many featuring in the exhibition now on display at Canberra.

WA guide helps supervisors

The Western Australian Public Sector Standards Commission has launched a human resources guide to help Aboriginal supervisors avoid problems that can arise from cross-cultural misunderstandings.

Title: Are you Employing Aboriginal Staff?

The guide identifies potential problem areas and strategies to provide a more supportive work environment, and provides insights into cultural behavioural differences.

The guide covers a range of other issues including career development, ethical issues and conducting job interviews.

Details on how to obtain a copy are available by telephoning (09) 270 6800.

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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Visiting Speakers Program

"Showcase"

Dear Principals,

Throughout the duration of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Visiting Speakers Program thousands of students, teachers and parents have had the chance to hear and meet hundreds of Aboriginal speakers and performers speak on a wide range of Aboriginal issues.

The steering committee have organised a "Showcase" to be held at the Sydney Airport Hotel on Monday, 11 & Tuesday, 12 November 1996.

The Showcase will involve many Aboriginal speakers and performers who have had experience with the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Visiting Speakers Program. They will be highlighted in a two day performance.

The Showcase will consist of two one day performances and it is anticipated that there will be approximately 300 participants each day to attend.

A video will be produced from this Showcase that will prove to be a valuable resource for all schools.

The steering committee would like to cordially invite you or a representative to attend on one of the two days.

The Showcase is proving popular with schools who have been very keen, to include it as a valuable resource for all schools.

Wishing you every success,

Nathan Moran
Project Officer

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Indigenous people have the opportunity to influence decisions that affect their lives when they vote in the 1996 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission regional council election on Saturday.

That's the message from Philip Neal, the State manager for ATSIC Victoria.

He has asked his voce to many people to get out and vote in this Saturday's election.

"By voting, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can help the leaders want to represent their communities and on the regional councils," Mr Neal said.

The regional councils are bodies which have the responsibility for decision-making and negotiating with federal, state and local government. The ATSIC commissioner is elected from among their number.

"So far, ATSIC regional council initiatives have helped create employment, build community, improve housing and education and develop indigenous cultural awareness," Mr Neal said.

The slogan for the 1996 regional council election is 'Stand up for your rights'. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can stand up for their rights by being part of the electoral process to determine who will represent their interests on the regional councils.

By voting, all indigenous Australians can show their support for ATSIC, and electing the leaders they want to represent their families and communities on the regional councils."
### Polling Places

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- **Sunshine Coast**: Mobile Teams are available in Sunshine Coast. Details can be found on the Sunshine Coast Regional Council website.

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Now, it's time to stand up for your rights!

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Regional Council elections will be held on 12 October 1996.

If you want to have control over your future and care about the rights of indigenous people...

... make your mark and vote on 12 October.

Contact your nearest ATSIC office or AEC office for further details.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were on the Commonwealth Electoral Roll by the close of rolls on September 20 can vote at any of the Polling Places listed below, between the hours of 8.00 am and 6.00 pm.

### NSW Far West Ward
- **Bunyah LALC Building**, 214 High St, Walgett
- **Bethlehem Hall**, Alice Edward Village, Walgett
- **Saint Josephs Vocational College**, Hay St, Walgett
- **Lake Munmorah Public School**, Pacific Hwy, Coffs Harbour
- **Central School, Herbert St**, Walgett
- **Central School, Yalgogrin St**, Walgett
- **Central School, Cleaton St**, Walgett
- **Central School, Columbus St**, Walgett
- **Central School, Woomera St**, Walgett
- **Central School, Shirley St**, Walgett

### Northern Rivers Ward
- **Darlaigur Pre-school**, River St, Coffs Harbour
- **St Josephs Vocational College**, Hay St, Coffs Harbour
- **Tweed River High School**, Heffron St, K weekend
- **Woodenbong Central School**, Unumgar St, Kyogle
- **Goulburn Primary School**, Bourke St, Harden
- **Goulburn Public School**, Bourke St, Harden
- **Bogong Community Centre**, Emu Bank, Tumut
- **Mallaburra Public School, Ruby St**, Tumut
- **TAFE College Oxley St**, Armidale
- **Central School, Oxford St**, Armidale
- **Central School, Herbert St**, Armidale

### Far West Ward
- **Brunswick Heads Memorial Hall**, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads
- **Wallaga Lake Community Hall**, Umbara Rd, Narooma
- **·Urambi Primary School**, Snodgrass Cres, Narooma
- **Batemans Bay Primary School**, Perry St, Narooma
- **Christ Church Parish Hall**, Rutledge St, Narooma
- **Anglican Church Hall**, 134 Lachlan St, Bathurst
- **Community Health Centre**, Shirley St, Bathurst
- **Ballina High School**, Burnett St, Tweed Heads
- **Aboriginal Community Centre**, 22 Kenny St, Tweed Heads
- **Lake Ginninderra College**, 2/347 Cressy St, Inverell
- **Cabbage Tree Island Community Hall**, Cnr Bunnerong S Yarra Rds, Narrabundah
- **Anglican Hall, Young St**, Narrabundah
- **Masonic Hall, 168 Otho Street**, Narrabundah
- **CWA Hall, Lachlan St**, Narrabundah
- **Gordon Centre, Spears Dr**, Narrabundah
- **Children's Services Office**, 72 Shaw St, Griffith
- **Gladstone Road, Dungog**, 41 Bruce St, Springwood Neighbourhood Centre
- **Central School, Chester St**, Tamworth
- **Bankstown Senior College, Vaux St**, Tamworth
- **TAFE College Oxley St**, Armidale
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Further details about the ATSC Elections, or about pre-poll voting if you will not be able to vote at a Polling Place on election day, are available from offices of the Australian Electoral Commission, ATSC Regional Offices, or by ringing 13 63 23.

Stand up for your rights

Australian Electoral Commission AEC

**THE Koori Mail** WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9, 1996 21
Our best honoured at Deadly awards

The Doonoch Dancers opened the 2nd Annual Deadly Sounds Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards with a special welcome dance.

Deadly Sounds presenter Rhoda Roberts with sports reporter Nicky Winmar at the awards ceremony.

CAAMA Music head Richard Micallef accepts Glakalal Mujik’s award for the Album of the Year.

Larrinjak Records head Warren Fahey presents George from Warumpi Band with the group’s award for ‘Outstanding Contribution to Aboriginal Music’ while presenter Rhoda Roberts looks on.

Mining boom welcomed

Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory have been benefiting from mining agreements approved by the Central Land Council. The signing of several new mineral exploration agreements has brought the total amount of Aboriginal land in the Central Land Council’s region under exploration to 60,613 sq km, or just over 17 per cent.

New agreements covering the Tanami Desert region have been signed between the CLC and mining companies Sons of Gwalia, Gresco Pty Ltd, Yates, Troy Resources NL and Adelaide Resources Ltd.

CLC director Tracker Tilmouth said he was predicting even more agreements before the end of the year.

“Things are really opening up. New exploration techniques and further discoveries in the Tanami district are creating a boom atmosphere out there,” he said.

“The Central Land Council and the mining companies all work under very clear and certain processes under the Land Rights Act. By building on the existing trust and confidence of the people involved, agreements are increasingly becoming more easily reached.”

The CLC says it has been able to provide a unique and competent service including negotiation, and consultation with, traditional owners, cross-cultural education for the mining companies, site clearance and a stable, ongoing working relationship for all parties.

This is the model that the council is suggesting that the Federal Government adopt for Native Title representative bodies.

“It is significant to note that in the 20 years of land rights in the Northern Territory, only two major infringements of sacred sites have occurred on land covered by the exploration agreements in the CLC region and both of these were resolved without conflict and publicity,” Mr Tilmouth said.

Minerals extracted from Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory are currently worth more than $1 billion a year and look like increasing still further as more agreements are signed.

Another 3300 sq km of Aboriginal land in the Top End of the Northern Territory will be explored for minerals following approval by the Full Council of the Northern Land Council.

Six new exploration licences were approved by the council and another extended by two years.

NLC chairman Galarrwuy Yunupingu said the new agreements show the NT’s Land Rights Act is working for all Australians.

“Mining which results from this exploration will generate royalties for the NT and Federal governments as well as direct benefits for Aboriginal communities,” he said.

“This means a real boost to the Australian economy.”

More than 25 per cent of Aboriginal land in the NLC region is now subject to mining, exploration agreements or waiting approval for exploration, compared with only some 13 per cent on non-Aboriginal land.

This represents some 47,613 sq km of Aboriginal land.
Deadly musos, Deadly awards

By ANITA HEISS

While the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) provided trophies of achievement to mainly mainstream musos recently, it was the 2nd Annual Deadly Sounds Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music Awards that provided recognition to indigenous musicians on October 1.

As the balloons finally dropped from Monday's ARIA bash at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, the red carpet was only just being rolled out and the tiaras donned for the gala black event at the Metro Theatre in Sydney.

A large crowd of music industry icons were scattered among supportive members of Aboriginal arts and media organisations, as the best in black music were applauded.

Hosted by presenter of Deadly Sounds and producer of the Festival of the Dreaming Rhoda Roberts, the evening provided a bounty of entertainment, laughs and good food for all as the Doonooch Dancers, Tiddas and the voice of Nathan Ramsay (of ICAM fame) made an appropriate backdrop to some serious music industry networking.

Special guest presenters included St Kilda football hero Nicky Winmar, Toni Janke and Triple J Live Music Producer Chris Thompson. To roaring applause, Larrikin Records supremo Warren Fuhray pledged a $1000 prize for next year's Community Broadcaster of the Year. Perhaps the most memorable moments included an emotional acceptance speech by much loved and respected veteran broadcaster Roxy Musk (TOP-FM) for her Community Broadcaster Award, and a heart-felt speech by Maroochy Barambah's husband, as he collected his award for Single of the Year.

Winners were:

- Excellence in Film or Theatre Score - Alchemy (David Page).
- Community Broadcaster - Roxy Musk (TOP-FM).
- Single of the Year - Mongungu (Maroochy Barambah).
- Album of the Year - Blokbala (Blekubala Mnjik).
- Female Artist of the Year - Christine Anu.
- Male Artist of the Year - Kev Carmody.
- Band of the Year - Tiddas.
- Outstanding Contribution to Aboriginal Music - Warumpi Band.

The awards ceremony was followed by an energised Warumpi Band who launched their latest CD to a jampacked house.
**Sydney**

**Invitation**

NSW Department of Land and Water Conservation

On behalf of the Minister for Land and Water Conservation, the Honourable Kim Wyman MP, The Department has pleasure in inviting Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander People to launch the Department's Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Land Employment Strategy

**Employment Strategy**

at the Ceolce Function Centre

Narrawhi Reserve, Knox Road, Doonside

on Wednesday 6 November 1996, at 10.00am

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members across New South Wales are invited to participate in the following events:

**Entertainment by**

- Nambour Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dancers
- Fimando-Dato Lorenzo - vocalists
- Hand carving of boomerangs: spears by Greg Simms

**RSVP:** 28 October 1996

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**Deepteya**

**Australian Federation of Aid Organizations for Indigenous People**

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Project Worker 12 months position based in Sydney, $37 932 - $43 757 per annum.**

This new project aims to address the sexual health needs of indigenous gay and transgender people by building on existing networks (especially education), promoting the use by indigenous gay and transgender people of sexual health services (particularly peer education programs), helping to rebuild trust between indigenous gay and transgender people and the broader community, particularly in relation to positive sexuality, and developing a National Indigenous Gay Men's and Transgender People's Strategy.

The project worker will require a knowledge of HIV and sexual health issues for indigenous gay and transgender people, oral and written communication skills, experience in carrying out community consultation and collaboration with the wider LGBTI community.

**Applications close 14/10/96.**

**Benefit Fund is Expanding**

The Aboriginal Corporation Benefit Fund is going from strength to strength, according to director Richard Widders.

The fund, which aims to provide appropriate financial assistance to Aboriginal people, already has more than 12,000 members across New South Wales and southern Queensland.

Mr Widders says it is now looking to expand into other areas within Victoria and South Australia.

Established in February 1992 with three staff, the fund now has a staff of 24.

Mr Widders says, "We are looking to double the number of members next year."

"We have also had our own office and are preparing to travel and

**Boost for adult education**

NSW Aboriginal organisations are set to team up in a joint project to foster adult education in western and south-western Sydney to help boost the role of indigenous people in adult education, both as teachers and students.

NSW Aboriginal Education Minister John Aquilina said this State Government would invest $38,000 in three projects in Blacktown and Liverpool through the Mitsubishi Equity Programme.

The projects are:

- Pathways to Adult Community Education (ACE) - to identify and meet the training needs of Aboriginal people in Blacktown and increase their awareness of the local ACE provider, Blacktown District Community College.
- Project Officer, quoting Pos. No: UAP 5475.

Provision of a comprehensive and integrated policy in NSW and for providing support to the Aboriginal Housing Development Committee. As this position will work directly with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands people, the position will be open to anyone who

- NSW Aboriginal organisations are expected to work with young offenders in their local communities, providing opportunities for educational and cultural programs, and
- assisting with the implementation of educational and cultural programs for young offenders.

As part of this role, the successful applicant will also be required to
- liaise with key government agencies and community organisations to support the implementation of educational and cultural programs for young offenders.

For the position, a person with

- a background in education and cultural programs for young offenders;
- experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands people;
- an ability to build and maintain relationships with key stakeholders;
- a strong understanding of the cultural and historical context of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands people;
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Applications should be forwarded to the Centre/s

Cobham Juvenile Justice Centre, Water St, St Marys

Minda Juvenile Justice Centre, Joseph St, Lidcombe

Haberfield for people sensitive to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands people, people with the appropriate cultural background and experience.

To obtain an application kit contact one of the following Centres:

- Blacktown 9634 7973, Reiby 961 29 3800.

The grant of the title will be proceeded with if, within the period of two months starting when notice is

- proposed easement for water supply 5 03 wide in DP 726158 - being Crown Land - located at Boatharbour.

The terms of the abovementioned

DEPARTMENT OF MINERALS AND ENERGY TO THE National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that it

is opposing in the terms of the abovementioned

Agnes Councillor (02) 9228 6100

Entertainment by:

- Anika Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dancers
- Fimando-Dato Lorenzo - vocalists
- Hand carving of boomerangs: spears by Greg Simms

**Proposal to Grant a Miscellaneous Licence**

**NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993**

**COMMONWEALTH**

The State of Western Australia proposes to grant application for Miscellaneous Licence 37/54 & 57/72 under the Mining Act 1978 to Assistant Reserves Manager of area 1 of 1.7ha and situated 50km SE of Carnarvon on the Black Range between 1st December 1996 and 31st January 1997, in respect of areas or sites of particular significance;

- 2. Proposed easement for water supply 5 03 wide in DP 647696

- 3. Proposed easement for water pipeline 5 03 wide in DP 647696

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Further information or a compensation claim form may be obtained from the Council by any person who claims to be an owner in the terms of the abovementioned

**WEST AUSTRALIAN**

**Mr Winmar, who was born at Badjing Mission in Quairading, Western Australia, in 1936, worked as a shearer and farm labourer before starting as an Aboriginal Visitor when the scheme was launched in 1986.**

The Aboriginal Visitors Scheme was set up in the wake of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody and has been administered by the Minister of Justice since 1983.

Resisting Justice Minister Kevin Minson said the visitors scheme did an outstanding job in providing support and counselling for Aboriginal detainees in police lock-ups, prisons and juvenile detention centres.

Mr Minson said Aboriginal visitors were considered people who worked part-time to support and work with the incarcerated and juvenile detainees in their local communities.
Here are upcoming events of interest to Indigenous Australians. To have an item included, please call us with the details at any of the addresses or phone numbers in the panel on Page 6.

October 9-10: Indigenous Youth Leadership Conference, host: NSW Aboriginal Achievement Centre. For details on (02) 9391 9500.

October 9-11: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Policy Conference. For details on (02) 9264 9895.

October 10-12: Pajisa Curundu, Koori Aquatics, host: Aboriginal Centre, University of Melbourne. For details on (03) 9264 9895.

October 11: Koori Aquatics, Health and Fitness Day at Shellharbour Beach, on the NSW south coast. For details on (02) 9264 9895.

October 11: Koori Aquatics, Melbourne Festival, host: Aboriginal Centre, University of Melbourne. For details on (03) 9264 9895.

October 11: Yoko (Shout of Victory) Nyoongah Rally and March in Perth, at the University of Western Australia. For details on (08) 9331 8888.

October 11: Koori Aquatics, Auckland Festival, host: Aboriginal Centre, University of Melbourne. For details on (03) 9264 9895.

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October 16-20: Queensland National Conference at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. For details on (07) 3277 6144.

October 22: Koori Aquatics, Pathways - Indigenous Education - Past, Present and Future, host: Aboriginal Centre, University of Melbourne. For details on (03) 9264 9895.

November 9-17: Victorian speaking tour for the NSW Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Watch Committee. For more details and venues, call Debbie Brennan or call the Koori Radical Women's Project on (02) 9390 3330 or on the watch committee on (02) 9624 9965.

November 16: Broken Hill AECG NAIDOC Ball. It will be at the White House Convention Centre. More details and bookings ($15 single, $20 double) on (08) 8833 1333.

November 17: Ngal Giru at Mungabareena, Albury, Victoria. This is an annual gathering of the tribes for the song of the Boongath Moth Festival. People interested in traditional knowledge from around Australia should call (06) 2387 1373.


Birthday wishes
Happy birthday, Lesa Koad, of Batemans Bay on the south coast of NSW who turned one on October 5. Love Dad

QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY HISTORY (INDIGENOUS HERITAGE) GRANTS PROGRAM

Australian and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage is an important part of Queensland's history. In recent years many indigenous people and communities have demonstrated that they have potential links to land which they consider to be their traditional "country." Others have pressed for recognition of their cultural heritage and of their links to country and community.

The Queensland Government has established the Queensland Community History (Indigenous Heritage) Grants Program (QCHHIP). This Program is administered by the Department of Environment and is a supplementary one to existing programs - the Queensland Heritage Grants Program for Cultural Heritage, and the Community History Grants Program which provides funding for individuals and groups wanting to research and write a history of their community.

The QCHHIP offers financial assistance to people or groups of people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who are working towards an historical understanding of the traditional and historical links of the Queensland's indigenous people to "country".

The Queensland Department of Environment invites applications from or on behalf of people or groups of people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent to assist the Queensland Department of Environment with the development of Queensland's Indigenous People's Heritage Strategy and the preparation of an appropriate heritage strategy. The Queensland Department of Environment invites applications from or on behalf of people or groups of people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent to assist the Queensland Department of Environment with the development of Queensland's Indigenous People's Heritage Strategy and the preparation of an appropriate heritage strategy. Applications should be directed to the Director, Cultural Heritage, Department of Environment, PO Box 55, Brisbane Post Office, QLD 4002 by 19 November 1996.

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Please do not send any cash by mail.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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FAX:

Mail your completed form to: Kaye Tanner Subscription Officer PO Box 117 Lismore NSW 2480 Phone: (066) 222 886 Fax: (066) 222 600

SUBSCRIPTION FORM 1996

Be Qualified for Degree and Postgraduate Programs

The Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies is offering the following courses in 1997:

BACHELOR OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES

The Faculty is offering a new Bachelor degree in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies from September 1997. The course will incorporate workshops, field trips and practical sessions.

In response to the NT Tertiary Courses Review Committee's recommendation to develop a Bachelor of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, the Faculty has developed the following courses:

- Bachelor of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- Graduate Diploma in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- Graduate Certificate in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- Postgraduate Certificate in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

Northern Territory University also offers postgraduate courses over a broad range of disciplines, including the following faculties:

- BACHELOR DEGREE
- DEGREES BY COURSEWORK
- DEGREES BY RESEARCH
- POSTGRADUATE DEGREES
- POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATES
- POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
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Further information can be obtained by phoning the NTU Hotline 1800 061 968.
WOMEN'S BUST
Cervical cancer screening the goal

A recent study in the Northern Territory showed Aboriginal women were more likely to develop cervical cancer than the general population, a fact highlighted by the Victorian health authorities.

"We want to target these groups to eliminate avoidable deaths," Victorian Health Minister Rob Knowles said.

Aboriginal women seeking more information should contact their local health care centre.

Centre offers help to sacked worker

This is our latest article from the NSW Women's Working Centre. These are free and community-oriented advice centres for women who have lost their jobs.

Debbie, an Aboriginal woman, was sacked by her employer for being late to work. She had been employed for several years and was well-respected by her colleagues.

Debbie called the Women's Working Centre for advice on how to get her job back. The centre advised her to file a complaint with the Industrial Relations Commission.

Debbie's employer refused to reinstate her to her old job. But the centre helped her to file a case with the Commission.

The Commission found that Debbie had been unfairly sacked and ordered her employer to reinstate her. Debbie was able to keep her job and continue to support her family.

For more information, please ring: 

John Patten or Carol Greenman on (02) 9251 2561 or 38 3424

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Balti is making waves

By TODD CONDIE

AFTER three years of gigs and a supporting role like it in the big city, Steve (known as Steve) is thrilled to launch his new single, "Balti," today. He will be celebrating the release at a sold-out venue in the heart of the city, drawing a massive crowd of fans from all over the country.

The new single, "Balti," is a powerful ballad that explores themes of loss and redemption. The lyrics are a tribute to Steve's late mother, whom he lost in a tragic accident several years ago.

"Balti" is a song that speaks to the pain of loss and the struggle to find meaning in the aftermath. Steve's emotive vocals and poignant lyrics are supported by a driving rhythm section that builds to a climax.

The single was produced by Steve's long-time collaborator, Tim Taylor, and recorded at the renowned Studio 101 in Sydney. The album features guest appearances from some of the biggest names in the industry, including Tanya Chong and Kery James.

"Balti" is available on all major digital platforms and is set to be a massive hit. Don't miss out on this powerful new release from one of Australia's most talented musicians.

Wild Water on big tour to promote CD

Land, Central Australia, Darwin, Pukapuka, New Guinea and Fiji. Based in Darwin, the band draws upon their various perspectives to produce a sound that their publicity describes as "funky indigenous reggae." DJ Alajha (Paul McKenzie) is the 16-year-old leader of the group, singing lead vocals and playing rhythm guitar. Raised mainly in Darwin with his family based in Maningrida, Alajha says the music "I play is thinking about my culture and my people," he said.

"I don't think Wild Water I am thinking about my way of living. Out in the bush with no music radio, living in peace and harmony.

Wild Water will be playing in Sydney (October 8), the Sunshine Coast (October 16) and Sunshine Coast (October 21).
THE KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1996.

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South Wales centre.

Backed by the NSW Writers' Center, the free workshops will be run by writer Anita Heiss, author of 'Secret Cows'.

Ms Heiss says the workshops are designed to help people interested in writing to get started on the right track.

The workshops will be held at Northern Rivers Library, Moree, from October 31-November 2, Garriwilari ODEP Aboriginal Corporation, Walgett, from November 3-7, and The New England College Armidale, from November 8-10.

More details from Ms Heiss on (07) 5464 1532 or (01) 407 843.

More than 6 badges in one session definitely damages your liver, your brain and affects your sex life!
Knockout league on SBS TV

Young Warriors make mark

**ACT**

All smiles are members of the Bogong Warriors Junior Rugby League Football Club under-6 team (pictured above), who recently played an exhibition match at Bruce Stadium, Canberra, home of the Raiders. The club, run by an Aboriginal committee, now has five teams in the Australian Capital Territory and Districts rugby league competition. Young players are (back from left) Nigel Hartas, James Rose, Mathew Gould, Ronald Emzin-Boyd and Roccio MacKenzie and (front from left) David Hagan, Jeffrey Rose, Joe Rose, Trent Weeks and Robert Williams.

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They're on the ball...

By TODD CONDIE

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About 40 teams from across the State took part in the competition at Bourke, western New South Wales, last weekend. SBS teams were there to film the action and will screen it from 12:30 pm (12:30 pm in Adelaide) on Sunday.

The Koobi Mail also aims to have follow-up reports on the competition in our next edition.
Surfers riding high at Invitational

The surfing focus now moves to Western Australia, well known for its huge surf — to take part in the renowned Invitational. Competitors and guests at the recently forged at the contest will certainly endure. The bonds and friendships formed at the event will reach the final, with Nambucca Heads the other losing semi-finalists.

The Yamba Seahawks and supporters with their Knockout trophy.

The mob from South Tweed and Cabarita were at the contest including (from left), Rob Paulson, Robert Apanui, Arthur Cole, Selwyn Apanui and Barry Paulson (nr).

Enjoying the Australian sun are Fijian competitors, Matia Waza and Isei Tokouou, both of Tavarua Island.

The Difference is U' campaign.

Surfing action now focuses on Western Australia

By Jodi Hoffmann

The surfing focus now moves to Western Australia with the second Billabong Indigenous Classic to take place this weekend in the Injidad, region of the state's south west. Aboriginal surfers from around Australia are heading for the area — well known for its huge surf — to take part in what promises to be a huge competition offering $3000 in cash and prizes.

Cultural activities, music, food, stories and dance are also on the program.

Bob Brown of the Aboriginal Corporation managing director Bill Webb, who was one of the first Nyungagah surfers in Western Australia, will provide accommodation for competitors and guests at the recently completed Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Injidad. He also plans to take surfers on a bush tucker tour along the region’s rivers.

Len Collard, chairman of Murdoch University’s Aboriginal Studies unit and a keen surfer since the 1970s, will be one of many taking part in the event.

“Invitational is good because it gives people the opportunity to participate in the local Nyungagah culture and history and the stories of the region,” he said.

“It also means people can meet other surfers and talk to older surfers about their backgrounds and experiences.”

A full program of events and activities is available by calling (09) 448 0004.

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Minister supports sports campaign

Queensland's top sporting bodies have been urged to find ways to get more Indigenous people onto the playing fields.

"Sporting organisations need to create more opportunities through special measures or initiatives to encourage Indigenous people to participate," Queensland Sport Minister Mick Veivers said.

He urged Indigenous sporting bodies and individuals to take part in a four-day program that will be run on Thursday Island to train Indigenous people how to help their communities.

Mr Veivers said it was important to ensure Indigenous Australians could achieve, he said.

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One involved a basketball coach teaching children on Thursday Island to play a five-a-side game.

On the Gold Coast, former boxer Tony Mundine, Australian Rules player Syd Jackson and rugby league player May Chilford had taken part in a four-day program to train Indigenous people how to help their communities.

Mr Veivers said it was important to ensure Indigenous people were made to feel welcome in sports organisations.

He said the Queensland Government recently provided $50,000 to the Torres Shire Council to help improve the Thursday Island rugby league field.

"As a former rugby league international I know well the qualities of the league players who have come from Torres Strait," he said.

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