Our kids are still at risk

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander children continue to be over-represented in child protection orders, where a report of neglect or abuse has been substantiated by authorities. And the head of the peak body for Indigenous children believes until responsibility for Indigenous programs is in Indigenous hands, the situation will not get any better.

Following the release of a report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) into child protection, Frank Hytten, chief executive officer of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal Islander Child Care (SNAICC), told the Koori Mail that the best way to get better results for Indigenous children was to follow the Aboriginal community-controlled health model.

“The best thing for Aboriginal services is for them to be locally driven, by the community, who is best-placed to know what is needed,” he said.

“There will be some mistakes, true, but government makes mistakes too, and we shouldn’t let fear of making mistakes stop us from doing what needs to be done.”

The AIHW report found that in 2012-13 Indigenous children were eight times more likely (45.3 per 1000) to be the subject of a child protection order than other children.

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Pictured right: Erub (Torres Strait) artist Florence Gutchen with one of her creations.

Picture by Mahala Strohfeldt

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HERE I am at the NAIDOC in the City event at Hyde Park in central Sydney. I’m with my son Thomas, his girlfriend Emma, and their child – and my granddaughter – Layla.

I’ve got both Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal heritage in the family. My father hailed from Yam Island in the central Torres Strait, while my mother is from Erub (Darnley Island), in the eastern Torres Strait.

I’ve got five brothers and two sisters and we spent our young years living around central Queensland. I’ve been living in Sydney now for about 20 years. I’m a mother of seven – four boys and three girls.

Education is a vitally important part of my life. There’s a saying I like to quote – “People perish through lack of knowledge” – and I tell my children and grandkids just that.

I’m now studying cultural art at the TAFE Eora Centre in Sydney and hope to be able to use what I have learned to move into a good job.

Right now I make jewellery and sell it at the local Indigenous markets. That’s what I was doing at the NAIDOC stay in Sydney.

I also dabble in art, and hope that will lead to something bigger in the future. Layla is Thomas and Emma’s first child. Thomas has been laid off recently and he’s looking for more work in the warehousing field.

I’d love to get back home to the Torres Strait and to see my mum in Mackay, central Queensland, but things are a bit tough at the moment, so I’ll have to wait and see what happens.

I’m a Christian woman and find great comfort in my faith. I believe there are better things just around the corner.

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**MARZANA Churchill, Katherine Mosquito, Jaccui Copley, Jhonessiha Gallagher and Melinda Echo, from Warmun in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, were in Melbourne on a Two Way Cultural Exchange Leadership Program. They are pictured here having a yarn on 3KND Koori Radio at the launch of the new Melbourne Magistrates’ Koori Court. Picture by Jillian Mundy**

**New court launched. See report page 11.**

**Koori Mail – 100% Aboriginal-owned 100% Aboriginal-controlled**
A TEAM of scientists from the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) has been using high-tech radar equipment to help Butchulla traditional owners in the search for a century-old Aboriginal burial ground on K’gari (Fraser Island).

USC soil scientist Peter Davies said his research team would use ground-penetrating radar (GPR) to assist Elders, the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, South Pacific Strategic Solutions, and Fauna and Flora International (Australia) in their bid to determine the exact location of the burial site.

The Bogimbah Creek mission was established on the west coast of K’gari in 1897, but appalling conditions caused the deaths of more than 100 Aboriginal people from illness and malnutrition.

The mission was abandoned in 1904, but the location of the burial site was never marked and was lost to history.

Earlier this year, representatives from the Fraser Island World Heritage Area Indigenous Advisory Committee approached Mr Davies to ask for assistance in locating the area.

“We will work with them using the GPR, to develop 3-D images of what lies below the ground,” he said.

“The GPR is the ideal instrument to locate disturbed ground, human remains and artefacts and has been previously used in locating indigenous burial sites up to 20,000 years old.”

Mr Davies and USC science and engineering lecturer Dr Adrian McCullum are working with visiting coastal geologist and geophysicist Dr Allen Gontz, from the University of Massachusetts in the US city of Boston (UMB), on the project.

Mr Davies said Dr Gontz had previously worked with other traditional owners in NSW.

“The USC and UMB team is really looking forward to providing assistance to the K’gari community in such a worthwhile and important project, and to shed some light on a fairly notorious part of the island’s history,” Mr Davies said. – With AAP

THE work of the Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation and the Dhimurru Rangers in Arnhem Land was recognised last week when Nhulunbuy was named the overall winner in the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Clean Beaches Awards 2014 at Currumbin, Queensland.

Nhulunbuy is on the traditional lands of the Yolngu people and has about 4000 residents.

Locals, including the Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation and the Dhimurru Rangers, have taken on responsibility for managing the huge amount of beach litter, including lost fishing nets and marine debris, that washes up on the beaches of Cape Arnhem.

Australian Clean Beaches judge Averil Bones said Nhulunbuy also won the Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention Award. “The commitment and determination of the residents to take on such a huge litter challenge, and their success in maintaining an active program of litter collection under such extreme circumstances, in particular remoteness, scale and climate, is truly inspiring,” she said.

Keep Australia Beautiful Council NT chief executive Heimo Schober said the actions of the Dhimurru Rangers increased regional pride and esteem and created opportunities for Indigenous tourism promotion in the region.

“The Dhimurru Rangers are strongly connected to the local beach environment as were their forefathers thousands of years before them,” he said. “We are so proud that they have been recognised and acknowledged for their contribution towards coast care.”

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THE second annual Stronger than Fiction documentary film festival will host the world premiere of Message from Mungo, a feature-length documentary from Canberra filmmakers Andrew Pike and Ann McGrath that charts the conflict that erupts between scientists and Indigenous people after the discovery of 40,000-year-old human remains at Lake Mungo, in south-western NSW.

The festival will also feature a double bill of two outstanding films by Indigenous filmmakers: Buckskin, the award-winning first film of Dylan McDonald (the son of Samson and Dellaith director Warwick Thornton); and Big Name, No Blanket, about charismatic Warumungu band front man George Rrurrambu, directed by Redfern Now writer Steven McGregor.

Mr McGregor will attend the festival and be interviewed by ABC Canberra’s Alex Sloan after the screening.

The Stronger than Fiction documentary film festival runs from tomorrow (July 31) to this Sunday (August 3) at the Palace Electric Cinema in Canberra.

It will open with a gala night hosted by Australian documentary filmmaker Bob Connolly, best known for Mrs Carey’s Concert.

Its line-up of award-winning documentaries from France to Bangladesh aims to provoke thought, inspire discussion and embrace a diversity of cultures.

For the full program and more information, visit strongerthanfictiondocs.com

Tickets are available at the Palace Electric box-office or online at www.palacecinemas.com.au

Pictured: Jack Buckskin in the first film of Aboriginal filmmaker Dylan McDonald, Buckskin.

THOUSANDS of videos, audio tapes and photographs from remote Aboriginal communities will be lost forever if they continue deteriorating in the dusty and humid conditions where they are being kept on country.

Indigenous media organisations are now taking steps to develop a national strategy to deal with the urgent challenge of protecting culturally significant audio-visual material, which dates back to the early 1980s.

A meeting of Indigenous and archival experts in Alice Springs recently recognised the importance of local management of these remote collections, which record significant cultural songs and performance, sites, community events, stories and oral histories in language.

The Warlpiri Media Archive, at Yuendumu, has been recognised as a nationally significant collection, but its thousands of VHS tapes are deteriorating rapidly.

The collection at the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA) in Alice Springs contains more than 50,000 hours of video recordings dating back to the early 1980s.

The meeting at the Strehlow Research Centre included expert representatives from the National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA), the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), Northern Territory Library, Ara Intitila, Strehlow Research Centre, University of Melbourne and remote Indigenous media organisations PAW Media, Ngananyajarra Media, PAKAM and TEABBA.

PAM Media archive officer Simon Japangardi Fisher described the importance of cultural ownership and community control over these collections.

“Keeping place”

“This is the keeping place for a lot of important stories and history for our communities,” he said.

“It’s got a lot of cultural stories and recordings from both men’s and women’s side. It also has images of people who have passed away.

“People trust us to look after it the right way. We are the custodians. This is an important job.”

The group discussed topics such as cataloguing standards, community access software, digital format standards, training and employment and Cloud storage.

They recognised that local management of remote collections provides culturally-based employment and that enhancing the support for remote collections will create jobs growth as well as preserving collections that contribute to Australia’s national cultural heritage.

The Indigenous Remote Communications Association (IRCA) has now partnered with national cultural institutions and existing archive projects to develop a national strategy to preserve the collections and to make appropriate materials available for community access.

A key outcome of the Alice Springs meeting was an agreement to develop an accord for remote Indigenous media collections between IRCA, remote Indigenous media organisations, and national and territory/state cultural institutions. It will establish partnerships, collaboration and resourcing plans to support the national strategy.

The national strategy will be developed over the coming months with a draft expected in September.
ABORIGINAL artist Tony Albert has won the $100,000 Basil Sellers Art Prize for his work Once Upon a Time… which explores racism and attempts to address it in sport.

The Basil Sellers Art Prize is a contemporary art award and exhibition that focuses on ‘art and sport’ and has been staged at the Ian Potter Museum of Art, University of Melbourne, every second year since the first in 2008.

Albert’s winning work consists of a painted target over which are hung 23 small framed works comprising watercolours on paper, photographs and collage, and small vignettes made of found objects – toys, blocks and figurines.

Tony Albert’s award-winning work. The work is introduced by a typed letter by Albert to fellow indigenous artist Gordon Bennett that pays tribute to Bennett’s important contribution and influence on Albert’s work, and acknowledges the elder artist’s sustained championing of Indigenous rights and stand against racism.

In 2010 Albert was so affected by an incident in which a high-profile football coach referred to an Aboriginal player as a “black c@@#$” that he wrote to his hero Bennett, praising him for his vigilance against racism in his art and explaining the profound and life-changing effects it had on him as a young man.

“When I heard about the Basil Sellers prize this year, I was reminded about an incident very recently, in AFL, about Adam Goodes and him being called an ape,” Albert said.

“I felt that this prize would be a great opportunity to explore that issue further.

In the initial instigation of this work I thought back to the Nicky Winmar incident, which is embedded in my head. I remember watching it on TV as a child. It was such a significant moment – and where we still need to go.

“This is a really great area where a dialogue can be created and reach a broader audience,” he said.

The exhibition runs at the Ian Potter Museum of Art until October 26.
Indigenous children were eight times more often the subjects of substantiations than non-Indigenous children, the report found.

The AIHW found that substantiation rates were the highest in New South Wales (NSW), while Queensland had the lowest, followed by South Australia (SA) and Victoria.

"At every level of government, Indigenous children were victimised," Mr Hyttten said.

The AIHW found that in 2012-13, Indigenous children were eight times more likely to have a substantiation, compared to non-Indigenous children, and substantiations were more likely to be made for Indigenous children.

The report found that 40% of substantiations for Indigenous children were related to neglect. Other common types of substantiation for Indigenous children included family violence, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse.

"This shows that issues of family violence and child maltreatment are serious issues for Indigenous families," Mr Hyttten said.

The report found that Indigenous families were more likely to have multiple children in out-of-home care, and that these children were more likely to have a history of substantiation.

"This means that when Indigenous children are placed in out-of-home care, they are more likely to be subject to recurrence of intervention," Mr Hyttten said.

The report also found that Indigenous children were more likely to have a history of substantiation, and that these children were more likely to have a history of recurrence of intervention.

"This shows that Indigenous children have a greater risk of recurrence of intervention, and that this is due to a lack of services for these children," Mr Hyttten said.

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To highlight the children’s natural acrobatic talents and to bring people together in appreciation of the skills and complex needs of many of the valley’s children. Tourists joined locals to applaud the children’s acrobatic work at the Bandaral Ngarri Festival, held during NAIDOC Week.

The employment of Indigenous people can take on many roles and do a trick to fly over the ‘catcher’ in mid-air and backflip on to the safety net, or catching the bar again for a return – or they could join other circus classes on the ground.

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The $200 million National Philanthropic Fund will be structured with a $100 million National Arts Fund for charities supporting Indigenous education. Packer Family Foundation has announced a new philanthropic fund that will support Indigenous communities in Australia and developing our health literacy in Torres Strait Islanders with diabetes. His research work has involved studying the association between blood sugar control and health literacy in Torres Strait Islanders with diabetes. Chronic disease, particularly diabetes, is a major issue in Indigenous communities,” Mr Taylor said.

Obesity also is a major problem in the Torres Strait and leads to all sorts of medical complications – such as diabetes. Witnessing the diabetes epidemic in the Torres Strait, and seeing first-hand the complications associated with type 2 diabetes, led to my current research.”

I was determined to make a difference and prove that comprehensive primary health care can help change poor health outcomes.

“I’d like to be able to help my people overcome those health problems and lead a healthier lifestyle, that’s why I’m so driven to study, improve myself and support my community.”

“Nursing was a stepping stone to advance my career as I was eager to learn and gain the skills required.

“Many health professionals throughout my journey across Australia supported and contributed to my mission and I’m very grateful for the examples they set me, as well as their support in getting me to where I am now.”

NSW

ABORIGINAL people from the NSW mid-north coast are taking to the streets on August 8 to protest against the closure of the Kempsey Women’s Refuge following a shake-up of the community services sector.

Organiser and Dunghutti woman Teminya Fernando says the refuge is due to close on August 31 and she fears women escaping family violence will have nowhere to go after the NSW Government awarded the tender for homeless services to the Samaritans, run by the Newcastle Anglicans.

“We are not happy that our community will no longer have this much-needed service and specialist staff that it has worked so hard to establish over the years,” she said.

“Myself and a group of concerned community members have banded together to stand up and voice our concerns about how the decisions at government levels are affecting women and children in our community.”

Ms Fernando said Kempsey was NSW’s fourth poorest town and had a high Aboriginal population.

With the reforms to domestic violence services, the Government has removed all funding from the refuge, and in its place funded the Anglican Samaritans in Newcastle, 280km away from Kempsey,” she said.

No consultation

Ms Fernando said the Samaritans did not specialise in domestic violence support and there had been no consultation with the community on what the new service would be like.

A rally will be held on August 8 at the Kempsey RSL Club, with guest speakers including Opposition Family and Community Services (FaCS) spokesperson Linda Burney and Opposition Housing and for the Status of Women spokesperson Sophie Cotsis. “It’s shameful that this Liberal Government is putting women and children out onto the streets – especially now, in winter,” Ms Burney said.

“The Kempsey women’s refuge offers women safety and support, but is now being forced to shut its doors – collateral damage in the Liberals’ ideological crusade of savings, cuts and cuts.”

“We’re calling on the Liberal Government to recognise this reform package for what it is – a complete mess and abject failure that is now putting people on the streets.”

The Koori Mail understands that half of the staff at the refuge have already been sacked. Further, a report on independent media website newmatilda.com claims that refuge manager June Wilson was ‘‘exiled’’ from her role a month before she was due to finish and escorted from the building. A FaCS spokesperson said the Samaritans would deliver a range of transitional accommodation for women and children escaping violence.

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She said the Samaritans would meet with Kempsey refuge staff to confirm transition arrangements and would also consult on how the service operates.

By MEZ FISHER

ONE of Australia’s richest dynasties has announced a new philanthropic fund that will support Indigenous education. Packer Family Foundation chair Gretel Packer launched the $200 million National Philanthropic Fund in Melbourne this month, marking a commitment over 10 years by the Crown Resorts Foundation and the Packer Family Foundation.

The fund will be structured with a $100 million Community Partnerships and Indigenous Education Fund for charities supporting Indigenous education and a $100 million National Arts Fund for charities that promote the arts.

The foundation will identify and support community projects that are innovative, well run and that will drive lasting social change.

“This exciting collaboration between Crown Resorts and our family creates a platform from which to contribute towards strengthening communities in Australia and developing our artistic future,” Ms Packer said.

At the launch, Crown Resorts chief executive officer Richard Goyder said the fund had been established to support Indigenous communities.

“This announcement commits us to another decade of financial support for organisations which work tirelessly to deliver services, assistance and opportunities for people from disadvantaged backgrounds,” he said.

The $200 million National Philanthropic Fund will be administered jointly by the Crown Resorts Foundation Board, chaired by former Liberal senator Helen Coonan, and the Packer Family Foundation Board, chaired by Ms Packer.

Refuge Closure sparks protest

Packer family money

for education
THE Yolngu Nations Assembly (YNA) has added its voice to the growing swell urging caution when it comes to considering entering into 99-year township leases with the Federal Government.

In October last year, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion announced that Gunbalanya traditional owners (TOs) from west Arnhem Land had agreed to work towards finalising a 99-year lease by June 30. Senator Scullion said at the time that he and TOs “agreed that a township lease was the most effective way to achieve economic and commercial development in Gunbalanya”.

However, during Senator Scullion’s visit to Gunbalanya last month – when he’d been hoping TOs would sign the lease – the owners asked for more time to consider their options.

The YNA is an extension of the Madayin (Yolngu law) system of governance representing eight provinces from west, central and north-west Arnhem Land (Miwatj, Laynha, Raminy, Marthakal, Garriny Gumurr-Rawarraŋ, Gattjirrik and Midiyirrk).

YNA spokesperson Mark Guyula talked with residents at Gunbalanya about their experiences with 99-year lease negotiations.

“The traditional owners didn’t make an agreement,” he said.

“They agreed to negotiate, but didn’t agree anything about the 99-year lease.

“When Yolngu say ‘yes, we understand’ that doesn’t mean ‘yes, we can go ahead’.

“The senior Elders (at Gunbalanya) are saying, ‘Let us consider it more. Give us a bit of time to think about these things.’

“We come from a law where we consult about issues within the traditional law, and we are used to that. Only when we come to an agreement does the project proceed.

“Unfortunately, the 99-year lease has been a bit of a rush and has hit us unexpectedly.

“The Government is promising that there’ll be these good things coming out of the 99-year lease or any lease that we are asked to sign up. When the Government comes, they should not talk only about the good things, but also the negative. The last thing we want is to lose our identity, our culture and our land.

“There’s also the rest of the community living here. Where are their rights? They’ve been brought in from their clan estates into a hub community. And they’ve been forgotten about. They have no say whatsoever in this community, which they would have back home on their country.

“We, at the Yolngu Nations Assembly, want to sit with people, negotiate and explain things. Sometimes there are non-government people who want to help our people understand.

“Work together”

“One of course we want to make businesses, of course we want to run businesses and make corporations, but we will do it when we are ready, and we will do it with help and work together.”

The Northern and Central land councils have been at odds with Senator Scullion over 99-year leases.

The councils are concerned about Federal Government plans to permanently devolve their powers to small Aboriginal corporations, which they say might not be democratic or accountable to TOs.

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Mr Guyala cautioned other Aboriginal communities not to rush in to 99-year leases.

“Don’t forget your land, history, identity and culture on this land,” he said. “Once you say yes to 99-year lease, you’re gone, finished. That is history for your land, your children.”

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**NAISDA on its toes for new generation**

NAISDA Dance College is looking for the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancers. Widely considered Australia’s premier Indigenous dance school, NAISDA will be auditioning for developing artists from September 23-26 to start studying in 2015.

Abstudy can assist eligible participants with their travel and accommodation costs.

Applications close on August 10. For more information download the NAISDA audition pack at www.naisda.com.au or phone 1800 117 116.

*Pictured: Shae Duncan performs in Latin Threats as part of NAISDA’s 2013 end of year show Ngalpun Mudth (Our Home). Ms Duncan completed the Diploma of Professional Dance Performance at the end of last year and graduated from NAISDA. Picture by Branco Gaica*

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**Yolngu in warning on leases**

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Very white Christmas looms

By MEZ FISHER

APART from a Year 12 school trip to Peru and a bisting white Christmas spent in London, Quandamooka man Christopher Day hasn’t spent a lot of time in the snow.

But that’s all about to change for him and eight Indigenous people aged 18 to 20 when they head off to Argentina for December for a world-first Indigenous leadership expedition on ice.

Mr Day, a teacher at Cleveland District State High School in Brisbane’s east, is one of 39 travelling mentors selected to lead the youngsters on the inaugural 16-day Outback to Icecap adventure via Argentina.

Mr Day and Waverley Stanley, the founding director of the Indigenous scholarship foundation Yalar, are the only Indigenous mentors on the expedition.

“I am excited to see how this trip will change us all in no uncertain terms and to witness the growth in the youth in such a short period of time,” Mr Day said.

“The outdoors has the tendency to bring people out of their shells and I am very keen to see what connections we can make to the countries in which we will be exploring and challenged on.”

The eight youths and 39 mentors will leave Australia on December 15 for Buenos Aires, Argentina, where they’ll do some tree canopy gliding, glacier trekking and horseback riding in the Andean Mountains.

They’ll then board the ice-strengthened vessel Plancius and spend two days at sea making their way to Antarctica. There they’ll do kayaking, ice-shoeing, and ice and mountain climbing.

“The youth will be video journaling the entire expedition and this will be part of an Indigenous travelling showcase in 2015 called Through Indigenous Eyes,” Mr Day said.

At 27, Mr Day is one of the youngest travelling mentors to be picked for the program by expedition leader and polar explorer Peter Bland, the first Australian to walk to the north and south magnetic poles.

The idea blossomed after Mr Bland visited Arnhem Land in 2012 and noticed a need to develop leadership programs at a grassroots level for Indigenous youths.

Mr Day will be using one of his favourite methods of teaching through drama to explore the differences and similarities between outback Australia and the vastness of Antarctica.

“Education is a privilege which I appreciated as a young child, especially as my father did not have the same opportunity,” Mr Day said.

“Learning from both younger and older people on this trip really ignites something within me. Education is my biggest passion and leadership comes a very second close. Not the leadership that is tied to positions or people in authority, but personal leadership, belief and resilience – the stuff that makes us truly discover who we are, what our abilities are.”

The Antarctic trip is just part of a year-long interaction between the youths and their mentors. Their adventure starts next month with a three-day boot camp in Mt Macedon, Victoria.

The five young participants named so far are Brandon Sken (Halls Creek, WA), Shaunia Sadow (Cherbourg, Qld), Allira Searle (Glen Innes, NSW), Mikayla Roe (Woorabinda, Qld) and Tyson Holloway-Clarke (Tasmania), with three more to be selected in the coming weeks.

Mr Day has started a crowdfunding campaign aiming to raise $15,000 to help with costs – visit www.chuffed.org/project/outback-to-icecap-an-educational-journey-of-leadership to donate. He has also organised a fundraising event at the Redland Performing Arts Centre on August 14 – phone (07) 3829 8131.

The Indigenous leaders on board – visit www.leadershipgroug.com.au or call Beatrice Imbert on 0408 566 071.

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THE Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will hold a public hearing in Melbourne on Monday, August 18, to investigate allegations involving the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The hearing will inquire into allegations of child sexual abuse by members of the church and investigate the Archdiocese’s response to victims.

The commission specifically wants to hear about the experience of people who have been involved in the Archdiocese’s ‘Melbourne Response’ process, or otherwise sought redress from the archdiocese.

Anyone with a direct and substantial interest in the scope and purpose of the public hearing is invited to lodge a written application to appear at the hearing by August 4.

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The public hearing will be streamed live to the public via a webcast on the Royal Commission’s website at www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au.

The Melbourne hearing follows the Victorian Aboriginal Forum held in Ballarat on June 22, attended by more than 80 people.

Commissioner Helen Milroy spoke at the event and the commission says it received positive feedback that the event was relaxed and that people felt comfortable to discuss such a difficult topic.

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By JILLIAN MUNDY

A NEW Victorian Koori Court, where Aboriginal Elders and respected community members take part in the sentencing process of Aboriginal offenders, was launched earlier this month.

Victorian Attorney-General Robert Clark said the Koori Court was helping offenders to address the causes of their offending and prevent re-offending. Since the state’s first Koori Court was opened in Shepperton during 2002, failures to appear, breach of court orders and imprisonment of Aboriginal offenders have dropped.

More than 100 members of the judiciary and legal community, police force and Victorian Government joined Aboriginal people, Elders and respected leaders for a cleansing smoking ceremony inside the courtroom and a reception at the William Street precinct, in Melbourne’s legal precinct, for the launch.

The new court is the eighth adult Magistrates’ Koori Court in Victoria, and will start fortnightly sittings next month.

While part of the mainstream system, the Koori Court is less formal. The accused sits around a table with family, lawyers, prosecutors, representatives of relevant agencies, Elders or respected community members and a magistrate to discuss relevant issues and sentencing.

The presiding magistrate then determines and imposes the sentence—Elders do not make the decision.

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The Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) was established as a Statutory Body on 1 July 2014, under the Family and Child Commission Act 2014, as part of the Queensland Government’s far-reaching reforms to child protection. The QFCC will provide oversight of the effectiveness of the Queensland child protection system, which includes preventative and support services to strengthen families. These key appointments are offered to lead implementation of the reforms and to promote and advocate for the safety, well being and best interests of children, young people and their families.

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Robert names spider for dad

By JILLIAN MUNDY

PAKANA boy Robert Beeton has named a species of racing stripe spider he discovered ‘paruwi’ after his late father Leigh Beeton.

Robert, 12, from Burnie, made the find on a ‘Bush Blitz’ expedition to discover and record hidden plants and animals, with scientists and his community, at Gowan Brae, an Aboriginal-managed property in central Tasmania, earlier this year.

“We were out at nighttime, looking for spiders with (arachnologist) Dr Raven, the spider man,” Robert explained to the Koori Mail.

“It got eight eyes, tiger striped legs and it was about as big as a 50c piece.”

Robert, an aspiring young scientist who had already been bestowed the honour of naming his eight-legged pal, now officially known as Miturgopelma paruwi.

“Beetle was my Dad’s nickname, paruwi was the Aboriginal word for that. Unfortunately my Dad died in 2010,” Robert said.

The budding junior scientist said his Dad was also keen on spiders.

“They are just like people,” Robert said.

According to Robert, his mother and siblings are not so keen.

“My mum and four brothers are scared of them. They thought it was cool but creepy,” he said, referring to a framed award featuring images of paruwi, which his mother has bravely hung above the TV in their lounge room.

Robert travelled to Melbourne last week to receive the special award from Environment Parliamentary Secretary Simon Birmingham at a Bush Blitz funding announcement.

The Australian Government and BHP Billiton have each contributed $6 million to extend Bush Blitz, which partners with Earthwatch Australia, to 2017.

Australia’s largest nature discovery project, it sends teams of scientists, assisted by BHP Billiton staff, school teachers and land managers, to remote parts of Australia to discover hidden plants and animals.

Since starting in 2010, Bush Blitz surveys have come across more than 700 new species, including a water-walking wolf spider in the Kimberley and a native truffle in Victoria. They have recorded 20,000 known plant and animal species and located more than 350 threatened, vulnerable or endangered species, providing land managers with valuable information to protect some of Australia’s most fragile and precious ecosystems.

“To keep our habitats healthy we’ve got to know what species habitats contain and Bush Blitz is helping to fill in those crucial gaps in our knowledge,” Senator Birmingham said.

Earthwatch Australia chief executive Professor David McInnes said the program was a great example of citizen science.

“These expeditions are life-changing experiences that transform how participants think about science and biodiversity,” he said.

Bush Blitz field expeditions have been run on several Indigenous-owned properties across Australia and involve traditional owners, Indigenous rangers and scientists, exchanging traditional and scientific knowledge.

The Indigenous Social Justice Association (ICARUS) and Dispossession, Survival and Privilege Series (DSPS) have the unique connection with two of Ramsay Street’s residents, Susan and Karl Kennedy.

He becomes the first Aboriginal actor to be a regular cast member since Neighbours began in 1985.

At this year’s TV Week Logie Awards, Mr Wyatt was nominated for the prestigious Graham Kennedy Award for Most Outstanding Newcomer for his role in the award-winning series Redfern Now.

He played a character torn between his Aboriginal family and while girlfriend when their baby goes missing.

The young star has also recently completed the feature film Stranglerland starring Nicole Kidman, Joseph Fennies and Guy Pearce, due for release in 2015.

Born in Kalgoorlie in Western Australia, Mr Wyatt is a graduate from NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Arts) and already has an impressive body of theatre work, short films and feature film roles, including Tim Winton’s The Turning.

His passion for acting emerged when he attended boarding school in Perth.

“Playing footy was usually the first preference at school so I was in a very small group who pursued acting, although I still managed to play footy, which I enjoyed too,” Mr Wyatt said.

Mr Wyatt has relocated to Melbourne for his Neighbours role and his character will arrive in Erinsborough in classic soap opera style – to bring closure to a part of his life that he initially keeps secret from his hosts.

The charges against six police officers relating to the assault of young Dhungulhuit man Corey Barker in Ballina, north-east NSW, in 2011 and lying under oath about the incident were mentioned in the Downing Centre Local Court in Sydney on July 17.

Constable Lee David Walmesley, Const Ryan Charles Echekeldy, former const Luke Christopher Mewing and Sen Const David Ryan Hill have been charged with assault, fabricating evidence, making false statements and perjury.

Former sgt Robert Campbell McCubben and Sr Const Mark Graham Woolven have been charged with perverting the course of justice and fabricating evidence.

The charges come after the Police Integrity Commission (PIC) found the officers subjected Mr Barker to “brutal and violent” treatment and falsely dismissed charges against Mr Barker.

The Indigenous Social Justice Association staged a rally outside the Downing Centre on July 17 to show solidarity with Mr Barker. The matter is due to return to court on September 4.

Rising star Meyne Wyatt has scored a regular role on the long-running TV series Neighbours. Wyatt heading from Redfern to Ramsay St

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Jandamarra's quest to ‘sing remembering country and its role in celebrating and the life of the community, the power of song, its central a natural step.’

Adviser to the project, says was language coach and cultural director June Oscar, who is Enterprises (BCE) company one that Bunuba Cultural production to musical work is Kimberley region in 2011. Originally produced in Perth in Jandamarra, Steve Hawke, was based on the Jandamarra stage play, originally produced in Perthis in 2006 and which toured the Kimberley region in 2011. The transition from theatre production to musical work is one that Bunuba Cultural Enterprises (BCE) company director June Oscar, who is language coach and cultural adviser to the project, says was a natural step.

“A major theme of the play is the power of song, its central role in the life of the community, its role in celebrating and remembering country and Jandamarra’s quest to ‘sing home’ the rainbow snake Yilimbirri Unggud in order to heal the land,” she said. “This makes the choral work drawing from the story and the play seem especially appropriate and exciting to the Bunuba community.”

The performance was of particular significance for Emmanuel James Brown, who played the role of Jandamarra. “My grandfather’s father (Adam Andrews) dreamt the Junba which is being used in the show,” he said. “If he knew his son and many of his grandchildren were performing at the Sydney Opera House, he would be a very happy man right now. It’s a real honour for me to play Jandamarra. It is a privilege for me to be in Sydney and I can’t believe I’m actually performing here.”

The new work, which had three performances on the opera house stage and involved performers from the Yilimbirri Ensemble and Gondwana Children’s Choir, was described as a groundbreaking collaboration that was of major importance to Australia’s cultural scene. “Jandamarra is the second SSO commission in six years which brings together Western classical music and Indigenous culture, culminating in performances at the Sydney Opera House,” SSO managing director Rory Jeffes said. “It is a clear example of the considerable role music can play in the joining of cultures in Australia.”

The significance of the show will extend beyond the stage, with the SSO and the BCE working towards developing a curriculum resource kit for schools, encompassing the musical, theatrical, cultural and historical elements of the project and the Jandamarra story.

The Sydney performances were dedicated to Adam Andrews, creator of the Yilimbirri Junba used in the work, the late Hazel Hawke, a patron of the SSO and mother of librettist Steve Hawke, and Molly Jalakbiya, creator of the Dirrari lament incorporated in the work.

Emmanuel James Brown as Jandamarra on stage during the choral performance. Picture by Jane Dempster

Bawinanga is back on track

AN extended special administration of the Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation in Arnhem Land is over. Bawinanga was placed under special administration in October 2012 after the directors requested assistance from the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations in helping to resolve financial difficulties.

Based at Maningrida, Bawinanga is one of the largest Aboriginal corporations in Australia. It runs more than 40 programs and a number of commercial businesses, including the Barlmarrk supermarket.

Registrar Anthony Beven said Bawinanga faced some complex financial issues, which the special administrators were able to resolve with the assistance of the Maningrida Progress Association and Bawinanga’s funding agencies.

He said Bawinanga was once again solvent and trading profitably.

New policies and procedures to guide Bawinanga’s day-to-day operations, including tight controls over its financial management, were introduced during the special administration. Two independent directors have also been appointed to strengthen the skills on the board.

“This has been the longest and most challenging special administration in recent years,” Mr Beven said. “The corporation’s problems were entrenched and it was necessary to rebuild the corporation from the ground up. Bawinanga is once again on a sound footing, but it still faces a number of challenges.”

In addition to the two independent directors, a transition manager and human resources manager have been appointed for six months to assist Bawinanga as part of its ongoing recovery.

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

THE KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2014.
The fellowship has supported three first fellows in 2003. Since then, the man Paul Briggs was named the leader. $30,000 awards for emerging Indigenous leader and two applications for its $210,000 grant. Indigenous leaders driving positive million dollars to Victorian organisations assisting Victoria’s Indigenous people in areas including social inclusion, justice, employment, sport, health, the arts, financial services, leadership and education. He is best known as the founding president of the Rumbalara Football and Netball Club in Shepparton, set up as much to increase the self-esteem and leadership of the Yorta Yorta people as for sport. The football and netball club is not so much about football and netball, it’s about cultural expression and identity of the people and a community place for social inclusion,” Mr Briggs said. Just three years ago most Indigenous youth in Shepparton struggled to secure even an interview, let alone a job. So the club decided to do something about it. More than 200 young people have now been employed through the club’s negotiations with industry leaders. “We engaged with senior captains of industry coming up to Shep and standing beside us at the football club,” Mr Briggs said. “Jobs in Target and Coles became available to Indigenous kids for the first time.” At a national level, Mr Briggs is contributing to the design and implementation of ‘Empowered Communities’ aimed at improving funding is spent on the ground in Aboriginal communities in eight regions, including the Goulburn-Murray. The Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership’s 2012 emerging leader, Melbourne-based Rueben Berg, used the Fellowship’s support to co-founded Indigenous Architecture Victoria. “What we’re trying to do is give awareness and confidence to young people in design that their cultural knowledge and background is a powerful resource that can be used,” Mr Berg said. “Having the award enabled me to take the risk of leaving the public service to go out on my own.” To apply to be this year’s fellow or an emerging leader visit www.indigenousfellowship.net.au or contact Glenda Morrison on 03 9686 4200. Applications close 5pm on Thursday, July 31.
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Blekbala Mujik and more on Snapshot III

CAAMA Music has released its new compilation album Snapshot III. The annual compilation highlights current CAAMA successes such as Tjintu Desert Band, new artists such as Helena Smith and established talent including Warren H Williams. It also provides a taste of what’s to come.

Influential Aboriginal rock band Blekbala Mujik will release its Greatest Hits Live album in August, just before band members headline the Sand Tracks tour of remote Central Australia. The Sun Shines on Ngukurr is a new song and a taste of the classic Aboriginal rock sound Blekbala Mujik made famous in the 1990s. Djilwirr, by Stewart Gaykamangu, is a preview of the most anticipated debut release to come from CAAMA Music in recent years. His song Lorpu won Best Pop Song at the NT Song of the Year Awards last year, and his album will be launched in September.

North Tanami Band, which will release its sixth album later this year, performs Warlipiri Reggae in an example of the style the band has been delivering for over 20 years.

The Ringer’s Girl, sung by Lisa and Rachael Maza, is from the upcoming tribute album to Bob Randall, the Aboriginal land rights leader and campaigner for the Stolen Generation who also gained recognition in the 1970s for his song My Brown Skin Baby.

CAAMA Music will soon produce an Aboriginal women’s compilation featuring Cassandra Williams. Her powerful voice and songwriting skills are introduced on the Snapshot album in Falling Down.

Snapshot III is available for sale digitally via iTunes and distributed by CAAMA Music.

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NT

NAISDA Dance College has received $6000 sponsorship from the Indigenous Communities Alliance to participate in the Garma Festival in Gulkula, Arnhem Land. The Garma Festival is run by the Yothu Yindi Foundation and held on a traditional meeting ground of the Yolngu people. It is a celebration of cultural traditions and practices, dance, song, music and art, and the annual venue for a major key forum on Indigenous issues.

At Garma, NAISDA developing artists will join in cultural events, run dance workshops, act as youth leaders and work with other Indigenous artists. NAISDA’s recent mid-year show Mud Map was inspired by memory, place and country. It was directed by Aku Kadogo, choreographed by the developing artists and featured a finale to Midnight Oil’s The Dead Heart.

Indigenous choreographer Vicki Van Hout said one of the great things about NAISDA was the juxtaposition of Western and Indigenous movement.

“At one point the leg can be extending slowly, outward and upward in a grand battement (movement), to be brought down in a resounding flat-footed, double-shunted, backward stamping motion,” she said.

“There are endless possibilities as each new generation assimilates the variety of movement styles within their bodies.”

The NAISDA Foundation will host a major event next month at Government House in Sydney, hosted by patron NSW Governor Marie Bashir.

SA

BONES found at a building site in Adelaide’s northern suburbs are believed to be historic Aboriginal remains. Workers dug up the bones at a new housing development in Parafield Gardens and called police. Major crime detectives and a forensic anthropologist attended the scene.

Kaurna Nation Cultural Heritage Association chair Georgina Williams told the Adelaide Messenger that such discoveries had a “bad effect” on local Aboriginal people and a map of burial sites across Adelaide should be created so it did not happen again. – with AAP

Remains thought to be Aboriginal

Ancestors ‘coming home’ from Germany

TWO Indigenous communities will receive ancestral remains returned from Germany. Gempoalul of Lag Mabuyag in the Torres Strait and the Wajarri Yamatji peoples of Western Australia will receive 14 ancestral remains returned from the Charite University Hospital in Berlin. The Charite repatriated other Indigenous remains in 2013. Its decision influenced other German museums to return remains to Indigenous people, Arts Minister George Brandis said. – AAP

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NAISDA dancers perform a farewell bungul (ceremonial dance).

NAISDA Garma-bound
Centre wins kudos

THE new Wirliyajarrayi Learning Centre in Willowra has won a commendation for Indigenous community architecture in this year's NT Architecture Awards.

The award jury recognised that the centre, which opened last year, was an important step forward for the small community, 330km north-east of Alice Springs.

"This centre, partly funded by the community, represents a major move to a more harmonious future between the family groups who live here," jury members commented.

Central Land Council (CLC) director David Ross congratulated the architects, Susan Dugdale Associates from Alice Springs, on the commendation.

"This honour acknowledges the extensive consultations they undertook with the community in determining the centre's design," he said.

"They worked closely with the CLC's community development team over a number of years and really took on board what local people were telling them."

The juror members commented.

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The jury were impressed with the architects' response to the challenging infill site and also appreciated the finishing touches by local people.

"We entered the centre through a walled courtyard and were greeted by 16 bold rectangular paintings done by Willowra’s different family groups."

The paintings made a strong statement about a common future," they said.

The panels were an art project of Yuenдумu’s Warlukurlangu Art Centre and funded by the CLC-administered Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT).

The centre includes an early childhood facility, a large meeting space, training rooms for informal and formal training, a library, computers and internet access, and an outdoor movie screen.

There is also staff accommodation.

Maisie Kitson from Warlpiri Education and Training Trust helped the Wirliyajarrayi Learning Centre in Willowra, NT. Picture by Susan Dugdale

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A scene from King's Seal, a new NITV documentary about the South Australian Letters Patent.

A NEW documentary, King's Seal, that highlights the Letters Patent of South Australia will premiere on NITV next month. In 1836, King William IV and the British Parliament enshrined into law the Letters Patent, the founding document that established the state of South Australia.

The Letters Patent included a unique guarantee to protect and legally secure land rights for all of South Australia’s Aboriginal people and descendants, giving Aboriginal people the right to occupy and enjoy their land for always.

This legal right, still enshrined in law today, was the first ever Aboriginal land rights secured in Australia’s history – rights that have been denied since 1836.

NITV is dedicating August to justice, featuring new and older documentaries, current affairs and special Q&A debates. Other highlights include Protecting Manuwangku, which documents the struggle against ongoing attempts to build a nuclear waste dump on Aboriginal Land in Muckaty in the Northern Territory, and an in-depth look into the current situation of the Bomballara murders inquiry in Justice Just Us: Bowraville Special.

King's Seal will premiere on Wednesday, August 13, at 8.30pm.
Adults will benefit from new literacy foundation

MORE than 150 Aboriginal adults each year will have the chance to learn how to read and write following the successful trial and launch of a new literacy foundation.

The Literacy for Life Foundation will run an innovative approach across Australia after successful pilot programs in three western NSW communities.

The foundation uses a model known as Yes I Can, developed by the Institute of Pedagogy of Latin America and the Caribbean (IPLAC) in Cuba, which has helped more than six million people in 28 countries learn to read and write.

The Yes I Can model involves teaching the importance of literacy and its wide-reaching social and economic impacts. It runs for 10 to 13 weeks with a maximum of 15 people in each class, followed by eight to 12 weeks of post-literacy structured activity designed to bolster employment and community involvement including cooking, first aid and computing skills.

The pilot campaigns conducted in Bourke, Wilcannia and Emuния had a total of 81 graduates since 2011. The University of New England managed and evaluated the trials, which were funded by the Federal Government and the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office, with some private support.

Literacy for Life executive director Jack Beetson, a Ngemba man, said the need for adult literacy in indigenous communities was urgent and the pilot programs had yielded promising results.

"Recent pilot campaigns have been overwhelmingly successful. We are so proud of the graduates, they have overcome immense adversity and are fully engaged in their communities and now spread the word about the importance of literacy," Mr Beetson said.

"Great outcome"

"Another great outcome is that beyond the campaign participants, we have seen whole communities become engaged in the process, with parents and grandparents now reading to their families, and schools reporting that general participation is up.

"Local people have been trained as course facilitators as part of the community engagement. Those facilitators have used their leadership roles to further the area with some helping to establish a local Men’s Shed that assists men with social and physical health issues."

Estimates suggest that 40% of Aboriginal adults are currently at or below level one on the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF). The minimum level necessary to succeed in most training, study and employment opportunities is level two or three.

"Government and non-government agencies in the targeted communities are working together through the literacy campaign to help graduates in training and jobs. Literacy class staff and students also participate more actively in other events including workshops on tenancy rights and responsibilities and on dealing with violence, in meetings of local land councils and health services."

The Literacy for Life Foundation now plans to target four regional communities and improve the literacy of more than 150 people each year.

The foundation is supported by a combination of government funding from Medicare Local and donations from private sector organisations. It is seeking more private donors so it can expand its literacy campaign.

Front, from left, Hogan Shillingsworth, Lucy Nunez, Maria Edwards and Jaycee Edwards at the Yes I Can trial in Bourke. Picture by Edwina Pickles/Fairfax

Tensions ease as chair given leave

THE Central Land Council has approved one month’s leave for its chair Maurie Ryan in a bid to end months of destabilising and distracting leadership tensions. At a meeting in Tennant Creek on July 22–24, the delegates directed the chair to take “improper attempts” to remove the director, David Ross, and resolve that any further consultation on the leadership of the organisation must be authorised by the council after successful tender.

They also agreed on a range of measures to strengthen the CLC’s governance.

"The council is keen to get on with the important job of fighting for the interests of Aboriginal people," acting chair Francis Kelly said.

He cited the example of the tough grog restrictions that had just been achieved at the Top Springs roadway, near Kalkarindji, on the Buntline Highway, 480km south-west of Katherine.

Grog restrictions

Mr Kelly congratulated the Kurdujj Law and Justice Committee, a group of Warlpiri leaders in Lajamanu, on its win in the struggle for alcohol restrictions at the roadway.

The CLC has strongly supported the group to apply to the Northern Territory Licensing Commission for restrictions to minimise the considerable harm stemming from takeaway alcohol sales by the roadway.

The CLC convinced the commission to hold hearings in Lajamanu and Kalkarindji in April and May so it could hear first-hand about the devastating impacts of takeaway grog on the ground," Mr Kelly said.

Under the new restrictions, takeaway grog must be mid-strength or lower and in containers not larger than 400ml or with an alcohol content of no more than 3.5 per cent.

Nobody will be able to buy more than 24 drinks a day, with the number of cartons of beer bought restricted to three per day, per vehicle.

The hotel also must record details of the person buying alcohol and what they bought.
Yet another report that shows disempowerment and disadvantage are hurting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This time, children. The report into child protection by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) found our kids are more likely to be neglected than other Australian kids.

But the most telling statistic is the one that shows nearly half of children who made the sorry side of the child protection stats came from the most disadvantaged socioeconomic areas. Poverty, disadvantage and a system that doesn’t provide proper care or cultural understanding are letting down our children.

And Frank Hytten, the chief executive officer of SNAICC (the Secretariat of Aboriginal and Islander Child Care), is right. Until decision-making power is in Aboriginal hands, the situation is not going to get better. “Until we as a society get serious about acknowledging the history of this country, until we start to rectify the mistakes of the past and make amends for the incredible damage caused to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by colonisation, we won’t be able to even start to reverse these statistics,” Mr Hytten said.

The Aboriginal community-controlled health model works. Surely, it follows that the same model should work for child services. At the moment we are seeing a rash of much-needed – and in many cases loved – community services being shut down, and government officials making decisions without any consultation with those who access them.

Too often policy makers and bureaucrats don’t understand or see the real effects their decisions to “redirect funds to frontline services” or restructure have on people. Our children deserve to have proper care that is culturally appropriate, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people need to be at the front and centre of any decisions involving their families.

On the facing page you’ll find a tribute to the late Gavin Jones, who founded Deadly Vibe. Many of us at the Koori Mail knew Gavin. We liked him and – most importantly – we respected him, as a man and a professional. His passing is a loss to Indigenous Australia, but it is some comfort that his legacy will endure. Gavin made a real difference for his people. Rest easy, brother.

Favourite bush tucker? Abalone.
Favourite other food? Bimbilias (cockle shells) and oysters.
Favourite drink? Soda water.
Favourite music? Old rhythm and blues.
Favourite sport/leisure? Baseball.
Favourite holiday destination? Home at Batemans Bay.
What are you watching? The Voice on TV.
What do you like in life? The innocence of children.
What Indigenous person would you most like to meet? Basketballer Patty Mills.
Which three people would you invite for a night at the campfire? My aunty Bronwyn and my sisters.
If you could, what would you do to better the situation for Aboriginal people? Change government policies to make lives better.

“Quote

I’d like to be able to help my people overcome health problems and lead a healthier lifestyle, that’s why I’m so driven to study, improve myself and succeed.”

– Torres Strait Islander nurse and doctoral student Sean Taylor

Unquote’
On Saturday morning, July 12, the managing director of Deadly Vibe, Gavin Jones, passed away in his home town of Goulburn, NSW, at the age of 47.

Gavin was a respected and widely admired figure and leader in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, who worked tirelessly towards the advancement and health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

He was born on the traditional lands of the Ngunawal and Gundungurra peoples at Goulburn, southern NSW. While he grew up in the provincial town between Sydney and Canberra, the family's roots were in Bigga, Binda, Crowell and Tumbarumba. He was raised by his mother, father and grandmother, along with his three sisters.

After finishing school, Gavin started a journalism cadetship at the Goulburn Post newspaper before completing a communications degree at the University of Canberra in 1989. He then began working in journalism across various Government departments.

The company he founded in 1993, Deadly Vibe, forged new ground in its holistic approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advancement. Gavin’s vision and mission for Deadly Vibe was to: Support all Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people in reaching their full potential by providing positive imagery, identifiable role models and quality media to improve community and quality of life.

Deadly Vibe launched a series of unique and successful projects, all reinforcing the importance of self-worth and self-sufficiency to the overall health of the Indigenous community by the promotion of positive Indigenous stories, and focusing upon the achievements of Indigenous Australians across all aspects of society, along with targeted health messaging.

Importantly, this approach came at a time when the national media cycle served only to reinforce negative stereotypes and negative depictions of Indigenous Australians. It was this negative and ‘unhealthy’ imbalance in the reporting of Indigenous peoples and communities that spurred Gavin to launch Deadly Vibe.

After launching the Deadly Vibe radio program in 1993, in 1995, Gavin launched Deadly Vibe magazine, a first of its kind monthly publication that delivered positive Indigenous stories and health messaging directly to schools and communities. At the time of Gavin’s passing, Deadly Vibe magazine had reached its 205th issue, and was the most recognised Indigenous media publication in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, reaching a national distribution of 55,000 a month, most of the readers being students.

Commenting on the genesis of Deadly Vibe magazine, Gavin wrote in the editorial for the 205th issue in 2013: “Overly negative media was the reason why we started Deadly Vibe magazine. To put something positive in the hands of our young people; something of a high professional quality that could be read and handed around at home or school that told a different story: A story we could be proud of. A magazine that was ours. Something that had blackfaces achieving and breaking stereotypes – achieving in music, sport, at a community level, in the health sector, at school and in the work force. Something our young people can get excited about, and be justifiably proud.”

Soon after Deadly Vibe magazine, Gavin launched InVibe magazine, an insert into Deadly Vibe produced specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in prison and juvenile detention centres, delivering targeted health messaging focusing on mental health, sexual health, information on substance abuse, and Vibe’s message of promoting pride and self-worth.

The ethos of Deadly Vibe and Deadly Sounds was also refashioned into a youth event – the Vibe 303, a travelling event that brought Indigenous role models, health and education expos, breakdancing workshops, and a round-robin basketball tournament into regional communities – all with the aim of fostering cultural pride, self-worth and improved health awareness for young people. Over its 15 years, the Vibe 303 has made an impact on the lives of countless young Australians.

The first event that would become the Deadlys was held in 1994 as a celebration for the first year of Deadly Sounds broadcasting. Gavin’s conviction in the importance of Vibe’s messaging quickly evolved the event from being a low-key community get-together to a unique national Indigenous awards night, celebrating the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In 2013, the Deadlys celebrated its 10th year and from then having become one of the major and most highly anticipated events on the Indigenous calendar, held at the Sydney Opera House, and broadcast nationally on the SBS network.

In a 2012 interview, Gavin stated the inspiration behind the Deadlys: “Like the whole Vibe organisation, I see the Deadlys as a vehicle to empower our people. Indigenous health is a disgrace, but I see our work as a way of improving this. If people are proud of who they are and where they come from, then that will lift their self-esteem and that can only lead to better health.”

In 2008, Gavin launched Vibe TV, producing the programs Living Strong, which delivered informative health stories andpectives, and Move it Mob Style, a program which combined Vibe’s promotion of self-worth and cultural pride with other health messaging and hip hop dance workshops and routines. Move it Mob Style is currently broadcast on NITV and ABC3, bringing Aboriginal faces and culture into the homes of thousands of Australians of all backgrounds and, in 2014, was nominated for a Logie Award in the Children Entertainment category.

Gavin was a silent leader, continually pushing the achievements and contributions of others into the spotlight while himself shying away from accolades and recognition.

Through his passionate and incredible work ethic, ambitious drive and commitment to the empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Gavin leaves behind an impressive legacy and will be remembered as a man who made a huge contribution to his community and helped to change the fabric of Australian society, providing successful and impactful nationwide platforms for Indigenous Australians to celebrate their achievements, survival, pride and culture.

Noted for his generosity, kindness and genuine care for others, Gavin was one of the true pioneers and heroes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advancement, and will be missed and remembered by the countless individuals whose lives he touched and helped to improve.

● This obituary was written and first published by Deadly Vibe. To add your own tribute or a flower, donations be made to www.deadlyvibe.com.au/2014/07/gavin-jones-1966-2014/

The family of Gavin Jones has asked that instead of flowers, donations be made to the Jimmy Little Foundation, the Go Foundation and the Yothu Yindi Foundation.

Gavin Jones is a true hero of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. He was selfless and he worked tirelessly to celebrate our achievements and inspiring our youth in particular to develop the resilience they need to face their future. RIP Gav. – Dr Tom Calma

We are deeply saddened by Mr Jones’ passing. Our condolences go out to his family, friends and colleagues.

He was a man who was dedicated to making a difference and to working with, and on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

– Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and Assistant Health Minister Fiona Nash

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Women’s leadership award to NT minister

NORTHERN Territory Government minister Bess Price, a Warlpiri woman, has been named the NT winner of the Awards for Excellence in Women’s Leadership.

“This is a huge honour and I hope I can help inspire other women to take on positions of leadership, no matter where they are from,” Ms Price said.

“Women, like all people, are victims of violence in our community and I am serious about being a voice for those who can’t speak for themselves,” Ms Price added.

As the Territory minister for Women’s Policy, I won’t stop working to end this cycle of violence once and for all. I thank Women and Leadership Australia for organising these awards and congratulate them on their efforts in closing the gap on gender inequality.

The awards recognised female leaders from every state and territory. Former Prime Minister Julia Gillard took out the national honour. NT Chief Minister Adam Giles and Ms Price was a “proud Indigenous woman who talks frankly about the violence in our community”. Ms Price has educated Aboriginal women and children in our community.

“She joins a stellar list of women being recognised from around the country, including Ita Buttrose, former Queensland Premier Anna Bligh and much-loved Australian cook Maggie Beer,” he said.

These awards are aimed at promoting the need for a greater percentage of female leaders and I couldn’t think of a better person to advance this cause than Bess Price.

“This year she bravely spoke out about the way violence has touched her home life and that of her family with tragic consequences. “I know her words have inspired many to stand up and say ‘no more’.”

Women’s Leadership.

The Northern Territory minister for Industry Engagement, by phone (02) 9995 0634 or email contact@grf.nt.gov.au

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Praise aplenty for Charlie’s Country

I SAW the movie Charlie’s Country at a special advance screening earlier this month at the Cremorne Orpheum Theatre. It played to a packed house, was well received and most thought-provoking. The audience was totally drawn into the film itself and seemed to respond as ‘one’ during the various scenes of heartbreak, humour and injustice – and with much discussion afterwards as people slowly left the theatre. The following night, the film screening was to be followed by a discussion with the filmmaker, Rolf de Heer. David Gulpilil’s acting is brilliant and mesmerising... and for which he received a ‘Best Actor’ award at the Cannes Film Festival in France. The film should be seen by everyone in Australia and screened around the world to reveal just what is happening within this ‘Secret Country’. As said on ABC Radio, “Compelling and enthralling. A powerful journey. It is impossible to take your eyes off David Gulpilil. Charlie’s Country offers a deeply affecting portrait of contemporary Aboriginal Australia.”

KERRIE MCKENZIE
Lane Cove, NSW

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

A BIG thanks to all of our readers for sending letters, poems and other feedback: we love hearing from you. You can help us by keeping your letters to 400 words or less and poems generally no more than 25 medium-length lines. This will increase your chances of being published. Even if sent via email, all letters and poems must be accompanied by the author’s full name, home town/city and state/territory, and a contact number so we can verify content. After that, we’re happy to withhold names and addresses upon request. We will publish ‘Looking For’ letters as long as they do not breach the privacy of individuals mentioned.

And we’re happy to consider photos alongside letters – as long as they’re of a high enough resolution and standard, and as long as copyright requirements are met. We accept no responsibility for returning original photos, so please send copies instead.

On page 24, Nathan Leitch writes about hip-hop rapper Adam Briggs (on the left in the picture), a man he reckons is worthy of our support and respect.

Excuse me, Sir

Excuse me sir, I’d like to have a word Our people are suffering, have you heard? You make us empty promises each year Things are going to get better we hear. Same words, same promises never fulfilled No great changes, just more and more bills We watch you climb the political ladder What our voices have to say doesn’t matter. Telling us to set role models for our kids But we look at you and shake our heads You stand in the white house and debate Using your countrymen as your balts. Excuse me sir, have you ever touched dirt? Or even had a stain on your perfect shirt? Were you fed with a silver spoon in life? Don’t you see Australia in financial strife? I ask you to swap shoes with me for a day See how far you get on my low-income pay Your eyes will be opened to the real world How much I pay to educate my boy and girl. You rule blackfella country with white hands Wrong attitudes to lead this great land Poisoning the dirt from under our feet Killing all our seafood and shell meat. Have you lived a life without recognition? Have you ever been hungry with no nutrition? So no more empty promises, enough is enough Sit down, pull up a chair, and hear it from us. Excuse me Sir, may I get your attention Oh Mr Prime Minister if you just listen Take my place in life and you will see What it’s like to be low-income Me.

DANIELLA ROCHFORD

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.

THE KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2014.
I Utopia. It’s 100km north, in past and present”. conditions where preventable Indigenous people with little to this in Ampilatwatja. economy. It didn’t even stop the roads and it was never finished. think to install cattle grids on the through Ampilatwatja. The fence was funded by government to keep out the local wild donkeys and give unemployed installed in the conversion to Ampilatwatja dwellings with new houses. 2014 environmental health assessment on 31 Ampilatwatja dwellings, including six of the new houses, found that not one of the 31 has a compliant effluent disposal system. They all have satellite dishes installed in the conversion to digital TV.

A few years ago government funded a four-day program for women on cleaning and hygiene, costing more than $56,000. Content included cleaning bathrooms and using septic systems. Each day ended with a ‘fun women’s activity’ like ‘nails’ or ‘hand massage’. Barely anyone attended. Apart from being patronising, this did nothing to address key health-risk factors like poor housing and overcrowding. Septic systems fail because they aren’t built to service overcrowded, not from misuse.

Coockroach infestation also causes illness. But I’m told that pest control services don’t turn up for the required (and paid for) follow-up visits. So infestation continues.

The abysmal state of Ampilatwatja’s housing isn’t from lack of spending. It’s from poor planning and management by outsiders who don’t understand community needs, don’t follow through and don’t think locally are capable of doing anything themselves. Ampilatwatja has an Indigenous engagement officer, Centrelink office and Jobs centre. Their community provider. I bet they all say there are no jobs in Ampilatwatja. Apart from the jobs, the local and other non-locals do, of course.

The attitude to Ampilatwatja hasn’t moved much since the mid-1960s mission-manager mentality that Aboriginal people can’t look after themselves. Yet, unlike the various caretakers over the years and despite the many obstacles, the Alyawar people have managed to create real jobs and real business. Ampilatwatja’s health centre is owned by traditional owners, gets revenue from Medicare but it is well- resourced and equipped. It has also hired eight locals who are completing vocational training. The traditional owners also own the store, a small supermarket as good as any you’ll find in country Australia.

Alyawar people have other aspirations for their region and the biggest obstacles to these are bureaucratic red tape, barriers and approvals – even for Alyawar people doing things on Alyawar land.

I was inspired by the Alyawar people’s moment of self-sighted thinking. The Elders have a vision of the Alyawar people being responsible for their own destiny and decisions affecting their land,
THE STRONGEST & SMARTEST CHOICE

QUEENSLAND’S PLAN FOR SECURE FINANCES AND A STRONG ECONOMY

THE STRONGEST CHOICE IS ALSO THE SMARTEST CHOICE

After receiving a record number of ‘People’s Budget’ submissions, the Queensland Government has announced a strong plan to fix our debt and interest problems.

We’ve already cut waste, now our plan includes the sale or lease of some assets.

The government has already addressed waste and inefficiency and implemented a plan to run government services more effectively. As a consequence, reducing services has been ruled out. With so many Queensland families feeling increased cost of living pressures, raising taxes to reduce debt has also been ruled out.

Not everyone will agree with every part of our plan, but Queenslanders do agree that strong choices are essential to fund the schools, hospital upgrades, roads and highways we need for Queensland’s growing future.

You can see Queensland’s detailed plan for secure finances and a strong economy at the Strong Choices website.

HOW YOU HAD YOUR SAY ON QUEENSLAND’S DEBT AND INTEREST PROBLEMS

Since February, more than 70,000 Queenslanders have collectively tackled the unprecedented threat to our future prosperity: our $80 billion debt and the $4 billion in interest, or ‘dead money’, that we pay each year. Never before in Australia has there been this level of public consultation about the economic choices facing a community.

- 37 days of public information from 13 April to 19 May
- 24/7 ‘People’s Budget’ interactive tool
- 14 Community Forums
- 27 local shopping centre information booths
- 15 Community Leader roundtable forums
- 19,000 kilometres travelled
- 4 region-wide Virtual Town Hall meetings

Queensland Government

Authorised by the Queensland Government, George Street, Brisbane.
Plenty of interest in packed
Cairns
hosts
huge
event

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

The fifth annual Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) made a triumphant return to its full program this year with a stellar line-up of performers, artists and events. Held over three days, art aficionados, communities from all over Queensland as well as international collectors and curators flocked to far north Queensland for the premier arts event of the season.

Overlooking the Trinity Inlet, the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal provided the perfect backdrop for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to showcase their work to thousands of potential customers; locally, interstate and on an international level.

By the end of day one, artists were enjoying a high level of interest in their work with visitors in the high hundreds.

The opening party, ‘My voice, Our voice, One voice’ kicked the celebrations into high gear with performances by Songs of Austranesia, a musical ensemble bringing the languages of Kuku Yalani and the Torres Strait Islands together with a stirring song created especially for CIAF.

The Arpaka Dance Company gave high-energy performances throughout the art fair, with traditional dance and songs in Kala Lagua Ulua and Miriam Mer languages.

This year there was major interest in the edgy artwork of Aboriginal artist Christian Thompson, who was represented by Michael Reid. Mavis Ngallametta brought her work to the north as well as being a guest speaker to a packed audience.

Popular

Vernon Ah Kee returned to CIAF with his popular contemporary artworks as well as a line of well-received t-shirts, with slogans like ‘Aboriginal all the time’ and ‘Australia – drive it like you stole it’, that were worn proudly throughout the weekend.

Once again, remote communities of the Cape York and Torres Strait Islander artists were also strongly represented.

Designer Grace Lee headed up another vibrant Ufla Yumpla fashion performance, going strong on the success of last year’s inaugural show, and Proper Soli – a vision by Steven Oliver about the country’s first Aboriginal president – played to packed audiences and rave reviews at the Jute Theatre on Friday night.
Indigenous art fair program

Aurukun artist Garry Namponan with his artwork at CIAF.

Carly Jia and designer Shaun Edwards.

International artist Mavis Ngallametta.

Aurukun artist Bevan Namponan.

Girringun artist Emily Murray was among the many artists at the Cairns fair.

A member of the Arpaka dancers entertaining the crowd.

Natasha Mazzoni, Selina Sailor and Elgina Ansey-Phillon.

One of the Maluilgal dancers.

These happy young Aurukun dancers were entertainers at the art fair.

National Gallery of Australia’s Tina Baum, artist Elisa Jane Carmichael and Belinda Close.

Artist Vernon Ah Kee, wearing one of his popular t-shirts, made a return to CIAF.

Aurukun artist Bevan Namponan.
Reconciliation in focus at Kyogle

A NEW generation has taken the reins at the Kyogle Reconciliation Group, in north-eastern NSW. Alethia Walker is now president of the group, with Sarah Pederson as secretary, John O’Neil as treasurer and Muranda Goodsell looking after publicity.

“The committee is looking forward to continuing the focus on reconciliation and bringing all of our community together by acknowledging our differences and celebrating our similarities,” Ms Walker said.

“We all would like to sincerely thank the outgoing committee for all their years of dedication to reconciliation in Kyogle. A special shout out to Ruth Haig, Noelle Lyndon-Way, Don Jolly and Suzie Coulston and (the late) Patsy Nagas, who is forever here with us in heart and spirit.”

FOUR Yaegl ancestors came home to Maclean, north-east NSW, last month, much to the relief of their descendants. One of the men, believed to be from the Brushgrove area, was returned from Vienna, Austria, while the other three, from Yamba and Iluka, were repatriated from Sydney under the National Repatriation Program.

Elders and other Yaegl community members, including Deidre Randall, campaigned for years to have their ancestors returned to country.

“For them to come home and finally, finally, be buried back on Yaegl country is very, very special,” Mrs Randall told the ABC.

“At peace”

“They would not be at peace until that happened. Some were dated to be thousands of years old, so for them to be taken away, most of them had been buried traditionally in their land... that’s upset the spirits.”

Yaegl men Ken (Fox) Laurie, Darren Mercy, Michael Randall and Ron Heron at the ceremony to bury their ancestors on country in far northern NSW.

Dad’s the word for new study

A NEW project at the University of Melbourne is looking at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander fathers and the effectiveness of programs that aim to address violence — and they are looking for an Indigenous research assistant to help.

While the importance of strong male role models has long been acknowledged, often the role of fathering and the experiences and needs of children in the context of family violence can get lost, particularly when there is for the success of the programs.

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The Indigenous Fathering Project is examining programs specifically designed to address family violence in Indigenous households, considering how the components address the issue of fathering in the context of family violence, what issues are addressed, what practice interventions and methods are being used, and what evidence there is for the success of the programs.

Melbourne University is looking for a research assistant for the project.

For more information contact Shawana Andrews on shawanaa@unimelb.edu.au to discuss options.

Applications close on August 10 and can be submitted online at: http://jobs.unimelb.edu.au/caw/
A HEALING forum held at the University of NSW has marked a crucial first step in advancing the dialogue about trauma and healing and developing best practice policy responses, NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello says.

The NSW Government hosted the ‘Mapu Yaan Gurru, Mapu Mamunggirr - Healing Our Way’ forum in partnership with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation.

Up to 200 representatives from 66 organisations attended, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, NSW Mental Health Commissioner John Fenelly and NSW/GACT Stolen Generation Council chairperson Matilda House.

Mr Dominello said the forum reflected the goal of enabling all Aboriginal people to live healthy and purposeful lives.

“Aboriginal people who have suffered trauma need to find ways to reclaim their culture and rebuild pride in their identity,” he said.

“Today was about listening to Aboriginal people and experts in the field to understand what role government can play in addressing trauma and loss of culture. It was also an opportunity to learn about what works – whether it is the courage of the men from Kinchela Boys Home recording their stories through film or the ingenuity of the women from Lismore’s Wake Up Time Weavers – it’s about sharing examples of healing.”

Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston said acknowledging trauma and its roots in the history of colonisation is the first step towards healing.

“Healing from trauma enables individuals to gain control of their lives and create positive pathways forward to a more hopeful future,” he said. “There are many examples of positive changes for our people because of healing programs.

“NSW should be congratulated for being the only state or territory that has built healing into its central policy for Aboriginal affairs. Let’s hope other governments follow their lead.”

Mr Dominello said the forum’s discussions about healing will inform the NSW Government’s approach to future policies and practices in Aboriginal affairs.

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee for Engineers Without Borders Australia.

EWB is seeking expressions of interest from committee members with backgrounds in community development to provide strategic and operational advice for its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program.

EWB carries out a range of sustainable engineering projects responding to the specific desires of partner communities.

The group worked with the Kuku Nyungkal people in the Queensland Daintree on the Shipton’s Flat cultural healing place, which won a Queensland Reconciliation Award in 2011 for its incorporation of natural resource management, eco-tourism and a drug and alcohol recovery programme.

Partnership with the Bana Yarrali Bubu Aboriginal Corporation, the Central Arnhem Land Technology and Aurecon, EWB helped build the basic infrastructure.

In another partnership, EWB helped the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation (YYNAC) in the Murray River region develop training and skills opportunities for the community, especially youth.

The engineers also provide support to manage key cultural and environmental assets, as well as education activities combining traditional and western sciences.

EWB now has two new Reconciliation Initiatives, aiming to extend its past work to create broader and deeper change in the engineering sector.

The first initiative is focused on identifying best practice within the engineering sector and how to implement it across the sector.

The second initiative is focused on creating technical career pathways to support Aboriginal youth, students and graduates across Australia.

The EWB aims to create a multiparty collaboration of organisations providing education and career support.

The EWB Aboriginal Advisory Committee will play a key role in developing the strategic direction and execution of the group’s Reconciliation Action Plan and its new Reconciliation Initiatives.

Expressions of interest from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people wanting to join the EWB Aboriginal Advisory Committee can be emailed to Alanta Colley at a.colley@ewb.org.au.

Committee members don’t need to have engineering or professional backgrounds, but rather experience in working with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander communities. The committee meets biannually in Melbourne, with sitting fees, travel and accommodation costs covered by EWB.

For details visit www.ewb.org.au/announcements/54114 10 or phone the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program coordinator Alanta Colley on (03) 9329 1166.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation CEO Richard Weston, Lorraine Peeters (Wanangali Marumali), Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello, Allen Madden, Kristy Masella and Mick Gooda at the first NSW healing forum.

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Aboriginal Heritage

Albion Park Rail bypass

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for the Albion Park Rail bypass to register to be consulted.

To register your interest, please contact: Joanne Damcevski Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer – Southern Roads and Maritime Services M: PO Box 477 Wollongong, NSW 2520 E: joanne.damcevski@rms.nsw.gov.au T: (02) 4221 2767

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by Wednesday 13 August 2014.

Roads and Maritime is planning for a future extension of the M1 Princes Motorway between Yallak and Oak Flats to provide a bypass of Albion Park Rail.

A map of the study area is available at: rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/alp or by contacting Roads and Maritime.

The proposal may result in Roads and Maritime:

• Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, and/or

• Undertaking investigations in accordance with the Code of practice for archaeological investigations in NSW 2010, and/or

• Undertaking an environmental impact assessment under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.
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NAIDOC 2014

Celebrations nationwide

NAIDOC Week has been marked in communities large and small around Australia and beyond. On this and the next eight pages you’ll find coverage from some of those events, all of which celebrated this year’s NAIDOC theme ‘Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond’.

The Australian High Commission in Papua New Guinea celebrated NAIDOC with a performance by Myungu Koekaper, a dance group from Saibai Island in the Torres Strait, less than 4km from PNG. The Federal Government is sponsoring the group’s participation in the Melanesian Festival of Arts and Culture.

UNIVERSITY of Southern Queensland’s contribution to the Fraser Coast Indigenous community and culture was recognised in this year’s NAIDOC Awards announced at the flag-raising ceremony in Hervey Bay. USQ Fraser Coast won the Business/Organisation Award, which recognises a business or organisation whose values embrace cultural differences, promoting best practices that offer inclusion to Indigenous people. Pictured are USQ Fraser Coast executive manager Brett Langabeer and award recipient Dimity Shillingsworth with USQ staff.

BASEBALL player Jordan Bill, 16, was named as the Midland, Perth, NAIDOC Young Person of the Year 2014. Jordan, who is also the St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospitals’ inaugural Aboriginal Youth Ambassador, won the award for his dedication to baseball, while maintaining a focus on his school studies and still having the energy to fit regular part-time work into his schedule. Jordan, a student at Governor Stirling Senior High, trains regularly with his local team, the Diamond Baseball Academy, and recently completed two weeks of work experience at the RSPCA.

SINGER Archie Roach with Bundjalung man Greg King at Southern Cross University, Lismore, northern NSW. Both Mr King and Gumbangyrr man Jason Donovan said it had been a lifelong dream to meet Uncle Archie – a day they would never forget.

THE Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service (IAMS), Illawarra-Shoalhaven Medicare Local and the Heart Foundation NSW launched the Koori Cook-Off Illawarra during the NAIDOC Family Fun Day at ‘The Land’ Primbee Aboriginal Reserve, on the NSW south coast. Pictured are IAMS staff with the newly-launched cookbook Flavours of the Coast and entrants in the Koori Cook-Off.
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Above: Aboriginal Scholar of the Year Jayden Monaghan with his dad Andrew, mum Kellie and sister Kirra.

Above: Birthday girl Audrey Beeton, left, Maz Barbari and Sheralee Armstrong, from Launceston.

Sisters Matron of the Ball Edwina Shaw, from Bruny Island, Nanette Shaw, from Launceston, and Dyan Shaw-Summers, from Flinders Island.

Nala Mansell-McKenna and Sinsa Mansell, from Launceston.

Albie Jones with his cousin Fiona Hughes and son Nick Jones, who was Beau of the Ball.

Old Coe of the Ball Graeme Gardner and Adam Thompson, from Launceston.

Enjoying the night were Michael Mansell, from Launceston, and Karlie Goodwin, from Hobart.

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Deanne Hooper and Natalie Brown-Cameron, from Launceston, Tricia and Chantelle Burgess, from Longford, and Tameka Riley, from Launceston.

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Della Summers, from Launceston, Michael Paxton, from Bruny Island, Leonie Dickson, from Hobart, and TAC state secretary Ruth Langford, from Forcett.

Some of the Maynard mob at the ball, from left, Sara, Rachel, Nathan and Suzanne.
NAIDOC 2014 – Tasmania

Summers named Aborigine of Year

By JILLIAN MUNDY

Ronnie Summers was named Tasmanian Aborigine of the Year at this year’s state NAIDOC ball, held in Launceston. The gently spoken 70-year-old from Flinders Island told the audience he would be going home to cry tears of joy.

“It’s tops. It’s the best thing I’ve ever come across,” Mr Summers told the Koori Mail.

Following the presentation, Mr Summers performed the beautiful The Songlines of the Moonbird, penned by his proud wife Dyan.

Body Builder Coorinna Burgess, from Hobart, was named Tasmanian Aboriginal Sportsperson of the Year, but was unable to make the ball due to sporting commitments.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Youth of the Year went to nine-year-old Jacob Mayer Maynard, from Cape Barren Island. He received his award at Cape Barren’s own NAIDOC Ball.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Scholar of the Year was jointly awarded to Jayden Monaghan and Jacqui Spotswood.

Dougie Mansell, who presented Ronnie Summers, right, with his Tasmanian Aborigine of the Year award. They are pictured on stage after performing a duet, much to the delight of the audience.

Some of the mob who had travelled from Tasmania’s north-west coast, standing from left, Ollie Ralph, Tamera Summers, Wendy Pitchford (from Launceston), Karen Stone, Marilyn Snooks, Angelene Stuar and Cheryl Ransom, with father and son Shane and Athol Burgess at front left. The ball was somewhat of a farewell for Athol, who is moving to South Australia.
NSW-based artist Cleo Quayle presenting City of Holroyd Mayor Nasr Kafrouni with her works for a special NAIDOC Week art exhibition held in western Sydney.

NSW ARTIST Jake Watson with his winning artwork from the Angus Knight Confidence by Art project, held on the Newcastle foreshore for the Awabakal NAIDOC Family Fun Day. The project, which comprises an annual art calendar competition, a coffee table book and exhibitions, including at NSW Parliament House, creates an opportunity for Jobfind clients to explore and express their sense of culture and identity, and show their talent. A selection of winning artworks from the Jobfind calendar competition were exhibited at the NAIDOC Week event.

THE Desert Park was the venue for this year’s NAIDOC celebrations in Alice Springs. Above, Doris Stewart delivers a special address at the official event, while below Alison Furber demonstrates Aboriginal symbols to children at the sand-painting activity.

NSW Pastor Ray Minniecon delivers his address at Sydney Local Health District’s NAIDOC Week event at Sydney Dental Hospital.

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NAIDOC 2014 – Adelaide

Crowds turn out

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Saturday night, headlined by singer Christine Anu. Local artists and favourites Martin Pascoe’s Black Keys Cabaret, the Bec Gollan Band, Konnected and Warren Milera Band also performed at the ball, which was MCed by Josh Warrior.
In Charters Towers, far north Queensland, local woman Christine Hero organised army personnel from Townsville’s Lavarack Barracks to bring two armoured vehicles for local NAIDOC celebrations. Soliders with local kids are pictured above. “Most importantly, the day was about acknowledging the Elders who fought and giving them recognition for their work.” Shown at right is Shanti Mosby, wearing an army hat. Pictures by Jodie Henderson

The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern, Sydney, held a major NAIDOC celebration. Pictured above are members of the NCIE school holiday dance group on stage, ready to perform. At left are dancers from the Descendance Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dance Theatre, while below, local kids are introduced to a baby crocodile as part of the NAIDOC activities.

MORE than 300 people from 24 Australian Public Service agencies took part in the annual NAIDOC Week Touch Football Competition in Canberra. Over 80 games were contested throughout the day. In the hard-fought Trophy Final, Department of Defence downed the Australian Sports Commission 5-4. The Cup Final was won by the Australian Research Council (pictured above) who defeated the Department of Finance 5-3. The Canberra NAIDOC Week Touch Football Competition is organised by the Australian Public Service Commission and the Department of Education (team pictured below), with Touch Football ACT.

THE Eurobodalla Koori Employee Network, in southern NSW, held a smoking ceremony to cleanse one of its offices in Moruya. The smoking was followed by a wreath-laying ceremony. A NAIDOC march, pictured, was also held.
HUNDREDS of people turned out for the main NAIDOC Week event at the Ration Shed Museum in Cherbourg, south-east Queensland. They came from different cultures and from as far as Papua New Guinea and Queensland’s Sunshine Coast.

After a minute’s silence, Mayor Ken Bone thanked the forefathers for their fight, referring to the NAIDOC theme of ‘Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond’.

“A lot of our people suffered at the hands of the government set up to ‘protect’ us,” he said.

“A lot of our people were persecuted.”

Vietnam war veteran Eric Law said people had to learn from history.

He told a story of how he ran into his friend Claude Malone during the war and, as they sipped on catch-up beers during the Christmas of 1970, Mr Malone said, “I wonder what they’re doing in Barambah Avenue tonight?”

“Even though we were far away, home was never far from our minds,” Mr Law said.

Founding member of the Ration Shed Museum Sandra Morgan asked people to look at its exhibits to learn more about Cherbourg and its residents’ history.

“Our work here sheds more light on the past and strengthens the ties that bind us together as a community and promotes reconciliation in the region,” she said.

“There are many people who have worked hard over the years to make this place a success.

“I want to thank the community for protecting and caring for this place and supporting us.”
**NSW**

Professor John Maynard, from the University of Newcastle’s Wollotuka Institute, addressed the large crowd at Lake Macquarie City Council’s Administration Building on the NSW central coast for the annual flag-raising ceremony.

**ACT**

ABC radio station 666 Canberra’s Louise Maher, left, and winners of a competition listen to Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) community engagement manager John Paul Janke detailing the history of an Eddie Mabo self-portrait housed in the institute’s vaults in the national capital.

**QLD**

At the Indigenous Business Australia breakfast on the Gold Coast, above from left Torres Strait Regional Authority chair Joseph Elu, PwC Indigenous Consulting director Jodie Sizer, South East Queensland Indigenous Chamber of Commerce director Murray Saylor and PwC Indigenous Consulting’s Gavin Brown and, below, Reconciliation Australia chief executive Leah Armstrong, Supply Nation chief executive Charles Prouse and IBA chair Anthony Ashby. IBA holds a NAIDOC breakfast every year before the national ball.

**NSW**

Pictured at the NAIDOC celebrations in Brewarrina, north-western NSW, were, top, Austin Bloomfield and Dylan Rosser and, below, Malakye Biles, Kobi Bennett and Sam Trapman.
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At the NAIDOC fun day at Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre on the NSW north coast, the Ninja Circus Mutitjulu troupe visited from west of Uluru.

The Department of Human Services presented NAIDOC Awards to recognise staff who have provided exceptional service to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander customers and communities. Pictures are Mossman Service Centre manager Laurel Denman, who won the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employee Achievement Award; Cairns staff co-ordinator Hahine McCaskill, who was recognised for her individual achievement in Indigenous servicing, and Paul Boag from the Indigenous Language Services Team, based in Marrickville, NSW, who won the Team Achievement in Indigenous Servicing Award.

At the NAIDOC celebration at the University of Melbourne's Rural Health Academic Centre in Shepparton, Victoria, from left, Karyn Ferguson, Lou Bennett, Chana Orloff, Alf 'Uncle Boydie' Turner, Prof Bill Adam and Peter Ferguson and, inset, Black Arm Band member and Tiddas singer Lou Bennett performing in Shepparton.

PALM Island, in north Queensland, joined in the celebrations. Pictured at top near the war memorial are Edna Coolburra with her grandchildren Edna Jnr, 16, and Carlo, 4. Mrs Coolburra's late husband Bill served with the Australian Army for many years. "It is great that we celebrate NAIDOC and when I see the war memorial here I think of my husband," she said. Below are Mal Mabo, left, and Eddie Mabo Jnr during the Palm Island celebrations, and at bottom are members of the St Michael's Deadly Dancers ready to perform. Pictures by Alf Wilson.
Daniel wins Terry Roberts Scholarship

A YOUNG South Australian who hopes to improve the life expectancy of Aboriginal people has been awarded this year’s Terry Roberts Memorial Scholarship. Daniel Zweck, from Cumberland Park in Adelaide, won the scholarship, named in memory of long-serving MP Terry Roberts. It supports Aboriginal people in fulltime undergraduate study at a South Australian university by providing financial assistance towards meeting living and study-related costs.

Higher Education Minister Gail Gago said the scholarship was an important way to help Aboriginal students excel and succeed in tertiary education and beyond. “Daniel shows great leadership potential and his determination to succeed is in the spirit of the scholarship’s inaugural winner in 2007, Rebecca Richards, who went on to be Australia’s first Indigenous Rhodes Scholar,” Ms Gago said. “This scholarship is an investment in the future of an exceptionally bright young man who has shown great potential. Daniel has shown tremendous passion and determination in his desire to support and strengthen Aboriginal communities, and I look forward to seeing him make a significant contribution here in years to come.”

Mr Zweck, 19, is in his first year of a Bachelor of Health Science degree at the University of Adelaide and hopes to transfer to a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. “Winning the Terry Roberts Scholarship will help my studies by providing financial security, allowing me to work less and focus more time on study and education,” he said. “I want to work towards closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians’ life expectancy through rural work, or raising awareness of the issue.”

Sydney TAFE takes out six Gili Awards

Six Sydney TAFE students and teachers have received prizes at this year’s TAFE NSW Gili Awards. The Gili Awards celebrate and recognise the achievements of Aboriginal TAFE NSW students, staff and programs that have contributed to Aboriginal communities through training and education. They acknowledge achievement in training and education through recognising academic excellence and accomplishment of Aboriginal students; the contribution and dedication of TAFE NSW staff and the outcomes of TAFE NSW engagement with Industry, schools and Aboriginal communities.

Winning the TAFE NSW Gili Award for Academic Excellence were Judy Beddoni (Achievement Award), Jessica Clarke (Award for Academic Excellence), Sarah James (Apprentice of the Year), Chiko Monks (Aboriginal Staff Award), Merryn Thatcher (Non-Indigenous Staff Award) and Ann Cribb (Bruce Kendall Award for Recognition of Service to TAFE NSW).

A PROGRAM to increase higher education participation for students from disadvantaged communities is having a profound effect, according to a new report. Compiled by major professional services company KPMG, the interim assessment of the $21.2 million Commonwealth program Bridges to Higher Education shows the initiative is working for families from Greater Western Sydney and rural NSW, as well as those from Indigenous backgrounds.

The report showed that in two years, Bridges programs had been in schools and TAFE colleges in Greater Western Sydney and rural areas, reaching more than 143,000 students, over 12,000 parents and carers, and more than 8500 teachers.

“Increasing access to higher education for sections of the community who traditionally miss out on this invaluable opportunity is one of the most pressing issues facing contemporary Australia,” Bridges chair Annette Cairnduff said. “That means we first have to change some prevailing attitudes around higher education, build an awareness of the opportunities available, and improve academic outcomes in the years leading up to university.”

“Ba the Bridges program is achieving all these goals, having had a major impact not only on students, but also on teachers, parents, carers, and community members who provide such an important support network.”

Starting two years ago, Bridges to Higher Education involves the University of Technology, Sydney, Macquarie University, University of Western Sydney, The University of Sydney and the Australian Catholic University. It has 87 participating student-mentoring initiatives, summer schools, tutoring and preparatory programs, and community engagement programs.

Key KPMG interim report findings show that:

- 87% of students reported an increased awareness of alternative pathways to university;
- 98% of participating teachers reported being better supported to engage students in learning; and
- 91% of parents and carers reported an increased capacity to support their child’s higher education goals.

“Bridges work encompasses all aspects of increasing higher education awareness and access,” Ms Cairnduff said. “Our programs not only help prepare students for the challenges they’re likely to encounter throughout high school and university, they also help schools to enrich classroom practices and motivate their students.”

“Bridges programs have also broadened families’ views around the availability and value of higher education opportunities, and even increased students’ confidence to challenge cultural or gender-specific expectations around their future.”

The Balnaves Foundation also contributes significant funding to Nura Gilli and to Indigenous scholarships at UNSW. UNSW currently has 376 Indigenous students enrolled in undergraduate, postgraduate and research programs. It has one of the best Indigenous student retention rates in the country, with more than 78% of students completing their studies. The UNSW Medical Faculty has the highest number of Indigenous medical students in Australia and there is also a strong Indigenous group in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Law.

Winter School School popular

ONE hundred Indigenous high school students from across Australia have taken part in a week-long residential program at the University of NSW (UNSW) in Sydney. The Year 10, 11 and 12 students from as far afield as Alice Springs in central Australia, Emerald in Queensland, Mandurah in Western Australia and Boggabilla in NSW’s north-west, visited the campus for the Nura Gilli Winter School program.

Student services manager at UNSW’s Nura Gilli Indigenous Programs Unit Michael Peachey said 30% of Indigenous students currently enrolled at UNSW had come through the winter school program. “Winter school provides an opportunity for students to experience university and hear from other Indigenous students who have gone on to complete degrees in their chosen field,” he said.

“Students stay on campus and choose an area of focus, for example, engineering, business, law or medicine. There is a full timetable of academic sessions, excursions and activities as well as a graduation ceremony at the end of the week.”

Mr Peachey has been overseeing the program since 2009. It is sponsored by global financial firm UBS, covering all costs for the students.

A taste of uni: some of the participants at the latest University of NSW Nura Gilli Winter School program.
Taste of uni life for Arnhem Land pair

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Tristan and Shierese Cunningham, from the Cobourg Peninsula in the Top End, have jumped at an opportunity to explore tertiary education opportunities and life away from home. The West Arnhem College students took part in Melbourne-based Trinity College’s Indigenous program that allows students to experience university life first-hand. Both flew to Melbourne with college staff to take part in the program.

“Tristan and Shierese are completing school-based apprenticeships with mining company Energy Resources of Australia’s (ERA) Ranger uranium mine, and are on course to be the first members of their family to graduate in Year 12. The apprenticeships are part of an education partnership between West Arnhem College, the Northern Territory Department of Education and ERA.”

A stronger school enrolment and attendance strategy in the Northern Territory (NT) has provided $497,000 to Queensland Curtis LNG gas producer and developer of Milingimbi, Galwirinju, Gapuwiyak, Nhulunbuy and Yirkala.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said SEAM was one of a range of initiatives designed to improve and sustain school enrolment and attendance in remote areas.

“The partnership was launched in late May and early June and just knowing SEAM was coming to the community was motivation for Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory to keep their children at school. As a last resort, if parents do not comply with their requirements and no special circumstances apply, a parent’s school enrolment and attendance support payment may be suspended.”

Strategy

Senator Scullion said SEAM was complemented by the Government’s Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) which, with providers and parents, operates in all the new communities except Nhulunbuy.

“Attendance levels have significantly improved in NT schools where the RSAS has been operating since the beginning of this year,” he said.

“Compared to 2013, the number of children attending RSAS schools in the NT is up nearly 17 per cent. “Getting children to school is the Government’s highest priority for Indigenous children and their families. “Going to school every day gives a child the best chance for a good start in life, opens up employment opportunities and helps the child to reach their potential.”

QUEENSLAND’S Stronger Smarter Institute (SSI) has secured financial support from a major gas company, QGC, a natural gas producer and developer of the Queensland Curtis LNG Project, has provided $497,000 to support two Stronger Smarter Leadership Programs this year. The funding will enable SSI to work with school and community leaders to support, develop and enhance leadership capacity through the leadership program.

The partnership was launched at The Ration Shed Museum in Cherbourg, with 22 participants taking part in a week-long residential program. SSI will provide support and coaching for program participants, with the aim of building a self-sustaining local network of leaders with links to the national stronger smarter network of educators.

SSI chief executive Lisa Siganto said the institute was pleased to be with QGC in a partnership that would enable change for 44 school and community leaders in regional areas of Gladstone and the Western Downs regions of Queensland.

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An Australian Government Department of Health initiative supporting nurses and midwives. Australian College of Nursing is proud to be the fund administrator for this program.
INDIGENOUS people nationwide have been benefitting from the work of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dementia Advisory Group (NATSIDAG). Established in 2006, the group continues to tackle dementia issues throughout Indigenous communities.

This year it will have a major emphasis on community awareness and prevention, care and support, and ongoing research.

Chairperson Fred Tanner said NATSIDAG has six priority areas:

- **Community Awareness and Prevention** – assisting Alzheimer’s Australia to develop and deliver community awareness raising and prevention programs targeting Indigenous people and increasing awareness of ‘successful ageing’;
- **Care and Support** – ensuring Indigenous people with dementia and their carers have access to care and support in a range of service settings;
- **Research** – Indigenous people implementing a research agenda in partnership with existing organisations to determine the prevalence of dementia in communities; potentially determine modifiable risk factors; address the unmet needs of people with dementia and their carers; and improve dementia services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- **Diagnosis, referral and treatment** – providing flexibility in responses to the needs of Indigenous people, their families and the services involved in the diagnosis, referral and treatment of people with dementia;
- **Workforce Issues** – developing a workforce in a manner consistent with community values, aspirations and cultural frameworks and able to provide information, advice, counselling and other services in a manner consistent with the needs of Indigenous people; and
- **Partnerships and collaborations** – Alzheimer’s Australia and the NATSIDAG overseeing the development of strategic, operational and training partnership with appropriate organisations.

Since our beginning in 2006, the NATSIDAG has steadily worked towards addressing the six key priority areas,” Mr Tanner said.

“Our members come from around the country and have diverse professional backgrounds including social work, nursing, health and aged care.”

For further information about becoming a member of NATSIDAG contact Kristin Holdsworth via email kristen.holdsworth@alzheimers.org.au or (03) 9816 5715.

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Women take plunge for better health

An aqua fitness class for Aboriginal women in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney, has had more than one benefit. As well as improving their health, participants have been able to connect with other women and forge links with health organisations.

The weekly fitness class, coordinated by the Aboriginal Culture and Resource Centre (ACRC) with the Nepean-Blue Mountains Medicare Local’s (NBML) Aboriginal Healthy For Life Program, is held at the Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital hydrotherapy pool. Program coordinator and manager of the pool Patricia Honeysett said the program was about more than just exercise.

“It’s also about feeling comfortable with institutions such as hospitals and being aware that they have become more culturally sensitive,” she said.

ACRC Elders Service support officer Sharon Brown welcomed the pool program. “It provides an avenue for our women to be able to participate in a healthy exercise program which empowers them to take control of their health while having a laugh,” she said.

The program participants are also impressed.

“It’s been great and my knees feel a lot better and I am able to move a lot faster,” Aunty Bev Eaton said.

Another participant, Ellen Begg, said: “It’s been so relaxing, loosening and just getting out and being part of a team.

The aqua fitness class has been so successful that the Aboriginal Healthy for Life Program has now started another 12-week fitness program.

Program female outreach worker Tracey Callegari said an important aspect was that it had provided an avenue for socially isolated people to meet regularly.

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Partnership aids Redfern

A PARTNERSHIP between three metropolitan local health districts and the Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) Redfern has been renewed and strengthened through support from two major health organisations.

St Vincent’s Health Australia and The Sydney Children’s Hospital Network joined AMS Redfern, Sydney Local Health District, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District and Northern Sydney Local Health District in a commitment designed to achieve better health for Aboriginal people in metropolitan Sydney.

The agreement is the first of its kind signed by any NSW local health district.

AMS Redfern chairperson Sol Bellear said ongoing work between AMS Redfern and these organisations would ensure health policies and programs met local Aboriginal health needs.

“The renewal of this partnership, and the addition of St Vincent’s Health Australia and The Sydney Children’s Hospital reaffirms the commitment to work together to improve Aboriginal life expectancy,” he said.

Essential

Sydney Local Health District chief executive Dr Teresa Anderson said understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal culture was essential for providing care to improve Indigenous people’s health.

Through this partnership, we will continue working to improve life expectancy by reducing and better managing chronic illnesses, improving access to health services, and increasing participation in health programs,” she said.

The partnership includes an agreement on health priorities and engages locally identified health programs. It focuses on creating health services that are culturally appropriate and providing expert medical, nursing and allied health services.

Sydney district director of Aboriginal health George Long said there were serious illnesses which had a dramatic effect on the local Aboriginal population.

“These include diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease and smoking-related illnesses,” he said.

“The partnership will continue to focus on these conditions, while encouraging wider communication, improved health education, and greater participation in Aboriginal health programs.”
Health

Eye checks urged for those with diabetes

PEOPLE with diabetes – and that’s many Indigenous Australians – are being encouraged to have regular eye examinations.

The RANZCO (Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists) Eye Foundation pushed for regular testing during its annual JuEYE campaign.

Indigenous Australians suffer diabetes, and diabetic retinopathy, at a rate far greater than the national average.

RANZCO says that despite effective treatment available, nearly 40% of people with diabetes neglect regular eye examinations, with one in three people diagnosed with diabetes admitting to never having had a test.

Nearly one million Australians are diagnosed with either type I or type 2 diabetes, and diabetic retinopathy is the most common cause of vision loss in the working age population.

RANZCO fellow Professor Mark Gillies, a specialist in emerging treatments for diabetic eye disease, said in the early stages of diabetic retinopathy, there were usually no warning signs.

“Diabetes can cause progressive damage to the eye’s retina, causing the blood vessels at the back of the eyes to swell and eventually leak fluid,” he said.

“In order to reduce the risk of blindness, people with diabetes should not wait for symptoms to occur.

“Retinopathy can become quite advanced in eyes with apparently normal vision.

“Treatment is designed to prevent loss of vision.

“By the time vision is affected, permanent damage may have been done.”

More information is at www.eyefoundation.org.au or www.facebook.com/EyeFoundation

Council right at home with grant

THE Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) has received state government funding to help buy its base in Perth. WA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Peter Collier has given $2.2 million to the council, which will fund about half of the cost of its Beaufort Street office.

AHCWA chairperson Marelda Tucker said the grant was a “significant milestone” for the council. “The new office provides a strong base to recruit and retain staff, and provide sustainable services,” she said.

As the peak body representing 20 Aboriginal community-controlled health services (ACCHS), AHCWA provides services to Aboriginal and other people statewide, especially those in remote communities.

“Nineteen of the 20 services are located outside the Perth metropolitan area in rural and/or remote regions of WA, so it is imperative we continue to provide our services to these communities,” Ms Tucker said.

AHCWA moved to the Beaufort Street premises in late 2012 on a two-year lease with an option to buy the building at the end of June 2014 at a fixed price of $4.5 million.

Opportunity

The council said the move to a stable, secure facility with an option to buy it gives it the opportunity to expand its operations and programs, secure its future, and provide better health.

“We are very grateful for the generosity of the Government of WA, through the support of Lotterywest, to be able to make the Beaufort Street office our home,” Ms Tucker said.

“We have set it up with a dedicated training centre and offices that show the world AHCWA means business when it comes to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in WA.”

“AHCWA is a key service centre range from multi-functional practices with medical practitioners and services to small practices that rely on Aboriginal health workers and/or nurses to provide most of the primary care services.

These services often focus on preventative and health education, and include child and maternal health, oral and dental health, men’s and women’s health, health checks, eye and ear health, and quitting smoking and healthy eating.

For Aboriginal people, primary health care is about ensuring the whole community is working to achieve and maintain wellbeing,” Ms Tucker said.

AHCWA also provides education and training for its member organisations.

A NEW iPad app offers new hope in tackling the high rates of hepatitis B infections in remote Indigenous communities.

Infection with hep B virus can lead to liver failure and liver cancer. In northern Australia, between 10 and 20% of the Indigenous population is infected.

Poor understanding of health issues and language barriers are compounding the problem.

Developed by the Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies), the Hep B Story iPad app has been designed to educate Indigenous people and their health workers to target hepatitis B infection.

The interactive app, available in Yolngu matha and English languages, was officially unveiled at a ceremony in Galiwin’ku.

Motivated

Research project leader Dr Jane Davies said the Menzies Hep B Team had been motivated by local people’s desire to drive the development of an information tool that would meet educational needs.

“The team have spent the last two years collaborating and developing an educational tool to help develop strong treatment partnerships between health workers, community members and Indigenous patients with the virus,” she said.

“We have had a lot of enthusiasm throughout the development of the app from both health workers and patients and look forward to seeing the app in use.”

The app will soon be available for download free from iTunes.

The development of the Hep B Story app was funded by a grant from Gilead Sciences, and salary support from the National Health and Medical Research Council.
Artists explore ‘existence’

Nickeema Williams’ digital photography artwork Connections I, part of Freshwater Saltwater: Existence in Cairns.

**Expressions of interest sought for memorial**

A CAMPAIGN for a dedicated memorial to Indigenous war veterans is being stepped up.

Officials from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dedicated Memorial Committee Queensland (ATSIDMCQ) are seeking expressions of interest from artists to create a memorial in Brisbane. The group has been lobbying for more than 18 months for a suitable memorial.

ATSIDMCQ’s Dale Kerwin said the group would welcome written proposals from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander professional artists from Queensland. Jagera and Turrbul artists are particularly encouraged to apply.

“The memorial concept must include symbolism and be representative of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture,” Dr Kerwin said.

“In addition, it must represent the Australian navy, army and air force. The design will be a signature memorial piece that reflects the artistic expression of our time, so that in 100 years people can see that the memorial truly represents our period and our culture.”

Those interested should contact Dr Kerwin by email at d.kerwin@griffith.edu.au

**Boomerang to return in 2015**

The Boomerang Festival, held for the first time last year, will become a two-yearly event.

Originally planned as an annual cultural celebration on the far north coast of NSW, organisers said recent funding cuts to the arts sector as well as tough financial times for Indigenous organisations, had led to the change. It is now planned to hold the festival at the Tyagarah site from October 2-5 next year.

Boomerang Festival director Rhoda Roberts is now in Glasgow, Scotland, for the 2014 Commonwealth Games to present the Boomerang Concert, featuring some of the performers from last year’s inaugural festival.

“Boomerang is a world-class event and it is, for many, their first real interaction at an event that is programmed by and with a First Nations perspective,” the veteran festival organiser said.

“It is our cultural responsibility to ensure the authenticity, control and authorship of the event reflects the depth and diversity of our cultures, rituals and arts practices.

“It is essential that the festival program represents remote, rural and regional Australia along with international and often unseen First Nation global music and culture. This is an essential ingredient to what gives Boomerang its edge, but faces costly challenges due to the nature of distances and travel expenses.

“While we are saddened the 2014 event is not taking place, making our event biennial allows us to nurture and strategically look at the marketplace and seek financial support that will enable us to deliver an extraordinary event and meet even the most discerning festival-goers’ expectations.”

“We need (people’s) help to join us to share in the diversity. Ideally we are seeking sponsorship support in some way for what is a truly unique Australian and international cultural event.

“Boomerang 2015 will continue to demonstrate the standard of excellence, the empowerment across community and highlight the extraordinary and meaningful cultural practices that reflect our age-old traditions and its relevance, discovery and maintenance in the 21st century.” – Rhoda Roberts
A BOOK documenting the story of the first Indigenous activist to campaign overseas has taken out an award. The Lone Protestor, written by historian Dr Fiona Paisley and published by Aboriginal Studies Press, took out this year’s Magarey Medal for Biography.

The book documents the travels and previously unknown details of Anthony Martin Fernando who left Sydney in the early 1900s and travelled throughout Europe, publicising the plight of Aboriginal people.

The biennial Magarey Medal is awarded to a female historian judged to have published the best biographical writing on an Australian subject by a panel established by the Australian Historical Association and the Association for the Study of Australian Literature.

Dr Paisley said it was a great honour to receive the award, especially given the quality of books in the running for the medal.

“I am most grateful and very thankful to the judges for recognising the significance of AM Fernando’s story,” she said. “The book was a challenge and a wonderful experience and its fascinating subject has kept me company for many years.”

The judges noted “the meticulous research, and the grasp and evocation of the national and international context, and the politics of the archive”. They said, “Paisley’s is an intelligent, nuanced and compelling biography set within an insightful and analytical framework.”

Dr Paisley has compiled the first full-length study of Fernando and the self-professed mission that was to last half of his adult life.

Injustice

A relatively unknown pioneering activist. Fernando was interned in Austria during World War I, attempted to present a private petition to the Pope, and protested in a Swiss newspaper against Australian injustice towards Aborigines.

By 1928 he was back in London where he continued his crusade by picketing Australia House for many years, wearing a long black overcoat, pinned with tiny skeletons. Fernando died in January 1949 at Ilford, Essex.

During her research, Dr Paisley uncovered three small handwritten notebooks kept by Fernando which describe his life as a street trader in Depression-era London.

Indigenous actors to join in this year’s Theatresports

NSW

INDIGENOUS actors will be among the stars to come out for this year’s Celebrity Theatresports challenge in Sydney on August 9. The annual event, at Enmore Theatre, raises funds for CanTeen, the organisation that helps young people with cancer.

Theatresports is a series of games and scenes, where teams compete for the audience’s laughs and the judges’ votes.

Among this year’s celebrities are Indigenous actors Shari Sebbens from The Sapphires, Leah Purcell from Redfern Now and McLeod’s Daughters, and Bruce Carter, from The Gods of Wheat Street.

Applications sought for fellowship

NSW

INDIGENOUS artists from across NSW are being urged to apply for this year’s $30,000 NSW Aboriginal Arts Fellowship. The fellowship is open to arts practitioners in all art forms including collections and cultural heritage, community arts and cultural development, dance, literature, multimedia, visual art form, music (including opera and musical theatre), theatre (including circus and physical theatre), and visual arts (including craft and design).

NSW Arts Minister Troy Grant said the fellowship was open to professional Aboriginal artists living in metropolitan or regional NSW, at any stage of their career.

“The NSW Government is offering $30,000 to support the Aboriginal Arts Fellow to undertake a self-directed program of professional development which might include travel, mentorships, residencies, workshops, research, and the creation of new work,” he said.

“Richness”

“Aboriginal artists and arts groups in NSW contribute to the social and cultural richness of the nation as well as in local communities. "As home to the largest Aboriginal community in Australia, NSW Aboriginal artists are producing high-quality works that fuse traditional stories and culture with contemporary art forms and media. “This is an important opportunity for Aboriginal artists to gain recognition for their work and to further develop their artistic practice. “I particularly encourage Aboriginal artists living in regional NSW to consider applying for the Fellowship.”

The NSW Aboriginal Arts Fellowship is offered by Arts NSW. Applications close on August 11. For more information and to apply, go to www.arts.nsw.gov.au
We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Please keep them short and to the point, and include a 24/7 telephone contact number. They can be sent to any of the addresses listed in the panel on page 23.

National

Carer Line is a free telephone information and support service for and about carers that provides access to information, emotional support and referrals to a range of services for carers. Call 1800 242 636, Monday to Friday.

The Better Start for Children with Disability Initiative. Children who are eligible for the program can receive $12,000 each financial year for a range of early intervention services. Children must be registered before age six to be eligible. For more information, call the Registration and Information Service on 1800 242 636 or visit www.carersnsw.org.au

Until July 31: Art submissions for the Our Mob – God’s Story book project. The book will feature stories and paintings by Indigenous artists. Artists nationwide are invited to submit paintings that tell Bible stories or depict Christian symbols to the Rev Louise Sherman on (08) 8292 4888 or email louise.sherman@biblesociety.org.au

August 4: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day. The theme this year is ‘Kids in cultural care, proud and resilient’. Details at snac.org.au.

August 10: Two Ways Together exhibition. A blended show of established and emerging artists. Held at BoodjaMoort Aboriginal Art Centre, 55-59 George Street, Surry Hills. Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free event. Details: (02) 9260 5254 or visit www.boodjamoort.com.au

August 11: 20 Questions, a cabaret and talk show. Monday night a new Indigenous performer will be asked 20 questions. Held at Belvoir St Theatre, 25 Brougham Street. Cost: Full $58, snr/industry/group $28, concession $48, previews $48. Details: (02) 9966 3944 or visit www.belvoir.com.au

August 28: Through Our Eyes, a Sydney story of contemporary black dance (1972-1979) exhibition. Held at Surry Hills Library, 405 Crown St, Surry Hills from 10am-2pm. Free event. Details: (EKKA) Exhibition Centre, (Hall A), Bowen Hills from 10am-2pm. Free event. Details: (07) 3842 9836.

Queensland


Northern Territory

August 18: Darwin Festival 2014. This year’s program includes the annual National Indigenous Music Awards, Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair and National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Artist Awards. Details: Mary Thompson on (08) 9419 8373 or see/darwin.dotun.org.au or full program.

Tasmania

August 18: Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre (AILC) Certificate II in Indigenous Leadership course to give students the knowledge, skills and behaviours to start Indigenous leadership roles. Held in Hobart. Details: Rachelle Toward on (02) 6251 5770 or 0431 777 377 or email genevieve@ffilacres.com
Melissa leading the way

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Melissa Badenoch says her experience has given her higher ambitions for her career and community. Melissa Badenoch, 20, has completed her Certificate Three in Business and is now moving on to a project officer position in MDAS’s People and Culture Division in Mildura. MDAS established an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment strategy last year, which initiated a system of scholarships, traineeships, cadetships and identified (indigenous-only) positions.

“We’re proud of Melissa’s commitment and dedication to completing her traineeship – she has delivered all the potential we saw in her when she was selected,” MDAS manager of people and culture Debbie Fankhauser said.

“One of the aims of our employment strategy is to be proactive in succession planning within our workforce. Melissa’s experience is the strategy in action – she now moves up within the organisation, and we are now advertising for another trainee to take her place.” Ms Fankhauser said two others were undertaking their formal training period – Indi Clarke (in corporate services) and Simone Philp (early years services) – and another two new trainees had recently been appointed in the health and family services areas.

Miss Badenoch said she was proud to be the first Koori trainee to complete her training through MDAS.

“When I was chosen for the traineeship I had a part-time job and I was doing volunteer work, but what I really wanted was any full-time work to establish a work-life balance, keep me motivated and to try to set myself up financially,” she said.

“I was mainly interested in community services or child care, but I was applying for anything full-time at the time.

“The experience has been fantastic! I’ve been exposed to many experiences and opportunities I just wouldn’t have had elsewhere and everyone is so supportive and helpful.”

Miss Badenoch said her career goals were always evolving, and had changed significantly since beginning her traineeship in June 2013.

“Back then, I just wanted to be an office person – now I want to be someone who creates and contributes to positive changes within my community and hopefully, one day, our whole nation,” she said.

“In my lifetime, I want to see a ‘no gap’ between our cultures and I’m on the right track as one of many proud employees of MDAS.”
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Salary: About: Attractive salary sacrifice options available and flexible working arrangements.

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Salary: Only applications addressing the selection criteria will be considered.

Salary: Applications to be submitted to: CEO - NTSGAC

Salary: PO Box 43372

Salary: Casuarina NT 0811

Salary: Or via email to: frank.spry@ntsgac.org

Salary: For copies of the position descriptions and selection criteria please contact Mr Tyron Major on 08 8947 9171 or via tyron@ntsgac.org

Salary: Previous applicants need not to apply Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.
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• Demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
• Knowledge and commitment to occupational health and safety legislation.
• A current Victorian Driver’s Licence would be an advantage.
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Administration Officer, Riawunna Centre

Centre for University Pathways and Partnerships

The University of Tasmania is looking to employ a qualified, motivated, energetic and committed Administration Officer to deliver a range of support services for the Tasmanian Institute of Public Health. The role involves providing professional, welcoming and informative reception duties in the Hobart office of the Riawunna Centre. Tasks will include a range of administrative duties that support all Riawunna programs. The incumbent will be responsible for supporting the Centre Manager, providing professional and informative promotional initiatives for the Centre, including website development.

The incumbent will also provide support for staff with policy, administrative matters and enquiries, and participate in the development of the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme.

For more information and other career opportunities visit urhs.org.au/jobcentre

Blacktown City Council

Blacktown City is a modern city of 49 suburbs, home to over 325,000 people. Council is continuously evolving and the position will inspire and motivate you to be part of Blacktown City’s future.

Apprenticeships

2015 Placements (4 years only)

Apprenticeships for 2015 in the occupational area:

• Heavy Vehicle Plant Mechanic x 1
• Plumber x 1
• Electrician x 1
• Gardener x 2
• Cooks x 1

Note:

The selection process requires selected applicants be over 16 years of age to undertake an aptitude test and a medical examination.

Applications for morning and afternoon shifts will be accepted from the second year onwards for the Heavy Vehicle Plant Mechanic and Gardener positions.

Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

Enquiries: HR Services on (02) 9839 6000.

Closing Date: 4.30pm Friday 12 December, 2014.

Business Administration Traineeships

2015 Placements (12 months only)

Traineeships are available in the following areas:

• Arts and Cultural Development
• Community & Social Housing Development
• Community Development
• Finance and Corporate Services
• Learning & Development/Human Resources
• Records Services
• Service Delivery

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For all positions: Application forms and descriptions are available on our website. Applications MUST be submitted with curriculum vitae and/or a cover letter. The conditions of employment are in accordance with the Blacktown City Council’s Enterprise Agreement. How to apply: Applications should be directed to the General Manager, Blacktown City Council, PO Box 63, Blacktown NSW 2148 or emailed to hr@blacktown.nsw.gov.au

www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

NGUNGULLA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL IS SEEKING A DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES (CHILDREN & FAMILIES)

Ngungalla Local Aboriginal Land Council in Lismore is seeking a Director of Social Services (Children & Families) to work in close collaboration with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Applications will be considered on merit. Applicants will need to attach a resume and address all selection criteria for their application to be considered.

Closing Date: Monday 4 August 2014

For more information please contact the Human Resources and Administration Manager. Phone: (02) 9831 5121 or Email: recruiting@childrenfirst.asn.au

Chief Executive Officer

Ngallu Wal Aboriginal Child and Family Centre

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The Ngallu Wal Aboriginal Child and Family Centre is a not-for-profit organisation that has been operating in Lismore for over thirty years providing support and services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. The organisation is currently seeking a new Chief Executive Officer.

Responsibilities:

• To lead and manage the delivery of quality contemporary child and family services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
• To work with the Ngallu Wal Board to develop and implement organisational plans and strategic initiatives to promote and maximise the organisation’s potential.
• To work in a collaborative approach to service delivery with key partners such as Child Safety, Service Planning and Policy Unit.
• To lead the development of the Ngallu Wal Strategic Plan.
• To work with the Ngallu Wal Board in the development of a strategic plan for the organisation.

Essential Qualifications:

• A demonstrable understanding of the needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
• A demonstrated ability to work effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
• A strong understanding of the principles of social equity and social justice.
• A demonstrated ability to lead and manage a diverse and motivated team.

This role requires an inherent capacity for high levels of energy and motivation and a commitment to the Ngallu Wal values.

Applications are invited from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander candidates only and should be submitted on the NSW Government’s Application Form. Applications supported by a resume and a statement of interest should be sent to the CEO Recruitment Panel. Ngungalla Local Aboriginal Land Council, PO Box 991, Lismore, NSW, 2480

Applications close: Monday 21 July 2014

Qualified Applicants only need apply.

For further information please contact: Stephen Dabrowski on (02) 1300 797 358.

Applicants in the final stage of their studies are encouraged to apply. Appointment will be conditional upon a satisfactory Federal Criminal History Check.

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Aboriginal Client Services Officer, Clerk Grade 5/6, Forbes Community Corrections
Temporary Full-Time (12 months)

This role works closely with Community Corrections Officers in the Forbes area (covering Peak Hill, Forbes, Parkes, Forbes - West Wyalong and Narromine) to ensure that Aboriginal offenders primarily relating to alcohol and other drug issues are dealt with. A team who can work closely with all communities within the area is required.

For more information contact: 
Senior Position Vacancy Coordinator, NSW Aboriginal Land Council PO Box 1725, INNAMARRA NSW 2124

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Applications close Monday 11 August 2014

Catalogue Researcher - News Library

We have an existing opportunity for a keen researcher to join the News Library in Sydney.

For details visit abc.net.au/careers

This vacancy is open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, reflecting our organisational commitment to the ABC's Reconciliation Action Plan, ABC Equity and Diversity Plan and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.

Applications close Monday 11 August 2014

Aboriginal Homelessness Support Worker

Molonglo Support Services is currently seeking applications from experienced, compassionate and motivated individuals to join a support team, as an Aboriginal homelessness support worker.

For details visit molonglosupportservices.org.au or 02 6203 4666

Closing Date: 10/08/2014

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close Wednesday, 13 August 2014.

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Career opportunities with Queensland Health

•  Providing leadership, making authoritative decisions based on sound practice to a team of staff in relation to case management, identified offender risk escalation
• Manage a team of case managers

This is an exciting opportunity for an experienced professional to work within a well-resourced and dynamic organisation. The successful applicant will be part of a multidisciplinary team involved in the delivery of quality services to prevent and reduce offending behaviour.

For further information please contact the Aboriginal Health and Community Services Unit (AHC SU) on 07 3067 8074.

Applications close Monday 11 August 2014

Queensland Health is an equal opportunity employer and encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for this position.

Applications close Monday 11 August 2014

Molonglo Support Services

Aboriginal homeless support

This is a job opportunity with Molonglo Support Services in Canberra that will see you support Aboriginal people who are experiencing homelessness.

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HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

• Broome based
• Dynamic growing team
• Excellent salary sacrifice tax savings

Ayambo Buru Yawuru (NBY) means “This is the place of Yawuru”. NBY is the operational company of the Yawuru/Native Title Holders Aboriginal Corporation. NBY manages the day to day business of Yawuru and is engaged in a diverse range of projects which help to provide social, cultural, environmental and financial sustainability for the future of Yawuru people. Due to rapid growth, NBY has a newly created role for a Human Resources Manager. Working closely with the General Manager, this position is pivotal in leading and directing the Human Resources department of the organisation to meet strategic and business goals.

As the Human Resources Manager you will be responsible for leading the strategic and operational Human Resources and Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) functions; and providing expert advice on all people related initiatives, policies, practices and processes within the organisation.

Key responsibilities include:

• Develop, manage and oversee Human Resource policies and practices which meets the organisation’s legal obligations and legislative requirements
• Provide expert HR and OH&S advice to management, including the development and delivery of training across the organisation
• Explore future possibilities to further develop and drive innovation and change

To be successful in the role you need generalist human resource knowledge and experience, a high level of technical knowledge with experience in the administration of HR policies and procedures, and possess an understanding of the employment laws, workplace laws and their potential impact on the organisation.

Benefits include attractive remuneration and the opportunity to be part of a unique, values based and ever expanding organisation. Experience working for an Aboriginal organisation is an advantage. Yawuru and other Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Details of our privacy policy are available at www.anson.com.au.

To apply, please submit a copy of your resume via our web site. Confidential enquiries should be directed to Peter Andrew on (08) 6242 0338.
Notice of an application for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

Notification day: 13 August 2014

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 1040, Darwin, NT, 0801 on or before 12 November 2014. After 12 November 2014, the Federal Court’s permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.

The making of the following ILUA’s in relation to land being part of the land depicted in map no. 1:

2. Approval for the Wangkangurru / Yarluyandi Aboriginal Corporation to be the prescribed body corporate obtaining authorisation for:

PURPOSE of CLAIMANT GROUP MEETING

TIME: 1:00pm
DATE: 

GENERAL MEETING DETAILS

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determination of native title as depicted in map no. 1 and map no. 2.
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group in the Wangkangurru / Yarluyandi Native Title Claim (SAD6016/98) being descendants of the people identified in the Form 1, and for all persons who hold or may hold Native Title in relation to the land or waters in the claim area as depicted in map no. 1 and map no. 2.

CLAIMANT GROUP MEETING DETAILS

DATE: Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th August 2014
TIME: 9:00am
VENUE: Standjipie Motel Corner Eyre and Stuart Highways PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700

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PURPOSE of CLAIMANT GROUP MEETING

The meeting has been called for the purposes of obtaining authorisation for:

1. A Consent Determination in the Wangkangurru / Yarluyandi Native Title Application (SAD6016/98) over the land depicted in map no. 1.

2. Approval for the Wangkangurru / Yarluyandi Aboriginal Corporation to be the prescribed body corporate for the Native Title Claim and for it to hold the Native Title Claim on trust for the Wangkangurru / Yarluyandi Native Title holders.

3. The making of the following ILUAs in relation to land being part of the land depicted in map no. 1:

3.1. Whole of Claim Settlement ILUA with the State of South Australia.
3.2. Parks ILUA over the Simpson Desert Regional Reserve and Simpson Desert Conservation Park.
3.3. Parks ILUA over Munga-Thirr (Simpson Desert National Park).
3.4. PastoralILUA’s over pastoral properties in South Australia and Queensland.

4. Certification for each application for registration of each ILUA identified above pursuant to section 251 A and section 203BE of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

5. A new Native Title determination application in relation to unclaimed areas (outside the current claim) as depicted in map no. 2 and being situated in the Simpson Desert region of the Northern Territory.

6. Certification for an application for a new determination application (as above) pursuant to section 251 Band section 203BE of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

Geoffrey Goodwin
Wangkangurru / Yarluyandi Management Committee

The Warramunga News

North Australia

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service is a community service organisation that has been helping people battle poverty and disadvantage since 1976.

As an organisation committed to social justice, Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service, is working towards reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

We employ social workers, administrators and management staff in the following areas:

• women and girls
• young people
• families and children
• financial inclusion
• business and finance
• marketing and fundraising
• organisational development
• social policy and research

We advertise all our positions at www.goodshepvic.org.au where you can also register to receive job updates via email for all Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service’s vacancies.

Please remember to follow the application process outlined in the position description and address the key selection criteria if you wish your application to be considered.

Employment is subject to a current Working with Children Check (W) & Police Record Check.

The Housing Trust is a leading provider of social and affordable housing in the Illawarra. We have been serving the Illawarra community for over 30 years. Due to continuing growth, we are excited to be able to offer the following positions.

Business Development & Marketing Manager

(Part-time, 3 days per week)

Your role will be to identify and evaluate new business development opportunities, create strategic partnerships with government, business and other stakeholders, and promote the organisation to existing and new clients.

Housing Trust staff enjoy the benefits of a 35 hour work week, access to generous tax-free salary packaging, a flexible work environment, and regular and ongoing training.

Human Resources Manager

(Part-time, 3 days per week)

Reporting to the Director, Corporate Services and partnering with the senior leadership team, the role encompasses the full suite of generalist HR responsibilities with involvement at both strategic and operational levels.

For further information & how to apply please visit www.housingtrust.org.au, or for a confidential discussion contact Peter Andrews on (02) 4254 1196.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply

Applications close: Friday 9 August 2014

Health Service Supervisor

Bunurong Health Service

• Make a positive impact
• Supportive and flexible team environment
• 2 year fixed term contract

Reporting to the Manager, Aboriginal Health Services, and working with the clinical team of Doctors, Nurses, Specialists and Aboriginal Health Workers, you will have the opportunity to develop and implement key policies and systems to ensure the local Aboriginal community receives the best quality health care available.

The DDACL provide a range of services including Primary Health Care through the Bunurong Health Service (BHS).

About the Opportunity

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CAMPBELLTOWN FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE
GFS is recruiting!

We have one position that is 21 hours per week available immediately. The position consist of the following roles:

**Aboriginal Playgroup Facilitator**
Permanent part-time, 14 hours per week commencing at 5pm on Monday, 10 August 2014.

The Playgroup Facilitator will establish a supported playgroup providing age appropriate play and learning activities. The facilitator will be able to employ early intervention strategies for playgroup participants through basic support, information and referral.

**Aboriginal Family Worker**
Temporary full-time, 7 hours per week commencing at 8am on Monday, 10 August 2014.

The Family Worker role will deliver early intervention, preventative casework through home visiting, outreach and group work to families, children and young people in Macarthur.

We are looking for experienced, enthusiastic people to join our strong and caring teams that provide exceptional services to families and young people in Macarthur.

Do you have:

- **Aboriginality**
- An essential requirement and genuine occupational qualification for this position and authorised by: Section 14A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Tertiary qualification in a Community Welfare Field or demonstrated work experience within a child, youth and family welfare role.
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**Aboriginal Playgroup Facilitator**
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Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer and comply with all requirements of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

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Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Elaine Bullen, Jenny Woods, Diane Clinch, Veronica Williams-Bennell, Jarman Jimison and Graham Tucker
for and on behalf of the Esperance Nyungar People
c/- Goldfield Land and Sea Council
PO Box 3038 Adelaide Terrace
Perth WA 6002

FQM Australia Nickel Pty Ltd
C/- Ashurst Australia
Level 32, Exchange Plaza
2 The Esplanade
Perth WA 6000

State of Western Australia
C/- State Solicitor’s Office
141 St Georges Terrace
Perth WA 6000

The agreement contains the following statements:

10.2 To the extent that the grants of the Mining Tenements, or the Mining Tenements themselves, are invalid because of Native Title, for the purposes of sections 24EBA(1)(a)(i) of the Native Title Act, the Parties agree that:

(a) the grant of each of the Mining Tenements;
(b) the exercise of rights pursuant to the Mining Tenements; and
(c) the Mining Tenements, are valid to the extent by this Agreement.

11.4 For the purposes of sections 24EBA(1)(a)(i) and 24EBA(3) of the Native Title Act, the Parties agree to the validation of the grant of the Mining Tenements to the extent the Mining Tenements have been invalidly granted, without conditions but in accordance with this Agreement.

“Mining Tenements” means the mining leases M74/169 and M74/172, held by FQM Australia; and the renewal or substitution of those Mining Tenements under the Mining Act.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the South Australian Native Title Tribunal.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA), you may object in writing within the notice period to the State Government

The following people are invited to attend the meeting to authorise the proposed ILUA:

* members of the Tubba-Gah native title claim group, currently described as all of the descendants of the following apical ancestors: Amy (also known as Jane Amy or Emily) Taylor (who was born in Dubbo around 1855); Harriet Taylor (who was born in Dubbo around 1856) and Thomas Taylor (who was born in Dubbo around 1826);
* the descendants of Robert Smith (who was born in Dubbo around 1841); and
* any other Aboriginal person who asserts native title rights and interests within the area proposed to be subject to the ILUA.

The area proposed to be subject to the ILUA includes all of the land and waters within the external boundary of Goonoo National Park and Goonoo Community Conservation Area Zone 1 National Park (Reserve Number N1005) and Goonoo Community Conservation Area Zone 3 State Conservation Area (Reserve Number N1084), an area of approximately 636.12 square kilometres, situated approximately 25 kilometres north-east of Dubbo in NSW and as shown in the map below.

The agenda for the meeting is:

1. To provide an update on ILUA Negotiations;
2. To confirm the decision making process for the authorisation of the ILUA;
3. To consider and make decisions in relation to the authorisation of the ILUA;
4. To consider and make decisions in relation to the description of Tubba-Gah People to be included in the ILUA, specifically to refer to all of the descendants of the following apical ancestors: Amy (also known as Jane Amy or Emily) Taylor (who was born in Dubbo around 1855); Harriet Taylor (who was born in Dubbo around 1856); Thomas Taylor (who was born in Dubbo around 1826) and Robert Smith (who was born in Dubbo around 1841);
5. Any other business.

Please contact Natalie Rotumah or Carla Di Giusto at NTSCORP on tollfree phone 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188 to confirm your attendance at the meeting. Limited assistance for travel and accommodation may be available.

Government of Western Australia
Department of Aboriginal Affairs

PROPOSED CHANGES TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA’S ABORIGINAL HERITAGE LEGISLATION

The Western Australian Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 is an important piece of legislation and was designed to protect our unique Aboriginal heritage.

The State Government has released the draft Aboriginal Heritage Amendment Bill 2014, drafted to allow for amendments to the way the State’s Aboriginal heritage is managed.

These amendments offer a balanced suite of reforms that will satisfy the needs of those that work with the Act and provide greater protection, certainty, fairness and consistency.

Some of the key improvements proposed include:

- a much stronger compliance regime with increased penalties;
- a stronger voice for Aboriginal people;
- streamlined permitting processes; and
- increasing transparency and accountability.

To review the changes, or to access a series of fact sheets designed to provide an overview of the proposed amendments, visit the Department of Aboriginal Affairs website: www.daa.wa.gov.au

The Department invites feedback on the proposed amendments by close of business (5pm) on Wednesday, 6 August 2014.

For further information, please contact the Department of Aboriginal Affairs:
Email: aha.reform@daa.wa.gov.au
Telephone: 1800 727 985

INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT AUTHORISATION MEETING

Date: Saturday 9 August 2014 and Sunday 10 August 2014
Venue: Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre, 105 Darling St, Dubbo NSW 2830
Time: 9 August 2014 – 9:30am to 4pm
10 August 2014 – 9:30am to 3pm

NTSCORP Limited and the legal representative for the Tubba-Gah People is convening a meeting to authorise an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (“ILUA”) in accordance with the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to land and waters described as Goonoo National Park and Goonoo Community Conservation Area. The ILUA is proposed to be between Tubba-Gah People and the State of NSW in settlement of the Tubba-Gah People’s Native Title Determination Application (INS 6010/2002; NC029).
PUBLIC NOTICE

BIGAMBUL PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The Bigambul People are those persons descended from the following Aboriginal people:

1. Queen Susan, also known as Granny Susan (also known as Susan of Wollongong);
2. Nellie of Goondiwindi;
3. Nellie Yumberra;

Authorisation Meeting

This Notice invites all members of the Bigambul People (as described above) to an Authorisation Meeting at the time and location below:

**BRISBANE**

**Date of Meeting:** Saturday, 9 August 2014

**Venue of Meeting:** Tavernetta Function Centre, 144 Dorville Road, Carseldine, Queensland

**Time of Meeting:** Registration 9.00 am; Meeting Starts at 9.30 am

The purposes of the Authorisation Meeting are to:

1. authorise the making of a native title determination application (Application) for a determination of native title in relation to land and waters that include the traditional estates of the Bigambul People (depicted in Map 1 below); and
2. authorise an Applicant to make the above Application and deal with all matters arising under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (Native Title Act) in relation to it.

**Map 1 - Proposed Application Area**

Notes:

1. This Authorisation Meeting is organised by Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd (QSNTS) in exercise of its statutory functions under the Native Title Act and in response to requests for assistance by the Bigambul People (as described above).
2. The proposed Application is NOT Federal Court proceeding, QU0101 / 2009 Russell Doxer and Ors on behalf of the Bigambul People v State of Queensland & Ors.

The ILUA provides for the consent of the parties to certain Agreement Acts set out in the ILUA, including the grant of all approvals and land tenure for, and the undertaking of, the ILUA Project. While generally the non-extinguishment principle will apply to the proposed Agreement Acts, the ILUA will also provide for the possible surrender of native title to the State and/or taking of native title by the State, where these are required in order for ILUA Project approvals to be granted.

Under the Native Title (Prescribed Bodies Corporate) Regulations 1999 (Cth) the Bigambul People will be granted the consent to enter into the ILUA.

The ILUA will relate to that part of the Project (ILUA Project) located wholly within the external boundaries of the Juru Determination.

All Juru People are invited to attend an Information Session.

If you have any questions concerning matters relating to the ILUA, please contact:

North Queensland Land Council (NQLC)
61 Anderson St, Cairns, Qld, 4870
Phons: 1800 814 779
Fax: 07 4031 7414
Email: admin@nqlc.com.au

Please note travel assistance will not be available to Juru People to attend an Information Session.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CONSULTATION AND CONSENT INFORMATION SESSIONS INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (BODY CORPORATE AGREEMENT) UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)

Adani Mining Pty Ltd (Adani) proposes to develop its North Galilee Basin Rail Project (Project), involving rail facilities connecting to the Abbot Point export terminal.

Adani proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Body Corporate Agreement) (ILUA), pursuant to Subdivision B of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (NTA), with the Kyburra Mundia Yalga Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (Kyburra) (as trustee of the Juru People’s native title under the Approved Determination of Native Title made by the Federal Court on 11 July 2014 (Juru Determination)) and the State of Queensland (State). The ILUA will relate to that part of the Project (ILUA Project) located wholly within the external boundaries of the Juru Determination.

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**Purposes:** To provide information to Juru People on the ILUA.

**Contact:** Hank Wymarra, Community Relations Officer, at QSNTS on freecall 1800 863 693, or (07) 3224 1200 to register their intention to be present at the Authorisation Meeting and/or the Information Session notified above.

**Additional Information:**

- Emily Pickard;
- Con Lumburner;
- Nellie Steele (Stell);
- Lena Taylor;
- William Morell and his wife Bessie Rook;
- Jinnie Ross;
- Eliza Lampton (mother of Arthur Lampton); or
- Rosie Wake (mother of William and Emily Niccol).

**Contact Information:**

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GREG Inglis is in the best shape he’s ever been in after a State of Origin series, says South Sydney coach Michael Maguire.

Maguire was an assistant at Melbourne under Craig Bellamy when Inglis made his Queensland premiership push ended at the National Rugby League (NRL) at the back end of the 2013 season, before reuniting with the League’s Wigan Warriors in 2010 when Inglis made his Queensland Melbourne under Craig Bellamy.

Michael Maguire.

Inglis struggled with a foot injury at the back end of the 2013 National Rugby League (NRL) season as the Rabbitohs’ premiership push ended at the preliminary final, as did the year before. But Maguire has warned the Rabbitohs rivals the 27-year-old is in top condition heading into the final third of the NRL season. “I have known Greg for a long time. I have seen him come back from Origin many times and I reckon he is in the best shape since I have known him,” Maguire said.

“So we are looking forward now to Greg applying what he does for our team. “Good shape” “He is in good shape and mentally he is in a very good place as well. He has a young son now and he has got a lot to play for. “He is really looking forward to what is in front of us now. “He is always a great person to come back into the team.”

“Our Origin boys are back again and their enthusiasm at the moment is something we need to feed off. “We are back settled again with all the distractions gone. Now it is up to us.” Inglis at the top of his form could help finally end the Rabbitohs’ five decade-long premiership drought, with his ability to bring the ball back crucial.

“He is one part of the big picture of what we are building and Greg knows his role and does that very well,” Maguire said.

“It is about creating opportunities for Greg through the good things that everyone is doing and vice versa.

“The way Greg brings the ball back, how the team feeds off that as well is important. “The way when he runs back at a hundred miles per hour and every team stands back and takes a break... he is pretty handy to have,” – AAP

Look out – GI is back

The Voice of Indigenous Australia
League legends at disability match

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, the Honourable John Ajaka, on behalf of the State of Western Australia, may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978:

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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 3518.
NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINING ACT 1971, SECTION 63M

1. PANDA MINING PTY LTD, ACN 137 548 237 OF PO BOX 1204 FREMANTLE WA 6959 proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land(s):
   The land comprised within Exploration Licences 5189, 5330 and 5331, as described below:
   EL 5189
   Land located approximately 65km southwest of Olary in the area of One Tree Hill and bounded as follows:
   Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°15’S and longitude 139°46’E, thence east to longitude 139°56’E, south to latitude 32°15’S, west to longitude 139°46’E, north to latitude 32°15’S, east to longitude 139°56’E, and north to the point of commencement.
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   Land located approximately 25km southwest of Olary in the area of Manna Hill and bounded as follows:
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   EL 5331
   Land located approximately 55km southwest of Olary in the area of Bunda Range and bounded as follows:
   Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°22’S and longitude 139°40’E, thence east to longitude 140°03’E, south to latitude 32°37’S, west to longitude 139°59’E, south to latitude 32°38’S, west to longitude 139°53’E, south to latitude 32°40’S, west to longitude 139°51’E, north to latitude 32°36’E, east to longitude 139°56’E, south to latitude 32°35’S, east to longitude 140°00’E, and north to the point of commencement.

All the within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on page 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated 10 October 1966 (AGD66).

2. The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land(s) is as follows:
   Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralisation. The operations may include reconnaissance, gravity, magnetic, electromagnetic, resistometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical soil, calcite and rock chip sampling; shallow trenching; auger, rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation or diamond core drilling and include all things necessary incidental to any such operations.

3. If a company:
2. Contact facsimile number (if available): (08) 8324 1234
3. If a company:
   (1) ACN. 137 548 237
   (2) Contact person. Chris Alexandrides

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3. If a company:
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Revenge was sweet

By ALF WILSON

WHAT a difference a year, a new venue and the addition of Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) players make.

At Thursday Island’s Ken Brown Memorial Oval on July 18, Northern United beat Queensland Outback 30-24 in a rugby league representative showdown before an enthusiastic local crowd.

In the match between the sides in a year earlier, Outback had thrashed United 60-22.

The United side was picked after the Remote Area Rugby League FNQ Challenge in Cairns on July 26-28 contested by the Torres Strait Kaiwalagal Stingers, Northern Cape, Southern Cape, Palm Island Barracudas and Bowen.

The X-factor in the turnaround was that Torres Strait players from the Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL), outer islands and NPA were included in the latest United team.

United coach Thomas Loban took on the job in the week leading up to the game when Weipa’s Garreth Smith withdrew for personal reasons.

Loban did a wonderful job with astute tactics and United led 18-12 at halftime.

“Greg Handley (Bowen), Samson Zilha (TT), James Binawel (TT) Luke Murray (Weipa), and not forgetting wily old veteran Stevie Singleton, who also picked up beat on ground, were our best,” Loban told the Koori Mail.

Outback’s best player was Cameron Jackson.

Great day

KRL official Terry Abednego said it was a spectacular day of footy at the Rock.

“The rep game was the first time a match of this calibre has been held on Thursday Island. With all the hype around the main game, fans and supporters were treated to under 12, 14, six, eight, 10 and women’s matches, as well as the two local club games,” Abednego said.

He said the Northern United won 28-6 in a local club game.

“Weipa-based Queensland Rugby League (QRL) game development officer Karl Adams said Northern United worked very well as a unit.

Argun makes it a hat trick

By ALF WILSON

ARGUN Warriors won their third Island of Origin rugby league series in a row when they beat another local side Kulpiyam 28-10 in the grand final of the 2014 carnival on Badu Island.

Five men’s sides and three women’s teams battled it out over the three days. Argun Warriors had won the 2013 and 2011 series finals, but no carnival was held in 2012.

In the men’s semi-finals, Argun Warriors beat Malu Kiai 22-6 and Kulpiyam beat Goem-Bau-Raiders 12-10.

The other men’s side was Dalu Titans. A PNG Sharks University team had nominated but was a late withdrawal.

The women’s teams were Western women’s United, Wakeyama and Paraman Giants.

Paraman Giants won the final over Wakeyama and NPA’s Etja Mosby was named player of the carnival.

During the carnival there were 24 games played and only two had margins of more than 10 points. Keiji Bowie said that Argun Warriors would compete next at the Dan Ropeyam Memorial Carnival at Bamaga later in the year.

Qualifying rounds: Kulpiyam d Tilans (forfeit), Argun Warriors d Malu Kiai Boigu (forfeit), Goem-Bau-Raiders Malubaul d PNG Sharks (forfeit), Malu Kiai 38 d Dubu Tilans 12, Argun 22 d Goem-Bau 10, Kulpiyam d PNG (forfeit), Argun 10 d Kulpiyam 8, Malu Kiai 16 d Goem-Bau 14, Goem-Bau 22 d Dubu Tilans 20, Kulpiyam 22 d Malu Kiai 4, Argun 22 d Dubu Tilans 16, Goem-Bau 22 d Kulpiyam 6, Semifinals: Argun 22 d Malu Kiai 6, Kulpiyam 14 d Goem-Bau 12.


Women’s qualifying: Wakeyama 26 d Paraman Giants 21, Wakeyama 22 d Western United 12, Western United 6 d Paraman Giants 4.

Final: Paraman Giants 24 d Wakeyama 16.

Under 18 game for Reverend Edmund Blanket Cup: Badu 22 d Malu Kiai 16.

Argun Warriors defeated Malu Kiai 22-6 and Kulpiyam 22-6 in the grand final of the 2014 carnival on Badu Island.

The Stingers with league legend Gorden Tallis.

For the first time, a junior rugby league team from the Torres Strait made the trip to Townsville to compete in the prestigious Gorden Tallis Cup.

A record 51 teams battled it out at the under 10 carnival and many young stars of the future were on show.

Hold at the Townsville Junior Rugby League grounds, there were so many teams that teams were placed in one of eight pools.

Seeds were across North Queensland and as far away as Brisbane.

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Inglis and Goodes back new peak body

ADAM Goodes and Greg Inglis are among a collective of Australian professional sportspeople which says athletes and fans have been failed over the past year, calling for a new integrity unit to help stop threats to sport.

Lax health and safety standards, poor investment in player wellbeing and growing integrity challenges such as match-fixing have led the Australian Athletes Alliance (AAA) to muscle up to sporting bodies.

Launching a campaign last Wednesday to give athletes more power to govern and protect their sports, AAA general secretary Brendan Schwab said athletes were not the cause of major problems.

“Athletes need to be empowered to be the first line of defence against threats to the integrity of sport,” he said.

“The challenges for Australian sport will be to address its own shortcomings, appreciate that corruption and cheating does not begin with athletes and stop treating athletes as the problem, instead of the solution.”

“Poorly governed”

“If we look at football, cricket and some of the workplaces in AFL and rugby league, it’s been clear they have been victims of poorly governed situations through no fault of their own … which threaten their careers.”

Representing 3500 professional athletes in eight of the country’s biggest codes, the AAA has called for the creation of an athletes’ integrity unit to address major challenges.

Tired of responding to crisis situations involving athletes, including the high-profile ASADA supplements scandal that has engulfed the Australian Football League (AFL), and the National Rugby League (NRL), Schwab said a new regime was needed.

“(The ASADA case) has played a part, but I don’t want to overstate that because we represent sports like cricket and soccer as well … global sports that have had problems with poor governance and match-fixing.”

Fronting the campaign are high-profile athletes Adam Goodes, Mark Schwarzer, Greg Inglis, Meg Lanning and Ricky Ponting.

Schwab, a former head of the Australian footballers’ association and current world footballers’ union vice-president, said the integrity unit would be the first line of defence against threats to the integrity of sport.

“Australia is uniquely placed as we have our athletes organised so we should take advantage of that.”

(“The unit) would provide the best level of engagement and education to players … and it could hold sports to account.”

The challenge will be to find funding for the unit, a task Schwab said he would throw himself into.

The AAA sits above professional player associations for eight sports: AFL, basketball, cricket, football, horse racing, netball, rugby league and rugby union. – AAP

Inglis and Goodes back new peak body

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Lax health and safety standards, poor investment in player wellbeing and growing integrity challenges such as match-fixing have led the Australian Athletes Alliance (AAA) to muscle up to sporting bodies.

Launching a campaign last Wednesday to give athletes more power to govern and protect their sports, AAA general secretary Brendan Schwab said athletes were not the cause of major problems.

“Athletes need to be empowered to be the first line of defence against threats to the integrity of sport,” he said.

“The challenges for Australian sport will be to address its own shortcomings, appreciate that corruption and cheating does not begin with athletes and stop treating athletes as the problem, instead of the solution.”

“Poorly governed”

“If we look at football, cricket and some of the workplaces in AFL and rugby league, it’s been clear they have been victims of poorly governed situations through no fault of their own … which threaten their careers.”

Representing 3500 professional athletes in eight of the country’s biggest codes, the AAA has called for the creation of an athletes’ integrity unit to address major challenges.

Tired of responding to crisis situations involving athletes, including the high-profile ASADA supplements scandal that has engulfed the Australian Football League (AFL), and the National Rugby League (NRL), Schwab said a new regime was needed.

“(The ASADA case) has played a part, but I don’t want to overstate that because we represent sports like cricket and soccer as well … global sports that have had problems with poor governance and match-fixing.”

Fronting the campaign are high-profile athletes Adam Goodes, Mark Schwarzer, Greg Inglis, Meg Lanning and Ricky Ponting.

Schwab, a former head of the Australian footballers’ association and current world footballers’ union vice-president, said the integrity unit would be the first line of defence against threats to the integrity of sport.

“Australia is uniquely placed as we have our athletes organised so we should take advantage of that.”

(“The unit) would provide the best level of engagement and education to players … and it could hold sports to account.”

The challenge will be to find funding for the unit, a task Schwab said he would throw himself into.

The AAA sits above professional player associations for eight sports: AFL, basketball, cricket, football, horse racing, netball, rugby league and rugby union. – AAP

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Rioli making good progress

HAWTHORN star Cyril Rioli is making better than expected progress in his hamstring injury with the club now confident he could return before the finals. AFL.com.au reported that Rioli was initially expected to miss up to 10 weeks after scans revealed he had suffered a hamstring tendon injury against Gold Coast in round 15. That would have sidelined him until a possible preliminary final, but the Hawks now believe he could be available in round 22 or 23 ahead of the club’s September campaign. “He’s been full of beans since his return and has started his rehab from the hamstring,” Hawthorn general manager of football operations Chris Fagan told hawthornfc.com.au. AFL.com.au said Rioli was back jogging and his rehabilitation was progressing as expected, according to the club, after he spent a week back home in the Northern Territory following the injury.

$1.63m grant to Lismore league club

THE Lismore-based Northern United Rugby League Club has secured a $1.638-million grant to redevelop their training headquarters at Clifford Park, Goonellabah. The ground will undergo a major facelift, with the bulk of the money being spent on new amenities and lighting.

NSW Hospitality, Gaming and Racing Minister Troy Grant visited Lismore last week to announce the $1,638,590 grant. Northern United use Clifford Park as their training base, but play their competition matches at other grounds in Lismore.

But once Clifford Park has been redeveloped, junior rugby league matches will be played there. “The upgrade will bring together a range of community, recreational and sporting activities, including walking tracks and exercise and playground equipment to address community needs for safe open spaces for children and youth to gather,” Mr Grant said. “The site, which is currently unfit for use, will be transformed into a place where community can come and participate in sport and recreation in a safe and functional environment.”

Mr Grant said it was expected the project would increase participation among Aboriginal youth, many of whom came from disadvantaged backgrounds, by promoting pride and identity within the local community.

A big portion of Lismore’s Aboriginal population lives in the vicinity of Clifford Park. Local MP Thomas George said Northern United did fantastic work with local kids. He applauded Northern United and the Lismore City Council for their outstanding application through the NSW Government’s ClubGRANTS process.
Continuous Cable

By CHRIS PIKE

THE name Cable is perhaps the most famous in the history of the Perth Football Club and one of the most vaunted in West Australian football, and now a third generation of the family is playing colts football with the Demons. Barry Cable is one of the greatest players the game has seen, with the champion rover amassing a remarkable career across two states.

With Perth in the West Australian Football League (WAFL), he played 225 matches, kicked 325 goals, won three Sandover medals and seven fairest and best awards, and starred in the premiership hat-trick between 1966-68.

He then went on to play 115 games and kick 133 goals with North Melbourne in the Victorian Football League (VFL) while playing in the 1975 and 1977 premiership teams.

Cable then finished his WAFL career with East Perth firstly as a premiership-winning playing coach in 1978, and then coaching on in 1989.

String of honours

Since, he has been honoured with being named as a Legend in the West Australian Football Hall of Fame, inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame, the Sport Australia Hall of Fame, and was named rover in Perth’s Team of the Century, North Melbourne’s Team of the Century and the Indigenous Team of the Century.

His two sons, Barry Jnr and Shane, then played with Perth, including being the Junior Rules Coach of the Year in 1990. Since, he has done well in a variety of junior football coaching roles and was even named the WAFL’s Leading Goalkicker in 1993 and 1995, and winning the fairest and best award in 1995.

He also played one AFL match with the West Coast Eagles in 1989 and spent time playing with Subiaco alongside his brother. After he finished playing, Shane coached Perth’s reserves team before then becoming senior coach at Peel Thunder, guiding the team to its most successful season yet in the WAFL in 2000 and 2001.

Now, Barry Jnr’s 16-year-old son Tim and Shane’s 17-year-old son Ben have begun playing colts football with the Demons and in a bleak season yet again for Perth. With the club still not having played finals since 1997 when Shane was a key member of the line-up, having two more members of the Cable family beginning their careers is something to look forward to.

Tim is the elder of the two emerging Cables and he has worn his famous grandfather’s No 2 jumper so far in his three colts matches with Perth in 2014.

He played his three matches between rounds 11 and 13 with a best of 11 possessions on debut against East Perth before he also worked hard in his last appearance against Peel Thunder with four tackles.

Ben is still only 17 and has some filling out to do, weighing just 66kg while standing 165cm tall, but he has all the physical tools and skills to suggest he can take his career a long way.

So far, he has played six colts matches this season with Perth and his best showing coming in round 15 against East Fremantle when he picked up 15 possessions, took four marks and laid two tackles.

He will again play colts, the under 19 competition, in 2015 and if all goes to plan then he will be eligible to play senior football with Perth from 2016 and beyond.

Perth continues to have a strong Indigenous link overall as well, even without taking into account the fact that a Cable has been playing with the Demons in one form or another for much of the past 50 years.

Perth has produced AFL products such as Leon Davis, Troy Cook, Michael Johnson, Dion Woods and Cruize Garlett this century, and has several Indigenous players in its current team.

The Demons celebrated the NAIDOC Round in the WAFL with a home match at Latilahian Park against South Fremantle, with Chance Bateman, Gerald Ugle, Joel Houghton, Callum Collard and Brennan Stack (all pictured) representing the club on the day.

That match was for the Cable-Michael Cup, named after Perth legend Barry Cable and South Fremantle all-time great Stephen Michael. The Demons won the match by 12 points to win the cup for the first time since it was instituted in 2012.

The Perth Demons Indigenous players who were part of the NAIDOC round in the WAFL game against South Fremantle, from left, Chance Bateman, Gerald Ugle, Joel Houghton, Callum Collard and Brennan Stack.

By CHRIS PIKE

AUSTRALIA’S most successful US National Basketball Association (NBA) player Luc Longley has been impressed with the progress made by big man Nathan Jawai in recent months after a tough injury and health run, and sees no reason why he can’t be part of the Australian team at the upcoming basketball World Cup in Spain.

Longley is a three-time NBA championship winner with the Chicago Bulls, having played in the NBL for 11 seasons, and now is enjoying what he is seeing from Jawai in camp with the Boomers.

Longley is an assistant coach for the Australian team preparing for the World Cup that begins in Spain in late August and despite Jawai not having played since injuring his neck and suffering a health scare while playing for Turkish Euroleague powerhouse Galatasaray late last year, Longley has been impressed with what he’s seen.

Jawai is making all the right moves to put himself in contention to be part of the Boomers team at the World Cup and with someone his size, skills and ability to dominate, the only question mark, as ever, surrounds his health and fitness.

Springboard

However, Longley has seen a focus in the 27-year-old that suggests he is ready to make the most of the tools he has and being part of the Boomers again could just be the springboard needed, given it has been enormous in the now NBA careers of Patty Mills, Aron Baynes, Cameron BAIRSTOW and Dante Exum.

“If he stays healthy and keeps improving, then it’s very important to make the team,” Longley said.

“I think he has proven a lot of people wrong with this patch of work that he’s done over the past six months. He has really applied himself. He has moved to Canberra to live to put himself in a position to succeed and he’s doing it. I think that just shows great maturity on his part.

“I think he recognises that we’ve had a lot of guys come through the Boomers and kick on to success.

“Players are starting to recognise that it’s a great supportive environment to achieve another step in their career and Nate sees that as well.”

As a big man himself, Longley is fully aware of how difficult it can be to stay healthy while possessing such a big frame, but he is working closely with Jawai to not only help him get closer to 100 per cent health, but to also be able to dominate when on court for the Australian team.

“According to Nate, he’s more focussed than he’s ever been on his conditioning and on his game, and on his career. He is reaping the rewards for that now because there have been times in this camp that he’s dominated on the floor,” Longley said.
Uluru fun run was deadly

Gapuwiyak, in north-eastern Arnhem Land and with a population of 1000, took out the Deadly Fun Run championship at Uluru on Saturday, July 12.

A record number of runners and volunteers gathered at Uluru, in Central Australia, to compete for the title of 2014 Deadly Fun Run champions.

The Northern Territory, represented by four communities, was always going to be a force. But with just four runners, the remote community of Gapuwiyak came away with the 2014 crown.

Thursday Island (Torres Strait) finished second, with last year’s winners, Murraylands, finishing third.

Inspired by Australia’s Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove and the Prime Minister Tony Abbott, a record number of Australian Indigenous runners excelled.

Celebration

Deadly Fun Run coordinator and event manager Nadine Hunt said the event was a celebration of the effort and commitment Indigenous people were making to create active and healthy lifestyles.

“It isn’t about the fastest time or fittest person. It’s about communities supporting and encouraging each other, and inspiring future generations,” the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) official said.

“We have seen this event double in numbers in just two years and we know it will continue to grow. “We are so proud to see these runners setting an example in their communities. To see such a range in ages, from four years old to 58, running three and five kilometres is simply remarkable and certainly worth celebrating.”

The event brought together runners from eight communities around Australia, with more than 50 runners taking part.

Gapuwiyak was represented by just four runners aged between 12 and 18.

Second-placed Thursday Island had just two runners. Juniors challenged a 3km course, while the seniors completed 5km.

3km junior girls: Skyeisha Rigney (Murraylands, SA) 13:59 1, Faith Kempster (Mossman, Qld) 17:14 2, Nikisha Swan (Mutitjulu, NT) 7:16 3.

3km junior boys: David Neller (Mossman, Qld) 16:47 1, Kunmanara Okai (Mutitjulu, NT) 16:50 2, George Gallagher (Utju, NT) 16:53 3.

5km senior women: Rachel Baker (Galiwinku, NT) 28:37 1, Alicia Sabatino (Thursday Island, Qld) 28:59 2, Hannah Gondarra (Galiwin’ku, NT) 29:55 3.

5km senior men: Chris Guyula (Gapuwiyak, NT) 22:12 1, Thaine Mills (Thursday Island, Qld) 25:05 2, Daniel Lloyd (Murraylands, SA) 25:36 3.

5km youth (15-18 years) female: Jody Wunungmurra (Gapuwiyak, NT) 32:12 1, Jacinta Gurruwiwi (Galiwin’ku, NT) 45:18 2.

5km youth (15-18 years) male: Luke Gurruwiwi (Gapuwiyak, NT) 22:33 1, Reece Knitschke (Murraylands, SA) 24:34 2, Malachi Gurralpo 28:46 3.
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The Voice of Indigenous Australia about talking up a young NRL player. In the main, I am very cautious and has an outstanding record being modest and well-rounded. And has an outstanding record of what makes a young player successful. It's almost as if he did not change back!

Fickle fans
A young player on the rise will have a lot of fair-weather friends who quickly disappear once they are no longer the next superstar. And debuting in the National Rugby League (NRL) does not make you an NRL player. Once heard Australian Coach Tim Sheens say to a group of young players that if you played 50 NRL games, you may start to consider yourself an established professional player. All that being said, it would be remiss of me if I did not make comment on the exceptional first season that Alex Johnson from the Rabbitohs is having. My first knowledge of Alex goes back to 2008 when the Dreamtime team was training at La Perouse. The NRL was looking for a young Indigenous player who looked like Greg Inglis to take part in a promotional campaign. They said they had the kid. He not only looked like GI – he played like him.

In fact, they said he was the next Greg Inglis. We have all heard these claims before, but how prophetic these words were Alex Johnston not only played the part of a young Greg Inglis in the NRL’s 2009 season advertisement, he is now playing alongside his idol. And to get there, he has had to replace one of the Rabbitohs all-time greats – Nathan Merritt – who in true form has been a great mentor for young Alex. Johnson was barely in his teens when he was plucked from obscurity to play the role as Inglis in the NRL’s advertisement.

In the ad, a shirtless Johnson catches a bomb and then scores a try before morphing into Inglis. It’s almost as if he did not change back!

Same traits
Like Inglis, the 19-year-old is a rangy outside back who has had a distinguished junior representative career, having played Australian Schoolboys plus representing NSW in their under 16 and under 18 sides. Importantly, Alex has been extremely successful off the field and has an outstanding record as a student and a reputation as being modest and well-rounded. Alex scored a HSC ATAR of 91.8 at Endeavour Sports High School in 2012. Since then, he has eased into full-time training with the Rabbitohs and featured in the club’s two pre-season trials plus the Auckland Nines.

Comments from his school mentor give an insight into how Alex has succeeded at such a young age. Endeavour Sports High School rugby league coach Dave Howlett – who also coaches Cronulla’s under 20s side – said Johnson was a rare talent. “In year 12 he missed significant schooling because he was away with Australian and NSW rugby league teams, but he was super organised with his school work and got above 90 in hisATAR,” Howlett said. “He was our best player in 2012, but he was still the most committed trainer, dedicated with everything he did and was the same in the classroom. He was well behaved and focussed.” Endeavour finished national runners-up in the fullback’s final year.

He joined the sports school’s athletics program and then switched to cricket until finding his feet in rugby league in Year 10. “He wasn’t always destined to be a rugby league player,” Howlett said. “He was destined to achieve something though, with his education, athletics, cricket or rugby league.”

“Our 2012 team over-achieved because the good players like AJ loved the school and were really good on and off the field. It created an environment where the best and most talented player was the hardest working and that had a massive effect on the team.”

“He has a real connection with where he comes from. He still comes to our school games.” These attributes of loyalty and commitment are all part of the mix of what makes a young player successful. Johnson played 18 under 20s matches last year for South Sydney in his debut season.

Promoted
The South Sydney junior started this year at that level before being promoted alongside fellow youngsters Cameron McInnes and Aaron Gray into the club’s NSW Cup side, North Sydney. It is the same approach South Sydney coach Michael Maguire took with Dylan Walker last year before his NRL debut.

The Bears coach Wayne Lambkin said Johnson was performing strongly. “He is achieving at a fairly high standard for his age.” Lambkin said. “Madge (Maguire) has moved him into NSW Cup to see if he was going to be any good to him over the next 12 months.”

“He is quite intelligent and is certainly a grounded kid. That’s why he is able to take in what’s being coached to him. He is very well mannered and no trouble. “There are no rough edges to him.”

Johnson, who was named man of the match in the Australian Schoolboys second Test against Great Britain in 2012, had long dreamed about playing alongside Inglis. In 2011 he was interviewed about what he dreamed about in terms of his career. “Ideally, I’d love to play first grade with some of my idols,” Johnson said.

“I’d love to play with Greg Inglis. Also Billy Slater, but he is a Queenslander and plays for the Storm, so I’m not sure how that’s going to work.”

Not only is Johnson living his dream, but he is part of the future dreams of a lot of young kids. There is a whole tribe of kids playing for the La Perouse Panthers who now aspire to play alongside Alex Johnson. They couldn’t have a better role model.
Academies: opportunities, not advantage

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E VERYONE loves a winner, but sometimes there is a fine line between being a winner and falling victim to the pull poppy syndrome. I must declare my vested interest as an employee involved in the Swans academies with GWS and the Suns and the Lions in Queensland. Eddie McGuire and others have called for the academies in their current structure to be abolished and that there should be a ‘pure draft’ as part of the game’s talent equalisation strategy.

Because the Swans have been successful, special conditions available to the four ‘expansion’ clubs have come under scrutiny, with the academies and living allowance policies being specific targets. The arrival of Buddy Franklin at the Swans has helped bring ‘expansion’ clubs have come to the fore. Some have been successful, special measures have been put in place as part of the system, as we would expect.

To prove my point, I am going to use current US National Basketball Association (NBA) champion Patrick Mills as an example of what I am talking about.

When the academy program was announced, then Sydney Swans boss Andrew Ireland said Mills could have been playing in the AFL if there had been an academy program in NSW.

Ireland says Mills had been identified as a talented footballer, but Australian rules rules missed out.

Mills is obviously gone on to bigger and better things in the NBA and nobody begrudges him his success.

Effective model

It is more the case that there is talent out there to be identified and the academies are the most effective model we have to access them with the expansion clubs contributing significant resources to ensure their success.

Mills was the perfect example of a kid who could have gone either way, but we – the game or the Swans – have the capacity to influence him with an elite program.

So at least now when we identify the next Patrick Mills, we can say ‘here’s the Sydney Swans academy, I will go there’, rather than to another sport.

It would be interesting to get the current view of Demons coach Paul Roos, who was then at the Swans.

At the time, he said an elite program for young players would keep them in the sport. ‘It’s not only just trying to get the best athletes from other codes, but in my opinion it is a way to keep the best athletes that are already in our codes when they start in the Auskick program,’ he said.

‘We probably haven’t been able to get enough talent out of NSW. It’s about 11 per cent out of NSW (and Queensland), which is not acceptable.’

Even now, we are in a very competitive market place and I am not as if the program has provided the Swans with a stream of talent currently playing in the AFL.

Far from it. This is a long-term investment. Taking my Swans hat off, I can see the benefits for a lot of our Indigenous kids.

The Suns have been doing a great job in the Cape and when I travel to areas like Cooffs Harbour, I see a heap of Indigenous kids with talent crying out for an opportunity.

Current Swans chairman Andrew Pridham has hit back at Eddie McGuire in particular.

Context

I don’t want to get involved in any personality clash, but some of Andrew’s points need to be seen in the proper context.

‘I think it is important we clarify what the academies were developed and how they operate in terms of access to talent,’ Pridham wrote.

‘Players can only be selected via a bidding system – identical to that available for father-son selections.

‘Players are not “hidden away” as McGuire claims. All will play in the under 18 national championships, the under 17 competition and the full football world to see.

‘Despite his claims, McGuire and the entire football world seem to have a very good grasp on a number of talented players currently within our academy system, as we would expect.

‘The academy system is doing a fantastic job, but there is a long way to go.’

‘If the AFL competition becomes flooded with talent from NSW and Queensland, it will be the best problem we have ever had.’

Brandon Jack, Pridham explained, was the only player from the Swans Academy to play in the AFL to date.

The academies can only but increase the participation base of players to increase our elite playing pool.

We know the success that AFL has in providing real opportunities for our kids in Indigenous communities.

The academies are an important part of that strategy. I would have loved the opportunity to play alongside Patrick Mills in a Swans jumper! Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Such a rich heritage

By PETER ARGENT

THE Barossa, Light and Gawler (BGL) Australian football club is celebrating its 125th anniversary, reviving key South Australian Aboriginal names like Morey, Wilson and Graham.

One of them, Sonny Morey, had a great career in the South Australian National Football League (SAN FL) club of Central District, having come to Adelaide from his foundation club, Gawler Central.

A child of the Stolen Generation, Morey moved to Gawler township and started his football at the local oval, affectionately known as the ‘Dog Track’.

He had four seasons at the Tigers at junior and senior levels before playing in his first SANFL game with the Bulldogs in 1964. In his era, Gawler Central played in the Gawler and Districts competition.

“I had only ever played soccer in the year before at St Francis House, down at Port Adelaide,” Morey told the Koori Mail.

“Living in First Street, I was actually in the South Gawler area, but they didn’t want me, so I went across to Gawler Central.

“The Tigers were my first football club.

“I played four years at the club, starting in the juniors.’

Two games a day

“Then for a couple of seasons, I’d played colts football in the morning and in the A grade later in the day.

“One of our imports in those days at the Tigers, Ron Ashby, a former West Torrens footballer, encouraged me to go down to Central District and have a crack at SANFL football.”

After his retirement from league football, he went on to be a successful coach of Eudunda, in the Barossa and Light competition. He would return to Elizabeth and coach the Bulldogs under 17s, taking this team to the 1985 premiership.

He is the only known Aboriginal coach of a SANFL flag at any level.

SANFL player Adam Cullen is another product of the BGL competition.

By 1987, the Gawler clubs became a part of the extended Barossa and Light competition. Gawler Central achieved their 14 premierships and their first in the BLO in 1991, with another SA Aboriginal icon Wilbur Wilson as coach, while his nephew Darren Wilson and Phil Graham were key players.

“We only dropped one game for the year,” Wilson said.

Another junior from the Tigers and now a SANFL footballer in the current era at Central District is talent Adam Cullen.

“He has been in our system for a few years now, but at 20, is a developing player,” Bulldogs coach Jeff Brown said.

“He’s has a taste of SANFL football and were looking for big things from him in the next couple of seasons.

“There are some mercurial traits that Adam has displayed.”

Last season former Indigenous state country footballer Waylon Johncock was recruited to the Tigers when work commitments took him from the west coast of the state to Adelaide.

His outside run and pace was a key ingredient in a midfield that made it to the season decider, only for the Tigers to give up a three-quarter time lead, and giving the Bulldogs back-to-back titles.
Another accolade for AFL legends

By PETER ARGENT

Australian Football League (AFL) greats Gavin Wangerneen and O’Loughlin have made a South Australian primary schools All Stars team.

Between them, Wangerneen and O’Loughlin played 603 games at the very top level of Australian football.

Koori Mail columnist O’Loughlin developed into a superstar at the Swans, while Wangerneen has had stelars in Victoria and South Australia.

“I remember we went up to Murray Bridge and were billeted out,” Wangerneen recalled of one of his first representative experiences in the South Australian Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association (SAPSASA) football.

“We played against representative teams from the Riverland and other country districts.

“I went to Salisbury Primary School.”

“Micky O’ and I played our junior football at Salisbury North.

“We played against many representative teams from other local areas who were very good.

In the early stages of their football development both were SAPSASA footballers, along with thousands of other students.

Some of their first representative football was with the SAPSASA teams.

Recently, an All Stars team was selected from players who represented at state schools sports carnivals.

It reads like a who’s who of South Australia football.

O’Loughlin won selection in the forward pocket in this honourary side, while 1993 Brownlow Medalist Wangerneen was picked on a half back flank.

The side is:

Forwards: Adam Cooney – West (SANFL), Bulldogs (AFL); Warren Tredrea – Port, Power; Michael O’Loughlin – Central District, Swans.


Centre: Barrie Robran – North; Russell Ebert – Port, Kangaroos; Craig Bradley – Port, Blues.

Backs: Ben Hart – North, Crow; Darryl Wakelin – Port, Saints, Power; Paul Bagshaw – Sturt.

First Ruck: Shaun Rehn – West, Crow; Hawks; Mark Rucciutto – West, Crow; Hayden Bunton, Jnr – North, Norwood, Swan Districts, Subiaco (WAFL).

Interchange: Fred Phillips – Glenelg; Sam Fisher – West, Saints; Neville Roberts – West Torrens, Tigers, Norwood; Ryan Griffen – South, Bulldogs.

Many accolades

Along with being part of the Swans’ 2005 AFL premiership (the club’s first in 72 years), O’Loughlin has many other accolades over a 15-year career.

It started with an AFL Rising Star nomination in 1995, and included the Bob Skilton Medal as the Swans’ best and fairest in 1998.

He was Sydney’s leading goal kicker in 2000 and 2001.

There were All-Australian honours in 1997 and 2000, along with a Fos Williams Medal 1998, playing for South Australia in a State of Origin match.

He also was honoured with the Most Outstanding Achievement in AFL in 2005 and 2009 at The Deadlys.

Wangerneen was SANFL premiership player with the Port Adelaide Magpies in 1990 as a 16-year-old.

He moved to the Bombers the following season and spent 16 winters at the top level.

Outstanding 1993

During an outstanding 1993 campaign, Wangerneen won the Michael Tuck Medal in the pre-season and was a part of the Baby Bombers flag that September, becoming the first Aboriginal Brownlow Medalist on the Monday of grand final week.

He returned to his home state and was Port Adelaide’s inaugural captain in the AFL, having the role from 1997 to 2000.

At 30, now a senior player with the Power, he was runner-up to the Brownlow Medal and the John Cahill Medalist (Port’s best and fairest) – the only one of his career – in 2003.

The following winter he was a key part of Port Adelaide’s initial AFL premiership, beating Brisbane.

He was an All-Australian selection five times: 1992, 1993 and 1995 with the Bombers, and then two for Port (2001 and 2003).

Wangerneen was inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame in 2010.

And O’Loughlin are members of the Indigenous Team of the Century.

Flashback to September 25, 2004, and Gavin Wangerneen celebrates a goal in the last quarter during Port Adelaide’s win in the AFL Football grand final over the Brisbane Lions at the MCG. Picture: AAP

Relief for Mills after new NBA deal

PATTY Mills knew there were many better ways of going into US National Basketball Association (NBA) free agency than with his right arm in a sling.

So the Spurs new bumper three-year deal with the San Antonio Spurs was a big relief for the Australian basketball star.

Mills returned to Australia on July 15, a month after he and compatriot Aron Baynes helped the Spurs win the NBA title.

It has been a massive time for the 25-year-old since the Spurs beat LeBron James’ Miami Heat for the title.

Mills needed surgery to repair the torn rotator cuff in the right shoulder that will put him out of action until early next year.

It rules him out of the Boomers squad for the September World Cup in Spain.

But the confirmation of the new contract with San Antonio in early July took some of the sting out of his injury setback.

“I was very worried, actually,” Mills said.

“This was going to be my first chance to be able to go through a whole two weeks of free-agency and experience what it’s really like.

“I’m very happy with what’s happened with my contract.”

Mills and Baynes fronted the media in Melbourne a day before they started a national tour with the NBA trophy.

Mills, a two-time Olympian, said it would hurt to miss this year’s World Cup.

But the Indigenous sports star also spoke of his pride of being part of the Torres Island flag when the Spurs secured the NBA title.

“When you talk about my heritage, it’s by far the thing that comes first – my family and my heritage,” he said.

“To represent those groups on such an elite stage, it was a very special moment for me to carry the Torres Strait flag, … after we won, with the trophy.” - AAP

Patty Mills at a publicity event in Melbourne on July 15. Picture: AAP
Cricket backs Clontarf

Cricket Australia (CA) has entered into a partnership with the Clontarf Foundation to help improve the wellbeing of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people around the country.

Following a successful pilot program last year, CA is supporting the introduction of a cricket program into the Clontarf Foundation’s 57 academies that cater for more than 3000 students across Western Australia, Northern Territory, Victoria and New South Wales.

In each academy, students will participate in a minimum of two cricket sessions a week over an eight-week period.

Cricket carnival

At the end of this time, they will take part in an inter-academy cricket carnival. Speaking at the launch of the partnership in Darwin last Wednesday, CA executive general officer Gerard Neesham said the work with the Clontarf Foundation was an important step in cricket’s efforts to drive Indigenous participation in cricket and to bring about social change.

For many years we have admired the work that the Clontarf Foundation carries out around Australia and have looked for ways to help," Mr Ingleton said. "A program like this has the potential to open up a range of opportunities for these young men and to expose cricket to a culture under-represented in the game since an Aboriginal team made the first trip to England in 1868.

"In partnering with Clontarf, we are proud that cricket can help play a role in improving the wellbeing of Indigenous communities. "It is critical if we are to realise our vision of being Australia’s favourite sport and a sport for all Australians." Clontarf Foundation chief executive officer Gerard Neesham said: We are very excited about our partnership with Cricket Australia. "The advent of cricket into our program has already brought increased levels of enthusiasm and excitement among our boys and staff. "The partnership is a key element of CA’s National Indigenous Strategy which will be rolled out this season and over the next four years.

More participation

A primary aim of the strategy is to increase cricket participation in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities with an ultimate aim of seeing Indigenous cricketers earn national representation.

That program includes the annual all-Indigenous cricket carnival, the Imparja Cup. From humble beginnings, the Imparja Cup has grown from a community-based tournament to a major fixture on the Australian cricket calendar, attracting state and territory sides from around the country.

The Clontarf Foundation opened its first academy for 25 boys in 2000.

Australian first-class cricketers, from left, Pat Cummins, Moises Henriques and Gurinder Sandhu with Sanderson Middle School students in Darwin where Cricket Australia announced its new partnership with the Clontarf Foundation.

CA joins Recognise movement

CRICKET Australia (CA) has joined Recognise, the movement to acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia. The week was designed to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and it provided an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Support from Gillespie

Speaking from the United Kingdom where he is coaching the UK county team Yorkshire, former Australian Test cricketer and the first Indigenous Australian to represent Australia, Jason Gillespie said: "I’m proud to see Australian cricket throw its support behind a movement to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution and ensuring it is free from discrimination.

"Aside Australia’s rich history, at the moment the chapter recognising Indigenous Australians is missing from the document that makes us a nation.

"It’s a positive step forward and it’s great to see cricket taking a leadership position with such a history-making moment for our nation." Cricket Australia chief executive James Sutherland said the organisation’s involvement with Recognise was part of Cricket Cares, CA’s community action program.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians have a strong heritage with cricket. The efforts of leading cricketer Tom Wills to involve Aboriginal players with the game in 1866 was in itself an important early gesture of reconciliation," Sutherland said.

Two years later in 1868, the first Australian team to tour England was made up of Indigenous cricketers. "Cricket Australia is proud to lend its support to the historic quest to acknowledge the first part of Australia’s story. "Recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our nation’s founding document and ensuring there is no place for racial discrimination is about fairness, inclusion and respect – values Australian cricket aims to live by."

Recognise spokesman Tanya Hosch said it was great to see Cricket Australia and the players joining the grassroots movement of Australians working for this referendum.

"Every one of us needs to bring our leadership to this and stand up for what we know to be right so that we can fix this together," she said.

Cricket Australia says it is investing heavily in developing participation and talent development programs specifically tailored to Indigenous Australians. It said it had a goal to get more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians playing cricket and was achieving this through its national Indigenous competition, the Imparja Cup, along with game and market development participation programs.

As part of its support for NAIDOC Week and the launch of the partnership with Recognise, Cricket Australia and Queensland Cricket invited a group of Indigenous children from Queensland’s Cherbourg community to participate in a skills clinic at Allan Border Field with cricketers James Faulkner, Pat Cummins and Moises Henriques.
Triathlete off to world titles

Kurtley Beale in action for Australia against Italy in the 2011 World Cup in New Zealand. Picture: AAP

Kurtley Beale is in the 32-man Australian rugby union squad for the upcoming Rugby Championship. The squad was announced in Brisbane last week and contains no shock selections.

The Rugby Championship involves four southern hemisphere countries – Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Argentina.

There has been speculation that Beale could leave rugby union and try his hand at rugby league after Wallabies coach Ewen McKenzie leave rugby union and try his hand at rugby league after Wallabies coach Ewen McKenzie.

There are no surprises in McKenzie’s squad, captained by Michael Hooper and including 25 players who tasted action in the 3-D series clean sweep of France in June.

Bledisloe Cup opener

The series will open with a Bledisloe Cup game against New Zealand at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, on August 16 when the All Blacks will strive for a world record 18 straight Test victories.

The Wallabies will assemble on August 3 for a week-long Bush2Bledisloe regional road trip across Dubbo, Orange, Bathurst and Penrith. The Wallabies’ second game is also against the All Blacks – in Auckland’s Eden Park on August 29.

A sprint distance triathlon involves a 750m swim, 20km cycle and a 5km run – half the distance of an Olympic triathlon.

Last weekend, Morgen was to compete in Penrith in the first of seven duathlon events making up the Australian duathlon championships. A duathlon is a 5km run, 20km ride and a 2.5km run.

In the meantime, Morgen, who has Dhawaral (Botany Bay-Macarthur-Shoalhaven) blood on her father’s side and Wonnarua (Upper Hunter) blood on her mother’s side, is busy seeking sponsorship.

She made the Australian triathlon team for the world sprint distance championship after winning a national-wide series earlier this year.

“Since 2010 it has been my goal to make it to the Australian team for my age group,” Kafer told the Port Stephens Examiner.

She returned to competition in 2013 after taking time off to recover from injury and complete her Higher School Certificate.

Dad’s advice

She took up the sport in 2008 on the insistence of her father, Port Stephens councillor Peter Kafer.

“Basically, Dad wanted me and my sister to do them (triathlons) since we were little,” she told the Examiner.

“He convinced my sister to do it and I was roped along. “They actually weren’t that bad.” She balances studying at the University of Newcastle with a full regime of training, including swimming six days a week, running five days and cycling four.

“I definitely want to take triathlons as far as I can,” she told the Examiner.

Opportunities like competing in Canada come at a price and Morgen is seeking sponsorship to assist in her further endeavours, including the Australian University Games and Australian Duathlon.

It is estimated it will cost $4461, including accommodation, flights, insurance and team uniform, for Morgen to take part in Canada.

The Examiner said that according to Triathlon Australia guidelines, Morgen can gain sponsorship with logos allowed to be included on her race suit in four places. She has three spots available on her suit, which will be worn at all events she enters between now and 2015.

To contact Morgen about sponsorship email kafer.morgen@gmail.com
Brooke on the ball in Games opener

AUSTRALIA’S Brooke Peris is challenged by Malaysia’s Juliana Mohamad Din during an opening hockey pool game at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow last Thursday. Australia won that game 4-0. Peris came on as a substitute and created plenty of headaches for the Malaysian defence. In their second game on day two – Friday – the Hockeyroos thumped Wales 9-0, with Peris, again coming on as a substitute, scoring a field goal. Australia led 5-0 at the break and Peris was the first to score after half time. Peris is one of six Indigenous athletes in the Australian Commonwealth Games team. The others are athletes Benn Harradine, Robbie Crowther and Shannon McCann and wrestlers Shane Parker and Stevie Kelly.

TASMANIAN Aboriginal boxer Daniel ‘Real Deal’ Geale was defeated by Kazakh champion Gennady Golovkin by technical knockout in the third round of their middleweight world title fight in New York’s Madison Square Garden on Sunday (AEST).

Golovkin had been unbackable favourite to retain his World Boxing Association and International Boxing Organisation middleweight titles – and he didn’t disappoint, keeping his unbeaten record intact.

Geale was cut in the first round, then knocked to the canvas in the second.

Golovkin proves too good for ‘Real Deal’

In the third Geale swung a right that barely glanced off his opponent’s chest. Golovkin countered with a huge right square to the jaw that sent Geale to the deck and followed with a softer left for good measure on the way down.

Referee Mike Ortega stopped the fight to give Golovkin his 17th straight knockout win. Golovkin’s professional record moves to 30 wins (27 knockouts) while Geale’s record drops to 30 wins (KO 16) and three losses.

Lydia Williams in a race against time – See page 67