Apology call draws praise

Aboriginal leaders have welcomed a call for a national apology to the stolen generations by the new NSW State Opposition leadership.

New Liberal Leader Kerry Chikarovski and new National Party Leader George Souris have given their support to a call for a national apology for past government policies which affected tens of thousands of people.

Mrs Chikarovski said the time had come for us to deal with this unfinished business before we enter the new millennium.

Mr Souris said he endorsed the views of Mrs Chikarovski, but stopped short of calling on Prime Minister John Howard to review his position on the issue.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) chairman Gatjil Djerrkura said it was encouraging that a Coalition Leader in New South Wales had recognised the strength of the growing reconciliation movement.

'O'Donoghue, Bush take top honours

Two indigenous Australians have been recognised at the highest level with the announcement yesterday of the Australia Day 1999 Honours List. Lowitja O'Donoghue, CBE, AM, has been appointed a Companion in the Order of Australia (AC), while indigenous nurse Alison Bush was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO).

Both were recognised for their contributions to the indigenous as well as wider Australian community.

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A controversial proposal for a modern billboard on Perth’s South Terrace, which would scrapped and a giant statue of the Aboriginal warrior Yagan erected instead, the West Australian Opposition says.

Labor MP Alan Carpenter said Premier Richard Court lacked imagination in proposing an 80-metre tower for the 600-year-old site of St Martin-in-the-Field, a bicentenary gift from the City of London to the people of Perth.

He said Mr Court had a unique opportunity to right the mistake of his father Sir Charles Court’s Government, which neglected Aboriginal culture by putting a statue of Yagan on the little-visited Henican Island, in the middle of the Swan River.

"The bells have been here for 11 years in a warehouse – who cares about them, let alone wants them as Perth’s major landmark?" Mr Carpenter asked.

"To do something like this, a major statement about our society, let’s have a genuine West Australian figure, a hero who stood up for his rights and fought for his people."

Yagan, a 19th century warrior, has enjoyed a resurgence in popularity in WA since an Aboriginal delegation removed his smoked head from a London museum in August, 1997.

Yagan was killed by a teenage bounty hunter in 1833 and decapitated, his head smoked and taken to England as a curiosity. Mr Carpenter proposed a 10-metre high statue of Yagan and that an Aboriginal cultural centre be erected in Barrack Square, as part of an $88 million redevelopment plan for the old Perth Port.

But Mr Court said the much smaller, just larger than life-size Hermonis Island statue was enough to commemorate the leader who stood up for his rights and fought for his people, "a very good statue – perhaps the Labor Party could advocate putting up a sign or whatever," Mr Court said.

The Premier’s comment was attacked by Mr Carpenter as “typical of Mr Court’s total insensitivity towards Australia’s Aboriginal people.”

He doesn’t understand how offensive his attitudes are. It’s because of that same attitude from his father that the statue is where it is now,” Mr Carpenter said.

Aboriginal Elders have an important role to play in things like this and the Premier is not taking on board a community’s feelings on the matter," Mr Carpenter said.

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Torres Strait kids get water wise

School children on Mabiaub, Belga, Stephen, Moa, Darnley and Badu islands in the Torres Strait are adopting water-efficient practices to help reduce water consumption and preserve the environment.

The Torres Strait Waterwise program was a direct result of the Biological Oxygen for All information seminar held last year at Bamaga, Department of National Resources Waterwise Educational Officer Jamie Mergler.

"Even though islander communities are well aware of the need to conserve water, they often run short of water toward the end of the dry season," she said.

"The Torres Strait Waterwise program aims to teach school children the economic, and environmental advantages of using water more efficiently.

"By adopting commonsense habits and water-efficient appliances, island communities will retain their supply of water for longer periods." Ms Mergler said that one leaking tap wasted as much as 100 litres of water a day while a leaking toilet cistern wasted in excess of 200 litres.

"The installation of water-efficient, household appliances such as low-flow shower heads, dual-flush toilets and front-loading washing machines is a great way to save water," she said.

The extension of the WaterWise program to cover additional islands throughout the Torres Strait was as a direct result of earlier success on Yam, Moa, Darnley and Badu islands.

ATSIIC defends land councils

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIIC) chairman Galrrwuy Djerrkura has defended Northern Territory land councils against further criticism by Deputy Prime Minister John Fischer and Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Herron.

He accused Mr Fischer and Senator Hannan of misleading the public this month by telling half the story about a review of the Northern Territory Land Act.

Mr Fischer and Senator Herron had suggested that the NTCL, the Northern Council (NLC) and the Central Land Council (CLC) have become very bureaucratic, but this month said his description last year of the land councils, the Northern Land Council (NLC) and the Central Land Council (CLC) was only half the story.

It was proposed that this would act as an umbrella group for a new system of new land councils, to be accountable and supervised by the proposed Northern Territory Aboriginal Council.

"It is a wide-ranging review of the Act and determines far more current public debate than that provided by Mr Fischer and Senator Herron in this point," Mr Djerrkura said.

Mr Fischer, как and Mr Reeves criticized the performance of the land councils and councils, his description last year of the land councils, the Northern Land Council (NLC) and the Central Land Council (CLC).

Mr Fischer had apologized for his description last year of the land councils as "blood-sucking bureaucracies", but this month said his view remained unchanged.

"We are concerned that this was again only half the story," he said.

Mr Fischer and Mr Reeves contained a range of accusations against the land councils, but in conclusion the author said: "It is not possible for me in this review to determine who is right and who is wrong in respect of these accusations."

CLC acting director Harold Fisher said that the Reeves review recommendations had been rejected by most Aboriginal Territorians.

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Top-job decision creates divisions

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) decision to appoint a white man to a top job over indigenous candidates has created divisions among some Aboriginal people.

While some agree with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission’s board that the best candidate should be appointed to the chief executive officer’s job regardless of race, others say a suitable indigenous person should be found. ATSIC wants a non-indigenous man, Glen Rees, appointed to the job he has been acting in since the resignation last June of Patricia Turner, an Aborigine.

This is believed to have angered Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Herron, who reportedly favours an Aborigine. Rees, appointed to the job he has been acting in for two indigenous candidates over Mr Rees. This appointment must be made with the agreement of the ATSIC board.

ATSIC commissioner Terry Whitty said the board was unanimously in favour of Mr Rees at a meeting last month.

“We need now to get back to the ATSIC board on what she described as their pragmatic decision. She doubted whether a qualified indigenous person would be prepared to take on the job in the current climate of hostility between the Government and ATSIC.

“The Government’s agenda against ATSIC would be a recipe for a heart attack for an indigenous person taking on the job,” she said.

Senator Herron has until June to get back to the ATSIC board on their recommendation.

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IN A WIDE-RANGING INTERVIEW WITH Koori Mail Victorian correspondent TAMA EVORALI, Olympic hurdler Kyle Vander-Kuyp speaks openly about his connection with the Aboriginal community, the Aboriginal flag, calls to boycott the Olympics in 2000 and his personal struggles.

At first impression, it's hard to believe that this shy and laid-back young man has the temperament to be the world-class athlete that he is.

But there's more to Kyle Vander-Kuyp than just athletics. He has a deep sense of connection with his community and is realistic about the problems that face indigenous people, and the part he can play to help.

Kyle Vander-Kuyp knows that being a top athlete, a public figure and an Aboriginal places on him many added responsibilities. His prominence in sport has led Aboriginal leaders to urge him to join in the politics of reconciliation with Solidarity, a black movement that, if indigenous Australians are still struggling for recognition of land rights.

Although sympathetic to many of the issues confronting Aboriginal people, Vander-Kuyp recognises that some battles are not his to fight if he is to concentrate full-time on his athletics, and fulfills his dream of achieving an Olympic medal.

"I had a few calls to boycott Sydney 2000. I love the Aboriginal flag, I want it to be recognised more widely, but I would never boycott an Olympics," he said.

"I'd still wave under the Australian flag, even though I don't believe in it. I have to be used as a political tool. It's enough pressure training and being an athlete. It takes years to be a world-class athlete and to learn how to handle it.

"I'd like the Australian Government to do something. To show respect for the Aboriginal cultures - combine this country's culture and flags. The Olympics is a world stage, and 2000 in Sydney is a huge opportunity for Australia to show the world what Australia is all about. If I do the best for myself, it's the best for my people and Australia."

Kyle Vander-Kuyp

A prominent member of the Aboriginal community, Vander-Kuyp takes time to work with Aboriginal children - doing clinics and giving talks - to reassure them that, like him, they can realise their dreams.

"I feel a responsibility more than pressure to the Aboriginal community. I remember the Aboriginal role models I had, like (boxer) Lionel Rose and (tennis champion) Evonne Goolagong. Now it's great that I have that influence on kids," he says.

Being voted fashion magazine Cleo's 1998 'Bachelor of the Year' isn't one of Vander-Kuyp's greatest achievements in fact, he says that when the announcement of being voted number one was made, he choked on his bread.

"I was very embarrassed. I had no idea that it was going to happen. It was just a thrill, but I'm an athlete, not a sex symbol," he said.

"Things hasn't always been so glamorous for Vander-Kuyp. Separation from his biological family and sheer determination has seen him traverse a personal revelation to get where he is today.

Born in Sydney, Vander-Kuyp was adopted into a white family at only five weeks of age. His parents moved to Melbourne when he was a young child, thus severing the links with Sydney.

Growing up as a vulnerable Aboriginal child with white parents, in an all-white neighbourhood, Vander-Kuyp admits a part of him was missing.

"I don't feel as if I have a complete identity, but I use my Aboriginality as a strength and not a weakness," he says.

"Although Mum suffered some backlash from the Aboriginal community early on, she always made sure I had contact with the Koori community growing up.

"I had to make efforts to get involved in the local Koori community. Working in Aboriginal affairs in Victoria helped me to understand my people better."

Things changed as I got older. My profile in athletics helped break the ice and made things easier.

Vander-Kuyp believes that athletes and his profile are leading him back to Sydney, creating an urgency in him to redress the roost.

"It's weird because of my commitment to athletics and my preparation for the Olympics. I'm very sensitive and emotional and don't know how I'm going to handle it.

"Since being in Canberra, people have made claims to know about my Aboriginal heritage, but I don't know anything about my Aboriginal family - it's a very sensitive area.

In the meantime, Vander-Kuyp is focused solely on winning a position of achieving an Olympic medal in Sydney 2000.

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Abstudy concerns

I am a mature-age indigenous Australian student studying at the Albury campus of Charles Sturt University (CSU). Recent events have prompted me to reflect on the issues of Abstudy changes. This issue will have enormous, detrimental repercussions on present, as well as future, indigenous students.

As reported, Aboriginal students will lose $30 a week from their benefits. Another key change is the payment of the ‘away-from-base’ benefit which is currently provided to assist in meals, accommodation and travel incurred in some tertiary courses. Also, Abstudy is to be brought into line with the Commonwealth Youth Allowance (CYA). On January 1, 2000 and will be means-tested to make it harder to access.

My concerns are mirrored by other indigenous students currently in CSU courses as well as other educational institutions.

Concern is also expressed that these changes to Abstudy, along with previous cuts, may well see an exodus of indigenous students from their current tertiary education. It is feared that changes to benefits will impact heavily on the number of students wishing to enter tertiary education in an effort to provide a better lifestyle for themselves, their families and their communities.

How are indigenous Australians able to compete in the job market, on an equal footing, if we cannot even put into the higher education system? How are the education systems in CSU courses as well as other educational institutions.

I ask again. Where are the voices of our so-called leaders? The concerns of indigenous Australians must be heard and addressed.

YAIL-MAMBIRRA
Wunan-Gidyal Aboriginal Education Centre
Charles Sturt University, NSW

Sorry Day Message

Invasion Day is our Invasion Day. When our country was stolen from the Aboriginal people many moons ago when Captain Cook invaded our country, we will stand proud. Sing out loud so our ancestors’ spirits can hear.

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Liverpool, NSW

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Letters to the Editor

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Poem was disheartening

In response to the poem by Philip Bel "The Bastard carried on" (XM, Edition 18), this is the most disheartening poem I have ever read.

Marriage in Aboriginal society would have certainly not had the pomp and circumstance of the European marriage ceremony, however it was and still is as binding and committed as any so-called church blessed marriage.

Polygamy was practiced in many cultures. Aboriginal culture is no exception to the rule. It is not a point of leading a double life as in the Aboriginal community you cannot hide such matters, everybody knows everybody.

I know poetry is a personal insight from the heart, but I can’t help but feel sorry for a woman who perceives herself as a bastard.

Terms like legitimate, bastard, fallen women and unenlightened mothers no longer have relevance today, especially when we look into the white Australian history and see that they were the perpetuators of the hypocrisy.

Stop looking at yourself through the white man’s eyes, stop using their degrading language, be proud of the fact you know who your parents are, and that you’re not one of our people who are still looking for family, still trying to go home. For some they will never know. Don’t label them with your hurtful words. There are no words to my knowledge in any of the Aboriginal languages that mean bastard or illegitimate – you are simply the son or daughter of whoever, period.

We are all survivors, with a proud history and connection to the land, our parent, which gave us life and our identity, so how can any Aboriginal person be a bastard, when you belong to the country?

JASMINE VALADAN
Adelaide, SA

Fischer attacks spark concern

I note with concern Deputy Prime Minister Tim Fischer’s latest round of attacks on the existing structure of Aboriginal land councils in the Northern Territory. He may have lied down the description somewhat, moving from ‘blood-sucking bureaucracies’ to ‘anti-cleric and non-Aboriginal Australians’. It is also a time when we have newly elected Liberal Party leaders such as Philip Ruddock and Kerry O’Brien sending out the message that reconciliation, including a formal apology, should be given serious priority.

And it is interesting that Mr Fischer’s complaints come at a critical point in the future reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australia. It is also a time when we have newly elected Liberal Party leaders such as Philip Ruddock and Kerry O’Brien sending out the message that reconciliation, including a formal apology, should be given serious priority.

Does the phrase mixed messages’ come to mind?

The fact that reconciliation is much less likely to become reality when non-indigenous political leaders continue to dictate to Aboriginal people, and score cheap political points by attacking Aboriginal affairs. Aboriginal land councils in the Northern Territory are not led by democratically elected spokesmen and women, as they are in New South Wales. I don’t believe it is up to non-Aboriginal people like Mr Fischer to say whether or not this is the best way for land councils to operate. Aboriginal leaders in this country are very aware of the problems that exist within the councils, and are working hard to resolve those issues in the best way possible to ensure land councils meet the needs of Aboriginal people.

I support ATSIC chairman Gary Gjenzala’s call for us to wait for the full story’ on the recent review of the Northern Land Rights Act, and the findings of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Affairs.

I would also like to publicly state that the NSW Aboriginal Land Council supports the work being done by all involved in the Northern Territory land council network.

We are getting on with the difficult task of addressing the needs of our members – which is our ongoing priority, regardless of state or Federal elections.

Perhaps Mr Fischer should respect our desire to be allowed to manage our own affairs, with advice and guidance from duly appointed people, instead of continuing to make politically motivated judgments of us?

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Your Poetry

We can Do It Together

The time had come
For a fresh start
Cry out the hurt
That’s breaking your heart.

Talk about the times you’ve had held onto the good
Let go of the sad.

Release the pain you’ve held inside
Forget the years you’ve silently cried.

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**Your Poetry**

Send your poems to any of the addresses in the panel on Page 6

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**Crimes of a White Society**

Our people once roamed this land so wild and free. Why wouldn’t the white man leave us be? For they made us speak a different tongue and forced our people onto missions out of our native lands. They say there’s been no crime of genocide. As we were the ones that lived with this land. For now it is us people that must stand our ground. If we all get to be as one. So let us show the world we are not a failure. I would give my own life for my brother, you’re gone.

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**Wolotuka**

CALLING OF SUBMISSIONS FOR 1999/2000 FUNDING

The Wagga Wagga Regional Office and the Wunghnu Regional Council are seeking to expand and enhance the following programs: a) Indigenous Health Promotion and Environment; b) Housing; c) Transport; d) Education; e) Employment; f) Women’s Services. All interested parties are invited to submit their expressions of interest to fund the above programs for the 1999/2000 financial year. Submissions that are relevant to the above programs will be considered. Submissions will be accepted up to 31st May 1999.

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**AFDAO Indigenous Gay and Transgender (Sistagirl) Project Officer**

WANTED Prospective Tutors Aboriginal & non-Aboriginal To support Aboriginal students enrolled in a variety of courses across the University of Newcastle. "An in-service" meeting will be held at 11am on the 2nd February 1999 at Wolotuka Aboriginal Centre, University of Newcastle. Contact: (02) 4921 6863

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CRIMES OF A WHITE SOCIETY

Was it right for the Lord to take you that day? A loving father of three He still took you away.

As the days move on And years spend I hold all my memories of you Deep within my heart.

As I suffer in silence I know that you’re there Only 27 years old Life isn’t fair.

If I had one wish I’d make it for you I would make the Lord give you back That’s what I would do.

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Committee. Brutally abused, maced, injured by the use of shackles and restraints and the indiscriminate use of isolation cells. The Committee has called for a review of the standards of conduct from all prison officers and any who do not positively malicious.

The term "brutalised by some officers within criminal operations" is essential in terms of the term for the under-privileged in the community giving to community.

paragraph: CASPARINA, "said Kath Mallott, "We question Mr Foss's reason for making such outrageous statements at a time when the situation at Casuarina remains extremely tense and prisoners continue to be attacked and threatened for a 23-hour period each day. We consider the claims only serve to exacerbate an already intolerable situation for both prisoners and staff at Casuarina," said Kath Mallott, executive director of the Casuarina Charter Committee.

"Prisoners have no confidence in the ability of the Ministry of Justice to investigate their claims with any degree of impartiality and for that reason we have requested that their complaints be put to the Ombudsman. "Prisoners who observed the riot claim that the number of prisoners involved has been exaggerated, with their estimates ranging from 30 - 56 prisoners, and not the 150 claimed by prison authorities.

In this atmosphere of claim and counter-claim it is grossly irresponsible of Mr Foss to risk increasing tensions with his comments about shooting prisoners. "There is an urgent need for an independent judicial inquiry into the causes of the riot. The terms of reference must include an examination of the impact that over-crowding has had on the prison system; the continued over-representation of Aboriginal people in prisons; and prisoners' claims of brutality since the riot. Without a judicial inquiry, the situation will deteriorate further. This is unfair to both the prisoners who did not participate in the riot but continue to be punished, and those Officers who seek to maintain high standards of professionalism under often intolerable circumstances."
Focus on the annual Tarerer activities in Victoria

Crowd gets the spirit at concert

Thousands turned out recently in Victoria for the annual Spirit of the Sea festival held in Warrnambool, near Melbourne. The opening event, described as a 'cultural celebration in Gunditjmara country', featured performers such as Archie Roach, Ruby Hunter, Brett Clarke, Lee Morgan, Lovett or Leavitt, Shane Howard, Judith Durham, Neil Murray and Andy Alberts.

'Tarerer' takes its name from a clan and area where a great annual meeting of more than 1000 Aborigines took place. The occasion was used for song, dance, trade, the arrangement of marriages and to renew friendships. The Tarerer Gundit land covers the area between Warrnambool, Port Fairy, Tower Hill and the coast near Kelly and Saltwater swamps.

The opening concert was opened by Kirrae Whurrong Elder Ivan Couzens in his local language, and was followed by a smoking ceremony.

An emotional highlight of the Tarerer concert was the handing over of 'sorry' books containing the signatures of hundreds of south-west Victorian residents to Kirrae Whurrong Elder Banjo Clarke and his daughter, Patricia Clarke, a lecturer at Deakin University in Geelong.

Mr Clarke said the 'sorry' business was about awareness and marked a point to move on from the negative aspects of Australian history. "A lot of people didn't know those things did happen, I think it shows awareness that it happened," he said.

"If we move on, let's get on with our lives. Let the past be a lesson to everyone. It's one big beautiful country and everyone should enjoy themselves in it."

Performers recognised

Several indigenous performers were recognised recently at the second Australian Roots Music Awards held at the Warrnambool Performing Arts Centre in Victoria, as part of the Spirit of the Sea festival. It was a big night for Andy Alberts as he took out the 'Song of the Year', as well as 'Album of the Year', for his song, 'Gunditjmara Land'. Alberts performed 'Gunditjmara Land' earlier at the Tarerer Concert to mark the handing over of 'sorry books' containing the signatures of hundreds of south-west Victorian people.

Christine Ward, one half of group Nirnoma Munera, was a finalist in the 'Female Artist of the Year' award, joining Nirnoma Munera as a finalist in the hotly-contested 'Band of the Year' award. Lee Morgan, a popular singer, guitarist and songwriter, took out the 'Male Artist of the Year'. He also performed at the Tarerer Concert and markets held during the festival.

A highlight of the evening was the honouring of Archie Roach as the first patron of the Music Awards for his life-long association with the local area, and in recognition of his many achievements in music and the indigenous community. Roach became a part of Australian music folklore by taking out two ARIA awards last year, 'Best Australian Adult Contemporary Release' and 'Best Indigenous Release' for his current album 'Looking for Butter Boys'.

Performers at the Australian Roots Music Awards included Christine Ward, Celtic rock band Dalriada, Archie Roach, and Neil Murray.
A children's teacher puts the Yitpi resource to good use in Adelaide.

Yitpi project means fun

A new resource developed by South Australian health workers, indigenous and non-indigenous, for pre-school and early primary school children. The project seeks to explore how children express their emotions without possible adult control. The ‘Yitpi’ – Fun With Feelings project, involving the development of four booklets relating to ‘Feeling Angry’, ‘Feeling Scared’, ‘Feeling Sad’, ‘Feeling Happy’, a video and a workbook, came out of workshops held in 1997-98. The workshops, organised by the Port Adelaide-based Port Youth Theatre Workshop, highlighted the need for a safe and supportive environment, where children could learn about their emotions and express their feelings.

Port youth theatre workshop community networker Elder Mrs Josie Agius said that the early workshops were good for children to see how they would react when put into certain environments and conditions. (Since the workshops began) our children are more confident in themselves and feel more comfortable meeting with other children, while others are not as aggressive," Mrs Agius said.

Mr Atkinson said he hoped more workshops of this type would be held because "our children need to know more about their emotions and how to deal with them."

Anyone interested in obtaining the kit can call (08) 8341 1150.

...Legal services across Australia are very much concerned about the amount of money being poured into prisons and the high rates of focus by the police on Aboriginal people. "If an Aboriginal person is seen out of control, the Yitpi project means fun..."
**National Native Title Tribunal**

Notice of Native Title Determination Application(s)

By a non-native title interest holder

This notice is taken to have been given on 27 January 1999. The following applications have been made by a non-native title interest holder in 'non-claimee' application(s). Any person whose interests may be affected by a determination relating to the application, and who wishes to become a party to the application should notify the Registrar of the Federal Court, at the address provided, and outlines the area of the subject to which the determination relates. The notice to the Court must specify the reasons which will be affected and include the Court's costs in relation to the application, and the application must be lodged and registered with the Tribunal by 27 January 1999 or within the time that may be prescribed by the Court for special reasons.

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**Queensland (New South Wales)**

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**Family appeals for help to bring son home**

A prominent member of the Brisbane Muni community is appealing for donations in a bid to return her son's body from Australia to England, where he was adopted and has been away for 24 years.

Cheryl Buchanan said that her family were appealing for donations because they didn't want another Aboriginal family to suffer the same grief they had.

"It's not something I chose to happen. This is not about me. It is my son's human right as an Aboriginal man to be returned in his homelands," she said.

In 1972, Buchanan gave birth to Ilych Marubuck in Brisbane, where he was subsequently adopted by an English couple who took him to England to live when he was three years old.

Ilych's father is Dennis Walker, founding member of the Black Panther movement in Australia in the 1970s, and son of renowned author and poet, Ovidovac. The National Muni Corporation, formerly known as Keith Walker.

In 1996, Ms Buchanan's parents, mother Portydymp and father Goomianey Watala, traveled to England and met their long-lost grandson, Ilych. Ilych traveled back to Australia for an emotional reunion with his mother, Cheryl, and his extended family.

Buchanan said that Ilych's body had been held in an English morgue for six months, with a High Court decision pending on whether or not his body should return to his country of birth.

The Buchanan family is now desperately seeking to have 50,000 pounds to return to her father's country of birth.

"This is not about the heartache of our family. It's not about me. It's about returning his body," Ms Buchanan said.

"We are hoping that communications can be made to the English court that his body should be returned to his country of birth.

"This family needs him to come home so that he can be free." Ms Buchanan said.

Donations can be made to the "Ilych Marubuck's Donation Account at the National Australia Bank [Branch: 4750], Account Number: 462914387.

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**Alpine strategy on show**

NSW is a feature of the NSW Department of Tourism and Planning's recently released Draft Alpine Region Strategy. The alpine region was home to several Aboriginal groups before European arrival including the Monaro people whose descendants are now in Tumut and on the South Coast. The region contains open sites, rock shelters, caves, stone arrangements, grinding grooves, scanned trees and burial sites.

It featured the Ngiriny, Batemup, Bungam, Waigki, Ngarawirl and Wirraful people which were held during the warmer months to take advantage of the abundance of food.

The Draft Alpine Region Strategy encourages partnerships with Aboriginal communities to protect the region's rich and diverse Aboriginal cultural heritage and to raise awareness of the natural sites the Aboriginal people have with the region through education, tourism or specific cultural awareness events.

The Draft Alpine Region Strategy will be exhibited until February 12 in local councils, Department of Land Affairs and Planning offices in Queanbeyan, Jindabyne, and the Kanimbla and Yarraman National Parks and Wildlife Service office in Jindabyne.
The Girawwa Creative Work Centre, in Bathurst, designed by Merrima.

Merrima team has some big designs

It could be argued that Aboriginal people in Australia have always had a close association with the land and the creation beings that made it – the architects of the Dreamtime. Sydney-based Aboriginal architectural design group Merrima is taking that a step further by running a service to provide consultation and design services for indigenous communities enabling them to live in buildings they are comfortable with.  

Merrima Aboriginal Design Unit manager Dillon Kombumerrie, an architect of nine years and a Kumbumberrie descendant of North Stradbroke Island, said there was such a thing as ‘indigenous architecture’.  

“Our approach to architecture is about coming to terms with the realities of modern society shaped by multi-cultural influences,” Mr Kombumerrie said. “It is about the challenge of moving forward without losing our indigenous identity.”  

Working with Mr Kombumerrie is Marwin Page, an Aboriginal architect and indigenous designer Alison Page, an Eora woman from La Perouse.  

Mr Kombumerrie said Merrima offered a unique service in that the group is managed by indigenous architects who have an understanding of the issues concerning indigenous communities in Australia.  

“Communities are encouraged to be involved at the beginning of a project to allow maximum input and ensure ownership of the project,” he said.  

The group, set up in 1995 to specifically work on projects for indigenous communities, has been involved in community projects including Girawwa Creative Work Centre in Bathurst, Armira Northern Rivers Juvenile Justice Centre, Wilcannia MPS Hospital and the NASA Dance Studios in Sydney.  

Merrima architects have also worked on feasibility studies for the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service and the Tuilagaa working project involving Boomaai Artists Cooperative, Black Rocks and Gadigal Information Services.  

As part of the NSW Department of Public Works and Services, Merrima has support from a broad range of experts and access to many offices around the state.

Aboriginal Housing Office permanent head named

The NSW Government has appointed the first permanent head of the state’s Aboriginal Housing Office. He is James Christian, a member of the Windjana people, who has been chief executive officer of the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service.  

A graduate of Swinburne University of Technology, Mr Christian previously served in several senior government positions in New South Wales.  

The Aboriginal Housing Office was established in June last year to enable the effective streamlining of housing administration between all Commonwealth and NSW Aboriginal housing programs. A permanent chairperson and board members for the new office should be in place by next month.  

NSW Housing Minister Craig Knowles, who welcomed Mr Christian’s appointment, said the office, under the direction of the new board, would provide “much needed reform to all aspects of housing services for Aboriginal communities throughout New South Wales.”  

Mr Knowles said Mr Christian’s appointment was “another important milestone in improving Aboriginal housing programs in New South Wales.”

Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation Senior Project Officer

The Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (CLCAC) was established in 1996 to represent the interests of Aboriginal people in the Carpentaria Gulf of Cape York Peninsula, including the management and control of land, natural resources, and the protection and maintenance of Aboriginal cultural heritage. The CLCAC’s Governing Council consists of 10 members, including a Chairperson, two Aboriginal representatives, and eight members nominated by the CLCAC. The CLCAC is funded through the Commonwealth Government’s Northern Land Councils Fund.  

A position exists for a Senior Project Officer to work in the area of housing and resource development, and future planning and resource management.  

Qualifications and Experience:  

1. A degree or relevant experience in Aboriginal housing program or related field.  

2. A proven ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal peoples and experience working in an Aboriginal Community organisation.  

3. Well-developed written and oral communications skills, with sound verbal and written presentation skills.  

4. Knowledge and experience in at least one of the major functional areas of responsibility of the CLCAC: streamlining housing administration, Aboriginal land tenure, Aboriginal cultural heritage matters, resource management, anthropology, Aboriginal traditional landscape management, and economic development.  

5. Advanced level of management and business skills, including high level of personnel management, communication and negotiation skills.  

6. Demonstrated high level of management and business skills, including high level of personnel management, communication and negotiation skills.  

7. Experience in leadership and management of external consultants and ability to form relationships with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal stakeholders.  

8. Experience in providing technical assistance to Aboriginal individuals, communities and organisations.  

9. Ability to coordinate diverse functions and meet tight deadlines.  

10. Demonstrated leadership of management and business skills, including high level of personnel management, communication and negotiation skills.  

The position will involve working closely with the Carpentaria Aboriginal Corporation (CLCAC) Board and the Chairperson.  

Duties to include but are not limited to:  

- Project management and delivery, to meet the needs of the CLCAC, to ensure projects are delivered on time and within budget.  

- Management of the CLCAC’s annual program of work including the preparation of the CLCAC’s annual report.  

- Providing strategic advice and assistance to the CLCAC’s Chief Executive Officer and the Governing Council.  

- Ensuring compliance with all relevant legislation and policies including, but not limited to, the Indigenous Heritage Act 2005, the Aboriginals’ Corporation Act 1988, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations Amendment Act 2009, the Land Councils Act 2001 and the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006.  

The role of the Program Manager will be to:  

- Provide program management of the Minor Capital Works Program, including the preparation of the program, the development of the tender, and the subsequent management of the program.  

- Ensure that the program is delivered on time and within budget.  

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NSW Aboriginal Land Council MANAGER LAND RIGHTS UNIT

Program Management of the Malarabar (West Kimberley) Regional Council’s CHIP Minor Capital Works Program

Suitably qualified Program Managers are invited to tender for the role of Program Manager of the Malarabar Regional Council’s Minor Capital Works program for the 1999/2000 Financial Year.  

The role of the Program Manager will be to:  

- Ensure that the program is delivered on time and within budget.  

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The Regional Council is an independent body established under the Native Title Act (Commonwealth and States). It is established to represent the interests of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the region.  

Tenders must be addressed as “Minor Capital Works Manager Tender” to the Regional Council. Applications and any further information may be obtained by contacting the Program Manager, PO Box 71, Malarabar, WA 6728.  

Tender close: 12 February 1999.
Land rights ‘too hard’ for Gorton Govt

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Expressions of Interest

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY BOARD

The Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy, the Honourable Judy Spence MLA, is seeking Expressions of Interest from individuals interested in being considered for appointment to the proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Board.

This Board is to be the Queensland Government’s peak advisory body on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, responsible for informing the Government on key Indigenous issues. Members of the Board must have a sound knowledge and understanding of Indigenous issues, policies and programs and must be able to communicate effectively with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people at senior levels of Government, including Ministers. Women and people from remote communities are particularly encouraged to apply in order to ensure an appropriately balanced representation.

The work agenda and number of meetings per year will be determined in consultation with the Minister. Written Expressions of Interest briefly outlining skills and work and community experience should be forwarded by 12 February 1999 to:

Executive Director
Ann My K. Pringle
Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy and Development
GPO Box 806
Brisbane Q 4001
Facsimile (07) 3242 7329

For more information, please contact Ms Karen Pringle, Senior Executive Officer, on telephone (07) 3242 6551

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Aboriginal community, no-one would quarrel with the proposal that it should be encouraged. We are all aware of the means, the group said in a submission to the Government in April 1968. Close to the Aboriginal position were the then new Ministers for Aboriginal Affairs, Bill Wentworth, and the new head of the Prime Minister’s Department, Lamin Hewitt.

"This present proposal should be regarded as a bold and imaginative new venture and should be treated as an experiment," Mr Hewitt said in a note to Prime Minister John Gorton in June 1968. Mr Wentworth said much of the disquiet without government about the proposal stemmed from misapprehension of the basis concept involved.

"Again the real reason for preferring a lessee rather than a leasehold was that the wave of assimilation, said in a submission in June 1968. It was not to be. The Minister said in a note to Prime Minister John Gorton in June 1968. Mr Wentworth said much of the disquiet without government about the proposal stemmed from misapprehension of the basis concept involved.

"The decision is made on the particular circumstances of the case and is not to be regarded as the adoption of a policy that land will be excised from leaseholds for small groups of Aboriginals at their request," the Cabinet said in a note accompanying a draft decision made during May 1968. "It does not constitute a recognition of Traditional Aboriginal land rights. The basic policy for Aboriginal remains that agreed between the Commonwealth and state ministers under the title of policy of assimilation." A month after the Cabinet had second thoughts. It proposed that the common land at Wave Hill, a short distance from Wattie Creek,
Artists invited to show their works

Aboriginal artists, woodworkers and artefact-makers are being encouraged to exhibit their work at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney.

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high-profile indigenous women will again feature on this year’s go Sydney Women’s Festival in the Domain on March 20.

Entrants including Tiddas and Ruby Hunter have already been booked to appear, with high-profile speakers still to be confirmed.

Organisers are now seeking volunteers to help in a range of areas, such as children, as part of a documentary team, in the reading pavilion and more, as part of the festival’s indigenous volunteers and men will be welcomed to participate as volunteers.

For more information contact the Royal National Capital Agricultural Society (RNCAS) on (02) 6241 2478.
Focus on gay issues

Calendar celebrates sexuality

A calendar celebrating the indigenous heritage and the sexuality of gay men and lesbians (transgendered people) has recently been launched in Sydney.

The ‘Mardi – Aboriginal Gay and Lesbian’ Calendar, produced by the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO), is intended to promote the self-esteem and sexual health of the indigenous, gay and lesbian communities. It includes referral information.

For more information, call the Australian Museum on (02) 9383-6530.

Exhibition celebrates special contribution

The Australian Museum is set to present Warrali Burrul ‘Stand Up Big’, a new exhibition that celebrates the contribution of Indigenous Australians to the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.

Running from February 6 until March 23, the exhibition unites the story of Indigenous Australians participating in Mardi Gras throughout the 31-year history.

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Photographs and video footage will also be shown enabling the viewer to find out the many different views and perspectives of Indigenous participants in Mardi Gras. It will also show how community-based organisations are encouraging political skills, promoting indigenous gay and lesbian visibility and leadership, and developing reconciliation strategies.

Michael Brogan, curatorial advisor of the exhibition, said, “This is an important and inspirational program which gives voice to indigenous lesbians and gay men and their friends, who have and will continue to parade, protest and stand up for their human rights, their land, their culture and their lives.”

“The Mardi Gras parades have allowed various communities to have fun, while acting politically on the most serious issues facing them, in the last few years, there has been a strong component to Mardi Gras.

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Indigenous pupils among Qld college's graduates

A multi-cultural Christian school in far north Queensland has reason to celebrate, with 16 indigenous students in its latest group of senior graduates. Most graduates will be continuing on to TAFE or university studying in areas such as journalism, indigenous health and arts.

Caims-based boarding school, Emmanuel College, places special emphasis on the specific cultural needs of several indigenous groups that choose to study there. Students from the latest graduates come from places such as Murray Island, Yam Island, Stephen Island, Coconut Island, Darnley Island, Badin Island, Saibai Island, Wambier Island, all in the Torres Strait, Katherine in the Northern Territory, Mt Isa in Queensland and Sydney and Town in New South Wales.

Each cultural group is encouraged to retain its own distinctive features.

The college says it places a high emphasis on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies and its cultural literacy program where special attention is given to all students who have English as a second language.

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Caims-based boarding school, Emmanuel College, places special emphasis on the specific cultural needs of several indigenous groups that choose to study there. Students from the latest graduates come from places such as Murray Island, Yam Island, Stephen Island, Coconut Island, Darnley Island, Badin Island, Saibai Island, Wambier Island, all in the Torres Strait, Katherine in the Northern Territory, Mt Isa in Queensland and Sydney and Town in New South Wales.
Yorta Yorta culture is alive!

A new album released in Victoria has proved that Yorta Yorta culture, contrary to a recent Federal Court ruling, is alive and truly alive.

The self-titled CD, "Yorta Yorta" was produced and written by Yorta Yorta artist, Christine Ward, in association with Jack Walker on guitar and vocals.

The songs featured on the CD are all original compositions, based on Yorta Yorta lore, history and current social issues. The songs tell the story of "The Song was conceived on the way to Survival '98. Most of the songs were written in the car to the Sydney Olympic Games with the assistance of Bruce Davis, of Tribal Link, said that the inspiration for 'Wiki'd' was recorded tour weeks later. The album was recorded in the car to the Sydney Olympic Games. The CD was conceived on the way to Survival '98. By TOWNE CONDE

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**Tribal Link ready for best year yet**

By CHRISTINE HOWES

Central Queensland-based band Tribal Link are looking forward to their best year ever, with plans for an EP release, new management and further work with Midnight Oil's Rob Hirst on the agenda.

Lead singer Andrew Beckett said the band's main plan was to finally release an EP.

"We want to start with an EP, release it independently and take it from there," he said.

"I have no doubt in my mind that we will be our own producer.

"We want to make sure it's done properly and we'll get it right first and then we'll worry about singles and other stuff like that," he said.

Beckett said the past couple of years had been hard for the band.

"We've learnt from our mistakes so this time we're not going to make them again, we'll focus on an album later, we'll just want the ropes proper this time," he said.

Beckett said the band's new manager, Brisbane-based Jane Witcher, was right behind them.

"Jane has always wanted to work with Tribal Link and has always been in the background," he said.

"She's constantly out here for the band, looking for work and she's out there batting for us all the time.

"I have no doubt in my mind that she will be our own producer.

"Beckett said he had been working on some music with Midnight Oil drummer Rob Hayter.

"A word was mentioned that I'd like to write with him and he said 'you're on'," he said.

"So there I was in Brisbane getting in pre-production and it was really good stuff.

Beckett said it's a busy time for him and his songs and they went into the studio to lay a couple of tracks.

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GILLAWARRA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

REQUISITE: Proficient in the use of computerised applications which include word processing, spreadsheet and database systems. Must possess organisational skills and an ability to work under pressure.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
1. Assist the Senior Officer with the preparation of reports, letters and memos.
2. Assist with the preparation of budget plans and reports.
3. Assist in the maintenance of the corporate files system and filing and record keeping operations.
4. Perform a range of minor secretarial duties.

APPLICATIONS INVITED FROM ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER APPLICANTS.

GILLAWARRA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
77 WALDRON ROAD
CHIPPEL HiLS NSW 2650

Closing Date: 31 January, 1999.
Academic examines burning questions

Burning Questions
Emerging Environmental Issues for Indigenous Peoples in Northern Australia
By Marcus Langton
Published by the Centre for Indigenous Natural and Cultural Resource Management (CINCRM), Northern Territory University, Darwin.
For copies contact CINCRM on (08) 8946 7756

This book surveys some recent literature and as-yet-unpublished observations of indigenous conservation developments that provide evidence of Aboriginal people involving themselves as owners and managers, both in the context of traditional custodial duties and, as a planning process to determine responsibilities in the management of the resource. This paper is highly relevant, with scientific debates about the Aboriginal use of fire raging at the moment. Marcia Langton, the well-known Aboriginal academic, argues that the evidence for the theory that Aboriginal people were responsible for the extinction of the megafauna and the destruction of the forest miles relies on 'highly contentious evidence'. Indigenous interests in traditional and marine environments are substantial and complex in northern Australia and in the Northern Territory where almost 30 per cent of the population is Aboriginal.

Langton believes that critical analysis of the fundamental ideas which inform environmental planning and policy is essential, so that indigenous people can care for and enjoy their traditional domains.

Three brief case studies from Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory are discussed with reference to the work of Aboriginal traditional landowners and Aboriginal organisations involved in local land and sea-sea planning and policy. The changing relationships between people and land are a central focus in this book, which also looks at the ways of life of most other Aboriginal groups.

The Yanyuwa experience shows how land is life for the Yanyuwa people, whose traditional country are the islands known as the Gulf of Carpentaria. This is a central focus in this book, which also looks at the ways of life of most other Aboriginal groups.

Hence, this remote Aboriginal people than most other Aboriginal groups.

The Story of the Yanyuwa people

Land is Life
From Bush to Town
The Story of the Yanyuwa People
By Richard Baker
Published by Allen & Unwin
RRP: $24.85

This book documents the impact of white Australia on an Aboriginal community in the Northern Territory, 1000 km from Darwin. The author has spent 15 years with the Yanyuwa people, whose traditional country are the islands known as the Gulf of Carpentaria. Baker provides a detailed account of the history of the Yanyuwa people and their attempts to maintain their culture. The Yanyuwa experience shows how land is life for Aboriginal people.

The changing relationships between people and land are a central focus in this book, which also looks at the significance of contacts between European and Aboriginal land uses and attitudes towards the land.

Another interesting aspect of 'Land is Life' is the history of contact between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people living before European contact. The Yanyuwa were visited by Macassan trepangers long before Europeans came to Australia. Hence, this remote community has had a longer history of contact with non-Aboriginal people than most other Aboriginal groups.

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This 18 week full-time course (starting 1 February) is designed to:

- Prepare you for employment in the hospitality industry by its written content or lectures

- Help you acquire communication skills to effectively communicate with customers, fellow workers and superiors

- Provide you with practical workplace and industry experience to help you gain employment in the industry.

- Graduates of the course will be provided information on how to apply for a Certificate I & II in Commercial Cookery (course number 2637 & 2694)

Want to know more? For further information about the course contact Northerly Institute - Adelaide Office on (08) 8334 2535 or The University of Adelaide Development Office (08) 8916 9807

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Katherine Regional Office
Executive Level 3
Deputy Regional Manager
Salary: $56,341 - $60,838
Remote Locality Allowance
Position Number 3191

Duties: Under limited direction of the Regional Manager, undertake the planning, management and control of field operations with the objective of providing the following client services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people: information and referral services, program development and implementation, monitoring and evaluation, programs. Be responsible for liaison with other offices in foster care operation relating to funding proposals, development of community projects and articulating with other programs. Provide regular reports to the Regional Manager and the Executive Director. Work in close collaboration with the Community Development Unit and include support for Executive direction services. Be responsible for the implementation of a project oriented towards the recruitment of suitably interested Indigenous Australians.

Contact Officer: Debra Hanlon (08) 8959 4211
Selection Documentation: Phone (08) 8944 5555 or by email jobs.nt@atsic.gov.au

Katherine Regional Office
APL Level 4
Regional Support Section
Salary: $36,482 - $39,612
Remote Locality Allowance
Position Number 3481

Duties: Under general direction of the Senior Administrative Officer, coordinate and monitor all administrative service outputs within the Katherine Office. Manage and ensure that quality, policy and contractual requirements are met. Participate in all performance and cost accountability exercises. Meet all Regional meeting requirements.

Contact Officer: Lisa Petcher (08) 8972 1433
Selection Documentation: Phone (08) 8944 5555 or by email jobs.nt@atsic.gov.au

Alice Springs Regional Office
APL Level 4
Field Operations Section
Salary: $36,482 - $39,612
Remote Locality Allowance
Position Number 97

Duties: As a member of a field team participate in the following: In consultation with Aboriginal Communities and organisations assess and prepare reports seeking financial assistance to relation to Commonwealth programs. Provide line managers with support in the position of finance and financial advisory services including accounting and reporting on the financial operations of the Office. Participate in the establishment and development of local programs and financial management.

Contact Officer: Don Fyke (08) 8973 4421
Selection Documentation: Phone (08) 8944 5555 or by email jobs.nt@atsic.gov.au

Alice Springs Regional Office
APL Level 2
Administration Section
Salary: $25,739 - $31,469
Remote Locality Allowance
Position Number 76F

Duties: Under close direction of the APL Level 4, the Regional Officer, and as a member of a multi-disciplinary team, assist in the effective and efficient day to day operations of the Office. Maintain and update relevant computer databases and administrative documentation. Be responsive to the needs of all programs and services, on a day-to-day basis. Under close supervision, conduct file research, maintain records on motor registry and prepare outgoing forms.'

Contact Officer: Joanne Petrie (08) 8943 0211
Selection Documentation: Phone (08) 8944 5555 or by email jobs.nt@atsic.gov.au

Applications, for the above positions, addressing the Selection Criteria and outlining your qualifications and experience should be forwarded to the Officer in Charge of Katherine Office, 11.30am, Cabarita Community Hall, Katherine on or before Thursday, 11 February, 1999.

RMIT University
RMIT ATS1 Support & Liaison Unit
(formerly Koori Education Unit)
ATS1 Administrator/Manager
Ref: No. 159

ATS1 Liaison Officer
Ref: No. 154

ATS1 Administrative Assistant
HEW 3, $37,056 - $39,879 p.a.
Ref: No. 214

(17½ Superannuation Contribution is applicable)

Closing date: Thursday, 4 February, 1999.

For further information contact:
RMIT ATS1 Support & Liaison Unit
Phone: (03) 9925 4885.

Note: Applications are to be made in the form of a letter outlining your qualifications and experience and a statement of the position you are applying for. Enquiries regarding the position should be directed to:

Katherine Regional Office 11.30am, Cabarita Community Hall, Katherine on or before Thursday, 11 February, 1999.

Further Information & Position Descriptions are available from:
Shirley Rush on Tel: (03) 9925 4939, Glenis Davis on Tel: (03) 9925 7997 or Violet Hannan on Tel: (03) 9925 7997.

www.rmit.edu.au/programs/hr/positions/ats1.html

THE KOORI MAIL WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1999

Your Future Starts Here
Policy Officer

Australian Public Service
Level 6
Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

Position Number: 2500
$57,955 - $64,942

The Australian Government is seeking a Policy Officer to contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of policy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. The position involves policy advice and support on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and social issues, with a particular focus on Aboriginal health program in the NT. This position is a temporary appointment (2 years). Applicants should have a high level of writing skills and analytical abilities, appropriate to analysing health and related services and preparing submissions. A high level of cultural sensitivity and effective interpersonal and communication skills is also essential.

The Person: Applicants should have a high level of writing skills and analytical abilities, appropriate to analysing health and related services and preparing submissions. A high level of cultural sensitivity and effective interpersonal and communication skills is also essential. Applicants should have experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, understanding the issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, and a commitment to improving their access to appropriate health and wellness services. Applicants should have a high level of cultural sensitivity and effective interpersonal and communication skills, and be able to apply and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural principles and a commitment to apply them independently.

Cultural Heritage and Title Liaison Officer

In this role you will be responsible for the development of strategies to ensure that consensus is achieved between Main Roads, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and other stakeholders, involved in Native Title and Cultural Heritage issues. You will be required to provide advice to management with respect to issues, policies and legislative requirements. Excellent communication and liaison skills are essential, as you will be responsible for developing technical packages and reports to represent Main Roads at cultural heritage related forums.

The position offers a generous remuneration package of $44,549 - $45,914 per annum (inclusive of superannuation and leave loading). In addition: Location allowance of $4,800 (four times) at $12,300 (twice) subsistence and travel costs for relocation.

Closing Date: 12 February 1999.

For more information regarding this position, please contact Warren Stead (02) 9290 8700.

Main Roads Apprenticeships

Perth Training Centre, a Department of Main Roads, is currently recruiting for apprenticeships with the following craft areas:

- Structural Masons
- Carpenters
- Plumbers
- Fitters
- Electricians
- Plant Operators
- Painting and Decorating

Applicants must be able to work independently and as part of a team. Applicants must have a current Driver's Licence and be available for work related travel. Some areas of work include road construction, maintenance and land development.

Closing Date: 12 February 1999.

For further information, contact: Doug Head (07) 4622 9547.
Applications to: Senior Employee Relations Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO

Shifts/weekends. NOTE: Applicants will be required to attend a compulsory 4 day pre-placement literacy, reading/comprehension and reasoning test. Inquiries: Matt Lang 02 9289 3435

Wave Robinson (nee Blair) and Fred Blair lent their voices to the chorus. His tenor voice also featured in the chorus. He was praised for his choreography and his modern musical style. The rest of the cast noticed, and they were impressed with his talent.

DESIRABLE: Relevant qualifications in youth work/welfare/social services, despite an increasing need for representative services — particularly in the area of criminal injury compensation.”

Help for crime victims

| Legal Aid Queensland offers a wide range of services to help victims of crime, not just those accused of committing an offence.

Mr Foley said that the aim of Legal Aid Queensland is to extend the services it provides to victims of crime, not just those accused of committing an offence.

Mr Foley said that Legal Aid Queensland had identified complex issues which contributed to the low use of existing mainstream legal services by Indigenous women, including a lack of awareness of services and basic human rights.

The strategy would service Indigenous communities on Cape York Peninsula, in Palm Island, Cherbourg and Woombye.

Families put heart and soul into stage musical

Aboriginal family members in northern New South Wales have put their heart and soul into crafting the local production of ‘Godspell’, based on the Gospel according to St John. The musical production was directed by Graham Robinson (nee Blair) and Fred Blair, who were responsible for the choreography and modern interpretative dance performed to ‘On the Wings’. Their senior voice also featured in the chorus.

DEPARTMENT OF EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Criminal Justice Centers for Girls and Young Women

Position No. 98/JJ098

Executive Level 1

($56,341 - $60,838)

IMPORTANT NEW POLICY INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE THE CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OF AUSTRALIA’S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

An independent review commissioned by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission has demonstrated that Australia’s intellectual and cultural property laws are not protecting the rights of Indigenous peoples. This is evidenced in the lack of Indigenous voices and interests in decision-making processes.

The aim of Legal Aid Queensland is to extend the services it provides to victims of crime, not just those accused of committing an offence.

We are looking for two energetic and dedicated persons who are:

- Like to work with significant autonomy.
- Like to work in a team in the supervision, care and development of young women in a custodial setting.
- Experienced in working with young women.
- Demonstrated ability to respond flexibly to diverse situations.
- Good communication skills.
- Knowledge of issues relevant to girls and young women in the criminal justice system.
- Knowledge of issues relevant to girls and young women in their communities.

An applicant to the position advertised below, must obtain an information package from Diverse Racial, Ethnic and Ethno-Racial Minority Groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend a compulsory 4 day pre-placement literacy, reading/comprehension and reasoning test. The aim is to assess the applicant’s ability to respond flexibly to diverse situations. Good communication skills. Knowledge of issues relevant to girls and young women in their communities.

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YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR

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Our best boxers — Sydney-bound

NSW

The boxing brothers, Glen and Kevin, have come out winners after featuring in a double bill "fight night" held this month in Sydney. Both fighters defended and retained their titles in front of 2500 excited fight fans, including a large contingent of Aboriginal supporters, at the Alexandra Basketball Stadium in Sydney.

Glen, who was defending his International Boxing Federation (IBF) Pan Pacific light heavyweight title, may be fighting again as soon as February 21 after his victory over Jam. The Beast McGuiggan in seven rounds.

The former world champion McGuiggan retired with a suspected broken hand after going "too-to-to" with Kelly in the seventh, a round described by some as an "abysmal affair." Trainer George Reno said that Glen fought a great fight against a

By TODD CONDRE

Kelly brothers too
good at fight night

Glen Kelly with his trainer, George Reno.

renowned "big puncher" such as The Beast, who has the enviable record of 36 knockouts from 46 fights.

"Glen showed a lot of character against McGuiggan to take him out in seven rounds," Mr Reno said.

Glen will be offered another bout at Manly Oval on February 21, which will feature Adam Wali against former world champion Leslie Stewart in the top billing.

Kevin Kelly was too good for Indonesian-Armenian Adilisid, who he eclipsed in eight rounds, landing on the right side of a technical decision.

He is now looking forward to a crack at WBA Junior middleweight champion Laurent Boudouani in a world title fight in Paris, France, on April 10.

Reno said the pair, who came out of the fight relatively unscathed, were now recuperating and celebrating the Christmas and New Year’s Eve period in preparation for the double bill. For more information on the Kelly brothers or their next fight contact George Reno on 0411 122 065.

Our best boxers

Sydney-bound

LIONEL ROSE

Chapman and Damien Dennis from New South Wales, Queensland's Wayne Parsons, Western Australia's Anthony Little and Commonwealth Games bronze medallist James Swan and Henry Collins, both from the Northern Territory.

The camp will also incorporate development for some qualified boxing coaches including Boyd Sculley, from Darwin; Delyal & Denis and Gary Treadwell, from Wagga, NSW.

A special highlight of the camp will be the Aboriginal boxing legends Tony Mundine and George Bracken, as well as former world champion Lionel Rose.

The development camp has been organised by the Indigenous Sport Program, with the assistance of the Australian Institute of Sport and AIB Insurance Brokers.

Look for pictures from the Indigenous development camp in coming issues of the Koori Mail.

"Our best boxers" is written by administrative assistant/receptionist Shirley Willis. This column will be written every two weeks.

Applications for this position may be obtained from the Receptionist.

Closing date for applications is Friday, February 5.
**Vander-Kuyp hungry for glory**

By TANIA EVORALL

Kyle Vander-Kuyp is hungry for Olympic glory at the Sydney 2000 Olympics, believing it's his turn to stand on the dias with a medal in front of the world.

Vander-Kuyp is a seasoned performer, having won seven consecutive Australian 110-metre hurdles championships and breaking the national record five times. He was the first Aborigine to set a national record in an Olympic event.

The former Melbourne-based Victorian Institute of Sport scholarship holder last year made the move to Canberra to work with Evan Peltola, the head track-and-field coach at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Peltola said: "Leading up to the Commonwealth Games we were trying to repair both personal and athletic problems. Kyle's been around the world. It feels like you're alive enjoying the pain. It feels like you're alive... I'm treasuring it."

Kyle Vander-Kuyp in action at a recent meet... He has regained his hunger for success on the track.

"I was with Roy for 11 years, ever since I was 15. We both agreed that I was growing out of him in terms of a coach, and seeing me both had worked with Evan I was a natural move to relocate," says Vander-Kuyp.

Peltola says the transfer was smooth because he had been involved before with Boyd and Vander-Kuyp's training.

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Vander-Kuyp has had to confront formidable mental challenges, along with physical ones. Little preparation and nagging injuries hindered his performance at last year's Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur.

Vander-Kuyp admits to having had a disappointing Commonwealth Games, but is now concentrating on rebuilding his strength, physically and emotionally.

Peltola said: "Leading up to the Commonwealth Games we were trying to repair both personal and athletic problems. Although Kyle came fifth in the finals he was hoping for much more, like a medal. Over the years, hard work and natural talent - and a desire to overcome obstacles - have earned Vander-Kuyp a desirable set of skills.

Now training up to six hours a day, six days a week, Vander-Kuyp is determined that nothing will stand in his way of winning an Olympic medal in 2000. "After the Commonwealth Games I took a few days off. Now I've got my motivation and hunger back again which has been missing a little since the Olympics," he says.

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Softballers ready for tournament

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Female softball teams, including competitors from Temora Creek in the Northern Sertory, Mackinnon in New South Wales, Sydney, Tasmania, and Canberra will contest the inaugural Indigenous Softball Tournament in Canberra on January 29-31.

But tournament co-ordinator Robyn Forster said the number of men's teams entered was not sufficient to hold a competition.

"The main problem for teams is funding the transport and accommodation of players. The interest and talent is definitely there, we just have to work on getting a bigger player pool," she said.

The tournament, organised in conjunction with Softball Canberra and endorsed by the Australian Softball Federation, will be used to select a representative team to possibly tour the UK.

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Teams will be vying for the inaugural perpetual trophy, the Roy Forster Cup, in a sport that Forster says is becoming more and more attractive to Indigenous people.

"The sport is certainly growing in our community," she said. "It's a sport that can be played at all levels, from the local school level to the national level."

The recognition of sports achievements at regional, state or national levels by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth is one of the main aims of a new national sports award announced recently.

The AIB Sports Development Awards, sponsored by AIB Insurance Brokers, are open to indigenous youth around Australia in individual, team and associations or events categories. Three awards will be offered each month.

The awards, for young people aged 14-24, offer cash prizes which must be for a specific need related to their sport, or to go towards an event at regional, state or national level.

The quarterly awards will be offering the following maximum cash awards: $3000 for an event, $1500 for a competition, or $3000 for an individual. Total cash prizes cannot exceed $5000 for that three-month period.

AIB managing-director Glenn Skipworth said the awards had been set up by the insurance house to acknowledge the support of its indigenous client base nationally.

"It was seen as an opportunity to put something back into the indigenous community," he said.

The AIB Sports Development Awards aim to provide recognition and support for indigenous young athletes.

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