Leaders tell PM to take action

Mirarr welcome Japan’s ex-PM

The Mirarr traditional owners of parts of Kakadu National Park, including the Ranger and Jabuluka uranium deposits, welcomed former Japanese prime minister Naoto Kan to their traditional lands last month. As prime minister when the Fukushima nuclear reactor crisis began in March 2011, Mr Kan considered the full-scale evacuation of Tokyo in response to the emergency and subsequently made the decision to shut down all of Japan’s nuclear reactors.

Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation chairwoman Annie Ngalmirama said Mirarr people were pleased Mr Kan had come to their country.

“Our people have lived with the consequences of unwanted uranium mining for over three decades and we are very sad about the ongoing disaster in Japan,” she said. “I am glad Mr Kan has come to witness the impacts at the start of the nuclear cycle. Mr Kan’s country is hurting because of uranium. Here he will see that the nuclear industry is hurting Mirarr people also.”

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Warning of a descent into chaos

NATIONAL Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community leaders have asked Prime Minister Tony Abbott for emergency talks. After a meeting in Canberra last week that included representatives of the National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples and peak Indigenous bodies, Indigenous leaders said the federal Indigenous Affairs policy and funding environment was descending into chaos.

The first grant round for funding under the new $4.8 billion Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) – the promised ‘streamlined’ approach to Indigenous Affairs – opened on Monday.

But the leaders are concerned that many organisations will fall through the cracks.

“This environment is one of confusion and this is causing instability, anxiety and uncertainty,” the group of Indigenous leaders said in a statement.

“Despite requests for information from many of our organisations, there are few answers. We’re simply told to ‘put it in writing’. Then, when we do, we get no response.”

Since becoming prime minister, Mr Abbott has not met with the head of any peak Indigenous community or elected organisation.

Mr Abbott’s office told the Koori Mail that the Prime Minister would be meeting with Indigenous leaders next week, when he fulfils his pre-election commitment to Yolngu people, spending six days in north-east Arnhem Land.

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– As told to Jillian Mundy

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I was born in Arnhem Land and grew up there with my family, which is huge. I met Alison at the Anglican Church in Darwin in 2003, and we married in the same place two years later. It’s very special to us.

We go back to Oenpelli (Arnhem Land) every August for the Stone Country Festival in the years it’s on. My family in Arnhem Land come to Darwin to visit a lot. They bring their artwork for us to sell – it’s X-ray art with rarrk (cross-hatching).

My family are special to me. I love them very much.

We speak Kunwinjku. English is my second language.

Hannah understands Kunwinjku and Alison speaks a bit. I taught her.

I am one of the main senior artists and a community Elder. I tell the family to stay away from drugs and alcohol and stay on this road with the art and the sports, so they are strong and healthy.

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Tell us who is in your family, what you like to do as a family, your traditions and achievements, and what is important to you.
Desert mob show their skills

Almost 300 works from 31 art centres are at the Araluen Art Centre in Alice Springs for the annual Desert Mob exhibition, which started this month.

Desert Mob brings together Desert (the Association of Central Australian Aboriginal Art and Craft Centres) member art centres in an exhibition that celebrates Aboriginal art from the region.

It includes paintings, limited edition prints, photography, ceramics and sculpture in a variety of forms using materials including wood, fibre, metal and native grasses and features Aboriginal artists from the APY Lands of South Australia, up to Lajamanu in the Northern Territory and out to the Gibson Desert in Western Australia.

Desert Mob also includes a symposium and marketplace, which allows artists to engage directly with the public.

“The Desert Mob exhibition is one of the highlights on Central Australia’s calendar,” NT Arts Minister Matt Conlan said. “Now in its 24th year, the exhibition is a world-class event that showcases the unique art and culture we have in central Australia. The exhibition brings together established and emerging artists from across central Australia to showcase their works to a wide audience.”

The exhibition continues until October 19, and works may be seen online at www.desart.com.au.

Desert Mob 2014 will also celebrate the 21st anniversary of Desart Inc.

PM sparks indignation

Prime Minister Tony Abbott has angered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people while launching a project on the “100 Defining Moments of Australian History.”

“No! The arrival of the First Fleet was the defining moment in the history of this continent. Let me repeat that: it was the defining moment in the history of this continent. “It was the moment this continent became part of the modern world. It determined our language, our law, and our fundamental values. Yes, it did dispose of, and for a long time marginalize, Indigenous people. “(As Cape York leader) Noel Pearson frequently reminds us, modern Australia has an important Indigenous and multicultural character.”

Still, it is British settlement that has most profoundly shaped the country that we are. It has provided the foundation for Australia to become one of the fairest and most prosperous societies on Earth.”

The comments come on top of a remark by Mr Abbott in July that Australia was “scarce” settled” at the time of colonisation.

“National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples co-chair Kirstie Parker said she couldn’t understand why Mr Abbott would “rub salt into the wound” when he was aware of Aboriginal concerns about his earlier comments. “To then go on to make the comments he did about the arrival of the First Fleet being the moment that brought Australia into the modern world, it is that framing that I find most offensive,” she said.

“To suggest that before Australia was declared a British colony Aboriginal people were not managing this massive estate in a way that looked after the environment and provided for its people – if that’s not modern and good practice, I don’t know what is.”

“The Prime Minister’s comments seem to reflect a perpetuation of the myth of terra nullius, which began when (First Fleet commander) Arthur Phillip came without any instructions to negotiate with Aboriginal people as the owners of this land. If there’s anything positive that can come out of the Prime Minister’s comments I hope it will be an interrogation of what 26 January 1788 meant for our people.”

Aboriginal historian John Maynard – one of the six academics who worked on the “100 Defining Moments project” – told the ABC that Mr Abbott was entitled to his opinion.

“We were a little bit disturbed, to say the least, by that particular comment, the way that it was framed,” Prof Maynard said.

The chair of the Prime Minister’s Indigenous Advisory Council Warren Mundine also criticised Mr Abbott’s remarks.

“Well it was a defining moment, there’s no argument about that,” he said. “It was also a disastrous defining moment for Indigenous people.”

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TASMANIAN Palmer United Party Senator Jacqui Lambie spoke about her Aboriginal heritage in her maiden speech to Parliament last week.

“I acknowledge and pay my respects to Australia’s Aboriginal traditional owners,” Senator Lambie said.

“I share their blood, culture and history through my mother Sue Lambie’s family. We trace our history over six generations to celebrated Aboriginal chieftain of the Tasmania east coast, Mannalargenna.”

Senator Lambie has spoken in Parliament before and acknowledged traditional owners, but hadn’t previously spoken publically about her heritage.

Last week she told NITV that spending time in the Northern Territory when she was young had made a lasting impact.

“When I was 17 I actually went and lived in Katherine and worked in the Katherine Hotel/Motel there for 12 months … and I could see then that the Indigenous were struggling even from my own eyes at 17. “So now it’s nice to be able to be a senator and have the opportunity to be able to change quite a few things and make their lives much better.”

Senator Lambie is the second Aboriginal woman in Federal Parliament, following Northern Territory Labor Senator Nova Peris, who took her seat in the chamber after Trish Crossin left in June last year, after being dumped by then prime minister Julia Gillard.

“When she got over the line (in the 2013 election), I’d actually got over the line before her and I remember sitting on the couch – because she got to take up her position straight away – I remember thinking ‘I’m the first Indigenous female actually over the line’, so I felt very proud,” Senator Lambie said.

Senator Lambie said she supports Constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and that she agrees with billionaire miner Andrew Forrest’s controversial plan ‘Creating Parity’.

Although a newcomer to politics, Senator Lambie has already earned a reputation as someone who speaks her mind and stands up for what she believes.

**Ex-PM moved by Mirarr words**

THE Japanese prime minister to oversee the response to the Fukushima nuclear disaster has spoken about how moved he was by the words of traditional owners of the land at Kakadu that supplied the uranium to Japan’s reactors.

Naoto Kan was prime minister of Japan during the Fukushima nuclear crisis that gripped the country following the earthquake and tsunami of March 11, 2011. Last month he travelled to Jabiru in Kakadu National Park, east of Darwin, to share his experiences with the Mirarr traditional owners of the land partly occupied by the Ranger uranium mine. He then went to Perth, Canberra and Brisbane to highlight concerns about uranium.

“The nuclear crisis at Fukushima was fuelled by uranium that came from this area, it confirmed the worst fears Aboriginal people had from as early as 1976, that one day there would be a problem, either here or overseas, from the mining in this place,” said Justin O’Brien, chief executive of the Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation, which represents Mirarr people.

“It’s important for the former prime minister to see the front-end impacts of the nuclear fuel cycle, how devastating they’ve been for this community,” Mr Kan said it was disappointing that Australia’s investments in renewable energies seem to be going backwards, as the Government prepares to export uranium to India.

“The reality of what really happened at the Fukushima disaster led me to change my opinion, to now believe that we need to move away from nuclear power,” he said.

In the first 100 hours after the earthquake and tsunami, there were three meltdowns, three melt-throughs and hydrogen explosions in three of the nuclear reactors at the Fukushima-Daiichi Power Plant, Mr Kan said.

“If it continued, a 250km radius around the plant would have had to be evacuated; this would have affected one-third of the entire area of Japan, including Tokyo, or 50 million people,” he said.

Mr Kan said Japan exports nuclear power plants to Turkey and Vietnam and is in talks to do so with India, and said that when in power he too supported such a policy, something he now regrets.

**Upset**

Mirarr traditional owner Annie Ngalmirama told AAP she was upset that uranium from Kakadu had been involved in the Fukushima disaster.

“It’s really sad, what happened to his country,” she said. “They can’t grow anything on that country, people getting sick... It’s really bad what they’ve done.”

At a public lecture in Canberra, Mr Kan said he was moved and shocked by the response of the Mirarr people.

“They expressed their sorrow, or apologies even, that uranium mined from their land was used in the Fukushima power plant and was related to the cause of the accident,” he said.

“Speaking to them and hearing about their beliefs made me realise that the land the uranium came from is not only land that they live on, but is very much part of them, it’s one and the same, so this is what led to their feelings of sorrow.”

Mr Kan said responsibility for the accident rested not with traditional owners, but with the Japanese Government and the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO).

He said there is much that could be learned by other cultures from Aboriginal people about sustainable living. “We often talk about creating a sustainable society, however when we look at the Indigenous people who have lived on this land for tens of thousands of years and continue to maintain their traditional lifestyles, this can teach us what truly a sustainable society is,” he said. — With AAP

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**SA move for Stolen Generations compo scheme**

**SOUTH Australia could become the first mainland state — following Tasmania’s lead — to provide a formal compensation scheme for members of the Stolen Generation.**

SA Opposition leader Steven Marshall announced that the Liberals will this month introduce legislation into Parliament which, if successful, will provide ex-gratia financial compensation to eligible members of the Stolen Generations.

Greens MP Tammy Franks introduced a similar bill in 2010, which was referred to the Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee in June 2011.

Mr Marshall said the proposed legislation does more than just provide financial compensation; it also acknowledges that the policies of past governments caused emotional, physical and cultural harm to members of the Stolen Generations and their families.

In 2013, the Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee tabled a report in Parliament that found the South Australian Government could implement an ex-gratia reparations program based on the Stolen Generations of Aboriginal Children Act 2006 in Tasmania.

It is estimated that about 300 people would be eligible for ex-gratia payments in South Australia.

“ar this legislation is an important and significant component of ongoing reconciliation with Aboriginal people in South Australia,” Mr Marshall said.

Addressing the worries of the past will allow South Australia to move forward.

“This legislation has been widely called for by notable Aboriginal organisations, including the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement and Reconciliation SA.

“This legislation is a fundamental step forward in the ongoing reconciliation process.

“This is a bipartisan issue and I am hopeful that the Weatheril Government will support this initiative. It is important that we continue to make gains in this area and continue to work to improve the welfare of Aboriginal people.”

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“Ex-gratia reparations will provide a formal mechanism for Government to demonstrate its compassion and commitment to resolve the legal issues, without having to further waste South Australian taxpayers’ money on fighting cases, which we feel very strongly, will succeed if they were to proceed to trial.”

SA Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Khalitja Thomas told the Adelaide Advertiser that the move was long overdue and it had been disappointing the Labor Government hadn’t taken the initiative following the committee report.

“There’s been the apology in a global sense in both state and federal parliament... but this Bill and process recognises the individual suffering of these people,” she said.

“It’s a meaningful acknowledgment of their pain and suffering. While no amount of money can ever take away the pain the Stolen Generation experienced and live with, for the members who are elderly and frail it may provide for a few comforts in their final years.”

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Weavers will pop up in Casino

By RUDI MAXWELL

NSW INDIGENOUS textile weavers have been selected to kick off the launch of a NSW Northern Rivers creative pop-up emporium featuring the work of some of the region’s most talented artists, designers, musicians, jewellers and photographers.

Arts Northern Rivers will be taking over an entire shop in the main street of Casino, converting it from an empty space into a Creative Pop Up shop which will be open to the public from September 16 to 25.

Among the exhibitors will be the Wake Up Time Women’s textile group, which along with live music by the Lucas Zorzo Trio will be at the launch of the pop up on Wednesday, September 17, from 5.30pm.

Richmond Valley Mayor Emie Bennett will officially open the space, which will offer a program of workshops for creative types including weaving with the Wake Up Time Women and ‘yarn bombing’ with the Lismore Yarn Guerillas.

Other artists who selected to show their work include Lazio Bro, Stephen Blanch, Jennifer Boyle, Joanna Burgler, Charlie Caldwell, Jade King, Ivonne Mace, Aaron and Jo McDermott, Bronwyn Russell-Collins, Bonerie Sevil, Brook Walker, Jae Darby Walker, Annie Zorzo and Lucas Zorzo.

The Northern Rivers Creative Pop Up aims to support creative entrepreneurs and introduce them to the local business community. The Casino Pop Up is at Shop 3, 53-69 Walker Street, Casino.

The Wake Up Time Women Indigenous textile weavers will feature at the Casino Pop Up exhibition space in northern NSW this month. Weaving here are group members Janelle Duncan and Narelle Knight.

Indigenous leaders urge PM to step in

By RUDI MAXWELL

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander community leaders have called on Prime Minister Tony Abbott to personally step in to address the federal Indigenous Affairs policy and funding environment, which they say is descending into chaos.

And, a year after winning the election, Mr Abbott has not met with the head of any peak Indigenous organisation.

The first grant round for funding under the new $4.8 billion Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) opened on Monday, but Indigenous leaders say the ambiguities and unanswered questions about the new funding regime have left many Aboriginal community-controlled organisations wondering if they will survive.

Representatives of the National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples (Congress), National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS), National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services (NFVPLS), National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), Secretariat for National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNACC), and the Healing Foundation – supported by the Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS) – met in Canberra last week to discuss the impact of the 2014 federal Budget on key organisations and frontline services.

Congress co-chair Kirstie Parker told the Koori Mail that, despite Government assurances to the contrary, Budget cuts to Indigenous Affairs were impairing the ability of community-controlled organisations to deliver frontline services in critical areas such as legal assistance, family violence, children, youth and women, drug and alcohol misuse, and health.

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“The cuts will be across the board; they won’t only affect our criminal legal services but also civil and family, the whole box and dice of what we deliver,” he said.

“And if we have to reduce services, that means less people represented across the state, and also less access to a culturally competent organisation.

“Cuts to our services will mean an increased number of our people going to jail and more kids on child protection orders.

“And this is at the time when Queensland has the highest imprisonment rate in its history.”

NACCHO chair Justin Mohamed said that while Aboriginal community-controlled health organisations had secured funding until June next year, there was no certainty after that date. “On top of that, we need to consider the overall impact of the Medicare co-payment on our mob and the changes to youth allowances (where the Government is proposing that young people get no social security for six months of the year) – these all have a direct impact on our services,” he said.

In answer to questions from the Koori Mail asking whether Mr Abbott was prepared to meet with, or respond to, the Indigenous leaders’ call, a spokesperson for the Prime Minister meets regularly with Indigenous leaders and will soon be travelling to meet Indigenous leaders in North East Arnhem Land.

Indigenous Affairs funding is being transformed through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy to ensure that investments deliver real outcomes on the ground and helps meet the Government’s priorities of getting children to school, adults into work and ensuring communities are safe.

Mr Mohamed, Ms Parker and Mr Duffy all said that while it was positive Mr Abbott was willing to meet with Yolngu leaders in Arnhem Land, that was no replacement for discussion with peak Indigenous bodies.

The group called for an emergency meeting with Mr Abbott – and has also called for a parliamentary inquiry into billionaire miner Andrew Forrest’s recent report ‘Creating Parity’, so Indigenous people and organisations can have the proper opportunity to be involved in policy formation.

“We don’t see how Mr Abbott, having declared himself Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs, can effectively close the door to the national Indigenous community-backed leadership and stay true to his promise about a simplification of the system and a reduction in red tape,” Ms Parker said.

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Death gap still about a decade

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people still have a life expectancy gap of about 10 years less than other Australians. A report released last week by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), "Mortality and life expectancy of Indigenous Australians 2008 to 2012," provides an overview of patterns and trends in mortality and life expectancy among Indigenous people.

It shows that the estimated life expectancy at birth for Indigenous males was 69.1, and for females it was 73.7 years, 10.6 and 9.5 years lower than the life expectancy of other males and females, respectively.

AIHW spokesperson Dr Fadwa Al-Yaman said several factors contributed to the gap in life expectancy.

"Most significant among them are chronic diseases, with four groups of chronic conditions accounting for over two-thirds of the gap in mortality: circulatory diseases (24%), the endocrine, metabolic and nutritional disorders (21%), cancer (12%), and respiratory diseases (12%)," he said.

Circulatory diseases were the leading cause of death among Indigenous Australians between 2008 and 2012 (representing 26% of Indigenous deaths), followed by cancer (20%) and injury (15%). Between 2008 and 2012, about two-thirds of Indigenous deaths occurred before the age of 65. In comparison, 19% of non-Indigenous people died before the age of 65.

Declines in mortality

"The overall mortality rate among Indigenous Australians dropped by 9% between 2001 and 2012 and the rates from some causes have also dropped. For example, mortality rates from circulatory diseases dropped by about 30% for both males and females and mortality from respiratory diseases have dropped by 32%, for males between 2001 and 2012.

"However, while we've seen improvements in death rates from cancer among the non-Indigenous population, death rates from cancer rose from 212 per 100,000 people to 227 per 100,000, between 2001 and 2012 among Indigenous people. As such we've actually seen a widening of the gap in deaths from cancer."

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"Higher rate"

"The higher rate of kidney disease mortality among the Indigenous population is likely to be due to factors including lower rates of kidney transplants for Indigenous Australians with treated end-stage kidney disease compared with non-Indigenous Australians, and increased mortality and transplant failure rate following a kidney transplant," the report said.

The news wasn’t all bad, with the report finding a decline in mortality for the Indigenous population, mainly due to a large decline in infant mortality over the past decade.

Greens spokesperson on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues Rachel Siewert said the report highlighted the risks associated with the Abbott Government’s Budget cuts to programs for Indigenous peoples, including cuts to health programs, the GP co-payments and changes to income support.

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A protest is being organised for Friday, October 3, to call for the statue to be removed.

“We want our grandchildren to know the real history, the sacrifices that were made by Aboriginal people who were shot, who worked so hard to build up the stations in this area and the town itself,” the statement said.

“This should be in the education system, talked about in schools and so all children can know the history.”

Survey finds we like Facebook

INDIGENOUS Australians are significantly more predisposed to using Facebook than the overall population, a recent survey conducted by McNair Ingenuity Research has revealed.

Six-in-ten (60%) of all Indigenous Australians use Facebook on a daily basis, compared with 42% per cent of adult Australians nationally, the research found. It found Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in metropolitan areas were the biggest Facebook users, at 64%.

In regional towns, the figure was 61%.

In remote communities where home computer ownership is low and fast Internet access is unavailable, Indigenous Facebook usage is at 44%, slightly above the national average.

“Indigenous Australians living in remote areas are having a completely different experience of social networks and the Internet than mainstream Australia,” lead survey researcher Matt Balogh said.

“Apart from at school or work, nearly all their Internet contact is on a pre-paid smartphone or tablet.”

Mr Balogh said this was similar to observations of rapidly changing societies around the world, such as Asia and Africa, where involvement with the Internet has been almost exclusively through mobile smart devices, due to ease of access and affordability.

Associate Professor Ellie Rennie, the deputy director of the Swinburne Institute for Social Research, agreed with the findings, but she raised some concerns.

“Life in remote communities is still largely organised around kinship ties,” she said.

“The popularity of Facebook is unsurprising, in that it enables people to create an online network and to communicate with ‘family’, which may be dispersed across different communities and towns.

“However, senior women in Indigenous communities have told us that they are concerned about Facebook undermining traditional authority relations, since feuds can spread rapidly before Elders can intervene.”

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TORRES STRAIT Islander artist Alick Tipoti with his award-winning Kaygasiv Usul (Shovel nose shark dust trail reflected in the heaven as the Milky Way) at the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award’s in Darwin last month.

The 38-year-old career artist, who lives in Cairns but travels home to the Torres Strait regularly, seems clear of creating political art because it takes him away from the core of his culture. Rather, he creates art that keeps him tied to his culture and identity.

Tipoti’s art, which can be seen in galleries in Australia and abroad, is bound by protocol and steeped in tradition. He tells these stories through traditional dance, painting, lino prints, fibreglass, sculpture and ghost net weaving, which utilises material from fishing trewsers.

“It’s been a good run,” he says of his success.

Kaygasiv Usul was inspired by a sacred dance mask, but it’s larger and heavier and utilises modern materials. Protocol prevents him from replicating a traditional mask too closely if it’s for exhibition or commerce.

The artwork, crafted from fibreglass and decorated with paint, wax, beads, pearl shells, feathers and natural fibres, tells the story of the changing tide when the Kaygasiv Usul star constellation swings as if it’s dancing with the Kisay (moon).

While Tipoti was obviously delighted with winning the award, he explained that he did not smile for the camera next to the piece because it is men’s business.

His art stems from the dance costumes and apparatus created for traditional dances his grandfather once choreographed.

Before he became an artist, Mr Tipoti travelled to institutions that promote his culture – and kept him tied to his culture. Rather, he creates art for exhibition or commerce.

Mr Tipoti also manages, choreographs, sings and beats the drum for his dance team, Zugubal. This week they will be performing traditional dance at the Torres Strait Island Cultural Festival.

His art’s all about culture

By JILLIAN MUNDY

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Death inquiry calls

There is a growing chorus for an inquiry into the death in custody of a 22-year-old Aboriginal woman in South Hedland, Western Australia. The woman was arrested on August 2 for unpaid fines and transferred to the South Hedland watchhouse where, despite vomiting, worsening pain and two hospital visits, she remained incarcerated for more than two days until she was taken to Hedland Health Campus for a third time and pronounced dead on August 4.

Director of legal services at the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA Peter Collins said it was an “unimaginable tragedy that yet another young Aboriginal life has been lost in police custody”.

“The fact that this young woman had been incarcerated for not paying fines simply compounds that tragedy,” he said.

“It is also deeply troubling that she appears to have been held in a police lockup for several days, rather than having been transferred to a jail immediately following her arrest.

“Reporting of the circumstances of the deceased’s detention at the lockup and what transpired at the hospital raise serious concerns about the quality of custodial and medical care provided, which ALSWA will seek to rigorously examine when it represents the family of the deceased at the Coronal Inquest.

“The death regretfully highlights this simple truth — all the public utterances by government and others about the appalling rate of Aboriginal incarceration in Western Australia is simply posturing and doesn’t amount to a hill of beans unless something meaningful and concrete is done to address it on the ground.

“Locking Aboriginal people up for not paying their fines is not only inhumane, it is grossly inappropriate and, if what occurred here is anything to go by, life-threatening. It shouldn’t happen in a modern civilised society, but it does in WA, all too frequently. If you are Aboriginal.”

Tragedy

WA Greens MLC for the Mining and Pastoral Region Robin Chapple said the Government should be doing everything in its power to figure out why this tragedy happened, and why similar tragedies continue to happen in WA.

“My deepest condolences go out to the family … and the greater Yamatji community, for this heartbreaking loss,” he said.

“The account given by (the woman’s) partner in the days leading up to her death is simply horrifying; the police officers and medical staff involved have a lot to answer for.

“What happened to duty of care? Primarily both of these services exist in the interest of public safety, so clearly there is a very serious flaw in the system,” Mr Chapple said a public inquiry was only the first step in resolving a long-standing, and deepening, mistrust between Aboriginal communities and state services.

“We need to take another serious look at those recommendations that have come out of other incidents such as this, especially the death of John Pat 30 years ago in Roebourne at the hands of five officers and more recently the tragic death of Mr Ward in the back of a prison van,” he said.

“More importantly, we actually need to implement a significant number of these recommendations and get some change happening in the way we treat Aboriginal people in this state.

“Incarcerating Aboriginal people, and indeed anyone, for such minor offences as an unpaid fine solves absolutely nothing, and generally costs more than the fine itself is worth; it should be a last resort option.”

WA Labor Indigenous Affairs spokesman Ben Wyatt agreed that the system needed to change.

“Until we get serious about providing alternatives to imprisonment to pay down fines, we are going to continue to have high rates of Aboriginal incarceration,” he said.

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The boards, representing traditional owners, were formed when the two parks were handed back to traditional owners in 2006.

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Freehold land titles to the national parks are held by the respective LALCs.

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**Bellbrook’s future up for discussion**

By LAURELLE PACEY

THE Gulaga and Biamanga Boards of Management will decide the use of the recently purchased 110ha property Bellbrook at Central Tilba, on NSW’s far south coast, after discussions with the area’s three local Aboriginal land councils (LALCs).

“The national parks encompassing Gulaga and Biamanga mountains are part of the same cultural landscape with spiritual significance to all local Aboriginal people,” Gulaga Management Board chair Iris White said.

“There are many ideas about how to best integrate Bellbrook with Gulaga National Park, maybe as a possible future gateway to the two parks, but to be fair we don’t yet have a collective strategy.

“This will also depend on the board finalising its draft cultural heritage plan and tourism plan, which probably won’t be until the end of the year, as well as discussions with Wagonga, Merriman’s and Bega LALCs.”

Bellbrook nestles in the foothills of Gulaga and borders Corkhill Drive (the old Princes Highway connecting the two Tilbas), Central Tilba village, Gulaga National Park, and private property.

It was bought by the boards “strategically” with LALCs about two years ago.

“It’s one matter we will raise when we meet with the LALCs,” Ms White said.

“Ideas include establishing a cultural gathering place somewhere on the property as well as an ecotourism venture. That could include a visitor or cultural centre and some accommodation, but it depends on a lot of things.”

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Grave concern for languages

ECONOMIC prosperity is the worst enemy of minority languages, say researchers who list parts of Australia and North America as hotspots for language extinction risk.

Based on the same criteria used to determine the risk of extinction faced by animal and plant species, they concluded that about a quarter of the world’s known 6,909 languages are threatened.

"Languages are now rapidly being lost at a rate of extinction exceeding the well-known catastrophic loss of biodiversity," the US-European research team wrote in the Royal Society journal Biology Letters.

"Small-population languages remaining in economically developed regions are seriously threatened by continued speaker declines."

In Australia, Aboriginal languages like the recently extinct Marng and almost extinct Rembarunga are "increasingly disappearing", the team wrote.

"Economically developed regions, such as North America and Australia, have already experienced many language extinctions," they said.

"Nevertheless, small-range and small-population languages still persist in hotspots within these regions. Those languages need immediate attention because of their high extinction risk."

In Alaska, for example, there were only 24 active speakers by 2009 of the Athabaskan people’s indigenous language, which children were no longer learning.

And the Wichita language of the Plains Indians, now based in Oklahoma, had only one fluent speaker by 2008.

At risk

Also at risk were developing parts of the world undergoing rapid economic growth, such as much of the tropics and the Himalayan region, said the team, citing Brazil and Nepal.

The researchers had gathered data on the number of speakers of a language, their geographical range, and rates of growth or decline.

They then considered possible influences like globalisation or environmental or socio-economic changes.

The data comparison showed that "levels of GDP (gross domestic product) per capita correlated with the loss of language diversity: the more successful economically, the more rapidly language diversity was disappearing", said a press statement from the University of Cambridge.

Study co-author Tatsuya Amato, from the university’s zoology department, explained that as economies develop, one language often comes to dominate a nation’s political and educational spheres.

"People are forced to adopt the dominant language or risk being left out in the cold – economically and politically," he said.

One saving grace is bilingualism, which the team said could be encouraged to preserve the world’s linguistic diversity.

“Our study also contributes to a basic understanding of the origin and maintenance of human cultural diversity,” they wrote. – AFP

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Yuendumu mediators lead way

Yuendumu Mediation and Justice Program committee members in front of their community’s mediation centre in central Australia.

THE Yuendumu community in the Central Desert region of the Northern Territory is leading the way for other mobs in creating a harmonious and peaceful place to live by encouraging its residents to talk out their differences.

Yuendumu is celebrating its second anniversary of peace, thanks to the efforts of the Yuendumu Mediation and Justice Committee and local people, following three years of inter-family conflict.

With the support of the Central Desert Regional Council and funding through the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Yuendumu community identified a number of neutral people who trained as mediators to help solve community disputes and lead the peace process.

"All the community has worked hard to solve our differences," he said. "It’s been really important to have regular people here who respond really quickly to problems as they come up."

"We sit down with families and talk in language, our language. We help people understand the difference between moving people towards saying sorry."

In the past two years, improved community relations have resulted in the resumption of the Yuendumu sports weekend, a Yuendumu careers expo, the upgrading of community infrastructure and the publication of the Warlpiri Mediation Manual.

The manual is a “road map to assist other communities to solve problems before they turn violent.”

Central Desert Regional Council president Adrian Dixon said the Yuendumu program was making a difference to the region.

"The Yuendumu Mediation and Justice Committee has helped to stop fights in Yuendumu that lead to injury, property damage and jail,” he said.

"It’s saved lives and money. Families are really happy. It’s a great example to other communities as well. Neighbouring communities are looking at the Yuendumu model and following their lead."

"We’re all really proud of what everyone has achieved in Yuendumu. It’s saved a huge amount of money for all the governments."

Funding for the Yuendumu Mediation and Justice program ends on December 31.

Central Desert chief executive Cathryn Hulton said an independent cost benefit analysis would be conducted by the University of Canberra to measure the financial impact of the Yuendumu peace program.

"We’re very confident that it’ll demonstrate a massive saving to Government in the areas of policing, health care, justice and housing," she said.

“We are equally confident that it will demonstrate that having a safer, more harmonious community has a positive impact on use of childcare, school attendance, workforce participation and social cohesion.

We hope that this will be enough evidence for government to embrace the model."

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Care for aged into available

ELDERS and senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are being encouraged to start yarning about growing old as the Government rolls out changes to the aged-care sector.

My Aged Care is a call centre and a website designed to make it easier for older people, their families and carers to access the latest information on ageing and aged care.

The Government has introduced changes to the fee arrangements for aged care. It will continue to meet most costs for both home and residential care, but people who can afford it will be asked to contribute to the cost of their care.

There are limits on the maximum costs and the Government says people will not be denied the care they need because they can’t afford to pay.

Other changes to aged care include:

● more support for older people to stay in their own home and community;

● greater flexibility is how to pay for accommodation in an aged-care home; and

● accommodation prices and services being listed on the My Aged Care website.

My Aged Care can help estimate the fees and charges for residential aged care or home care. This fee estimator is available on the website as well as information about choices, including home, community and residential aged care, and comparisons of prices and services. Indigenous people and their families who want to know more about the changes can contact My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 (between 8am and 8pm local time on weekdays and between 10am and 2pm local time on Saturdays).
A CRITICALLY acclaimed play that strikes at the very heart of the Stolen Generation is showing this month at the State Theatre Centre of Western Australia. 

King Hit explores the impact on an individual and a culture when relationships and family bonds are brutally broken. Told from a Noongar perspective, King Hit features an all-Western Australian cast, directed by Kyle J Morrison. Originally presented by Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company in 1997, the production is based on the life story of Geoffrey Narkle and mirrors the lives of many Aboriginal people of his generation. Mr Narkle was forcibly removed from his family and raised on Wandering Mission before leaving to join Stewart’s Boxing Troupe, where he travelled the south-west of the state as a tent boxer. Ultimately it would be his fighting spirit that gave him the strength to turn away from a downward spiral of despair, find peace within and reconcile broken family bonds. King Hit stars Clarence Ryan, Karla Hart, Benj D’Addario and Maitland Schnaars.

It previews on September 18 and 19, and runs for a season from September 23 to October 4, at the State Theatre Centre of Western Australia, 174-176 William Street, Perth. Bookings: www.ticketek.com.au

• Pictured: Clarence Ryan packs a punch in King Hit.

ONE of the most complex native title claims in South Australian history has been resolved, the State Government says.

The Federal Court last week recognised a native title claim by the Kokatha people over an extensive claim area in South Australia’s north-west pastoral district. Acting Attorney-General Ian Hunter said the ruling would allow the state’s compensation liability under the Native Title Act to be determined and create certainty about land access issues.

Court proceedings to resolve the claim have been ongoing since 1996. An Indigenous land use agreement between the Kokatha people, the SA Government and mining giant BHP Billiton was executed immediately after the hearing. It will provide the Kokatha people with financial compensation recognising the past extinguishment of native title by the state.

The agreement also provides certainty for future land use in Andamooka and Pimba, including operations associated with BHP’s nearby Olympic Dam copper-gold mine. “It is anticipated these benefits will assist the Kokatha to become key players in the economic, social and cultural development of this region,” Mr Hunter said in a statement. “This is a significant and positive agreement for the state, Kokatha people and BHP Billiton.” – AAP

Kokatha secure deal
Alarm over kids in care

You can never take back the trauma of a removal, as you can’t take back the belief by parents that they’re rubbish parents because they couldn’t keep their kids safe.” – SNAICC’s Sharron Williams

Early intervention may be the key to addressing an alarming spike in the number of Indigenous children taken from their families in South Australia. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children represent about 30% of all children in out-of-home care in SA, according to the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC).

That’s despite the fact only 3.5% of the state’s children are Indigenous, meaning they are 11.5 times more likely to be in care than non-Indigenous children. The number of Indigenous children in care in SA more than tripled over the past decade. Indigenous community members, service providers and researchers addressed the statistics at a forum in Adelaide, under the theme ‘Kids safe in culture, not in care’.

SNAICC chairwoman Sharron Williams said the importance of culture for Indigenous people means family disruption can have long-lasting traumatic effects.

“You can never take back the trauma of a removal, as you can’t take back the belief by parents that they’re rubbish parents because they couldn’t keep their kids safe,” she said.

“We then go through the process, in many cases, of reunifying children, so we then have to go back and put back together a broken jigsaw puzzle.”

Indigenous children were mainly removed because of emotional abuse and neglect, which Ms Williams said was strongly linked with the social and economic disadvantage commonly seen in those communities. But the emotional damage experienced by children who were removed from their families fueled a cycle of disadvantage and a disproportionate rate of child removal.

Recognising when a family was in crisis and implementing support mechanisms would help to ensure children remained safe at home, Ms Williams said.

“If we can do that, we will slow down children coming into the out-of-home care system,” she said.

Ms Williams praised the prominent role for Aboriginal organisations in the NSW child protection system, saying the model should be expanded elsewhere.

“Self-determination means that Aboriginal organisations and Aboriginal people are part of their own destiny and I think that needs to happen,” she said. – AAP

TSRA rangers, staff doing well

The team at Mothers Well Nursery on Masig, back from left, Loice Naawi, Mark Pearson, Sergio Ahmat, Aaron Ketchell, Monty Naawi Jr and David Ghee and, front, Noel Baker.

The nursery currently only holds 100-200 plants and the upgrade will include erecting steel shelving to support its future production of 1000-2000 plants,” he said.

“The work undertaken by the TSRA’s Sustainable Horticulture Project, will help to provide fresh food for the island in the central Torres Strait Island group. TSRA chairman Joseph Elu said the refurbishment would showcase the structure and production of a nursery for other communities.

“This is one of several nurseries being developed across the Torres Strait and is vital for community self-sufficiency,” he said.

The nurseries play an important role supporting such activities as island revegetation programs for erosion sites and coastal care. "The refurbishment will advance the facility’s capacity and boost production,” Mr Elu said.

Northern Australia is not only diverse and unique in terms of geography, but has some of the most diverse and complex languages in the world, Dr Barnes said.

Mr Elu said nurseries were key to many islands’ survival in the transitioning decade ahead.

“The team at Mothers Well Nursery on Masig, back from left, Loice Naawi, Mark Pearson, Sergio Ahmat, Aaron Ketchell, Monty Naawi Jr and David Ghee and, front, Noel Baker. Picture: TSRA
Samuel John Neele (1758–1824) wrote of the above: “Portrait of Bennelong (Bennelong), a native of New Holland, who after experiencing for two years the luxuries of England, returned to his own country and resumed all his savage habits.” London: C. Cooke, c. 1810, hand-coloured copper plate engraving. Rex Nan Kiviell Collection (pictures).

The letter from Bennelong to his English friends was written in 1796, just after the Aboriginal warrior had returned from his trip to England. The letter and a portrait of Bennelong are among more than 90 new items in the Library’s Treasures Gallery.

“The financial and social cost to the community is enormous. It is critical that the NT Government genuinely commits to the rehabilitation of prisoners to better ensure that when they leave prison, they don’t come back.”

“Many of our prisoners speak and understand limited English, have mental health problems and disabilities, and are in poor health more generally. This legislation needs to be amended to ensure that their basic rights are protected by the law.

“Taxpayers have a right to expect value for money. Unless we ensure rehabilitation of prisoners is a key legislative focus, the Government’s talk about reducing the imprisonment rate and rehabilitating repeat offenders is empty rhetoric.”

Changes in the new legislation include:
- additional provisions to enable prisoners to work;
- ability for prisoners to financially contribute to their own learning programs, where they have sufficient funds;
- provisions to recover costs from prisoners if they destroy or damage custodial property, monitoring devices or other equipment provided to them;
- the ability for the Commissioner of Correctional Services to release a qualifying prisoner on administrative home detention towards the end of their sentence on strict conditions, most likely including wearing an electronic monitoring device.

Transparency

NAAJA and CAALAS say the Bill and a portrait of Bennelong are among more than 90 new items in the Library’s Treasures Gallery.
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Up to $5000 per project is available from the Country Action Grant Scheme to:

- Improve your organisation or club;
- Enhance the skills of coaches, officials or administrators; or,
- Help provide better access for all members of the community.

Eligible organisations may also apply for up to two $500 Victalent grants to assist with travel related to competition or training for officials, coaches, athletes and teams.

Applications for both programs are open until 9 October 2014 for projects scheduled to start after 1 January 2015.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their application with a Sport and Recreation Victoria regional representative before lodging a submission. To obtain contact details for assistance with your application, please call our Grants Information Line on 1300 366 356 (for the cost of a local call) on any weekday between 8.30am and 10.00pm (except public holidays).

For further information and to lodge your application online, please visit: www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/grants

2014 - Stop Hurting Us
2014 World Indigenous Domestic Violence Conference

A huge gathering of First Nations Presenters from around the world, sharing their knowledge and wisdom about domestic violence. With over 50 sessions from both nationally and internationally diverse speakers. The overall aim of the conference is to provide delegates with information about projects to eradicate domestic violence in our communities. Stop Hurting Us is devoted to empowering and the sharing of knowledge in the fight against domestic violence.

For more information or brochures go to www.indigenousconferences.com

Indigenous Cadetship Support 2015

The Northern Territory Government is offering Indigenous Australians currently studying full-time or about to commence study in 2015, the opportunity to put theory into practice by applying for a cadetship with the Northern Territory Public Sector through the Commonwealth funded Indigenous Cadetship Support (ICS) program.

The cadetship offers:

- reimbursement of Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) fees on passed units;
- a fortnightly allowance while studying;
- full-time paid employment during semester breaks (12 weeks per year); and
- possibility of on-going employment upon successful completion.

Opportunities may exist in the fields of:

- Accounting
- Business
- Commerce
- Economics
- Health Services
- Law / Legal Studies
- Software Engineering

Mandatory requirements:

To be eligible to apply for the NTPS Indigenous Cadetship Support program, applicants must identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. You must also be enrolled or intending to enrol in an Australian tertiary institution undertaking an Undergraduate Degree.

For further information on eligibility and how to apply:


For additional enquiries please email employmentprograms@nt.gov.au or contact the Program Coordinator on (08) 8999 4164.

Vacancy number: 68140080  Closing date: 31 October 2014

This project is supported by funding from the Commonwealth Government under its Indigenous Cadetship Support, administered by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The Northern Territory Government is aiming for an inclusive and diverse workforce. All equal employment opportunity (EOO) groups are encouraged to apply.
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WANT to know the name of a plant or animal in Bininj Gunwok? Well, now there’s a new online resource that documents the six Aboriginal dialects describing flora and fauna in Kakadu and western Arnhem Land. For more than 20 years, linguist and anthropologist Murray Garde has been working with Bininj people to record and support the languages of the region.

The collective Bininj Gunwok dialect chain stretches from Kakadu National Park in the west to the Mann, Liverpool and Cadell rivers districts south of Maningrida. Mr Garde said many people working and living in the region needed to know the Bininj Gunwok names for natural species because it was a basic first step in land management and recording ecological knowledge.

“Indigenous land management rangers, scientists, linguists, arts centre workers, tourists, students and others who have an interest in Indigenous ecological knowledge will find this online resource useful,” he said.

The website includes Bininj Gunwok names for common plant and animal species found in the region, each illustrated with artworks or photographs. There are also audio files of the Bininj Gunwok words so that users can hear how to pronounce them.

“Making lists of names may sound straightforward, but there are six different Bininj Gunwok dialects which often have vocabulary differences for various species, and Indigenous systems of taxonomy (classification) are different to those used in Western science,” Mr Garde said.

A Kakadu Board meeting in 2013 decided to make the names more accessible to take the burden away from Bininj involved in land management and non-Indigenous researchers, who are regularly asked for the correct names and spellings.

The project is supported by the Federal Government Indigenous Language Support Program and the Northern Australia Hub of the National Environmental Research Program.

“The database is a work in progress and it will take some years to fill out all the categories for all dialects. Users can upload their own photographs of natural species and are being asked to help complete the resource by contributing information or images. Visit mayh-dja-kundulk.bininjgunwok.org.au, call (08) 8946 7619 or email nerp.northern@cdu.edu.au if you can help.”

David Unaipon Award for unpublished Indigenous writers

Nominations now open
Win $5,000 prize and a publishing contract with UQP.
Open to unpublished Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers.
qldliteraryawards.org.au | entries close 19 September

2014 Queensland Literary Awards

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia
Bunyip legend inspires new theatrical work

A MODERN-day reimagining of a bunyip legend takes to the stage in Melbourne next month. My Lovers’ Bones, a new theatrical work from Indigenous storytellers Brown Cab Productions, will have its premiere as part of Melbourne Festival from October 14-18 at Footscray Community Arts Centre.

In the play, an Aboriginal man stumbles down a Melbourne laneway, pursued by an ancient, evil force. As he runs, he can feel the creature’s eyes burning through him – but is he fleeing from the fiend itself, or from the monster he fears he might become?

Inspired by the poem The Bunyip of Bummiera by Aboriginal writer Cameron Costello, My Lovers’ Bones is a fusion of theatre, poetry, physical movement, digital projection and soundscape. The production brings together Indigenous artists Margaret Harvey (director), Anna Liebzeit (sound design/musician/composer/performer) and Kirk Page (performer) with non-Indigenous artists Alison Ross (set and costume design) and Lisa Mibus (lighting design).

Margaret Harvey says she wanted to “explore the precarious balance of a man who sits at the edge of his existence and speaks of a creature”. “I wanted to create a piece that is visually and dramatically arresting, that pushes the edges of reality and combines the metaphysical world that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people still live in today.”

More details and bookings at footscrayarts.com/event/lovers-bones/

Lester to take on ombudsman role

NSW DANNY Lester has been named as the inaugural NSW Deputy Ombudsman (Aboriginal Programs). In his new role, Mr Lester will monitor the NSW Government’s OCHRE (opportunity, choice, healing, responsibility, empowerment) plan for Aboriginal affairs.

Mr Lester has held a range of jobs focussed on improving services for Aboriginal communities, the latest of which was as chief executive of the Aboriginal Employment Strategy. “I am honoured and excited to take up this position at such an important time,” he said. “Our community has the opportunity to have a very real say in the way services are designed and delivered. I will be ensuring the OCHRE initiatives, and any future reforms identified to be monitored, are delivering what is promised and bringing about real change.”

“Utmost confidence” NSW Ombudsman Bruce Barbour said he had “utmost confidence” in Mr Lester. “The NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Victor Dominello, commented recently on the importance of this position and the work it will do, and I agree with him,” he said. “I look forward to working closely with Danny. His experience in both developing and advising on programs for Aboriginal communities, as well as his first-hand experience working to bring about change, made him a logical choice for this position. “I have no doubt he will bring the same levels of passion, commitment, skill, dedication and drive he has shown in all his earlier work to his new role.” Mr Lester takes up the position on October 7.
The Voice of Indigenous Australia

20 quotes from men who were elected leader of their country:

“We often talk about creating a sustainable society, however when we look at the Indigenous people who have lived on this land for tens of thousands of years and continue to maintain their traditional lifestyles, this can teach us what truly a sustainable society is.”

And:

“The arrival of the First Fleet was the defining moment in the history of this continent. Let me repeat that, it was the defining moment in the history of this continent.”

One is from a visitor to our country, former Japanese prime minister Naoto Kan.

One is from Tony Abbott, the man who has styled himself as ‘Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs’.

There’s no question which statement shows the greater level of grace, empathy and understanding with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – and, unfortunately, it isn’t from Australia’s Prime Minister.

Mr Abbott, sadly, appears to be repeating the mistakes of many of his predecessors: saying one thing to Indigenous people and then acting in entirely the opposite way.

The framing of Mr Abbott’s remarks regarding the arrival of the First Fleet are more than unfortunate, it shows a willful disrespect and arrogance.

Of course that moment affected our mob – it was the beginning of dispossession and hundreds of years of oppression and attempted genocide. To try and gloss over the multitude of negative and damning effects of colonisation on the First Peoples of our country and pretend that it was some glorious beginning of modernity is offensive and ignorant.

And it’s also offensive and ignorant to ignore our community leaders.

Since taking office, Mr Abbott has not made the time to meet with one single head of Aboriginal community or elected organisations. He’s obviously busy – fair enough. But he’s talking about a huge shake-up of Indigenous Affairs. You would think he would want the input of the organisations at the coal-face.

More than that, to have any chance of actually effecting good outcomes, major changes in Indigenous Affairs simply must have involvement at all levels from Indigenous people.

Good on Mr Abbott for meeting his pre-election commitment and spending time on Yolngu country. But that’s no replacement for conversation with our community leaders – and that’s a conversation that has to happen.

Let’s hope he follows former Japanese prime minister Naoto Kan’s example and actually listens to and learns from what he hears.

“The short-term austerity should never trump long-term strategy, especially when lives are at stake.”

– Close the Gap campaign co-chair Kirstie Parker on federal Budget cuts to anti-smoking programs

Favourite bush tucker? Kangaroo marinated by my brother, and blackcurrants.

Favourite other food? Seafood, chocolate and desserts.

Favourite drink? Chocolate milk or orange and mango juice.

Favourite music? A bit of anything.

Favourite read? Magazines.

Favourite holiday destination? I want to go overseas to somewhere like the Caribbean.

What do you like in life? Spending time with my family and going to new places and meeting new people.

What don’t you like in life? The fact that little children are starving or homeless, anywhere around the world.

Which black or indigenous person would you most like to meet? Olympian Cathy Freeman.

Which three people would you invite for a night around the campfire? Singer Matt Corby to sing some songs with, comedian Carl Barron to tell me some jokes and make me laugh, and my younger brother AJ, because everything is more enjoyable with him.

Who/what inspires you? My mum May Rosas with her arts and her business.

What is your ultimate goal? To swim in an underwater cave.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people? Provide more employment and training opportunities.
I’ve been blessed from the time I was born.

By RUDI MAXWELL

DOROTHY Roberts-Harris-Gordon had three great dreams in her life — to travel to New Zealand, to become a minister or religion and to do something with music.

And the Widjabul (northern NSW) woman most know as Aunty Dorrie or Reverend Dorothy has realised all three.

Aunty Dorrie was born at Cubawee, an Aboriginal mission on Bundjalung land, outside of Lismore, north-east NSW.

One of her earliest and strongest influences was her grandfather, Pastor Frank Roberts Snr.

“In those days the welfare board was a bit strict, but they didn’t take us away because my grandfather was educated,” she said.

“I went to school at Cubawee, an all-black school, 30 students, one teacher.

“We were hit over the knuckles if we spoke our language so much of our generation now has lost that, but I still hold that dear to my heart. I still speak it when I do welcome to country.”

Cubawee is regarded by those who lived there as a place of great richness, as it provided plenty of oranges, lemons, fish, porcupine (echidna), kangaroos and other bush tucker, but none of the families had much money or many possessions.

“My mum used to go to St Vincent de Paul and get shoes or clothing,” Aunty Dorrie said.

“We thought we were in Hollywood wearing these second-hand clothing and shoes. They were tight, though, and I think today I suffer for that a bit.”

“VALUES”

“I was brought up in an environment where there was so much respect, caring and sharing, responsibility and values,” Aunty Dorrie said.

“My spirituality was so embedded into my life that it caused me to be what I am today.”

After she left school, Aunty Dorrie did some fruit picking for the local Italian farmers. But she imagined a different life.

“I had three dreams,” she said.

“I thought I’d like to travel and I thought my first port of call would be New Zealand because I’d seen this book with geysers, all the steam coming out of the ground in New Zealand. But I thought that’s unrealistic because I’m poor.

“Then I had a dream to become a singer, a musician.

“And I dreamed to become a minister, a member of the clergy.”

Frank Roberts Jnr, who was also a pastor, brought a young evangelical Murray Island man to Cubawee, Charles Harris.

“I went to church and heard him and after we got talking, talking, talking — and I married him,” Aunty Dorrie said.

“We were the last couple to get married at Cubawee.”

Dorothy and Charles Harris moved to Townsville, where Charles’ family was based, and made their home there, having the first two of their five children.

“Charles was a bit radical and gutsy,” Aunty Dorrie said.

“He spoke up for his people. He was a voice in the church and a voice outside it.”

After a few years, Dorothy and Charles, a Uniting Church minister, had the opportunity to travel to New Zealand, where they were inspired by the Maori running their own churches.

“My husband had the dream to help Aboriginal people do their own thing,” Aunty Dorrie said.

Charles became one of the founders of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress.

“In the late 1980s, Charles and Dorrie, living in Sydney, met with activists to talk about the huge gathering that was forming to come to Sydney to march in protest of the commemorations of 200 years of colonisation.

“We met near Botany Bay, in LaPer (La Perouse). There were thousands,” Aunty Dorrie said.

“Wisdom”

“We had a big sit down in LaPer and got all the Elders from different communities to come, because they are the keepers of our wisdom.

“They did a ceremony to set the spirit free.”

“Prince Charles and Diana were coming to celebrate 200 years of colonisation but we said, ‘We are not going to celebrate. We are going to mourn this day because we want justice, hope and freedom for our people.’”

“Thousands of people came across the country for the march from Redfern to Belmore Park in the city.

“Charles got up and said a prayer. He said, ‘God of our Dreamtime, you were with us 200 years ago and you are with us today. We thank you so much for being with us and guiding our spirit and the spirit of our ancestors who walked this land. Under this concrete, it is and always will be Aboriginal land.’”

“Aunty Dorrie’s husband passed away in Townsville during 1993.

“I had a passion to do something and I went to college in Darwin and did my theology training in two years,” Aunty Dorrie said.

“I think I was the second black woman in Australia to be ordained. I’m proud to be a black, Aboriginal, Bundjalung woman who can help her community.”

“I’m teaching music to a young Aboriginal woman.

“I was involved for 12 years in the prison ministry in Grafton. I retired about 10 years ago — but (this month) I had a send-off in Coraki and I go out with joy.

“But I’ll still do grief and loss and baptism.

“I’ve been blessed from the time I was born.”

Aunty Dorothy Roberts-Harris-Gordon at the Uniting Church in Lismore: “I’m proud to be a black, Aboriginal, Bundjalung woman who can help her community.”

Reflections
**Tributes**

‘Big Boss’ was a great leader

In the 1980s, Ms Baymarrwangga established a housing project on her homelands that has benefited generations of kin. In 2010, after a struggle stretching back 50 years, Ms Baymarrwangga finally received recognition as the traditional owner of her father’s estate. She donated all of her money to improve education and employment opportunities on the island and to establish a 1000 square kilometre turtle sanctuary on her marine estate, founding the Crocodile Islands rangers. On completion of the Yan-nhangu/Yolngu Matha/English atlas earlier this year, Ms Baymarrwangga worked to ensure she could give it to Yolngu-speaking children as their inheritance.

In the early 1980s, Ms Baymarrwangga was named Environmentalist of the Year 2014 from Broome. She was named Senior Kimberley Elder in 2014 and posthumously received the 2015 Koori Mail Indigenous Achievement Award in recognition of her significant contributions to environment, social and physical geography, and education. She travelled this journey with courage, conviction and success – me and his children and his grandchildren and culture, to protect county for everybody to share.

It was his dream, and his fight – me and his children and his grandchildren and culture, to protect county for everybody to share.

― Submitted

**Honour for the late Joseph Roe**

**Kokatha Elder an inspiration**

After an amazing life fighting for country and culture, Kokatha Elder Mrs Wingfield passed away at her home in Port Augusta on August 8, 2014. Mrs Wingfield experienced first-hand the effect of nuclear testing in the South Australian desert. She dedicated her life to protecting her desert country and future generations from the effects of the nuclear industry. At Cane Grass Swamp in the early 1980s she lay in front of bulldozers to try to stop the construction of the Olympic Dam uranium mine.

Her work continued in the 1990s with the Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta, a senior women’s council based in Coober Pedy, which led and won a successful campaign against the Federal Government’s plan for a nuclear waste dump in South Australia. Mrs Wingfield worked with people and groups of many backgrounds, and she travelled extensively to attend forums and events and lobby politicians. In 2006 she was a honorary president of the Australian Nuclear Free Alliance in recognition of her significant involvement.

Mrs Wingfield will be widely remembered and acknowledged for her contribution to the nuclear-free and peace movements in Australia and worldwide. Her resilience, passion and dedication remains an inspiration to everyone that met her. – Submitted
Bourke Original Warriors seek Knockout sponsors

THE Bourke Original Warriors Rugby League Football Club is hoping to enter an under 17 and senior team in this year’s NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout competition to be held at Raymond Terrace. This year’s event marks the 43rd anniversary, with Bourke Warriors competing since the early 1980s.

This annual event is of great significance to the Aboriginal community. Not only does it offer the chance for mob to come together, and an auction to also assist in achieving our goal.

We have a Rugby League Knockout/ Family Day planned for Bourke this Saturday, September 13.

While many city and regional area teams have ongoing major sponsorship from large companies, Bourke’s size and remoteness means the club is limited to the generosity and support of the community to fund such participation, all in the face of a struggling economy.

Since our club is a non-profit organisation, we are committed to doing as much fundraising as possible to ensure our ongoing participation as proud competitors at the event. We hope to hold raffles, a trivia night and an auction to also assist in achieving our goal.

We are seeking sponsors within our region, as well as outside to keep our club independent. We are also looking for individuals and groups to sponsor sports or kit bags for our players.

We are hoping this will be a success to enable us to make it an annual event providing much-needed support.

If you are interested in supporting the Bourke Original Warriors Rugby League Football Club or wish to sponsor a player, please contact us.

JAMES TAYLOR
President, Bourke Original Warriors, north-western NSW

Women also face prejudice

IT is encouraging to see the campaign espoused by beyondblue targeting racism in our society (KM August 13, page 5).

The comment “No-one should be made to feel like crap, just for who they are” particularly resonated.

But what about just for being a woman? Women give emotionally in good faith, but are expected to buckle to the prejudice of male dominance – of whatever colour.

There are no percentage points in bigotry. I call on beyondblue to properly extend the awareness campaign to also target the invisible prejudice against women – inside relationships, at work, and in Australia across all spectrums. Indigenous Australia can lead the way. Women are the source of strength, identity and as long as they are particularly resonated.

As long as they are... Women give emotionally in good faith.

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They are the source of strength, identity and as long as they are particularly resonated.

And we’re happy to consider photos alongside letters – as long as they are 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.

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.

TIARN WILLIAMS-LOCKE
Year 9
Jervis Bay, NSW

What I do for a living

I spend my day in front of my window
Thinking...
Not about how my day was
Or how annoyed I was
But I think about life after death
To understand why
everyone is put
On this earth to suffer and eventually die?

At lunch I cross the quad
To see my friends
Forgetting my phone and my wallet
The other night Killara asked me
Why I sit staring out my window glancing at nothing
Thinking about death and other nonsense like that
And it took me roughly about 17 minutes
To think of a good explanation why
But all that I could think of and say was
“Because it is such an interesting thing
To know that one day we won’t be able to wake from the bad dreams
We won’t get another chance to breathe that fresh spring air
To see our loved ones anymore
And what if there isn’t a heaven or a hell
But
Just a never ending road of darkness.”

She opened her mouth
She paused, she looked puzzled
She went pale in the face and just sat there
In disbelief thinking how such a person could think like that
At such an awfully young age
With such life ahead of them
Sit for days on end
Thinking about the dead
I was wrong about Noel Pearson

This is an edited extract from Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion’s address to the National Party’s Federal Council.

I DON’T really think that the Aboriginal leaders who would have come to mind would matter. I couldn’t see the Indigenous help at all to close the vast gap on vital issues such as Indigenous life expectancy, remote children’s education, dwelling, decent work for adults and community safety.

All the symbolic trumpeting was wrong. I could see something like that without seeing what might occur even occur. How would I go forward from there.

The changes to the day of Aboriginal people as individuals and as communities saw themselves after that was no longer in hand. Clearly, those who would diminish the importance of symbolism as something that doesn’t have a role to play in practical outcomes are quite wrong.

Symbolic change must happen if practical changes are to succeed. They go hand in hand. The Government’s response to the Forrest Report will give us the practical policy future, while constitutional recognition of our Indigenous peoples will give the matching symbolic change.

The case for recognition is very clear. Imagine there is a race and the winner is acknowledged as having crossed the line first. In fact the second-place-getter gets all the accolades. The winner doesn’t even get to stand on the podium. That is quite wrong, obviously. And it is quite wrong for our Indigenous peoples to be left off the constitutional podium as well.

We started on the day we were elected to change the future of Indigenous Affairs in the biggest shake-up since the 1960s. In decades. One of the first acts of the new government was to bring the administration of more than 150 Indigenous programs and services from eight different departmental and department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. This was the effective becoming the overall Minister for Indigenous Affairs, as well as having me as Cabinet. Minister dedicated to Indigenous Affairs and a Parliamentary Secretary. We inherited a structural mess. A former community organisation in Yuendumu has 34 separate funding agreements requiring a report on average once a week. There hasn’t been too much waste for far too long in Indigenous Affairs.

Billions have been spent on housing under Labor, but overcrowding remains static. We turned those 150 lines of funding into five streamlined areas with total funding of $4.8 billion and named it the Indigenous Advancement Strategy. The five areas are: 1) jobs, land and economy; 2) children and communities who are at risk; 3) culture and capability; and 5) remote Australia strategies. For the first time, we have the essence of Coalition action, our mantra, which is: to get children into school – which is our number-one priority – adults into work and the creation of safe communities.

We are the core of everything we are. We already implemented the mongrel bastards”, but his indignity at malicious journalism and ill-informed government policy rolled out by ignorant bureaucrats, was fierce. In our household small appliances and newspapers were burned. I was driven by the fact the second-place getter gets all the accolades. The winner doesn’t even get to stand on the podium.

In the first article, Koch wrote: “There was a time – not so long ago, actually – when I believed that Aboriginal people would mature into a leader for both black and white Australia, perhaps even become a prime minister by the late, great Charles Perkins.”

My father had the fire in his belly that allowed him to choose a different vocabulary such as “you

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by MEZ FISHER

THE walls of Parliament House in Canberra resonounded with the voices of Indigenous women last week, as 58 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander females from around the country descended on the nation’s capital for some ‘straight talking’ with our federal politicians.

“The women – across all walks of life, from Moa Island in the Torres Strait to Devonport in Tasmania and west to Broome – brought their concerns to the seat of power over four days from September 1-4 for Oxfam Australia’s fifth national Straight Talk summit.”

Karina Nolan, national manager of Oxfam’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People’s Program, said the anti-poverty charity works closely with women because it sees them as key to be part of public and political life in order to challenge injustices faced here and across the world.

By ALF WILSON

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander health workers with employment contracts to work at the first private 24-hour Indigenous Health Centre in the country at Townsville had not started work a month after its opening.

Hundreds of people, including VIP guests, attended the August 5 gala opening of the 24-hour Kiwan Indigenous Health Centre, set up and funded by Dr Praveen Kumar (PK). It was hailed as an Australian first with aims to battle chronic Indigenous medical issues at no cost to the city’s Indigenous communities, and with all patients to be bulk billed.

Six Indigenous health workers signed employment contracts dated June 28, stating they would start by July 10.

But by early September the centre had not opened and the health workers had not started employment – or been paid.

Two of the Aboriginal workers who met with the Koori Mail and did not want to be named, said they faced severe financial hardship.

One worker from another region and said they had been left on three different occasions the centre would open.

“Even though the centre was run by the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs, Professor Gracelyn Smallwood, the National NAIDOC Person of the Year, is an ambassador for this clinic and for the delay. I think we can all appreciate this reason for the delay. “We go through a lot in the Northern Territory,” she said. “We have the strength, we can sit back and say, ‘I’ve had enough.’ We’ve got to support the young ones and be mentors for them as well. “The learning never stops. Women need to have a voice and we need to keep supporting each other on our issues.”

Concern over clinic

THE Koori Mail photographed the six workers (above opening). Another health worker said they had also moved from out of the area to take up a position.

“It hasn’t opened and there has just been excuse after excuse,” the health worker said. “I have been a health worker since 2005. We were told that doctors had to get provider numbers and I have been trying to contact the doctor’s wife without success. I haven’t paid a pay and we can’t pay rent and other things.”

They said they can’t even claim Centrelink benefits because of the employment contracts. Some of the workers have been to Fair Trading Australia, the Working Women’s Association and local media.

The annual summit aims to engage women in the political system and build their capacity as change makers, developing their skills and confidence and exploring new strategies for creating positive changes in their communities.

“There are some pretty big issues facing our people and I think it’s important for us to remind politicians while we’re here why they should feel compelled not just to listen, but to act on what the women will be talking about,” Ms Nolan said.

“We know that our sisters around the country must be part of the politics that affect our daily lives and that we have a commitment to empower our mob and to put forward the solutions that we already have, because we know what those look like ourselves despite what the Government’s own idea of what these may look like,” she said.

Participant Dianne Langham, from New South Wales, on the NSW central coast, is a prison chaplain at the Cascoxon Correctional Centre. She said one of the issues she wanted to raise at Straight Talk was the high incarceration rates of young Aboriginal people.

“I would recommend Straight Talk to all women, particularly those who want to do effective work in their communities, as it helps you learn how legislation is made and how committees work,” Ms Langham said.

“I think the wisdom and knowledge the older women in the group have around different issues has added to a basket of knowledge we can take to politicians.”

Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women, Senator Michaela Cash, spoke at the summit opening ceremony, sharing her inside knowledge of parliamentary life.

“Enjoy the next two days. Soak up the experience. You’ll get to understand that when someone in this place (Parliament House) says he has five minutes for a coffee, it is possibly one of the best five minutes you’ll ever spend because a lot of the time in this place that’s where you get the opportunity of having a quiet chat in the corridor or over a coffee and giving them your ideas,” Senator Cash said.

Greens Senator Rachael Stewart told the participants they need to “get in people’s faces” to create the changes they want. “It is only when you are in politicians’ faces and you are being activists that we will see the change that we need to see in the policies and the areas in which you work,” she said.

Over the four days of the summit, participants heard from Indigenous trailblazers such as actress and activist Rosie Kunoth-Monks, Aboriginal Hostels Ltd chief executive officer Joy Savage, and soprano, composer and academic Deborah Cheetham.

Elaine Peckham, 66, of Alice Springs, valued the opportunity to meet with other women from across the country and to share their stories and strategies.

“We go through a lot in the Northern Territory,” she said. “While we have the strength, we can sit back and say, ‘I’ve had enough.’ We’ve got to support the young ones and be mentors for them as well. “The learning never stops. Women need to have a voice and we need to keep supporting each other on our issues.”

THE Koori Mail's report form August 13 on the opening celebration for the Townsville clinic.
Deadline is close for rights entries

NOMINATIONS close this Friday, September 19 for the 2014 Australian Human Rights Awards. The awards, run by the Australian Human Rights Commission, recognise outstanding achievements of individuals and organisations across Australia. Nominations are open in 10 award categories:

- The Human Rights Medal
- The Young People’s Human Rights Medal
- The Community Organisation Award
- The Community Individual Award
- The Law Award
- The Business Award
- The Literature Award
- The Print and Online Media Award
- The Radio Award
- The Television Award

Nominations can be made at http://nominations.humanrights.gov.au

Kiwirrkurra will benefit from grant

AN Aboriginal community in the Gibson Desert has received an economic development grant of $76,500 from the Western Australian Government. WA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Peter Collier said the grant would enable the purchase of a vehicle for the new Kiwirrkurra ranger program. "Kiwirrkurra is on the boundary of the Pilbara and Goldfields regions, and has been called the most remote Aboriginal community in Australia," he said. "As a result, there are limited employment and economic participation opportunities for employment and economic participation in the local area.

"This vehicle will allow community members to access new, regular paid work opportunities, through the establishment of a structured Kiwirrkurra ranger program that will allow this community to manage and protect its land."

Donovan gets top GenerationOne job

JEREMY Donovan (pictured) has been named as chief executive of GenerationOne to end Indigenous disparity. Already an established GenerationOne team member, Mr Donovan was appointed to the top role by organisation founder, billionaire miner Andrew Forrest. Mr Donovan said his dream was to see the end of disparity between Indigenous and other Australians. "I have long said, the first step in ending the disparity is ending welfare dependency through employment," he said.

"GenerationOne endorsed Vocational, Training and Employment Centres have finally broken the cycle of training for training’s sake. We can now get our mob trained into guaranteed jobs."

Policing award for Alice Springs group

AN Alice Springs family violence project has won national recognition at the Australian Indigenous Women and Policing, Excellence in Policing Awards. The Alice Springs Integrated Response to Family and Domestic Violence Project Reference Group was recognised in the ‘Excellence in Policing for Women’ category.

The group aims to increase the safety of women and children, as well as improving the accountability of men who are perpetrators of family and domestic violence and supporting them to change their behaviour.

Summit looks at way ahead

THE chair of the Western Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council (WAAAC) has welcomed a government commitment to review a 40-year-old law that contains outdated statutory powers, following the state’s first summit bringing together Aboriginal people with government, industry leaders and policy makers.

WAAAC chair Michael Hayden told the Koori Mail that the inaugural WAAAC Summit, held in Perth from August 25-26, attracted more than 200 people, most of whom were Aboriginal.

He said the summit gave Aboriginal people the opportunity to explore how to best target government investment in Aboriginal affairs to improve outcomes and effectively engage Aboriginal people through structured mechanisms. "I can confidently assure that over the last 10 years, government investment in WA at the state and federal level has been around the $30 billion," Mr Hayden said. "But over that 10-year period the outcomes (Aboriginal people) have seen have been very minor, given the high levels of incarceration, high suicide rates, high levels of children in care – so there are a number of issues still to be dealt with.

"Obviously the current processes and structure of government are simply not working. The summit was an opportunity to explore other alternatives that include education. “The thing about industry is it’s outcome-focused and driven. Procurement reform is required to ensure Aboriginal people have access to economic opportunities through government infrastructure projects. This can change the social fabric of our communities,” Mr Hayden said. “And investing in early childhood is absolutely key.”

Mr Hayden said the summit focussed on areas such as aligning government policy with community needs, coordinating responsibilities and engaging Aboriginal communities.

“I was about giving the voice back to the regions, because they don’t have one,” he said. “It’s about them coming to participate in how things should happen – not imposing anything on them, but telling us.”

Mr Hayden particularly welcomed WA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Peter Collier’s commitment to review the Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority Act 1972, which regulates many of the state’s Aboriginal consultative bodies, including the Aboriginal Land Trust and the Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee.

Mr Hayden wanted the minister for showing courage and undertaking the review, which has not been done in the last 40 years. “It’s historic in that sense, to be looking at how we do business better – and it’s taken 40 years to review the legislation that sets this agenda,” he said.

Lucashenko takes out Vic Indigenous literary award

By RACHAEL HOCKING

A STORY of love, lost and belonging has won the 2014 Victorian Premier’s Literary Award for Indigenous writing. Melissa Lucashenko’s novel Mullumbimby really captured the acclimatic appreciation ahead of six shortlisted works, ranging from poetry to short stories.

Set in the land of Mullumbimby’s ancestors on Bundjalung country, north-east NSW, the story explores the struggle of what it is to be Aboriginal in the 21st century. “We have lore, we have language, and some of us are getting land back as well... I wanted to explore some of the myths about Aboriginality and to look at what native title is doing to some of our communities,” Lucashenko said.

The two-year-award attracted 29 entries and was narrowed down to other finalists. The Promise by Tony Birch, Mowgiri-Iaday: Stories of the Land by Lionel Fogarty, Dark Ema by Jessica Calypso Summer by Jared Thomas and The Swan Book by Alexis Wright. Convenor of judges and Indigenous playwright Jane Harrison said Mullumbimby resonated with all three of the judges – herself, author Jane Ledder and academic Philip Morrissey – who read the 29 entries in under a month before coming to their final decision.

Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Tim Bull presented the award at the Wheeler Centre in Melbourne, praising the knowledge and culture Indigenous authors bring to their writing.

“The culture of literature in our state has it’s roots in the Aboriginal cultures that have been telling stories for thousands of years,” he said.
Barang gives a united voice

SEVEN Central Coast Aboriginal organisations have banded together under the one banner so they can speak with a single unified voice to government and other stakeholders about Aboriginal community issues. The regional partnership agreement — called Barang — involves Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council linking with six other Aboriginal service organisations.

The new group aims to empower Aboriginal people and lead community prosperity.

Barang interim co-chair Sean Gordon said he expects it to be incorporated as a social subsidiary of Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council and have a board made up of directors from member organisations.

“Barang is supported by both the Federal and NSW governments. To date, we have held several workshops with the founding members to define the specific role that Barang will play, how it will be governed and what actions and key initiatives we need to plan and execute to bring it to reality,” he said.

“We have defined the Barang vision as empowering Aboriginal people through a unified voice.”

Darkinjung and the other Barang members have committed to a cooperation agreement and set of guiding principles. They formally signed that agreement last Monday, September 8.

Barang will execute a regional strategy aligned with the Federal Government’s Empowered Communities initiative and the NSW Government’s OCHRE Local Decision Making Strategy.

Barang has set key targets for the Aboriginal community on the NSW Central Coast, with the aim of addressing disparity between Indigenous and other people. These are:

- children go to school, every day;
- children and vulnerable people are cared for and safe;
- capable adults participate in training or work;
- Aboriginal people abide by the conditions of their tenancy in public housing by maintaining their homes and paying their rent;
- Aboriginal people do not commit domestic violence, alcohol and drug offences or petty crimes.

Barang interim co-chair Sean Gordon said he expects it to formalise the Barang vision as empowering Aboriginal people through a unified voice.

Troy Cassar-Daley with Elders, from left, Tracey Edwards, Shirley Kelly, Harold Smith and Robert Smith.

Troy sings praises of Watson’s good deeds

WATSON Gebadi, from South West Rocks in NSW, got a big surprise when award-winning country singer Troy Cassar-Daley dropped by his school to thank him in person on behalf of Australian Hearing. Australian Hearing in Port Macquarie has been supporting Watson, who is hearing-impaired, for eight years. When staff found out the 12-year-old wanted to raise funds for charity and increase hearing awareness at his school during Hearing Awareness Week, they arranged for Cassar-Daley – newly appointed as a Hearing Australia ambassador – to drop by.

Watson, who has Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal heritage, said he wanted to “give back” to Australian Hearing for the support it had shown him and his family.

During his visit to Watson’s school, Cassar-Daley performed on stage and thanked Watson for his kindness of spirit and bravery.

Watson’s mum Sonya said she and her family were “completely moved” by the gesture.

“I have always been proud of my Watson in everything he has done,” she said.

“He has faced challenges and has been brave over the years with his hearing loss. I was overwhelmed by him, Troy Cassar-Daley and the support from Australian Hearing.

“They made his wish come true, which was to make others aware of not only his hearing issues, but how to treat others who have a hearing loss and, above all, to take care of your hearing, to ensure you live life to its full potential. I couldn’t be prouder of my son.”

Cassar-Daley went to three different locations in the region and met more than 500 people including Elders from Durr Aboriginal Corporation Medical Services, which works with Australian Hearing to improve the hearing of the Kempsey community.

Later, Cassar-Daley spent an emotional time at the Booroongen Djugun nursing home, where a number of terminally ill residents took comfort in meeting him and listening to his music.

“As an Indigenous musician, I have strived to make a difference in people’s lives, with the positive messages in song,” he said.

“Australian Hearing has been giving people a better quality of life, on so many levels for years and tries to achieve the best outcomes for everyone they deal with. I have admired their work in our communities for a long time now and I will try to make them proud as their ambassador.”

Hundreds book in for literacy day

HUNDREDS of students flocked to the Sydney Opera House with a book under their arm for Indigenous Literacy Day last week. Indigenous Literacy Foundation executive director Karen Williams said the book swap and performances at the Opera House had been a roaring success.

“Four senior girl students from the Tiwi Islands came to read from the new book they have written with assistance from the Indigenous Literacy Foundation,” she said.

“They worked with publisher Harper Collins and author Alison Lester. It was really terrific: What was really amazing and lovely was the engagement of the community for Indigenous Literacy Day. We’re all learning a lot, and everyone who attended the event at the opera house was part of a real two-way learning journey.”

Pictured: Kids looking through books at the Sydney Opera House.
Aboriginal Enterprises in Mining, Energy and Exploration Annual Conference 2014

14th-15th October 2014
Held at Double Tree Hilton on the Explanade, Darwin, Northern Territory.

Title of the conference - “The Lifelines for Business Success”
Theme for day 1 - “Learn from Success”
Theme for day 2 - “Adapt and Thrive”

A cocktail event will be held in the early evening of the 13th October to welcome delegates.

 Registrations are now open and early bird rates are still available on the AEMEE web site www.aemee.org.au

We have some exciting presentations lined up for delegates this year.

• Aboriginal Business owners from across Australia to tell their stories and share successes
• Resource companies to talk about opportunities AND
• Two key note speakers for the opening and closing addresses who are going to be informative and exciting to hear. They are:
  1. For the opening address - Tony Fountain – the Rainbow Chaser. Tony Fountain has led a life of business and personal success. While some would liken Tony’s life to a roller coaster ride, he succinctly puts it as ‘having climbed the stairs to heaven and walked the halls of hell’.
  2. For the closing address – Peter FitzSimons - a former Wallaby, a best-selling author of approximately 20 books and an MC/speaker in enormous demand. One of Australia’s very best raconteurs, he is known to captivates audiences within minutes then keeps them hooked and laughing right through to the end.

As we get closer to the event the full conference program will be placed on the web site. www.aemee.org.au

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AEMEE Developing and Connecting Indigenous Businesses

SEVERAL hundred Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people took part in a recent Journey to Recognition march in Townsville. The march, organised by Recognise Australia, a group which is pushing to have Indigenous people recognised in the Constitution, was addressed by Mer man Francis Tapim on behalf of local Torres Strait Islanders, NAIDOC Person of the Year Professor Gracelyn Smallwood, and local people Russell Butler, Florence Onus, Ben Gertz and Virginia Wyles. MC for the event was Sam Reuben.

A large group of Kirwan High School students, including many of Torres Strait Islander descent, was there, supervised by Julie Thaiday, the mother of Brisbane Broncos NRL star Sam Thaiday.

Concerns

But not everyone at the gathering agreed with the push for constitutional recognition, with some voicing their concerns that the move would weaken calls for Aboriginal sovereignty and a treaty.

Arnhem Land youths Calvin Gurrwuwi, Jaiseph Riley and Jonah Dhamarrandji attended the march, along with scores of their fellow boarding students from Townsville’s Shalom Christian College.

Teacher Mark Burgess said the opportunity to attend was because of excellent attendance and attitude from 15 northern Australian students at Shalom.

“We visited so they could be involved in the Journey to Recognition,” he said.

“The students appreciated the opportunity to learn about the discrimination in the Australian Constitution and the work required to rightfully recognise Indigenous people as the first Australians.”

Recognise coordinator Libby Collins said similar events had been held in Weipa and Cairns, with plans for another on Thursday Island.

A group picture at Kissing Point after the Townsville Journey to Reconciliation march.

Marchers on the road to recognition

Story and pictures by ALF WILSON

Shalom Christian College boarding students, from left, Calvin Gurrwuwi, Jaiseph Riley and Jonah Dhamarrandji.
This Barwon MoB is seeking your vote

THE People’s Choice Award in the National Landcare Awards closes on September 17 and Northern Tablelands Local Land Services is seeking votes for the Murries on Barwon (MoB) land and river conservation project. The MoB rehabilitation project is one of 69 finalists in the 2014 Landcare awards, which celebrate the achievements of individuals and groups that make a valuable contribution to the land where they live and work.

MoB began as a partnership between the Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority (now Northern Tablelands Local Land Services), the Mungindi Local Aboriginal Land Council, Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation and NSW TAFE. It aims to build Aboriginal employment skills as well as protect a critical aquatic ecosystem on an Aboriginal-owned property, Glenville, at Mungindi. Aboriginal trainees Sophie Prince, Jayden Weatherall, Mark Duncan, Daniel Downton, Curtis Naylon, Darrel Ellis and Leroy Charles were recruited to the MoB team.

Along with supervisor Vivienne Duncan and administration assistant Janelle Naylor, they played a critical role in the success of the MoB project. The team members were trained in agricultural skills such as fencing, weed eradication, feral pest control, plant propagation, native habitat revegetation, and stream bank erosion control on the Barwon River. They were also given assistance to improve their literacy and numeracy.

“The trainees were so eager for information and knowledge to make a difference on Glenville. Extra training was delivered in chemical handling, chainsaw operation, plant propagation, first aid, and Aboriginal site management,” said Harry White, from Northern Tablelands Local Land Services – Aboriginal Business Enterprises. MoB trainee Daniel Downton said being part of the project gave him a better understanding of the planning and decision making involved in farming and land management, and he enjoyed doing tough physical jobs on the farm. “It’s hard work but I like it, and I like being out in the bush, seeing kangaroos and emus, and hearing all the birds,” he said.

Mr White said the MoB had raised awareness not only among Aboriginal people but also the broader community. “It’s created a model of how you can improve land management for multiple benefits,” he said.

Vote for the MoB Project in the People’s Choice Award at 29

The winners will be announced on September 18.

Dinner a fundraiser for Yalari

The winners will be announced on September 18.

AN agreement has been signed between the Yawuru people and the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) to give Broome’s traditional owners freehold title to more than 276,000ha of Kimberley cattle country.

The deal gives the Yawuru people exclusive ownership of the sprawling Roebuck Plains Station and the Roebuck Export Depot. The ILC will sublease the pastoral operation for 15 years in a land package collectively valued at more than $15 million.

Yawuru leader and Nyamba Buru Yawuru Ltd chairman Patrick Dodson described the transfer of title as “a momentous milestone in our journey to rebuild the Yawuru nation.”

“It is the end of a long and, at times, difficult story to own Roebuck Plains Station, but it is the beginning of a new and exciting story of innovative development and management in partnership with the ILC,” he said.

The ILC bought Roebuck Plains Station on behalf of Yawuru people in 1999. In 2006, questions regarding its traditional ownership were resolved when the Federal Court determined that the whole of Roebuck Plains was the beginning of a new and exciting story of innovative development and management in partnership with the ILC.

PatrickDodson

station fell under exclusive Yawuru native title.

ILC chair Dawn Casey said the partnership was an example of how organisations can come together to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes on Indigenous held land.

“This celebration represents the beginning of an expanded, long-term relationship with Yawuru which will encompass a host of opportunities that aim to balance protection of country and cultural and social enhancement with the generation of economic benefits,” she said.

The partnership between Yawuru and the ILC will give income security to Yawuru through the commercial rent of its land for cattle production and a discrete lease arrangement for the export cattle yards facility.

There will be financial support for Yawuru to manage ecologically and culturally significant areas of Roebuck Plains through an Indigenous Protected Area.

Yawuru will also be able to use the region for cultural and ecological management, tourism and horticulture. The divestment agreement and partnership will bring huge benefits to Yawuru and the regional economy through local employment in cattle production, land management and tourism,” Mr Dodson said. “Our partnership with the ILC and other partners such as scientists means that we can build a globally recognised management regime.

The divestment of these properties to Yawuru highlights the fundamental importance of native title – producing cultural, social and economic dividends for the Yawuru and broader community.

The ILC’s Training to Employment program provides live-in training facilities at Roebuck Plains and Myroodah stations, with guaranteed jobs for Indigenous trainees on completion.
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A REPORT into the health of the Great Barrier Reef has found that, while traditional owners have maintained their cultural practices and customs, Indigenous heritage values of the reef have deteriorated and are at further risk from sea level rise and severe weather events.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) Outlook report said Indigenous heritage values were inextricably linked to the health of the reef ecosystem.

“Places of Indigenous heritage values have not been systematically identified and many have deteriorated, especially around developed areas and on islands,” the report said.

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The report said the strong ongoing links between traditional owners and their sea country was one of the attributes recognised as contributing to the outstanding universal value of the Great Barrier Reef as a World Heritage property.

There are more than 70 traditional owner groups responsible for maintaining the cultural values of their land and sea country and adjacent to the reef, including a small number of Torres Strait Islander owners who express traditional and spiritual connection in the northern-most area.

Many sites of significance are areas of great importance for the conservation of biodiversity across land and sea country, and many communities are unable to separate the reasons for protecting the spiritual connections between people and the earth from the reasons for conserving biodiversity,” the report said.

In most cases, natural and cultural heritage values of sites form a continuum rather than being separate entities.

The report pointed out that there are sacred sites, sites of particular significance and places important for cultural tradition along the length of the reef.

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In the Northern Territory, Francis Jupurrurla Kelly said the trauma of the violence still lingered in Aboriginal communities.

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The bones of our massacred families are still lying there, on the surface of the red soil,” he said. “We live with this story, this pain, every day in our communities.”

Academics at the conference also highlighted the hero to pariah treatment of black diggers, who returned from World War I with no recognition or compensation – and were not considered citizens in their own country.

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The report said Indigenous structures, tools, technologies and archaeology, although well known to traditional owners, have not yet been systematically identified by managing agencies and therefore may be vulnerable to coastal development and other land use activities.

“They are also vulnerable to rises in sea level and severe weather events,” it said.

Rangers to protect turtles, dugongs

A NEW Indigenous ranger team will be employed to help protect dugongs and turtles in an area of far north Queensland.

A cultural heritage management strategy will also be developed as part of a $750,000 grant to the Yarrabah-based Gunggandji Prescribed Body Corporate Aboriginal Corporation.

The grant is designed to protect turtles and dugongs in the northern reaches of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, particularly around Green Island.

Under the two-year grant, five new Gunggandji rangers will care for their country and learn skills including managing environmental threats from feral animals.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the rangers would work to protect threatened species on Gunggandji land and sea country by reducing the damage feral pigs, horses and dogs cause to the local environment.

Push for war recognition

As World War I centenary celebrations ramp up, academics and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander activists are pushing for recognition of the ‘frontier wars’.

They want Australians to urgently broaden their understanding of Australian warfare to include the mass murder of Aboriginal people, particularly during colonial times.

History Professor Heather Goodall told a recent conference at the University of Technology, Sydney that it was time to be asking serious questions.

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The report said Indigenous structures, tools, technologies and archaeology, although well known to traditional owners, have not yet been systematically identified by managing agencies and therefore may be vulnerable to coastal development and other land use activities.

“They are also vulnerable to rises in sea level and severe weather events,” it said.

Rangers to protect turtles, dugongs

A NEW Indigenous ranger team will be employed to help protect dugongs and turtles in an area of far north Queensland.

A cultural heritage management strategy will also be developed as part of a $750,000 grant to the Yarrabah-based Gunggandji Prescribed Body Corporate Aboriginal Corporation.

The grant is designed to protect turtles and dugongs in the northern reaches of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, particularly around Green Island.

Under the two-year grant, five new Gunggandji rangers will care for their country and learn skills including managing environmental threats from feral animals.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the rangers would work to protect threatened species on Gunggandji land and sea country by reducing the damage feral pigs, horses and dogs cause to the local environment.
Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) is seeking Vanuatu volunteers to travel to the Pacific island of Vanuatu. For the past five years, IYLP members have been working with volunteers and community organisations to improve community development in remote areas of Vanuatu.

Along the way, IYLP participants have benefited from the cross-cultural exchange with Vanuatu youth.

In the most recent visit to Vanuatu, eight Indigenous youths and one Indigenous field staff member helped to build a health and aid post for the village of Vansamukal on Pentecost Island, and a market house for the village of Nasawa on Maewo Island.

IYLP participants learned language, made close friendships, and developed leadership skills.

The leadership program is run with the support of the Office of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Applications are now open for the next round of Indigenous volunteers to join the program. For more information on how to apply, contact Nicole. donaldson@voiceaustralia.org.au or visit voiceaustralia.org.au/program/indigenous-youth-leadership-program-iylp

Better nutrition the goal of new project

A NEW $1.2 million project aims to increase availability and access to traditional vegetables to improve food and nutritional security for remote communities in the Northern Territory and Papua New Guinea.

The project, supported through the Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research, will be coordinated by researchers from Charles Darwin University and the National Agricultural Research Institute in PNG.

Since 2012, CDU horticulture lecturer Tania Paul has been assisting women in PNG to develop skills to improve their community’s food security. This project builds on her doctoral work, which showed how reduced consumption of traditional vegetables increased when people became aware of the nutritional and potential economic benefits.

“This will have real benefits for poor urban communities where access to affordable, nutritious food can be problematic,” Ms Paul said.

“Communities in the Top End of the NT face similar problems with limited access to fresh vegetables and fruit. There is an increasing shift towards energy-dense, store-bought food, with declining consumption of traditional foods due to reduced access to homelands and bush tucker sources.”

Ms Paul said the overall aim was to understand and increase the role of traditional vegetables for smallholder growers in PNG and at school and community gardens in the NT, for more diversified traditional vegetable production.

“Improving availability of traditional vegetables and awareness of the health benefits has the potential to improve food and nutritional security, particularly for those communities that are remote and isolated. Many traditional vegetables are higher in essential nutrients than introduced vegetables.”

Top End Indigenous communities have low levels of consumption of any greens, but there has been some interest in introducing traditional vegetables from PNG such as akibika (slippery cabbage). "One of the activities will be to run horticultural trials of akibika in Darwin, and use the findings of these trials to promote growing it in school food gardens in the Top End, particularly Arnhem Land and the Tiwi Islands."

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

SYDNEY Swans AFL star Lance ‘Buddy’ Franklin has praised Western Bulldogs fans for alerting police to racism.

A 70-year-old man was ejected during last month’s game between the Bulldogs and the Swans at Etihad Stadium after he abused two Swans players, neither of whom heard the offensive comments.

The Bulldogs fan has had his club membership cancelled and he will be fined by police.

“It’s obviously very good that the crowd’s come forward and spoken up,” he said.

“It’s definitely something that needs to be cut out of the game and the more we can teach people not to be racist the better for the game.”

Western Bulldogs president Peter Gordon said it was particularly distressing as it was the second incident of racism involving the club’s fans this season.

In May a Bulldogs supporter racially abused Indigenous Melbourne supporter Neville Jetta.

“Clearly, we need to do more and we will examine what more we can do to stamp out this disease,” Mr Gordon said.

Police said the 70-year-old man will receive an infringement notice for offensive behaviour.

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Play highlights gift of organ donation

NORTHERN Territory theatre company Artback NT is heading to Western Australia for an 18-performance tour of a play new stories get Indigenous audiences thinking positively about organ donation. Until September 24 the company will tour WA with a play called Gift of Life, hosted by DonateLife WA, the organ and tissue donation agency of the state’s Department of Health. The cast includes Aboriginal actors Lynette Lewis Hubbard, Tessa Rose and Darren Edwards.

Gift of Life is an informative story about an Aboriginal woman who is struggling with the end-stage of kidney disease. The play follows her journey through the difficult process of dialysis to the point of needing a kidney transplant and beyond. It is about family, loss and love and the gift of giving through organ and tissue donation.

Gift of Life was written by Ben Graetz, a Darwin-based actor, director and playwright. He developed the play, which also features a young football player and a single mother, with young and Indigenous audiences in mind.

“A lot of Indigenous people are unaware that a kidney transplant is even an option. At a community level, the play has power to communicate an immediate message,” Mr Graetz said.

Gift of Life is suitable for all cultures and ages, apart from the very young. It is less than 30 minutes long.

DonateLife WA medical director Dr Bruce Powell said the play was a great fit for DonateLife’s project to enable organ donation in the regions.

The tour will encompass Perth, south-west towns to Bunbury, and centres such as Geraldton, Carnarvon, Port Hedland and Broome.

For locations and times, visit www.donatelife.gov.au/artback-nts-gift-life-performance

The opening of the new Wutunugurra (Epenarra) Church community space.

Wutunugurra digs deep for church

RESIDENTS of a remote Central Australian community have pitched in $200,000 of their own money to turn a cramped 40-year-old church into a huge outdoor community space.

Before the renovations, Wutunugurra families had to worship in the dirt, with only an old bough shelter for shade and protection. There was only a small space with limited room to store the church band equipment securely.

Wutunugurra is one of five communities investing their collective NT Intervention compensation payments in church construction or renovation projects.

The Central Land Council (CLC) has negotiated compensation for Wutunugurra and 30 other remote communities for the Federal Government’s takeover of community leases during the Intervention.

Inspired by their late father’s dedication to the church, Wutunugurra residents Stewart and Shirley Beasley and Julie Peterson proposed extending the building. The CLC’s Community Development Unit helped the community design a large covered space to fit in the local congregation and visitors, as well as upgrades including new industrial fans, lights and new band equipment, which arrived on the night of the opening.

Extension

The church took three months to renovate, with Stewart Beasley and Craiglyn Glen working on the extension. It now has a concrete floor, a new roof and a fence to keep kids safe from dogs and cars. Mr Beasley Snr passed away not long after the project was finished. His children said the church has been a focal point for the 200-strong community, 180km south-east of Tennant Creek.

“The church is where people gather up for gospel meetings and teaching our kids,” Mr Beasley said. “We also go to other communities and celebrate special events like the Easter Convention. “It’s not a meeting ground; it’s where we do recordings and we are excited to get the new equipment. We used to have to go to a long way to buy new strings or speakers.”

The community celebrated the church renovation with a barbecue, dances by local children and a slide show of historic photos.

CLC director David Ross said the communities of Anangu, Alpurrurrumal, Atiigere and Tara are also working on church projects funded by community lease compensation.

“I’m not surprised they’re popular. Churches are some of the few spaces people in remote communities still feel they control themselves,” he said.

Housing scheme proving popular

THE Northern Territory Government says public housing tenants in remote communities have expressed strong interest in its new home ownership program. Launched in June, the Remote Home Ownership Program will allow tenants on the Tiwi Islands, Goyte Eylandt and Bickerst Island to buy their own homes.

“Over the past two months the Government has been speaking with these communities about our new homeownership program and the response so far has been very positive,” Housing Minister Matt Conlan said.

“It is clear there is an appetite for home ownership in these communities, with 11 finance applications already lodged. We want public housing to be a pathway to home ownership, not an end in itself, and it is pleasing to see this supported by these communities.”

Communities with long-term tenancy leases are eligible for the program. These include Wurrumiyanga on Bathurst Island and Milikapiti on Melville Island, as well as Angurugu and Ubirrumbu on Goyte Eylandt and Milyakburra on Bickerst Island.

Remote stock

A total of $4.5 million has been set aside over the next three years for the program, and the Government says up to half the NT’s remote housing stock could be made available for sale to tenants who want to buy their home.

“The price of properties will be determined via an independent evaluation and it is expected that most homes would be available for purchase in the $50,000 to $150,000 range,” Mr Conlan said.

A round of stakeholder engagement sessions discussing the program has started with groups including traditional owners, land councils, remote communities, housing reference groups and government engagement coordinators.

The Government says the next stage of the program will seek formal expressions of interest from tenants followed by an eligibility assessment for the interested home buyers.

Indigenous Business Australia will provide loans and services under the program, including insurance for the first 12 months. At completion of the sale, owner occupiers will be supported with an incentive grant of $20,000 to help them upgrade and maintain their home.

The Government says that as part of the program, case managers have been employed to work with eligible applicants. It is expected the first homes will be ready for sale towards the end of the year.
The Voice of Indigenous Australia

ART Gallery of Ballarat director Gordon Morrison is encouraging people to check out the 35 finalists in the Victorian Indigenous Art Awards and cast their vote for the People’s Choice Award.

“Once again, with the assistance of Arts Victoria, the gallery will be celebrating the dynamism and high quality of contemporary Indigenous art as practised in Victoria,” he said.

“There are works of singular presence and originality in this year’s line-up – some very moving and beautiful things.”

The winners, announced last month, were:

- Deadly Art Award $30,000 winner – Jenny Crompton, Gathering at Godocut (seaweed and binder).
- Copyright Agency Award for Three Dimensional Works $5000 winner – Paola Balla, Born Into Sovereignty, Live In Sovereignty (vintage women’s gown, native Australian bird feathers); highly commended Cynthia Hardie, The Soft and the Hard (cool ice porcelain).
- Copyright Agency Award for Works on Paper $5000 winner – Glennys Briggs, Stories within (screen print on magnani paper); highly commended – Lisa Waup, Encircled Families (inkjet print on cotton rag paper, cotton, ink).
- Australian Catholic University Acquisitive Award $5000 winner – Deanne Gilson, Wadawurrung Cultural Tree of Knowledge (ochre, charcoal and acrylic paint on canvas).
- Federation University Australia Acquisitive Award $5000 winner – Patrice Mahoney, Jobs, Policy and LOST (intaglio copper plate, pigment, soft ground, open bite, aquatint, spit-bite, stamping, relief, drawing and burnishing).

Patrice Mahoney with her work Jobs, Policy and LOST. Pictures: Nigel Clements

Voting closes at 5pm on September 29. The Victorian Indigenous Art Awards exhibition runs until October 5. For more information, visit indigenousartawards.com.au
Education

Scholarship for female leaders

APPLICATIONS are now open for an Indigenous scholarship for the new She Leads Diploma of Management leadership program for women run by YWCA Queensland.

The scholarship is being funded by bankmecu, touted as Australia’s first customer-owned ‘responsible’ bank.

The scholarship will be awarded to an aspiring Indigenous woman leader in Queensland.

YWCA Qld chief executive Kate Tully said the recipient “will have a unique opportunity to learn from expert facilitators hand-picked by the YWCA, and from a large selection of distinguished, engaging and highly experienced women facilitators and panelists”.

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Bankmecu managing director Damien Walsh said it was an important time to support initiatives such as the female Indigenous Scholarship.

“With the gender wage gap above 17% and the Indigenous wage gap above 12%, it’s really crucial for us to be supporting Indigenous women to develop their leadership and business skills and help to bridge these unnecessary gaps,” he said.

The She Leads program, which is held one day a month over nine months, offers participants a nationally recognised Diploma of Management while focussing on leadership issues and trends that are specific to women.

For more details and to apply, call (07) 3230 3400 or email gaby.ricketts@yq.org.au

Riverina has Gili winners

TAFE NSW Riverina Institute is celebrating after taking out two awards at the 2014 Gili Awards, which celebrate and recognise the achievements of Aboriginal TAFE students, staff and programs that have contributed to Aboriginal communities through training and education.

Griffith Campus student Ian Harris won a Student Award for Achievement for his efforts in completing the Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander – Primary Health Care Worker under difficult circumstances.

TAFE Riverina Institute student Ian Harris, from Murrin Bridge, who won a Gili Award this year.

Mr Harris is based at the Aboriginal community of Murrin Bridge, where he cares for the sick and elderly in his role as an Aboriginal primary health care worker at Murrin Bridge Aboriginal Medical Services.

The Leeton Campus Film Project Team won the Community Engagement Award for its film From the Edge, a story of the substantial Aboriginal contribution to the establishment of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area.

Riverina Institute director Kerry Penton joined her students and staff at the awards presentation and was thrilled with the results.

“I am so excited about the achievements of Ian and our Leeton film team. We have such a wealth of talent, energy and passion in the Riverina Murray region, and to see it being channelled towards helping and supporting our local Aboriginal community is very moving,” she said.

From the Edge can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tTnBr4aWAU

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Cherbourg experience for Melissa

Melissa Martin smiles when it's suggested she must be highly motivated to do a law degree and Masters in Social Work degree. "Or very lazy," she says. "I like the student life. My friends say, 'You need to give up uni life and go get yourself a real job.'"

Ms Martin, 24, has enjoyed socialising at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in Brisbane for the past seven years while studying subjects she enjoys with like-minded people.

She originally did a law degree and then moved into social work and is looking towards a career in international aid or government policy making.

"All the welfare reforms being looked at now will have such an impact on people," Ms Martin said.

"It all filters down to affect everyone. I'd like to influence that type of policy."

However, Ms Martin doesn't want her decisions to be based purely on information she has read.

**Practical experience**

She's keen to get life experience and is currently doing the last practical leg of her master's degree with the Barambah Local Justice Group (BLJG) in Cherbourg, south-east Queensland.

Ms Martin arrived in the town during July and has helped organise a 'Warriors Camp' for youth and supported BLJG coordinator Indra Matzer and administrative assistant Emma Stewart provide court support to clients.

She completed the first practical placement of her degree with Child Safety on the Gold Coast and has been involved with international community development projects in a Thailand orphanage and Peru villages in South America.

"I've learned there's a lot of complexity in the world," Ms Martin said of her experiences.

*Pictured left: Melissa Martin at Cherbourg with Barambah Local Justice Group administration assistant Emma Stewart.*

## Three Britain-bound

Three Indigenous women will undertake study at two of the world’s most prestigious universities after receiving the latest Charlie Perkins Scholarship.

Recipients of the Charlie Perkins Scholarship undertake postgraduate courses at either Oxford or Cambridge universities in the United Kingdom.

This year’s recipients are Jessica Buck, Jessyca Hutchens and Tamara Murdock.

Ms Buck completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Science and a Diploma of Languages (Japanese) at the University of Newcastle.

In keeping with her interest in cancer and neuroscience research, she has been accepted to undertake an Master of Science degree in neuroscience at Oxford University.

Ms Hutchens graduated from the University of Western Australia with a Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts in 2010 after being awarded the UWA Graduates Association Prize in Fine Arts in 2005, the Hackett Foundation Alumni Honours Scholarship in 2008 and the Dr Dorothy W and Dr Robert Collins Prize for Indigenous Law Students in 2010.

She has been accepted to study the DPhil in Fine Arts course at the Ruskin School of Art at the University of Oxford.

Ms Murdock graduated from Edith Cowan University with a Bachelor of Science (Environmental Management) in 2010. She has been accepted to undertake an MPhil in Geography and the Environment course at Oxford University.

The Federal Government funds the Charlie Perkins Scholarships through a three-year, $2.2 million grant to the Aurora Education through a three-year, $2.2 million grant to the Aurora Project.

For more information on the scholarships, visit: www.perkinstrust.com.au/scholarships
Story of a doctor’s dream
to eliminate scabies threat

WHEN Dr Buddhi Lokuge embarked on a $5 million program to eliminate an infectious and debilitating disease in Australia’s Northern Territory, he soon realised the program would do more harm than good.

The story of Dr Lokuge’s battle to beat scabies is told in the new book A Doctor’s Dream, published by Allen and Unwin.

The book tells how Dr Lokuge made the controversial decision to halt the existing health program and work instead with community Elders. Together they brought a new hope for children and their remote communities, and found a better way forward to lasting change.

When Dr Lokuge moved to Arnhem Land to run a new scabies elimination program for Aboriginal children, he had no idea he would face the challenge of his life.

Six months in, his doubts about the whole approach really set in. Scabies is a disease that can lead to a life of chronic illness and affects seven in 10 Aboriginal children in remote Top End communities before the age of one.

Faced with powerful opposition from high-profile health experts, Dr Lokuge took the slow road. He worked with his patients to find a new way to overcome a neglected disease as debilitating and stigmatised as leprosy.

“There are no simple solutions and we have not eliminated scabies,” Dr Lokuge said. “But the program we developed together is practical, focussed on supporting families to stay healthy, and it has led to lasting change.”

“The results we achieved are because families trusted us and reached across the gap. We put relationships at the centre of our work, before the number of pills we delivered and before quarterly reports.”

The book, by Dr Lokuge and Tanya Burke, has a recommended retail price of $32.99.

More than words at Casula Powerhouse

NSW

AN afternoon program of conversations with, and performances by, Aboriginal people will be held on September 20 at the Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre in western Sydney.

Called ‘More than Words’, the event will be presented in conjunction with the 23rd Annual Mil-Pra Aboriginal Education Consultant Group Art Prize.

Among those taking part will be Frances Bodkin, also known as Aunty Fran, a 79-year-old Dharawal Elder from southern Sydney. This year’s University of Western Sydney Woman of the West, she will tell Aboriginal stories and of her passion for science.

Also on the program is pole performer Matthew Shields, who shot to fame through the TV show Australia’s Got Talent.

Performers will also include Thomas E S Kelly. A NAISDA Dance College graduate, Kelly has since choreographed, composed and danced for Australian productions including the television series Redfern Now.

A bush tucker high tea will be held, with all proceeds going to the Australian National Literacy and Numeracy Foundation.

More than Words will be at the Casula Powerhouse, 1 Powerhouse Road, Casula, from 2pm on Saturday, September 20.

More details are at www.casulapowerhouse.com

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More details are available at www.carriageworks.com.au

Major event for Thaiday

SYDNEY’s Carriageworks and Performance Space has commissioned the largest installation yet presented by renowned Torres Strait Island artist Ken Thaiday Snr.

It will be the focus of a Carriageworks exhibition, from October 3 until November 2, that will also include a series of new dance works, all inspired by the landscape of the Torres Strait and the importance of family, faith and culture.

Thaiday’s work explores the intersection of traditional lore with contemporary life in the Torres Strait.

The installation will showcase the range of the artist’s works, covering dance, installation and sculpture.

Born on Erub (Darnley Island) in 1950, over the past two decades Thaiday’s work has received international acclaim.

Known for his extraordinary headdresses – also called ‘dance machines’ – Thaiday’s practice is interwoven with the traditional song and dance of the Torres Strait taught to him by his father, the choreographer and cultural leader Tat Thaiday.

The dance machines are made to be worn or held by a dancer and are activated by an intricate system of internal pulleys. They animate the songs and stories of Torres Strait communities.

The centrepiece of the exhibition at Carriageworks will be a large and elaborate kinetic sculpture that references the dhari, a traditional form of headdress found only in the Torres Strait Islands.

The dhari (also known as dari in the east and dhoeri in the west) is the most recognisable symbol of the Torres Strait peoples.

For the exhibition at Carriageworks, Thaiday has also choreographed three new works which will be performed by Torres Strait Islander dancers at the launch, and again at a public program where the artist will speak about his work.

The exhibition opening will be from 6pm on October 3 at Carriageworks, with an artist’s talk from 11am on October 4.

More details are available at www.carriageworks.com.au

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ABORIGINAL and Hawaiian cultures have combined to result in success at this year’s Sydney Design Awards. The Pandanah art and design studio, created by Wajarri Yamatj (Western Australia) woman Nicole Monks and Hawaiian Cara Mancini Geros, was one of several winners at the awards. Pandanah won the award for ‘Sydney’s best creative and innovative design in printed cloth and surface design applications with consideration given to the technical aspects of production, visual aesthetics, and relationship to end product and use’.

Pandanah was launched this year at Australian Indigenous Fashion Week (AIFW). It offers a range of textiles, homeware and lifestyle products. The studio specialises in using natural materials and environmental themes to tell traditional stories acknowledging land. Ms Monks has more than 12 years of experience as a creative director. “My cultural heritage informs my practice, in particular my connection with the land and the environment. Design is extremely important to my creativity direction,” she said.

Ms Mancini Geros has exhibited designs around the world. “My art explores the common threads connecting our vast cultures, traditions and experiences within this modern world,” she said. “I hope to spark a feeling of interconnectedness between my viewers, acknowledging the importance of our environment and culture and how we can help them flourish.”

Nicole Monks and Cara Mancini Geros from Pandanah celebrate winning the textile and surface design award at the Sydney Design Awards.

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THE focus will be on Aboriginal artist sisters Sarrita and Tarisse King at Sydney’s Kate Owen Gallery this month. Works by the sisters have been displayed around the world, and Sarrita will be at the gallery on September 13-14 and 20-21 to answer questions as part of its exhibition The King Sisters. Sarrita will be painting at the gallery on both weekends.

A champion netballer, Sarrita is the daughter of the established, late William King Jungala. She says the inspiration for her art is the Northern Territory environment where she grew up.

Her latest works, the Lightning Series, have been inspired by storms during the NT wet season.

The Kate Owen Gallery is at 680 Darling Street, Rozelle. More details on (02) 9555 5283.

Sarrita King at work.

Spotlight on King sisters

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Sarrita King in front of one of her artworks.

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Sarrita King in work.

Cultures combine for win

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**Close the Gap anti-smoking stance backed**

RESEARCH published in the Medical Journal of Australia confirms the Closing the Gap Campaign Steering Committee view that federal Budget cuts to anti-smoking programs are likely to be detrimental to closing the health gap between Indigenous and other Australians and financially counterproductive.

“Lives may be lost or at best severely shortened by Budget austerity measures that cut Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander anti-smoking campaigns,” said Kirstie Parker, co-chair of the Close the Gap Campaign Steering Committee, said.

“The $130 million in cuts forget that reducing smoking rates reduces the risks which ultimately lead to a shorter life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.”

The Close the Gap Campaign Steering Committee was responding to Dr Nicolette Hodyl and her co-authors’ published study of data from every recorded birth in South Australia between January 1999 and December 2008, which confirms that cigarette smoking during pregnancy was associated with an increased risk of adverse perinatal (soon after birth) outcomes and noted that the risk was greater in Aboriginal women as they are three times more likely to smoke. The research recommends that smoking cessation campaigns and programs be given greater resourcing.

“We know that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander anti-smoking campaigns have been successful in reducing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander smoking rates,” said Kirstie Parker, co-chair of the National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples and co-chair of the Close the Gap Campaign.

“With this latter evidence of the disproportionate impact of smoking on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander maternal health, surely it’s time for a rethink on the Budget cuts. Everyone wants to close the gap in health inequality. Short-term austerity should never trump long-term strategy, especially when lives are at stake.”

The research is published in the September edition of the Medical Journal of Australia.

**Grants target youth suicide**

FOUR new National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grants are aimed at stopping escalating rates of Indigenous youth suicide.

The grants are the result of the council’s Targeted Call for Research, a scheme which enables the NHMRC to fund research into urgent health priorities. “NHMRC’s targeted calls allow us to commission research in areas of high need, and Indigenous youth suicide certainly qualifies as a priority. Young Indigenous Australians have the highest reported suicide rates in this country, which is just devastating,” NHMRC chief executive Professor Warwick Anderson said.

In 2010, suicide rates for Indigenous females aged 15-19 were 5.9 times higher than those for other females in the age group, while for males the corresponding ratio was 4.4.

“Suicide is a very complex issue to tackle and research so far has indicated that there are many complicating factors that contribute to people taking their own lives. These grants aim to build on this research and find ways to prevent suicide in future,” Prof Anderson said.

The grants fit with the NHMRC’s commitment to improving the health outcomes of Indigenous Australians by ensuring 5% of all funding is directed to researchers conducting Indigenous health research.

“The health issues faced by our Indigenous people are our nation’s responsibility to solve, so it is important that NHMRC funds high quality research that can make a lasting difference,” Professor Anderson said.

**Grant recipients**

Dr Roxanne Bainbridge, James Cook University ($824,876); Dr Bainbridge and her team will implement a mentoring program to help Indigenous secondary students who have moved from remote communities to attend boarding schools across Queensland. This program will seek to improve students’ psychosocial resilience. The mentors will be supported throughout and the effect of the program will be measured.

Professor Anthony Jorm, University of Melbourne ($1,140,372): Prof Jorm and his team will develop new guidelines to support Indigenous communities to prevent suicide and self-injury by young people. Community members will be trained to act as ‘gatekeepers’, identifying young people who are at risk and referring them to health workers with greater health expertise.

Associate-Professor Gary Robinson, Menzies School of Health Research ($1,745,899): Asso-Prof Robinson will trial an intervention that aims to build resilience and social-emotional skills among middle-school-aged youth in remote Indigenous communities of the NT. This intervention is intended to form part of a community-based suicide prevention strategy.

Dr Maree Toombs, University of Queensland ($804,737): Dr Toombs and her team will develop a training program that links health providers, community members, peers, school leaders and mentors. The program will include members who will serve as ‘gatekeepers’, identifying at-risk youth and referring them to specialist health professionals. Dr Toombs will also use new technologies such as a smartphone application and social media to help implement and assess the program.

Feeling down? If you need immediate assistance, call Lifeline on 13 11 14. For further information about depression, contact beyondblue on 1300 22 4636 or www.beyondblue.org.au or talk to your GP, local health professional or someone you trust.
Program drums up praise

A PROGRAM designed to help Aboriginal people deal with mental health issues has attracted international attention.

Called Drumbeat, the program was developed by drug and alcohol counselling and support service Holyoake, initially with input from Aboriginal advisers in Western Australia’s Wheatbelt almost a decade ago. It is now used across Australia.

“Drumbeat is already being used throughout Australia, and more recently it has attracted serious attention in the United States,” Holyoake chief executive Angie Paskevicius said.

“The results from a trial in seven WA prisons prove it is quite revolutionary in the mental health area in that there were improvements in positive mental health wellbeing as well as reduced psychological distress among many of the prisoners who took part,” Holyoake has received numerous inquiries from all over the world about Drumbeat and the results of an independent evaluation of this trial are so compelling that we now feel a sense of urgency in taking the program to wherever there are people in need of its mental health benefits.

“We have known for quite some time that Drumbeat can achieve outstanding results with many people of all age groups who are experiencing mental health issues – the program has been evaluated in other settings such as schools and aged-care facilities and it has received awards.

“However, the research into the use of Drumbeat in prisons is a world first and to obtain these results with prisoners who often experience poor mental wellbeing is very exciting.”

A research team led by Associate Professor Lisa Wood and Assistant Professor Karen Martin, based at the University of WA’s School of Population Health, recently completed a nine-month evaluation of a trial of the Holyoake Drumbeat program in Acacia, Bandjup, Boronia, Bunbury, Casuarina, Kamel and Wooroloo prisons.

Results showed that among prisoners who took part in Drumbeat sessions there were significant mental health improvements as well as increased resilience. In the prisoners able to be followed up three months later, mental wellbeing was still improved. The study also found that prisoners enjoyed the interactive nature of the program, and developed teamwork, communication and relationship skills in the process.

Drumbeat stands for Discovering Relationships Using Music – Beliefs, Emotions, Attitudes and Thoughts. It involves group sessions with a facilitator encouraging participants to work together and develop skills central to healthy relationships. The hand drumming assists with shifting the focus away from the therapy and allows participants to feel safe in a way not generally available in traditional programs dominated by direct questioning.

Holyoake developed the Drumbeat concept in 2003, initially to engage Aboriginal youth in the Wheatbelt region to strengthen their resilience to drug and alcohol use.

Over the past decade, the use of Drumbeat has expanded to all Australian states in settings including schools, mental health clinics, youth services and drug rehabilitation centres.

Nominations close soon for eye health award

NOMINATIONS close on September 15 for the inaugural Fred Hollows Australia Program works with Aboriginal community-controlled health organisations and other eye health groups to improve the eye health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in remote centres.

The foundation has launched the Eye Health Award to recognise the significant contribution of an organisation to improving Indigenous people’s eye health.

More details and an entry form at www.hollows.org.au/

The Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre co-convened the gathering with the Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit, Cancer centre chief executive Dale Fisher said open dialogue between Indigenous communities and the healthcare sector was crucial to building cancer prevention and management capacity.

“Indigenous people are significantly more likely to have cancers that are diagnosed at a later stage and with a poor prognosis, which is not acceptable – we need to understand why,” she said.

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre’s Dr Zoe Wainer said there was broad acknowledgement that decades of prescriptive models of cancer care have failed.

The workshop covered areas from prevention to palliative care and to solutions ranging from clinical pathways and tailored approaches to care, to ensuring hospitals and clinics are places in which Indigenous patients feel included, respected and safe.

The gathering was attended by representatives from the Department of Health, Cancer Council Victoria, Cancer Australia, the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation and Lowitja Institute, among others.

Indigenous Elders were also among the guests.
Jarjum college plans open day

NSW

REDFERN Jarjum College will hold an open day next month. Dedicated to the growth and wellbeing of local students, the college is located in the heart of Redfern. The college mission statement says that, in partnership with the Redfern Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and other organisations, it will educate and support children who are not currently participating or coping in mainstream primary schools.

Principal Fran McCarthy says the open day, from 10am-2pm on Saturday, October 18, will “showcase the school to the local community”.

“Local businesses and potential volunteers will also have the opportunity to gauge if the school could be considered for future donations and volunteer work.

“Local residents and business people are being encouraged to attend the day where they can see first-hand the good work that is being carried out at the school. There will be local dignitaries attending the day. For more information regarding the college, go to www.rjc.nsw.edu.au.

September 15-17: First Banggarmalanka conference, aimed at helping change lives and bridge the Indigenous education and employment gap. Former rugby league international David Peachey, a Wiradjuri man, will be the MC. Held in Dubbo. For further details visit www.tafensw.edu.au/banggarmalanka-conference

September 16-25: Northern Rivers Creative Pop Up. Involves converting an empty space into a pop-up emporium for products created by local artists, designers, musicians, jewellers and photographers. Held at Shop 3, 53-69 Walker St, Casino. Details: Zoe on (02) 6612 0011 or visit www.artsnorthernrivers.com.au

September 19: Lismore Aboriginal Justice Group Community Information Day. Information on reduction of imprisonment, supporting families, offenders and victims. Circle Sentencing and more. Held at the Lismore TAFE Aunty Faye Smith Room, Casino. Details: (02) 6628 8120 or visit www.rjm.cas.edu.au

September 13-20: Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize 2013 Exhibition. The exhibition features works by 35 finalists and includes works by a number of Northern Rivers artists. Held at the Lismore Regional Gallery, 131 Moseworth St, Lismore. Tues-Fri, 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9622 2209 or visit www.lismoreartcentre.org

September 13-22: The 2014 Dada Gana National Indigenous Women’s Leadership Program is seeking applications. For more information and an application form, phone Vicki Scott on 0437 877 839 or visit www.starleadershipinstitute.com


September 13-26: Northern Territory, DSouth will be joined by emerging band Blekbala Mujik from Arnhem Land Mujik 2014 Sand Tracks Tour.

September 13-28: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people living across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

September 13-29: Until September 13: River Country, a solo exhibition by Sonia Kurara, featuring her paintings of the sandy billabong country along the stretch of the Fitzroy River that runs behind her community. Held at Aboriginal and Pacific Art, 2 Danks St, Waterloo from Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9699 2211 or visit www.aboriginalandpacificart.com.au

September 13-30: Until October 31: WUPA@W Wanaruah Aboriginal Art and Culture Event. A display of Aboriginal artwork will be showcased across venues in the Pokolbin and Broke wine region of the Hunter Valley. Details: (02) 6571 5111 or visit www.wupa@wanaruah.com.au

September 13-30: 23rd Annual Mill-Pra AECG Art Exhibition 2014. This year’s theme is ‘Frontline Warriors: celebrating the fighting spirit of our brothers and sisters’. The official launch is on September 13 from 1pm. Held at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, 1 Powerhouse Rd, Casula from Mon-Sun, 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (01) 9604 1717 or visit www.casulapowerhouse.com

September 13-November 15: I Am Who I Am: A Retrospective. An exhibition that showcases the fashion, textile design and paintings of Robyn Caughlan, a Dharug and Daringkujin woman. Held at Fairfield City Museum, Smithfield, from Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9809 3993 or visit www.livingmuseum.com.au

September 13-14 and 20-21: Samita King – artist in residence. An opportunity to learn more about King’s art, culture and inspiration as she sets up her studio in the gallery and answers questions. Held at Kate Owen Gallery, 680 Darling St, Rozelle. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 9555 5283 or visit www.kateowengallery.com

September 13: Works on Paper Party. Join Bronwyn Bancroft in her new studio and see some of her latest works on paper for sale. Held at 24 Fred St, Lilli Pilli from 2pm. Cost: Free entry. Details: Email bronwynbancroft@hotmail.com


September 14-24: Photographer gallery, 680 Darling St, Rozelle. Details: (02) 9388 9908 or visit www.artatrium.com.au

September 14-26: The Voice of Indigenous Australia by Aboriginal performers and culture. An afternoon of performance. An exhibition that showcases the fashion, textile design and paintings of Robyn Caughlan, a Dharug and Daringkujin woman. Held at Fairfield City Museum, Smithfield, from Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9809 3993 or visit www.livingmuseum.com.au

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September 24: Screening of Kannurvi, a production by Melanie Hogan about Uncle Bob Randall. Held at Amnesty International NSW Action Centre, Level 1, 79 Myrtle St, Chippendale, from 5.30pm. Free. Details: Text 0422 385 852 or visit www.facebook.com/AmnestyRedfernActionGroup

September 25: Namatjira Haven open day. This event is a chance for the drug alcohol healing centre to show what it does and get community feedback. Starting from 10am at 108 Whies Lane, Armidale. More details on (02) 6268 1098.

October 18: Redfern Jarjum College Open Day. Experience the work that is being carried out at the school; enjoy a day of fun with food, with drinks supplied. Held at Redfern Jarjum College, 117 Redfern St, Redfern from 11am-2pm. Details: (02) 9936 5450 or visit www.tjc.nsw.edu.au

October 24-26: Ninetieth anniversary celebration of Kinchela Boys Home. A three-day event to commemorate the opening of Kinchela Boys Home, honouring the memory of all the Stolen Generations children who were part of the home. Held at Kemptsey, NSW. Details: (02) 8047 0911.

Until November 16: Exotic Lies Sacred Ties touring exhibition. Featuring a decade of works by emerging and established artists from the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia. Held at Araluen Arts Centre, Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs. Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 8951 1120 or visit www.araluenartcentre.nt.gov.au

Until November 14: Desert Song Festival events. Includes a choral master class, ‘a cappella in the desert’, Mojave Salsa balls. Held at Alice Springs Cultural Centre, Morris Stuart on (0409 003 004 or visit www.desertsong.net.au

September 26: Yarnaji Marpia Aboriginal Corporation on country meeting, to discuss proposed changes to the Aboriginal Heritage Act and how they will affect heritage, family, country and native title rights. Held at Yule River Meeting Place (about 55km from Port Hedland) from 11am. Details: (08) 9222 8556.

Victoria

Until September 26: Threeday Journey exhibition. Focussing on the importance of the string bag, it brings together husband and wife Naup Waup (Papua New Guinean) and Lisa Waup (Torres Strait Islander). Held at Koori Heritage Trust, 295 King St, Melbourne on Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (03) 8622 2600 or visit www.kooriheritagetrust.com


Until October 5: Victorian Indigenous Art Awards 2014 exhibition. Includes the Deadly Art Award and other award categories. Held at Art Gallery of Ballarat, 40 Lydiard Street North, Ballarat, daily from 10am-5pm. Fee entry. Details: (03) 5320 5858 or visit www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au

Until October 15: The F Word. Featuring works of contemporary feminist art in Australia, includes an official opening on August 30 at 2pm. Held at Yirra Yaakin, 65 Murray St, Perth, from 6.30-8.30pm. Details: (08) 9268 7000.

Northern Territory

Until October 24: Desert Mob exhibition. A celebration of works by emerging artists from the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia. Held at Araluen Arts Centre, Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs. Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 8959 8264 or visit www.magnat.nt.gov.au

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Statutory Services, Quality, Practice and Compliance

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Advisor

Senior Officer Grade C
Salary Range: $93,254 - $100,382 (PN: C97511, several)

The Office for Children, Youth and Family Support is seeking to employ suitable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as cultural advisors for children and young people in out of home care. Applicants should have a sound knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and the ability to recognise and articulate client needs.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: These are designated positions and are only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Notes: Suitable applicants will be engaged in casual positions reviewed annually. These positions are not full-time, cultural advisors will be engaged for very short periods of time (half a day to a full day at a time) throughout a 12 month period. There would be no guarantee of set hours. Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011 may be required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable People registration refer to - http://www.oag.act.gov.au/community/working_with_vulnerable_people

Contact Officer: Sarah Kirk or Cathy Hoekzema (02) 6205 4830 or (02) 6205 2891 sarah.kirk@act.gov.au; cathy.hoekzema@act.gov.au

Applications Close: 18 September 2014

Aboriginal Quilting Telephone Counsellors

• Provide specialist telephone advice and counselling
• Work with and support Aboriginal people to reduce / prevent smoking
• 3 x part-time, fixed term positions – St Kilda Road, Melbourne

Cancer Council Victoria has been leading efforts against cancer since 1936 through world leading research, prevention and policy programs. Australia is one of Cancer Council’s prevention programs and is dedicated to cutting the pain, suffering and costs caused by tobacco. Cancer Council has a committed focus to improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We are seeking three dedicated Aboriginal Quilting Counsellors to join our team. You will play an integral role in supporting Victorian Aboriginal communities in reducing their smoking prevalence by providing specialist information, advice and counselling to smokers who wish to quit smoking. Successful applicants will be familiar with both the Quilting Line and the Aboriginal Quitline services.

This part-time (approx. 20 hours per week) paid role pays $51,850 per annum and is offered for the specified period of 1 year.

Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant collective bargaining agreements. Further information about City of Melbourne and Cancer Council Victoria qualifications and remuneration can be obtained by contacting the application kit line on (03) 9614 6464.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

Applications Close: Monday, 21 September 2014

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Applicants who are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people may apply for this position by contacting the application kit line on (03) 9614 6464.

About the organisation

Cancer Council Victoria is committed to delivering the highest quality services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as prospective and current students and alumni – increasing access, participation, performance and success for Indigenous Australians within the higher education sector. Deakin’s Institute of Koorie Education was established in 1991, with its unique combined academic and Indigenous cultural approach providing a culturally safe and welcoming learning environment.

The successful candidate will be a recognised leader in Indigenous education both as a teacher and a researcher. They will have a deep understanding of Indigenous culture and knowledge systems and demonstrated leadership in the development of curricula that reflects significant understanding of Indigenous education and will be able to evidence domestic and international research linkages.

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Koori Mail, Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Clarence Aboriginal Homelessness Case Worker

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We are seeking to employ a person experienced in dealing with disadvantaged clients who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Information packs can be had by emailing managem@gureghlan.com.au.

Applications must be emailed by close of business Tuesday Sept 30th.

The position will commence in late October, 2014

Call Ken or Mavis on 02 66428677

For more information

Whitelson and Open Family Australia have merged as a non-profit community organisation that supports and empowers young people at risk to reach their full potential. We are currently seeking a qualified and motivated Street Outreach Worker to join the Street Outreach Team based in Hoppers Crossing.

Some of the positions responsibilities include:
• Meet contact with and provide individualised support to OFA / WL target group of young people within the designated operational area.
• Provide case management and conduct regular evaluations of individual outcomes for the target group.
• Establish good networking relationships with community service groups and other key stakeholders relevant to OFA / WL, target group, for the purpose of identifying people to be referred for housing support and other services.
• Complete regular case reports and keep statistics and other client information as required/directed.

To be successful in this role you will require a relevant tertiary qualification in Social Work, Youth Work, Psychology, Social Science or related areas and/ or demonstrated relevant employment experience. You will also be required to undergo a current Police check and hold a current Driving Licence.

Salary range is $44,764.40 - $48,018.58 plus employer superannuation contribution of 10.0% on basic salary. All positions are full-time, working in a team environment with a commitment to provide ongoing training and professional development.

Applications Close: 5pm, Monday 16th September 2014

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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We have 2 Aboriginal specific positions to fill below.

A&D Case Worker Male

Full time 5 days 38 hours per week

Family Worker Female

Full time 5 days 38 hours per week
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Applications close 28th September 2014

For further details on this career defining opportunity, contact John Ubergang on 03 4245 4702 or visit our website www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/careers/current-vacancies.

For people wanting places:

To apply online at: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/careers

Applications close at 5pm on 22nd September, 2014.

Aboriginal Health Worker (Permanant)
Aboriginal Health Worker (Fixed term 12 months)
Receptionist – GP Clinic (Permanent)
Executive Assistant to CEO (Permanent)

Located at beautiful Coffs Harbour on the Mid North Coast NSW.

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The Australia Council supports the development of new and emerging artists, and the revitalisation of established artists. The Australia Council also contributes to the planning and delivery of Australia’s international cultural relations strategy, Australia ASEAN Vision 2020.

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Ms Wendy Jones on (02) 6575 6850 of email wjones@australiacouncil.gov.au

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With a key focus on strategically growing the value of the Trust estate, the Chief Executive will work proactively to optimise financial returns, manage diverse and complex relationships with stakeholders to facilitate the achievement of agreed objectives in line with annual budgets and funding priorities and ensure that the Trust has well-developed policies and procedures.

A thorough knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal Lands Trust Act 2013 and the Aboriginal Lands Trust Regulations 2014 is assumed to ensure appropriate governance, compliance and implementation. Satisfactory qualifications in a relevant field or demonstrated equivalent experience are essential.

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- **Key strategic role**
- **Salary package: $94,705 to $133,777 +15.4% super**

We are a federal government agency focused on improving the safety and quality of care across the health sector. A key piece of our work has been the development and implementation of the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards, which itself is developing direct patient benefit as it continues to create essential underpinnings for ongoing improvement.

We are currently seeking a highly motivated Senior Project Officer to drive a new initiative at UnitingCare Health – a national program aimed at improving healthcare provided to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in mainstream hospitals. The project will involve the analysis of safety and quality issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and collecting national data on the management and communication of information. Importantly, the applicant will be able to develop collaborative working relationships with key stakeholders including clinicians, Aboriginal health agencies and the communities they serve.

View the position description and selection criteria online at [http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au) and [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au). Enquiries to: Margaret Banks (Program Manager) on 02 9126 3684 Margaret.Banks@safetyandquality.gov.au

Closing date: 24 Sep 2014

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**HR Manager**

- **Part-time, flexible working hours.**
- **Based in Canberra**
- **Highly self-motivated and an ability to work autonomously**
- **Good interpersonal and time management skills**

Experience in developing and implementing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment strategies will be highly regarded.

This position will provide you with the opportunity to influence the development and implementation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment strategies and initiatives.

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**Grigge Healing**

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**Closing Date:** 15 September 2014.

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**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**

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**Aboriginal Idenified Caseworker**

**OHC Foster Care Caseuayen**

**In Partnership Juljugglin Children’s Service**

Careful has recently formed a partnership with Dhimurru Aboriginal Health Service (DHS) and Juljugglin Children’s Service in the Southern Tablelands; including Goulburn, Yass, Queanbeyan and the surrounding region.

Dhamurru and Currumbin will together provide to Aboriginal Foster Care and Aboriginal Kinship Care services. The role of a Careworker is a dynamic and multifaceted role and we will be looking for people who are energetic, passionate and are eager to build strong relationships with young people.

We require candidates to work flexible hours where required, including some evenings and weekend work, on which the rate may be a little lower than normal business hours but we believe you will be happy working in this working environment!

For more information and to apply go to: [www.everydaycare.org.au](http://www.everydaycare.org.au) or call 02 6376 9200.

Applications close: Monday 23rd September 2014

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**Career Opportunities**

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Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer
Loddon Prison Precinct

• Make a difference in the Koori community
• Salary range $58,630 - $71,189 plus superannuation

Based at the Loddon Prison Precinct in Castlemaine, the Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer provides welfare, advocacy and support to indigenous prisoners. This includes assisting indigenous prisoners to access appropriate pre and post release programs and entitlements to enable their reintegration into the community upon release.

As the successful candidate, you will possess strong interpersonal and communication skills and have a knowledge and understanding of indigenous community upon release.

This is an Aboriginal Designated Position, classified under ‘special measures’ of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au before Wednesday 17 September 2014.

Deliver innovative workforce planning and development services to health and community services organisations.

• Drive strategies to support the inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait people in the health and community services industry.

• Facilitate, deliver and further develop innovative programs and products across areas like leadership, workforce planning, policy and participation and process skills.

• Be part of a collaborative and participatory environment where you can help support Queensland’s largest and growing indigenous industry.

The Workforce Council has developed a range of innovative and participatory programs and services that support the health and community services industry to work well.

We are looking for skilled and experienced facilitators to deliver and further develop these products across our industry - building skills, capacity and capability of the industry to meet future needs.

These unique roles will provide the successful applicant with the opportunity to support and contribute to our innovative and diverse health and community services industry.

About us
The Workforce Council is the peak body for the Health and Community Services workforce in Queensland. We aim to INNOVATE and DELIVER to be well researched, well informed, well planned, well developed and well connected to perform.

We enjoy a reputation as an inclusive and active peak body that delivers insightful, informed and intelligent support in workforce related issues. We are committed to workforce development and sustainability.

To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume demonstrating your skills and experience to the role by COB Monday 22nd September 2014. Further information and a position description are available from our website www.workforce.org.au or by phoning on 07 3234 0290.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Origin Energy

Origin is the leading Australian integrated energy company. Origin has diverse operations spanning across the energy supply chain, from gas exploration and production to power generation and energy retailing. Origin is one of the largest holders of gas reserves in eastern Australia and a leading gas producer. We’re involved at the forefront of a new export industry with our role in one of Australia’s largest liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects.

Our exciting two-year Field Officer Traineeship Program offers a rewarding career.

For further information (including role of locations, information sessions, closing date and Aboriginal identified positions) or to apply online check out www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

(Clinical Grade 3/4
Full-time Permanent
Jobs.NSW Ref: 00006555M
Salary Package: $77,341 - $77,766
Closing date: Monday, 22 September 2014)

SENIOR RECORDS RELEASE OFFICER
Aboriginal Targeted Position
Criminal Records Section, Forensic Services Group, Parramatta
Clerk Grade 3/4
Full-time Permanent
Jobs.NSW Ref: 00006555M
Salary Package: $77,341 - $77,766
Closing date: Monday, 22 September 2014

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Origin is an equal opportunity employer and committed to continuous improvement in the sustainability of our environment, social and economic activities.

We encourage people from diverse backgrounds to apply

THE VOICE OF INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA

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(Job Vacancy Nos: OEH 309-14; OEH 310-14; OEH 311-14; OEH 312-14; OEH 313-14) or contact (02) 9585 6900.

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Is it time for a new career? Now recruiting for aviation fire fighters

Applications are now being accepted for Aviation Fire Fighter Trainees. If you enjoy working as part of a team, are fit and healthy and want to ensure the safety of the travelling public at major airports anywhere around the country, then a career as an aviation fire fighter may be for you.

Find out more at www.airservicescotoa.com.au or phone 02 8368 4082

Applications close 30 September 2014

Koori Court Officer
Magistrates’ Court of Victoria
Reference Number MC2201

The Koori Court is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement and was initially established as a division of the Magistrates’ Courts in Victoria.

The Koori Court Officer will be responsible for a number of administrative, promotional and liaison tasks with the established Swan Hill Koori Court.

This is an exciting opportunity for a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent to work within Victoria’s Judicial system. The person will be given the opportunity to work closely with the established Swan Hill Koori Court.

The Koori Court Officer will be responsible for a number of administrative, promotional and liaison tasks with the established Swan Hill Koori Court.

This is a designated position under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1977.

Applications close Sunday 28 September 2014

For further information and to apply, visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Corporate Services Manager

We need a dynamic and competent Corporate Services Manager to lead the business operations of the Aboriginal Medical Service. This role requires a balance of strategic and operational knowledge and will suit someone who is happy to jump from ‘tailing their sleeves up’ to chairmanship change.

Do you have experience:
- working in a senior Corporate Services role ideally within the healthcare, Aboriginal or for-profit sectors.
- 10 year post-graduate experience with a finance or accounting qualification.
- delivering operational improvements.

In return you will be rewarded with a competitive salary and charity tax benefits.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply although this is not a requirement of the role.

Applications close: 22 September 2014

Successful applicants will require a Working with Children Check and a Criminal Record Check.

Contact Laurie Leigh for a copy of the selection criteria and the position description on (02) 9519 5223 or email at leighl@amrsredfern.org.au

SG Health

Applications can be lodged online at http://swanstonc(o)ntinentalhealth.com.au/work-opportunities-for-aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-people/

Enquiries and Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the job advertising hot line on (02) 4985 3100.

Enrolled Nurse
John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Chris Sharkey, (02) 4921 4467
Reference ID: 190500

Registered Nurse
John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Chris Sharkey, (02) 4921 4467
Reference ID: 190508

Assistant In Nursing – Undergraduate
John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Chris Sharkey, (02) 4921 4467
Reference ID: 190592

Closing Date: 5 October 2014

Identified Nutritionist
Population Health, Planning and Performance, Wallsend/Taree
Enquiries: Dr Gillham, (02) 4924 6022
Reference ID: 209879

Closing Date: 21 September, 2014

These are identified Aboriginal Positions. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent.

Closing Date: 21 September 2014

Lactation Consultant – Registered Nurse or Midwife
Newcastle Community Health Centre
Enquiries: Leanne Morris, (02) 4016 4900
Reference ID: 207916

Closing Date: 21 September 2014

GNC Casual Administrative Officer
Various locations in the Newcastle Area
Enquiries: Rhonda Spann, (02) 4820 6543
Reference ID: 211621

Closing Date: 24 September 2014

Casual Administration Officer
Inverell
Enquiries: Felicity Wardle, (02) 6721 6500
Reference ID: 211639

Closing Date: 17 October 2014

These are targeted Aboriginal Positions. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent.

Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

For more information please contact:

Laurie Leigh on (02) 9519 5223 or email leighl@amrsredfern.org.au

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CARE SERVICE EMPLOYEES WANTED
Be inspired. Join our team. UnitingCare Ageing NSW.ACT is the largest provider of aged care services in NSW and the ACT.

We are an organisation which fosters a diverse workplace, raises funds for charities, supports environmental initiatives and provides ongoing education opportunities plus further benefits for our staff.

We are committed to finding ways to affirm life for all people especially those who are older and vulnerable. Through our vision of inspired care we make a difference through our work, enriching lives together. We are an organisation with a values system that ensures our values are reflected in our everyday practice.

Contact HR Services on (02) 1300 797 358.

Closing the Gap, Care Coordinators

ACT Medicare Local (ACTML) is seeking 2 Care Coordinators to provide a quality service to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients.

The Care Coordinator positions are full time and part time positions and are integral to the Care Coordination and Supplementary Services Program which is a Department of Health funded program working towards improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander outcomes in the areas of mainstream primary health care and chronic disease management.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply. The positions are a fixed term contract to 30 June 2015, with the possibility of extension subject to ongoing funding.

This role requires people who:

- Are committed to the concept of equity and justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Are experienced in coordination and have a commitment to quality care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Have completed a substantially accredited qualification in Social Work, Youth Work, Psychology, Social Science or equivalent.
- Are keen to develop their knowledge and experience in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care delivery.
- Have demonstrated commitment to working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Have strong communication, problem-solving and negotiation skills.
- Have an understanding of the social, emotional, cultural and spiritual well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Can work flexibly.

Applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm on Thursday the 25 September 2014.

For further information please contact Jo Butler on (02) 6287 8099.

Closing date: 18 September 2014

Aboriginal Identified, Field Officer, Clerk Grade 3/4, Aboriginal Services Unit, Central Sydney Office (Ongoing)

• Ongoing vacancy
• Package up to $91K
• Application form must be submitted online, to view full details please go to Jobs NSW, www.jobs.nsw.gov.au
• Use Job reference number: 2015083222

Enquiries: Scott Hawkins on (02) 9219 5109 or scott.hawkins@legalaid.nsw.gov.au,/ alternatively email: aboriginalservices@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing date: 18 September 2014

Aboriginal Identified, Field Officer, Clerk Grade 3/4, Aboriginal Services Unit, Northern Suburbs Office (Temporary)

• Temporary vacancy to 30 June 2015
• Package up to $79K
• To view full advert, please go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au
• Use 00035GSM as the reference number
• All applications MUST be submitted online through Jobs NSW

Enquiries: Scott Hawkins on (02) 9219 5109 or scott.hawkins@legalaid.nsw.gov.au, alternatively email: aboriginalservices@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing date: 18 September 2014

Tiddas Program Coordinator – Whitelion

Full time (1 FTE) – Thornbury / Fitzroy

Whitelion is a non-profit community organisation working with young people who are at risk and disconnected from the community due to abuse and neglect, drug addiction and poverty. Whitelion opens doors to opportunities, relationships and community for these young people.

It gives them the chance to ‘break the cycle’ through role modelling, mentoring, employment, housing support and indigenous programs, outreach services and preventative programs run in rural and metropolitan schools in disadvantaged communities.

We are currently seeking a qualified and motivated Program Coordinator to join the Bundji (Bundi) Team at the Minajalku Centre in Thornbury.

Some of the positions responsibilities include:

- Engage at-risk and disconnected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth and families
- Promote healthy lifestyles and positive life choices for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth that are on your case load
- Engage community in planning and participation
- Work towards the reduction of the extent and incidence of anti-social and criminal behaviours
- Encourage and support young people to link into employment and education
- Undertake a variety of administrative tasks including case notes, client monitoring forms and other tasks as directed by the Aboriginal Services Manager

To be successful in this role you will require a relevant tertiary qualification in Social Work, Youth Work, Psychology, Social Science or related areas and/or demonstrated relevant employment experience.

Job Services Australia experience would be desirable. You will also be required to undergo a criminal record check and hold a current Working with Children Check.

Salary is based on experience plus employer superannuation contributions of 9.5% and 17.5% leaving loading. Salary package up to $92K

Applications close at: 6:00 pm on Thursday the 25 September 2014.

To apply: Please visit our careers page www.unitingcarenswact.org.au/careers to apply for this role

If you require assistance with your online application please contact Jo Butler on (02) 6287 8099.

Closing date: 4:00 pm on Thursday the 25 September 2014.

Aboriginal Identified, Field Officer, Clerk Grade 3/4, Aboriginal Services Unit, Nowra Office (Ongoing)

• Ongoing vacancy
• Package up to $91K
• Application form must be submitted online, to view full details please go to Jobs NSW, www.jobs.nsw.gov.au
• Use Job reference number: 2015083222

Enquiries: Scott Hawkins on (02) 9219 5146 or janine.clarke@legalaid.nsw.gov.au, alternatively email: aboriginalservices@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing date: 18 September 2014

Check: Consult the legal aid act 1976, as amended

To be successful in this role you will require a relevant tertiary qualification in Social Work, Psychology, Social Science or related areas and/or a demonstrated relevant employment experience.

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Adani Mining Pty Ltd (Adani) proposes to develop its Carmichael Project (Project), including development of open-cut and underground coal mines and rail facilities connecting to export terminals at Abbot Point and/or Hay Point.

Adani proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (ILUA), pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (NTA), with the native title claim group for the Wangan and Jagalingou People

The ILUA will provide for the consent of the parties to certain Agreed Acts to be 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 be applied to the proposed Agreed Acts, the ILUA will also provide for the surrender of native title to the State and/or taking of native title by the State of a total of no more than 2,750 Ha, where these are required in order for ILUA Project approvals to be granted.

Authorisation of the ILUA by all persons who hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area is now sought in accordance with the NTA.

As at the date of this notice, the registered native title claim group for the WJ Claim comprises the descendants of:  

- Liz McEvoy of Logan Downs  
- Maggie Tarpot of Clermont  
- George McEvoy  
- Bob Tarpot of Alpha  
- Frank Fisher (Snr) of Clermont  
- Annie Flourbag  
- Mary of Clermont (also known as Mary Johnson)  
- Charlie McEvoy of Logan Downs  
- Liz McEvoy of Alpha  
- Daisy Collins  
- Katie of Clermont

Details of Information Sessions - Information sessions for WU People about the proposed ILUA will be held as follows:

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Registration must be received no later than Friday 26 September 2014, so that arrangements can be made for the purposes of catering, and should clearly set out:

- Your name and contact details  
- Your relationship to the Wangan and Jagalingou ancestor

Travel assistance will be made available upon satisfying eligibility criteria – please contact Cato Galilee for further details.

If you consider you hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area, but are not a descendant of a Wangan and Jagalingou ancestor, please contact Cato Galilee as soon as possible.

For the selection criteria, a downloadable position description and information package, please visit our website:


General Manager
Family & Community
Mallee District Aboriginal Services

Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) offers a comprehensive network of services to families, young people and individuals. They provide assistance and support to Aboriginal families and seek to improve the general welfare of Aboriginal people in their region. They are now seeking a high calibre professional for this important management role who will work to ensure the organisation meets its objectives.

The General Manager – Family and Community Services reports to the Chief Executive Officer and is a key member of the executive management team at Mallee District Aboriginal Services. This position is responsible for implementing policies and programs, financial management and the approved budgets and working with the Chief Executive Officer and the Executive team to achieve the business objectives and KPI’s set out in the MDAS Strategic Plan. This position will be responsible for the oversight and management of all service delivery in accordance with its standards and accreditation requirements within the Family and Community Services Division of MDAS.

Applications need to hold tertiary qualifications in management or health policy or related field and be able to demonstrate extensive Senior Management skills & experience in the Aboriginal Health and/or Community Sector.

An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

You can obtain further details from our website at:

www.hrsa.com.au

Closing date: 28 September 2014

MOTOR POOL SUPPORT OFFICER
Aboriginal Targeted Position
Accounts & Business Support Services, Shared Services, Parramatta
Driver/General Assistant
Permanent Full-time
Jobs.NSW Requisition No: 00001544


Job Description:
Provides a range of Motor Pool support functions for the efficient operation of Motor Pool Activities.

Job Notes:
- This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only in accordance with the NSW Police Force Employment Strategy.

Applications must be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: Loo Bait (02) 8835 9590

For the selection criteria, a downloadable position description and information package, please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00003544.
The registered native title claim group for the Birriah Claim comprises the descendants of:

1. Barney Anderson;
2. George Bowen;
3. Maggie Callaghan (also known as Mary-Ann Callaghan);
4. Dick Clark;
5. Madgalene Claussen (Kyle);
6. Lily Cook and Dick Cook or Ceci ‘Pinker’ Cook;
7. Paddy Daly;
8. Eric Dinduck;
9. Victor Diprose and MaryAbury (nee Diprose);
10. Reg Dodd (Snr);
11. Arthur Emmerson (Snr) and Nellie Emmerson;
12. Sambo Gallahhan;
13. Dick Hegarty (also known as Dick Dinduck or Dick Allan);
14. Tom Iffley;
15. Tommy King and Alice King;
16. Rosie Kyle and Dan Kyle;
17. Norah Smallwood;
18. Jimmy Lany;
19. Billy Lightning and Alice Lightning;
20. Lizzie Morgan (also known as Janet Twist);
21. Major Mitchell;
22. Elise New Island;
23. Mary O’Sing;
24. Emily Prior (Picard);
25. Bob Roberts;
26. Rosie Shilling;
27. Sophia Steen;
28. Dolly Tarpot/Langton (nee Dunrobin);
29. Jean Tears, Maude Tears, Donald Tears, and Minnie Tears;
30. Janet Twist and Albert Twist;
31. Daisy Wake;
32. Charlie Watson; and
33. Sharper “Woodhouse”.

The biological or adopted descendants of:

- Jinnie Tiers;
- Rosie Schilling;
- Sambo Gallahhan;
- The mother of Lizzie Limburner.

Details of Information Sessions

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Purposes:

- To provide information to Birriah People on the ILUA.
- All Birriah People are invited to attend the information sessions. Please note travel assistance will not be available to Birriah People to attend an information session.

Details of ILUA Authorisation Meeting - an authorisation meeting for the proposed ILUA will be held as follows:

- Date: Saturday, 27 September 2014
- Time: 8.30am
- Place: Rockhampton Adani Office, Level 25, 10 Eagle St Brisbane
- Purpose: To consider and authorise the entering into of the ILUA and associated ancillary agreement and authorise the nomination of a ‘Nominated Body’ under the ILUA ancillary agreement.

If you intend to attend the ILUA authorisation meeting, you must register by contacting:

Birriah Ltd
Address: PO Box 468, Belgian Gardens, Qld 4810
Phone: 0407 766 034
Email: birriahmail@gmail.com

Registration must be received no later than Friday, 19 September 2014, so that arrangements can be made for the purposes of catering, and should clearly set out:

- Your name and contact details
- Your Birriah ancestor

Limited travel assistance will be made available upon satisfying eligibility criteria – please contact Birriah Ltd for further details.

If you consider you hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area, but are not a descendant of a Birriah ancestor, please contact Birriah Ltd as soon as possible.

The registered native title claim group for the Birriah Claim comprises the descendants of:

- Barney Anderson
- George Bowen
- Maggie Callaghan (also known as Mary-Ann Callaghan)
- Dick Clark
- Madgalene Claussen (Kyle)
- Lily Cook and Dick Cook or Ceci ‘Pinker’ Cook
- Paddy Daly
- Eric Dinduck
- Victor Diprose and May Abury (nee Diprose)
- Reg Dodd (Snr)
- Arthur Emmerson (Snr) and Nellie Emmerson
- Sambo Gallahhan
- Dick Hegarty (also known as Dick Dinduck or Dick Allan)
- Tom Iffley
- Tommy King and Alice King
- Rosie Kyle and Dan Kyle
- Norah Smallwood
- Jimmy Lany
- Billy Lightning and Alice Lightning
- Lizzie Morgan (also known as Janet Twist)
- Major Mitchell
- Elise New Island
- Mary O’Sing
- Emily Prior (Picard)
- Bob Roberts
- Rosie Shilling
- Sophia Steen
- Dolly Tarpot/Langton (nee Dunrobin)
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- Janet Twist and Albert Twist
- Daisy Wake
- Charlie Watson
- Sharper “Woodhouse”
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- Peggy Barker
- Tommy Dodd or Tommy Morgan
- Norah Smallwood
- Jimmy Lany
- Billy Lightning and Alice Lightning
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Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the State of Queensland
Notification day: 24 September 2014
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Applicant’s name: Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club
Incorporated V State of Queensland
Federal Court File No: QL12389/2014
Non-native title interest: Lease for a Term of Years on Lots 1, 2 and 3 on Survey Plan 149509
Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description of the application area:
The application area covers about 1.3 km² including Lots 1-3 on SP149509 located southeast of Hervey Range Road approximatively 35 kilometres south west of Townsville.

Relevant LGA: Townsville City Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Qld. For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1300 649 561 or visit www.nntf.gov.au.

NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29
The State of Western Australia HEBREW GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978.

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 10 September 2014
Nature of the act: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 10 December 2014. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). Enquiries in relation to being a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 10 January 2015), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29
The State of Western Australia HEBREW GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978.

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 10 September 2014
Nature of the act: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 10 December 2014. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). Enquiries in relation to being a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The expedition procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are exercising the expedient procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted as a single act. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). Enquiries in relation to being a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. Expedient procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are exercising the expedient procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted as a single act. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). Enquiries in relation to being a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. 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.

Shared country, shared future.

THE KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014.

A SHLEIGH Gardner was set to make her debut for the NSW Breakers last weekend as the state’s women’s cricket team prepared for a big season.

She was one of several new faces who had the opportunity to impress during pre-season trials.

The Breakers took on South Australia and the ACT in a pre-season quad series at Blacktown International Sportspark last weekend.

The ACT team included Sally Moyal. With the Breakers’ Australian representatives unavailable, NSW selectors took the opportunity to give several younger players the chance to experience senior cricket for the first time.

SPORT

Ashleigh makes debut for NSW Breakers

The Breakers have made a native title determination application (QUD 6242/1998) in the Federal Court of Australia seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the Native Title Act 1993. The Breakers People are currently described as the descendants of the following people:

1. Barney Anderson;
2. George Bowen;
3. Maggie Callaghan (also known as Mary Ann Callaghan);
4. Dick Clark;
5. Magdalene Clossen (Kyle);
6. Lily Cook and Dick Cook or ‘Chice’ Pincher Cook;
7. Paddy Daly;
8. Eric Dinduck;
9. Victor DiPippo and May Albury (nee Dipippo);
10. Reg Dodd (Snr);
11. Arthur Emmerson;
12. Sambo Gallaghan;
13. Dick Hegarty (also known as Dick Dinduck or Dick Alan);
14. Tommy King and Alice King;
15. Rosie Kyle and Dan Kyle;
16. Tom Scoby;
17. Norah Smallwood;
18. Jimmy Larry;
19. Billy Lightning and Alice Lightning;
20. Lizzy Morgan (also known as Janet Twist);
21. Major Mitchell;
22. Elise New Island;
23. May Sling;
24. Emily Prior (Pcarid);
25. Bob Roberts;
26. Rosie Shilling;
27. Sophie Skeen;
28. Dolty Tarlop (nee Dunbrow);
29. Jean Tans, Maude Tans, Donald Tans and Minnie Tans;
30. Janet Twist and Albert Twist;
31. Daisy Wake;
32. Charlie Watson;
33. Sharper “Woodhouse”;
34. Samira Hougham;
35. Nicky Shilling;
36. Maylisse Morgan (nee Cotter);
37. Tommy Dodd or Tommy Morgan;
38. Tom Whiting;
39. Mary Kitchen;
40. Stan Clossen;
41. Arthur King (also known as King Arthur);
42. Robert Kitchen;
43. Sera King;
44. Magdalene Clossen (also known as Annie Clossen);
45. Tommy Kincaid;
46. May King;
47. Tommy Moroney;
48. Tommy Morgan;
49. Tommy Shipley;
50. Maryse Morgan (nee McTinney);
51. Tommy Morgan (nee Crooks);
52. Tommy Morgan.

The ILUA authorisation decisions may be made following the meeting call on the following day about changing the description of the Birriah Native Title Claim Group (‘first meeting’ – which is the subject of a separate public notice).

This Notice invites all members of the Breakers People (as described after the first meeting) and any other person who claims to hold native title in the ILUA Area, to an authorisation meeting at the time and location below.

Date of Meeting: Sunday 28 September 2014.
Venue of Meeting: Rugby Southbank, 23 Palmer St, South Townsville, Qld
Time of Meeting: Registration – 8:30am
Meeting Opens – 9:30am

The purpose of the meeting is to—
Authorise an Indigenous Land Use Agreement between the Birriah People, Birriah Cultural Heritage Services Pty Ltd and Burdekin, Charters Towers, Isaac, Mackay and Whitsunday Councils which provides among other things – a mechanism for resolving native title issues with local government; processes for validating future acts and managing and protecting Aboriginal cultural heritage; and a framework for policies and programs of mutual benefit.

AND Authorise an Indigenous Land Use Agreement between the Birriah People and the State of Queensland and D & J Res which provides for the surrender of native title over part of Lot 26 on GS1023 (6289m²) at Ravenswood which falls within the area of the Birriah claim.

To register for the meeting call Birriah Limited on 0407 766 034 or email birrihamail@gmail.com.
The Tabulam Turtle Divers are revived.

THE Tabulam Turtle Divers are returning. The local Tabulam Rugby League club is getting back together to contest the upcoming Local Knockout carnival at Crozier Oval, Lismore on September 21.

The Turtle Divers have a proud history that goes back to the 1930s. That was when Tabulam fielded its first rugby league team against the Lismore Magpies.

They later changed to the Magpies, changing to the Turtle Divers in 1985 when they participated in the Group One second division competition.

There, they established themselves as the team to beat – playing in 20 grand finals and winning 16.

Players who went on to greater heights included Tabulam captain (Souths) Roy Bell (Sydney) and (Manly) and former rugby league standout.

Club manager Leonid Hickling said: "We are starting up our team again because we want our community to regain its pride in our heritage.

"We want to help improve the health of our community and people so they can get rid of the alcohol, drugs and crime that are holding them back.

"We believe Turtle Divers back in their lives gives people a reason to save their money so they can get to training and next weekend's game."
Notice of four applications for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

Notification day: 10 September 2014

These are applications by native title claim groups who are asking the Federal Court to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 3806, Darwin NT 0801 on or before 9 December 2014. After 9 December 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 any of those applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.

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Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the State of Queensland

Notification day: 24 September 2014

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The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim. A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court’s determination.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Queensland.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Lisa Jessett on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Applicant’s name: Mareeba Shire Council

Non-native title interest: A reserve for Sport and Recreation Purposes Lot 58 on Survey Plan 23881

Object sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area covers Lot 58 on SP23881, about 704 hectares, located in the vicinity of Chillagoe.

Relevant LGA: Mareeba Shire Council.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

Lalor renews NSW cricket contract

JOSH Lalor, who has renewed his contract with Cricket NSW, took 3-36 as NSW disposed of Western Australia in a one-day pre-season game against Western Australia at Allan Border Field, Brisbane.

He claimed the first three wickets to fall to put WA on the back foot.

David Warner scored a century as NSW scored 6-336 last Thursday.

Lalor took 0-27 from his seven overs.

Two other Indigenous cricketers are also understood to have renewed their contracts – Tasmanian Ryan Lees and ACT Meteors player Sally Moylan.

The Meteos play in the Women’s National Cricket League.

Mia has plenty to cheer about

ELEVEN-year-old Mia Ah Chee is to make her debut for Queensland in a national cheerleading competition.

Mia, from West End, a Brisbane suburb, will be up against cheerleading teams from NSW, Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria at Boondall, Brisbane.

Mia is with her club Queensland Cheer Elite (QCE) and her team is called the QCE Crystals.

She trains regularly and mixes cheerleading with working out in the gymnasium and walking with her mum along the Brisbane River.

Her mother Narelle Ah Chee said Mia found cheerleading a little daunting at first as she was the only Aboriginal girl.

“But this has given her the drive to excel and showcase professional American style cheerleading to other Aboriginal girls,” her mum said.

She said cheer competition was an eye-opening experience because of its teamwork, precision and electricity.

Mia is in year 6 at West End State School and next year will attend Brisbane State High School.

She will continue cheerleading as an out-of-school activity.

Her goal is to attend the World Cheerleading titles in Texas and Florida next year.

Even though she hasn’t started secondary school, she feels that she wants to be a veterinarian surgeon.

She practises cheerleading at home and for three hours on Wednesdays, where she spends 1.5 hours of tumbling (cartwheels, backflips, handstands, forward rolls, backward rolls, stretches and holds).

That is followed by 1.5 hours of cheer/dance with her team.

A soaking bath and a hot meal at home are welcomed by Mia after her Wednesday workouts.

Mia Ah Chee

Picture: Peter Argent Ryan Lees

Sally Moylan

Western Australia replied with 9-205.

On Friday, NSW again beat Western Australia, dismissing the Sandgropers for 182 and replying with 4-239.

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By PETER ARGENT

AGE is no barrier for Corey Ah Chee as he approaches his 34th birthday at the end of this month.

The veteran Southern Saints Aussie rules player happily travels upwards of 120km a week to play rural football in South Australia’s mid-north.

In the first week of September, Ah Chee and the Eudunda-Robertstown Football Club entered their first ever finals campaign as a combined entity.

“It is exciting for everyone involved in the club - the players, coaching staff, administrators and supporters,” Ah Chee said.

“Actually, it is a real fillip for the entire community.”

“We have been building with this group and they have grown together.”

“The players really have taken ownership of their roles this year.”

Country atmosphere

“Personally, I still love the country atmosphere and the community aspects of the clubs.”

While Lisa is playing netball and our girls Madison, 6, and Rubi, 2, love being a part of it.

Ah Chee is a SANFL state footballer, a 200-game player with the Port Adelaide Magpies and the first ever Aboriginal captain of a state league team.

Tough as nails, but equally fair, defender and sometimes key forward Ah Chee rated as the SANFL best full back for a decade from 2000.

This year of achievement after he came down from the Northern Territory, when he played with the Darwin Buffaloes and was a Northern Territory Thunder under 18s representative for three years.

For the past three years, he was playing coach of the Saints before standing aside this season.

The football and netball clubs are the hub of any country community.

While the club did grow over his tenure in charge, Ah Chee is pleased that the team has taken the next step and is playing major round football in 2014.

One of the foundation clubs – Eudunda – had a colourful history, playing in five different leagues, winning 12 flags, with the most recent in 1981. The club won its first premiership in 1915 in the North East Football Association, actually beating Robertstown by 22 points.

The last time Eudunda played finals was in 2002.

Originally black and gold and then green and gold, Robertstown struggled to find a home, playing in several competitions before settling in the Mid Murray from 1987 to 2009 (the year before amalgamating with Eudunda), making 15 grand finals for 10 flags, including the final two of the Mid Murray.
Cricket season off to flying start for Lain

NSW South Coast product Lain Beckett is facing a hectic couple of months – playing in a week-long tournament this month in Darwin and Palmerston, and then touring Sri Lanka next month with the Warriors, before joining him on the Sri Lankan tour will be NSW Imparja Cup teammate Jonte Pattison. They are in Cricket Australia’s 15-man squad that will play Sri Lanka’s under 19s in one-day and one three-day games in Colombo.

The Australian team also features Tom Head, son of former Test wicketkeeper Ian Healy.

Before he heads off to Sri Lanka, Beckett will be part of the Australian 14-man National Indigenous Development team taking part in the Top End Cricket Carnival starting on Sunday, September 14. That team will play its last match on Friday, September 19, and Beckett will push off to Brisbane to join the Australian under 19 team that will assemble the following day.

The team for the Top End tournament was pruned down from a preliminary 24-man squad.

Their opponents will be the International Cricket Council (ICC) East Asia Pacific, Papua New Guinea and Northern Territory Strike.

Survived final cut
West Australian quartet Michael Bailey, Bevan Bennell, Alistair Bivens and D’Arcy Short made the final cut for the Top End tournament.

Bailey, Bivens and Short hail from Gosnells District Cricket Club, while Northam-raised Bennell plays his club cricket for Midland-Guildford.

Bailey, 21, captained WA’s triumphant Imparja Cup side earlier this year and was recognised nationally by winning the Lord’s Taverners Indigenous Cricketer of the Year.

“I will be a good opportunity to go and travel with a touring side in Darwin,” said Bailey, who has never been to Darwin before. “It’s good practice coming into the season ahead.”

Bivens, 20, enjoyed a breakthrough season in 2013-14 with Gosnells, where he scored his maiden century.

“I did hit my straps at some point and it’s something I’d love to build on at the start of this season as well,” Bivens said.

“Having a good pre-season with the Indigenous squad would be a great step in the right direction.”

Short, 24, is originally from Darwin, but moved to WA to play cricket and actually made his Western Warriors debut in November 2011.

“Hopefully, I can have a good season this year and get my name back in the Development Squad and go from there,” Short said.

“It’d be good to get a couple of games under the belt in September before the first grade season starts.”

Lain Beckett batting for the ACT against Queensland during the under 19 Championship at New Town Oval, Hobart, in December, 2013. Picture: Getty against East Asia Pacific on Friday, September 19.

Referring to the selection of Lain Beckett and Jonte Pattison in the under 19 team to tour Sri Lanka, Cricket Australia’s national talent manager and former Australian captain Greg Chappell said the pair had shown significant talent.

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Boxing club shifts loyalty

A CAIRNS boxing club that has many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members has turned its back on the Sunstate Boxing League and joined the rival Boxing Queensland in a bid to give its fighters greater opportunities in the ring.

Boxing Queensland is affiliated with Boxing Australia and AIBA, the International Boxing Association (l’Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur). Boxers who want to represent their country at the Commonwealth and Olympic Games and other international tournaments must do so through Boxing Australia.

The Boxing League was a breakaway organisation formed some years ago because of disenchantment by some officials unhappy with the way the sport was being run.

The Marlin Coast Boxing Club, run by Kevin Mayo, has announced its new association with Boxing Queensland.

Club spokeswoman Samantha Forbes said Mayo had been tightly involved in north Queensland boxing for 38 years – first as a fighter and later as a trainer.

She said Mayo had coached and supported many of the most successful boxers to emerge from north Queensland, including his son Bradley.

Robert Mayo said the Marlin Coast Boxing Club had more than 30 registered boxers – mainly of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent.

“For not only has Kevin made a large impact on Australian boxing – he also actively promotes and develops an influential leader in Indigenous youth empowerment and self-development,” she said.

“Originally, the Marlin Coast Boxing Club was registered under north Queensland’s own Sunstate League that restricts boxers from representing their country.

“The young athletes’ goals in mind, Kevin made the tough decision to register his club under Boxing Queensland and AIBA.

“By affiliating with these associations, Kevin has given the boxers of north Queensland the opportunity to represent their country.”

The club’s journey down this new road will come on October 18 when it hosts the Hilton Cairns Cup – a tournament Mayo hopes will become an annual event.

Forbes said a number of Cairns businesses, including the Hilton Hotel, had been confirmed as event sponsors.

The tournament will feature up to 30 amateur bouts, with some boxers travelling from interstate.

The tournament also will feature a number of Aborigines, Australia’s first world amateur gold medallist Clay Waterman will be in Cairns for the tournament.

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**By ALF WILSON**

A WELL-drilled Roosters scored a nail-biting 28-22 victory over Badu Island side Mulga Tigers in the Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL) grand final at Thursday Island’s Ken Brown Memorial Oval on August 23.

Testimony to the closeness was that at half-time, the Danny Mosby-coached Roosters led 18-16 before a big crowd at the ground known as the ‘Rock’.

Veteran Cairns referee Rod ‘Hairy’ McCrae controlled the decider and described it as a “wonderful physical battle on a lush green field”.

McCrae told the Koori Mail it had been “lit for tat” as players battled for superiority.

“Roosters played well as a team and in the second half the wind played havoc as players from both sides became tired and started to drop the ball,” McCrae said.

Not surprisingly, McCrae rated representative footballers Aaron Binawel and Steve Singleton as the Roosters’ best.

Singleton had been player of the year when Torres Strait side Kaiwalagal Stingers won the Remote Area Rugby League (RARL) FNQ Challenge at Cairns in late June and then for Northern United, who beat Outback 30-24 on Thursday Island in mid-July.

Binawel also shone in both.

Singleton is regarded as one of the best club footballers in north Queensland never to have played NRL and is a former Cairns and District best and fairest medal winner.

Quietly spoken off the field, Binawel is a former Foley Shield representative for Torres-Cape and Innisfail-Eacham.

McCrae also was glowing in his praise for veteran Roosters forward Theo Mosby.

“Theo took it up to the younger fellas and didn’t take a backward step,” he said.

Another standout for the Roosters was Taualve Faleono, who was playing havoc with the Mulga defence.

Mulga coach Barry Nona rated his best player as centre Soki Dau, along with forwards George Morseu Jr and Remus Phineasa.

The Badu visitors travelled to Thursday Island in outboard dinghies in 25-knot winds.

Mr Nona has a recommendation for 2015 matches.

“I would like to see two referees control each game, one from south (Cairns) and a local,” he said.

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**By ALF WILSON**

PROUD father Robert Cedar couldn’t barrack outright for either team while brotherly love was put on hold when Chris and Michael Cedar battled it out in the Queensland Basketball League’s men’s final series.

Chris, 25, lined up for the McDonald’s Rockhampton Rockets and his older brother Michael, 27, for the Mackay Meteors.

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**Roosters grow after KRL win**

The Marlin Coast Boarding School is a big supporter of the Marlin Coast Boxing Club and its members.

Forbes said the Marlin Coast Boxing Club has been a major sponsor of the school, providing funds for a number of events.

“Boxing is a great sport for young people and the school is proud to support the club,” she said.

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**Minor premiers**

Mulga had finished minor premiers and rolled Rolston 14-4 in the qualifying semifinal earlier.

To earn a re-match in the decider, Roosters beat Suburbs 24-14 in the preliminary final.

In the women’s clash on grand final day, Suburbs defeated Mulga 38-16. Player of the match was the Suburbs a sister, Sarah Hail.

There was a cavalcade of junior football grand finals earlier in the day.

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Perfect celebration

THE Cherbourg Hornets have won the South Burnett Rugby League A-grade major premiership, stinging the Murgon Mustangs 59-26 in a lopsided grand final. For the first time in 100 years, the grand final was played at Cherbourg and the hosts didn’t miss the opportunity to celebrate in style at Jack O’Chin Oval on August 30. There to enjoy the celebrations were some members of Cherbourg’s first South Burnett premiership winning team from 1980.

The 2014 grand final result was no surprise – the Hornets had gone through the season undefeated. The Hornets were out to impress and put on a spate of tries to lead 30-12 at the break. Then things got a bit hairy. The Mustangs found form. They started the second stanza with determination and when they came within eight points of the Hornets, the momentum appeared to have swung.

Trademark flair

Then the Hornets turned up the after-burners and showing their trademark flair, piled on more tries to storm to victory. Centre Alex ‘Bunyip’ Speedy was named man of the match, having scored three tries. It was a great day for the Hornets, who also figured in a number of grand finals.

In the under 12 division, the Hornets beat the Nanango Stags 14-10. The Stags came into the match having dominated the season. But dazzling attacking play and torrid defence saw the Hornets pull off an upset win.

Five-eighth Dennis Sandow showed his usual class.

Picture: Jennifer Juderjahn

Man of the match was Cherbourg fullback Alex Georgetown. In the under 14 final, the Kingaroy Red Ants beat the Murgon Mustangs 26-14. The Mustangs went into the game as the season’s form team. But that amounted to nothing. The Mustangs won the under 16 final, beating Cherbourg 26-18. The teams shared the minor premiership and then survived the semi-finals to set up a classic showdown. Murgon took an early lead before Cherbourg hit back and an arm wrestle of brilliant attack and hard tackling ensued. Murgon’s under 18s went into its grand final heavy favourites against Nanango Stags due to their opponents having a tough game against Cherbourg Hornets the week before. The Mustangs put on four tries within the first 30 minutes and continued to dominate to win 56-12.

South Burnett Junior Rugby League life member and Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council CEO Warren Collins said it was a perfect day for the footy mad town. “The games were played in the right spirit and the whole community made it a great day,” he said. “Volunteers put their hand up to help, thousands turned up and everybody left with a smile on their face.”

South Burnett Junior Rugby League president Greg Pomfret was stoked. He’s now talking about bringing the South Burnett’s contracted Intra Super Cup match to Cherbourg. “I’d like to give Cherbourg the opportunity,” he said. “The playing surface is probably the best in the South Burnett and they’ve upgraded the facilities.”
Tanaya off to equestrian nationals

Tanaya Radecker, a Murrin girl living in Western Australia, has again been selected to represent her state in showjumping.

The 11-year-old and her horse Maxxie will compete at the Equestrian Australia national interschool championships from September 29 to October 3 in Werribee, Victoria.

Last year Tanaya not only won the primary school showjumping championship, she also was the national showjumping rider, beating all students – primary and secondary.

The trip to the other side of Australia with a horse comes at a big cost – one that Tanaya’s family could not afford.

But thanks to wonderful community support and some serious fundraising, her costs have been covered.

Tanaya also has the opportunity to compete at the Australian showjumping championships at Werribee in the week leading up to the interschool championships. Although born in Western Australia, Tanaya is in fact a Murrin. Her father is from the Cloncurry-Mt Isa area and has a big family there. Tanaya’s maternal great-grandmother was born in Coen, north Queensland and grew up in Yarrabah, near Cairns. The Kooringal Mail reported last year than Tanaya had to look no further than her older brother Zavier for inspiration.

In 2011, Zavier finished third in the 80cm showjumping at the national interschool championships at Werribee, Victoria.

We reported that Zavier had since drifted away from competitive showjumping, but little sister Tanaya was inspired by his achievements and now was blazing her own trail. She was selected for the WA team last year and earlier won the 90cm national interschool primary showjumping championship against some of Australia’s most experienced showjumping riders.

The 10-year-old then won supreme national showjumping rider from a field that included secondary and primary students.

Tanaya lives at Pinjarra, about 85km south of Perth. Her ‘superstar’ pony is called Morningside Music Maker (Maxine).

Started early

Tanaya has been riding virtually since she could walk – not surprising given that her whole family is involved with horses. She started competing at small shows from the age of six, but was asked to join the school’s equestrian team when the family moved from Kalgoorlie to Pinjarra when she eight.

She admired her older brother when he was selected for the nationals in 2011, and dreamed of doing the same when she was older.

Two years later, her dream was realised.
McGrath hangs up his boots

By CHRIS PIKE

THE last of the Brisbane Lions premiership players has now retired with Ash McGrath calling time on his Australian Football League (AFL) career at the end of 2014.

It brings an end also to the time of the three McGrath brothers playing at the top level.

The youngest of the McGrath brothers put together a stunning AFL career after originally being drafted from WAPL club South Fremantle to the Brisbane Lions at the end of 2000. He couldn’t quite break into the premiership team of 2001, playing just one game in his debut season, and then in 2002, he also missed the premiership without playing another game after round 17, but he was a key part of the line-up by 2003.

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“I’ve been thinking about it all year, but it wasn’t until the last month I actually sat down with Leppa (coach Justin Leppitsch) and tried to work out some stuff. At the end of the day, it was a pretty easy decision. The group is moving forward and I was just finding it a bit tough to back up week to week. It was sitting down with my wife, watching the boys play and I just turned to her and said that I think my time was up. He could just see that with the young crop we’ve got coming through, it was going to be an uphill battle for me to push them out of the way. McGrath kicked 170 goals over the course of his career, but two stand out above the rest.

The first was a crucial one late in the 2003 preliminary final where the Lions stormed back to win against Sydney. The second was the after-the-sirens

Ashleigh McGrath is chaired off following his 200th game in the round 13 AFL match between against the Geelong Cats at the Gabba, Brisbane, in June, 2013. Picture: AAP match-winner last year against Geelong in his 200th match. Those are two of his great highlights of his career – along with the premiership.

“The grand final is one of the better highlights but I’ve got highlights right throughout my career,” he said.

“I would put up the prelim final against Sydney down there before the grand final as one of the great wins that I’ve been a part of, along with the 200th game and also in 2009 when we came back to beat Carlton in the first final here at the Gabba.

“Those games will really stand out in my mind the most.”

McGrath is also looking forward to seeing the Lions move back into finals contention in coming seasons and has no doubt with the building done under new coach Leppitsch in 2014 despite a heap of injuries, that some success won’t be far away.

“The club is in a real solid place. I’ve been along long enough to see careers come to an end,” he said.

“I remember when Chris Johnson retired and he said the same thing about the younger guys coming through then. The club is in a great spot and will be playing finals pretty soon and I will be sitting at home watching them do that.”

Family affair

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Tanisha now an elite rugby sevens player

AUSTRALIAN netball and touch football representative Tanisha Stanton has joined follow Indigenous player Taleena Simon in the Qantas Australian women’s rugby sevens program.

Dubbo-born Stanton, from Newcastle, has represented Australia and NSW in netball at under 17 and under 19 levels as well as touch football at national level.

Following her selection in the rugby sevens, she said: “I’m absolutely stoked to be joining the squad with all these talented athletes. I’m looking forward to trying something different and giving rugby sevens a crack.

“The other girls have been really welcoming. Training was hard but it has been great and I’m looking forward to seeing what the journey holds.”

Stanton said her ultimate goal was to compete for Australia in the Olympics, “It’s anyone’s dream,” she said.

The 18-year-old is the second Aboriginal female player to sign a full-time professional contract with the Australian Rugby Women’s Sevens program following Simon’s arrival in July.

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Matt Hodgson in from the cold

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With McKenzie naming a forwards-heavy 6-2 split on the bench, there was no doubt the Wallabies were preparing for a particularly brutal clash against the Springboks up front.

"It's a style the Hodgson relishes, and it's clear that he's been working on that. He's a natural leader on the field and has the ability to inspire his teammates. It's exciting to see him in action again!"

Hodgson has been in career best form in 2014. The six-Test Western Force skipper has been looking to put the Tigers right back in their place.

Similar to Richmond, they look irresistible when they've got their hard-running, fast-moving game going.

The Power midfield is tough and skilful, their defence is reliable and tough to penetrate, and they have an array of potent and versatile forwards, and, along with significant helpings of x-factor, that never goes astray in finals.

Adelaide Oval will be heaving like never before under the weight of expectation from two rival supporter bases.

Geelong are, by consensus, the weakest of the top four teams heading into this finals series, largely due to being unconvincing when beating weaker teams, and having been put to the sword at various stages by Sydney, Hawthorn and Fremantle.

Their best is dazzling, but seldom does it last longer than a 10 or 15-minute burst, and their poor patches have a tendency to go for longer.

It's hard to see them winning three matches in a row against the sort of opposition they'll be coming up against.

Hawthorn have fought through injury to senior players and illness to their senior coach to impressively secure another top two finish.

The Tigers are the form team of the competition, albeit lacking the class of the top four sides.

The fact is, Sydney were able to begin three points despite not being at full intensity for the first quarter and missing the best forward in the game (Lance Franklin), arguably their two best midfielders this season (Josh Kennedy, and Ben Mcgrady), as well as their number one ruckman in Mike Pyke.

They'll be producing a much sharper and formidable unit in the finals series.

Fremantle are their main danger, clicking into gear at the right time thanks to a new-found potency in attack over the previous three weeks, complementing their famed defensive pressure.

With Nat Fyfe to be welcomed back into a side that kicked nine goals in a row against an in-form Port the previous weekend, their claims are irreparable.

It won't be easy to contain a side consisting of him, Sandilands, Mundy, Barlow, Ballantyne, Walters and Pavlich for four quarters.

The second wave of players, led by the immensely talented Lachie Neale, are also capable of much destruction.

The winner of Sydney and Fremantle will have one foot in the grand final with a home preliminary final to come, most likely against Geelong.

The loser will be my tip as the other team to get there.

The case can be made that the preliminary finals produce the most pure football and that we could witness a number of potential classics, with storylines many and varied.

For me, the ultimate classic would be to see the Swans line up against Hawthorn, which will see Buddy Franklin in the ultimate confrontation with his former club.

It is a contest that would attract the attention of all sports lovers – not just AFL fans.

Footy fever has arrived! Let finals football begin! Until Next Time… Keep Dreaming!
Celebrating with the shield to signify their Keith Gibbs Cup win is the under 15 Murgon State High School team. Pictures: Jordan Lynas

The best there is?

MURGON State High School under 15 rugby league team arguably could be the best in the country. It was twice as good as the Sunshine Coast rugby league school of excellence, Mountain Creek, when it took the Keith Gibbs Cup on August 27.

While the Murgon High squad left a trail of heavily beaten sides along the way to making the final, they were the underdogs before running on to the Jack Stokes Oval at Gympie for the showdown with Mountain Creek.

Mountain Creek had just beaten renowned rugby league school Wavell Heights, and played a structured game much much like a National Rugby League (NRL) side.

But the Murgon boys’ flair and uncanny knack to read a game had them leading all the way to a 25-14 victory.

Five-eighth and captain Barry Tapau-Fewquandie was man of the match and Errol Simpson’s move from fullback to centre paid off.

“Errol knows when to pop up and be in the right place at the right time,” coach Shane Polzin said.

He believed the fancied Mountain Creek players had no answer for Murgon’s ad-lib creativity.

“Our boys know when to turn it on,” Polzin said.

“They can see the game unfold and are very good at predicting what’s about to happen.”

The win makes Murgon State High School officially the best team within the Sunshine Coast-Wide Bay region. While there is no longer a Queensland wide under 15 competition, the win against Mountain Creek must surely put the team amongst the best in Australia.

Polzin said the game showed why school was the best pathway to a rugby league career.

“NRL sides now look for teenagers who are serious, get their education and have first-class behaviour and discipline,” he said.

“We’re trying to turn out fine young men as well as rugby league players. They won’t get taken by the NRL otherwise. There’s plenty of fine young men to pick from.”

Co-coach Stephen Simpson agreed.

“School is where most scouts start looking,” he said.

“It’s the best step to a rugby league career.”

Errol Simpson, Jared Sippel and Barry Tapau drive the Mountain Creek State High School attack into the ground.

Bronson Fogarty runs on to a great pass from Peter Langton.
Mundine announced last month that he would face unbeaten knockout master Sergey Rabchenko on November 12 at Melbourne’s Hisense Arena, which is part of the Melbourne Park complex.

The Belarusian, who has recorded 18 of his 25 victories by KO, will put his World Boxing Council (WBC) silver light middleweight title on the line.

Rabchenko’s second-tier belt makes him the No 1 ranked contender for Mayweather, the iconic American who boasts a 46-0 record and is rated by many as the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world.

Mundine is 39 and, having been knocked down five times in his most recent fight – a unanimous points loss to Joshua Clottey, the world No 2 pound-for-pound fighter in the world.

“All our fighters have come up short on the world stage (in the past 14 years),” Mundine said.

“I am Australian boxing,” he said. “I brought it back to life 14 years ago. I gave it mouth to mouth. I’m going to do it again.

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“Mundine is looking to earn some respect by taking on a fighter like Rabchenko, who is struggling to land bigger fights – which I don’t think he can,” said.

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Man of the match Alex Speedy scores one of his hat-trick of tries for the Cherbourg Hornets in their 59-26 South Burnett Rugby League A grade grand final win over the Southern Dingoes, who overpowered the Yarrabah Seahawks 44-10 in the final at Ipswich.

They went on to play the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout winners the Newcastle Yowies in the Deadly Choices Muri v Koori Interstate Challenge last February and were beaten 18-12.

**Friday night play-offs possible**

WITH the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout men’s competition being capped at 64 teams, late nominations will be forced into play-offs to earn the right to take their place in the starting line-up of 64.

Kooringal’s coach Ben Kinsey said that more entries had been received this year than at the same time last year.

That augured well for a successful carnival, he said.

He said NTV would be covering the carnival on the last two days – Sunday and Monday, October 5-6. – Graham Hunt

Footy fever time

By GRAHAM HUNT

AUSTRALIA’S two biggest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rugby league carnivals are just weeks away.

The Arthur Beetson Murri Rugby League Carnival will be held from September 25-28 in Arthur Beetson heartland – Redcliffe – on Brisbane’s northern peninsula.

It will be followed a week later (October 3-6) by the big NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout at Raymond Terrace, near Newcastle.

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The Arthur Beetson Murri carnival is breaking new ground. It developed from a beach league game between Murri to promote harmony and understanding, which was played between Cherbourg and South Grafton in 1984.

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Organisers said the switch to Redcliffe was in recognition of rugby league immortal Arthur Beetson.

Murri carnival founder Tony Currie said the decision to relocate the carnival to the Moreton Bay region had come after discussion with the Arthur Beetson Foundation and carnival stakeholders.

“We are confident taking the carnival to Arthur’s old stomping ground, the Redcliffe Dolphins, will only build on the popularity of the carnival, with more than the 30,000 people attending the carnival in 2013,” he said.

The Beetson family welcomed the decision to take the carnival to Redcliffe.

“It will be wonderful to have the carnival on my own family’s traditional country, not to mention the place where my father first came to prominence as a footballer and was laid to rest after his passing in 2011,” Arthur’s son Brad Beetson said.

The draw will be conducted at the Redcliffe Leagues Club at 5pm on Wednesday, September 24.

The carnival will be held at Dolphin Oval from Thursday, September 25, to Sunday, September 28. Representative teams will be chosen in the men’s and women’s divisions, and under 16 All Stars and under 15s.

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