Alice on edge

IT MAY be in the centre of Australia, but Alice Springs is teetering on the brink. Soaring crime rates, and general lawlessness have led to claim and counter-claim in the Northern Territory town.

Alice business owners are blaming problems on Aboriginal youths roaming the streets at night. Television ads they’ve produced demanding Government action have resulted in local Indigenous rights advocate Warren H Williams lodging a complaint with the Australian Human Rights Commission. A voiceover on the ads claims that ‘gangs of youths from as young as eight years old roam the streets at 3am, damaging property and terrorising residents and tourists’.

Aboriginal people themselves say problems are being caused by Indigenous people coming to town from remote communities ‘to escape the NT Intervention’. Many are hoping the new Apmere Mwerre visitors hostel, opened last month, will alleviate some of the problems.

Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda also weighed in, urging a rethink on Alice’s town camps. His call was criticised by Tangentyere Council, which provides services to the camps.

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson and Ministers Karl Hampton and Malarndirri McCarthy have held meetings with concerned Indigenous and other locals on the crime issues.

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‘I’m getting better’

Archie Roach tells how he’s coming back after a terrible year

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Pride on show

A section of the crowd waves to the First Nations participants during this year’s Sydney Mardi Gras parade last Saturday night. Tens of thousands lined city streets for the annual gay pride event. See our coverage on Pages 12-13.

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K EEPING in contact with family is very important to me. I am aged 63 and have two sons and four daughters. Also I have 24 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren and they live all over the place.

I was born at Mitchell in Queensland and grew up on Palm Island as a young kid and then moved to Cherbourg for a few years. In 1959 I went to Ingham and in the 1960s moved to Townsville and have been here ever since. Rasmussen is an outer suburb of Townsville where I live and most days I catch a bus into the city centre. Everybody seems to know me here and I love it.

I get to see lots of Indigenous people and I’m always telling them that alcohol and smokes are no good for them. Those things are killing our people and I hate it. I always telling them that alcohol and I never drank or smoked in my life.

When the then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd made the apology to our people I sat just over there with many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and wept.

I am pictured here with my niece Elizabeth Clarke and her brother and my nephew Wallace Clarke.

Elizabeth is 43 and Wallace is 38 and they used to live on Palm Island, but are now on the mainland in Townsville. They are great people.

My daughter Lorissa Akee is 29 and is here as well. She regularly comes to this area which is a gathering place.

We are all supporters of the Cowboys in the NRL and I often go to their club and meet lots of other people.

Here in Townsville people tell me I am respected by Indigenous and white people alike, and many call me Nana.

Lately I have been ill and we never know how long we are going to be around, so I just hope young Aboriginal and Islander people who read this make sure they know the importance of family.

Also I think there is a long way to go before Indigenous people get treated equally. – As told to Alf Wilson

MY FAMILY

ALICE BARNEY – Townsville

Our Children

Students from Yirara College with staff and officials during last week’s Hoops for Health basketball clinics held at their Alice Springs school. The students enjoyed basketball and also got important health messages. See report – Page 32

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THE KOORI MAIL... WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011...
Battle continues to stop Muckaty dump

By DARREN COYNE

FEDERAL Resources Minister Martin Ferguson is half way towards having a bad piece of legislation pass Parliament, according to opponents of a nuclear waste dump at Muckaty in the Northern Territory.

The National Radioactive Waste Management Bill passed the House of Representatives on 22 February, and is expected to be considered by the Senate later this month.

Meanwhile, Ngapa Traditional Owner Mark Lane Jangala has started legal action in the Federal Court of Australia in an effort to stop the Government’s plan to dump nuclear waste at Muckaty, which is north of Tennant Creek.

That action began on 25 February and will return to court in early August.

As well, demonstrators turned out in Darwin the day after the legislation was passed, vowing to continue their fight. They sent a message to Canberra: ‘We won’t be dumped on’.

The West Australia Nuclear Free Alliance (WANFA) also joined in the condemnation of the legislation, which removes the rights for traditional owners to appeal against the dumping of radioactive waste.

The Howard Government first nominated Muckaty in September 2007 as one of four possible sites for a nuclear waste dump.

The Federal Government secured a ‘voluntary nomination’ from the Northern Land Council as well as five clans from the area – support a national waste dump in return for cash benefits and access to improved services, many do not.

Australian Conservation Foundation anti-nuclear campaigner Dave Sweeney said the legislation was not supported by any of the independents, or Greens, in the Lower House.

He said the legislation was a virtual ‘carbon copy’ of the previous Howard era legislation, which Labor described while in Opposition as ‘bland, arrogant and draconian’.

Mr Sweeney said the law overrides state, territory and local government laws and allows Mr Ferguson to disregard key environmental and Indigenous safeguards.

“This cynical and irresponsible legislation attempts to manage Australia’s highest level radioactive waste by imposing it on some of the country’s most disadvantaged people,” Mr Sweeney said.

“Labour promised to end a decade of division by doing things differently and better. Instead, the ALP has copied the divisive and discredited approach of the Howard era and ignored growing community concern against the waste dump, but it wants to build a dump there,” he said.

The WANFA committee, made up of traditional owners from around the state, issued a statement in support of Muckaty traditional owners, who they say have been ignored. “We fully support your right to say no to radioactive waste dumping on your country and in your region,” the statement said.

“We don’t believe the Government’s actions are right or in keeping with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (Articles 18 and 29) and we stand in solidarity with you. “We are facing the threat of uranium mining on our lands in Western Australia and we know uranium becomes radioactive waste. “We don’t want the uranium. You don’t want the radioactive waste. Our country, our kids, our future and our planet needs respect – not mines or dumps.”

— WANFA committee

We don’t want the uranium. You don’t want the radioactive waste. Our country, our kids, our future and our planet needs respect – not mines or dumps. — WANFA committee

Muckaty nuclear dump opponents Gladys Brown, Mark Lane Jangala, Jeannie Sambo, Dianne Stokes and Doris Kelly. Photo: Dom O’Brien
Their trip was really cool

FOR 21-year-old Narelle Long, her 12-day trip to Antarctica is something she will never forget. But the stand-out memory would have to be when she first set foot on the frozen continent.

"Getting off the boat and saying to myself I'm the first (Australian) Indigenous female to stand on this continent was a really proud moment," she said.

"It was snowing and there were penguins and seals. We saw seals attacking penguins right in front of us. We saw killer whales attacking seals. We had killer whales swimming under the zodiacs (inflatable boats used to travel between the continent and the Russian ice-breaker on which they were staying). They could have easily flipped us into the water."

Joining her on the historic first was former member of the AFL Flying Boomerang Squad 22-year-old Malcolm Lynch.

"We were the first Indigenous Australians to set foot on the continent so it was very special," said Narelle, who is the niece of former AFL football great Michael Long.

A three-part documentary series called Cool School Antarctica — OUR STORY, which follows the pair on their trip last year, is due on NITV at 8pm (AEST) on 26 March — coinciding with Earth Hour weekend.

Narelle and Malcolm were joined by 40 other young people from around the world, including last year's Australian Idol runner-up Hayley Warner, on the 'Leadership on the Edge: Extremes' expedition led by explorer and environmentalist Robert Swan, who has built E-Base — an educational base in Antarctica which is entirely powered on renewable energy.

Narelle said Robert Swan was the founder of the 2041 organisation, so named because that was when the current treaty which prevents drilling and mining in Antarctica comes to an end. She said it was really eye-opening to see how renewable energy could make a difference.

"He's trying to get everybody to see that we can live off renewable energy," she said. "If he can do it, in one of the coldest, harshest places in the world, then we should be able to do it in society... and if we use renewables in the real world, we don't have to exploit nature's last wilderness, and can keep it untouched for as long as we can."

Swan is particularly targeting the younger generation because, in his words, 'decisions made today by today’s youth will impact our entire planet’s eco-system and the future of life on earth'.

"He's trying to give us the awareness, not to preach to other people, but maybe inspire them about Antarctica and changing things in their daily lives," Narelle said.

Inspired

Malcolm said indigenous peoples had been looking after the land for eons. 'Travelling to Antarctica really showed Narelle and I what was at stake," he said. "I hope my generation will see this film and feel inspired by our story to make a change to a more sustainable way of living."

Narelle said they saw quite a lot of evidence of the effects of climate change.

"We visited the Larsen B ice shelf," she said. "There were sections of ice that had broken up, due to the fact that it's warming three times the rate of the global average."

"You could see whole sections of ice, as large as housing estates, floating out into the sea."

NITV content director Tanya Denning said the station felt a responsibility to develop environmental content, and the Cool School Antarctica series, along with the online content, was especially designed to engage with Generation Y.

For more information go to www.coolschoolantarctica.com For more information on Robert Swan and 2041 go to www.2041.com

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Illicit lifeline for Boomalli

WHEN she heard the news that Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Cooperative had secured a permanent home, board member Bronwyn Bancroft said she was so excited she was screaming one minute, crying the next. Last Monday the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) confirmed it would transfer the title of Boomalli’s Leichhardt premises in Flood Street to the co-operative.

"I call us the slum dogs millionaires," Bancroft said. "We’ve got the mansion. We don’t have the money, but that will come."

Bancroft said she was delighted the ILC had belied in Boomalli’s vision for the future. The Aboriginal artists co-operative has literally come back from a near-death experience, after being on verge of insolvency in 2009, losing all funding in February last year, and coming within a hair’s breadth of being evicted from its Flood Street premises by the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA).

The co-operative has been kept alive through the ‘enormous effort’ and ‘a hell of a lot of work’ by hundreds of volunteers, Bancroft said.

"They (the ILC) had to decide that we were worthy recipients, that we were worthy of having it as a cultural space," Bancroft said. "We’re so thrilled we were able to give them enough information for them to make, what we think, is a very good decision."

Boomalli will be 25 next year, and during that time it has been in four different spaces.

"Moves are horrendous because they cost money, which is why this is such a substantial victory for the artists, to know that they’ve got a permanent home," Bancroft said.

"For every Aboriginal person in NSW to know they’ve got an (arts) organisation. Sure it’s under-resourced at the moment, but we’re fighting for funding, we’re putting in applications left, right and centre."

"Now we’ve got this, it indicates to people that you are going in the right direction. It’s an incredible endorsement."

Bancroft said Boomalli’s focus would be on NSW artists, and she cited its most recent exhibition Show of Strength as an example of what Boomalli was about.

A survey show of NSW artists, it featured a range of artists — Elders through to young and emerging artists.

One young man sold his work for $400 on opening night and Bancroft said when she told him the news, he burst into tears.

"We’re definitely going for the group dynamic," she said. "Not the star system. We want to spread it out, and hope everybody gets a bit of the action."

For more information about Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Cooperative go to www.boomallicom.au

The next Boomalli show Pink Sunrise opens on 11 March. See story on page 51.
Alice Springs strife comes to a head

By DARREN COYNE

IT may be located in the centre of Australia, but Alice Springs is a town on the edge. The Northern Territory desert centre has erupted in recent weeks with reports of lawlessness, drunkenness and violence.

Many of the town’s business people say the problems are being caused by groups of Aboriginal young people roaming the streets late at night, while Aboriginal locals say many of the problems are created by Aboriginal visitors from outlying communities escaping the interments.

Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda weighed in last week, calling for a rethink on the future of Aboriginal town camps, which are often plagued by overcrowding and anti-social behaviour...

Mr Gooda said it was time to consider whether Indigenous people living in town camps around the desert city should move into the suburbs.

“We need to have a real hard look at it and see whether in this day and age we should have separate little enclaves or fringe camps that we already have,” he said.

A spokesperson for Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said, however, that the Federal Government was committed to making the Alice Springs town camps safer and healthier places to live.

She said the Government had allocated $150 million on a transformation plan to build 85 houses and refurbish 134 others.

The ads feature footage of Indigenous people walking on the main streets at 3am, damaging property and as consumers and residents of the local community.

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The entrance to the new Alice Springs visitor park, to be run by Aboriginal Hostels Ltd.

The meeting agreed that all Indigenous leaders last Thursday, Henderson, who met briefly with Indigenous Development Commissioner is so far disengaged from current issues affecting Indigenous Australians?” Mr Shaw asked.

He said.

Many are hoping that the $11 million Apmere Mwerre Visitor Park, opened in February, will help alleviate some of the problems.

The park will be supported by regular public transport services to ease over-crowding in town camps.

KARL HAMPTON

“Many observers may not be aware that Tangentyere Day, Night and Youth Patrols employ over 80 per cent multiple language speakers, better engaging with young Indigenous people and managing those who may be at risk.

“Tangentyere also has partnerships with NT Police and the Alice Springs Town Council, endeavouring to achieve the best outcomes for the enjoyment of life in the Alice Springs community.” Meanwhile, the furore over anti-social behaviour in and around Alice Springs prompted a group of business people to run television ads demanding that the Northern Territory Government take control of the streets.

The ads have targeted Indigenous rights advocate Warren H Williams to lodge a complaint with the Australian Human Rights Commission. Mr Williams said the advertisements vilified Indigenous people.

The ads feature footage of Indigenous youth walking on footpaths and other public areas in Alice Springs. A voiceover claims that ‘gangs of youths from as young as eight-years-old roam the streets at 3am, damaging property and terrorising residents and tourists’.

They claimed that the current generation of Indigenous teenagers were ‘lawless criminals’ and called for tougher policing and zero tolerance.

“This advertisement not only defames, vilifies and shames the complainant but it is also offensive, insulting and humiliating to Indigenous Australians,’ Mr Williams’ complaint said.

The advertisements are likely to have a profound effect on Indigenous people, who are most marginalised and disadvantaged group in Australia who have suffered and continue to suffer from racism in many aspects of their lives, causing significant distress, loss of dignity, anger, frustration, helplessness and despair.

A group of more than 70 Indigenous leaders and representatives met with two Territory ministers – Central Australia Minister Karl Hampton and Indigenous Development Minister Malarndirri McCarthy – on 25 February to discuss the issue.

“Our role was to listen to what Indigenous people in Alice Springs are saying because they have been left out of the current debate and they are extremely concerned at what is happening in their town,” Mr Hampton said.

“What was made very clear is that Indigenous people did not shy away from the issues and agreed that anti-social behaviour and alcohol-fuelled violence is unacceptable.

The meeting agreed that all Alice Springs residents and surrounding communities should work together on these issues.

“It’s no good shouting at each other. We all live here and we have to sit down and do the hard work required to tackle criminal and anti social behaviour.

Young Indigenous people also play a very strong role in the local economy – across all industries and as consumers and residents of the local community.”

Much of the anti-social behaviour has been blamed on Indigenous people coming into Alice Springs from outlying communities to escape measures of the intervention.

Many are hoping that the $11 million Apmere Mwerre Visitor Park, opened in February, will help alleviate some of the problems.

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson, who met briefly with Indigenous leaders last Thursday, said the park would go some way to easing over-crowding in town camps.

Aboriginal people from remote communities visit Alice Springs for a variety of reasons, such as accessing medical services, attending sporting events, visiting family and purchasing goods and services, and the Visitor Park will provide a much needed accommodation option for an affordable fee,” he said.

The park will be supported by regular public transport services to make it easier for people to access medical treatment and get to appointments.”
By JILLIAN MUNDY

ABORIGINAL people in South Australia have stepped up their campaign to stop a bridge over a 42,000-year-old site in the wake of a failed Supreme Court challenge to Tasmania’s heritage laws.

They claim the decision to not force Tasmania’s Heritage Council to consider an application to list and hence protect the site in the path of the Brighton Bypass to be ‘yet another defeat for Aboriginal heritage in Tasmania.’

Medical practitioner Dr Maureen Davey and historical researcher Annie Reynolds appealed to the Supreme Court in August last year when the Tasmanian Heritage Council refused to consider their application to list and protect the area. The court was asked to consider whether the historical and archaeological values of the Jordan River levee area met the criteria of the Tasmania Cultural Heritage Act, and whether the exclusion of Aboriginal heritage by the Act contravened the Commonwealth’s Racial Discrimination Act.

Justice Shan Tennent ruled that the nomination was excluded because of its primary association with Aboriginal tradition and culture, and that the Act was not discriminatory, as it did not discriminate against Aboriginal people because it stopped anyone, Aboriginal or not, nominating that kind of site. Protection for Aboriginal heritage under current legislation, the Aboriginal Relics Act, is considered inadequate by many.

Outside the courts, Dr Davey said she felt really disappointed. ‘I feel really ashamed to be an Aboriginal person in Tasmania and to be part of Aboriginal cultural heritage being continued to be ignored here,' she said. ‘I think we’ve got a very shameful 200-year history here and I think it’s time that that got changed and Aboriginal heritage was recognised, validated and protected.’

Dr Davey and Ms Reynolds argued that the place was of heritage importance to them and other non-Aboriginal Tasmania’s, not only Aborigines. They said the place’s antiquity, intact condition and continued occupation though two Ice Ages and into the time of European settlement held evidence about human evolution and survival.

They supported their application with statements from Rob Paton, an archaeologist contracted by the Government, that the site is ‘of high cultural and archaeological significance on both a national and international scale’ and ‘important to the human population as a whole.’

It is yet to be determined if the pair will have to pay the state’s legal costs.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre’s Adam Thompson labelled the decision racist and discriminatory, but it has not dampened the campaign.

“We’ve been defeated by the Department of Infrastructure. We’ve been defeated by the Labor/Green State Government. Now we’ve been defeated by the courts,” Mr Thompson said.

“But where we have not been defeated is in the court of public opinion. ‘The public have a sense of right and wrong. We will not roll over, we will continue our campaign with renewed vigour.’ Mr Thompson said the campaign could be won with the support of the people of Tasmania.

An open day for the general public was held at the onsite protest camp last Saturday, and a rally at Parliament House is planned for today.

Brighton campaign vow as court challenge fails

By DARREN COYNE

AUSTRALIAN governments spent $40.228 per head of population on Indigenous Australians in 2008-09, compared to $18.351 for non-Indigenous Australians, according to a report by the Productivity Commission.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the spending reflected the higher level of need and disadvantage among Indigenous people.

The report forms part of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) commitment to reporting transparency on expenditure on services for Indigenous Australians.

COAG calculates $40.228 is spent on Indigenous people per head of population compared with $18.351 for other Australians. It estimates 33 per cent of government spending is directed towards services for Indigenous people. This is much higher than the Indigenous proportion of the Australian population, which stands at 2.5 per cent.

The COAG report is the first attempt at a national level to calculate Indigenous government spending.

The Commonwealth, state and territory governments spent $21.9 billion on helping Indigenous Australians in 2008-09.

More problems

Ms Macklin said the report showed that Indigenous people on average experienced more health problems than other residents, including higher rates of cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

She said the report would help governments to determine the effectiveness of funding initiatives designed to close the gap in Indigenous life expectancy.

Northern Territory Treasurer Delia Lawrie welcomed the report and pointed out that the NT Government spent 52.4 per cent of its budget on the Indigenous population.

“This report found the Territory Government spent $2.16 billion in 2008-09 on services for Indigenous people which equates to 53.9 per cent of all of the NT expenditure. In comparison, Indigenous people comprise about 30 per cent of the Territory’s population,” Ms Lawrie said.

“This means per capita spending on Indigenous people was 2.7 times higher than non-Indigenous people in the Territory.”

The report found that more than half of NT Government spending in the areas of early childhood development, schools and training, health lives, home environment and safety and supportive communities benefited Indigenous Territorians.

Despite the funds being spent, Indigenous people continue to have a much lower life expectancy, with men living 11.5 years less and women dying 9.7 years sooner.

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‘Reality’

“Let me tell him about reality, then. The ‘behaviour’ of the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people who will have access to these new dialysis facilties is that they will die of end-stage renal disease without it. ‘Mr Westra Van Holthe, will bring down according to Mr Westra extreme.’

The ‘nature of the clients who should be rejected’, according to Mr Westra Van Holthe, will bring down property values,” Mr Paterson said.

“What about the ‘value of a right to life for people black and white – with end-stage renal disease. ‘He says he is ‘not a racist but ... a realist’. ‘

Katherine comments ‘beneath contempt’

THE Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT) has condemned comments by an NT Coalition MP over renal dialysis facilities in Katherine.

AMSANT CEO John Paterson said Mr Westra Van Holthe’s claims the planned $2.8 million dialysis facility which is due to be built in Katherine in the new Katherine subregion should be rejected because ‘the nature of the clients who will largely be visiting the new facility are offensive in the extreme.’

‘The nature of the clients who should be rejected’, according to Mr Westra Van Holthe, will bring down property values,” Mr Paterson said.

“What about the ‘value of a right to life for people black and white – with end-stage renal disease. ‘He says he is ‘not a racist but ... a realist’.

‘Reality’

‘Let me tell him about reality, then. The ‘behaviour’ of the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people who will have access to these new dialysis facilities is that they will die of end-stage renal disease without it. ‘Mr Westra Van Holthe’s comments are ignorant, and beneath contempt.

‘Mr Paterson reminded the MP for Katherine it was only 12 years ago that the local traditional owners, the Jawoyn people, relinquished native title rights to an area of northern cultural land south of Katherine in exchange for renal dialysis facilities for the whole of the Katherine community.

‘This gesture was in recognition by the Jawoyn that renal disease rates in the Territory run up to 50 times that for the rest of the nation,” said Mr Paterson. ‘The fact that Mr Westra Van Holthe is more worried about property values than the health of Jawoyn community members must leave a bitter taste in the mouths of the people of Katherine, let alone the Jawoyn native title holders.”

Lawyer Roland Brown explains the outcome of the decision to the people outside the Supreme Court in Hobart. On the right are Maureen Davey and Annie Reynolds.
National Congress Co-Chair elections

Would-be leaders tell of their vision

Jennifer Stefanac

Why are you most qualified to be a Co-Chair of the Congress?
Healthy and stable family life is the key to harmonious communities and society. I will work towards changes in law and policies that create the best possible environment for equality as Co-Chair of the National Congress. The attributes I bring are:
- Extensive experience in networking, managing and overseeing administrative requirements with diverse groups to champion Aboriginal policies
- Demonstrated abilities in board and organisation national governance and the founding member who built the Reconciliation Australia Party to further Aboriginal ideals and aspirations
- Demonstrated leadership skills within my workplace and community groups
- Standing as a candidate in the Senate 2007 and 2010 Federal elections and standing for the current Legislative Council
- Demonstrated skills in high-level decision making by participating in community and my position with all stakeholders to ensure that Aboriginal people maximise their outcomes
- Working within a policy driven environment that requires accountability in all areas to ensure transparency along with natural justice for Aboriginal people
- Demonstrated excellent communication, negotiation, advocacy and lobbying skills in my workplace and community
- I have a complete range of policies in relation to domestic and international affairs detailed on the Reconciliation Australia Party website
- Extensive experience in all forms of media including production of DVDs to educate and ensure that Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people join together in the media including production of DVDs to educate and ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

Rhonda Gilchrist

Why are you most qualified to be a Co-Chair?
I do not make the claim that I am the most qualified. There are many very qualified and talented candidates among the other people who are nominating. Having said that, I want our children to grow up proud of their heritage in full knowledge of their respective cultural identity, with access to education that is appropriate to their circumstances, hopes and aspirations.

JASON GLANVILLE

Why are you most qualified to be a Co-Chair of the Congress?
The Congress is our first, best hope at building a platform for a genuine voice for our people and I consider a vote for you?

Les Malezer

Why are you most qualified to be a Co-Chair of the Congress?
My skills include my willingness to listen and hear what people are saying, my availability to participate in community meetings, my capacity to talk with people on important topics and my ability to provide clear messages.

Further details about the candidates are available on the Congress website at www.nationalcongress.com.au

Only members of the Congress are eligible to vote. By now they should have received ballot papers sent out by the independent returning officer. If any member has moved or has not received a ballot paper they can contact the Congress on 1800 266 477.

Editor’s note: Printed are the replies we received from the candidates. In a few cases not all questions were answered.

The candidates are printed in a random order selected by a member of the public.

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I have the ideas and vision to help build a better and positive future for all our people for the National Congress. This requires community engagement to build confidence in the Congress. The structure of the Congress must be representative and supported by decision-making.

Our most valuable characteristics is that we have lost important community infrastructure. Local facilities and their use for community engagement will be important. The systemic racism and oppression in Australian society and reflected through media and government needs to be challenged by strong leadership. We must have purpose and articulate messages to establish our right as Indigenous peoples to our autonomy in governance and development. The Congress must create a strong relationship with government without becoming compromised to the will of government.

Do you have a message for those considering a vote for you?

I have the ideas and vision to help build a better and positive future for all our people, in the cities, towns and homelands. I understand the aspirations of individuals and families to escape poverty and despair and enjoy the quality of life that is otherwise available in Australia, but I also know that our people and communities are not prepared to sacrifice our identity, culture and integrity. Our future as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people keeps us forever bound to our duties to country, to our people and to our spiritual world.

Dennis Eggington

Why are you most qualified to be a Co-Chair of the Congress?

I have dedicated my life to fighting alongside my brothers and sisters against the injustices placed upon us First Nations Peoples. Through this ongoing struggle I have benefited greatly from the guidance and support of so many within our community. I have been fortunate to have built and maintained strong connections over the past four decades, which is demonstrated by my current role as the National Aboriginal Person of the Year. I am deeply humbled and honoured by this award and thank all those in the Indigenous community and all Australians who considered me an appropriate choice.

In vital that we have a strong voice and I believe that I can provide that voice on behalf of National Congress of Australia First Peoples Members. As the CEO of the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA since 1995, this position and previous roles in community and government management have provided me with extensive experience and skills and the opportunity to work with key stakeholders across all levels.

My entire life has been driven by my commitment to social justice and human rights of our people, and the forming of lifelong relationships began even before I embarked upon my teaching. We need a young man in remote Northern Territory. New South Wales and my own Country, Nyungar country in Western Australia.

Over 30 years later, those lifelong experiences, friendships and shared struggles have been pivotal in providing me with the strength to advocate for our people, with the added responsibility of now looking ahead to the future for my own children and grandchildren.

What do you see as the most important three issues that the Congress must tackle in its first term?

- Engaging with our Aboriginal Communities to expand, strengthen and develop the National Congress so that it is a truly representative body.
- Stating our position on constitutional reform and ensuring that there is widespread inter-generational, cross-country engagement of all Indigenous aspirations of our First Nations Peoples.
- Sustaining self-determination. What are the main obstacles to achieving a better deal for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

There needs to be a change in community perceptions, because having middle Australia on side will affect what the Government should or should not do and result in policy change.

As Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities we must continue the affirming process of de-colonialization and we need to advocate for the Indigenisation of this country’s public dialogue through education, policy and social discourse so that non-Indigenous Australians can free themselves of their colonial consciousness and join with First Nations Peoples to walk forward in a proud and equitable partnership.

Do you have a message for those considering a vote for you?

I am the genuine product of someone who has worked for our communities and will be my best. I will listen to communities about what they want and need and I will lead through listening.

I can assure you that I will do everything in my power to ensure that we are not only influential but also valuable to our important contributions.

Who or what inspires you?

The strength and resilience of our communities in what can only be described as a difficult life. I am proud of the humanity and humility of our people and the survival of our Aboriginal spirit in metropolitan, regional, remote and rural Australia.

Michelle Deshong

Why are you most qualified to be a Co-Chair of the Congress?

I am passionate about Indigenous affairs and the Congress can shape the way we participate in the political system, build effective relationships and advocate for change. I have extensive leadership experience in a personal, community and professional basis and my skills will help lead and shape the Congress to be inclusive and dynamic. My background also includes:

- Senior manager in the public service working with professional and community responsibilities
- Australian NGO delegation to the United Nations
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) – Indigenous women’s political participation
- Elected representative to ATSIC and various boards
- Leadership training and development
- ACT Aboriginal Person of the Year (2001)

What do you see as the most important three issues that the Congress must tackle in its first term?

- To build strong and effective relationships with stakeholders and the need to expand partnerships with government and others in order to begin the process of consultation and advocacy.
- High priority to advance work in the human rights area, particularly in relation to key international conventions including the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- The role of Congress will be to negotiate with government ensuring these key issues are part of government policy reform and are accountable for the elements of the conventions it has signed up to.

- This position has identified a 50:50 gender equity approach and it is important to not only ensure that we have mechanisms to engage with our communities, but to particularly capture the voice of Indigenous women in this National space. It will also mean the creation of opportunities for leadership and engagement across the country.

What are the main obstacles to achieving a better deal for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

- Lack of cohesion, or appropriate mechanisms for consultation with Indigenous peoples.
- Limited relationships with key stakeholders across a broad range of sectors.
- Accountability for International Conventions and Human Rights issues.
- Lack of inclusion for women.

Do you have a message for those considering a vote for you?

Yes – I have the experience, I am a part of the community, I have worked in the community, I have represented the community and this inspires me to address the challenges I meet in public life and service.

I am committed to a continuity plan by ensuring our young people are walking the journey with me and we do not discriminate against anyone.

Who or what inspires you?

People who achieve under adversity inspire me, particularly those who have made great personal sacrifices. But I am most inspired by my family as I watch them take on their responsibility in raising my grandchildren. They are my heroes.

Richard Frankland

Why are you most qualified to be a Co-Chair of the Congress?

I’ve worked my way through the ranks of Aboriginal and Islander affairs. I started out as a field officer of an ALS, then a field
I am committed to ensuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a voice in all issues that affect their lives.

What do you see as the most important three issues the Congress must tackle in its first term?

First, and foremost the Congress needs to build a strong membership base. Legitimacy is critically important in order to fully represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Secondly, gaining recognition, respect and trust from Indigenous bodies and organisations is essential to becoming a strong governing body, so that we can work together to improve the lives of our people.

Thirdly, formal relationships with our partners need to be defined and agreed if we are to be successful.

What are the main obstacles to achieving a better deal for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

Governments continue to think they know what’s best for Aboriginal people and we need full and forthright partnerships where the views of Aboriginal people are valued and informed.

There’s a degree of apathy and a lack of cohesiveness in the community that works against positive change and this needs to be overcome.

Do you have a message for those considering a vote for you?

If you want strong leadership of the Congress so that it is a respected voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people then you can expect that from me. If you want a Co-Chair who engages at the community level and listens to member’s views and represents those views in our dealings, then you can expect that from me. My role will be about the congress making a positive difference in the lives of all of Australia’s First People.

Who or what inspires you?

I am constantly inspired by the men, women, Elders and youth in our communities, who have sought to make positive change for our people against obstacles and challenges – whether it’s an Elder passing on culture, a young person excelling in education or an organisation delivering a service to improve the lives of the members of that community – they deserve admiration.

Jody Broun

Why are you most qualified to be a Co-Chair of the Congress?

I would like to think that I am similarly qualified as my colleagues who have made themselves available for candidature. Actually, it is rather intimidating to consider the personal qualities that the other candidates possess, and I am grateful for just being considered along side the calibre of such people. One thing I have learned is things like this tend to be more important about the journey as they are about the final outcome. I have to believe in my ability and trust my judgment. Both have served me well throughout my life.

What do you see as the most important three issues the Congress must tackle in its first term?

This is a very difficult question. All issues that affect us from what affect the Congress are from need urgent attention.

I guess that I would (if elected) promote Indigenous health, particularly mental health including that of our young people in custody and our Elders, and sustainable living and quality of life for Indigenous peoples, which focuses on education and employment and financial independence such as reductions in welfare dependency.

I would probably ask for a thorough and independent review of the Northern Territory Intervention, including a bona fide consultation with the affected communities and other key stakeholders, particularly where welfare quarantining is concerned.

What are the main obstacles to achieving a better deal for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

- Ideologies and manifested sociological stereotyping
- Fundamental underpinning of oppression, when we practise the ‘tall poppy syndrome’, and above all friendship is the most important thing, which is not possible.

Is there someone who has inspired you to run?

I am inspired by Indigenous self-determination our resilience, longevity as First Nation Peoples and our continual quest for sovereignty.

My wife Shirley inspires me also. She is a deeply inscrutable person, with a big heart, passion and commitment to social justice, refugee rights and the law, which is second to none.

She has been my rock for longer than I care to remember and without her I am only half a person.

She is an inspiration, friend. Her love, guidance, support and above all friendship is the fundamental underpinning resonance for my candidature nomination.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is here by given that Ngululah Aboriginal Land Council will be conducting a clean-up of the Nimbin Rocks Property commencing March 21, 2011.

All waste, vehicles, buildings and materials will be removed from the site at this time.

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Wendy King Chairperson,
Ngululah Aboriginal Land Council

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European MPs told of mine fears

KAKADU Traditional owners have met with members of the European Parliament to highlight their concerns about the Ranger uranium mine.

Members of the Mirarr clan travelled to Brisbane to voice their worries about the mine’s history of leaks, spills and regulatory breaches.

The mine, run by Rio Tinto’s uranium operator Energy Resources of Australia (ERA), is located on Mirarr land in the boundaries of the world heritage listed Kakadu National Park.

Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation executive officer Justin O’Brien said the presentation came against a backdrop of suspended production at Ranger due to concerns over heavy rains and flooding.

ERA had new plans to expand the mine using controversial acid heap leach technology, Mr O’Brien said.

“International scrutiny comes at a critical time for the Mirarr people and is very welcome,” he said.

“The ongoing operations at Ranger, combined with renewed pressure for expansion, threaten the natural and cultural values for which Kakadu is listed as world heritage.”

“ERA’s current difficulties highlight the company’s inability to safely manage its existing operations and cast serious doubts over its capacity to manage any expansion.”

Understand

Mr O’Brien said European nations using nuclear-generated electricity needed to understand there was a social and environmental cost at the start of the nuclear fuel cycle.

“I think it’s well understood in Europe there are problems with the processing middle points of the cycle and of course the handling of the waste, but it’s little understood that there is a great social upheaval at the front end of that cycle,” he said.

The briefing followed a series of meetings in Brussels in 2010 between Mirarr representatives and members of the European Parliament.

Speaking through an interpreter, Mirarr Elder Annie Ngalmirama said the people’s key concerns included mine waste and water management, contamination threats and the long-term social and cultural impacts of mining.

“We want them to understand what is involved in mining uranium on our land and the effects it has on Aboriginal people,” she said.

Because of our beliefs about the spiritual element of the land, damage to the land affects our lives in a spiritual sense.

“We have many worries and fears about our land and what’s happening to it, and we tried to convey those concerns to the European delegation, but we don’t know what they made of all this.

“We can’t know what they think, but we did our best.”

Suicide ripping apart region

By LIZ MURRAY

WA

THE Kimberley region of Western Australia has been rocked by a spate of Aboriginal self-harm, with 11 confirmed suicides since October and more than 60 attempts.

The WA Government has sent five health-related ‘clinicians’ in recent weeks to help address the crisis, but the Opposition says not nearly enough is being done.

Long-serving WA Labor MP Tom Stephens blames the suicides on Government failure leading to ‘money being wasted on bureaucrats who buy flash cars’.

WA Minister for Mental Health Helen Morton says the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council (KAMSC) is working with the Government to develop longer-term ‘community action plans’ in conjunction with the Commonwealth-funded Standby program, delivered by Kinway.

Crisis

Ms Morton said the five extra staff – she would not say exactly what they were – had been sent to ‘various towns to respond to the immediate crisis’. She said support was being offered to those affected by the deaths.

“Suicide is a major concern amongst the whole community and the impact of the suicides are far reaching,” the Minister said.

Opposition Mental Health spokesperson Lijannah Ravlich said the recent spate of suicides is only the tip of the iceberg, and that suicide is an increasing problem in many communities and access to proper mental health services in a timely manner is a critical issue.

Problems

She claimed 188 mental health positions in WA were vacant, adding to the problems.

“The Mental Health Commission 2010 Annual report clearly showed 27 per cent of clients surveyed were not able to see a psychiatrist when they wanted to,” Ms Ravlich said.

She said the Government had used only $500,000 of $13 million allocated in 2009 for the WA State Suicide Prevention Strategy for young people, young men, Aboriginal people and people in rural and regional Western Australia.

“Clearly many Indigenous people in remote communities don’t have access to services,” she said.

INDIGENOUS musician Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu ‘owns’ his mother five copies of the iconic music magazine, Rolling Stone. That’s because the Arnhem Land sensation is the featured artist on the cover of the April edition, and as the Dr Hook song goes ... ‘Gonna see my picture on the cover, gonna buy five copies for my mother’.

Apparently he has been humming that line and chuckling ever since hearing the news. The cover caps a startling rise for the artist, whose 2008 self-titled debut album soared around the world, winning many awards and reaching double platinum status. The cover coincides with the release on 8 April of his latest album, Pukal, which was recorded in New York and Byron Bay, New South Wales. 'Pukal' taps into old songs from Gurrumul’s band, his family’s songwriting, his new material and presents a choice of songs that reflect deeper into his Aboriginal identity. 

Also showcased for the first time are his exceptional skills on piano, drums, nylon string acoustic guitar, electric and acoustic guitars.

The album will be released in Europe later this year, but before that Gurrumul will headline at the West Coast Blues and Roots Festival on 17 April, and at the Byron Bay Blues Festival on 24 and 25 April.

Born blind, Gurrumul grew up as a member of the Gurrumul clan on Elcho Island, off the coast of tropical north east Arnhem Land.
WA taser victim will seek compo

By ELIZABETH MURRAY

PERTH tasering victim Kevin Spratt is to seek compensation after being cleared of wrongdoing by the West Australian Supreme Court. Justice Stephen Hall last month quashed Mr Spratt’s conviction for obstruction, saying his guilty plea had stemmed from an incorrect statement supplied to the court by Constable Brett Fowler.

There was widespread public anger following the release of video evidence showing Mr Spratt surrounded by police in the Perth Watch House and being tasered repeatedly. Mr Spratt had told a WA Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) inquiry into the 2008 incident that he had a limited recollection of the traumatic incident.

Const Fowler, appearing in December at the CCC inquiry into Mr Spratt’s treatment, admitted he had ‘unwittingly supplied a false statement of material facts to the court after inaccurate information from his colleagues’.

The video of the first tasering incident at the Perth Watch House showed Mr Spratt had not been obstructing police, and Const Fowler said Internal Affairs investigators reprimanded him before Mr Spratt went to court, but the incorrect statement was not amended.

Const Fowler said he had, at that time, asked how he could correct the statement and an Internal Affairs investigator told him ‘to leave it’. The constable said he ‘could not recall the investigator’s name’.

Stephen Pengils said the outcome quashed the notion his client had been tasered as a result of some unlawful behaviour.

He lamented that ‘the system’ had failed his client, who was charged by an officer not present at the time of the alleged offence, who had failed to verify if the allegation was true, did not correct it and then did not inform the court.

Mr Pengils said his client would be filing for compensation.

Meanwhile, WA Police Commissioner Karl O’Callaghan has launched an inquiry into whether officers perverted the course of justice in the Spratt case.

Opposition attorney-general spokesman John Quigley and Mr O’Callaghan met in Perth last week to discuss the case. Mr Quigley was critical of police and the commissioner in WA Parliament last month. He has since stepped back from strong criticism of Mr O’Callaghan.

After their meeting, Mr Quigley said the commissioner indicated he would initiate an inquiry into whether there had been a perversion of the course of justice by any officers, and WA Police internal affairs unit staff would not be involved.

By ELIZABETH MURRAY

Moruya is venue for Seafood Luncheon

MORUYA on the NSW south coast will host this year’s Carwoola Elders Seafood Luncheon.

The event, usually held in Sydney, will be over two days (21-22 March) at the Moruya Showground.

As well as the seafood luncheon, there will be entertainment, dancing, a community barbecue and health checks.

For more details on the event, organised this year by the Carwoola Council of Elders and the Mogo Local Aboriginal Land Council, call (02) 6268 6163.

Agius presides over SA resources board

SOUTH Australian Native Title Services Chief Executive Officer Parry Agius has been named the presiding member of the State’s Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board.

The board area covers the far north-west of South Australia.

Mr Agius has been a member of the Alinytjara Wilurara NRM Board since 2008 and has a long history of working to improve the management of natural resources in the region.

Health Showcase is planned for Perth

THE National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) is presenting an Aboriginal Health Showcase this Sunday, 13 March, as part of a lead-up event to the 11th biennial National Rural Health Conference being held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The showcase, which starts at 11am, is designed to provide health professionals with an Aboriginal community controlled perspective across the States and Territories, while also examining best practice governance models in health.

The showcase costs $66 to attend, which includes lunch. For more details go to http://11nrhc.ruralhealth.org.au/pre-conference-meetings

Agreement aimed at building more jobs

AN agreement aimed at generating jobs for Aboriginal people in south-west Sydney has been put in place. NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Paul Lynch signed of the Job Compact between the NSW Government, SR Constructions and local Aboriginal people.

Job compacts are written agreements between the Government and local decision-makers that identify the best way to deliver jobs for Aboriginal people.

Mr Lynch said SR Constructions, a multi-trade construction company, was providing leadership by breaking down barriers to employment for Aboriginal people.

Justice agency gets new Darwin office

THE North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) has bought a new Darwin office building at 61 Smith Street, with support from the Federal Attorney-General’s office and the Aboriginal Benefits Account.

NAAJA Chairperson Norman George said the new office allowed the organisation to have all its Darwin staff in the one office.

He said NAAJA would continue to provide high quality and culturally appropriate legal aid services for Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory, as well as services in community legal education, prisoner care and advocacy and welfare rights services.

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First Australians prove

Just a small part of the contingent marching behind the First Australians banner.

Michael Doyle, of Perth, showed his pride.

Dylan Thomas, Lawrence Shearer and Duncan Berry after the parade.

Kim Hill, Bianca Cruse and Sandy Cruse after the parade. Kim and Sandy are sisters, and Bianca is Sandy’s daughter.

Marchers make their way past the grandstand, where they received a rousing reception.

Priscilla Samuals and Barbara Boney showed their colours.
THOUSANDS turned out on Saturday night to wave and cheer the 34th annual Mardi Gras parade. And, as always, the contingent of First Australians proved a favourite, with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander marchers, and their supporters, receiving huge cheers as they moved along the parade route.

Despite a torrential downpour at the start, the rain failed to dampen the spirits of the thousands taking part in the parade, and the tens of thousands lining the streets – in fact, the rain brought on a frenzy of cheering and dancing.

Uncle Max Eulo, riding in the back of a truck, managed to keep his fire burning, providing a mobile smoking ceremony along the parade route.

The Indigenous contingent also used speech bubbles, with messages including ‘Stop Hate Crimes’, ‘We Have Survived’, and ‘Free, Gay and Happy’. “It’s my first Mardi Gras and first parade and I’m having an absolute ball,” he told The Koori Mail.

Destiny was equally as exuberant, especially as she was to perform at the main party held in Moore Park later in the evening.

The parade featured more than 100 floats.

Brides and brides and grooms and grooms featured heavily, in addition to cheerleaders, nuns, vampires and ‘Dancing Antoinettes’. ‘Tony Abbott’ in Speedos and ‘Julia Gillard’ in a wedding dress talked equality through speech bubbles.

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Wujal Wujal mayor Desmond Tayley and local SES controller Garry Ashworth at the washed out causeway, which will be replaced with a bridge.

By CHRISTINE HOWES

QLD

PLANS to construct a new bridge connecting the north and south sides of the small Aboriginal community of Wujal Wujal on the Bloomfield River, south of Cooktown, have been fast-tracked in the wake of huge rains following Cyclone Yasi earlier last month.

Queensland Main Roads Minister Craig Wallace and Member for Cook Jason O’Brien made the announcement last week, although they were vague on exactly how long the new bridge would take to build.

Wujal Wujal mayor Desmond Tayley said the lack of roadway over the river had severely affected the town.

“The current status is we’re running the SES boat, but that’s only a limited service so we’ve been in discussions with the Department of Communities about other ways to try and get people across from the southern side,” he said.

“A number of key people live on the other side of the river, and not to mention those who don’t have access to a boat, it’s a big inconvenience to them.

“Those who work here, especially for the council, are taking much longer to get to work.

“They’ve got to launch their boats and get ready, and that all takes longer than normal so that does impact on our services to the community as well.

“There are three or four other families living over there who have kids who have to get to school and kindy, a grandfather and other elderly people.

“Those who have to access medical services, shopping for supplies, Centrelink – all of those services – are being greatly inconvenienced.

“Overall I think the fast-track is very good news. This project has been on the backburner for a very long time and it’s good to see it come forward even if it’s unfortunate that it’s happened this way, it’s a godsend.”

Mr Wallace said the $5.5 million project was jointly funded by the State and Federal governments and would significantly improve flood-proofing and access to remote Cape York communities.

Mr Wallace said that severe damage had increased the urgency of the project.

“Our engineers have already selected a suitable location and completed preliminary drilling and a hydraulic analysis,” he said.

“We expect to commence construction later this year.”

Mr Tayley said he hoped the wet season would not delay the start of construction.

MP calls police racist for shutting hotels

WEST Australian police have been branded racist for shutting pubs during Aboriginal funerals. Liberal MP Barry Haase told Federal Parliament that the pub closures were a heavy-handed response by police, and unfair to pub owners.

Mr Haase said a business had the right to keep its doors open and make a profit, and Aboriginal people had the right to buy a beer like any other Australian.

He said shutting pubs was an admission by police that they did not have adequate resources to deal with anti-social behaviour.

“More and more we are finding that because authorities have no satisfactory explanation for the consumption of alcohol to excess in our communities, they shut establishments down and simply send the guilty elsewhere to purchase their alcohol at inflated prices at the penalty of the innocent who are denied the opportunity to buy a legal substance,” he said.

“In the Middle East we are trying to establish democracy, across the globe we are trying to stamp out racial practices and yet when there is an Indigenous funeral to be held in my regional centres in Western Australia, because either of the misguided nature of the West Australian police force or their inability to maintain law and order in these communities, they impose their draconian attitudes ... in these towns.”

WA Police Assistant Commissioner for regional WA Mick Bunnby rejected Mr Haase’s criticism.

He said decisions to close licensed premises and restrict alcohol sales were based on risk assessments and were not taken lightly.

He said some closures were in response to anti-social behaviour in and around licensed premises, while others were based on intelligence that there was a potential safety or security threat to the broader community.

“Officers make their assessments based on information they have at hand, and in many cases, the closures and restrictions are negotiated within local liquor accords to reduce risk and improve the safety of all members of the community,” he said.
From Sweden with love

By ALF WILSON

THE North Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island couldn’t be more different than freezing Sweden during winter. Palm is a tropical paradise where the temperature is usually more than 30 degrees.

By comparison, many parts of Sweden at the moment are covered in snow and it is as cold as minus-20 degrees.

Early last year, Swedish photographer Maria Eriksson was visiting north Queensland and jumped at the opportunity to see Palm Island.

The 23-year-old stayed for two nights on the island and got to look at all the beaches, the sea and other attractions. “I just loved Palm Island and saw so many horses and the people were so friendly,” she said.

While on Palm, Maria went to a training session of the Butler Bay Bulls rugby league team, enjoyed watching the local boxers work out, and also visited the bush camp home of Tim Miller who is now with Palm Bwgcolman Radio.

Mr Miller has Aboriginal and Scandinavian family lines. Maria returned to Sweden last May and has contacted The Koori Mail a number of times saying she had told many people back home about Palm Island. “Many over here would like to visit Palm Island if they ever come to Australia,” she said.

Early this month, Maria went out into the snow near her home and wrote the message pictured for her many friends on Palm Island.

“I will certainly return to visit Palm Island next time I am in Australia,” she said.

Kimberley foundation established

A NEW foundation designed to help Kimberley Aboriginal people take control of their future has been launched. The Ambooriny Burru Foundation will be funded by a new business entity called KRED Enterprises, which will be headed up by Wayne Bergmann.

Mr Bergmann is stepping down from his role as head of the Kimberley Land Council to take up the position.

KLC co-chairs Tom Birch and Frank Davey said the foundation fulfilled a long-term vision of traditional owners.

“The KLC is proud of the work it has done to get back country, look after country and get control of our futures and we will continue to do that,” the co-chairs said.

“Now we are taking the next step forward, so we can provide our children and grandchildren with the same opportunities as all other Australians.

“This is about creating a prosperous future for our people.”

The KLC has also established KRED Enterprises, which will seek out and develop business and job opportunities for Kimberley Aboriginal people, on behalf of the foundation.

The KLC Board has appointed Mr Nolan Hunter will hold the position of acting CEO of the KLC, while a formal recruitment process for the position is undertaken.

“I am very excited to be starting in this new role immediately,” Mr Bergmann said.

“Now we are taking the next step forward, so we can provide our children and grandchildren with the same opportunities as all other Australians.

“This is about creating a prosperous future for our people.”

Philanthropist Frank Davey said the foundation would help to provide traditional owners with training, real jobs and business opportunities.”

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He’s on the way back

By KIRSTIE PARKER

ARCHIE ROACH remembers the first time, 19 years ago, that world music came en masse to Adelaide’s leafy Botanic Park.

“I didn’t know what to expect,” he confesses. “But people from all round the world were there and playing different instruments and singing their own languages. It was something I had never seen before. I was honoured, privileged to be able to perform at the first one... it was magic.”

Archie is talking about the inaugural WOMADelaide festival held in 1992, the same year Rolling Stone magazine featured the then 35-year-old’s debut solo album Charcoal Lane in its Top 100 Albums list.

Nearly two decades later and a lot of water has passed under a bridge that Roach and his splendid music have done much to build.

WOMADelaide 2011, where Roach will perform in several different formats this weekend, will occur in a very different world.

The music, arts and dance festival, co-founded by musician Peter Gabriel, is now firmly established in various locations around the globe.

And Archie, with a further four acclaimed albums under his belt, is now very much a musical ‘old hand’. Songs such as Took The Children Away, Charcoal Lane, Weeping in the Forest, Down City Streets, Jamu Dreaming, and A Child Was Born Here – many sung in instantly recognisable treble – and countless accolades and high-profile collaborations have made him a virtual household name across the country.

Sadly, one of the starkest changes will be that the woman who long stood and sang by his side, his wife, fellow Stolen who long stood and sang by his side, his wife, fellow Stolen

His wife, fellow Stolen

The then 35-year-old returned to Ruby Hunter, is there no more.

Ruby died suddenly from a heart attack in February 2010, devastating Archie’s world.

With friends and family rallying around him, for much of last year he led tributes for the woman he often called ‘Mum’, as she was known to the large extended family they raised together.

Then, in October, the 54-year-old himself suffered a stroke while on tour in Western Australia’s Kimberley region.

In the months that followed, Archie withdrew to Ruby’s country near Berri in South Australia’s Riverland where, surrounded by children and grandchildren, he began to rebuild his physical and emotional strength.

There’s no doubt that his appearance at WOMADelaide will come as a huge relief to many who were wondering what more would be heard of the eloquent Ojab Wurum and Bundjalung storyteller.

“I’m pretty good now. I’m still recovering but am getting better and better every day,” he says. “I have been writing some new songs and will hopefully record them soon.

“I’m taking a bit of a different life direction because of what happened last year. It’s all about getting better. A lot of my music was about that in the past, but it is now focused on healing and moving on.”

“Ruby had been writing a few songs she wanted to record before she passed away too, and hopefully I will record them down the track with other people.”

Archie agrees that it can be easier to sing than talk about some things.

“It’s why I started singing in the first place,” he says. “I was never much of a talker until I met Ruby. She brought that out in me. She helped me to talk about things that I probably wouldn’t have before. Sitting up there with a guitar and singing something that comes from deep inside is very therapeutic... a release.”

That’s certainly true for the song that pretty much started it all for Archie, the anthemic Took The Children Away, which tells the story of the many Aboriginal people forcibly removed from their families under past government policies.

It is fitting that the song, which includes the line ‘The children came back, is now playing a major part of Archie’s return to more public life.

At WOMADelaide, he will perform much of his and Ruby’s combined 20-year repertoire with son Amos and nephew David Arden. But he’ll do another separate show called ‘Iconic Songs’, with old friends and fellow western Victorians Shane Howard and Neil Murray.

“We are presenting our songs that we’re best known for – Shane with Solid Rock, Neil with My Island Home and myself with Took The Children Away – and we’ll be talking about those songs and the inspiration behind them, how we went about writing them,” he says of the songs, which also inspired a set of children’s books published last year.

“We hope they’re songs that talk to blackfellas and whitefellas. Most people who’ve come up to me, both black and white, say they can either identify or empathise with the story of the children being taken away.

“I never get sick of singing that song, even more so since the national apology (to the Stolen Generations).

“I think that each time I sing it, I give it just a bit more. Nobody else in the country wanted to touch the apology but Kevin Rudd, when he was Prime Minister, decided to step up to lead by example. It wasn’t just a brave thing, it was the right thing.”

It is just like Archie to acknowledge others.

“I have so many inspirations,” he says with humility. “Ruby and I raised up a lot of kids, and my children and grandchildren inspire me a lot. Life and everyday people are a big inspiration to me because I love to not so much talk to people as listen to them. It does wonders for a person to just be still and listen to someone else talk about their life and how they probably came through things. You never know what you’ll learn.”

With WOMADelaide offering opportunities to both perform and listen to others, Archie is keener than ever to get back to the craft he loves.

“For me, music is today what it has always been... a good place to be,” he says.

Archie Roach will perform two seated shows on Stage 3 at WOMADelaide 2011 – the first at 8.30pm on the Sunday. For more details, see program guide or www.womadelaide.com.au
Nami Kulyuru (seated on far left) with some of her fellow APY artists who created the work for Tjukurpa Mulapa Tjukaritja – Sacred Stories from Australia.

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IT is often said that the annual WOMADelaide festival offers ‘a feast’ of music, arts and dance. Each year, the festival program features performances and workshops by some of the world’s best musicians, dancers and DJs, alongside street theatre and visual artists, artist talks, food, crafts and display stalls and activities for kids.

Headliners at this year’s festival in Adelaide’s Botanic Park from Friday to Monday, 11-14 March, include punk-reggae icon Don Letts, pioneering British DJ Norman Jay and Nigerian singer-songwriter Asa. But, while most of the 550 artists on the packed bill will be from overseas, some of the tastiest treats to be served up will be home-grown and from within Aboriginal Australia.

As in previous years, WOMADelaide 2011 will begin with an opening ceremony conducted by the traditional owners of the Adelaide Plains area, the Kaurna people. This ceremony will take place at 6.05pm on Friday, on Stage 1.

Dawin songbird Leah Flanagan will perform two shows on the Moreton Bay Stage – at 1pm on Saturday, 12 March and again at 7.15pm on Monday, 14 March. Since releasing her first solo album Nirvana Nights last October, Flanagan has played virtually every major festival in the country and WOMADelaide and the East Coast Blues and Roots Festival at Byron Bay next month will only raise her profile further.

With Aboriginal, Italian and Irish heritage and training in opera, Flanagan blends folk, soul and country in an eclectic style that has impressed the likes of American star Jimmy Buffett.

“Leah Flanagan is a flash from the past, in the style of Maria Muldaur and Bonnie Raitt, as she dances and sings her way into your heart as she heads for what I believe will be a promising future,” Buffett declared after she was the support act for his sell-out Sydney shows.

“Who could not be charmed by a beautiful woman, strumming a lovely ukulele and singing her own thoughtful yet carefree songs?”

It’s an apt description of Flanagan who, at age 26, has been singing for more than 20 years and wields a mean ukelele.

The title song from her album comes from the name of a small bar in Darwin. Described as both ‘defiantly sexy’ and ‘elegant’, the venue has a long history of supporting local performers. Other offerings include Ayawarre Girl about Flanagan’s grandmother, a member of the Stolen Generations who died last August.

“My Nan was born into a world that didn’t want to accept her but she still remained the most forgiving person ever,” says Flanagan. “She never had hatred in her heart, was never jaded and that’s what made her so beautiful. I think about her every time I sing it.”

Flanagan says she’s looking forward to WOMADelaide.

“It is so beautiful because of the world music aspect,” she says. “You’re playing with people who are the biggest artists in their home country in places I’ll probably never get to go, so it’s great.”

That same sense of rare opportunity underpins Tjukurpa Mulapa Tjukaritja – Sacred Stories from Australia, an open-air exhibition of stunning art from SA’s Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunkuytjara (APY) Lands.

Much of the remote lands are protected by permits, which means only a few lucky outsiders will ever get to see such work created on country, and the stories behind it told in person.

Tjukurpa Mulapa Tjukaritja will feature 20 original painted flags telling stories of Ngintaka Dreaming, about the Perentie Lizard Man who so loved the food of one of his country, and the stories of Ngintaka and the stories of Ngintaka and the Perentie Lizard Man who so loved the food of one of his country in places I’ll probably never get to go, so it’s great.”

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Welcome project for artists

By ELIZABETH MURRAY

FOUR female artists are creating Aboriginal healing imagery that will greet people as they enter a major hospital scheduled to open in Perth in 2014.

The Percent for Art design project for the main entrance of Perth’s Fiona Stanley Hospital has been awarded to the group of Aboriginal artists based at the Kidogo Art Institute in Fremantle.

The group includes Deborah Bonar, Ella Taylor, Wendy Hayden and Institute director Joanna Robertson.

The artists aim to bring to the hospital art project skills and knowledge from different language groups across Western Australia, guided by Noongar Elder Wendy Hayden.

Ms Hayden says the artwork will showcase flora and fauna from the hospital site, which was formerly a wetlands area.

The artwork for a series of windows will feature insects, frogs, lizards and local grasses, which incorporate distinctive Aboriginal motifs. A single ochre colour will be used for the window designs.

Connection

Joanna Robertson said the group had looked at the art and culture of every WA language group, so patients and their families would be able to feel a connection to their country when they arrived at the hospital.

Ms Robertson said the artists had tried to weave the names of all the language groups of Western Australia through the stems of the plants.

She said the fact that the artists came from different areas meant they had access to broader cultural knowledge to make the entrance more welcoming for Aboriginal people.

“All the insects and grasses we’re using are from the actual site where the hospital is, and the design is something bright and bold and beautiful to make people feel welcome when they come in,” she said.

The other collaborating artists are Kidja woman Ella Taylor and Deborah Bonah, who has a Kidja/Yamatji background.

Elder farewelled

By MARGARET SMITH

ST MARY’S Cathedral in Sydney was packed on 21 February for the State Funeral of respected Sydney Elder Aunty Sylvia Scott.

Aunty Sylvia died at age 83 on 11 February after a long illness.

A guard of honour was formed by the La Perouse Dharawal Dancers, and Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu’s music accompanied photographs honouring Aunty Sylvia’s life.

Bagpipes were played by Kyo Blakenev and the welcome to country was given by Charles (Chicka) Madden. A tribute was delivered by NSW Governor Marie Bashir.

“Countless members of the wider community came to know and respect Aunty Sylvia through her dignified and sincere words, when providing a welcome to country, but many others who have been described as the dispossessed, the alienated, and the homeless were also grateful recipients of her endless compassion and hope,” the Governor said.

NSW Premier Kristina Keneally spoke of Aunty Sylvia’s gentle manner, “which could belie the strength, the passion, the fire’. She said she admired Aunty Sylvia’s ability to fight for causes for her people, especially through her care for child education and Murrawina pre-school, adult education through TAFE, and being a founding member of the Wyanga Aged Care Program.

The Premier also recalled how moved she was to have Aunty Sylvia and Millie Ingram in the NSW parliamentary chamber.

“It was the day that our Parliament that day were Australians ... who had not been recognised by this State’s Constitution until that very day... And even though I was a recent immigrant myself, all they offered me ... was patience and support,” said the Premier.

Eulogies were also given on behalf of Aunty Sylvia’s family by Norma, Millie and Donna Bonar, and tributes given by Dr Lawrence Bamblett, on behalf of the Wiradjuri/Cowra community, Dr Shane Williams on behalf of the La Perouse community, and Shane Phillips from Tribal Warrior on behalf of the Redfern community.

Margaret Campbell spoke on behalf of Aunty Sylvia’s friends, to whom she said she was always honest and loving.

“When she didn’t like something she would say so, but she would always follow up with I still love you,” she said.

Readings were delivered by Susan Bryant and Father Barry Brundell. The service ended with a performance of the Dharawal Dancers, and the final committal at Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park.

Pallbearers carry the coffin of Aunty Sylvia Scott at St Mary’s Cathedral in Sydney. AAP image
Heritage listing for Weld

The culturally significant Weld Range in Western Australia’s mid west has been placed on the National Heritage List. The Weld Range, about 60kms north-west of the township of Cue in the Murchison district of Western Australia, is of significant cultural importance to the traditional owners of the area, the Wajarri Yamatji people, as well as neighbouring Indigenous groups.

The 45ha area of the National Heritage Listing includes Wilgie Mia, Little Wilgie Mia and the Marlu Resting Place. These sites contain sacred law grounds, Dreamtime places, thousands of examples of rock art, extensive archaeological material, and the Wilgie Mia red ochre mine.

Wilgie Mia is thought to be one of the world’s oldest mines, with estimates placing it at about 27,000 years old. The heritage listed area includes the red ochre mine at Wilgie Mia (Thuwarri Thaa), the smaller yet significant ochre mines at Little Wilgie, as well as a yellow ochre mine further to the west.

Ochre from Wilgie Mia has long been prized by Aboriginal people as being of exceptionally high quality, and it formed an important part of the Indigenous economy through trade networks before European arrival. Colin Hamlett, a Wajarri Yamatji man and traditional owner of the Weld Range, said ochre from Wilgie Mia and Little Wilgie Mia was still used all the time. “People say it’s the best ochre in Australia,” he said.

The area around Wilgie Mia also has the highest known density of pictographic rock art in southern Western Australia.

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation CEO Simon Hawkins said his organisation was proud to have assisted the Wajarri Yamatji people gain this protection for their country.

“Then the spirit of the kangaroo moved from Wilgie Mia to the hill right next door to it.” Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation CEO Simon Hawkins said his organisation was proud to have assisted the Wajarri Yamatji people gain this protection for their country.

“The Weld Range remains an important place for Wajarri Yamatji families to camp, hunt and collect traditional bush food and medicine,” he said.

“The inclusion on the National Heritage List will assist Wajarri Yamatji people to manage the area effectively, alongside the growing mining and tourism industries in Western Australia.”

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Australian Government
Indigenous Land Corporation
Something just doesn’t add up! A report from the Productivity Commission has revealed that Australian governments are spending more than double on Indigenous Australians than other Australians when it comes to providing services. And while – given the deplorable state of health for many Indigenous people compared with others – that should be a good thing, the question must be asked: Why isn’t all that money achieving better results?

The sad reality is that despite the bucketloads of cash being thrown at ‘the problem’, the health and well-being of many Indigenous people appears to be going nowhere. Could this be because of the high costs of delivering health and other services to remote locations as the governments contend? Or could it be that the services are costing a fortune because of the top-heavy bureaucracy driving many of these initiatives, coupled with the hunger for profits of contractors willing to make a quick buck off the back of the blackfellas they are meant to be helping?

The answer is probably a combination of the two, but it also indicates that money is not always the solution to problems. What hope do Aboriginal peoples have if the Australian Human Rights Commission’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner is so far disengaged from current issues affecting Indigenous Australians?

– Tangentyere Council CEO Walter Shaw

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Paying a price for poor results

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Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned
Michael Aird with his dogs George and Pepper. Behind him is his extensive library of photographs, accumulated over the past 25 years.

Just before finishing university Michael got his next big break when he was contracted to curate a photography exhibition for a new resort being built on the Gold Coast.

“That was my first opportunity to curate a fairly significant exhibition and I was in total control,” he said. “There were over 90 photos all up.”

Michael said the resort owner wanted photos of Aboriginal people within the landscape – people in ‘traditional scenes’.

“They wanted a stereotypical idea of what Aboriginal culture was,” he said.

I had to argue to get photos in of people owning trucks, droving cattle, working as fishermen, oystermen – still with connection to country, but working within the white man’s economic system.

“Through my edit, I think I had learned enough to argue my point… which I couldn’t have done without my degree.”

While he sourced photos from the usual places like the John Oxley Library and the Queensland Museum, he also used photos from Aboriginal families – including some from his own family’s photo album.

“This was when I realised that often Aboriginal history, from a historical point of view, is drawn from the same institutions or collections,” he said.

“And you realise how bland these photos become.”

Around this time, he knew he was going to work with photos for the rest of his life.

Also in his last year of university came the Queensland Art Gallery exhibition Balance 1990, which included some of Michael’s photos. He said it was the first time a state gallery or major institution had bought and exhibited contemporary urban Aboriginal art.

“It was a big break for Aboriginal artists all over Australia.”

“The Balance exhibition had a big opening with plenty of press, fashion shows, bands and mixing with the big names in the arts industry.

“Here I am in my last year of uni. I was hanging out with some of the key people. I had a box seat to watch things unfold. It was a time of transition.”

Having graduated from UQ with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, next came Portraits of Our Elders, a 1991 exhibition which Michael curated for the Queensland Museum.

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Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel

Young Community Member Representative

Applications are invited from young people of Aboriginal descent for the position of Young Community Representative on the Heritage Council of NSW Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel. Applicants should have a strong cultural association with their local area and Aboriginal community and a genuine interest in Aboriginal cultural heritage.

What does the role involve?
The Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel is responsible for:
- Providing advice to the Heritage Council of NSW on the development, evaluation and renewal of policies and programs for Aboriginal culture and heritage;
- Recommending applications for funding to the Heritage Council of NSW;
- Providing advice to the Heritage Council of NSW on proposed State Heritage Register Listings;
- Assisting in the co-ordination and participation of community consultations on matters for the NSW Department of Planning, Heritage and Arts;
- Assisting the Heritage Council to work with agencies and community bodies responsible for protecting Aboriginal heritage in NSW.

Selection Criteria: Applicants must have the following:
- A keen interest in learning about the issues impacting on Aboriginal heritage;
- The ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people, especially other young Aboriginal people.

Applications are due by 5pm on 25 March 2011.

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Community Member Representative – 4 positions

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Selection Criteria:
- Relevant experience or similar qualifications in the areas of cultural heritage
- Sound knowledge and understanding of the issues impacting Aboriginal cultural heritage matters
- Proven ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people
- Experience in working with Aboriginal communities and organisations
- Ability to provide constructive advice on the development of new directions for Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW
- Strong commitment to cultural rights
- Willing to travel, energetic, motivated and flexible.

Applications are due by 5pm on 25 March 2011.

ONE MOB, ONE LOVE!

Ms Koori Love

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This studio portrait of Michael Aird’s grandfather’s aunties, Katie, Lolly and Clara Williams, appeared on the cover of the Portraits of Our Elders book. Photo by Peter Hyllisted, Beaudesert 1924. Courtesy Doris Yuke Collection.

I know, me stinin’ up real deadly spreadin’ the love to a crowd of 500,000 people! I was in my element! I was a privilege to get my frame out there sharing the love with our mob and supporting my brothers and sistas also up and floating.

These two events have got me percolating with love and bustin’ out with my skin with love for our mob. I’ve learnt it’s important to be a good respected person. A person who is reliable, compassionate and good to your family, A person who is doing good in the community. A person that people say ‘oh there, they real deadly that one’.

It’s not good that I love love – as long as its consensual and respectful of course! If you’ve got the love and respect because of who you are and what you do, it shouldn’t matter. Together we are one strong mob, but hate just divides us. As I say you fallas, homophobia kills Koori culture.

Share the love with your bros, sistas, sistagirls and brothabys at www.mskoorilove.com.au

Aboriginal Visual Histories

About the author

Michael Aird has been an academic for 50 years, and is currently Professor of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander History at Queensland University of Technology, with a broad research focus on the Australian Aboriginal experience, and the culture and arts of Australia’s Indigenous peoples. His writings are widely acclaimed, including his most recent book, Experiencing their Joy, their Pride, their Strength, published in 2010. His works have been translated into French, German, Swedish and Spanish, and his conference papers are included in assorted refereed journals in English and world languages.

Michael has written over 200 articles, and has over 100 books in print. He has received a number of major prizes and awards, including two major grants from the Australian Research Council and the Howard Smith Foundation, and over 1000 people attend his public lectures each year. His current research is being undertaken in the Pacific region.

Michael has a long commitment to museum as an institution. He is a founding director of the Koori Heritage Centre, was a significant force in creation of the new QM Museum of Queensland, and was a significant influence on the development of the Queensland Museum of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art. He is a proponent of the use of museums to allow for a greater cultural understanding and sharing of the history of this much-admired culture.

Read: One mob, one love! by Michael Aird

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

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historians and educators coming with a thrill and then getting Aboriginal people involved as partners.

‘Not all Aboriginal people still weren’t in charge,” he said. “With Portraits of Our Elders I wasn’t partnered with a white curator, I wasn’t brought in as an Aboriginal liaison officer to “Aboriginalise” things,” Michael said that during the course of his research he came across a whole lot of beautiful studio portraits, including a whole lot of his great grandmother’s sisters. “That photo inspired me,” he said. “I decided I wanted to do an exhibition of studio portraits.”

The response to the exhibition was so good that the Queensland Museum committed to turning it into a publication and a travelling exhibition that toured regional centres in Queensland and NSW non-stop for five years. As part of this successful stage, Michael did further research, which included taking more photos out to the community.

He had one example of a staged studio portrait of an Aboriginal woman, which was included in the original exhibition, where family members were able to identify her and provide a group family portrait that was used in the book.

“She had numerous grandchildren still alive,” he said. “The family didn’t know that photos of her were held by the Queensland Museum.

These photos were dead in an original research. “Amongst the old people

who I interviewed, they were really keen to tell me how great their parents were,” he said. “They felt a real responsibility to let the world know that their parents were good, they’re working hard. People. I really felt like the luckiest person alive to be sitting with these people and letting them be sharing the love with their life. Experiencing their joy, their excitement their pain.”

Since starting his own publishing house Koori Press in 1996, Michael has published 24 books and many catalogues and calendars. He also continues his research and writing, and is currently writing a chapter on early Brisbane photographers and their relationship with Aborigines as part of a book being produced by the Aboriginal Visual Histories Project at Monash University.

Michael said that when he was just starting out he’d been hoping to score a career working in the Aboriginal arts and culture field. “I didn’t know whether they’d have to settle for a boring government job probably five years later and I have worked almost exclusively in Aboriginal culture, and to me that’s an achievement,” he said.

The love was just all out of me. There’s so many more opportunities available to young Aboriginal people. There’s set career paths in the arts and cultural heritage industry. I’m so happy for the younger generation.”

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Questions over footy welcome

I ATTENDED the recent All Stars rugby league game at Skilled Park on the Gold Coast and I am writing regarding the welcome to country given during the pre-game entertainment.

In my opinion it was not a welcome to country as such, for a few of reasons.

The uncle did not identify which language group he represented, there was no mention of Elders past or present, there was no mention of other Indigenous peoples, and then he mentioned ‘God’, which I felt was totally out of line with a welcome.

I think it had the effect of denigrating a welcome to country and during such an important undertaking such as this event it should have been done simply and effectively as we are all now used to.

SHORTY WRIGHT
by email

Kombumerri Elder Graham Dillon gives the welcome to country at the All Stars game.

Hate, and why we should not judge

WHY blessed are we to have a paper such as The Koori Mail that allows our diverse opinions to be expressed and clearly show differences of thought.

There are many Australians who have felt the pain and witnessed blatant racism. Rather than label us, they have extended their hands and begun the journey with us to a new era of tolerance.

For me personally, having attended many of the sermons of the Rev. Frank Roberts, this act of friendship witnessed blatant racism. Rather to be expressed and clearly that allows our diverse opinions a paper such as The Koori Mail.

There are many Australians that this 21st century as they talk of love and why we should not judge. I was触手 with such humility. For me, this is a true sign of a knowledge leader. Yes, our history needs to be told. We are the First Peoples of this ancient land. The pain and fear for many in the community is still so real.

I certainly would not label it as hate. So let’s not judge. I was taught it was not the Christian way. Perhaps we should consider our true spirituality and look further into why the pain and pride are intertwined.

RHODA ROBERTS

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The Koori Mail welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Preference will be given to submissions of interest to Indigenous Australians. Please include your town and State of residence, and daytime telephone number for checking purposes. Items may be edited and reproduced.

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Notice of Meeting

All Iman People who have authorised the making of an application for determination of native title on behalf of Iman People # 2 (QUD 6162/1998) and all Aboriginal persons who are descendants of the apical ancestors as set out in this notice are invited to attend a meeting of the claim group.

Agenda:
1. The type, role and nature of an Iman entity.
2. Reconsideration of the decision made at the last authorisation meeting of the Iman People # 2 Claimant Group.
3. Determination of legal representation for the prosecution of the Native Title Claim.
4. Appointment of Solicitor, Accountant for the company and trust.
5. Location and establishment of office.
6. Setting date for AGM and Directors meeting.
7. Rosie of the Dawson (mother of Cissie Henry);
8. Insurance and Banking.
9.   Fanny Waddy/Sandy (mother of Maggie Dunn);
10. Tommy Tommy
11. Dick Bundi/Bundai
12. Nellie Carmody/Dunn

Date: Sunday 27th and Monday 28th March 2011.
Venue: James Lawrence Pavilion, Rockhampton Show Grounds, Exhibition Road, Rockhampton.
Time: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm each day.

Purpose of Meeting:
Sunday 27th March 2011
1. The authorisation of the Applicant for the Native Title Claim and if the meeting so determines, the authorisation of a new Applicant and an application under S66B of the Native Title Act to change Applicant.
2. Reconsideration of the decision made at the last authorisation meeting of the claim group to include descendents of Nellie Carmody/Dunn.
Note: There will be no reconsideration of decisions made at the last authorisation meeting to include descendents of other apical ancestors in the claimant group.
3. Determination of legal representation for the prosecution of the Native Title Claim and future conduct of Native Title claim work and research.

Monday 28th March 2011
The second day will deal with the establishment of a company and trust for the Iman People. The issues to be discussed include:
1. The type, role and nature of an Iman entity.
2. The proposed constitution.
3. Election of Office Bearers.
4. Appointment of Solicitor, Accountant for the company and trust.
5. Location and establishment of office.
6. Setting date for AGM and Directors meeting.
7. Corporate governance.
8. Insurance and Banking.

This is an extremely important meeting for the Iman People # 2. Your attendance and participation is strongly encouraged. We regret to advise that there are no resources available to assist people to attend the meeting. However, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the meeting.

Please register your interest in attending the meeting by contacting Corinne at Sandwood Aboriginal Projects Ltd on 07 32774801 no later than Wednesday 23 March 2011.

The debate about constitutional reform that provides recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is and will be difficult.

As described by Rita Markwell (The Koori Mail, 23 Feb) there will be difficult times ahead and if the expert panel identifies and manages the issues through the maze of opinions to reach a political bipartisan endorsement, membership and united public support, then change is achievable.

I agree with Rita Markwell in her efforts to unpack the issues and concerns, perceived and unforeseen. People on both sides of the debate are going to want to know the answers to the basic questions – Do we need the change? What are the benefits? Will it make a difference negative or positive to their lives and the lives of their children?

The expert panel must ensure they have a public, inclusive debate, and not have it fail because the public are left behind and the process becomes an academic, legal and/or political exercise of posturing.

Many people would not have an informed view at the moment, but given time, will adopt an opinion based on the rhetoric, beliefs and behaviours of our leaders, and/or the people’s opinions they trust.

The panel will also need to compete with the myths, lies, ignorance, racial intolerance, bigotry and perceive advantage and disadvantage, and hold to a belief in the need for change.

Another view describes this process as an appalling exercise of seeking acceptance from this country’s invaders and where another process of word smithing of the Constitution will not protect our people or change the undercurrent of racial intolerance and discrimination in this country.

Whether you think a constitutional change will add value or not to our lives and the lives of our families and our country, the saying ‘only time will tell’ is all we have.

If the effort is not achieved, then another generation will have passed before another opportunity presents itself.

In the meantime, I will continue to sit around the camp fire with our mob debating whether this is or isn’t going to do anything of value for our people.

However, we do agree we must continue to push the envelope.

R WILLIAMS
Ferny Grove, Qld

RACISM, xenophobia, hostility towards refugees, migrants, Asians, Jews, Muslims or Aborigines as with the suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975, or any other expression derived from a perception of the superiority of one group over another, is entirely the product of an imbalance of power between women and men, the primary constituents of community.

If women and men achieve equality, all demographics comprised of women and men achieve equality.

A republic governed by agreement between women’s and men’s legislatures, courts and corporate committees eliminates racism.

PHILIP MCEON
Redfern, NSW

The importance of equality

Constitution challenges all of us

Quarantine our taxes

IN order for we Aboriginal people to have a truly independent voice, the Australian Tax Office must guarantee all Aboriginal-paid taxes into an Aboriginal treasury so we can frame a budget to finance a reply to the White Australian Constitution.

This would also stem the flow of Aboriginal people defecting to the white Australian political parties.

In this era of reconciliation we must have our independence/freedom, to negotiate without fear or favour on the future of these lands.

We can only take our freedom through our own efforts, and creating our own constitution is the first step towards this goal.

For too long now we have been talking from within the ‘white man’s law’, and getting nowhere.

It’s time now to speak from within our law.

DAVID T ROSE
Sydney, NSW
THE Australian Senate knocks up one Senate Inquiry after another, such as the Senate Inquiry on Changes to Australian Noise Exposure Forecasts. Some homes have been insulated to minimise the ‘noise’.

My God, on a needs-first basis what should have been called first? Where is the Senate Inquiry into Australian Deaths in Custody? We have one of the world’s most horrific records.

I am doing my PhD (Law) from a criminological aspect into the extensiveness of Australia’s deaths in custody.

There have been 2056 deaths in custody – police and prisons – between 1982 to 2008. Add another 160-odd since then.

Deaths in custody have increased to a national average of 77 a year. I, and others, including the Australian Human Rights Commission Race and Discrimination Commissioner Graeme Innes, have campaigned to Australian senators to initiate an Inquiry.

Many of us are calling for a Joint Senate Inquiry with the inclusion of experts on the committee.

It is disgraceful, and it is discrimination and racism, that the Senate can knock up inquiries on just about everything that can improve the lives of people who are pretty much the ‘haves’.

It is well overdue for Senate inquiries into Australian deaths in custody; to remedy the treatment of asylum seekers; to eliminate homelessness; to support the inter-generationally poor; to unveil the racial layers in pursuit of the advancement of Aboriginal peoples.

Any Senate committee must include expert panelists.

We will continue to pursue the Senate to initiate an inquiry into Australian deaths in custody. I call on our 76 senators to focus on a triage basis, on a needs-first basis, from the most downtrodden upwards and find the moral propriety to call for the inquiry.

GERRY GEORGATOS
Harrisdale, WA

Family thanks

WE would like to thank all the folks who sent their heartfelt condolences to our family for Sylvia (Ingram) Scott, pictured, on her passing.

These condolences and good wishes told us just how respected Sylvia was by the people she met throughout her life.

There were so many that we found it impossible to thank you all individually.

Please accept our thanks and know that your kindness helped to ease the pain, and helped us as well to know that she was loved and will be missed.

Millie Ingram and Barbara Silva on behalf of the family

Their safety is in your hands

New laws mean that children up to the age of 7 years must be secured in a height and age appropriate child safety seat when travelling in the car.

For more information call 132213 or visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au

Bring the mob home safely

* Child safety seat featured is for children approximately 6 months to 4 years.
ON 23 February we here at the Lyrebird Pre-school Kindergarten in Nowra held a function for the official release of the DVD it’s OK to Say Goodbye.

This DVD was made through the Parent and Community Engagement program (PaCE) supported by Department of Education, Employment, and Work Place Relations (DEEWR). It is a short film that focuses on the importance of Aboriginal children attending a good quality pre-school program before they enter into their schooling years.

This project was developed by our Aboriginal Community Support Worker, Sylvia Timbery, and a group of Aboriginal parents from the pre-school. These parents felt it was important to get the message out to the local Aboriginal community about the benefits of the community’s children attending pre-school prior to going to school.

The DVD features many parents talking about their children in a pre-school environment, the benefits that they have seen and experienced with their children as well as the opportunities that their children have had to learn and experience in a pre-school environment in preparation for school.

The DVD also features a number of community members as well as workers from different services in the Nowra area speaking about the benefits of pre-school for Aboriginal children.

The DVD was also made as a follow-up to a picture book called Growing up Strong that was made by the pre-school with the support of our Aboriginal families to illustrate what happens in a pre-school day. This book is a resource that families can share with their children in preparation for coming to pre-school and show and describe to children what will happen throughout the day in a simple story.

After the completion of the DVD, our families have found that the message throughout the DVD is actually beneficial, not only for our local Aboriginal community, but for all the children in the community as well as children nationwide.

Through conversations in the film as well as through the film footage at the pre-school, a message of the benefits of a pre-school education is given.

We hope to continue to promote and share this important message in our community, but also hope that sharing this DVD and story with the wider Australian community encourages families to enrol their children in a pre-school prior to starting within the schooling system. This will equip families with a greater understanding of the benefits for their children in getting the best start possible in their future schooling and life beyond school, including literacy and numeracy skills as well as social skills.

The DVD was officially launched during a function at the Bomaderry Bowling Club.

For further information about the DVD it’s OK to Say Goodbye or our picture book, contact admin@lyrebirdpreschool.com or on (02) 4421 4604.

LOUISSA JANES
Lyrebird Pre-school Kindergarten
Nowra NSW

Contributors to the DVD It’s OK to say Goodbye, back from left, Leigh Ardlie, Caryl Carpenter, Kay Noakes and pre-school director Louissa Janes and, front, Sylvia Timbery and Julie Smith. Photo courtesy of the South Coast Register. Nowra

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To find your nearest shopfront visit
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Carer Advisory and Counselling Service

For family carer support and counselling you can contact your state or territory Carers Association on 1800 242 636*

Funding under National Disability Conference Initiative 2011-12

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) invites organisers of disability focused conferences held within Australia to apply for 2011-12 funding under the National Disability Conference Initiative.

Successful applicants will receive up to $12,000 for their conference to assist with meeting the costs of:

• registration, accommodation and travel for participants with disability and their attendant carers; and
• ensuring the conference is accessible for participants such as through Auslan interpreters, hearing loops, material in alternative formats and note-takers.

How to apply

Applications must be completed by conference organisers and submitted electronically via the FaHCSIA website. Whilst applications can be submitted at any stage during the application period, they must be received by 2pm (AEDT) Friday 25 March 2011.

Documentation and details on how to apply are available on the FaHCSIA website at www.fahcsia.gov.au/funding

Applicants experiencing technical difficulties in using the electronic National Disability Conference Initiative Application Form or for general enquiries can seek assistance at:

Email: disability@fahcsia.gov.au
Fax: (02) 6304 7283
Phone: (02) 6244 6999
TTY: 133 677
Speak and Listen: 1800 555 727
Internet relay users: www.relayservice.com.au
Suicide’s tragic toll preventable

I RECENTLY heard the heart-breaking story of a Melbourne boy who called four of his friends on the eve of his suicide. None of them, however, were aware of the despair he was suffering each day.

Subsequently a young life was lost. The story of this boy wasn’t on the six o’clock news, but it seems that if he had died due to a boating accident, a drowning or even a car crash, it would have been the top story.

Suicide, like road accidents, is preventable. The depression that goes hand in hand with this is treatable.

Statistics show there are more suicides than deaths in road accidents each year. If you know of someone who you believe could be having suicidal thoughts, don’t just stand by. Follow your intuition.

Like many others, I have lost a family member to suicide. I now spend my time advocating change to mental health services for Indigenous prisoners.

In memory of Gary Taylor, my uncle and my friend.

SHAYNE T FARRELL
Adelaide, SA

Police actions over funerals supported

REGARDING West Australian police moves to close pubs in regional towns when a funeral is being held and resulting accusations of racism by Liberal MP Barry Haase, I’m with the cops and their precautionary measures on this one. I’m sick and tired of people blaming that anything they like (or dislike) can be put under the label of racism, sexism etc.

Coming from a small country town, I know how these funeral wakes can get out of hand. Firstly, wakes are Wadjula culture, not blackfulla culture. Blackfullas have seemed to make themselves a law unto themselves in recent years though, with many people celebrating somebody’s life and death by getting wasted. I could never understand the mentality of this tradition. The cops just mainly want people to stay safe, not start any trouble and then let everybody get on their own way in safety afterwards.

Wakes can get very much out of control. One boy got murdered after one in my town recently after he had just buried a girl who had been murdered by a man.

Payback is a big part of our law and culture and wakes can make some people sittting targets. Publicans only want their hotels open so that they can make a killing at the bar. It sounds all very parasitic to me, but certainly not racist.

Barry Haase shows just how ludicrous society has come to and how easy it is make comment, albeit at the bar. It sounds all very parasitic to me, but certainly not racist.

I AM am seeking any information readers might have on family members buried in the Gooloogong Cemetery (old or new). There are only six headstones and we know there are a lot more people buried there.

I want to update the local book of cemetery records so these people aren’t forgotten.

I am especially interested in the names Bardakis, Gannon, Hughes, Glass, Grant and Wedge (the six I have are all Wedge).

They can contact me at PO Box 44, Gooloogong, 2805 or go to the website cmrt@westserv.net.au

CATHERINE THOMPSON
Gooloogong Historical Society
Gooloogong NSW

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How to apply
Application kits are available to download at www.fahcsia.gov.au
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Further information
For further information or assistance please call 1300 883 460 or email us at IPR@fahcsia.gov.au

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ELECTION OF ALSWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elections will be held from 23 - 27 May 2011
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NOMINATIONS OPEN at 9.00am on Monday 28 March 2011
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• Southern
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• Pilbara
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• East Kimberley
• Goldfields
• Central Desert

KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011. 27
ADELAIDE has hosted another feast of Indigenous culture with the third Spirit Festival in the city on the weekend of 19-20 February. More than 10,000 people turned out at Mullawirraburka (Rymill Park) in the city for two days of top acts and culture.

Creative producer Gina Rings described the event as a major success and a worthy Indigenous focal point during Adelaide's festival season. Headlining the festival was Mary G and singer Dan Sultan, but Rings said there were plenty of other highlights. "We had some top acts from around the country, all enjoying perfect weather and a great setting," she said.

"Iwantja Band and Rikina Inma, from the APY Lands, were well received, as was the Baiwa Dance Company from Cairns. "Another standout act was the Mimili Mob – I describe them as Chooky Dancers with suits on – and they were a real hit with the crowd. "Of course there were plenty of local acts as well."

Rings, whose sister Frances also had a leading role in the Spirit Festival, said next year’s event would probably revert to a four-day format with some extra acts.

"We had some great acts from around the country, all enjoying perfect weather and a great setting" – Gina Rings
successful Adelaide festival

Singer-songwriter Jess Beck on stage.

Major Sumner was there.

Lady Lash entertains the crowd.

Entertainer Frances Rings on stage in Adelaide with Spirit Fest host Pascoe Braun.

Ngarrindjeri weaving with Betty Sumner.

Rikina Inma performers at the festival. The dancer on the left in the foreground is Derek Lynch, the leading dancer and theatre actor for Nyuntu Ngali and Namatjira. All photos by Wayne Quilliam
Freedom Riders finish journey

The 2011 Freedom Riders
outside GunnaWannaBe
Cafe in Lismore.

BY DARREN COYNE

SOME things change, some things stay the same. When a group of Sydney University students, led by the late Charlie Perkins, travelled throughout New South Wales in 1965, they encountered racism in every country town they visited, from Walgett to Taree.

Their protests, and subsequent media coverage, nationally and internationally, exposed segregation, poor living conditions, and general discrimination against Aboriginal people.

Just two years later, the people of Australia delivered a resounding message via the 1967 referendum that this was not on, and voted to change the Constitution to allow Aboriginal people to be counted in the census, and also to remove discriminatory sections of the founding document.

That original road trip has been widely hailed as a major event in the history of Australia’s civil rights movement.

Forty-six years after the original ride, a bunch of students, mainly from the Central Coast of NSW, retraced the journey. They only recently completed their own version of that original road trip for rights.

The 2011 Freedom Ride was the brainchild of Youth Connections Aboriginal Unit Koori Connect.

The students were drawn from Years 10 to 12, from schools in the Central Coast including Terrigal High, Woy Woy High, Gorokan High, Wyong High and Mary MacKillop Catholic College.

Youth Connections Aboriginal cultural advisor Gavi Duncan told The Koori Mail during a stopover in Lismore, northern NSW, that the trip had been a great learning experience for the students, as well as the wider community.

‘Importance’

“We wanted to do something to make sure people know about the Freedom Ride as a lot of people really don’t know about it,” he said.

“It has historical importance and we acknowledge the courage of our past, challenge the struggles of today and come together as one mob.”

During the Lismore stopover, local Elders Aunty Irene Harrington and Aunty Bertha Kapeen, as well as Mayor Jenny Dowell and Beth Hansen, who was one of the participants in the original Freedom Ride, met the new Freedom Riders.

The next morning they enjoyed breakfast prepared by Thelma James and Mick Roberts, the owners of the GunnaWannaBe Cafe, Gallery and Learning Centre.

Aunty Thelma also gave the students a talk about the area’s Indigenous history.

“All of the Elders and Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people who we met (along the journey) have been lovely and welcoming,” Mr Duncan said.

He said, however, that it had been disappointing to hear stories along the way that suggested discrimination and racism still existed in many places.

“Some things just haven’t changed much since the original Freedom Ride, especially in the more remote towns like Walgett, which is surprising in 2011,” he said.

“We’ve found that local governments have generally really neglected Aboriginal communities out west.

“And while they talk about closing the gap, in many of those towns there is no employment for Aboriginal people.

“In Warwick (Qld) when we visited there was even a person handing out Ku Klux Klan material. A local Aboriginal person confronted him and handed him a Freedom Ride pamphlet and he took off after that.

“So we’ve still got a long way to go,” Mr Duncan said.

All towns visited had received a plaque to acknowledge the Freedom Ride had passed through, and Elders signed a message stick in each of the towns they visited.

They also had a book where people could write a message that will be presented to the Federal Government’s expert panel for constitutional recognition for Indigenous Australians.
‘People shouldn’t be ashamed if they want more for themselves and their family. They deserve it!’

‘Coach’ Wyomie is high on life

By RACHEL SCOLLAY

HAVING worked in Aboriginal health for 10 years, Brisbane-based life coach Wyomie Robertson has a strong interest in well-being.

“Particularly emotional health,” she said. “And particularly youth emotional health. They have such potential and they’re on the verge of make or break.”

Throw in the fact that she’s worked as a boxing and fitness coach, and her recent move into life coaching seems a natural progression.

“When I was 14, my Dad started his boxing club for young kids on the street and I used to go with him to all the training sessions,” she said.

“I used to work out and spar with the boys… the thing I love about coaching is seeing people’s minds and bodies change, and seeing them become motivated.”

Life coaching is still relatively unknown in Australia, and Wyomie explains that her role is to provide clients with clarity, direction, focus and outcomes. It’s also her job to listen for any limiting behaviour and help them get some clarity, to focus on what the gaps are and what needs to change.

“I also help them create a plan to achieve their goal and of course celebrate with them along the way.”

Having just turned 30, Wyomie has already been on the path of self-development for nearly two decades.

She feels fortunate that at the age of 11, her parents put her into Alateen – a program for young adults affected by someone else’s alcoholism.

“It was a support group – just kids around a table talking,” she said.

“Things like how to cope with stress, detaching from people’s moods, what’s your stuff, what’s other people’s stuff… It was very positive.

“It was all about self-awareness and it was the start of my interest in wanting to better myself.”

After Alateen, Wyomie continued to attend related support groups, personal development courses, kept in contact with her mentors and studied lots of books about personal growth and co-dependency.

“So I feel like all that baggage stuff has already been dealt with,” she said. “I feel like the slate is clean.”

Wyomie Robertson grew up in the Brisbane suburb of Braken Ridge, but her father’s mob are Larrakia (Darwin region).

After completing a Bachelor of Applied Health Science (Indigenous Primary Health Care) at the University of Queensland she moved to Canberra at the age of 20, as part of the National Indigenous Cadetship Program and later the Australian Public Service Graduate Program.

“I had no idea about Canberra,” she said. “Apart from my mum who was born in Sri Lanka, I didn’t know anybody who even went overseas for holidays.

“And here I was in Canberra surrounded by people talking about their investment properties and eating Mediterranean foods. It was real culture shock.

“I was so rough around the edges when I first came to Canberra. I was desperate to get out of Canberra and get to Darwin to connect with my Aboriginal family, which all of a sudden had become a really strong urge for me,” she said.

“It was a real instincual, family, spiritual, land connection that went on. I had some awesome experiences in Darwin and I travelled through the NT.”

By this stage Wyomie was already married to her ‘first and only’ boyfriend, who she’d been to school with, and who had quit his job to follow her to Canberra.

“The desire to start a family brought them back to Brisbane.

After having her second child, she started the requisite training to become a qualified life coach – fitting her study around baby’s naps and breast-feeding.

They deserve it!”

For more information go to www.transformlifecoaching.com.au

Brisbane-based life coach Wyomie Robertson... “I love talking to people, I love finding out what’s important to them, and I have always loved encouraging people with their dreams.”
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Health message passed on

THE Hoops 4 Health All Stars spread their health message through basketball clinics for Indigenous youths in Alice Springs last week.

The clinics, held at Traeger Park and Yirara College, used basketball as a way to emphasise the importance of healthy living.

Hoops 4 Health director Timmy Duggan said the kids at the clinics learned much more than a few basic basketball skills.

“By participating in basketball, it mirrors life, you’re doing teamwork stuff, you’re getting involved,” he said.

“It encourages them to be physically active and stay away from drugs and alcohol.”

The clinics were facilitated by former Brisbane Bullets player Andre Moore with the help of Deba George of the Cairns Taipains and Curt Ahwang from Cairns Marlin.

The sessions included discussions about leading a healthy lifestyle, making the right choices and overcoming adversity.

Moore used his life experiences as a young man to reinforce his messages that ‘you can overcome adversity’ and great things can be achieved by anyone.

He also reinforced the need for Indigenous kids to make the most of their potential both on and off the court.

Healthy body, healthy mind goes along a long way. If these kids can keep themselves with a healthy body and healthy mind, the sky is the limit to what they can accomplish,” he said.

If not basketball, some other career. They can go on to be a doctor or a lawyer or journalist. Any kind of occupation that they want to achieve they can.”

Lots of potential – Page 82

Licences goal of workshops

ABORIGINAL communities in the far north of New South Wales are on the way to having more bus drivers thanks to a new, community-driven program.

A total of 26 people, aged from 20 to 50, from the Muli, Jabilurr/Tabalum, Bonaboa and Box Ridge/Coraki communities have signed up for the Light Rigid Licence Workshops, which started last week at the ACE North Coast Community College in Casino.

Under the workshops, participants will receive assistance and training in obtaining the NSW LR Licence, which will allow them to drive community buses seating up to 22 people.

Northern Rivers Community Transport (NRCT) has been heavily involved in the project, which is co-ordinated by Uncle Maurice ‘Bucky’ Robinson. Transport NSW has provided funding.

Northen Rivers Community Transport Development Officer Lesley Mye said it was all about empowering communities.

“We’ll be working with the participants to ensure they get all the help they need to get the LR licence,” she said.

“This will mean many more people will be able to use the community buses, which will be a real benefit for their communities.

“We expect to have meetings over four to six weeks, but we’ll work with the people for as long as they need help.”

On 15 March, NRCT will celebrate the completion of its Bus Identity Project, under which the buses at Muli Mul, Bonaboa, Jabilurr/Tabalum and Box Ridge/Coraki have been decorated with Indigenous art.
Heritage plan a step closer

NSW

KARI Aboriginal Resources is to receive $430,376 in new annual NSW Government funding for additional early intervention and prevention programs for children, young people and families in the Liverpool area of western Sydney.

Announcing the funding, NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney said $430,376 would fund 27 new Brighter Futures places for local Aboriginal families, while $108,750 would go towards other early intervention and prevention services.

Ms Burney said this $108,750 was on top of KARI’s current funding of nearly $280,000 for running early intervention programs.

WA artists urged to enter 2011 art show

INDIGENOUS artists from Western Australia’s mid-west are being urged to submit works for the 2011 Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Exhibition, now in its fourth consecutive year.

Entries close on 29 April and can include ceramics, woodwork, canvas, textiles and artefacts.

The exhibition will be on show at the OVI building in Perth from 28 June to 1 July, and for the first time there will be a mid-west preview in Geraldton before the Perth show. All money generated from sales goes to the artists, with mid-west artists earning in excess of $220,000 over the past three years of the exhibition.

Emerging and previously exhibited Indigenous artist interested in submitting works should contact project manager Nan Rickards on 0417 184 290.

Blacktown will host launch of program

MARIST Youth Care will launch its 2011 Aboriginal Trainee Support Worker Program tomorrow in the Sydney suburb of Blacktown.

The launch will be the third year that Marist Youth Care (MYC) has provided the opportunity for Aboriginal people to be trained and employed as youth workers.

The Aboriginal Trainee Support Worker project was developed so that local unskilled Aboriginal people could be employed on a 12-month on-the-job traineeship program while completing a Certificate IV in Community Services.

The launch is from 10am on 10 March at MYC Head Office, 36-38 First Avenue, Blacktown.

Land council calls for remote scheme

THE Central Land Council is calling for the development of a new Aboriginal Employment and Enterprise Development scheme for remote Indigenous Australia.

CLC Director David Ross said an Aboriginal employment disaster was looming, with predictions of up to 50 per cent unemployment in areas across the Northern Territory.

He said Federal Government policy on CDEP had created a confusing landscape, and a new scheme needed to be developed to provide a bridge between welfare and economic participation.

At the bora ring, from left, Maurice Robinson, Muriel Exton, Annabelle Walker, Chris Walker, Lismore magistrate Robyn Denes, Indigenous sites officer John Roberts, and circle sentencing project officer Mel Everson.
Livelihoods in Land help improve health and well-being if some Aboriginal land management principles are followed, according to the findings of the work that supports environmental health in the local settlement and land-based enterprises such as bush foods or tourism. "All these activities help to improve physical fitness and create a healthier lifestyle, and they can also endow people with a greater sense of control which is a powerful way to reduce and manage stress and its health impacts," Davies said. "Empowerment and reduced stress come through Aboriginal land management when people feel that their own actions fit with their sense of what is the right and proper way for people to behave towards their land, family and community," Dr Davies said.

The four principles proposed by researchers are:

- Aboriginal land management governance recognises and respects Aboriginal custom and tradition and is adaptive.
- Learning is embraced as a lifelong process.
- Relationships are recognised as very important.
- Partnerships give priority to doing things that all parties agree are important.

From Yandool, a welcome sung in language, through to the pop sensibilities of the first single "Diamonds on the Water" of the 11 tracks on Wind & Water captures moments and turning points in the women's lives.

"Wind & Water is also the first full artist album release for Indigenous-owned label Kangaroo Coastal Music. With Stiff Gins also having just signed a publishing deal with Sandcastle Music, 2011 is shaping as their best year yet.

Wind & Water is out on 18 March. For more info go to www.stiffgins.net

Land is linked to well-being

**ABORIGINAL** land management has the best prospects of improving Aboriginal health and well-being if some key principles are followed, according to the findings of a study.

The study from the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre, published by Ninti One Ltd, sets out four principles for Aboriginal land management that it says will help improve health and well-being for the people involved.

The study is a result of research under the title of LiveHoods InLand. The work was led by Dr Jocelyn Davies of CSIRO Ecosystem Sciences and involved researchers from other organisations and governments who were part of the Desert Knowledge CRC.

"Aboriginal people commonly say that their health and well-being are positively impacted by a strong relationship with their traditional lands and culture, and there is increasing scientific evidence that this is the case," Dr Davies said.

"People's 'sense of control' or 'capacity to cope' and the serious health impacts of sustained stress are powerful factors explaining this relationship. The stress load on Aboriginal people is reduced where they are empowered through caring for their own lands."

Aboriginal land management involves a range of activities on country that include cultural or customary activities, natural resource management, conservation work that supports environmental health in the local settlement and land-based enterprises such as bush foods or tourism. "All these activities help to improve physical fitness and create a healthier lifestyle, and they can also endow people with a greater sense of control which is a powerful way to reduce and manage stress and its health impacts." Davies said.

"Empowerment and reduced stress come through Aboriginal land management when people feel that their own actions fit with their sense of what is the right and proper way for people to behave towards their land, family and community," Dr Davies said.

The four principles proposed by researchers are:

- Aboriginal land management governance recognises and respects Aboriginal custom and tradition and is adaptive.
- Learning is embraced as a lifelong process.
- Relationships are recognised as very important.
- Partnerships give priority to doing things that all parties agree are important.

"These principles are based on long observation and many people's experiences of what works. They are a starting point for co-creative efforts by managers, their organisations and partners to be more conscious about ensuring that land management systems have the best prospect of promoting health and well-being."

Stiff Gins Nardi Simpson and Kaleena Briggs have just celebrated the release of their third album Wind & Water, with the official launch party in Sydney. They are now following up with a national tour.

"It was just waiting for us to catch up," Briggs continues. "When we started the album I think we were still working out who we are as musicians and as people.

‘Cycle of life’

"The cycle of life was such a part of this recording that the album itself became an ending and a beginning. We found our strength and ourselves. We developed a lot more confidence, and the songs really reflect that."

From Yandool, a welcome sung in language, through to the pop sensibilities of the first single "Diamonds on the Water" of the 11 tracks on Wind & Water captures moments and turning points in the women's lives.

"Wind & Water is also the first full artist album release for Indigenous-owned label Kangaroo Coastal Music. With Stiff Gins also having just signed a publishing deal with Sandcastle Music, 2011 is shaping as their best year yet.

Wind & Water is out on 18 March. For more info go to www.stiffgins.net

Bureau of Statistics starts major survey

THE Australian Bureau of Statistics has started the first Australian Health Survey, the biggest survey of its kind ever conducted in Australia. The survey aims to build on previous health surveys allowing comparisons of health information over time such as obesity, smoking, health conditions and how people manage health.

It will collect new information about what people eat and drink, how active they are and biomedical measures.

The bureau expects these will reveal insights into heart and kidney disease, diabetes and other chronic conditions by examining health-risk factors such as cholesterol, glucose and sodium levels. The survey will be able to compare these biomedical risk factors with aspects of lifestyle for those who are not.

Further information and detailed questions and answers are available on the website at www.abs.gov.au/australianhealthsurvey

Deadline is close for reconciliation award

QUEENSLAND businesses and organisations have until this Friday to nominate for the state’s 2011 Reconciliation Awards.

Now in their ninth year, the Queensland Reconciliation Awards are open to all state businesses, community organisations, educational institutions and projects which are building a better future for Indigenous Australians by championing the reconciliation agenda.

The awards offer a total prizemoney of $25,000 across five categories: Business, Community Organisation, Education, Partnerships and the Premier’s Reconciliation Award.

To nominate, download a form at www.reconciliation.qld.gov.au or telephone (07) 3003 0672.

Development plan is set for Numbulwar

THE Federal and Northern Territory governments, the Roper Gulf Shire Council and the local Reference Group of Numbulwar have signed a Local Implementation Plan (LIP) outlining the future development of the Top End centre.

NT Indigenous Development Minister Malamdirri McCarthy said the Numbulwar LIP had a strong focus on education and included an agreement by the community that parents and other adults would encourage children and young people to regularly attend school.

"This plan will drive future development in Numbulwar and was developed in partnership with the local community," Ms McCarthy said.

"The plan sets time lines for specific actions to be taken by responsible parties, including government agencies and the community, and it will be continually adapted by the local community to suit their needs."

Govt assessment for Pilbara peninsula

THE Federal Government will conduct an emergency heritage assessment of the Burrup Peninsula, near Karratha in the Western Australian Pilbara region, following a motion by the Greens in the Senate which found support from the Government and cross benches.

Australian Greens senator Scott Ludlam said the Burrup Peninsula, or Murujuga, was the largest outdoor rock art complex in the world.

"It is widely acknowledged that the Dampier Archipelago contains the West Australia's oldest Aboriginal art," he said. "In the 117 square kms of the Burrup Peninsula, at least 10,000 pieces of rock art have already been destroyed by industrial development."

Fellow Greens senator Rachel Siewert said the destruction and vandalism of ice-age heritage on the Burrup was an emergency, and it was time it was recognised as such.
BY RACHEL SCOLLAY

TWENTY-five-year-old Noni Eather, from Maningrida, knows only too well the barriers faced by Indigenous people in remote communities accessing sexual health services and information.

“Up there, there’s the language barrier,” she said.

“For a lot of people, English is their third or fourth language. In Maningrida and other areas, there is 13 different language groups.

“We have doctors and nurses coming in for three months, and personally I think people find it difficult to have to continually repeat themselves. And also not knowing the right questions to ask.”

Noni was one of 36 women from around Australia who converged on Melbourne last week to attend the first SNAKE Forum for Young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women’s Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.

The first and only forum of its kind in Australia, organised Marie Stopes Australia, which runs the successful SNAKE Condoms program, had twice the number of applicants as places available. Many of the young women who attended were Aboriginal health workers, or training to become one, and for some, it was the first time they had felt their communities to participate in such an event.

Important messages

With Indigenous rates of chlamydia three times that of the mainstream population and rates of gonorrhoea 27 times higher, safe sex messages couldn’t be more important.

Marie Stopes Australia/SNAKE Condoms Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program manager Bev Greet said the higher incidence of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) was amongst 15 to 28-year-olds and 80 per cent of the cases of STIs amongst the Indigenous population were found in remote and very remote communities where there was a lack of services and a lack of education.

Ms Greet said the SNAKE Condoms program, which had been running since 2003, was so successful because it was designed by youth, for youth.

“Young people can identify because of the colours (black, red and gold) and the branding,” she said.

“There’s all these slogans that young people have come up with. We had a competition about a year ago and I do it snake style” – that won a prize.

Ms Greet said there were currently 200 Indigenous people nationwide reported to have HIV, which was roughly around the same rate of infection as amongst the non-Indigenous population.

But of that 200, one-third were women, whereas non-Indigenous women only accounted for ten per cent of HIV statistics.

“There’s probably more than that (200 people with HIV), but those are the reported figures,” she said.

“It’s more a heterosexual transmission in Indigenous communities, whereas in the non-Indigenous community, generally it’s gay males.

Barriers

Ms Greet said one of the big barriers to overcome in the areas of sexual health was ‘the shame factor’.

“There’s stigma attached to even going to a sexual health clinic,” she said.

“We want to break down that shame factor by talking about it. There’s a lot of stigma attached to having an STI, but it’s quite common – black, white or brindle.”

She said that in remote communities, where everybody knew everybody, and quite possibly it was your aunty behind the counter, there was a fear of breach of confidentiality.

She said this was usually just a perceived fear, but if young Aboriginal people didn’t feel comfortable going to their own Aboriginal health services, they could go to a GP or a mainstream service where they would not ‘jump into their aunty or their sister’.

“It’s just shame job,” she said. “By just discussing these issues, it breaks down the code of silence.”

Noni Eather works as a preventative education officer for the Maningrida Child Safety Service, which was set up around the time of the NT Intervention by a group of women Elders from different clan and language groups.

She said Maningrida, near the very top of the Northern Territory, was such a rural community and cultural appropriateness was very important.

“There’s women’s business, and men’s business,” she said.

“We have to make sure we’re delivering it (sexual health messages) properly and not offending the elderly members.

“It’s sensitive, but a lot of people know that it does need to be talked about.”

She said with a ‘constant rotation’ of new health workers in Maningrida, there was an added difficulty, as it could take people several months before they felt comfortable enough to open up and talk about their health issues.

“Some of them are nice, and some of them can be intimidating,” she said.

“It just becomes this long process that people do not look forward to. We want to make sure that people get the health checks they are entitled to.”

Ms Eather also said the more the issue of sexual health was talked about, the more she felt the issue would be addressed.

“Hopefully, we will get some younger ladies who will be interested in taking that up,” she said.

For more information about the SNAKE Condoms program go to www.snacondoms.org.au.

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia
By MARGARET SMITH

ALL major parties put forward their policies on addressing high imprisonment rates in NSW jails, at a recent public forum in Sydney in the lead-up to the 26 March state election.

The forum was hosted by the Community Justice Coalition (CJC) in response to its election submission calling for improved justice reinvestment in communities, improved rehabilitation and education programs, more transparency in the prison system, care for children of prisoners and the mentally ill, and addressing the over-representation of Indigenous people in our prisons.

The most contentious issue at the forum was the current Bail Act, which sees many people, who are subsequently found not guilty, placed on remand in NSW jails.

Shadow Attorney-General Greg Smith said the nation’s rate for people on remand was 37.6 percent, while NSW had 42.4 percent on remand.

NSW Attorney-General John Hatzistergos said the Government was reviewing the Bail Act; Mr Smith said the Opposition was committed to replacing the current Act, while NSW Greens senior justice and correctional services spokesperson Damien Tudehope said the Greens wanted special bail provisions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and ‘other vulnerable communities.’

Mr Smith and Mr Shoebridge strongly criticised the ‘law and order’ agenda of the Labor Party, accusing it of producing imprisonment and recidivism rates.

Mr Smith said his time as a court prosecutor had taught him how inadequate the Government’s prison program was in keeping people out of the criminal justice system.

‘Penal colony mentality’

“We still have a penal colony mentality in NSW,” he said.

“...and only 33 per cent of our prison population are doing education programs.”

He said that NSW had the highest imprisonment rate in 2009, compared with Victoria’s rate of 34 percent and he was committed to more investment in rehabilitation, and less education programs.

Mr Shoebridge committed the Greens to reducing unemployment and more resources in the community ‘to address the causes of crime rather than merely responding to it.’

He said in 1995 NSW had 6400 prisoners, but now there were more than 10,000.

Mr Smith said that NSW’s failure to reduce the imprisonment rate was a rejection of the Greens’ agenda of the Labor Party in delivering data requested by Department of Health, Northern NSW Local Health Districts and other partners.

The Greens’ agenda included: provision for statistical support and advice across PH services. HNEPH provides an integrated program of health protection and health promotion and grant-funded research; statistical support and advice across PH services.

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Enquiries: Shelley Ackland, 02 6749 7000
Closing Date: 15 March 2011

Registered Nurse

Tamworth Community Health Centre

3 x Permanent Full Time positions

Creation of eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full Part time and Casual positions.

Enquiries: Ali Harding, 02 6724 8115 or Melissa Mills, 02 6724 8165
Closing Date: 19 March 2011

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Aboriginal Primary Health Care Worker

Gunnedah Community Health Centre

Temporary Part Time 20hpw (up to 30/05/2010)

Creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp/ FT/PT positions.

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Enquiries: Evoni Dale, 02 6741 8000
Closing Date: 13 March 2011

Aboriginal Patient Liaison Officer

Marrning Regional Referral Hospital

Temporary Full Time

Creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full Part time and Casual positions.

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Enquiries: Vicki Taylor, 02 6552 9812
Closing Date: 20 March 2011

Aboriginal Liaison Officer

Guyra Community Health Service

Permanent Part Time 20hpw

Creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full Part time and Casual positions.

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Enquiries: Rachael Ord, 02 6380 4000
Closing Date: 20 March 2011

Clinical Support Officer

Royal Newcastle Centre, New Lambton

Permanent Part Time 15hpw & Permanent Part Time 19hpw

Creation of eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full Part time and Casual positions.

This position has been advertised externally for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people only.

In the event that there are no Aboriginal applicants, then the mainstream applications from this advertisement will be utilised. Mainstream internal applicants include: permanent employees and temporary employees who have been employed for more than 12 months and who have been employed as part of a merit selection process. Please note that this process is a Government approved strategy and falls under the Affirmative Action Plan for recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Please confirm your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Origin by providing:

a) a confirmation with a common seal on it from an Aboriginal organisation; or
b) a reference letter stating that the person is Aboriginal and accepted by community. (The letter must be supplied by an Aboriginal organisation).

Enquiries: Vociki Dettich, 02 6767 7489
Ref ID: 18376
Closing Date: 20 March 2011

Receptionist

Boggabri Multi Purpose Centre

Temporary Part Time 16hpw

Creation of eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full Part time and Casual positions.

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Enquiries: Shane Ackland, 02 6749 7000
Ref ID: 15764
Closing Date: 3 March 2011

Beware of scammers

NSW Fair Trading is using this opportunity to highlight the risk that scammers and other fraudsters pose for Indigenous communities.

Fair Trading Deputy Commissioner Steve Griffin said National Fraud Week activities across the country were focused on the emergence of identity theft.

“Indigenous communities are at particular risk because of factors such as geographic isolation, lack of choice and competition, language barriers and lack of literacy and restricted access to services,” he said.

“One alarming but common example has then the specific announcement at family homes, using high pressure, emotional tactics to sign people up to funeral funds. ‘People signing a funeral fund contract can be ripped off badly, paying much more than the funeral is worth and getting tied to a contract for years.’

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Arrests lead to protest over abalone

By LAURELLE PACEY

INDIGENOUS people have held a peaceful rights protest after two Aboriginal men from the far south coast of New South Wales faced court on abalone poaching and trafficking charges.

A group of about 30 people mounted a peaceful protest in front of Batemans Bay Court House on the day of Mr Nye and Mr Brierley’s court appearance.

Main seafoods
Mogo Aboriginal Land Council chairman Thomas Butler said abalone has been one of the main seafoods "for us coastal people since before the white man".

He believes one way forward is for an abalone licence to be held by a community which could then legally employ divers and the returns would go to the community. “But blackfellas could never find the money for a licence,” he said, adding the Government should pay. “After all, who gave the Fisheries the ocean?” Mr Butler said his group recently received permission from Fisheries to legally harvest sufficient abalone for a seafood lunch for 600 Elders from all over NSW at Monuy later this month.

NSW Fisheries officers with seized abalone on the state’s south coast.

Correction
In our last edition, we ran a story about a gathering of the National Sorry Day Committee on the Gold Coast last month. In it, we reported that the committee had been advised by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) not to assume funding beyond June. We should have referred, instead, to funding from the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) and we apologise for the error.

Footy show on ABC2

THE Marngrook Footy Show is going national, screening on ABC2 at 7.30pm, starting on Wednesday 23 March, before moving to Thursday nights.

The weekly AFL program, which has an emphasis on Indigenous players, history and culture, has screened for the past four years on Melbourne’s community TV channel 31 and on NTV in some regional and rural areas.

Authorised by the Queensland Government, George St, Brisbane.
Retro show a hit

TAKING the audience on a rollicking retro journey back to 1940s post-war Perth, Waltzing the Wilarra has just concluded a four-week sell-out season at the Perth International Arts Festival.

In a first-time collaboration between two of Indigenous theatre’s most influential artists, Waltzing the Wilarra is written and composed by Yirra Yaakin’s founding artistic director and award-winning playwright David Milroy, and directed by Queensland Theatre Company artistic director Wesley Enoch.

Yirra Yaakin artistic director Kyle Morrison said the company was excited to have presented a new musical, using key Aboriginal artists in all areas of creation and production.

The show brought together the talents of Ernie Dingo, Ursula Yovich and Trevor Jamieson, alongside Yirra Yaakin stalwarts and Moorditj Nyungar actors Irina Woods and Kelton Pell – in total an ensemble cast of 13 performers.

“This production is so important to the future of Indigenous theatre, not only in Western Australia but also nationally,” Morrison said.

“If we can inspire the youth of the West Australian Indigenous community to believe in themselves and their stories, then we will be able to reap the benefits for many years to come.”

Waltzing the Wilarra draws inspiration from Perth’s Coolbaroo Club and others in post-war Perth where black and white came together through a love of dance and music, at a time when the city practiced unofficial apartheid, submitting its Aboriginal population to police harassment, fraternisation bans and curfews.

Wilarra, which means full moon, has been a music love affair for playwright David Milroy for the past five years. “People, both black and white, struggle with what is Australian identity and how to represent that,” he said. “We are all looking to connect with what is underneath, with the heart place. For me, music is that heart.”

Milroy said his aunty told him of the dances they organised after the war. “Dresses were made from whatever material could be found and patterns copied from magazines and newspapers,” he said.

“After World War II the laws that forbade Aboriginal people mixing with white people seemed to be a hangover from the past.”

Inspiration

Milroy said the first name he chose for Waltzing the Wilarra was ‘Chocolate and Chickens’, with the inspiration coming from an early memory of his father mixing with white people and stories I’ve had an awful hangover from the past.

“It evoked memories of the friends who never made it to 50, and stories I’ve been told of my own,” he said.

“I would like to pay homage to Frankie J Bropho whom I’ve known for many years in the Aboriginal music scene in Perth,” he said.

“It was always a magical moment when he took out his harp, drew breath and with a diamond sparkle in his eye lunged into a rendition of Pine Tree accompanied by footwork smoother than his deadly haircut.”

Yirra Yaakin marketing manager Andrea Fernandez said because it was a sell-out season, they’d put on an extra matinee performance, and that had also sold out.

“It’s such an amazing show and we’ve had such good reviews,” she said.

“I’m sure Waltzing the Wilarra will have a life after Perth.”

Best foot forward for Waltzing the Wilarra ... Ernie Dingo, Alexandra Jones, Trevor Jamieson and Jessica Clarke and Kelton Pell on the mic. All photos by Jon Green.
Barkly mine project provides benefits

ABORIGINAL people are set to benefit from a major new mining project in the Barkly region of the Northern Territory.

The Central Land Council has signed an agreement for a phosphate mine near Wunara, 250kms east of Tennant Creek, with the Awarawu Aboriginal Corporation and Minemakers Australia Pty Ltd.

CLC director David Ross said the opportunities for the traditional owners were exciting.

“The agreement ensures opportunities for Aboriginal people in the region for enterprise development, employment and training,” he said.

“Many of the traditional owners already work or have businesses in the mining industry in WA and Queensland and they are very excited about the prospect of working on their own country.”

The project is across Aboriginal land, NT Aboriginal freehold, pastoral leases and vacant Crown land and the agreement will protect sacred sites into the future. It will affect several hundred Aboriginal people from the Walaya and Alywarre language groups.

Cancer Council the principal sponsor

CANCER Council NSW has signed on as principal sponsor for the Australian Indigenous Cancer Survivors Forum this May.

The forum aims to provide Indigenous cancer survivors and carers with the opportunity to share their journey post-treatment.

The forum will be held at the Cancer Council NSW, 153 Dowling Street, Woolloomooloo, in Sydney, on 19 May.

For more details, contact Malathi Kanagasabapathy of m247consulting on 0410 630 316 or go to www.m247consulting.com and click on Forum.

New site for Cairns Indigenous Art Fair

THE Cairns Indigenous Art Fair will this year be re-located to the newly redeveloped Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal and will run from 19-21 August.

CIAF artistic director Avril Quaill said it had always been intended that the art fair would move from the Tanks Arts Centre to the terminal following its redevelopment.

Ms Quaill said the change of venue would create an opportunity to differentiate on the many tourists already visiting the city and the art fair would still consist of a rich program of dance, music, cultural activities, talks, as well as an opening party, exhibition and symposium.

The core art fair will take place in the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal, the exhibition at Cairns Regional Gallery and the symposium at JUTE theatre.

Grants are available for anthropologists

THE second round of funding under the Native Title Anthropological Grants Program has been announced.

The program provides a total of $1.4 million in Federal funding over three years with the aim of encouraging senior anthropologists to continue their native title work, while also attracting a new generation of junior anthropologists.

Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland said the Government did not want a shortage of experienced anthropologists to delay the resolution of claims, which was why it was seeking applications for a new round of funding.

Applications close on 18 March.

A total amount of $526,000 is available for grants in 2012-13.

For more information go to www.ag.gov.au

Legal Aid ACT takes step

LEGAL Aid ACT has taken the first step on what it says will be a reconciliation journey.

CEO Andrew Crockett has signed a certificate of commitment to develop a reconciliation action plan, at an informal ceremony in Canberra.

“The actions we take stemming from this commitment will be instrumental in breaking down barriers that have stood in the way of the Indigenous community having access to legal services available to the rest of the community,” he said.

“It is important to formalise the reconciliation process. Legal aid can be tremendously important to this core client group of vulnerable and disadvantaged people.

“This is a declaration that Legal Aid ACT is committed to a comprehensive and well-planned project to address the gap that exists in access to justice between Indigenous and other Australians.”

Legal Aid ACT staff will now undertake a cultural appreciation program.

Most of our legal staff have dealings with Indigenous clients and the awareness program will help develop an understanding of the culture and needs of Indigenous people that will strengthen the professional relationship,” Mr Crockett said.

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ELEVEN Primary Health Care Worker trainees at Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation have received their graduation certificates at the Western Institute of TAFE in Broken Hill, New South Wales.

The traineeship is a combination of study and on-the-job training over two years and their certificates were for the study component of the course.

The group is the first in NSW to have a 100 per cent completion rate of the course – Certificate IV Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health (Practice).

Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation Chief Executive Officer Bob Davis said their achievements have been outstanding.

“The students have all applied themselves and worked very hard to obtain their qualifications. Their dedication has been exemplary,” he said.

“The group will continue with their workplace training until August this year when they will become fully qualified primary health care workers.”

First time

It is the first time the Certificate IV Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health (Practice) has been delivered in Broken Hill, with teachers travelling from Dubbo TAFE for the week-long blocks, and weekly video conferences.

Mr Davis said the students might continue as primary health care workers or they could use their training as a pathway to registered nurse training or other specialised qualifications in child and family health, diabetes, primary mental health, alcohol and other drugs or nutrition.

Researchers get funding to close gap

TWO Menzies School of Health staff have received scholarships from the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) to conduct research aimed at closing the gap between Indigenous and other children.

Michael Binks received a scholarship to investigate vitamin D and acute lower respiratory tract infection in Indigenous children. Mr Binks says Indigenous children continue to suffer unacceptable rates of respiratory infectious disease despite vaccine and antibiotic intervention.

Public health nutritionist Leisa Potter Foundation Indigenous Research Fellow at Menzies, has also been awarded a scholarship from the Menzies Foundation to support her doctorate project titled “Household food security issues and impact on health outcomes in Indigenous Australian children aged six months to four years residing in the Darwin-Palmerston region of the Northern Territory.”

The NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarships scheme aims to support outstanding Australian health and medical graduates early in their career so that they can be trained to conduct research that is internationally competitive and to develop a capacity for original independent research.

National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for the Health Professions

Attention people with an interest in the professions of –

• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice
• Chinese Medicine
• Medical Radiation Practice
• Occupational Therapy.

On 1 July 2012 these four further health professions will be regulated under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) which is established by the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act, as in force in each State and Territory.

National Board member appointments, the size and composition of the Boards, and assignment of accreditation functions, are to be decided by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (AHWMC).

Call for National Board members

Nominations and Expressions of Interest are sought for appointments to the four National Boards:

• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia
• Chinese Medicine Board of Australia
• Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia
• Occupational Therapy Board of Australia.

There are two categories of appointments:

• practitioner members, and
• community members.

Members of existing State and Territory registration boards for these professions are encouraged to apply or be nominated. Associations are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates. Forms and information are available from the NRAS 2012 Project website.

Proposed size and composition of Boards

Submissions are invited on the proposal that each of the four new National Boards comprise 9 members (6 practitioner members and 3 community members). Visit the NRAS 2012 Project website for more information.

Preferred accreditation arrangements

Submissions are invited on the use of existing bodies, or otherwise, to exercise accreditation functions for the four health professions under the NRAS. Where there is not an existing body that is supported to exercise these functions, the views on an accreditation committee of a National Board is sought.

Visit the NRAS 2012 Project website for more information.

More information

Email: contact@nras2012.ahpra.gov.au
Call: 1300 419 495

Lodging your nomination, EOI, or submission/s

Nominations, EoIs and submissions will be considered by the NRAS Project Team for the 2012 professions, and will inform advice to the AHWMC.

Closing date is 5pm Friday 8 April 2011. Submit electronically to contact@nras2012.ahpra.gov.au or by mail to: Attn: NRAS 2012 Project Team, GPO Box 9950, Canberra ACT 2601

Electronic submission is preferred.
**Pair named to students network**

Annalyse Ellis-Crane and Justin Cain-Bloxsome

TWO Aboriginal university students with an interest in changing lives have been appointed to the National Rural Health Students Network (NRHSN).

They are Annalyse Ellis-Crane, a final year medical student at Sydney’s Notre Dame University, and Justin Cain-Bloxsome, who is studying Exercise Science at the University of Wollongong.

They are the newly elected Indigenous portfolio holders for the NRHSN.

Their working relationship is strengthened by the fact that their mothers are both Gamilaroi women from the NSW town of Moree.

“It’s not unusual to hear our grandparents speak of tales of each family from many years ago,” Ms Ellis-Crane said.

Both she and Mr Cain-Bloxsome, whose father is from the Yuin nation, want to increase Indigenous student participation in the NRHSN.

The network, funded by the Federal Department of Health and Ageing, represents more than 9000 students who belong to 29 Rural Health Clubs at universities across Australia.

Membership is open to medical, nursing and allied health students, making it uniquely placed as a representative student health body.

Both students share a passion for equitable access to health services and the need to address health workforce shortages in rural Australia.

Mr Cain-Bloxsome is a member of Indigenous Allied Health Australia and is a strong advocate of the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience school-mentoring program.

Ms Ellis-Crane has been involved with the NRHSN since her first year of medicine and is on the student representative council for the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association. She also belongs to the Leadership in Indigenous Medical Education Network.

The NRHSN is auspiced and managed by Rural Health Workforce Australia, the peak body for the state and territory Rural Workforce Agencies which recruit and support health professionals in rural and remote areas.

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**Kylie ready to tackle dialysis**

THE Western Desert Nganampa Walyiya Palyanjalaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation (WDNWPT) – better known as Western Desert Dialysis – has a new trainee manager.

She is 26-year-old Kylie Stewart, a Yankuntjara woman who originally hails from Oodnadatta in the north of South Australia.

Ms Stewart will be based for the next 11 months at the corporation’s ‘Purple House’ in Alice Springs, learning the operations of the successful renal dialysis service. She will also have educational visits to major centres as part of her training.

“As someone who has experience in health and child-care, Ms Stewart told *The Koori Mail* she was happy to have the chance to get involved with WDNWPT.

“I’ve just started and it’s all a bit of a challenge,” the fluent Yankuntjara speaker said.

“But I’m really looking forward to being part of what is an essential health service for more and more of our people.”

**Good work**

“The staff at the Purple House do good work and I’m pleased that they have been prepared to give me a go in this traineeship.

“I see my future in health services for our people, so this is a great opportunity.”

WDNWPT provides dialysis services to Aboriginal patients both in Alice Springs and, importantly, on country in centres covering a huge area of the Northern Territory and into Western Australia.

Established in 2000 after more than $1 million was raised from an art auction, the service has continued to provide treatment for the growing number of kidney patients.

Service manager Sarah Brown welcomed Ms Stewart, saying she would be a vital member of the team.

“The fact she speaks language is a real bonus for us,” she said.

* The WDNWPT name translates as ‘making all our families well’.

**Old warning on glaucoma threat**

THIS is World Glaucoma Week, and Queensland Health is urging all people aged 40 and over to maintain regular eye tests.

Early detection through regular and complete eye exams is the key to protecting vision from damage caused by glaucoma.

Princess Alexandra Hospital ophthalmologist Dr Mark Dal Pra said glaucoma was a leading worldwide cause of irreversible blindness.

“This is a debilitating disease that has the potential to seriously affect independence and ability to perform ordinary activities such as localising items, walking on stairs and recognising faces,” he said.

“Very often there are no warning signs or symptoms, simply a progressive loss of vision.”

Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that gradually steal sight without warning. In the early stages of the disease, there may be no symptoms.

“If neglected this can become a devastating condition that robs individuals of their sight and quality of life,” Dr Dal Pra said.

“While active investigation continues into a cure for glaucoma, medication or surgery can slow or prevent further vision loss and early diagnosis is vital to stopping the progression of the disease.”

For more information see www.health.qld.gov.au or www.glaucoma.org.au.

**More funding for WA foundation**

THE David Wirrpanda Foundation has received State Government funding to expand its operations to the Peel region of Western Australia.

WA Health Minister Kim Hames said an allocation of $120,000 would allow foundation programs for young Aboriginal people to expand from the Pilbara, Armadale and Narrogin regions.

The funding will allow three of the foundation’s key programs to be rolled out to four local schools and the Peel Football Club. It will be matched with funding from Healthway’s Community Alcohol Project Grants.

The programs include the Troy Cook Health and Fitness Program, the ‘Dare to Dream’ girls program and the ‘On My Way’ leadership program.

The Wirrpanda Foundation, named for an Indigenous AFL star, has raised awareness about the dangers of smoking, risky drinking, diet and obesity.
Health

Blue Care offers help

HEALTH services provider Blue Care has launched a scholarship to help build the number of Indigenous nursing staff in health and aged care. Blue Care Indigenous co-ordinator Norelle Watson said the organisation’s Indigenous Endorsed Enrolled Nursing Scholarship was an initiative under its Indigenous Employment Program.

“Our program aims to value and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees by offering them training, mentoring and development opportunities,” she said.

“We are building our Indigenous workforce by creating long-term career pathways to improve access for effective and culturally appropriate health services to Indigenous people in our communities.”

The scholarship is available to Indigenous Blue Care employees who hold a Certificate III in Aged Care, such as Blue Care Mundubbera Community Care personal carer Melanie Pope. Ms Pope, who won the Queensland Government’s Central Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award last July, is one of the Blue Care Indigenous Employment Program’s success stories. Beginning at Mundubbera Community Care as a trainee, Ms Pope said Blue Care’s support had given her the confidence to advance her career to gain further skills and qualifications.

“Through this program I am able to take the next step towards achieving my long-term goal of becoming a registered nurse,” she said.

Qualifications

Ms Watson said Blue Care would continue to encourage and support employees who complete the course to further their qualifications with a bachelor degree.

Blue Care employs more than 180 Indigenous staff in a range of care areas, including nursing, allied health, respite care, disability support and personal care.

Last year, Blue Care’s commitment to improving Indigenous health was highlighted when Premier Anna Bligh presented the group with the Community Organisation Award at the 2010 Reconciliation Awards for Business ceremony.

For more information about Blue Care go to www.bluecare.org.au

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Are you an Aboriginal student currently enrolled full-time in the final 3 years of an undergraduate allied health degree? If YES, do you know that you can apply for a Cadetship from the NSW Department of Health?

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JAKE DUKE could have chosen almost any career pathway at a variety of universities across Queensland. But for this aspiring Indigenous sports journalist, the only place he wanted to be was at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) undertaking a Bachelor of Journalism.

Jake has wasted no time in kick-starting his career, gaining a journalism cadetship with the Gold Coast Titans NRL club. That led to an opportunity to help film a documentary on the Indigenous All Stars rugby league team.

"I am helping make webcasts for the Titans and through this I was asked to become a part of a documentary which displayed the massive week of celebration leading up to the All Stars match on February 12," Jake said.

"It was such a surreal week. I was not only able to hang out with the Indigenous All Stars team and given complete access to all areas, but was even able to interview players and administrators such as Darren Lockyer, David Gallop (NRL CEO), Johnathan Thurston and Wendell Sailor. It was a week which really helped cement my thoughts on what career I wish to pursue."

Jake, a keen rugby league player, surf lifesaver and swimmer, has set his sights on covering sport and current affairs for television news when he graduates from QUT.

"I chose QUT not only for its highly commended journalism course but because I believe it is so important to make good contacts and gain that all-important real world experience," he said.

Achievements
Due to his high achievements at Palm Beach-Currumbin State High School, Jake was awarded a prestigious Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship at QUT. The award grants him a partial tuition scholarship and allowed him to attend the Vice-Chancellor’s camp on Stradbroke Island with other high-achieving students.

"It was great. I met a lot of nice people with similar interests and work ethics and got to enjoy a range of activities such as surfing, kayaking and other team building exercises," Jake said.

He has also had a head start on university with a week of specialised orientation through QUT’s Oodgeroo Unit’s POP (pre-orientation program) for more than 50 first-year Indigenous students designed to ease them into university life at QUT.

QUEENSLAND student Dylan Shaw has received a scholarship to pursue her love of science. The Glass House Mountains 17-year-old wants to work in medical research, and will study at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Dylan is the first student to receive the university’s Jalarema Indigenous Scholarship, which is valued at $6000 over three years.

The scholarship was introduced to recognise and encourage high academic endeavour, with preference for the fields of health care or teaching. She will complete a Bachelor of Biomedical Science at the Sippy Downs campus.

After being Indigenous Student Council president at Beerwah State High School, Dylan said she was excited about taking the next step to university.

"I’ve always wanted to go to uni and USC has a good atmosphere, more laid-back than Brisbane," she said.

"The scholarship will make it easier for me to support myself while studying. I’ve already bought a laptop and textbooks."

Dylan discovered a love for science in high school.

"I got good marks in biology and at first I wanted to work in crime forensics but now I want to work in hospitals, doing clinical trials and research," she said.

Dylan was among 67 students who gained scholarships, ranging in value from $3500 to $12,000, at the recent USC Undergraduate Scholarships Presentation Ceremony.

Pictured: Dylan Shaw receives her scholarship certificate from University of Sunshine Coast Deputy Chancellor David Jeffries.
MOST of the elected leaders at Frank Partridge VC Public School in Nambucca Heads, northern NSW, are Indigenous.

The leaders were recognised last month at a special school assembly, where principal Sue Miller and Nambucca Heads High School principal Hilton Humphries presented badges to the captains, vice-captains and prefects.

North Coast region Aboriginal community liaison officer Beris Duroux was also there to present the student representative council and house captains with their badges.

School relieving Aboriginal education officer Kelly Edwards said the leadership roles boosted students’ self-esteem and gave them pride in their Aboriginality.

“The students are setting a great example to the younger children in the school as well as in the community,” Mrs Edwards said.

TWENTY Aboriginal students have begun studies designed to help them protect cultural heritage in Victoria. The students are undertaking Certificate IV in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management at La Trobe University in Melbourne.

The qualification will be a first in Australia. The Certificate IV provides students with the skills and qualifications to enable them to represent their community through a Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP), which is used to identify, manage and protect Aboriginal cultural heritage.

They could also work with cultural heritage advisers, and work with developers on land issues.

All students who undertake the Certificate IV completed an introductory workshop course.

To date about 100 Aboriginal Victorians have completed the course, with at least two courses planned for each of the four years of the funding.

Victoria’s Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Jeannette Powell congratulated the students and wished them every success.

“This unique training program is based on the enormous success of the 2009 pilot program, and these 20 students are the first of four groups undertaking a four-year training program which supports Aboriginal Victorians taking a lead role in Aboriginal cultural heritage,” Mrs Powell said.

“La Trobe University’s Professor Tim Murray, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeannette Powell and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management pilot program graduate and guest speaker Eileen Alberts.

“The Coalition Government is pleased to invest more than $2 million in this education pathway program that will ensure Aboriginal Victorians have the technical skills, knowledge and confidence they need to take control of their cultural heritage for future generations.”

Mrs Powell said the funding would build the capacity of the Victorian Aboriginal community to make decisions about preserving and protecting Aboriginal cultural heritage in Victoria.

“The Certificate IV is designed and delivered in an innovative partnership between the Victorian Government, through Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, and LaTrobe University,” she said.

“Learning from academics, industry professionals and traditional owners provides an innovative blend of formal, industry and traditional learning that gives students both technical expertise and practical hands-on experience.”

“For most students, the course gives them the opportunity to build technical skills and experience to complement their existing knowledge.

“This investment will have long-standing positive cultural, social and economic benefits for Victoria’s Aboriginal community and will help us all have a greater appreciation of Victoria’s rich Aboriginal cultural heritage.”

La Trobe University’s Professor Tim Murray, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeannette Powell and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management pilot program graduate and guest speaker Eileen Alberts.
Teaching hopefuls welcomed

By ALF WILSON

ASPIRING Indigenous teachers from around North Queensland including those studying through RATEP were welcomed to Townsville’s James Cook University (JCU) at a special event on 24 February.

RATEP is a community-based teacher education pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and is offered by JCU in partnership with the Queensland Department of Education and Training and Tropical North Queensland TAFE.

It allows students to remain in their local community while completing the requirements of the Bachelor of Education through a RATEP site but also includes short on-campus sessions in Townsville and Cairns.

RATEP director and JCU senior lecturer Helen McDonald said 75 Indigenous students were studying education degrees at JCU, including 44 RATEP students.

JCU Associate Professor and community leader Gracelyn Smallwood was at the luncheon.

Ms McDonald said recipients of the Bid O’Sullivan Scholarships from the Queensland Department of Education and Training were Danielle Blandford, who graduated from Atherton High, and Sonia Martin (Malanda).

Joint degree

Danielle is beginning her studies for a Bachelor of Education Primary while Sonia is doing a joint degree in Education and Sport and Exercise Science.

Pearl Duncan Scholarships, again sponsored by the Queensland Department of Education and Training, have been awarded to Taylor McManus (Tannum Sands High), Lynette Oliver (RATEP) Beginning Student – Cairns RATEP, Monique Martino (Gilroy Santa Maria), Shariel Cassar (St Monica’s Cairns), Sharly Murdoch (RATEP Final Year Student – Maryborough RATEP), and Dustin Stewart (Grad Dip Sec – previous degree Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science – Townsville).

The JCU students picked up eight of the 26 scholarships on offer.

Bid O’Sullivan established the School of the Air in 1959 in Cloncurry, using the radio to educate students living in remote areas of Queensland.

The scholarships named after her were created to develop a workforce that is more reflective of its client group and provides opportunities to enhance the number of rural and remote teachers in Queensland’s education system.

The Pearl Duncan Scholarships are named after the first Indigenous Australian to gain tertiary teaching qualifications and are aimed at helping aspiring teachers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait descent to attain their degrees.
Specialised training leads to jobs boom in the Top End – university

Professor Adrian Miller at Southern Cross University in Lismore.

“...a big part of that opportunity is listening to what communities and organisations come up with in terms of what they want addressed. This shift is a positive one in my experience and that is why I really want to develop a research culture at Gribi. In terms of engagement with the local community, I see local Aboriginal communities and local broader communities as absolutely significant to any future direction we take. The way I see engagement working is by taking a ‘concentric circles’ approach where we start within the university, then move out to the local communities, then to regional centres and then more broadly to national and possibly international settings. I think the foundations of good research can only be built on genuine engagement. If you haven’t got local engagement then there is no use looking overseas. As far as I am concerned your credibility and your authenticity comes from your local engagement. Another area that we will be looking at over the next few months is the curriculum for the courses run by Gribi College. I plan to hold a teaching and learning forum in the next couple of months which will be a highly collaborative process designed to ensure we are providing the highest quality of education based on good evidence and good research.

Overall, I think Gribi is positioned quite nicely to be a significant player in good collaborative research and teaching both nationally and internationally. I would like to see the college working within the broader collaborative framework of ‘Indigenous business, everybody’s business’ – and so it should be.”

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CURTIN University in Western Australia has held a pre-graduation ceremony for all students from the Centre for Aboriginal Studies (CAS). The students were presented with certificates before their official graduation from a range of studies including education, science and human resources.

CAS student Kimberley Mickelo, who lives and works in Brisbane and started her course in 2007, was looking forward to graduating with a Bachelor of Applied Science Indigenous Community Management and Development. "I’m excited to have finished and I am looking forward to a lot of exciting changes and opportunities,” she said.

"While graduation signifies a new beginning, it is a sad moment, because I have made wonderful friends and memories, and we are all going our separate ways. “My mother also came from Brisbane to attend the ceremony with me and to join in the celebrations.”

The 27-year-old says she aims to continue working in Indigenous communications. "I plan on maintaining my current position in Indigenous communications and changing the way we produce materials reaching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities,” she said.

Proud

CAS director Associate Professor Simon Forrest said he was proud to see so many Indigenous students graduating. "The students have worked tirelessly and achieved some fantastic results in their chosen area of study,” he said. More than 20 students graduated from CAS.

Dr Cheryl Kickett-Tucker from Pindi Pindi – The National Research Centre for Aboriginal Children, Families and Community, was the guest speaker at the ceremony.

Curtin has one of the highest enrolments of Indigenous students at any university in Australia.
Debra Bennell, who grew up in rural Western Australia and whose community-based work has included extensive experience in Aboriginal health, has seen much of that impact. Her father, a Nyoongar man from the south-west of the State who later became the first person in her family to go to university, was at first a railway worker, and she spent her early years moving with her family from country town to country town in Western Australia.

Ms Bennell was a member of the working party of the Australian National Council on AIDS and Related Diseases that developed an Indigenous health strategy as part of Australia’s response to HIV – including a possible outbreak in the Aboriginal community.

“I travelled extensively around Australia, and worked with HIV-positive people – both black and white,” she said. “I was blessed to meet some wonderful people doing fantastic work for Aboriginal health. I fell into education from working in health promotion and looking at ways of disseminating health messages.”

Ms Bennell’s varied career has included a time as vice-president of the Derbarl Yerrigal Health Service in Perth. She has worked for the Western Australian Health Department, Centrelink, and Curtin University in positions such as Aboriginal liaison officer, manager of Aboriginal programs, health promotions officer, and senior policy and planning officer. In 2002 she was the recipient of the Edith Cowan University Aboriginal Consultative Committee Prize for academic excellence and contribution to student life.

She has been a board and committee member of several organisations serving Aboriginal health and education, and was chair of the South West Aboriginal Education, Employment and Training Committee.

As well as serving our Aboriginal students, the Oorala Centre is also about building partnerships within the university, and between the university and the community,” Ms Bennell said. Simply a ‘presence’ on campus, she added, it could help non-Aboriginal students become more fully engaged with Australia’s historical and social realities.

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DEBRA BENNELL, the new director of the University of New England’s Oorala Aboriginal Centre, sees the centre as a ‘culturally safe space’ for Aboriginal students, as well as an organisation working to ‘close the educational gap’.

“Any time they need to come and be surrounded by a safety net, it’s here,” Ms Bennell said, adding that even in her previous position as a lecturer in social work at Edith Cowan University, she ‘liked to get away from it all at the Indigenous centre’.

“Aboriginal students bring a different world view to a university,” she said. “They bring Australia’s past into the present.”

And that can be ‘a bit of a burden’ for them, Ms Bennell explained, when they are continually questioned about their Indigenous perspectives on everything from Captain Cook to the Northern Territory intervention.

That ‘different world view’ has educational implications for Aboriginal students. “Teaching our mob to be critical thinkers is, in some ways, against cultural norms,” Ms Bennell said.

“They’re not raised to be critical – and certainly not critical of authorities. But I hope they all leave university as critical thinkers.”

In this respect Ms Bennell was atypical from the beginning.

“I’ve always been inquisitive,” she said. “My mother would say: ‘You want to know the ins and outs of a lizard’s gizzard. It’s just a lizard’.

But at university you need to know about lizards’ gizzards.”

Going straight to university from high school, however, young Debra Bennell quickly found that – at that stage – it wasn’t for her. Instead she worked, travelled, married, and had children.

“Later, at a reflective moment in my life, I thought I’d better go back and get that degree I’d promised myself,” she said.

Ms Bennell obtained a BA (Indigenous Services) degree from Edith Cowan University and an MA (Indigenous Social Policy) degree from the University of Technology, Sydney, and is working towards a doctorate.

“Getting equity of opportunity for Aboriginal students is still important,” she said. “But educators’ key role is in ‘closing the gap’,” she said.

Universities supply the professions with graduates, and thus create the system. We need to produce doctors, nurses, teachers etc who are equipped to go out and change the system.

“Teaching history is one thing, teaching the impact it has had on today is another. We can feel those emotions about the atrocities – but looking at how such events have an impact on the current situation seems to have become a bit too hard.”

Education

New boss at UNE’s Oorala

Debra Bennell, the new director of the University of New England’s Oorala Aboriginal Centre.

Apply now for a Koori Teaching Scholarship

Teaching is a rewarding and respected career, and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is offering scholarships to Koori people considering teaching as their profession.

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Applications close 25 March 2011.

For more information visit:

An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No. A17/2011).
Ernabella is in the spotlight

Paintings are very uplifting.

Ernabella Mission Days by Imiyari (Yilpi) Adamson.

THE focus will be on Ernabella Mission in South Australia’s far north west at Artitja Fine Art’s next exhibition, MEMORIES AND MAPS: Stories from the Bush which opens this Friday 11 March, Director Anna Kanaris said artist Imiyari (Yilpi) Adamson was transitioning from her intimate yet abstract paintings of her Dreamtime story to the figurative portrayal of her childhood at Ernabella Mission in the 1950s, sharing her memories of this life and time.

She said images of cockatoos on water tanks, sheep being herded and camels being laden with children, dogs, blankets and food as families prepare to go on holiday after finishing a season of shearing give the viewer an insight into mission life in the central desert more than half a century ago.

“Contrary to what we normally expect, mission life at Ernabella was very good for the Anangu people of the region because unlike many other missions, traditional beliefs and culture were respected,” Kanaris said.

“This is evident in the paintings. As soon as I saw them I saw joy, fun and good times with people smiling. The paintings are very uplifting.”

Kanaris said abstract cultural mapping paintings would also form part of the exhibition, with Anangu Elder and spiritual healer Rama Kaltu-Kaltu Sampson imparting his traditional knowledge and skills as custodian of the Rainbow Serpent Dreaming in a red, white and black painting about the importance of ceremony. Most of the artists in the exhibition were born in or around Ernabella or settled at the mission, which was established in the 1940s and closed in 1973. Kanaris said the artists’ connection to their country and its dreamings remained strong as they travelled between their Anangu homelands and Adelaide where they now live.

She said Ernabella artists were well known for their batik and ceramic work and their long involvement with craft began with the establishment of what is now the oldest art centre in that community, which opened in the 1940s. In the early days the artists there made hand-pulled woolen rugs, and Kanaris said Artitja was pleased to include rugs in the exhibition.

MEMORIES AND MAPS will also feature a range of baskets from award-winning Nyoongah bush sculptor and fibre textile artist Janine McMullay Bott, whom Artitja Fine Art has represented since 2006, and a small selection of oil paintings from the Hermannsburg Potters artists.

Floor talks will be held at the gallery on Saturdays at 2pm throughout the duration of the exhibition.

MEMORIES AND MAPS: Stories from the Bush runs from 11-27 March from 11am to 5pm at Artitja Fine Art, 330 South Terrace, South Fremantle, Perth. Entry is free. For more information go to www.artitja.com.au

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BOOK REVIEW

ISLAM DREAMING

By Peta Stephenson

UNSW Press

$49.95 336pp

Reviewed by Margaret Smith

On a recent Q & A program on ABC TV, Indigenous business woman Gina Castlelaird reminded the audience about the first ‘boat people’ who came from the Torres Strait, the Pacific area and Captain Cook. She said we’d always been a multicultural society.

Author Stephenson’s previous book, The Outsiders Within, explored some of these connections.

Her latest, Islam Dreaming, examines the early visits of Muslim Indonesian Makassans, Malayan pearlers, and the Afghan cameleers – who all had contact with Aboriginal people – and moves on to their descendants today.

Stephenson writes in her introduction that it’s a book about stories. ‘It explores what Indigenous men and women from around Australia have to tell us about their varied encounters with Islam,’ she says.

To undertake her research she visited the Top End, Thursday Island, Alice Springs, all capital cities, regional towns and many places in between, where she interviewed more than 50 people.

The book starts its journey by delving into the past. Peterson writes, ‘These different experiences of cross-cultural encounters have left their traces in the law, in language, in culture and in economic organisation’. From 1860 to 1920 between 2000 and 4000 Afghan camelmen helped link and develop the country by trading food, water and supplies.

Gradually they gained the acceptance of desert Aboriginal people. Peterson writes, ‘each observed spiritual and sacred sites, eating with the hands was customary, and both practised the circumcision of young boys as a rite of passage’. From Aboriginal people they learnt about the plants of Australia, and some Aboriginal men were employed by them, and some Aboriginal women became their wives.

Polygamy was practised by some Muslims and Aboriginal people. ‘The two races respected one another, and there was no competition for land,’ she says.

Some Muslim husbands allowed their Aboriginal wives to practice their own religion, but others expected their wives and their children to accommodate Islam.

The author spent time with boxer Anthony Mundine in his family’s café in Hurstville, hearing about his reading of Malcolm X’s autobiography, his discovery of the ‘universal brotherhood’, and how it has given his life new meaning.

Mundine told Stephenson: “If a lot more Indigenous Australians turned to Islam they would solve a lot of their problems.”

Islam Dreaming is full of reflections, insights and personal revelations. It opens up new perspectives on Aboriginal Muslim contacts, and is a rich resource for all students of Australian history.

Community Heritage Grants 2011

Applications close 6 May

Community Heritage Grants of up to $15 000 are available to assist in preserving cultural heritage collections of national significance.

Not-for-profit community organisations, including migrant and Indigenous groups, are eligible to apply for funding.

Applications close Friday 6 May

Guidelines and Application Form can be downloaded from: www.nlh.gov.au/chg

Printed copies of the form are available from:

Coordinator, Community Heritage Grants

Telephone: (02) 6262 1147

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Artitja Fine Art

Artitja Fine Art has represented Janine McMullay Bott, whom Artitja Fine Art has represented since 2006, and a small selection of oil paintings from the Hermannsburg Potters artists.

The book starts its journey by delving into the past. Peterson writes, ‘These different experiences of cross-cultural encounters have left their traces in the law, in language, in culture and in economic organisation’. From 1860 to 1920 between 2000 and 4000 Afghan camelmen helped link and develop the country by trading food, water and supplies.

Gradually they gained the acceptance of desert Aboriginal people. Peterson writes, ‘each observed spiritual and sacred sites, eating with the hands was customary, and both practised the circumcision of young boys as a rite of passage’. From Aboriginal people they learnt about the plants of Australia, and some Aboriginal men were employed by them, and some Aboriginal women became their wives.

Polygamy was practised by some Muslims and Aboriginal people. ‘The two races respected one another, and there was no competition for land,’ she says.

Some Muslim husbands allowed their Aboriginal wives to practice their own religion, but others expected their wives and their children to accommodate Islam.

The author spent time with boxer Anthony Mundine in his family’s café in Hurstville, hearing about his reading of Malcolm X’s autobiography, his discovery of the ‘universal brotherhood’, and how it has given his life new meaning.

Mundine told Stephenson: “If a lot more Indigenous Australians turned to Islam they would solve a lot of their problems.”

Islam Dreaming is full of reflections, insights and personal revelations. It opens up new perspectives on Aboriginal Muslim contacts, and is a rich resource for all students of Australian history.
Mr Baillieu said. "Indigenous gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, kweer and sistagirls identified by many different tribally specific names and community positions have been living, loving and creating art since time immemorial," she said.

"Unfortunately the colonial solutions to sexuality, gender, romance and marriage involve promoting and enforcing non-Indigenous constructs of sexuality, which carry damaging baggage from the Victorian era. (long) ago."

Featured artists in the show who are exploring the interplay of culture and sexuality include Destiny Deacon, Jeffrey Samuels, Arone Meeks, Karla Dickens, Clinton Nair, Jenny Fraser, Clint Lingard and Nicole Boeree.

Pink Sunrise runs from 11 March to 11 April, Tues-Sun from 11am to 4pm at the Boomalli Gallery, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt, Sydney. Pictured left: From the series Forces of Nature, 2011, monoprint by Arone Raymond Meeks, will be part of the Pink Sunrise exhibition.
By MARGARET SMITH

AN exhibition about the lives of extraordinary Indigenous activists is now on show at the Museum of Sydney. From Little Things Big Things Grow profiles such luminaries as William Cooper, Jack Patton, John Maynard, Pearl Gibbs, Charles Perkins, John Moriarty and many others who fought for the rights of their people.

Developed by the National Museum of Australia, the exhibition features life-sized images, photographs, video footage, newspaper cuttings, documents and artefacts such as designer John Moriarty’s dressing gown from his years at the Kinchella Boys Home in the era of the Stolen Generations.

The exhibition shows just how hard the early struggles were for Aboriginal people.

At the opening, the Stiff Gins played the anthemic Kev Carmody song From Little Things Big Things Grow.

The Sydney Metropolitan Land Council’s Michael West gave the welcome to country, saying it was important to show respect for Aboriginal custodians and Elders.

The exhibition, which focuses on the years 1915-1970, was opened by Indigenous academic and NSW Person of the Year Professor Larissa Behrendt.

“They were the people who paved the way for my generation. These people remind us of what’s really important ... our self-determination and our sovereignty,” she said.

Prof Behrendt went on to say: “The Australian Constitution is crafted on prejudice. Though much has been done with the passing of the 1967 Referendum and the Racial Discrimination Act, our playing field today is still not even. Our forebears show us that fundamental change can be made at the grassroots. We have an obligation to honour these people, and to keep the doors open so many people can follow us through them.”

Michael West described the subjects of the exhibition as “role models for the generations that followed”.

“They started the journey and we’ve still got a long way to go,” he said.

From Little Things Big Things Grow is at the Museum of Sydney until 8 May. It will be in Perth from July-September, at the Queensland Museum from October until February 2012, and at the Museum of Tropical Queensland in Townsville from March to May 2012.

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NSW Footballer Wes Patten with the display on his famous Aboriginal activist grandfather Jack Patten at the From Little Thing Big Things Grow exhibition in Sydney.

Funding for Artists and Artworkers
Indigenous Arts Grants
March Funding Round

The Department of Culture and the Arts invites applications from individuals, groups and organisations requiring financial assistance to undertake activity in all artforms (except film, television and radio) for the Indigenous Arts Grants Program.

Applications close 5pm, 25 March 2011
for projects starting after 1 July 2011

Contact the Indigenous Project Officer on (08) 9224 7316 or freecall 1800 199 090 (country WA callers only) or email indigenousart@dca.wa.gov.au for more information.

Please check our website www.dca.wa.gov.au/indigenousarts for further details.
Indigenous Youth.

It's good news for the Year 12 student from Oakey, west of Toowoomba, whose family were victims of the Queensland floods. But William's sorrow brightened a little when Yvonne Cohen Award Trustee Michelle Evans told him he had been awarded the 2010 Yvonne Cohen Award, which includes $5000.

William, who is passionate about his art, also won the Australia Day Cultural Award for his region. Now in its sixth year, the Yvonne Cohen Award is open to individuals aged under 30, and offers the winner a prize of $5000 to enable them to continue their chosen creative path.

Recognising creativity as an integral part of the future for many young Indigenous Australians is the cornerstone of the award, which is managed by the Yvonne Cohen Award Trustees Aunty Joy Murphy-Wandin and Michelle Evans. "The late Yvonne Cohen was a successful non-Indigenous artist who bequested a significant amount of money toward the establishment and fostering of the award over a 25-year period. Ms Cohen lived a large part of her life on Timara Island, North Queensland," Ms Evans said.

"Each year we, the trustees of the Yvonne Cohen Award, are privileged to be able to bestow this significant financial encouragement to one individual, enabling them to continue and enhance their artistic work."

Ms Evans said William was a worthy winner as his portfolio of work and passion and commitment to his art and creative endeavors was obvious. Past award recipients include singer/songwriter Kerrianne Cox, of Beagle Bay, Indigenous performer and producer Lionel Austin, actor and musician Mark Coles-Smith, of Broome, and the 2009 winner, Michelle Tyhuis, a Torres Strait Islander woman.

**Oakey student wins Cohen Award**

**Jordan on right track**

JORDAN OLIVER, of Cairns, remembers the day he first wanted to become a performer. He was aged only 12 and had just performed his hip-hop music in a showcase event at the Cairns Brothers Leagues Clubs.

After hearing the crowd's applause that day, he knew that he was on the right track. Jordan's passion for music had started a year earlier while taking part in youth workshops at the local community centre. He developed a taste for rap and hip-hop, and eventually began writing his own lyrics.

By the age of 13 he had begun performing regularly at festivals such as NADOC, and eventually nightclub shows too. Over four years, he saved his money and was finally able to set up his own recording studio. He also helps mates record their own songs in his studio, believing that music is something that should be shared.

And that's exactly what he is doing. Just recently he was again sharing his music when he appeared as the opening act for the American group Bones Thugs n Harmony in Cairns.

His is also due to begin recording his first album in Sydney with independent label Rayzor Records.

For more information on Jordan, visit his websites at www.myspace.com/jordanoliverhiphop or www.facebook.com/jordanoliverhiphop

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- Availability to work in Alice Springs

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**Documentary Film Festival**

AUCKLAND, New Zealand: The 2010 New Zealand Indigenous Film Festival is a three-day event, bringing together screen professionals, filmmakers and Indigenous communities in Auckland, with the aim of encouraging the production and distribution of indigenous films in New Zealand.

The festival is organised by the Arts Council of New Zealand's Mana Whenua Group, a working group for Māori and Indigenous arts professionals.

The following are the films selected for the festival:

- **Tūnāhī** by Faridah breakout, a documentary about the Tongan community in New Zealand, exploring the effects of colonization and cultural assimilation.
- **Tūnāhī: Taonga o te Māori** by Faridah breakout, a documentary about the Maori community in New Zealand, exploring the effects of colonization and cultural assimilation.
- **Tūnāhī: Taonga o te Pākehā** by Faridah breakout, a documentary about the Pākehā community in New Zealand, exploring the effects of colonization and cultural assimilation.

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Welcome to The Koori Mail, the Nation’s Calendar of Events. We welcome your submissions. Please keep them short and include a daytime telephone contact number for checking purposes. Items can be emailed to info@koorimail.com.au, faxed to (02) 66 222 600 or call us on (02) 66 222 666.

National

**Upcoming Events:**

- **13 March-1 April:** Aboriginal Art Exhibition showcasing Indigenous artworks. The exhibition explores a contemporary Indigenous perspective on animals and their relationship to people, place and country, revealing individual stories of both maker and object. All welcome. Held at Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs. Details: (08) 9230 6005 or visit www.araluenartscentre.com.au for more information.

**Past Events:**

- **19 March:** Third annual Weipa Fest to be held on 4-5 June. The festival features guest speakers, including Naanpar, Mapoon, Aurukun, Lockhart River, Barambah, Laura and Wujal Wujal join in the activities. Many Torres Strait Islanders have also expressed an interest. Some of the major highlights play the roles of Indigenous performers on stage, a didgeridoo competition, fride, listen in to dreamtime stories, a kids corner, youth hip-hop dance party and campfire story telling. Go to www.weipafest.com.au for more information.

- **19 March:** Julibah Yowari Rainbow Corroboree. Meet the Elders, share dreamtime stories, including music and dance and live performances by Indigenous performers. Suitable for all ages. Required to bring swimwear, food and camping gear. All welcome. Entry is by donation. Details: (02) 9208 5533 or email arts.nsw.gov.au or visit www.arts.nsw.gov.au/aboriginal-traineeship

- **31 March—1 April:** Gap seminar. Bridging the Gap Day gives Australians the opportunity to close the gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health by allowing communities to describe their health and research priorities. Register now to participate in this event. Early bird rates only available until Tuesday 15 March. All welcome. Held at the National Hotel, South Brisbane. Details: (07) 9472 5542 or email dhunnil@gemspi.com or visit www.qldchambersevents.com.au/brisbane2011a

- **17 May:** National Indigenous Domestic Violence Conference has list of successful outcomes of their research and programs concerning the control and escalation of violence. All welcome. Held at Sea World Resort, Gold Coast. Details: emails: aboriginaleducationcenter@bigpond.com or visit http://www.domesticviolenceconference.net

**Tasmania**

**Upcoming Events:**

- **2013:** National Seniors Week 2013. Council of Elders. The National Seniors Week Showcase is an annual event where National Seniors offer their contribution to the development of our community, for their leadership and for their initiative. Categories include, business, community services/volunteering, education and lifelong learning, environment/science, agriculture, health and well-being and inter-generational understanding. Details: (13) 12 44 or visit www.nswseniorsweek.com.au

**Past Events:**

- **12 March-5 April:** Goori Positive Place Exhibition at the Menagerie Gallery. A group of art works being shown in association with the Victorian Stolen Generation. This event will feature many historical films. Those who were apart of the dormitory system are welcome to register their interest to participate in this event. All welcome. Held at the Rialto Shed, Cherbourg. Details: (ce) 190 (200) 855 or visit www.aiastra.gov.au

**Western Australia**

**Upcoming Events:**

- **20 March:** The Upington Aboriginal Art Exhibition showcasing Indigenous artworks by artist Joy Kngwarreye. There will be over 65 paintings, sculptures and bush toys by Indigenous artists from central Australia. Held at Without Pier, 320 Bay Rd, Cheltenham. Details: (03) 9533 7577 or email info@ncc-'.$account_id.'west.org.au

**Past Events:**

- **24 March:** Closing of the Lowe's Institute. Australia’s National Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research inviting you all to celebrate the Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research Day gathering. Featuring welcome to country, and a paper from Dr Joseph Murphy, then followed by the Koori Youth Will Shakespeares, also keynote performances of Aboriginal art and music. All welcome. Details: (1300) 316 882 or email registration@indigenoushealthcare.com.au or visit www.indigenoushealthcare.com.au

**Queensland**

**Upcoming Events:**

- **19 March:** Cherbourg Regional meeting for men and women, celebrating the 1995 Stolen Generation. This event will feature many historical films. Those who were apart of the dormitory system are welcome to register their interest to participate in this event. All welcome. Held at the Rialto Shed, Cherbourg. Details: (ce) 190 (200) 855 or visit www.aiastra.gov.au

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**Northern Territory**

- **10 April:** Manor Centre. The Voice of Indigenous Australia Film Forum. Join actors Rosalie, Tom E. Lewis, Beck Cole and Sandy Boughmore as they explore as a range of vantage points the rapidly changing landscape of representation and identity in Australian Aboriginal culture. This will be followed by a film program which relate to the representation of Aboriginal people in the media in Australia. Held during the screening of the Big Pond Film Festival. Free and all welcome. Details: (08) 8341 5555 or events@lowtiqra.org.au

**South Australia**

- **9 April:** Bilyana ‘Natural Event presents Dan Sultan in an evening of music.’ Details: (02) 6690 9671 or visit www.indigenousartnews.com.au

**Victoria**

- **12 March-2 April:** Visionic Indigenous Arts Festival. The program aims to foster the production and exhibition of diverse art and culture, and increase economic opportunities for Indigenous artists. Free and all welcome. Held downtown, 45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. Details: (03) 9662 9666 or email visionic@artswest.org.au or visit www.indigenousart.com.au

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**New South Wales**

- **24 March:** Filling the Gap Day gives Australians the opportunity to come together and show their support for closing the life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians. Events in New South Wales groups can organise a small-scale event to suit their local interest and have been registered. Details: visit www.nсыl.org.au or 1300/1300

- **16 March:** March looking for Indigenous women and men to participate in this event. All welcome. Held at Art Gallery of South Australia. Details: visit www.ag.sa.gov.au

**New South Wales**

- **24 March:** National Close the Gap Day gives Australians the opportunity to come together and show their support for closing the life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians. Details: see above.

- **5 April:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, and National Co-ordinator Tackling jarjums, improving daylighting justice, improving the representation of Indigenous arts. Details: see above.
A BRAND new tractor, complete with a range of tools, will help to generate more fencing work for Aboriginal youth in the Burnett region of south-east Queensland.

Funding for the tractor and implements was made available from the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) which was struck between the local Wakka Wakka people and Tarong Energy in 2009. Several local organisations and suppliers have also contributed to the new equipment.

The tractor will be put to work from the Iron Bark Ridge Services (IBRS) complex near Murgon.

Although the tractor has its work cut out in coming months with plenty of flood-damaged fencing to repair, the real work will be done by local Aboriginal people who will be required to do the planning, driving and hands-on labour.

IBRS on-site manager Danny Hoogstraten said crews were ready to go and plenty of work was lined up.

“We’ve shown that we can run one successful fencing crew out of IBRS, and now we should be able to run two easily,” he said.

Wakka Wakka Elder Beryl Gambrill said the ILUA Implementation Group was always searching for ways to improve the employment prospects for the local Aboriginal population.

“There’s dignity in labour and dignity in providing for your family. Plus there’s always a need to link in with other businesses like Iron Bark Ridge Services to make sure that we’re getting the best return on our community investment as we can,” she said.

Mr Hoogstraten said that due to pre-existing demand and now flood damage, the current crew was in high demand due to the quality of their fences.

Extra equipment and help was also provided by South Burnett Machinery in Murgon and the Wooroolin Machinery Centre.

Some of the many people involved in the fencing work project pictured with the new tractor and equipment.
Koorie Engagement Support Officer

Location: Northern Metropolitan Region
Position: Koorie Engagement Support Officer
Classification: ES 2.4
Employment Type: Ongoing, Full Time
Employment Mode: 48/52
Salary Range: $65,656 - $77,415

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is seeking suitably qualified applicant to fill Koorie Engagement Support Officer position in the Northern Metropolitan Region.

The Northern Metropolitan Region is guided by the Ministers vision that all government school students are entitled to an excellent education and genuine opportunity to succeed, irrespective of the school they attend, where they live or their home background. The purpose of Northern Metropolitan Region is to provide strategic leadership and support to schools in delivering improved outcomes for all students.

The Northern Metropolitan Region Business Plan is focused upon the achievement of Government goals and targets through the implementation of the reform agenda.

For further information and to apply please visit http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/support to schools in delivering improved outcomes for all students.

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Indigenous Business Australia is seeking an enthusiastic person to be responsible for management reporting, budget preparation and reporting, data collation and quality control, and assist in project delivery.

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- extensive experience in the development and enhancement of IT financial and reporting systems
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- an ability to communicate effectively with relevant systems stakeholders.

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Enrolled Nurse
Permanent Full-Time
Western Region, Riverside Centre - Orange, Position No: 11/ADHC_0230
Total remuneration package valued up to $52,466 per annum (Salary: $43,688pa - $47,347pa). Full-Time salary quoted includes employer’s contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.
Job Description: The Riverside Centre is seeking positive and enthusiastic nurses to join their team. Working in a multi-disciplinary team environment, the Enrolled Nurse provides support of client and clinical services at the Riverside Centre, ensuring service provision is person centred and delivering optimal support, meeting individual client needs in a collaborative team environment.

SELECTION CRITERIA:
• Demonstrated communication and interpersonal skills.
• Ability to use initiative, to work independently and as part of a Team.
• Demonstrated level of contemporary clinical competence and a commitment to person centred thinking.
• Ability to work inclusively, to work independently and as part of a Team.
• Demonstrated communication and interpersonal skills.
• Understanding and working knowledge of the Disability Services Act 1993 and its applications to working in a supported accommodation service.

Job Notes: Information about ADHC and the Riverside Centre is available on-line in a Job Information Package. There are multiple Permanent Full-Time positions available and an Eligibility List shall be created for the purpose of filling future Permanent, Temporary, Full-Time, Part-Time and Casual positions. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Information Package and to apply visit: www.dfhc.nsw.gov.au/adhc/career or contact NSW Businesslink, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2525 Orange NSW 2800
Closing date: Friday 18 March 2011
Do you want to be part of the Build and Grow Strategy to give Aboriginal communities confidence in the providers managing their housing?

Your role will be working with a new team in the office of the Registrar of Community Housing in Burwood, to help implement the Aboriginal Housing Office’s (AHO) Provider Assessment and Registration System (PARS). A core part of the AHO’s Build and Grow Strategy, PARS is being implemented over the next few years. As a valued member of the PARS team you will have an opportunity to work in a supportive and collaborative environment, assisting in the development and implementation of the new registration system. You will be working to ensure that the Aboriginal community housing sector is supported to become a strong and successful sector.

There are two positions available in the PARS team:

1. **Sector Liaison Officer** – As Sector Liaison Officer you will engage with Aboriginal community housing providers and other key stakeholders to provide information about PARS and to ensure consistent and clear messages about the PARS registration process. You will develop and maintain a comprehensive understanding of the registration process and act as a key point of contact for providers, housing organisations and other relevant parties. You will be responsible for ensuring consistent and clear messages about the PARS registration process.

2. **Analyst** – As Analyst you will engage with Aboriginal community housing providers about all aspects of the registration process. You will manage a caseload of Aboriginal community housing providers, undertake registration assessments, draft registration reports and be involved in ongoing performance monitoring. This role involves both desktop delivery and site visits, and working closely with other team members. This is a targeted position.

The Aboriginal Housing Office is seeking an Aboriginal person for this role or a non-Aboriginal person with a broad understanding of Aboriginal communities. People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria. This is available through www.ahs.nsw.gov.au/employment or 1800 203 966.

Enquiries: Sophie Holloway on 02 8747 2510 or email sophie.holloway@ahs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 18 March 2011

### Jobs in New South Wales

#### Human Services

**NSW Aboriginal Housing Office**

**Human Services** Ageing, Disability & Home Care

**Registry Nurse**

**Human Services**

**Registered Nurse**

Permanent Full-Time

Western Region, Riverside Centre - Orange

Position No: 11/ADHC_0233

Total remuneration package valued up to $76,766 per annum (Salary: $49,533pa - $69,600pa). Full-time salary quoted includes employer’s contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The Riverside Centre is seeking positive and enthusiastic nurses to join our team. Working in a multi-disciplinary team environment, the Registered Nurse provides co-ordination of client and clinical services, and provides direction to Riverside Centre staff ensuring service provision is person centred and delivering optimal support meeting individual client needs in a collaborative, team environment.

**Selection Criteria:**
- Current List A Registration with the National Registration Board, with demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional development.
- Demonstrated level of contemporary clinical competence and a commitment to person centred thinking.
- Ability to use initiative, to work independently and as part of a team.
- Demonstrated communication and interpersonal skills.
- Understanding and working knowledge of the Disability Services Act 1993 and its applications to working in a supported accommodation service.

**Job Notes:** Information about Aboriginal housing for the Riverside Centre is available online at a job Information Package. The Registered Nurse supervises staff and acts as a supervisor for the unit, supporting the Residential Unit Nurse Manager, in managing and improving unit performance and staff development. There are multiple Permanent Full-Time positions available and an Eligibility List shall be created for the purpose of filling future Permanent, Temporary, Full-Time, Part-Time and Casual positions. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Michael Herbertson on (02) 6363 7153

Information Package and to apply visit: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6363 6150 or post to: NSW Businesslink, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552 Orange NSW 2800

Closing date: Friday 18 March 2011

#### Jobs in Victoria

#### Careers @ Justice

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Key responsibilities include:
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- Participate in the development and provision of new community corrections programs and initiatives, with a particular emphasis on holistic Indigenous issues, as required and, where feasible.

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Job Reference 3839.

Closing date for applications is Sunday 20th March 2011.

www.justice.vic.gov.au

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Home and Community Care Aboriginal Development Officer

Grade: VPS 4
Status: Full time / Fixed term (12 months)
Location: Traralgon
Salary: $66,235 to $75,151 + Super

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Will you accept the challenge of increasing the range of service options for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the Gippsland Region?

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Applications Close: 01 April 2011
Apply online at our website or call Jessykah Miles on (02) 9768 6848 for further information and to request an application pack.

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- Permanent Full Time Aboriginal Caseworker (Dubbo)
- Permanent Full Time Aboriginal Caseworker (Coffin Harbour)

Brighter Futures is a voluntary program targeting families encountering challenges that impact on their ability to care for children. We seek to promote healthy child development and improve family resilience through the provision of support and services. Caseworkers provide in-home casework, parenting programs and coordinate all services and supports for the family. The Brighter Futures Program is expanding to target and provide services to Aboriginal families in the Gosford, Minto, Tahmoor, Dubbo and Coffin Harbour areas.

Jobs that make a difference
Namatjira Haven is a government funded 14 bed Residential AOD Treatment Centre based on the Far North Coast of NSW servicing the needs of Aboriginal men requiring assistance in dealing with substance use problems. Currently we are seeking the following staff.

Case Worker in A&D

Full time 5 days 38 hours per week

This is an identified position and Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 514 of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977. Namatjira Haven LTD considers being a man is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under S15 of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977. Applicants need to have relevant qualifications for the position, experience in a drug & alcohol treatment service is desirable, knowledge of current trends in AOD treatment, an understanding and appreciation of issues faced by Aboriginal men & communities, excellent communication skills, Case Management experience, High level PC skills, a current driver’s licence and reliable transport. A high degree of professionalism is needed for this position.

Applicants must address the essential and common selection criteria as outlined in the information pack and complete Prohibited Employment (Child Protection) and Criminal Records Check forms. Information packs may be obtained by phoning Admin on (02) 6628 1098.

Applications close 5pm on Wed 30/03/11. Interviews will be on or near 11/04/11

WISHIN provides outreach support to women with or without children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness or who have a diagnosed mental illness in the Northern suburbs of Melbourne.

We are seeking the following personnel:

Team Manager

Team Manager to join our dedicated team in providing quality service to our clients. This position is based in Brunswick and is full time. 

Salary is equivalent to SACS Award Social Worker Grade 1. 

For a position descriptions please contact trialsheen@ontospace.net.au

The key selection criteria needs to be addressed in your application.

Positions are for women only and the Equal Opportunity Exemption 4/25/2009

Senior Project Officer (Aboriginal) Clerk Grade 9/10

Head Office, Ashfield

Temporary Full-Time

Salary package from $98,295 to $108,318 per annum

Provide support to management and lead the implementation of key project-related objectives for Keep Them Safe, ‘establish and evaluate four new Intensive Family Based Services within the Non-Government Sector’.

Requirements:

• Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander with a commitment to improving services for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.

• Demonstrated experience working with or within the Non-Government Sector.

• Demonstrated project management skills with experience in managing multiple projects and deadlines.

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For the full selection criteria and to apply on-line, visit www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs

For information about this position, please call Bianca Jarrot on (02) 9716 2225

Applications Close: Friday 18 March 2011

Vacancy No: 11-CS-0228

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER CLASS 4

Salary Range: $54,936 - $59,668 (P:12,227)

As a member of the Murumbidgee Education and Training Centre team, this position will provide liaison support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to assist them in transition to their home school or other education programs, training and/or employment programs. This may also involve supporting a student’s family to access services provided by other service providers and encouraging parent or caregiver participation in their child’s schooling including educational decision making and transition processes.

Eligibility/Other Requirements:

Desirable: Year 12 Certificate or equivalent. Current driver’s licence. Willingness to undertake relevant Certificate IV or equivalent qualification.

Note: This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples identified position.

Contact Officer: David Bromhead (02) 6205 7170 david.bromhead@act.gov.au

Applications Close: 15 March 2011

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BUNGREE ABORIGINAL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATION

Bungree Aboriginal Association Inc is a Central Coast (Seymour City & Wyong shire Council Area) Aboriginal Community Based organisation which provides a wide range of services to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people residing on the Central Coast. The main office is located in Trayuki.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Aboriginal men and women to join the Bungree Aboriginal Intensive Family Based Service Team. Attractive salary packages are available. For a position description please contact Cathie Jensen-Lee (02) 9244 5312

Closing Date: Applications close 5pm on Wednesday 30th March 2011

BUNGREE ABORIGINAL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATION

The Professor of Australian Indigenous Education will bring to UTS a sound background in teaching and research in this area.

Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences is responsible for the majority of Indigenous programs at the University.

The Faculty is now seeking to appoint a Professor of Australian Indigenous Education to provide academic leadership and strategic advice on all matters relating to the Faculty’s work in Indigenous education, research and external engagement, and to contribute to the Faculty’s teaching and research in this area.

The Professor of Australian Indigenous Education will bring to UTS a sound background in management and leadership combined with established links and partnerships locally, nationally and internationally that will contribute to positive outcomes in Indigenous education, supported by a strong record of scholarship.

Reference Number R110211

JOIN UTS

For further information go to: www.uts.edu.au/jobs
Executive Assistant to CEO

SNACC is committed to improving employment opportunities for Torres Strait and Aboriginal peoples and welcomes applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait island people.

An exciting opportunity to work in a peak body for Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders has become available for a highly organised Executive Assistant to work to the CEO and Executive team.

You will be responsible for the coordination and management of your Manager’s busy schedule, along with the ability to track tasks delegated to others.

With your strong communication skills both; written and verbal, you will have the ability to deal with government Executives, statutory authorities and a number of councils with utmost confidence and professionalism.

As the key contact for a number of boards, you will assist in meeting preparation for a number of committees, assisting with agendas, minutes and the coordination of reports.

You will be IT savvy with the ability to use Word, Excel, and PowerPoint and have a strong aptitude with implementing and developing accurate filing systems. The ability to use an Apple/Mac computer would be advantageous.

To be successful in this role, you will have a strong work ethic with the ability to think outside the square, along with a flexible attitude and an understanding of the not for profit sector.

For further information please contact Bryce Couston on (08) 9040 8595 or email bryce.couston@snacc.org.au

Closing Date: 10 March 2011.
**General Administrative Support Officer**

**Aboriginal targeted position, Campbelltown Local Area Command**

**South West Metropolitan Region, Field Operations**

**Grade Clerk 1/2, Permanent Full-Time, CAMPBELLTOWN**

**NSWPF 11/033**

**Salary Package:** $62,507.00

**Salary:** $52,104 - $56,644. Package includes annual salary, employer’s contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:**

Provide support within the Local Area Command focusing on quality advice and high level customer service to members of the public and Police staff. Provide administrative, clerical and keyboard support within the Local Area Command.

**Job Notes:**

- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for Aboriginal employment and only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can apply. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 1222 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- This position works under the non continuous shift award and rostering undertaken in accordance with flexible rostering guidelines.
- General Administrative Support Officers will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours Monday to Friday but may be rostered to perform afternoon and weekend shifts on the front counter of the police station.
- Applicants must obtain an information package for full job details. If you have any further queries, after reading the information package, please contact the Enquiries Officer.
- Applicants must address all Selection Criteria in writing, as outlined in the advertisement. If not, the application may be rejected.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Demonstrated knowledge of systems and administrative practices/procedures, including the working of local court systems.
- Effective communication and customer service skills.
- Ability to operate corporate records management system and maintain accurate filing systems.
- Broad knowledge of systems and administrative practices/procedures, including the working of local court systems.
- Demonstrated knowledge of computer systems and word processing skills.
- Ability to operate the corporate records management system and maintain accurate filing systems.
- Effective communication and customer service skills.
- Knowledge and understanding of local cultures, customs and community organisations. The capacity to be accepted by the local community.

**Enquiries:**

- Claire Walker (07) 4747 2044 or email claire.walker@police.qld.gov.au
- Closing Date: Friday, 18 March 2011

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**Principal Executive Officer (Identified)**

Qld Indigenous Education Consultative Committee

For this position, it is a genuine occupational requirement that it be filled by an Aboriginal person or a Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by and arguable under Sections 25, 104 and 105 of the Queensland Anti Discrimination Act 1991.

**Department of Education and Training**

**Salary:** $58,584 to $64,559 p.a.

**Location:** Inala, Brisbane

**Key Roles:**

Manage the Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Committee Secretariat including all human, financial and physical resources to achieve these objectives outlined in the Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Committee’s (QIECC) Strategic Plan.

**Job Description:**

The Principal Executive Officer will provide executive support to the operations of the Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Committee (QIECC) including the coordination of meetings, development of agendas, preparation of briefings, coordination of correspondence concerning the QIECC, and the identification and analysis of emerging issues to support the work of the QIECC.

**Applicants may apply to:**

Please go to Smart Jobs and Careers website www.jobs.qld.gov.au

**Enquiries:**

- Darren Bond on 04 3727 0737 or email darren.bond@police.qld.gov.au
- Closing Date: Sunday, 27 March 2011

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**Case Manager Rural and Remote**

**Probation and Parole, Northern Region**

**Community Safety**

**Salary:** $53,520 p.a.

**Location:** Mourning Island Reporting Centre

**Key Roles:**

- Case management, offender assessment, risk assessment and needs, maintain high quality records; Engage with community stakeholders; Operate as part of a multidisciplinary team.

**Applications:**

- Address all Selection Criteria in Writing, as outlined in the advertisement. If not, the application may be rejected.

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**Assistant Store Manager (Specified)**

**Regional Service Delivery Operations**

**Centrelink**

**Salary:** $55,320 - $65,744 p.a.

**Location:** Lockhart River

**Key Roles:**

- Assist the Store Manager in managing an efficient and effective retail store through high quality goods and services to the community.

**Applications:**

- Address all Selection Criteria in Writing, as outlined in the advertisement. If not, the application may be rejected.

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**Police Liaison Officer**

**Central Region**

**Queensland Police Service**

**Salary:** $62 838 - $65 872 p.a. ($42 975 - $57 375 p.a. if under 21 years of age)

**Location:** Taking

**Key Roles:**

- Liaison and apply relevant laws, Queensland Police Service and Centrelink policies. Problem solve and organise. Effectively communicate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

**Applications:**

- Address all Selection Criteria in Writing, as outlined in the advertisement. If not, the application may be rejected.

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A generous remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful candidate that will include an attractive salary, sick leave, fringe benefits package and superannuation. For further information regarding this position or to apply, please contact the HR Officer on (06) 4942 2633 or email: janine@amccq.com.au

All applicants are to provide a checkable work references and be eligible to work in Australia. Successful candidate will be required to produce a Police Check and OCHRE Card.
Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative (GEGAC) is seeking Registered Nurses Division 1 and Endorsed Nurses for a number of full and part time Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Health Nurse Positions. These new roles will provide professional and quality nursing skills and clinical expertise in assessment, triage and care planning; and referral options for clients. Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal health issues is desirable. The successful applicants would be expected to promote good health through education and to support and encourage community members to take responsibility for their own health.

Successful candidates must address the Key Selection Criteria as detailed in the Position Description. Copies of Position Descriptions and other relevant material can be obtained from GEGAC reception. Applications must be addressed in writing to: AOD Health Nurse Role GEGAC PO Box 634, BARNSDALE, VIC 3875 Telephone: (05) 5150 0700 Applications close: 18th March 2011. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. GEGAC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Internal applicants may also apply.

Research Associate/ Research Fellow (Qualitative)

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Social policy, sociology, anthropology, research base.

The Indigenous Policy and Dialogue Research Unit are recruiting a part-time,20 hour,position for a Postdoctoral Fellow to play a significant role in developing the research profile of the Unit. Base: $35,904 p.a. + Ref. 7848 KM

For more information, application procedures and other vacancies, visit: www.jobs.unsw.edu.au

Social Responsibility Advisor

Your ability to engage with and influence people is critical to this position, in which you will implement Social Responsibility strategic programs including Indigenous Affairs and improve community awareness of Newmont’s mining activities.

Liaising with Government authorities and community groups, you will deliver key initiatives and strategies to engage stakeholders. You will also support an annual risk review and help to implement findings from an assessment on our social impact. Communicating with stakeholders and respecting varied interests will be a challenge but creating a resolution will be rewarding.

As this is a public relations role, your communication, problem solving and time management skills are essential. A minimum of six years experience in regional/rural community development and knowledge of government agencies is essential. A relevant tertiary qualification is desirable. Please apply online at www.newmont.com click on Careers and select Asia/Pacific region. Applications close Tuesday 15 March.

As part of our agreement with the Traditional Owners we welcome applications from Gnaala Karla Boocca people and encourage applications from all Indigenous persons.

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We’d like to inspire you to come to Swinburne University of Technology. Apart from offering a great working environment that’s both generous and supportive, we value creativity and encourage our staff and students to make a difference. For a challenging career full of opportunity and rewards, consider Swinburne.

FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

A key leadership position has been created in the Faculty of Business & Enterprise to meet the significant demand for growth. If you possess strong leadership ability and have excellent interpersonal, client service, written and presentation skills, this is the job for you.

MANAGER, MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Position Number: 28800
Salary: $87,470 – $94,426
Including 17% Superannuation
Full-Time, Ongoing – Hawthorn Campus
Applications Close 5pm 16 March 2011

This role is pivotal in the development and effective delivery of seamless marketing and communications for the Faculty and is charged with providing clear strategic guidance. Part of this role will be to effectively manage, supervise and direct a small specialist communications team and ensure functionality and team building, collaboration and benchmarking within a continuous improvement environment.

Swinburne encourages applications from Indigenous people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people with disabilities, women and men.

School Improvement Division

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education and Student Support Branch

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education and Student Support Branch is seeking applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people for the position of Secretariat Officer to the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Consultative Group (ATSECG). The successful applicant will be responsible for working as a member of a team to provide support to the ATSECG. Applicants must have knowledge of the educational issues, programs and initiatives relating to education and training for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the ACT.

Note: This position is permanent part-time at 29-24 hours per week. Applicants should note that Selection Documentation and Application Packages including referee report proforma are available at: www.jobs.act.gov.au or you can request the documents from the Contact Officer.

Contact Officer: Ms Kelly Dundon on (02) 6205 8311 kelly.dundon@act.gov.au

Applications Close: 15 March 2011

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Never Stand Still

Programming Manager Radio – 85k

Applications close 24th March 2011

A fantastic opportunity exists to join 3knd 1503 as Programming Manager. The position is responsible for the day to day operation of the station and works in conjunction the Station Manager. This is a full time position, working Monday to Friday with some flexibility in times.

Environment, Climate Change & Water

Water NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW, PO Box 634, BAIRNSDALE, VIC 3875

APPLICATIONS

GEGAC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Internal applicants may also apply.

Newmont Boddington Gold offers the best of the city and country and is located 130km from Perth. The mine has proven reserves of more than 20 million tonnes and is expected to operate for more than 34 years. Incentives are provided to the operation’s 800+ employees to live within 50km of the open-pit, encouraging families to stay together and relocate to this picturesque part of the Peel region.

Our employees enjoy a generous salary package including free private health insurance and an annual bonus scheme.

Your ability to engage with and influence people is critical to this position, in which you will implement Social Responsibility strategic programs including Indigenous Affairs and improve community awareness of Newmont’s mining activities.

Liaising with Government authorities and community groups, you will deliver key initiatives and strategies to engage stakeholders. You will also support an annual risk review and help to implement findings from an assessment on our social impact. Communicating with stakeholders and respecting varied interests will be a challenge but creating a resolution will be rewarding.

As this is a public relations role, your communication, problem solving and time management skills are essential. A minimum of six years experience in regional/rural community development and knowledge of government agencies is essential. A relevant tertiary qualification is desirable. Please apply online at www.newmont.com click on Careers and select Asia/Pacific region. Applications close Tuesday 15 March. As part of our agreement with the Traditional Owners we welcome applications from Gnaala Karla Boocca people and encourage applications from all Indigenous persons.

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Koorie Transition Officer

EFT 1.0 – Southern Metropolitan (Position number: SM359)

A position is available with the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in the Southern Metropolitan Region to drive continuous improvement in the pathways outcomes of Koorie students. The Koorie Transition Officer (KTO) will support systemic change at provider level, capacity building and system change.

The KTO program seeks to increase engagement, retention and attainment levels of Koorie students in Victoria and increase Koorie young people’s aspirations to stay at school and support them to develop strong post-school pathways.

The position is an identified Koorie position under relevant VCAT Exemption A177/2010.

The position is at VPSG5 level for a fixed term period from 4 April 2011 to 31 October 2013. Applications may be made through Recruitment Online at www.careers.vic.gov.au. The closing date for applications is 21 March 2011. Please contact the Wannin Senior Implementation Officer in the region should you have any queries.

Contact: Anita Kain kain.anita@edumail.vic.gov.au or on 9794 3567.

Grampians Regional Aboriginal Health Workforce Development Coordinator

Are you committed to developing collaborative partnerships that will improve access to health and health related services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people? The coordinator will offer leadership and guidance to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce Development Committee (AMSWS) to drive improvements in health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. For full information please email Mary Guthrie on 02 6273 5013 or email mary@aida.org.au

Applications close: Friday 25 March 2011

VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION LTD

The Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Limited (VACSA) is the recognised state-wide Peak Advisory Body on Aboriginal Community Issues. VACSA is a community based, community controlled, community owned, community representing organisation from Koorie organisations across the State. As being aware in all Koorie matters, VACSA delivers and manages a range of critical community services across Victoria.

The current vacancies exist within the Organisation, VAGAS Community Education and Project Officer

To work in collaboration with both the Aboriginal communities as well as the Problem Gambling service network to prevent harm related problem gambling in Aboriginal communities. Focusing on implementation of the VAGAS Operational Plan – across all Victoria, as well as working closely with targeted Problem Gambling services.

Salary Package available

Please contact Pam Aplin on (03) 9416-4266 for further information and/or a Position Description. Koorie people are encouraged to apply.

Applications close 20th March 2011

Australind Indigenous Doctors’ Association Ltd

2 Positions on the AIDA Policy / Projects Team

Policy and Communications Officer and Medical Education Officer

The Australian Indigenous Doctors’ Association (AIDA) is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation dedicated to the pursuit of leadership, partnership and scholarship in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, education and workforce.

AIDA advocates for improvements in Indigenous health in Australia and encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to work in medicine by supporting Indigenous students and doctors.

If you have:

• a commitment to improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;

• experience with policy and project work;

• proven ability as an effective communicator;

• demonstrated ability to work in a changing and challenging environment;

and you would like to hear from us –

Selection documentation for the two positions are located at www.aida.org.au/positions/vacant.aspx

AIDA is the National Office for Aboriginal Doctors and Torres Strait Islander People to Consider JOINING Our TEAM.

Applications for this position are encouraged for all positions.

Ms Mary Guthrie on (02) 6273 5013 or email mary@aida.org.au

Applications can be forwarded to:

Ms Mary Guthrie
Manager – Policy and Projects
Australian Indigenous Doctors’ Association
P.O. Box 3407, MARRICKVILLE, A.C.T. 2603
or via email: mary@aida.org.au

Close of Business: Friday 16 March 2011

Senior Project Officer
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (Specified)
Department of Education and Training
Salary: $60,000 to $75,000
Location: Townsville
REF: QF/CO10063/11

Key Duties: Work as part of a team to initiate and contribute to the development and delivery of creative and innovative curriculum linked support materials for students and teachers in a variety of media, including online materials.

SALARY INCENTIVE: Position provides a broad knowledge of ATS culture

Additional Information: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply

Applications: Darren Shephard (07) 3245 8111
Closing Date: Sunday, 13 March 2011

VICTORIAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) Victoria is an equal opportunity employer committed to staff diversity. The DEECD Victoria and Victorian Public Sector Equal Employment Opportunity Policy apply. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply.
The Blue Mountains GP Network (BMGPN) Incorporated is located in Katoomba, New South Wales. BMGPN operates to build the capacity of general practice to enable GPs to provide optimal health care for the Blue Mountains community. The Network aims to improve the health outcomes for Aboriginal residents. The Blue Mountains GP Network Inc. considers being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander to be a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s 31 (2) (h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997 (NSW).

Male Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Outreach Worker

To undertake outreach work with Aboriginal people (particularly engaging with Aboriginal men and children) and Community Agencies in the Blue Mountains to improve the health outcomes for Aboriginal residents. The Blue Mountains GP Network Inc. considers being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander to be a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s 31 (2) (h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997 (NSW).

Female Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Outreach Worker

To undertake outreach work with Aboriginal people (particularly engaging with Aboriginal women and children) and Community Agencies in the Blue Mountains to improve the health outcomes for Aboriginal residents. The Blue Mountains GP Network Inc. considers being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander to be a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s 31 (2) (h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997 (NSW).

The Blue Mountains GP Network Inc. considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 (6) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997 (NSW).

Applicants must address the Selection Criteria set out in the application package. For an application package contact BMGPN on (02) 4781 9711 or admin@bmgn.com.au

For further information on the position contact Sheila Heckenbrett, CEO on (02) 4781 9711.

Closing date for applications is 5pm Wednesday 16 March 2011.

BMGN is a family friendly workplace and salary packaging arrangements are available.
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Essential Energy manages Australia's largest energy supply network across 95 per cent of New South Wales. We are one of Australia's largest regional employers, offering challenging careers in a friendly environment with attractive benefits and conditions.

As an Electrical Worker you will be responsible for a range of activities including assisting with the installation, construction and maintenance of the electrical infrastructure, the provision of other customer service activities and the operation of related plant and equipment.

To be successful in this position you will require a minimum of a class C driver's licence. Possession of one or more of the following certificates would be an advantage:

• Basic Cable Splicing Certificate
• 11 KV Switchgear Certificate
• 1.6 KV Switchgear Certificate
• 400V Switchgear Certificate

For a copy of the Electrical Worker Application Form and further information, visit www.essentialenergy.com.au/electricaleworker

Completion of the Application Form is a mandatory requirement to be considered for this position.

Applications close 5pm Friday 13 March 2011.

An equal opportunity employer Essential Energy encourages Indigenous applicants to apply.

Human Services

Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply. No Smoking in this workplace is Agency Policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Operational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

Shift Supervisor (Aboriginal)

Level 4, Year 1-4, Orana Juvenile Justice Centre, Western Region, Dubbo
Permanent Full-Time, Position No. 11JJ 0287

Total remuneration package valued up to $78,270 per annum (Salary $58,178 pa to $70,400 pa includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Job Description:
The Shift Supervisor coordinates the work of Youth Officers across the Centre to ensure that daily routines, security, casework and program attendance are resourced appropriately so that care and custody of detainees and the safety of staff is maintained at all times.

Selection Criteria:
• Aboriginality
• Completion of Certificate IV in Juvenile Justice (Youth Work) or Community Services or equivalent plus relevant experience
• A thorough knowledge and understanding of policies, procedures, guidelines and legislation relating to juvenile justice.
• Extensive experience and ability to work, motivate, support and communicate effectively with detainees with challenging behaviour, including an understanding of their needs.
• Demonstrated ability to manage teams and demonstrated conflict resolution skills, negotiation, liaison, problem solving and advocacy skills (in line of detention).
• Ability to implement and monitor service delivery of detainee case plans including programming needs and developed ability to prepare accurate and concise reports and make recommendations.
• Sound computer skills and experience in using client based information management systems.
• Possess, or enrolled in, a Senior First Aid Certificate and possession of a minimum Class 1C Driver's Licence.

Notes:In this position, an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and will be a determining factor in the recruitment process.

The Aboriginal Projects Officer is primarily responsible for providing assistance and support to the Indigenous community members. As part of this growing organisation, the Manager will facilitate the vision of HICSA by independently and flexibly to coordinate the development and management of projects and programs focused on building a healthy, strong and skilled community. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

To find out more about this position please contact Miranda Madgwick - email: womansworker@nrrjcsp.org.au
Applications close Monday 28 March 2011.

HICSA Manager

Part Time position for 20 hours per week, 2 year contract

$85,000 (gross) + super

The Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association (HICSA) is a welcoming and culturally affirming place in Healesville for both Indigenous and non- Indigenous community members. As part of this growing organisation, the Manager will facilitate the vision of HICSA by independently and flexibly to coordinate the development and management of projects and programs focused on building a healthy, strong and skilled community. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

For more information and to apply, go to www.essentialenergy.com.au/electricalworker
Performance and Development Advisor
Aboriginal Identified – 00000DYJ

- Sydney CBD
- Clark Grade 7/11, Remuneration package $95,540 which includes salary range $78,142 - $86,498, employer’s contribution to superannuation and leave loading
- Temporary Full Time Position

Purpose of the position is to:

- Contribute to and develop supporting sector-wide Aboriginal employment strategies and initiatives
- Undertake research and analysis of labour market and public sector workforce data, trends and issues
- Provide advice on Aboriginal workforce planning, performance and capability development and the implementation of Aboriginal workforce strategies and programs.

Closing date: 23 March 2011

Organisation: Department of Premier and Cabinet (Public Sector Workforce)

Contact: Yim Chan (02) 9228 3566

Primary purpose of the position (Responsibilities)

In this role you will:

- Undertake components of workforce planning, performance and development projects to achieve agreed project targets and deliverables.
- Provide advice and information to the Department and other government agencies on a range of Aboriginal workforce planning, performance and capability development issues.
- Liaise, consult and work collaboratively with internal and external stakeholders to ensure engagement and effective interface on Aboriginal strategy and program development, planning, implementation and review.
- Contribute to the development of workforce plans, strategies and programs to address Aboriginal workers’ needs, implement strategic policy and meet government objectives for workforce reform and service delivery improvement.
- Undertake research and analysis to contribute to Aboriginal workforce planning, measure and evaluate Aboriginal workforce performance programs and support the development of strategies and programs to improve Aboriginal employment in the sector.
- Ensure that the Government’s policy objectives relating to equity and diversity are considered in planning and project work.
- Act as Executive Officer for working parties & committees.
- Provide advice and feedback to assistant project staff to support their continued development.

We encourage you to submit your application online, however if you are unable to do so please email your application to emma.arnold@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au or contact ServiceFirst on (02) 9228 4214

Notice of Proposed Grant of Prospecting Licences

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 101 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licences under the Mining Act 1970.

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Yim Chan (02) 9228 3056

Senior Policy roles available in Aboriginal Affairs Victoria!

Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (AAV) works to build and stand on the strengths of Victoria’s Aboriginal communities. We are seeking two senior policy staff to play a key role driving AAV’s work forward.

Senior Policy Officer

- $76,424 - $92,467 plus 9% super
- Ongoing / Full Time or Part Time (if negotiable) (Ref: No: DPCD/PCA/CVC1508)
- Are you a creative thinker with excellent policy and communication skills? Are you passionate about empowering and improving the lives of Aboriginal people? Do you want to work as part of a dynamic, close knit team? If so, this may be the role for you…
- Using a community development approach, the Senior Policy Officer sits within the Indigenous Family Violence Coordination Unit. This position is responsible for working across government and with Aboriginal communities to drive the implementation of the Indigenous Family Violence Strategy. The Strategy is a 10 year community led plan supported by regional action groups to reduce family violence.

Senior Policy Officer, Indigenous Family Violence Coordination Unit

- $76,424 - $92,467 plus 9% super
- Full time / Fixed Term: 12 months (Ref: No: DPCD/PCA/CVC1549)
- Do you have exceptional ability to engage in partnership with Aboriginal communities and government representatives? Do you have a good understanding of the processes, policies and procedures within government? If so, this may be the role for you…
- The Senior Policy Officer sits within the Indigenous Family Violence Coordination Unit. This position is responsible for working across government and with Aboriginal communities to drive the implementation of the Indigenous Family Violence Strategy. The Strategy is a 10 year community led plan supported by regional action groups to reduce family violence.

Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply

Closing date for applications is Thursday 17 March 2011

To apply and access the position descriptions and selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au and refer to position number.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Mineral Claims

The Honourable Ken Vatsikalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C, Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do acts necessary to grant various mineral claim applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

- Mineral Claim 28246 sought by GREYWOLF GOLDMINING NL, ACN 139 304 911 over an area of 9 ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the DAVENPORT RANGE locality.
- Mineral Claim 28247 sought by GREYWOLF GOLDMINING NL, ACN 139 304 911 over an area of 6.8 ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the DAVENPORT RANGE locality.

Nature of the act:
- Grant of prospecting licence which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.
- Notification date: 9 March 2011

Native title parties:
- Under section 33 of the Native Title Act 1993 parties have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 months period closes on 8 June 2011. Any person who is not a native title party is, unless invited to become a native title party, entitled to lodge an objection to the grant. The Treasurer of the Northern Territory is notified in advance of the grant.

Expeditet procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts affecting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 years from the notification day (8 June 2011), a native title party lodged an objection and the Native Title Tribunal found that the grant of the licence is for an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, P.O. Box 3697, PT 6004, telephone (08) 9245 1030.

For further information about the Act including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications, contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 101 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, telephone (08) 6202 3828.

Minor Mineral Claim 28246

| Nature of act | Grant of prospecting licence which authorises the holder to explore and mine for recoverable mineral(s), clay or stone on the claim area and such operations and works as are necessary for or associated with that purpose and the treatment of tailings or other mining material for a term not exceeding 4 years and to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the minerals of the claim. The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral claim(s) referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801 or Centrepilll Building 48-50 Smith Street DARWIN NT 0800, telephone (08) 8956313.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the notification and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993.

For further information about the act including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications, contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 101 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, telephone (08) 6202 3828.

Mineral Claim 28247
NOTICE TO GRANT GENERAL PURPOSE LEASES
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 700 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following general purpose lease applications under the Mining Act 1978:

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<td>370.3ha</td>
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The purpose for 52/287 is for reeling, placing and operating machinery, depositing, transportation and treating minerals and tailings, roads, pipelines, communication facilities, explosive storage facilities, transport facilities, storage and transportation of non-mineralised waste and tailings, water management facilities and infrastructure, power generation and/or transmission facilities, fuel facilities, meteorological station, workshop maintenance facilities and office administration facilities.

Nature of the act: Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for a term of 1 years with a right of extension for 2 years.

Notification day: 9 March 2011

Notice to applicants: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 9 June 2011. Any person who, on or before this 9 June 2011, is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided for in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to this determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The leases may be granted, if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 13 October 2011), there is no native title party in relation to the area of the lease.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3262.

NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 700 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

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Applications close 13th March 2011.

Government of Western Australia
Department of Training and Workforce Development

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER (50D)
Aboriginal Workforce Development Centres

Post Recruitment (Perth, Bunbury, Busselton, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie)

Level/Salary: Level 6, $81,501 - $89,249 pa, PSGA GA 2008

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced Aboriginal Community Service Workers or Aboriginal Community Workers with previous experience of working with Aboriginal patients or clients. The successful applicant will be responsible for building relationships with stakeholders and the community, as well as maintaining established and developing new referral pathways for clients of the program. The successful applicants will be skilled in support work with the Aboriginal community and highly motivated to support Aboriginal clients throughout the Intervention Order process.

Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Law is desirable. Applicants will be required to provide copies of relevant qualifications, experience, relevant certification and proof of Aboriginality.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptons visit www.careers.wa.gov.au

Applications close 13th March 2011.

Koori Family Violence Support Workers
(Men’s & Women’s)

VPS Grade 3: $33,592 - $36,462

Men’s & Women’s MC2319 & Women’s MC2330

(Fixed Term - Part Time)

The Magistrates’ Court of Victoria is seeking applicants for 2 exciting new support roles being piloted at Melbourne Magistrates’ Court.

The aim of the Koori Family Violence Support Program is to enable the courts to provide a more culturally appropriate response to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander victims and offenders in family violence matters.

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Applications close 13th March 2011.
NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTh) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HERBIE O'KEEFE NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978.

EXPLORATION NO. | APPLICANT | AMALGAM NO. | AREA | LOCALITY | CENTRAL | SHIRE
25/27/8 | Aviva Resources Ltd | 362/27/8 | 85.95ha | 59km S/E of Kalbarri | Lat 31°31’ Long 121°13’ | Kalbarri-Roe Bay City
26/139 | Pioneer Resources Limited | 362/36/7 | 130.3ha | 25km N of Kalbarri | Lat 32°37/5’ Long 121°14’ | Kalbarri-Roe Bay City
35/278 | Nakai Minerals Ltd | 37/11/7 | 0.62ha | 74km S/W of Kalbarri | Lat 27°19’ Long 120°30’ | Leonora
59/11/2 | Great Sandy Metals | 363/415 | 65.6ha | 50km S of Paynes Find | Lat 26°28’ Long 117°14’ | Yilgarn

Future of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notifi cation day: 3 March 2011

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons who have until 3 months after the notifi cation day to take any steps to become native title parties to the application. The 3 month period closes on 29 May 2011. Any person who, in becoming a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 4 Application 3 of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries to: The Native Title Determination Registrar, P.O. Box 9773, Perth WA 6844, Telephone (08) 9450 1000.

Expended provisions: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acting the expended provisions. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 6 months after the notifi cation day (i.e. 29 May 2011), a native title party objects to the registration of the agreement.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certifi ed: An objection to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certifi ed: An objection to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certifi ed:

“ Agreed Living Area” means the area of land the subject of this ILUA and described in Item 3 of the Schedule.

Clause 4.1: The Land Council and the Native Title Parties consent to the Agreed Actions, whether or not the Agreed Actions are future acts.

Clause 4.2: The parties acknowledge and agree that Subdivision P of Division 3 Part 2 of the Act does not and is not intended to apply to the Agreed Actions.

“Agreed Living Area” means the area of land the subject of this ILUA and described in Item 3 of the Schedule.

Objects to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certifi ed:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certifi ed by the Central Land Council, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certifi ed.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certifi ed, as stated in section 20BIE(6a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Register, National Native Title Tribunal, GPBox 9973, Adelaide, SA, 5001 by 3 June 2011.

Date: Saturday 3 March 2011.

National Native Title Tribunal

The agreement contains the following statements:

Parties to the agreement and their contact address:

Central Land Council
Northern Territory Government
Alice Springs
Northern Territory
Darwin
Northern Territory
Level 1, Old Admiralty Towers
68 the Esplanade
Darwin
Northern Territory
C/- Solicitor for the
Northern Territory
C/- Solicitor for the
Northern Territory
C/- Solicitor for the
Northern Territory
Native Title Parties (Alan George Dempsey Polkham, Ronnie Webb Polkham, Raymond Welsh Penangue)
C/- Central Land Council
C/- Central Land Council

“Agreed Living Area” means the area of land the subject of this ILUA and described in Item 3 of the Schedule.

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Medical Adviser

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Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

This position offers exciting opportunities for qualified medical practitioners. The successful applicants will have a direct influence on health policy in Australia through the provisions of clinical advice to the Chief Medical Officer, and the relevant portfolio. There is also a requirement to liaise with key stakeholders and represent the department at external meetings.

Contact officer: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health


Closing date: Thursday 7 April 2011, AEDT

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THE KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011.
**Notice of Proposed Inclusion of Additional Surface Area Within Mining Leases**

**Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29**

The Current Holder named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed inclusion of Additional Surface Area within the Mining Leases below shown under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld). ML1790 and ML4752, when granted on 11 July, 1978, did not include a portion of the surface of the land to which it relates. The current Holder has now applied for the inclusion of these areas under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld). The proposed inclusion of the land will provide additional security for the Native Title Party by including the land as part of the Mining Lease. Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a ‘native title party’ is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease and Mining Claim. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 4795.

Further Information: Further information may be obtained from Jeff Inman, Titles Program, Industry & Investment NSW, on (02) 4951 6578.

**Nature of the acts:** The inclusion of Additional Surface Area within a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for the term of the Mining Lease, as described below, to be included in the Mining Lease.

**Nature of the area:** The inclusion of Additional Surface Area within a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for the term of the Mining Lease, as described below, to be included in the Mining Lease.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Additional Surface Area within the Mining Leases be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Resources, Mines and Energy, and the Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

**Location of Mining Leases (Refer to Diagram):**

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<td>Wards Well</td>
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<td>Current Land Tenures: Lot C on G007254 – Tenure Lease TL 0/1236180 (Mining) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 1797.8 ha</td>
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<td>ML4752</td>
<td>Lawnwood</td>
<td>Approx. 25km South West of Glenden</td>
<td>Current Land Tenures: Lot C on G007254 – Tenure Lease TL 0/1236180 (Mining) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 1797.8 ha</td>
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**Applicants:**

- BHP Mitsui Coal Pty Ltd
- BHP Coal Pty Ltd

**Current ACN:**

- 100%
- 100%

**Notification Day:** 30 March 2011

**Queensland Government**
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of an Exploration Permit for Minerals shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified or coal, for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the General Conditions Version 5, 10 December 2000 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 2, October 2010.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a “native title party” is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1000 or Email: eplreq@federalcourt.gov.au

 Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 60 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Notification Day: 30 March 2011
NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING LEASE

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 9 June 2011. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9288 7100.

Expeditious procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 9 July 2011), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA, 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Nature of act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 9 March 2011

Further information may be obtained from Jeff Imanis; Titles Program, Industry & Investment NSW, (02) 4931 6578.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(i) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) the notification day is 24 March 2011. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING LEASE

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mining Lease shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Lease to which this notice applies: ML70455 Rolleston West

Name and address of person doing acts: Xstrata Coal Queensland Pty Ltd

Nature of the Applications: Grant of Mining Lease to which this notice applies under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) for a term not exceeding thirty (30) years.

Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)

Current Applicant

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Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for a term not exceeding thirty (30) years, with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding thirty (30) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: As proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, C/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Minister for Trade, PO Box 17248, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Leases, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease applications, may be obtained from Mines and Energy Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, Landcare, Centre of Valuation and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4120, Telephone: (07) 3288 3777; Mining Register; Emerald Mining District, 599 Road Reserve, Emerald, (Qld 4720), Telephone: (07) 4825 9375.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Qld) any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Qld) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonweal Law Courts, 1 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3288 1200 or Email: sjp@federalcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 20, MEC Building Corner Gregory & Adelaide Streets, Brisbane, (Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3288 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 30 March 2011

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Draft Management Plans

Hobelbe Island National Park and adjoining State waters* Hope Islands National Park* Keppel Bay Islands National Park (Scientific) and adjoining State waters* Moreton Island National Park* Sheep Station Creek Conservation Park* Three Islands Group National Park* Turtle Group National Park* Woorooroona National Park

Draft management plans have been prepared based on previous public consultation.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, local governments, landholders, interested groups and members of the public are invited to make comments on the draft management plans.

All submissions will be considered when preparing the final management plans. Once approved, the final management plans will specify how the protected areas and any adjoining State waters are managed.

Submissions are marked with an asterisk (*) if they have existing management plans, which are being reviewed and replaced with new plans. Suggestions for these areas can, but do not have to, relate to the existing plans.

Copies of draft management plans may be inspected or obtained from the Department of Environment and Resource Management, Marsden, Level 2, 21c Main and Vulture Street, Woolloongabba (Qld 4102). Copies can also be obtained from the Department of Environment and Resource Management, 6578.

The closing date for submissions is Monday 4 April 2011. Submissions can be emailed to parkplans@derm.qld.gov.au or by phoning 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

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NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29
The Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of an Exploration Permit under the Minerals Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the Minerals Resources Act 1989 (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified or coal, for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years.

Proposed Purposes: The purposes for L04/58 are: road, pipeline, power line, taking water, meteorological station and sulphur dioxide monitoring station, communications facility, drainage channel, pump station, bore field, water management facility, power generation and transmission facility and bore.

Proposed Purposes: The purposes for L52/129 are: road, pipeline, power line, surveying system, transport, meteorological station, communications facility, drainage channel, pump station, bore field, water management facility, power generation and transmission facility, storage, or transportation facility for minerals or mineral concentrate, mine administration facility and workshop and storage facility.

Proposed Purposes: The purposes for L52/130 are: road, pipeline, power line, taking water, meteorological station, communications facility, drainage channel, pump station, bore field, water management facility, power generation and transmission facility and workshop and storage facility.

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Proposed Purposes: The purposes for L52/130 are: road, pipeline, power line, taking water, meteorological station, communications facility, drainage channel, pump station, bore field, water management facility, power generation and transmission facility and workshop and storage facility.

Nature of Act: The grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification Day: 3 March 2011

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closed on 9 June 2011.

Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9298 7100. The miscellaneous licences may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (ie. 9 July 2011), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the miscellaneous licence.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9229 3828.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS
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Nature of Act: The grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification Day: 3 March 2011

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closed on 9 June 2011.

Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9298 7100. The miscellaneous licences may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (ie. 9 July 2011), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the miscellaneous licence.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9229 3828.
The Honourable Ken Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C Diseases of Maps 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of its intention to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

**Exploration Licence 28647 sought by\\ PARL firmly Eisen Resources PTY LTD, ACN 011 351 914 over an area of 177 Blocks (562 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DENISON locality.**

**Exploration Licence 28530 sought by\\ ELEPHANT MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 097 830 356 over an area of 43 Blocks (129 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WALERRY locality.**

**Exploration Licence 28539 sought by\\ NORTHERN MINERALS LIMITED, ACN 147 243 874 over an area of 123 Blocks (392 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the HOME OF BULLION locality.**

**Exploration Licence 28418 sought by\\ WILKINSON RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 125 984 113 over an area of 180 Blocks (571 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the EWA TREE locality.**

**Exploration Licence 28470 sought by\\ WILKINSON RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 147 191 240 over an area of 191 Blocks (556 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BONNEY locality.**

Nature of acts(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drifting, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrelink Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a “native title party” within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 973 Adelaide SA 5001, or telephone (08) 8306 1320.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this notice are within the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act.

Notification Date: 09 March 2011
Inglis to face the Roosters

GREG Inglis will make his South Sydney debut against the Sydney Roosters on Friday after the National Rugby League (NRL) club took the unusual step of announcing their team five days early.

Inglis underwent hip and shoulder surgery in the off-season and has not played in any of the Rabbitohs’ trial matches since arriving from Melbourne in November, having turned his back on a move to Brisbane.

He has put through a punishing fitness regime in a bid to get into shape. The team is: Rhys Wesser, Nathan Merritt, Dylan Farrell, GREG Inglis, Feliti Tanaalo, John Sutton, Chris Sandow, Luke Stuart, Issac Luke, Roy Asotasi (capt), Sam Burgess, David Taylor, Ben Low.

Interchange: Scott Geddes, Ben Ross, Eddy Pettybourne, Shannan McPherson, Dave Tyrrell. – AAP

Nature Of The Act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification Day: 9 March 2011

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period commences on 9 June 2011. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 9 July 2011), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.
THE Eddie Gilbert Program in Queensland is set to hit the road on 28 March, starting at Chinchilla. The annual tour takes in a number of towns throughout Queensland. Its aim is to unearth Indigenous cricket talent.

Younger players identified may be selected to attend Queensland Cricket emerging players training sessions, while senior players must attend to be evaluated for selection in Queensland’s Impraja Cup squad for the 2011-12 season. The tour is broken into regions, starting with Darling Downs-South Burnett.

- Chinchilla, Cricket Oval, Monday 28 March, 3pm
- Bloota, Cricket Oval, Ian Healy Drive, Tuesday 29 March, 3pm
- Wooburanda, State School, Wednesday 30 March, 10am
- Murgoon, Showground (Cricket Oval), Thursday 31 March, 3pm

East Coast trip to far north Queensland:
- Gympie, One Mile Fields, Monday 27 June, 3pm
- Bundaberg, Sailer Oval, Tuesday 28 June, 3pm
- Gladstone, Yarrala Sports Fields, Wednesday 29 June, 3pm
- Clermont, Sports/Cricket Oval, Thursday 30 June, 3pm
- Charters Towers, Mossman Park, Friday 1 July 3pm
- Townsville, Brothers CC, Kirwan, Saturday 2 July, 3pm
- Cairns, Cairns, Sunday 3 July, 3pm
- Innisfail, TAFE Oval, Monday 4 July, 10am

Queensland Cricket specialist development co-ordinator Nev Paulsen.
The SA talent is showcased

By PETER ARGENT

THE best South Australian under 21 footballers with Indigenous heritage displayed their talents in a curtain-raiser to first Australian Football League (AFL) NAB Cup fixture at AMMI Stadium on Friday 11 February.

The teams were a mixture of suburban and rural talent – including former Power forward Wade Thompson and Red team captain Isaac Weetra, who had a couple of seasons with Melbourne – from all parts of South Australia.

The boys came from the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) curriculum – the Aboriginal Pathway to Excellence Program. There was a trio from APY Lands, in the far west of South Australia, along with footballers from regional centres, including Point Pearce, Whyalla, Port Lincoln, Port Augusta and Ceduna.

On top of that, the squads also included a handful of players at SANFL clubs including Sturt’s Charles Staples and Coby Colbung.

The Sumner brothers.

Owen and Raymond Love.

The players from Port Augusta.

Andrew McLeod speaks to the players.

Glennelg’s Daniel Scott-Collings, and 2010 State under 18 player Matthew Rankine, from West Adelaide. Coached by the recently retired dual Norm Smith Medallist Andrew McLeod, the ‘Black’ team kicked the first four goals of the game and won on the have an emphatic seven-goal win.

The final scores were Black 12.11 (83), Red 4.7 (31).

North Adelaide Roosters league player Kirsten Thompson, from Port Augusta, was best on ground, gaining possession at will. He finished with 28 touches, including 23 kicks, in an impressive effort.

Rankine and Kieran Stone, along with Amos Frank from the APY lands, also impressed.

Skillful and robust former North Adelaide footballer Zac Millar was strong around the ball, winning 26 disposals, including 16 handballs.

Best for the vanquished was defender Hayden Warren and Port Adelaide on-baller Peter Lindsay.

“The game was of a really high standard and it was great to see SANFL players alongside players from the APY Lands, Far West Coast and Raukkan,” said SANFL Aboriginal Employment and Participation Manager James Moore.

“The State Aboriginal under 21 match will be annual event where the SANFL looks to provide talent and employment pathways for Indigenous young men.

“The game showcases the best under 21 talent around South Australia while the life and employment seminar allowed the players to be exposed to employment pathways through the SANFL and our corporate and government partners.”

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INFORMATION SESSIONS ABOUT A PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (AREA AGREEMENT) UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) FOR PART OF THE AUSTRALIA PACIFIC LNG PROJECT

Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited (APLNG) proposes to develop a world scale, long-term CSG to LNG project in Queensland (APLNG Project). The APLNG Project comprises three principal components: the further development of APLNG’s Queensland-based coal seam gas (CSG) fields in South Central Queensland; the construction and operation of a marine offloading facility and an export terminal containing specialised LNG loading facilities and berths so that the LNG can be exported to international markets.

APLNG propose to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (ILUA), pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (NTA), with:

• the native title claim group for the Wulli Wulli People native title determination application (NNTT No. QC00/07, Federal Court No. QUD6006/08) (Wulli Wulli Claim); and
• any members of the native title claim group for the Djaku-nde & Jangari Jangari People's native title determination application (NNTT No. QC00/10, Federal Court No. QUD6009/09) (Djaj Claim) who assert Native Title Rights and Interests in the proposed ILUA area.

The ILUA will relate to that part of the Pipeline Project that is depicted on the map in this notice (ILUA Project).

The whole of the proposed ILUA area is located entirely within the external boundaries of the Wulli Wulli Claim, while parts of the proposed ILUA area is located adjacent to parts of the western external boundary of the Djaj Claim.

The native title claim group for the Wulli Wulli Claim is described in the Wulli Wulli Claim as the descendants of each of: Tommy (father of Wonga Pope); Jessie Fuller (mother of Fanny Joyce); Tilly (mother of Harry Blucher); Jack (father of Hack Hornet); Jackanapes; Thomas Clancy; John/James Serico; Maria (the mother of Isabella Hooper); Mary Ann (mother of Maggie McLean); Billy Buttons & Mergwin; Amy (wife of John Bond); Rosie Ah Sue: Maggie (wife of Harry West); Bilyika Salina (parents of Jacob); Jinnie (wife of George Logan); and Ginarina (mother of Ernest Pope).

The native title claim group for the Djaj Claim is described in the Djaj Claim as the descendants of each of: Naryana and Bojomba; and Norman King of Auban.

The ILUA will provide for the consent of the native title parties to certain Agreed Acts to be set out in the ILUA, including the grant of all approvals and land tenure for the ILUA Project and the undertaking of the ILUA Project. APLNG will be seeking that the non-extinguishment principle apply to the proposed Agreed Acts.

Information sessions on the APLNG Project and the proposed ILUA will be held at 3 locations:

- Rockhampton: 5:00 pm, Thursday, 24 March 2011
  Travelodge Rockhampton
  86 Victoria Parade, Rockhampton Qld 4700
  Eidsvold: 12:00 pm, Friday, 25 March 2011
  RM Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre
  23767 Burnett Highway, Eidsvold Qld 4627
  Toowoomba: 10:00 am, Saturday, 26 March 2011
  Eastgate on the Range
  22 Burnage St, Toowoomba Qld 4350

The purpose of the information sessions is to provide information on the APLNG Project and the proposed ILUA to all persons who hold or may hold native title in relation to the proposed ILUA Area.

You are invited to the information session if you consider that you:

• fall within the description of the native title claim group for the Wulli Wulli Claim as described in this notice;

• fall within the description of the native title claim group for the Djaj Claim, as described in this notice, and you assert Native Title Rights and Interests in the proposed ILUA Area; or

• if you otherwise consider that you hold or may hold Native Title Rights and Interests in relation land or waters in the proposed ILUA area.

Refreshments will be provided. Please note: the information sessions are conducted under the terms of a strict budget. No sitting fees or travel assistance will be paid for attendance at the information sessions.

If you intend to attend any of the information sessions, or if you have any questions, feel free to contact Ms Charlotte Bigge, Native Title Coordinator, Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited on (07) 3867 0907 by 4:00 pm Friday, 18 March 2011, if possible, so that arrangements can be made for the purposes of catering.
**ADELAIDE United skipper Travis Dodd has signed with A-League rivals Perth Glory for the next two soccer seasons.**

Dodd, a former Socceroo who scored 30 goals for Adelaide, said he felt ready for a fresh start at a club he believes is on the verge of a revival.

The Glory finished a woeful second last on the table this season despite boasting one of the most highly paid teams in the competition.

Confirmation of Dodd’s deal in Perth ends months of speculation surrounding the midfielder’s playing future at Adelaide, if not the longest, standing tenures at the Reds.

In a stint stretching seven years, Dodd has notched up a total of 183 appearances and 41 goals for Adelaide United, comprising of 137 Hyundai A-League games and 30 goals, an overall tally unmatched by any player at one Hyundai A-League club.

The club’s captain for the past four domestic seasons, Dodd also led the Reds to the 2008 AFC Champions League final and through the FIFA Club World Cup in the same year and had become an icon of Adelaide United.

It is for this reason and the fact that he has been a prominent figure amongst Adelaide United supporters throughout his time at the club that Dodd says his decision to further his career with the Glory has been one of the most difficult to make in his career.

“Part of the reason it has taken so long to come to a decision is because there is so much at stake and so much to consider,” Dodd said.

“It has been an extremely hard one to make but first and foremost I had to think about what is best for me and my family.

Throughout his years at the Reds, Dodd has been a favourite amongst United supporters, with his talent and commitment on the field as well as his personality off it and dedication to promote football in the community.

“I’d like to thank everyone for all of the support I have received during my time at the club and over the past few months in particular, it has been a special time in my career and one I feel extremely privileged to have been part of,” Dodd said.

“Eventually the time has come to make a fresh start and I hope that those (the fans) can understand my decision for leaving and how difficult a decision it was for me to make. It has been a time I will never forget, and although we haven’t won a championship, I’ve been fortunate enough to have been part of some historic achievements at this club.

“While disappointed to lose a player and leader of Dodd’s calibre and experience, Head Coach Rini Coolen has been around professional football long enough to know player departures are part and parcel of football and says Dodd goes with the club’s best regards.”

“Perth put an attractive offer on the table to him for a longer period and we understand his decision to take it, and we have to accept that,” Coolen said.

“I wish Travis every success in the next stage of his football journey.” – With AAP

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**Players to watch in 2011**

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**From page back**

Many believe he could even fill the gap in the centres left by the departure of Israel Folau.

**New Zealand blood**

Holman’s father, a former player, was born in New Zealand.

He moved to Mackay in his 20s, where he met Hoffman’s mother, Grace, who is of Torres Strait Islander descent and a blood relation to Wendell Sailor.

Knowing his boy was wrestling with such a tough call, Shane attempted to ease the pressure last August, publicly encouraging him to play for Queensland and Australia if that was what he wanted to do.

“I’ve told dad I want to play for New Zealand and he was stoked about it,” said Hoffman.

“Hey had to ask me twice, just to be sure. He’s as proud as a dad can be.

“Hey would have been happy whatever decision I made but I think it would be something special for him if I played in the black and white this year.”

Under A-League rules, Hoffman would become ineligible for Origin and Australia should he represent New Zealand.

“I can’t play Origin but with my mum being of indigenous descent and my dad from New Zealand, I hope I can play in the Indigenous All Stars for both of them,” he said.

“I enjoyed watching Origin, watching the old greats when I was a kid.

“But growing up I never really dreamed about playing Origin, I always wanted to play for New Zealand.”

**Test aspirations**

Hoffman, who overcame an early season injury to be Brisbane’s player of the year in 2010, hasn’t heard from Kiwi coach Kearney about playing for Four Nations’ champions New Zealand this year.

“Once the season starts and I’m playing some good footy hopefully I will hear from Stephen (Kearney) then, or I can ring him,” smiled Hoffman.

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“Ben Barba has lived up to the X-factor tag from team-mates. Take notice

A three-try performance in round three against the Sydney Roosters made observers take notice, and it was the first of three occasions during the year that he crossed for more than one try in a match.

Meanwhile, the Gold Coast Titans expect Shannon Walker to bloom this year.

He can be explosive, but has been unable to cement a place in the NRL team and has spent much of his career in Queensland State League.

There’s no denying his talent and the speedster has breezed up since last season.

Another Titan to look out for is young 105 kg lock-second rower Ryan James, who played for the Indigenous All Stars against the NRL All Stars on 12 February.

His dream is to win a State of Origin jumper with the NSW Blues.

Townsville plumber Ray Thompson is one to watch with the North Queensland Cowboys, observers say.

The home-grown product debuted in 2009 and can play at halfback, five-eighth or lock.

At 80 kg, he is keen to ‘get big and strong’ and with the likes of Johnathan Thurston, Matt Bowen, Willie Tonga and Michael Bani around him, 2011 could be his year.

– With AAP and other sources
The competition with his playmaking triumvirates in could boast one of the best over every week." he can produce that form over the next few weeks and hopefully he can keep that up how he progresses and base partner.

Marshall said of his scrum with Timmy Moltzen, "The V oice of Indigenous Australia "I m really excited to see things from Lui. It takes pressure off my role to play this year, along with Marshall and Robbie say to me every men’s rugby league will again be the main events, organisers are also structuring the occasion to include women’s volleyball. Volleyball “Volleyball was a regular annual feature, but last year it was just too much to include on the silver jubilee program. With the Island of Origin now looking to the next 25 years, events are back to normal," said Badu United President Wayne Guivara. Mr Guivara said with the forming of the 2011 Outer Island Rugby League competition, and the possibility of NITV filming the carnival, things were looking exciting. "Women’s league will again be a major attraction and it is hoped that arrangements can be made to include men and women players registered to the KRL competition and other leagues," he said. "It is important that all players understand that they will need to be insured with the Outer Island Rugby League before they can play in the Origin." Five women’s sides competed last year, with Babaulu team Babau Slingers winning a hard fought final against Thursday Island side Sundown Sirens 26-14. One of the measures discussed by the OIRL and the Thursday Island-based Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL) was dual registration. However OIRL officials thought that would complicate registration matters for all Torres Strait players meaning players have to choose which league they want to play in. Badu Island sides have won 17 of the 25 carnivals and will be looking to get back in the winner’s circle come June. Both OIRL and KRL will be The tour delivered key messages in the communities around education, health and employment. AFL national community engagement manager Jason Milford said the AFL had a long-standing relationship with the people of the Northern Territory. Role models "We will continue to provide opportunities for local communities to engage with their AFL heroes," he said. "We know that AFL Indigenous players are important role models for Indigenous communities and this tour again demonstrates the leadership qualities of our players and also highlights our commitment to the Indigenous communities of the NT." On 1 March Andrew McLeod and Ronnie Burns visited the Hermannsburg community, west of Alice Springs. The same day, Chris Johnson and Daryl White were at Yuendumu, north-west of Alice Springs, while Michael O’Loughlin and Peter Burgoyne visited Papunya, west of Alice Springs. On 2 March Andrew McLeod was at Wadeye, Daryl White and Ronnie Burns went to Mostynria, and Chris Johnson and Peter Burgoyne were at Grote Eylandt. On Friday the former players visited schools in Darwin. Learn. Earn. Legend! is a Federal Government initiative that encourages children to stay in school.
Foley Shield debutants

By ALF WILSON

THE debut by Palm Island in the 2011 Foley Shield rugby league competition has football followers on the north Queensland Aboriginal community buzzing with excitement.

A combined Palm Island-Bowen team will contest the competition, which started in 1948 and has expanded from six teams last year to eight this year.

Reigning champions Townsville will battle it out against 2010 runners-up Mount Isa-Mid West, Cairns, Innisfail-Eacham, Torres-Cape, Mackay, Palm Island-Bowen and the other new side – Toowoomba Country.

Each will include numerous Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander footballers and all games will be played in late May at the Jack Manski Oval at the Brothers Leagues Club in Townsville.

Palm Island Rugby League President Ili Dabea said the date and when training will be held the Foley Shield campaign.

Palm Island Rugby League northern division, 12-month traineeship with the QRL.

Palm Island had received their official paperwork.

“We are very impressed with the Palm Island local competition, which had seven teams last season,” Nosworthy said.

“We are all looking forward to the Foley Shield and the date and when training will be held will be decided soon,” Mr Dabea said.

Palm Island impressed Northern Division officials during the 2010 Foley Shield campaign when they played Bowen in a curtain-raiser to the final and won convincingly.

Palm Island Rugby League President Ilia and Tanya James has just completed a 12-month traineeship with the QRL.

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Richie finds incentive to pursue love of hockey

By GRAHAM HUNT

RICHE WIGHTMAN doesn’t have to look far to find incentive to realise his dream of playing hockey for Australia – the Lismore lad’s two idols are Indigenous Koorkaburras Des Abbott and Joel Carroll.

At 15, Richie has a long way to go. But if enthusiasm counts for anything, he has one foot in the door. Richie loves hockey.

Playing since 12

He took up the game at the age of 12, joining the local Northern Pride club.

Inter-club hockey in junior divisions in the Lismore-based Far North Coast competition is contested by teams containing boys and girls.

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**Hawks to fly high**

**Magic’s Moments**

![Shaun Burgoyne](image1.jpg)

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There is an old saying that if you talk the talk, you must walk the walk. Franklin has backed this up with his early season form and his team-mates seem to be following him. Champions hate losing, and Buddy revealed the hurt the club has felt by under-achieving since its 2008 premiership victory. "With the talent we’ve got and the group we’ve got, it will be a waste not to win another flag in the next three years,” Franklin said.

"I think we have an amazing list, but we need to get that winning culture back. It hurts the supporters and everyone involved in the footy club when we are not successful, especially with the group of players that we’ve got. We just need to make it happen.”

Since Hawthorn’s 2008 premiership, the club has won just 21 of its 45 games and played in only one final, failing to make the eight in 2009. But Franklin, 24, insisted the team was not a one-hit wonder and improvement would come from Cyril Rioli, Jarred Roughead and its new recruits. "It’s a new year and we will just wait and see what happens, but we have the talent. We just have to put it all into place," he said.

"Cyril is one of my favourite players... With the way he has been training, I think Cyril is ready to have a ripper year. I am excited and I know that everyone at the club is really happy with the way he is going. I reckon he is ready to make the move into the midfield and absolutely kill it." (And) I don’t want to pump ‘Roughy’ up too much, but I would not be surprised if this was his year.

"I think he gets judged pretty harshly, old Roughy. We judge forwards on whether they kick goals, and he still kicked 53 goals and 46 behinds last year. If he can turn those 46 behinds into 20 behinds, then he will be right. I reckon he is just around the corner from having a really big year.”

Shaun Burgoyne is also well-positioned to attack his second season with the Hawks after completing the majority of the club’s pre-Christmas fitness and conditioning work.

**Knee surgery**

Burgoyne, 28, arrived at the club from Port Adelaide via last year’s trade period on crutches having undergone post-season knee surgery. It took him until round eight to make his Hawthorn debut, but his form improved steadily as the year progressed and the 173-game veteran maintains he has been able to carry that form into this preparation.

"This year we set a target to do at least double the amount of pre-season that I did last year and we’re on track,” Burgoyne said.

"All the boys want to have a good pre-season and I’m no different. It gives you real confidence in your body knowing you’ve done the work because it is a long season and the work you do now helps you in the latter half of the season."

Both Burgoyne and Franklin maintain the side’s disappointing elimination final loss to Fremantle in Perth has been a constant source of motivation for the group during the crucial training period. With the clear goal to improve on last year’s finish, Burgoyne says a thorough review of the 2010 season revealed the way forward in the next campaign.

"Goal-kicking is one (thing) and we lost a few interstate trips so we’ve identified those two areas as probably areas that we need to fix up,” Burgoyne said.

"There are also other areas as well that we need to fix and we’re working on those pretty hard. There are 16 other teams out there that want to play finals and we’re no different. We want to play finals football and that’s got to be the goal. That’s what we’ll aim to do and we’ll reassess after that.”

**Contenders**

With both these boys primed for a big season, I believe the Hawks will be genuine contenders for the title.

As I write this article, I am preparing for a visit to Papunya, in central Australia, where I have many friends over the years. I look forward to reporting on my trip in the next article. Until Then... Keep Dreaming!
Thurston to share top job

The North Queensland Cowboys have named Johnathan Thurston and Matt Scott as co-captains for 2011 in a bid to turn their recent National Rugby League (NRL) woes around.

Test prop Scott has been elevated from the club’s leadership group and will join last season’s co-captain Thurston in the role, with Thurston likely to take on the senior on-field role.

The Queensland and Australia backrow welcomed the decision, and looked forward to being relieved of some of the pressures as the club’s key playmaker and leader.

Relieve pressure

“Working alongside Scotty will really relieve some of the pressure that comes with captaining an NRL side and it allows us both to focus on our efforts on the field,” Thurston said.

“I think I speak for the whole team when I say that he is one of the most respected boys in the squad – he’s really grown in confidence and stature as a player and I know I’m looking forward to hitting the field with him this year.”

The dual partnership will allow off-field commitments to be shared, which coach Neil Henry hopes will result in improved results for the club in 2011.

“I am very happy with the calibre of the candidates in our leadership group and in the end I felt it was appropriate to name two captains, both of whom are outstanding members of the team,” Henry said. – AAP

21, but still the youngest

Frank Roberts – Australia’s first Indigenous Olympian – was 21 when he competed in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, according to close friend Barbara Bone.

The Koori Mail and other news sources reported that Mr Roberts, who was given a State funeral in Armidale on 16 February, was 19 when he stepped into the boxing ring in Tokyo.

Ms Bone, of Armidale, said Mr Roberts was a “dear friend. We will miss him.”

“1’ll miss yarning with him,” she said.

They’re deadly at darts

INDIGENOUS children have emerged as the stars of the recent Australian junior darts championships in the Victorian Central Gippsland city of Morwell.

The standout performer was 17-year-old Western Australian Jucinta Dann, from Perth.

Other Indigenous children to shine were Northern Territory brothers Lachlan Dodds Watson, 14, and Kody, 10, and South Australians Andy Warren, 15, Tristan Stuart, 17, and Phillip Stuart, 16, all from Port Augusta.

Jucinta, making her first appearance at the junior titles, showed she is ready to mix it with Australia’s best of any age when she won the girls’ youth masters for the second time in three appearances.

She won all of her round-robin matches, losing just two legs for the entire competition.

Clean sweep

She finished with an overall average of 19.167 and topped off a great week for Jucinta after earlier winning the girls’ doubles, girls’ teams, girls’ fours and girls’ singles.

Her future in the sport looks great as she has already represented Western Australia in their senior State team.

South Australian Phillip Stuart, 16, from Port Augusta, won his first Australian Youth Masters at his second attempt.

Last year, in his rookie year, he won the Australian junior singles title.

He did not get through the Morwell event unscathed, losing two matches in a very tight contest to Tasmanian Nathan Seabourne 3-2, and Western Australian Justin Dunster also 3-2.

This year’s Masters ended in dramatic circumstances. After the round-robin, three players were equal on wins, forcing a tie-breaker between Phillip Stuart, James Bullock from the Northern Territory, and Harley Kemp, of Victoria.

Phillip also was a semi-finalist in the boys’ doubles, quarter-finalist in the boys’ singles and runner-up in the youth fours.

Tristan Stuart, 17, was a semi-finalist in the boys’ singles and a runner-up in the youth fours.

Andy Warren, 15, was a semi-finalist in the mixed doubles, quarter-finalist in the boys’ singles, semi-finalist in the boys’ doubles and a runner-up in the youth fours.

For the Dodds Watson brothers from Alice Springs, the Morwell tournament was a great experience.

Kody, 10, has been playing darts fast for one year.

He plays in the local Alice Springs competition, where he lines up against the adults because there is no junior competition.

In the 2010 summer season, he won the C-grade competition and won most improved for the season.

In the 2010 winter season he stepped up to B grade and won.

He also threw his first 180 (the highest score in darts).

Kody also took part in other NT tournaments, the Ilya Hampton competition, the Alice Springs Open and the Golden Nugget.

Other brother Lachlan, 14, has been playing darts for two years and in 2009 he played in the Alice Springs Open and finished sixth.

He was third in the Ilya Hampton intermediate division, fourth in the Mt Isa Dust Up junior singles, and ninth in the men’s open singles.

Last year Lachlan played limited darts because he started boarding school at Emmanuel College, Adelaide.

Even so, he was the Ilya Hampton intermediate singles winner, Ilya Hampton mystery draw doubles winner, Alice Springs Open best junior, and Golden Nugget best junior runner-up.

Potential to go pro

By ROBBIE PATTERSON

Alice Springs

INDIGENOUS youth are an untapped resource in the professional basketball arena, according to Hoops for Health All Star and former Brisbane Bullet Andre Moore.

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“That’s one thing you see with Indigenous kids, they’re very, very fast, very keen,” he said.

The one issue is pacing.

Dogs want to keep Idris

The Australian junior darts championships in Morwell, Victoria, back row, from left, Andy Warren, 15 (Port Augusta), Tristan Stuart, 17 (Port Augusta), Lachlan Dodds Watson, 14 (Alice Springs), Jucinta Dann, 17 (Perth), Phillip Stuart, 16 (Port Augusta), front row, Kody Dodds Watson, 10 (Alice Springs), Zacarri Spain, 14 (Darwin),

CANTERBURY will make Jamal Idris the face of the Bulldogs in a bid to foil Newcastle moves to lure the 20-year-old away from the National Rugby League (NRL) club.

The Bulldogs are in a tug-of-war with the Knights for the services of the flamboyant, giant centre, who is off-contract at the end of the season.

Idris is weighing up a deal worth $350,000 a season from the Knights, whose board has yet to decide whether to accept a new takeover bid from coal magnate Nathan Tinkler.

However, Bulldogs CEO Todd Greenberg believes by staying with the Sydney club and becoming a key part of their branding and merchandising, Idris’ off-field earning potential would match any on-field offers from the Knights.

“Players like Jamal are very unique, he’s got his own brand and he’s got that in alignment with ours which I think is great,” Greenberg said.

“But we’re not naive enough to think that this won’t be first and foremost about commercial terms.

“What the dollars and cents add up to will always be a significant factor in any negotiation, but what we’re saying is that they’re not the sole factor.” – AAP

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Dream comes true

Evonne’s project gets $2m boost

Evonne Goolagong Cawley’s first dream came true when she won Wimbledon.

Now her second dream is coming true.

The new dream started taking shape seven years ago when the winner of seven Grand Slam singles titles – four Australian Opens, two Wimbledons and one French Open – launched her national development camps to foster Aboriginal talent.

Now to receive a major boost in the form of $1 million in Federal funding over three years, to be matched dollar-for-dollar by Tennis Australia.

Come-and-try days

It will enable Goolagong Cawley to take tennis to thousands more Indigenous kids around the country through ‘come-and-try’ days, and to identify the best talent to feed into State camps and her national camps.

“My second dream is coming true,” said the NSW country girl from Barellan, who defeated Margaret Court in an all-Australian Wimbledon final in 1971, then beat American Chris Evert there nine years later as a mother.

“From my own experience, I know I was a very shy little girl.

I found that when I played sport, it gave me a lot more confidence in myself to speak to people because I wouldn’t say boo to anybody.

“We are using sport to help these kids achieve their dreams.”

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Indigenous surfer to mix it with the world’s best

INDIGENOUS surfer Otis Carey has won a wildcard entry into the Boost Mobile Surf Sho, an air pro aerial surfing competition at Bondi on Sunday.

He will be up against the world’s best surfers, including Kelly Slater and Mick Fanning, and other world touring pros as they make their way from the Gold Coast to Bells Beach for the next world touring contest.

Carey, 22, a native of Coffs Harbour, but now living in Sydney to concentrate on surfing, qualified for the Mobile Air Pro after finishing with the highest number of points in the Arnette Routlette qualifying events at Burleigh Heads (Gold Coast) and Maroubra (Sydney).

He won the Burleigh event and finished fourth at Maroubra.

He was up against surfers from Australia, South Africa, Hawaii and Indonesia.

The Mobile Air Pro has been held for the past two years.

Unlike regular surfing competitions, competitors in this event are judged on aerial manoeuvres.

Their boards are specially designed to generate more speed to allow them to ‘get aerial’. There are six surfers in each heat, which lasts 20 minutes.

Competitors can catch as many waves as they like, but are judged on their best single aerial manoeuvre.

Always a chance

This makes for exciting surfing as everyone is in the mix right up to the last second of each heat.

The top three surfers from each heat progress to the next round and the bottom three are eliminated.

Carey, a Gumbaingirr man on his mother’s side and Bundjalung on his grandfather’s side, began surfing when he was just four or five years old.

He has surfed in junior pro events in Australia, New Zealand and Indonesia and has competed for Australia in international indigenous events.

The Indigenous surfer said he was pumped to face the pros.

“I’m so amped to take on the big guns,” said Carey, who finished on top of the Arnette Routlette series with 3440 rating points.

“I’ve always wanted to surf against Kelly (Slater) in a heat, so it’s going to be epic. I’ve been living at Bondi for a year and have had some good waves. It’s been great for practising airs.”

The 2011 Arnette Routelette Series comprised of two, one-day events for aerial surfers under 25 years.

Aerial events have created a sub-culture for the world’s most innovative and futuristic surfers and have attracted a strong cult following around the world.

Competitors attempt to launch themselves as high as possible off a wave into the air, completing a technical aerial ‘move’ at the same time.

“They have had some great results,” she said last Tuesday at Sydney’s old White City centre court, where she not only won many a top-flight match, but also sold programs as a 15-year-old Davis Cup usherette.

“We have been able to award Indigenous tennis scholarships, we have five fully qualified Indigenous coaches, as well as Sport and Rec officers.

“And of course, education is the most important thing, as they have to stay in school as part of the program.

“Sport is a great vehicle for better education and jobs.

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WITH more than 100 participants, the first South Australian Nunga Netball (SANN) junior development Carnival, held at ETSA Park on Saturday 19 February was an outstanding success.

Along with 15 and under and 13 and under competitions, there was a coaching clinic for girls ten and under run by Oakdale Cheerio Eagles netballer Nadia Mapunda, Kyle James and Stephen Ventrice.

The 15 and under competition was won by Port Augusta, who beat Kaurna in the final, while a local Kaurna team collected the initial 13 and under title, defeating Port Augusta.

“Kelly and I were impressed with all the players. The carnival was played in good spirit and we are excited at the next step in developing the players identified in the development teams and we were very pleased with the support for the carnival shown by parents and the community,” event director and Oakdale champion Vanessa Wilson said.

“We would like to thank Netball SA for their partnership and hope the partnership grows on to be bigger and better for the Aboriginal community and netball in South Australia.

Wilson also paid tribute to Bianca Giteau (nee Franklin) for giving her time.

“The ten and under girls were excited to have the Oakdale Cheerio Eagles players out to take the coaching clinic and it was great to see the girls learn from elite netballers,” Wilson said.

All players received participation medals, with Adelaide Thunderbirds Aboriginal goal attack Bianca Giteau on hand to congratulate the Adelaide Thunderbirds Aboriginal goal attack girls learn from elite netballers,” Wilson said.

“Every member of the development squad, if they apply themselves, has the potential to develop into solid performers,” she said.

“My advice is to take this opportunity of the development squad with both hands, apply yourself to task, listen, learn, go the extra mile and netball may be the vehicle to take you many places.”

**Back next year**

The directors confirmed there will be second annual SANN junior development carnival around the same time next year.

13 and under team SANN Best and Fairest winners: Raukkan, Mikayla Rigney; Raukkan 2, Dolice Karpany; Kaurna, Tori Wilson; Port Augusta, Sariah Newchurch; runner-up overall, Mikayla Rigney; best & fairest overall, Sariah Newchurch.

15 and under: Kaurna, Yutika Timothy-Nam; Noarlunga Nungas, Eva Karpany; Port Augusta, Mikayla Hudson & Wenoah Brady; Kaurna Gold, Jarika Kropinyeri; Raukkan, Tori Wilson; runner-up overall, Tori Wilson; best & fairest overall, Yutika Timothy-Nam.

Ten and under: Jarate Grose (Black Panthers), Tanaya Wanganeneen (Kaurna), Skyeshya Rigney (Coaching clinic), Aali Buckskin (Coaching clinic), Rikeshia Miller (Black Panthers), Kaysha Wanganeneen (Kaurna), Mikayla Rigney (Raukkan 1), Tinnay Taylor (Coaching clinic), Miah Jones (Coaching clinic), Colleen Karpany (Raukkan 2), Kiarna Kartinyeri (Raukkan 1), Kiara Agius (Coaching clinic).

13 and under SANN Junior development squad: Chelsea Platt (Kaurna), Ripley Duckford (Port Augusta), Monica Kennedy (Port Augusta), Lelisha Rigney (Kaurna), Lena Taylor (Black Panthers), Kalesha Crain (Kaurna), Laura Coulthard (Port Augusta), Sariah Newchurch (Port Augusta), Natcheka San Jones (Kaurna), Regae Love (Raukkan 1), Kalara Wilson (Port Augusta).

15 and under SANN Junior development squad: Tori Wilson (Raukkan), Eva Karpany (Noarlunga Nungas), Wenoah Brady (Port Augusta), Tamika Karpinyi (Raukkan), Yutika Timothy-Nam (Kaurna), Talera Gallan (Kaurna), Brydy Byron-Anne (Port Augusta), Mikayla Hudson (Port Augusta), Kyeshya Benodii (Kaurna), Adele Kennedy (Port Augusta), Kirah Taylor (Kaurna).

**Squads selected**

Development team selectors, headed by Oakdale inaugural premiership coach Megan Carter and including the Wilson siblings, Vanessa and Kelly, along with Kendall Fitzgerald, selected squads at each of these levels for an extensive junior development program.

“The development program that came out of the carnival is one of our main focuses,” Wilson said.

“This will provide players and parents/carers with information that will expand their knowledge of the commitment required to become an elite netballer.

“The program will include skill development, specialised coaching and mentoring by Premier League netballers – running from April to September – which include fortnightly training sessions.”

South Australian netball coach Megan Carter saw many positives from the program, acknowledging a love of the game being displaying by the participants, along with plenty of future high performance potential on show.

“The carnival produced skills of varying levels, but all participated with passion and enthusiasm,” Carter said.

Carter saw handful of players who had the hallmarks of Premier League players and beyond.

“My advice is to take this opportunity of the development squad with both hands, apply yourself to task, listen, learn, go the extra mile and netball may be the vehicle to take you many places.”

“Every member of the development squad, if they apply themselves, has the potential to develop into solid performers,” she said.

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**Back next year**

The directors confirmed there will be second annual SANN junior development carnival around the same time next year.

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13 and under SANN Junior development squad: Chelsea Platt (Kaurna), Ripley Duckford (Port Augusta), Monica Kennedy (Port Augusta), Lelisha Rigney (Kaurna), Lena Taylor (Black Panthers), Kalesha Crain (Kaurna), Laura Coulthard (Port Augusta), Sariah Newchurch (Port Augusta), Natcheka San Jones (Kaurna), Regae Love (Raukkan 1), Kalara Wilson (Port Augusta).

15 and under SANN Junior development squad: Tori Wilson (Raukkan), Eva Karpany (Noarlunga Nungas), Wenoah Brady (Port Augusta), Tamika Karpinyi (Raukkan), Yutika Timothy-Nam (Kaurna), Talera Gallan (Kaurna), Brydy Byron-Anne (Port Augusta), Mikayla Hudson (Port Augusta), Kyeshya Benodii (Kaurna), Adele Kennedy (Port Augusta), Kirah Taylor (Kaurna).
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Paige Starkey-Treloar in possession.

Best and Fairest 15 and under runner-up Tori Wilson (Raukkan) with Bianca Giteau.

Kiara Agius with the ball and Keneisha Weetra in the background.

A file picture of Chad Wingard taking a mark.

‘Very special talent’

By PETER ARGENT

AFTER one of the State’s best performances at the national under 18 Australian football championships in 2010, South Australia started its current program with a high-quality academy match at Max Basheer Oval, West Lakes on 26 February.

In front to recruiting personnel from all 18 AFL clubs, AFL talent manager Kevin Sheehan, who flew in from Melbourne for the game, and a number of player managers, Indigenous talents Chad Wingard and Travis Wilson were among the elite young footballing talents from throughout SA who showcased their abilities.

Swag of goals

Sturt on-baller Wingard, an integral member of the squad from last year, stood out with bag of goals, while fellow Indigenous talent Travis Wilson, who is currently ‘in between’ SANFL clubs, took a candidate for mark of the year in the opening term.

“It was an outstanding mark by young Wilson,” Sheehan said.

“Chad (Wingard) is an exciting talent who was a strong performer last season as well and must have slotted through four or five goals today.

“While it is too early to talk about the draft, he is a player worth watching during the winter and you’d think he’ll be discussed among the first round draft pick if his form continues.”

The SANFL under 18s will be coached by football journeyman and Magarey Medalist Brenton Phillips, who played with North Adelaide, Essendon and the Brisbane Bears before coaching Sturt to the 2002 SANFL premiership.

“The academy has been going for more than a decade now and is an integral part of our annual under-age programs,” SANFL talent manager Brenton Phillips said.

“All the players were nominated by their respective clubs and this is important to give me a look at players for the under 18 selection process.

“This academy gives me a chance to see how each player has developed over the past six months and see their competitive nature.”

Phillips also said he told Wingard that he (Wingard) would generally be used in the midfield, but because he wanted to look at other players, he’d play him out of a forward pocket.

“Chad smashed the game apart from the pocket,” Phillips said.

“He’s a very special talent.”
Wrestling based on Aboriginal culture

COREEDA — a style of wrestling that has Aboriginal roots — is taking hold, with top Indigenous wrestlers Shane Parker and Stephan Jaeggi leading the way in promoting the sport.

Parker, from Mt Druitt, Sydney, last year represented Australia in Greco Roman wrestling at the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi.

Jaeggi lives in Blacktown, western Sydney, and has been actively involved in wrestling for more than 20 years. He trained at the elite Australian Institute of Sport Wrestling Program when it existed back in the 1990s and is a mentor for many young Koori men.

He was coached by John Kinsela, who, until 2000, was the only Aboriginal person to represent Australia at the Olympics in wrestling. He was at the 1968 (Mexico City) and 1972 (Munich) Games.

Kinsela is an Elder of Indigenous Australian wrestling and still coaches at the Mt Druitt PCYC.

Jaeggi’s most successful protege is Shane Parker, who began wrestling as a ten-year-old in coreeda before later switching to freestyle and Greco.

Parker credits the coreeda program for helping him through physical and mental trauma.

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On Saturday they will be at Dubbo for a sumo show at the Shoyoen Japanese Gardens. They also will be giving lessons to the Dubbo Kooris on coreeda and grappling combat sports in general.

What is coreeda?

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Coreeda is divided into two components — coreeda dance and coreeda combat.

The dance component, which is most based on traditional kangaroo dance steps, is the initial warm-up ritual and gives competitors an opportunity to display their abilities in strength, speed and agility.

Divided into three segments, the idea is that the competitors can only touch the ground with their hands and feet and must stay within the boundary of a 4.5-metre diameter yellow ‘sun’ circle.

The first one-minute segment continues unless one of the competitors falls, crosses the line of the circle or they cease maintaining continuous motion.

The second segment allows competitors to try to trip or sweep their opponent again while maintaining a continuous one-minute motion and has been likened in appearance to the Brazilian combat dance of capoeira.

The third segment is more like a sumo match in which competitors try to push each other outside the circle or make the other touch the ground with any part of their body other than their hands or feet. The dance is important for determining which position the attacker will take in the combat component.

Coreeda combat is divided into four rounds, or quarters, each lasting a maximum of two minutes.

Winner nominates

The winner of the dance component can choose which position they will start with, inside the circle, known as the attacker, or outside the circle, known as the defender.

The role of the attacker is to try and force the defender outside the boundary of the sun circle by means of pushing, throwing or rolling them, all within a time limit of 20 seconds.

The role of the defender is to restrain the attacker within the sun for longer than the 20-second time count.

Leadership didn’t go to script

CHRISTIAN played a big part in the Redbacks’ stunning eight-wicket win at the Adelaide Oval over NSW in the KFC Big Bash trophy on 6 February, claiming five wickets for the match.

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Christian also bowled his first career first-class side in Australia.

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Such a victory, known as a decider, ends the quarter, but a pointscore is collected during competition which is accumulated for the two minutes in case no decider is scored.

Competitors swap positions each quarter and the pointscore is maintained until the end of the match.

Team sport

One other thing that differentiates coreeda from most other styles of wrestling is that it is a team sport and competitors add up to the total team score with the points they have achieved in their matches.

Teams are made of six competitors representing each of the weight divisions which are named after a species of macropod: Pademelons (60kg), potoroos (70kg), reds (80kg), greys (90kg), reds (100kg) and boogs in the open weight division.

Aboriginal colours

Teams are further divided into two middles — black and red, which are the colours of the Aboriginal flag and the uniforms signify this.

Those promoting the sport say coreeda, which is based on Aboriginal wrestling from around the Cobar area, is a fast and effective combat sport that not only builds reflexes to prepare the body for potential conflict, but is also great fun to play.

Meanwhile, officials are in the process of arranging the ‘First Nations coreeda’ championship on 8 July at Bourke PCYC between the Daruk nation and the Nyampa nation.

Spokesman Gavin Dickson said he was ‘bringing my lads up to Bourke to challenge the locals.’

“We are hoping to grow this event as the years progress,” Dickson said.
Knockout rules, regulations up for discussion

**NSW**

RULES and regulations applying to the 2011 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival in Bathurst this October will come under the microscope at a delegates’ meeting on 26 March.

Walgett Aboriginal Connections spokesman Mark Deweerd said there were some ‘grey areas’ from the 2010 carnival that needed to be looked at.

Walgett AC won the 2010 Knockout at Woy Woy, on the NSW Central Coast, and with it won the right to host the 2011 carnival.

They have chosen Bathurst as the venue for the carnival, from Friday 30 September to Monday 3 October at Carrington Oval.

The delegates’ meeting on 26 March will be held at the Panthers Leagues Club, Piper Street, Bathurst, at 11am.

Deweerd invited delegates from all clubs intending to compete in the Knockout to be at the 26 March meeting.

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The beauty of the off-season and trials is that your whole week is not determined by whether you won or lost at the weekend.

The worst thing about it is that it is almost impossible to predict how your team might go.

At this stage of the year, everybody is still a winner and the loyal fans live in hope that their team will take out the premiership.

As a fan of the game, I find it almost impossible to pick the top eight for the season given the almost impossible to predict the top eight for the season given the even spread of talent across the NRL.

As a player of the game, I am working hard to ensure the Titans will be up there.

One team that has always given us a contest is the Rabbitohs and with GI joining them, I am certain they will be a threat to all sides this year.

Last year was the second year in succession the Rabbitohs missed out on the NRL play-offs by a solitary win.

Through a mounting injury toll that only worsened as the season went on, they lost six games by four points or less, which would suggest they are already not too far off the pace.

With that much-publicised signing of GI on Christmas Eve, South Sydney now has a team to challenge for a premiership – a feat that has eluded them for the past 40 years. They also have a star-studded forward pack that will start the season fully fit and I believe they have been working on their defensive attitude across the field.

Inglis, Issac Luke, Sam Burgess, Dave Taylor, John Sutton and Nathan Merritt are at the height of their powers, and barring a run of injuries similar to last season, the Rabbitohs will be a force to be reckoned with.

I wouldn’t worry about their early-season trial form – it counts for nothing come the start of the premiership.

No club would miss the opportunity to sign a player of GI’s class, but the Rabbitohs will still miss Beau Champion – in particular his combination with Nathan Merritt.

In 2010 the pair combined for a total of 30 tries and 27 line-breaks, a total that could have been even higher had Champion not missed the final five games of the year with a knee injury.

He was the primary ‘casually’ in the Greg Inglis signing and in the All Stars camp you could really appreciate the understanding he has built up with Nathan.

Two other players I expect big things from this year are Chris Sandow and young Dylan Farrell, who, with Junior Vaivai, will have a ding-dong battle securing the one vacant centres spot alongside Inglis.

Sandow has had a lot placed on his shoulders in the past two years, but I expect him to blossom because of that experience.

Farrell impresses me immensely and I believe he will really benefit from having Greg as his mentor.

By PETER ARGENT

THE 19 February round one NAB cup matches at Bankstown Oval, Sydney, marked an exciting new era for Australian football when the new franchises, Gold Coast and Canberra, showed their Sydney Swans side in the opening game of the evening, going down by 79 points.

Aboriginal players in the Giants line-up included Rhys Cooypu, Gerald Ugle, Isaiah Stevens and key position player Curly Hampton.

Sydney clashed with the Gold Coast Suns in the second match, and much to the surprise of many patrons, the visitors from north, collected a come-from-behind three-point victory.

Indigenous gods of the Suns’ initial win included number two draft selection Harley Bennett, Michael Long’s godson Joseph Daye, recruit from the Western Bulldogs Jarrod Harbrow, pocket dynamo Brandon Matera and Power expatriate Nathan Krakouer.

Bennett produced a scorching first half, being high among the best players on the ground, while the experienced Krakouer was among a senior group that led the way.

“I thought our structures worked really well, we gave ourselves a chance to work on those structures and I thought the young boys stuck their head over the ball and that’s the main thing,” Coach Guy McKenna said on the GCFC website.

With the new chums faced off in the last game of this triple-header, the Giants played with more purpose despite going down to the Suns by 29 points.

Isaiah Stevens kicked one of the four goals for the Giants, displaying glimpses of his largely untapped brilliance.

Continuing his fine form, Bennett was again high on the best player list for the Suns, and Harbrow played with maturity in defence.

The Suns’ two wins on the evening elevated the club into the second round of the NAB Cup.

In that round, they played the West Coast Eagles in Perth, but weren’t able to beat the home side, although at times they controlled the encounter.

Returning home to Western Australia, Bennett was one of the two-dual goal-kickers for the Suns, and he, along with fellow Sandgropner Matera, was high among the best players.

Rex Liddy showed plenty of dash out of defence, while Liam Patrick displayed his freakish ability on a couple of occasions.

Both new AFL clubs will continued their pre-season with NAB Challenge matches.
Up there, Travis!

Marks in Australian football don’t come much better than this ‘howler’ by Travis Wilson, a rising star on the South Australian scene. Koori Mail photo-journalist Peter Argent captured this sequence at West Lakes on 26 February, where recruiting personnel from all 18 Australian Football League (AFL) clubs and AFL talent manager Kevin Sheean were watching the State’s best under 18 players, who turned on a high-quality match.

New Era about to dawn on Aussie rules – see page 87

League showtime

By GRAHAM HUNT*

The curtain will open on an exciting 2011 National Rugby League (NRL) season on Friday night – and a new crop of emerging Indigenous players are set to put their stamps on the game.

The Indigenous component of the competition this year will be at a near-record 12 per cent.

The Indigenous component in the NRL for the past five years has fluctuated between 9 per cent and 12 per cent.

The season will kick off on Friday night, with the Brisbane Broncos and the North Queensland Cowboys battling it out at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, while at the Sydney Football Stadium, Greg Inglis is expected to make his long-awaited debut for the South Sydney Rabbitohs against the Sydney City Roosters.

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Sharks at Canberra, and the Panthers at home to the Newcastle Knights.

The Monday game is between the Bulldogs and Wests Tigers at ANZ Stadium, Sydney.

Amongst the Indigenous faces to watch in 2011 is exciting Brisbane Broncos prospect Dane Gagai.

It has been reported that he has the world at his feet feet after heeding some stern warnings.

‘Something special’

Broncos insiders say the son of former Mackay rugby league legend Ray Gagai – who played for Queensland Country and was signed by Brisbane in the late 1980s – is ‘something special’.

Gagai’s father was so quick, his feet seemed to barely touch the grass.

Dane is bigger, but agile, and by no means a slouch.

If he breaks into the NRL, he will do what his father couldn’t after arriving at the club in the late 1980s when they had Michael Hancock, Joe Kilroy and then Willie Carne on the flanks.

However his path to first grade so far has been blocked more because of his attitude off the field than any concerns about his ability on it.

That hurdle has been removed after Griffin and former coach Ivan Henjak warned him he could jeopardise his career if he didn’t change.

“My first year in the under 20s I didn’t go too great because I didn’t have things in order off the field,” Gagai said.

“I learned the hard way.

“I played the best football of my life last year and was wondering why I couldn’t get a shot at first grade.

“After a while I realised they don’t just want players on the field, they want players off the field they can trust and rely on and are disciplined and committed.

“Hook (Griffin), who was my first coach, and Ivan (Henjak) both spoke to me about it and a few of the boys around the club told me to pull my head in.

“I realised I had to pull my head in and become the person I needed to be off the field and stamp myself as someone who wanted to be a Bronco.”

A relative of Wendell Sailor and current fullback Josh Hoffman, Gagai’s sporting prowess came to the notice of the Queensland Reds and several other NRL clubs.

The Cowboys made a play for him before Brisbane won the race to sign him up in 2008.

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Dane Gagai and Ellie Green on the red carpet at the Broncos Ball in Brisbane in 2009.

Picture: News Ltd

Glory be, Dodd to head west

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