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Hundreds of people march to mark the 50th anniversary of the Wave Hill walk off.

Kids abused

Amnesty exposes mistreatment of children

CHILDREN in detention in Queensland are being violently abused and mistreated, an investigation by Amnesty International has revealed. The investigation detailed multiple incidents of abuse in Townsville’s Cleveland Youth Detention Centre and Brisbane Youth Detention Centre, including the use of dogs to intimidate, and one child left naked in a cell after having his clothes cut off with a knife.

Amnesty International Australia
Indigenous rights campaigner Roxanne
Moore, a Noongar woman, said freedom of
information requests had revealed more than
1000 pages of documents showing abuse of
young people, including Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander children.

“We’ve shone a light into the dark corners
of these detention centres, and found a
culture of abuse and secrecy going back
many years,” she said.

“It shouldn’t take the probing of an
international human rights organisation for
the public to hear about terrible abuses
suffered by children in detention.

“This culture of secrecy has existed for
many years, through successive
governments. The problem is systemic and
goes beyond politics. Queensland kids need
bipartisan support to create a more humane
and preventative justice system, focused on
rehabilitating vulnerable children, rather than
further traumatising them.”

On an average day in 2015, 89% of
children in Cleveland Youth Detention Centre
were Indigenous.

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Torres Strait teams to boycott Qld league carnival – back page
This ballerina’s leading the way

Country singer tells his story

Jason celebrates 300 footy games

Another window opens for Ash

Our Children

To mark the completion of the native bush gathering space at the Gowrie Child Centre in Underdale, South Australia, educators, children, their families, and community members gathered to share songs and food on national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day – August 4. Aunty Leonie Brodie gave a welcome to country, and kindergarten children shared an acknowledgement of country they had developed. The picture shows Kai and Luella looking at the totem pole Aunty Leonie Brodie, Chloe Brodie, and kindergarten children created.

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The Darwin Aboriginal Arts Fair, held early this month, provided an opportunity for Indigenous artists from across northern Australia to show their work, including the Zugabal Dancers, pictured here: from left, Frank Nona, Tony Matasia, Alick Tipoti, Patock Tamwoy and Naseli Tamwoy, who hail from Badu Island in the Torres Strait Islands. See our full report and more pictures on page 28-29. Picture: Jillian Mundy

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**Police check actions of NT principal**

By NATALIE CROMB

NORTHERN Territory police and the Department of Education are investigating allegations of abuse at a remote community school.

Current and former members of staff at the school have talked with the Koori Mail and accused the principal of incidents they say they have witnessed, including:

- multiple incidents of verbal and physical intimidation;
- the placement of boxes over children’s heads as a form of punishment;
- the threatening of a child with a cattle prod; and
- the taping of a child to a chair as a form of punishment.

A teacher who raised a formal complaint against the principal said it was common for the principal to “yell at students and bang cupboards or walls close to children in order to intimidate them.”

A former member of the community said they recalled a specific incident in which a child was taped to a chair.

“I cut the child free so that she could go to the toilet but (the principal) wasn’t happy with me and I was compelled to speak with the school counsellor about this incident,” the teacher said.

The Koori Mail contacted NT Education Minister Peter Chandler’s office for comment on the allegations and was advised that an “external investigator was engaged by the Department of Education to investigate these allegations about the principal’s conduct towards students and staff of the school, the disciplinary measures imposed by the principal and his management practices”.

The Education Department confirmed that on March 31 that it had referred certain matters raised in the investigator’s report to the NT Police.

“The police investigation is ongoing and has not yet been finalised,” it said in a statement.

“The department’s investigation and response is pending, awaiting the outcome of the police investigation.”

The Education Department confirmed that the principal remains in the community, however, the Koori Mail understands that the principal has been placed on leave and is being moved from the community pending the police investigation.

It is understood that all who were questioned by the department’s investigator said that it was conducted impartially and thoroughly.

A separate complaint has been lodged by a former member of the school’s staff.

“Never in my life have I ever seen anyone in the department behave that way to children and, honestly, this would never be acceptable in another state, so why does it happen here?” the complainant told the Koori Mail, adding that they had been initially too frightened to speak out but felt they had to because the children “should feel safe at school”.

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**APY boys sock it to the footy**

A TEAM from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands in South Australia’s north travelled to Adelaide last week for the State Primary Schools Football Carnival. Players included Javed Roesch, left, and Albert Lennon.  
*Pictures: Peter Argent*
Fight to save landscape

By JILLIAN MUNDY

THE Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre has joined forces with the Bob Brown Foundation in a campaign to protect a sprawling Aboriginal landscape in the north-west of Tasmania on the eve of an appeal being heard by Federal Court that may see off-track roads through the area reopened.

The team has launched a short film and an e-book, takayna – country, culture spirit showcasing irreplaceable Aboriginal heritage, beautiful landscape and the Tasmanian Aboriginal people's connection to the area, known as the takayna, or Western Tasmania Aboriginal Landscape (WTACL).

The landscape is on the National Heritage List and has been described by the Australian Heritage Commission as “one of the world’s greatest archaeological regions” for its Aboriginal heritage.

As the Koori Mail went to press, the appeal by the Tasmanian Government was heard in Federal Court to return the March 2016 decision that prevented the reopening of the tracks.

The Government has been accused of running the appeal as a vote-buying stunt that pays no attention to the protection of the area.

In March 2016, Justice Debra Sue Mortimer held that re-opening the tracks was an action that was likely to significantly impact on the Indigenous heritage values of the WTACL.

Justice Mortimer rejected arguments by the Tasmanian Government that the opening of the tracks was not an “action”; and that the tracks themselves would not damage those heritage sites explicitly referenced in the declaration of the WTACL.

She found that the WTACL’s values were reflected in Aboriginal people’s connection to the landscape, not just specific sites.

Justice Mortimer was satisfied that actions which disturbed the integrity of that landscape could have a significant impact on Indigenous heritage values, contrary to the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

The Commonwealth Government has joined the appeal and will also argue that the Indigenous heritage values protected by the WTACL are narrowly defined.

If the appeal is successful, the TAC may be ordered to pay the State Government costs, which may run into hundreds of thousands, as well as their own.

A decision on the appeal is expected later this year.

More violent abuse

By RUDI MAXWELL

AN investigation by Amnesty International into juvenile detention in Queensland has revealed multiple incidents of violent abuse and custodial treatment of children, including the use of dogs to intimidate and one child left naked in a cell after having his clothes cut off with a knife.

Following Amnesty’s investigation and an airing of some of the abuses on ABC TV’s 7.30 program last week, Queensland Attorney-General Yvette D’Ath announced that two investigators would be given three months to oversee an independent review into Queensland’s youth justice system.

Amnesty International Australia Indigenous rights campaigner Roxanne Moore, a Noongar woman, said freedom of movement is needed to turn around their lives.

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“Everyone knows he’s our leader ... I think he’s a hero for whole Australia.” Jimmy Wavehill was amongst the workers to walk off the station with Mr Lingiari. “A lot of hard work we used to do ... muster all the cattle, boring. We done all our best work with them. But no money,” he said.

“We used to work hard for tea and sugar, flour, that’s all. Make us real sad. They shouldn’t do that in the first place. And that’s why we walked off from the station.” Winning the land rights meant they improved their children’s future, he said. But the struggle for equal rights still continued, said Samuel Bush-Blanasi, chairman of the Northern Land Council (NLC). “Aboriginal people are still fighting for equal rights and that’s a national disgrace, but like Vincent Lingiari, we won’t give up that fight, however long it takes,” he said.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull didn’t attend, but Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion read out a statement on his behalf, saying the anniversary was significant for all Australians. “We acknowledge the resilience and determination of the Gurindji people and all first Australians who had to fight for the recognition of land rights and political representation,” the Prime Minister’s message read.

Sections of the crowd turned their back to Senator Scullion as he spoke, including union members, who are running a campaign against the Government work the dole scheme, which they say is discriminatory.

Opposition Leader Bill Shorten told the crowd that the Gurindji demanded that a fair day’s pay should be guaranteed.

“The Gurindji elevated their struggle into a battle for something far greater: a fight for their children’s futures, for their language and their culture, for the land rights of all Aboriginal people, and for the character of our nation as a whole.”

The celebrations also included huge concerts, with performances by Dan Sultan, East Journey, Rayella, Shane Howard and North Tanami Band, sports carnivals, exhibitions and workshops. – AAP

**Book tells Gurindji story**

On August 23, 1966, about 200 Gurindji stockmen and their families walked off Wave Hill Station, in the Northern Territory, protesting against poor working conditions and the taking of their land by pastoralists. Led by Vincent Lingiari, this landmark action in 1966 precipitated the equal wages case in the pastoral industry and the establishment of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976. While it is well known that the walk off was driven by the poor treatment of Aboriginal workers, the strike was the culmination of decades of Aboriginal resistance after massacres and killings, stolen children and other abuses by early colonists.

The stories of Gurindji people before the Wave Hill walk off have been collected in a new book Yijarni: True Stories from Gurindji Country, which was launched during the 50th anniversary celebrations of the walk off and was edited by linguists Erika Charola and Felicity Meakins. Told in English and Gurindji, the book contains compelling and detailed oral accounts of the events that Gurindji Elders witnessed, heard from their parents and grandparents.

It includes tales about traditional warfare and rainbow serpents to horrific abuses at the colonial frontier, the first aeroplanes and the Stolen Generation. Ms Charola spent years recording Gurindji stories.

“When I was working at the Katherine Language Centre, I came across these amazing storytellers Ronnie Wavehill and his brother-in-law, who has just passed, so I couldn’t get his name,” she told the *Koori Mail*. “They really wanted us to record their stories, because they were really proud of their knowledge and wanted to share. When I was listening, I had a sense of something important building, something serious. “The two men used to sit together check their stories with each other and only when they were ready would I start recording. It was a performance – and always done in one telling, no editing needed.”

“Yijarni is the first book to provide a history of the southern Victoria River District in Gurindji language. The book includes paintings from the artists of Karungkarri Arts, Kalkaringi, which illustrates responses by Gurindji artists to the stories. It also includes photographs by Brenda L Croft, a well-known multimedia artist of Gurindji/Maingin/Mudburra heritage and former Indigenous curator at the National Gallery of Australia.

Paintings and photographs from the book will feature in a touring exhibition Still in my mind: Gurindji experience, location and visually, curated by Brenda Croft. Story, page 32

**Maurie Ryan Japarta, with his brothers Justin and Michael Paddy, sitting at the place where he was taken from his family as a small boy. Picture: Brenda L Croft**

**Sammy Wilson joins the march to commemorate 50 years since the Wave Hill walk off. Picture: Central Land Council**

**Girl, 13, allegedly held with adult men**

The *Koori Mail* has been contacted by a source who claims that a 13-year-old Aboriginal girl was in custody in Alice Springs in a facility with adult men.

The source said the girl was suffering from an infectious medical condition that required regular disposal of her clothes and bedding.

“The *Koori Mail* understands that a source was requested by authorities about why a girl was being held with men, she was released to the community on July 29. It is not known why the girl is in custody. I am so angry that a 13-year-old girl was in there in the first place,” the source said.

“That is no place for a scared girl (who has been) placed at even further risk, the *Koori Mail* learned. But to not even treat her for the medical condition she has? That is a gross failure of authorities.”

NT Government policy states: “Prisoners are given a full medical examination on arrival and at regular intervals by a medical officer. This includes a record of previous medical history and medication they are currently taking. Prisoners have access to the same health care that is available to the community in the same part of the Northern Territory.”

The source said the young girl needed proper medical care.

“She is out in the community, vulnerable and without treatment,” the source said.

The *Koori Mail* has contacted the NT Attorney-General, but is yet to receive a response.
Christine Blakeney and Pastor Ray Minniecon attend a meeting of the Children of the Bomaderry Aboriginal Children's Home group.

That’s why we need to find one another so we can then go to government and be clear in what resources we need and what plans we have for the resources.

The Bomaderry Aboriginal Children’s Home has strong social significance for the former residents and for the families and communities from whom the children were removed. Former residents have strong memories and feelings from their time spent in the home, and some speak of a sense of healing when they return.

Children of the Bomaderry Aboriginal Children’s Home members are asking former residents to contact Pastor Minniecon on 0417 929 701.

“This may be a very upsetting and emotional thing to talk about, but we would like this to become a story of coming together and healing together,” he said.
Six get ready to Accelerate

SIX Indigenous arts professionals have been announced as the 2016 participants of British Council and Australia Council for the Arts’ annual leadership skills development program, Accelerate. They are ACT singer and curator Jilda Andrews, Victorian arts manager and playwright Kamarra Bell-Wykes, NSW arts manager and writer Travis De Vries, Western Australian museums and galleries curator Glenn Iseler-Pilkington, Queensland designer Francoise Lane, and Northern Territory illustrator and arts worker Jonathan Saunders.

The participants will undergo tailored leadership programs in Australia and will also travel to the United Kingdom for professional placements and mentoring. Australia Council Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts executive director Lydia Miller said Accelerate was an important platform for First Nations artists to develop their skills and engage globally.

“Keeping culture strong is one of the most universally important human endeavours,” she said.

“It requires recognition and support for the Indigenous cultural leadership and investment in the development of vibrant communities.

The program is aimed at Indigenous people who have at least five years’ experience in the creative industries and can demonstrate a vision for where they want to take their career and their communities.

The six participants were selected from a nationwide call for applications and announced as part of a celebration held at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum last week. The event, hosted by actress, writer and director Tammy Anderson, featured a speech by 2014 Accelerate participant and Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival creative director Jacob Boehme.

“Acknowledge provided me with an opportunity to review and identify my goals, accessing steps and strategies to achieve them,” he said.

The six will travel to Britain for three weeks in November to develop skills in consultation with high-profile individuals and groups in their artistic fields. Accelerate 2016 is presented by the British Council and the Australia Council for the Arts in partnership with Arts NSW, Arts NT, Arts Queensland, Creative Victoria and the Department of Culture and the Arts WA, with additional support from SBS NITV.

New Qld wages hope

By ALF WILSON

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander stolen wages claimants in Queensland without formal documentation from their work days now stand a good chance of being paid outstanding money.

From the late 19th century and for the greater part of the 20th century, the Queensland Government exercised control over all aspects of the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who were subject to ‘Protection Acts’, including control over their wages and savings.

Many Indigenous people were never paid their full wages. Since 1999, the Queensland Government has undertaken a number of compensation and reparation processes.

The decision by the State Government to accept oral history as evidence was made after the inaugural meeting of the first dedicated Reparations Review Panel last week. Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Curtis Pitt said the Government established the expert panel in direct response to community feedback from the Stolen Wages Reparations Taskforce led by former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda.

“The panel will reassess claims deemed ineligible due to an inability to supply documentary evidence or historical records showing there was government control of a person’s wages and savings,” Mr Pitt said.

“For the first time, unsuccessful applicants will have an opportunity to present oral testimonies about their personal experiences and other evidence to support their claims in the absence of formal documentation.

“This new method for assessing claims is vital given that for many Indigenous Queenslanders, there is little or no paper trail of their employment and mistreatment in this often undocumented era in Queensland’s history.

“We recognise it’s time to take a different, more people-focused approach to seek better outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who suffered direct disadvantage from racially discriminatory government practices of the past, such as stolen wages.”

Mr Pitt said more than $5.8 million in reparations payments had been made to more than 3000 eligible claimants under the Government’s $21 million Stolen Wages Reparations Scheme.

But many claimants who didn’t have formal paperwork to support their claims until now had been refused. One of the most bizarre cases involved Thursday Island born identical twins Paul and Arthur Ahwang. The twins worked together on a pearling lugger between Mackay and Cooktown, free diving to collect pearl shell and doing deckhand duties from age 13.

Paul, who had paperwork, had his claim paid, but Arthur, who didn’t have any paperwork, wasn’t even though they did the same job together.

Paul said he had been demanding and dangerous work.

“Sometimes the waves were as high as a lamp post. If we misbehaved we were often sent below deck to bed without dinner,” he said.

Stolen wages claim applications close on December 16.

The Awards are being held during the 4th National Indigenous Drug & Alcohol Conference 2016.

Categories include:
- Award for Excellence - Female Worker
- Award for Excellence - Male Worker
- Award for Encouragement - Female Worker
- Award for Encouragement - Male Worker
- Award for Recognition - Service / Program
- Coralie Ober Honour Roll

Nominations for these awards close midnight Tuesday 9th September 2016.
The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has reminded Australians that there has never been a breach in the Census, and social media ran over the system (where the site was flooded with 100 teams visited remote Aboriginal communities in Western Australia, Queensland, the Northern Territory and South Australia, as well as other dwellings in remote areas such as pastoral properties, mining camps, roadhouses and national parks. People who visited the ABS’s website were flooded with 100 teams visited remote Aboriginal communities in Western Australia, Queensland, the Northern Territory and South Australia, as well as other dwellings in remote areas such as pastoral properties, mining camps, roadhouses and national parks.

Aboriginal woman Tameeka Riley is with Aunty Phyllis Pitchford and Aunty Dorothy Murray at a fill-in-the-Census session at the Aboriginal Elders Council in Launceston.

Shield battle goes on

ACTIVISTS who have been fighting for the return of Gweagal artefacts are disappointed after NSW Greens MP David Shoebridge failed to move in Parliament to recognise the need for the shield and spear’s return.

Rodney Kelly, a descendant of the Gweagal warrior Cooman, has been fighting for the return of the shield, which belonged to his ancestor, for months.

The shield is currently on display in the British Museum.

“Nothing much happened because the motion wasn’t read out, we didn’t have a rally or anything,” Mr Kelly told the Koori Mail.

“I was hoping Shoebridge would read it out. It makes me think they don’t really want to acknowledge us.”

Shot in the leg

Mr Kelly said Mr Shoebridge was going to move that Cooman was standing on the shore of Sydney harbour, along with another man, and when he was shot in the leg his shield and other artefacts were dropped, then taken by James Cook and given to the British Museum.

Mr Shoebridge said he would postpone making the motion, because he does not currently have enough support for it to go through Parliament.

Mr Kelly said the shield and the other artefacts are very important to him and his community.

“The shield and spears tell a story of who we are and our way of life,” he said.

“Having the shield and spears back home in Australia has more benefit to the people of the world than sitting in the British Museum.”

Mr Kelly is planning a tour of England in October, hoping to speak about the importance of the shield to his people.

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Fracking application withdrawn

PALTAR Oil and Gas has withdrawn an application for offshore fracking – a controversial mining practice that uses toxic chemicals to fracture rock – on the Arnhem Land coastline.

The announcement came as the documentary Stingray Sisters, about one family’s fight against the company’s plans, was released this month.

The documentary highlights Alice, Grace and Noni Eather’s fight against Paltar Petroleum’s oil and gas fracking plans in Northern Territory waters.

Alice Eather, one of the Stingray Sisters and co-founder of environmental group Protect Arnhem Land, said this is a big win for communities fighting fracking.

“I am absolutely overjoyed by this news,” she said.

“We did this together and with the support of the Australian community.

“We are going to keep fighting for a ban on fracking and for Aboriginal people of the Northern Territory to have sea rights for our coastal waters.”

Youngest sister Grace said Paltar withdrew its application “when the world started watching”.

“This news proves that we can win against all odds,” she said.

“We are going to keep up the pressure and go for a crack-free Northern Territory.

“We are changing history. Look what we can do together.

“With our incredible saltwater protected, we are learning just how powerful we can be.

“Our homes in Maningrida are still sitting under oil and gas fracking applications.

“This fight will continue. We are not going to back down until all of Arnhem Land is put off limits to oil and gas fracking.”

Programs to help youth

THE Victorian Government says it is establishing new programs to help divert young Aboriginal people from the justice system by working with youths and their families early to address behaviour.

Families and Children Minister Jenny Mikakos has announced $1.2 million for Aboriginal-controlled organisations to coordinate Aboriginal Youth Support Service programs in the north-east Melbourne area and the Mallee.

“This is a new way of looking at how we intervene early to improve the lives of young Aboriginal people and address the overrepresentation in the youth justice system,” she said.

“We are working side by side with Aboriginal communities to address the underlying issues leading to disengagement and offending.

“We know that diversion, early intervention and rehabilitation are key to creating safer communities and improving the lives of young people and their families.”

Aboriginal young people make up only 1% of Victorians aged 10 to 18, but constitute around 13% of youth under justice supervision.

It’s a statistic the State Government says it is determined to change.

Positive alternatives

The Aboriginal Youth Support Service will work closely with young Indigenous people to address anti-social behaviour and identify positive alternatives. It will link young Aboriginal people with education or training, manage alcohol or drug abuse and address challenging family relationships.

Local Aboriginal community-controlled organisations will deliver the programs with the existing mainstream youth support services.

The 2016-17 Victorian Budget includes $1.1 million for the Koori Youth Justice Program to expand its Aboriginal-based early intervention work, which is coordinated with the Indigenous community and groups.

The Budget also included $875,000 for the development of an Aboriginal youth mentoring program, providing support for vulnerable young Aboriginal people.

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Sisters Noni, Alice and Grace Eather feature in a new documentary about opposing mining in Arnhem Land.
WITH well-known Aboriginal politician Alison Anderson deciding not to run in this year’s Northern Territory election, the battle is on for her former seat of Namatjira.

The four candidates are Vincent Forrester (Greens), Heide Williams (CLP), Alan Keeling (Independent) and Chansey Paech (Labor).

Luritja/Aranda activist and artist Mr Forrester said he was standing for the Greens because they had properly consulted with Aboriginal people on policy.

“Otherwise we have made fracking (a controversial mining practice) and against nuclear waste dumps,” he said. “I am a desert person and they want to frack our water basin. Where are we going to live?”

“In the NT, the Labor party has abused our vote and the CLP has abused our vote – if we see at the living conditions in the bush, you’re eyes is going to tell you no lie.

“If we have a look at the exposure on Four Corners about the abuse of the young boys in detention, that is state-sponsored abuse – and it happened on both the ALP’s and CLP’s watch.

“I think we should look at justice reinvestment – and what I mean by that is more housing for the people in the bush to stop overcrowding and obviously the primary health issues.

“I am also saying there must be bilingual education in our system.”

Mr Forrester called for local Aboriginal teachers, community courts with Elders sitting in judgment, and diversionary programs for young people who are at risk of offending.

“Shame on them. They are not responding until it’s time for the election,” he said.

“Every other time we’ve cried, petitioned and there’s been no outcome.”

The CLP is a very well-organised traditional political party that chases them for votes and then ignore their wishes, an independent candidate for the seat of Nhulunbuy says. Yingiya Mark Guyula is running against the Greens candidate, Adam Giles, over the past few weeks, with a recent poll suggesting Labor is set to win “with an overwhelming majority” while the CLP could be whittled down from 11 seats to merely two in the 25-seat Legislative Assembly.

It won power in 2012 with 16 seats, but lost five MLAs, who are now independents.

“Their promises are not being delivered,” said Charles Darwin University law lecturer and former NT Labor MP Ken Parish.

However, in his predictions he has been more generous to the Government than the polls have been, expecting it to win Katherine, with, in effect, Greens candidate Vincent Forrester.

Mr Forrester called for local Aboriginal teachers, community courts with Elders sitting in judgment, and diversionary programs for young people who are at risk of offending.

“I’m going to win this. My only worry is that the young people aren’t registered to vote,” he said.

“To all my old brothers and sisters, remember: I am an old man looking for trouble.”

Labor candidate Mr Paech, who has standing as an independent in Barkly. But other pundits say that if the Federal election campaign result was repeated, which saw a 7.5% swing against the CLP, then the bush seats and those in Palmerston will fall to Labor.

This year will be the first NT election with optional preferential voting, and with many voters expected to simply number ‘one’ for their preferred candidate, the 19% polled primary vote for independents could make things interesting.

Rolf Gerritsen, professorial research fellow at CDU’s Northern Institute, predicted that Labor will take 16 to 17 seats, the CLP will be reduced to four or five, and there will be three independents.

He summed up the past four years of CLP rule as “watching a moving train wreck in slow motion”.

“It’s obvious the CLP are very frustrated because they’ve done all the usual things … They’ve just not gone through,” he said.

“We supported national recognition of Indigenous people via a treaty as well, he added.

“For so many years we have voted for parties. Whether they are Labor Party or CLP, the major parties, our messages have just not got through,” he said.

“Turn their backs”

“We voted those people and all they do is turn their backs against us and do whatever they want to do. Enough is enough,” Mr Guyula said.

Aboriginal communities were still suffering from the aftereffects of the 2007 Intervention, which was extended by Labor into the Stronger Futures program which totally disempowered communities, Mr Guyula said.

“Everything that has made us who we are has been taken from us,” he said.

“Every other time we’ve cried, petitioned the Government: ‘Take away the Intervention, take away the Stronger Futures, give us our powers back.’

“They never respond until it’s time for the election and then they start to talk, all these promises that never happen.”

Mr Guyula said local communities wanted more power over policing, education, and disciplining children.

“There’s a problem in the communities and we’re trying to work it out. We have been disempowered. We weren’t allowed to give children “touchy, love, how we were treated,” he said.

“Because we let children go freely and they don’t get any strict discipline in the area, they just running wild … and ending up in the detention centres.”

Ms Walker holds the seat with 69% of the vote. – AAP

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Aust ‘lags’ on land protection

World Indigenous Peoples’ Day, August 9, showed that Bolivia, Colombia, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela in Latin America and Africa are the strongest laws for protecting Indigenous land and resource rights.

The 113 countries evaluated in LandMark’s database show that Indigenous peoples’ lands and natural resources vary widely, she said.

Studies show that Indigenous peoples are estimated to protect more than 50% of the world’s land surface but have formally recognised ownership of over just 10%. The analysis used the data collected on 113 countries and scored them on 10 indicators on how their national or federal laws protect Indigenous land and property rights. It also identified which countries were lagging behind.

The seven lowest-scoring nations across all 10 indicators were in the Middle East including Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Yemen. Researchers said this suggests that their national laws “effectively make no attempt to address land rights”.

Ms Reytar said the first analysis focused on evaluating national laws to show which legal frameworks were best placed to protect Indigenous and community land rights.

But she said ongoing analysis next year would try to evaluate the laws in practice, to measure and compare how they were working in each country. – Reuters

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NABC NATIONAL ABORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

WEALTHIER countries including the United States and Australia score behind Latin America and African nations when it comes to laws protecting Indigenous land rights, according to the first analysis of an online global map of land ownership.

Known as ‘LandMark’, the interactive platform was launched nine months ago with the aim of building an accurate, ongoing picture of Indigenous or community lands using data provided by recognised organisations and experts around the world.

With 113 countries logged on the database, the Washington-based World Resources Institute (WRI) analysed the findings so far and found countries in Latin America and Africa have the strongest laws for protecting Indigenous land.

The results, released on

Request for Applications
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Applications are particularly sought from children and young people with relevant life experience and a keen interest in issues affecting children and young people.

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Information and application forms for membership of the YAC are available on the Advocate for Children and Young People’s website at www.acyp.nsw.gov.au or from the office acyp@acyp.nsw.gov.au or (02) 8248 0970.

Closing date for submission of applications is 5pm, Friday 30 September 2016

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Review of practices welcomed

By KEIRA JENKINS

Aboriginal people in the remote Western Australian communities of Port Hedland and Roebourne are having their teeth checked by a Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) dental team.

The uniformed dentists are working with local medical services, providing care and teaching the staff and community about oral hygiene, through a partnership between the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation and the RAAF.

Mr Ireland said that while AbSec had welcomed the review, for it to be successful the processes needed to have “integrity”.

To Mr Ireland, that means consulting Aboriginal communities as well as maintaining a level of transparency.

“IT needs to be independent and driven by Aboriginal communities,” he said. “They need to look at how they can engage with Aboriginal families and commit to seeing Aboriginal people drive the process. “They need to review the reasoning behind removals and let communities know that there is support available to them.

“That’s how we will move forward – Aboriginal people need to be involved.”

The review, prompted by the ‘Our kids, our way’ forum earlier this year, has been backed by the Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec) and the RAAF.

Mr Ireland said that while AbSec has been backed to provide advice to the North West Local Land Services Board on specific activities and programs focused on community engagement, it will look at the effectiveness of Local Land Services’ engagement with the community and address specific issues at the request of the Local Land Services Board.

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RAAF helps with dental health

By THE VOICE OF INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA

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Launch for Elders’ book

By KEIRA JENKINS

NSW BUNDJALUNG Elders from the NSW northern rivers region launched the book Our Way Stories, which celebrates the life stories of 10 Elders, in a packed tent at the Byron Writers Festival this month.

The coffee table book was funded through more than 150 donations as part of an Arts Northern Rivers crowdfunding campaign.

The book was edited by Dale Simone Roberts, who said it was born out of a computer class she was running with the Elders.

“I had a dream, and I’d had this dream for a long time,” she told the Koori Mail.

“I used the computer classes to put together the 10 stories. We took pictures using the computer and we did some typing exercises.

“I recorded what each Elder talked about. There was a real theme of language in all the stories.”

One of the Elders featured in the book, Aunty Dorothy (Dorrie) Roberts-Gordon, said the process of making the book a reality was “excellent for her and the other Elders.

“The different Elders told different stories, but hardship and race were all common,” she said.

“We talked about the children being taken, and the rationals. I remember mum lining up to get flour and porridge and tinned things – the basics.

“It’s a good feeling, and I’m satisfied with the book. I hope it gives our young people some aspirations and helps today’s children fight racism and become leaders.”

Dale Roberts said the most important thing about the project was that it was done the “right way”, with the Elders seeing the profits from the book.

She said they received a couple of grants to help with the costs of making the book.

“The grant paid the Elders for their time, because we wanted them paid for their stories,” she said.

“We had four Elders overseeing the whole process and any questions would go to the Elders. We wanted to do it the proper way and put the Elders first.”

Bundjalung author Melissa Lucashenko, who launched the book, said it was a nerve-racking but joyous experience for her.

“It was so important to get the launch right and give the Elders space for their voices, which have been denied for so long, to be heard,” she said.

“They are survivors of cultural genocide who have for so long been told to shut up and be white and refused their celebrations.

“It was a privilege and a joy to see them finally recognised.”

**Hot topics at festival**

By KEIRA JENKINS

A STANDING ovation for Wiradjuri journalist Stan Grant, who delivered the Thea Astley lecture, a heated conversation about Indigenous recognition in the Constitution, a book of Elders’ stories launched, and an emotional conversation between three Indigenous women about growing up – these were some of the highlights of this year’s Byron Writers Festival held in northern NSW this month.

Despite the less-than-ideal weather, the tent was packed to overflowing when authors Melissa Lucashenko and Tara June Winch and local activist and dancer Delta Kay spoke on the topic ‘Indigenous Lives through Women’s Eyes’.

Ms Winch, a Wiradjuri woman, spoke of the difficulties of living not just off-country, but overseas in France.

“It’s difficult to find a sense of belonging living overseas, but I feel that I connect with other minorities like migrants because we can share in their melancholy,” she said.

“Because of my broken family I enjoy being overseas and not being reminded of that hurt, but I do miss the geography.

“I do miss my family, too, despite their dysfunction. I think it is really important to have that distance.”

The women also spoke about recent politics and issues, especially the treatment of children in the Don Dale centre in the Northern Territory.

“It’s dark, horrible times and I feel a bit gutless being overseas at this time and being removed from it all,” Ms Winch said.

“But I figured out from a young age I couldn’t be a political activist. My strongest tool is my fiction and through that I fight a good fight.”

Bundjalung woman Delta Kay spoke about what it was like for her growing up, and how important it was for her to find someone who believed in her.

“I was teased relentlessly at school; I hated school except for English,” she said.

“My English teacher believed in me. She gave me love and hope.

“I went from a kid who would never speak up in class because I was so shy to a woman who now presents her culture with pride and joy.”

Melissa Lucashenko’s novel Mullumbimby, which she says was her way of coping with having to move away from her Bundjalung country, was also a hot topic for the panel.

“It came out of heartbreak, not just because of a divorce but because of the anguish of having to live off country,” she said.

“There’s no way I won’t come back. Country calls us.

“I poured my heart and soul into that book and it was my way of coping.”

Although she is not a published author, Ms Kay said she sees herself as a “walking, talking book”.

Her oral stories have been passed to her children, who she said continue to wear their culture with pride.

“My children live and breathe being Aboriginal,” she said.

“They are strong, outspoken and they’ve all got jobs. I made a choice when I was raising them to make sure they were black and proud and connected.

“I don’t want to shun someone because they’re not Bundjalung. We’re all one, so we shouldn’t push each other away.

“We have a platform to show our culture and create a ripple in a pond of understanding because our stories are coming from us.”

Ms Lucashenko also chaired the discussion ‘Indigenous Recognition and the Australian Constitution’, facilitating discussions between Stan Grant, priest and author Frank Brennan and novelist and playwright Tom Keneally – and launched the Bundjalung Elders’ Our Way Stories book.

Mr Grant’s delivery of the Thea Astley lecture was a festival highlight. “It takes courage for a black person to speak to a white world,” he said.
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THE VOICE OF INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA

NGARLUMA man Patrick Churnside is leading arts and social change company Big hART’s new project Tjaabi, providing a glimpse into the Aboriginal culture of Western Australia’s Pilbara.

Mr Churnside will be performing songs and stories, featuring voice, sounds and animation.

A tjaabi is a traditional Aboriginal song. They have been handed down through families, and each has an original singer and comes from a discrete area of the Pilbara.

Mr Churnside said it was an honour to be involved with the project and to launch the performance in his home town of Roebourne.

“The tjaabi is about the intergenerational,” he told the Koori Mail. “It’s a traditional song-making form and the project is about how the song is taken on a journey.

“You dream about the tjaabi and when you wake up you can’t hold on to the song, you just have a desire to sing about what was given to you in the dream.

“Elders have passed on the songs and the song-making for generations. They help you become stronger and have a stronger sense of self.”

Mr Churnside said the idea of the project was for the Elders to share their tjaabi with him, and for him to share it with the young people.

“It’s been special in a way for me, but also culturally important and serious too,” he said.

“I had to adhere to the processes and customs of each language group, which are still strong.

“I had to ensure the safety of the families by following the processes, so it was a learning time for me.

“Having the support of the Elders, the custodians of the songs and their families, that’s what drove me.”

At the launch in Roebourne, locals sat under the stars and listening to songs they recognised performed by Mr Churnside and local youth.

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Director and writer Scott Rankin said Tjaabi is suitable for audiences around the country, and he said the project would also be taken to south-east Asia.

“The next wave of people in the Pilbara are here for the mineral boom,” Mr Rankin said.

But those resources will only last 100 years and this intercultural exchange will last much longer.

“No one imagines the strength of culture could outweigh the private businesses.”

Patrick Churnside sits with local children during rehearsals for Tjaabi at Roebourne in Western Australia’s Pilbara region.
A residential subdivision is proposed for Lot 1 DP1064078, situated on the southern outskirts of Jindabyne. An Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit is required. Aboriginal people with cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the area are invited to register an interest in the process of community consultation.

The purpose of consultation with Aboriginal people is to assist in the preparation of the AHIP application.

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ST MARY’S Church on Mabuaig Island in the Torres Strait celebrated its centenary in style with a visit from the Townsville-based Bishop for the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland Bill Ray.

Bishop Ray made the trip accompanied by Archdeacon Chris Wright, and the church was re-consecrated as part of the visit.

The original church, opened in October 1887, was partially funded by the discovery and sale of a sunken batch of copper ingots, which raised £250 towards construction costs.

The present church was consecrated by Bishop Henry Newton, the second Bishop of Carpentaria, on August 1, 1916.

Over the years the harsh weather conditions of the region took their toll on St Mary’s.

A renovation project was started last year, which included removing asbestos and replacing the roof. The works were jointly funded by an insurance claim and trust fund.

“The re-consecration service was organised by Father Frank Whap and members of the parish, and was followed by feasting and fellowship,” Bishop Ray told the Koori Mail.

The bishop gave thanks to God for the ministry of the recently retired Bishop Mabo and Mrs Sania Mabo, not only in the Torres Strait region of the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland, but in the diocese generally.

“The diocese thanks people not only from the Torres Strait but other parts of the Australian Church who have been praying for Bishop Mabo as he has undergone medical treatment.”

Bishop Mabo retired last year as an assistant bishop of the Diocese of North Queensland.

THE Victorian Government says it is taking action to ensure Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care remain connected with their culture.

Families and Children Minister Jenny Mikakos announced a $5.33 million funding package to help develop cultural support plans for Aboriginal children and youth.

“We have a responsibility to ensure Aboriginal children and young people in our care stay connected with their rich and proud culture,” she said.

“It’s how young Aboriginal children develop a sense of identity and wellbeing.”

“This funding will support the development of cultural support plans for Aboriginal children and youth in out-of-home care.”

“We’re working with the Aboriginal community and organisations to build stronger futures for Aboriginal children and young people.”

The State Government is funding 18 new cultural planning positions at 11 Aboriginal community-controlled organisations, as well as a statewide coordinator.

The cultural planners will put together support plans for Aboriginal youth in out-of-home care.

The Government says it is working with Aboriginal community-controlled organisations and the Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People on the new initiatives.

It says it is providing funding that will allow Aboriginal children to engage in cultural activities, including attending sports, camps, or return-to-country trips.

An online portal will host information that helps develop cultural plans, such as information about Aboriginal communities and cultural activities.

**Budget**

This funding is part of a $16.5 million allocation in the 2016-17 Budget to support vulnerable Aboriginal children and their families.

It forms part of a $168 million package for child and family services for the reform agenda outlined in Roadmap for Reform, Strong Families, Safe Children – the Government’s overhaul of the child protection and family services system.

The Government says the Roadmap to Reform includes a commitment to Aboriginal self-determination around decision making and care for vulnerable Aboriginal youth.
Art scheme is paying off

SIX years after it began, Australia’s resale royalty scheme has generated more than $4 million for artists, with more than half of those artists living and working in remote and regional Australia.

More than 12,800 eligible artworks have been resold, well above predicted expectations for the scheme, returning a 5% royalty to 1200 artists and 90% to estates and beneficiaries.

Indigenous artists.

"In total, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists received $1.4 million since 2010," he said.

Some 40% of the artists paid under the scheme live in the Northern Territory, while another 16% live in South Australia and Western Australia – mostly near the centre. The top 20 Australian artists earning royalties, five are Aboriginal and four of those are women.

Most royalties have been between $50 and $500, and more than 66% of royalties have been paid directly to living artists, with the remainder paid to artists’ estates and beneficiaries.

Artists from emerging to senior, remote to urban, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous are participants in the scheme.

Art artist Nurrupya Kaika, who works from the Tjala Arts centre in the APY Lands, said it’s a fair scheme. When the collector makes some money from the sale of the work, so does that Aboriginal artist who is still in community, working hard on their artwork, and trying to make a better future for their kids,” she said.

"This resale royalty might be important for all artists, but it is really important for Aboriginal artists."
AMNESTY International Indigenous rights campaigner Roxanne Moore is spot on when she says it shouldn’t be up to human rights organisations to shine a light on abuse of children in detention centres.

It shouldn’t be needed because it shouldn’t be happening. Thanks to Amnesty’s investigation, there is proof that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are being abused in Queensland detention centres.

Coming on top of the abuse of children in the Don Dale Youth Detention Centre in Darwin, surely policymakers now have more than enough evidence that locking up kids only adds to the cycle of violence and abuse.

It’s time for all governments to listen to our legal, health, education and other organisations and embrace justice reinvestment.

If even a fraction of the vast amounts of money that are spent locking our kids up at ever-increasing rates was diverted to community-led programs, surely it would be more productive.

How many more reports need to be written about abuse of power in juvenile detention centres before we see actual action?

Amnesty has been campaigning for years for the Australian Government to sign up to the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT) – and that would be a good place for our government to start.

Australia is campaigning for a seat on the United Nations Security Council. How can our government think Australia has something to offer the international stage when children in our country are being systemically abused in detention centres?

And locking up kids is never any more than an ineffectual, temporary attempt at a solution.

If you want to seriously address over-incarceration of Indigenous kids, then you have to look at the underlying social circumstances. And that means trying to address poverty and disadvantage in a serious and concerted way.

It’s not a new idea. All our Indigenous peak bodies, from NACCHO to legal, Congress and others have been singing from the same hymn sheet for years. Stop imposing top-down thought-bubble ideas and hand control to Indigenous people. It’s called self-determination.

Ruth Miller
Wirrangu woman born in Ceduna, SA

Favourite bush tucker?
The tail of the blue-tongue lizard.

Favourite other food?
Paella (Spanish seafood stew).

Favourite drink?
Corona beer, with lemon.

Favourite music?
Country, and I love Celine Dion and Barbra Streisand.

Favourite read?
I hate reading! Give me TV or a computer instead.

What are you watching on TV?
Dare I say it, Home and Away. People should not ring me between 7pm and 7.30pm on weekdays.

Favourite holiday destination?
There’s lots, but probably New Orleans in the United States.

What do you like in life?
Peace and calm.

What don’t you like?
Lazy people.

Who would you most like to meet?
Olympic sprinter Usain Bolt and our very own Cathy Freeman.

Who would you invite for a night around the camp fire?
Family and friends. I have lots.

What inspires you?
My son Ricky. He’s deaf and going blind, yet he still gets up every day and contributes to society.

What is your ultimate goal?
A peaceful and harmonious life.

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous people?
What I’m doing now. I work to promote Indigenous arts and our people generally.

"We’ve shone a light into the dark corners of these detention centres, and found a culture of abuse and secrecy going back many years."

– Amnesty International Australia Indigenous rights campaigner Roxanne Moore, a Noongar woman.

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Reflections

How Ella became our first ballerina

By KEIRA JENKINS

IN 2012, Wiradjuri woman Ella Havelka became the first Indigenous ballerina in the Australian Ballet. Now a documentary has been produced about how the young woman from Dubbo, NSW, joined the leading dance company’s ranks. Ms Havelka said she started dancing at the age of seven, inspired by a video of Tchaikovsky’s ballet Swan Lake.

“At first I was dancing for fun, then around 13 or 14 I realised I loved to dance much more than some of my other classmates,” she told the Koori Mail.

“My teachers encouraged me to pursue dancing, so my mum and I went to some classes in Sydney and Melbourne so I could get more of a complete professional understanding of ballet.”

From those early beginnings as an active girl whose mother inspired a world of wonder with an old video tape, Ms Havelka’s dance background has expanded not just to the Australian Ballet, but also with Bangarra Dance Company.

The documentary Ella, launched at the Melbourne Film Festival just a few weeks ago, follows Ms Havelka’s journey to become the first Indigenous dancer in the Australian Ballet’s 50-year history.

“It basically follows the transition from being a classical dancer, then training as a contemporary dancer, then back to classical,” she said.

“Each transition presented its own challenges. I had to learn a different way of moving when I was with Bangarra, and that meant forgetting a lot of what I had learnt in ballet.

“When I transferred back to classical dance it felt different. My feet and ankles were not strong enough to do pointe work so I had to go back to the basics.”

Ms Havelka was 15 when she moved to Melbourne to train at the Australian Ballet School.

She said training in both contemporary and classical dance has made her a “more unique and versatile dancer.”

“Dancing with Bangarra helped me understand my Indigenous roots,” Ms Havelka said.

“It gave me a feeling of completeness and helped boost my confidence. I do what I do because it’s important to me, and dance is important in my culture for telling stories.”

Ms Havelka was approached by film director Doug Watkin to make the documentary about her journey into the Australian Ballet.

Hesitant at first, she said once she got to know Mr Watkin and more about the project, she was happy to go ahead.

“When it was realised that I was the first Indigenous dancer in the Australian Ballet, it sparked a lot of questions about why,” she said.

“So I was approached and asked if I’d use my story to investigate and explain why more Indigenous people don’t do ballet.

“Ballet is expensive. A lot of Indigenous communities don’t have access to the resources that are needed.

“They also wanted to explore how I as an Indigenous dancer connect to my roots and represent my community in ballet.”

Ms Havelka said she was hesitant about doing the documentary because she felt the media coverage in the wake of her joining the Australian Ballet took away from her identity as a dancer.

“It was all over the news,” she said.

“It was a big step for the Australian Ballet, and that’s just how news spreads. I just wanted to be part of an amazing dance company.

“I like to make the point that I am a dancer first. Being Indigenous is another layer and aspect of me, but the coverage made me feel like I wasn’t appreciated as much as a dancer.

“I also felt like I really had to prove that I deserved my place to my peers.

“I wanted to prove that Aboriginal people can do anything we set our minds to.”
By KEIRA JENKINS

COUNTRY music star Troy Cassar-Daley is releasing a raw and honest depiction of his early years this week with the launch of a book and a new album both titled Things I Carry Around.

Cassar-Daley talks about the mischief of his youth, the importance of his family, his time playing gigs in small bars around the NSW north coast with his early bands, and gives thanks to those who gave him a hand starting his journey towards being one of Australia’s most popular country musicians.

The Gumbaynggirr and Bundjalung man who came from humble beginnings, practising music in the shed of his mother’s Halfway Creek home, near Grafton in northern NSW, now boasts more than 30 Golden Guitar awards, and has toured with the likes of Johnny Cash and Slim Dusty.

It was a lunch with Slim Dusty’s widow Joy McKean that Cassar-Daley said inspired him to start telling his story.

“She was sitting there with a book publisher and said to me, ‘Have you ever thought about writing your own book?’” the singer-songwriter told the Koori Mail.

“I said to her that I didn’t think my story was that exciting, but I wrote some stuff down about my family and my home growing up.

“She told me that it was a fantastic read and I should expand on it. Suddenly I was inspired to write it all down.”

Cassar-Daley exposes the challenges he faced along the road to success, expressing a determination that got him to where he is today.

He said he wrote the book in a personal way so the reader would feel they were part of the story.

“It’s good to be told that the readers feel like I’m in the room with them when they’re reading my story,” he said.

“Sometimes you can feel like when you’re reading a book that you’re not really part of it, and I didn’t want that.

“My ghost writer, Tom Gilling, was also really good. He was like the person you get in to help you clean up your room – he worked out everything, putting it in the right order for me.

“When he was done he wanted me to make sure it still sounded like me, so that’s what I did.”

Alongside the book, Cassar-Daley is also releasing an album by the same name.

He said the album is also a collection of stories from throughout his life.

“I wanted to think about my life story, about the tragedies in my life and include songs about them.”

At the time he started writing the book Cassar-Daley was still working on his Freedom Ride album, inspired by the 1965 Freedom Ride led by Charlie Perkins, which he said made the writing a stop-go process.

“It took three or four years because I didn’t give it the priority it needed,” he said.

“I’m not a good juggler – ask my wife, she knows! She said to me, ‘Just do one thing at a time’, which was good advice.

“I finished the Freedom Ride record then went back to the book, which allowed me to give it the attention it deserved.”

Cassar-Daley says that throughout his life he has been helped by some of his idols, and the book is his way of thanking them publicly.

“It’s strange to think that the young ones now call me ‘uncle’ – it makes me feel old,” he said.

“But it’s a privilege to take up the important task of being a role model young people can look up to.

“I wanted this to be a way to acknowledge the people who gave me a hand, because it paints the picture that it’s not all up to one person to be successful.

“There’s always someone there to help you, or to give you a bit of advice if you’re at a crossroads, to think it over and get you over the tracks.”

The album Things I Carry Around is out on August 26, and the book will be launched on August 30.

The album and book covers from Troy Cassar-Daley’s Things I Carry Around.
YOUR SAY

Send your letters and poems to any of the addresses on this page.

Seeking stories about the night sky

MAGABALA Books is preparing a book on Aboriginal astronomy and numeracy. If individuals and/or communities have a night sky or number story they would like to contribute to the book, please send the address below. All contributors must have permission to tell the story.

There is no payment, but contributors will receive copies of the book and acknowledgement of the contributor and the community.

In my book, Dark Emu, I talked about the bread-making of Aboriginal people right across the continent. We heard a story of an ancient loaf being found in a ground oven (perfectly preserved but past its use-by!). That loaf was displayed in a Queensland museum, but can be no longer located.

Is there something similar somewhere else? If we could take a sample we can get it analysed to tell us what grain was used and the recipe.

The reason for the interest is that all these facts talk about the length and sophistication of Aboriginal occupation and help re-write Australian history and, hopefully, law.

Any recipes known to communities would also be appreciated, especially those that have an origin before contact.

And is there a large field of kangaroo grass or panicum (millet) we could harvest. Gurandgi munjie (Narooma) are trying to recover the Aboriginal use and ownership of our traditional foods.

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No treaty talk while we’re still fighting

HOW can Labor Leader Bill Shorten be talking about a treaty with our people when the fight isn’t over and we’re still fighting each other?

Our kids are suffering, and they need education. The juvenile justice system needs an overhaul as well.

I’m really disgusted no-one bothers to come out here to Menindee (far western NSW), even when we put in reports. They might fly in and out like Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion (NSW), even when we put in reports.

They can learn about culture and heritage. They might fly in and out like Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion (NSW), even when we put in reports.

I’ve been fighting for my people since 1975. Housing, legal aid, land rights – I did it for the sake of my people who couldn’t read and write and who asked me to go forward.

This treaty needs to be forgotten about and written off. It’s a half-caste Melanesian maid.

Proud, strong.

The air thick, warm … aroma of tea fills the kitchen. Little该斯坦代y below my feet, The handcuffs lie on the table, metal hard, heavy, cold. Where you get these from? Grandma?

She picks them up, turns them over, puts them down in front of her. With distant eyes, she signs, begins to speak in her softly toned voice.

They tried to take me away. Who? Grandma?

Oth them bastards – Police Where?

Mission – a place where me and my Gujwal people didn’t belong.

No … them coppers weren’t gonna crumble my soul, that day.

With fingers tight around her tea cup. Too proud of a black woman for ‘em I was.

Grabbed me off the dusty main street, put me in a cold cement cell.

I’ve sat in the cold and dark before … but not like that.

Fought them … I did.

I read their books, you know … ‘bout white man’s law, Acts … policies … their inhumanities.

Huh … got me in the street, they did.

Locked me up, alone I was.

Her fingers loosen around her cup.

Huh … turned slowly, but as hard as the metal that lay before us.

Huh: Activated a hate, fear and misery in me – forgiveness let me that day.

I watched the tear form in her eye, now down her cheek.

If falls, I was quiet, waiting.

She shifts in her seat.

Old sergeant him nice fellas – gave me a tin mug of tea, he did … gave me these handcuffs too.

They are now a reminder of my past and no freedom, had no voice …

… just a slave in the white man’s world.

Got me a dog tag, a piece of paper.

Exemption! it said.

A denial of heritage, Security for the uncivilised?

A false freedom … that’s all it meant. Small in size, never cared, Still no justice, No voice.

Just a piece of paper.

Her fingers loosen around her cup, The air begins to change, cooler, sweeter, calm.

Her eyes gleam, she smiles, Her fingers loosen around her cup, The air begins to change, cooler, sweeter, calm.

She looks at me, Lifts her cup to her lips, You know today, the tea tastes better in this china cup.

(Dedicated to my Grandmother, Ema Lee 1913-2006, (nee Santoro), Charters Towers)

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Keeping Your Say short and sweet

A BIG thanks to all of our readers for sending letters, poems and other feedback: we love hearing from you. You can help us by keeping your letters to 400 words or less and poems generally no more than 25 medium-length lines. This will increase your chances of being published. Even if sent via email, all letters and poems must be accompanied by the author’s full name, home town/city and state/territory, and a contact number so we can verify content. After that, we’re happy to withhold names and addresses upon request.

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

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unethical, it is downright immoral. Pholi goes on to write, “The viewer sees the spit hood and the restraints as artefacts of torture, but to the correctional officer these are simply pieces of safety equipment, used to minimise the risk of harm to officers and detainees alike.” Seriously? “Safety equipment”? I then rang a friend experienced with people in the Northern Territory. I tried people in the Northern Territory. I was met, once again, with a wall of (censored). He told me the use of ‘spit masks’ similar to those used in Don Dale was extremely controversial and he, personally, had never used them. He also told me he believed that they were being used on asylum seekers in Australian immigration detention centres, and also on children. Human Rights Commission president Gillian Triggs has stated, “The Don Dale revelations raised broader issues that the commission has long been concerned about, including those in immigration detention facilities.” The Human Rights Watch’s World Report 2015 condemned Australia for its “abusive” approach to asylum seekers. It also criticised Australia’s “overly broad” counter-terrorism laws, the ongoing discrimination faced by our mob as well as people with disabilities, and lack of provision for same-sex marriage.

The United Nations has submitted more than 200 recommendations to Australia in regards to human rights violations. Amnesty International has also been scathing about Australia’s treatment of Aboriginal people, and the Australian Human Rights Commission has condemned the Government’s mandatory detention of asylum seeker children. Rather than accept Australia has a problem, The Australian continues a culture of denial, ensuring such behaviour continues without accountability.

In looking to shift the blame, we once again have witnessed unrealistic attacks against Aboriginal men as the scapegoat. As stated in the Northern Territory Inquiry into the Protection of Aboriginal Children, there is no doubt that the persecution of Aboriginal people by the mainstream media has had a devastating psychological effect: “Aboriginal men have been targeted as if they were the only perpetrators of child sexual abuse in communities. This is inaccurate and has resulted in unfair shaming, and consequent further disadvantage of Aboriginal men as a whole.” Sex abuse and domestic violence are rampant in many areas of Australian society, with a woman dying every week at the hands of her partner. The statistics so often cited about Aboriginal communities are comparable to low socio-economic areas suffering poverty, substance abuse and lack of opportunity around the world.

But by focusing on Aboriginal men the mainstream media once again avoids the real issue of why so many of our people are living in these conditions.

Kerryn Pholi also took aim at one of our most positive role models, broadcaster Stan Grant, with a particularly extra-tawing attack. Pholi, in an extraordinary personal attack, targeted Grant and other high-profile Aboriginal men sentenced by the Australian public and media. Then there were also jibes aimed at Indigenous Dads Twitter campaign, where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people posted positive images and memories of their families to counter the negative stereotype depicted in Bill Leak’s cartoon. The people who write these articles have no interest in healing Australia’s gaping wounds. They instead choose to ignore the real problems by associating guilt to anyone other than those responsible. They have found an audience, and because Australia continues to live in denial, they are continually reaffirmed.

As a country we are becoming cold, mean spirited and ensuring privation and violence in the hands of a very small minority as the rest of us continue to suffer.

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THE FACTS ABOUT GREYHOUND RACING

4074 GREYHOUNDS ON AVERAGE ARE SLAUGHTERED EACH YEAR

50-70% OF RACING DOGS ARE DEEMED “WASTAGE” EVERY YEAR

GREYHOUND RACING IS ONLY LEGAL IN 8 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE

1/5 GREYHOUNDS SUFFER INJURY WHILE RACING

136 GREYHOUNDS DIE RACING A YEAR

PIGLETS, POSSUMS AND RABBITS ARE ALL VICTIMS OF BRUTAL LIVE BAITING

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The facts in this advertisement have been taken from the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Greyhound Racing Industry in NSW report. The NSW Government is committed to helping industry participants with support packages and information during the transition to closure. For more information on how to get help or to volunteer to adopt a dog go to www.greyhounds.justice.nsw.gov.au
Elcho Island visitors have a ball in Sydney

STUDENTS and teachers from Galiwinku on Elcho Island recently visited Sydney as part of a four-day program organised by the Greater Western Sydney Giants AFL team and Lendlease.

The trip included an Aboriginal cultural tour of Barangaroo Reserve on the harbour, before a kick along with Giants Indigenous player Paul Ahern.

The diha park was constructed by Lendlease’s engineering business, on behalf of the Barangaroo Delivery Authority, and involved the recreation of a naturalistic headland designed to mimic the pre-1836 shoreline on the western edge of Sydney’s Central Business District.

GWS Giants chief executive David Matthews said he was delighted to continue to partner with Lendlease on this visit program.

“This is a great initiative that allows us to recognise and support the role Australian Indigenous culture plays within our community,” he said.

During their stay, the Galiwinku students and teachers linked up with students from the Young Indigenous Pathways Program to share stories and experiences while at the GWS Giants versus West Coats Eagles Australian rules football game.

The Young Indigenous Pathways, implemented by the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA) program, aims to help young Aboriginal people in Western Sydney to complete their education and move into the workforce.

Applications open for ABA funding

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Applications close on September 20. To apply, go to www.dpmc.gov.au/Applications open for projects that provide lasting benefits for Aboriginal people and their organisations.

Former senator gets Victorian job

FORMER Labor senator Nova Peris has reportedly secured a role with the Victorian Government to find ways to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to play sport.

The Herald Sun newspaper reported that Ms Peris, the first Indigenous Australian to win an Olympic gold medal (for hockey), has signed a one-year contract.

Her role will be to develop a plan to boost the participation of Indigenous youths statewide in sport and recreation.

Ms Peris quit her safe Northern Territory Senate seat in May, saying she needed to spend more time with her family.

Royal commission holds meetings

THE Royal Commission into the Detention of Children in the Northern Territory conducted stakeholder meetings last week across the NT ahead of the first directions hearing on September 6.

Commissioners Mick Gooda and Margaret White provided an overview of the royal commission procedures and processes to key stakeholders, including peak Aboriginal organisations, legal assistance providers, relevant unions and the NT Government.

The visit also allowed stakeholders to express concerns and comments directly to the commissioners and to be heard.

The commissioners took the opportunity to visit the former youth detention centre in Alice Springs, Aranda House.

Mundine to head SA advisory panel

ABORIGINAL leader Warren Mundine will head a new advisory panel designed to reduce criminal reoffending rates in South Australia.

SA Police Minister Peter Malinauskas has asked the panel to help reduce by 10% the number of people who return to prison.

“I make no apologies for setting an ambitious target, but I think it is one that can be achieved,” he said. – AAP

Court recognises Kimberley claim

A NATIVE title claim covering about 20,000 square kilometres in the south-east Kimberley region of Western Australia has been finalised with the Federal Court recognising native title on Ngurra Kayanta country.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the court’s determination was a great result for the Kimberley people and their legal representative, Central Desert Native Title Services, and recognised the work of everyone involved.

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Cultural feast in Townsville

By ALF WILSON

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander culture was on show during the Townsville Cultural Fest at James Cook University in the north Queensland city.

The annual festival, which featured music, food, arts and culture, attracted a huge crowd.

An Indigenous Shelter Area proved popular, with Palm Island resident Rachell Obah saying kangaroo tail, damper and other bush tucker was on offer.

“We want to show we can retain our culture whilst living in a big city,” she said.

We want younger Indigenous people to keep our culture and enable others to see it.”

A midja shelter was set up by Darren Butler, and there were ‘statues’ of a traditional Aboriginal man, NRL Aboriginal star Johnathan Thurston and the late country music singer Slim Dusty.

Jaiyeph Riley, from Numbulwar in the Northern Territory, was impressed by the works. “They are so lifelike,” he said.

Indigenous performers were among the 150 groups offering everything from folk, blues, hip-hop and punk music to cabaret, poetry, theatre, and traditional dance.

Daisy and Myra Obah, 6, and David Mandijarra, 4, both from Western Australia, pose with one of the ‘statues’.

Daisy and Myra Obah are among the thousands of people enjoying the cultural fest.

Rhys and Darren Butler set up the midja shelter at the cultural fest.

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Aboriginal local organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place.

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Interested Aboriginal Parties
Avondale Park Midden – Categorisation of Portion of Community Land as Cultural Significance Area

Tweed Shire Council (TSC) notifies interested Aboriginal parties, or individuals who hold cultural knowledge, of its intention to categorise a portion of Community Land at Avondale Park (Lot 1327 DP1005077), Greenway Drive, Banana Point, as of Cultural Significance under the Local Government Act 1993.

A portion of this land is known to contain a midden of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance (AHIMS ref #: 04-2-0005) and is considered to meet the requirements of cultural significance as outlined in Clause 105 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

In considering categorisation of land as of cultural significance, Council is required to notify Aboriginal people traditionally associated with the land and consider any submissions on the matter.

If the Aboriginal community is supportive of the proposed categorisation, a draft Plan of Management would be prepared to outline how the cultural values of the land would be conserved and managed.

Those Aboriginal parties or individuals wishing to make a submission should do so in writing to the General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 or by email to tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au by Friday 23 September 2016.
Darwin Aboriginal Arts Fair

Association of Northern, Kimberley and Arnhem Aboriginal Artists Arts Worker Extension Program graduates: Ishmael Marika, Jennifer Wurrkidj, Jangu Nundhirribala and Augustina Kennedy.

Lavinia Ketchell, from Erub Arts in the Torres Strait, at right, runs a ghost net weaving workshop with, from left, Lisa Waup and Patrice Mahoney, from Melbourne, Laurel Newton-Thompson, from Darwin, Deborah Bacon, from Lismore, and Yanca Neut and daughter Jade Stroud, from Darwin.

Zugabal Dancers, from Badu Island in the Torres Strait, perform at the art fair.

Larrakia family members Rhiannon Lee, Tina Baum, Gary Lee and Danella Lee on their home country at the Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair’s Larrakia Nation Arts booth.

Yet another sale: Artists Lindsay Malay and Shirley Purdie, from Warmun Arts Centre in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, with happy customer Lisa Johnson, from Darwin.
The Darwin Aboriginal Arts Fair (DAAF), held earlier this month, celebrated not only its 10th anniversary, but its highest yet visitor and Indigenous-owned arts centre numbers.

With 61 art centres representing more than 2000 artists from across Australia under one roof and over 10,000 people through the doors, organisers were delighted.

The three-day extravaganza is a showcase and market for a diverse range of art and art-related products, and an opportunity for arts industry buyers and the public to buy art directly from Indigenous-owned and incorporated art centres, and to learn about culture.

This year’s program included workshops, artist talks and traditional dance performances, and for the first time a fashion parade, a panel discussion on ‘What is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art’, moderated by DAAF Foundation chair Franchesca Cubillo, and a festival of feature length and short films made by Indigenous arts centres.

DAAF executive director Claire Summers said the festival generated more than $2 million in sales for Indigenous arts centres.

‘We’re a foundation that provides a marketing platform for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-owned arts centres,’ Ms Summers said.

“That’s why we are so proud to be generating such extraordinary sales and networks for the arts centres, buyers, collectors and public intuitions in Australia and abroad.”

Almost half the visitors to the festival came from interstate and overseas.

Ms Cubillo said the DAAF allows artists and arts centres to set the standard of how the Indigenous art market looks and feels, and interpret their art themselves, rather than institutions and non-Indigenous organisations.

“The art fair is about Indigenous agency and aesthetics driving the agenda within the broader art sector,” she said.

“Yes, artists (and respective arts centres) are mindful of the art market and its interests, but they are equally mindful of the responsibility they carry as cultural custodians and ambassadors.”
Uni scheme will aid communities

The University of Sydney has launched a new program offering students opportunities to undertake community service with Indigenous people while applying the experience to their academic and personal development.

Service learning hubs have been negotiated with Aboriginal communities in Kakadu (Northern Territory), far western New South Wales and the Tiwi Islands. An additional hub is under consideration for western Sydney.

The Kakadu hub has resulted from a memorandum of understanding signed by the university and Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation (GAC), the representative body of the Mirarr Aboriginal people of Kakadu in the Northern Territory.

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Community teachers

the goal of program

A GROUP of Charles Darwin University students from Indigenous communities across the Northern Territory have visited Darwin as part of a program aimed at increasing the number of Indigenous teachers in community schools.

The Bachelor of Education (Primary) students are taking part in an accredited and nationally recognised teacher education program at CDU through the Growing Our Own (GOO) program in partnership with the Catholic Education Office.

During the visit, the 17 students from Bathurst Island, Daly River, Katherine, Santa Teresa and Wadeye undertook an intensive unit and visited urban schools.

Tiwi student Tammy Kerinaiwa, who is in her second year of study, said she wanted to formalise her qualifications as a teacher after being inspired by her aunt and grandfather.

“Growing up with my aunty who was a Tiwi principal, I had always wanted to become a teacher,” she said.

“Encourage”

“When I become a qualified teacher I will be able to pass my knowledge on and also encourage the next generation of teachers in our community,” CDU GOO coordinator Ben Van Gelderen said the program was customised to meet the needs of the students, and their communities and schools.

“The program is set up around the idea of two-way learning and knowledge exchange,” he said.

Ms Kerinaiwa said that having local people teach in communities provided an opportunity for Indigenous knowledge to be incorporated into the curriculum.

Now in its eighth year, the Federal Government-funded program has had 21 graduates, who have taken up teaching positions at remote Indigenous schools.

During the program each student’s work is checked against that of other students in the course and on completion they can apply for membership of the Northern Territory Teachers Registration Board.

Pair at

camp

in India

TWO Indigenous science students from Darwin and Sydney are in India after winning a Charles Darwin University scholarship to attend the 10th Asian Science Camp being held in the city of Bangalore.

Krishna Valadian, from Darwin High School, and Brittany Abraham, from Loreto Normanhurst in Sydney, will meet Nobel laureates and attend science master classes with more than 200 other students from Asia, Australia and Oceania.

Hosted by a different country each year, the six-day Asian Science Camp aims to inspire the next generation of scientists in lectures, discussions and master classes, as well as social and cultural events to promote friendship in the Asia-Pacific region.

Brittany and Krishna will join seven other Australian secondary and university science students from Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, NSW and Tasmania at the camp.

Passion

Brittany, a Year 11 student, is passionate about science after winning a Charles Darwin University scholarship to attend the Asian Science Camp.

“I am excited about learning from world-class scholars and challenging myself on this trip,” she said.

“The intensive care I received was amazing, and by going through that experience and seeing the support my family received, too, I now know that’s what I want to do to make a difference,” she said.

Like Brittany, Krishna hopes the Asian Science Camp will further ignite his passion for science. “I’m excited about being a world-class scholar and challenging myself on this trip,” he said.

Charles Darwin is the only Australian university to sponsor Indigenous participation in the Asian Science Camp.

Australian Science Innovations, which runs the camp, announced the students for the 10th Asian Science Camp. The camp is being held in Far Western NSW.

The camp is part of the Commonwealth’s ‘Enduring Australia’ program, which aims to build relationships and understanding.

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SIXTEEN students have graduated from a North Coast TAFE program that provided permanent headstones for unmarked graves in Aboriginal communities.

The students attended a graduation celebration at the TAFE college in Lismore on the NSW north coast last week. They developed personalised mosaic headstones for unmarked graves.

Student Carlene Robinson created a headstone for her late brother, who was buried in 1990.

“It’s a privilege to be able to make it for him,” she told the Koori Mail. “Now he can finally have his own bed to rest.”

Course teacher Ruth Parks said the class was a “riot” of fun.

“You could always hear the laughter before you saw the class,” she said.

“They were raucous and happy but they were single-minded about completing the project, too. They were dedicated, coming in every week, working really hard.”

Student Sonya Breckenridge said the course had been a good experience for all involved.

“We could come together for our loved ones and create something beautiful with our mob,” she said.

“And we had fun at the same time.”

The course was funded through Warrawi Gambling Help.

“A lot of gambling is associated with grief and loss,” Warrawi’s Harry Beckers said.

“We support community projects that help to divert people from gambling. It was Sharon Cook from Burabi Aboriginal Co-operation who approached us about this project. We also talk to people about the support they can get if they have a problem with gambling.”

The term-long TAFE course will continue, with students now turning their creative talents to making dishes and bird baths as well as more headstones.

The course is run by the Goori Arts Program, a Burabi Aboriginal Corporation and Aboriginal Learning Circle North Coast TAFE partnership.
Artists come to their senses

THIRTEEN artists investigate the realms of the senses in the new exhibition Sixth Sense. The free exhibition is at the National Art School in Darlinghurst until October 15. Curated by Djon Mundine, Sixth Sense presents work by cross-generational Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and other artists whose works consider aspects of the spiritual and the senses. Exhibiting artists are Daniel Boyd, Destiny Deacon and Virginia Fraser, Karla Dickens, Fiona Foley, Nicole Foreshew, Willurai Deacon and Virginia Fraser, Karla Dickens, Nasim Nasr and Skye Raabe. Mundine said that in art sight is the sense most utilised, but when other senses are evoked the perceptive experience is heightened. "Deaf people can write music, and performers dance in silence," he said. "The sixth sense is that of the mind – of the imagination, a feeling beyond the physical, and more to do with memory and creativity." More details at www.nas.edu.au

He’s keen to promote art

"I think it’s an important position for promoting our artists and our people." Mr Quinlin is keen to see the Armidale keeping place expand, especially the establishment of a long-awaited art gallery. "That will make a real difference," he said. "We’ve got a great cultural centre here, but the extra gallery will really add to it."

Funds will help Lloyd’s mission

A PROJECT to detail a century of Indigenous contemporary songs has received one of 13 State Library Victoria Fellowships. Musician Jessie Lloyd is behind the project, which has been granted $12,500. The Creative Fellowship will allow the north Queensland woman to continue her research into the ‘mission songs’ between 1900 and 1899. Ms Lloyd said the Mission Songs Project is an initiative to revive songs from the ‘mission days’. "They’re not the Christian songs they sang in church on Sunday. They’re the songs they used to sing after the missionaries taught them to play Western instruments," she told the Koori Mail. "They’re from a time when Aboriginal people weren’t allowed to talk language so this is what they used for gatherings and celebrations." The award-winning musician and performer has also formed the Yil Lu Ensemble, which performs ‘old-time songs from seafaring days’.

Ms Lloyd said she has had two main advisors on her Mission Songs Project – Indigenous academic Marcia Langton and performer Archie Roach – who have helped her and advocated for the project. "They’re involved but they kind of let me go and do my own thing," she said. "They’ve really been backing me on the project when I try to get funding, and have been advocating for me."

Ms Lloyd said she was “pleasantly surprised” by the grant. "I actually forgot I’d applied. I’ve been working on the project since April last year and most of the research has been community consultation," she said. "I talked to the Elders and musicians who might be able to share some knowledge. There’s been no formal research so far, so this will enable me to spend some time with a librarian and do research from an archival point of view. I spent a few days in the National Film and Sound Archives and the National Library while I was in Canberra to see what could be found easily, and I couldn’t easily find much."

Ms Lloyd said her project will “fill a void” in the history of Indigenous music. "There’s never been any interest in these songs before," she said.
Graffiti art on show

WHEN it comes to graffiti art, Nairsha ‘Nish’ Cash is at the cutting edge. The Jingili/Mudburra descendant has gained a solid – and expanding – reputation across South Australia, where she lives, and beyond for her graffiti artworks. Her latest works are now on show at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute in her exhibition Sketch Fetish. Cash, a long-time community arts and youth engagement officer at Tandanya, says graffiti art is gaining traction around the nation. “More and more it’s reputation is gaining momentum, and being embraced by institutions, government and, importantly, people generally,” she told the Koori Mail. “And it’s hugely popular with Indigenous young people. I have travelled to many regional and remote centres to promote responsible graffiti art with youth. It’s totally relevant to them, and they love it.” That increasing popularity will be underlined with an upcoming documentary featuring Cash and other Indigenous graffiti artists to be shown in coming months on NITV. Sketch Fetish also includes a selection paintings on canvas, as well as ready-made objects including mannequins and a model train. It continues until September 3 at Tandanya. More details at www.tandanya.com.au

Chance for filmmakers

TWO Indigenous filmmakers will get the chance to attend the four-day Australian International Movie Convention (AIMC) on the Gold Coast under a new program from the National Association of Cinema Operators (NACO) and the Motion Picture Distributors Association of Australia (MPDAA). The AIMC, from October 9-13, is an annual event held in Queensland. Organisers say it attracts record numbers of delegates from Australia, New Zealand, Asia, the United States and Europe, and will provide opportunities to network with local and international cinema exhibitors and distributors. It is an opportunity for filmmakers to meet industry decision makers, see footage from upcoming feature films and gain an understanding of what will trigger support for local films from distributors and cinemas. The MPDAA and NACO will provide the opportunity for the two Indigenous filmmakers to attend the conference. Screen Qld will handle all submissions from practitioners to put forward to the organisers. The selected delegates will receive support and have the opportunity to meet key industry people and get advice on their careers. Applications close September 16. Submissions can be made to tmiller@screenqld.com.au For more information, call (07) 3248 0500.

Grant to promote art and culture

NIMBIN Community Centre will receive $14,480 from the NSW Government to promote Aboriginal art and culture in northern NSW. The Wai bal Art and Culture Project will include workshops by Bundjalung artists and cultural practitioners from across a range of local clan groups. Audiences will have the opportunity to share in regional arts and cultural experiences through exhibitions and public performances at the Wai bal Aboriginal Cultural Centre, in Nimbin.

Nish Cash at her exhibition in Tandanya, Adelaide.
Redfern service celebrates

AUSTRALIA’S first Aboriginal community-controlled health service has celebrated 45 years with a Q and A panel at the Charles Perkins Centre in Sydney.

As part of the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service celebrations, a portrait of chief executive Naomi Mayers was unveiled.

Service acting chief executive LaVerne Belllear said she was over the moon to be part of the celebrations.

“My role has been slightly different. It was the established ideologies of the people who started this, like Ms Mayers, and what they stood for that’s helped us carry on their work,” she said.

“That’s the beauty of the AMS. It’s also about letting the young ones know what we had to go through to make this a reality.

Redfern AMS was established in 1971 as a volunteer organisation, staffed by non-Indigenous people, nuns and students.

Now there are medical services across the country just like the Redfern AMS, and more are being established.

Casino AMS chief executive Steve Blunden said that if not for the original AMS, branches around the country would not exist.

“It wasn’t about the towns we lived in, it was about helping out our mob,” he said.

“There are people with a fire in their belly and governments need to know they couldn’t have done the things they’ve achieved without the help of the AMS.”

AMS board member Dulcie Flowers said the Redfern community was in dire need of proper medical care at the time the AMS was established.

“People had problems hearing. They were pleading guilty in court when they were not guilty because the questions were muffled to them,” she said.

“People had short life spans and the infant mortality rate was 33 in every 1000 compared to 10 in every 1000 for other Australians.”

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Redfern AMS chair Sol Belllare said the service intends to set up the centre on land owned by the LALC.

“It will include rehab services for drugs and alcohol,” he said.

“It’s fine to send people away for rehab, but we need this place so when they come home the kids don’t go ‘who is this stranger’ once they’re not affected by drugs and alcohol.”

Study shows pregnant women facing danger

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Heart health worry in WA

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RESEARCH by
The University of Western Australia into the management of Aboriginal heart patients has found that while treatment is improving, more work is needed to ensure that rural patients are receiving recommended treatments.

Researchers completed two audits that effectively serve as a report card on how one regional WA hospital managed treatment of heart attack and unstable angina (collectively referred to as acute coronary syndrome or ACS).

The study examined medical records from the hospital’s emergency department to analyse the differences in treatment and health outcomes and it also examined the treatment of Aboriginal patients compared to that of other patients.

Findings from two periods studied (2011-12 and 2013-14) showed that there were some gaps in the medical assessment and management of acute coronary syndrome. After feedback to the health service managers and clinicians following the first audit, the treatment gap reduced.

Cardiovascular disease is a major cause of death and the leading cause of death for Aboriginal people in Western Australia, being 4.6 times more frequent (per capita) in Aboriginal people than in other residents.

Professor of Rural Health Sandra Thompson said the research highlighted the importance of looking critically at how health services in WA were performing against best practice guidelines.

“Particularly in rural and remote areas where many Aboriginal populations reside, access to faster diagnosis and the use of effective treatments is important not only in reducing deaths but in stopping damage to the heart muscle and gaining better long-term outcomes,” she said.

“Patients in rural areas still do not have access to the same cardiology diagnostic assessments and treatment interventions in a timely way as those in metropolitan areas.”

Prof Thompson said other factors important for treatment of Aboriginal patients included better communication and understanding of cultural beliefs.

“If the medical outcomes from cardiovascular disease in Aboriginal people were improved to the level of non-Aboriginal people, Aboriginal life expectancy could be increased by more than six years,” she said.

“There are promising changes in response to the initial findings, such as use of emergency medicine specialists in the regional emergency department and training of staff.”

“This resulted in better adherence to best practice management guidelines, although there were still some gaps identified where improvements can occur.”

The research has been published in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health and SAGE Open Medicine.

Aboriginal Research Assistant Skill Set Scholarships

The University of Sydney Poche Centre for Indigenous Health is working with the George Institute for Global Health and OTEN TAFE Western Sydney Institute and to offer scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are working as a Research Assistant and looking to gain a qualification.

Each scholarship will provide:

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> Course fees, online and face to face (Research Assistant Skill Set)
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> Career and education planning

Applications close 5pm (EST) Friday 2nd September 2016

For further information please contact the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health (Sydney)

Phone (02) 9114 0829 email poche.admin@sydney.edu.au

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Focus on culture at Land and Water Celebration

“Indigenous culture will be front and centre at an event in Hobart this month, held at 200A, Curtin University, five days, a group for indigenous families with 0-5 year-olds. Held at YWCA, 101A Ross Road, Goonellabah, every Thursday from 11am-1pm. Details: 02 6625 580. August 28: Visit Illawarra installation, showcasingaboriginal art in contemporary living spaces. Held at Katie Gern Galleries, Roselle, Sydney, daily from 10am-6pm. Details: 02 9555 5283 or visit www.kategerngallery.com.au

September 2-3: September 2016 Gurung Sports Festival. Held at The University of Queensland, St Lucia, Brisbane, 4pm. Details: 07 3365 1111 or visit www.uq.arts.uq.edu.au.

Indigenous Ceramic Art Award exhibition. Features the work of seven artists shortlisted for the exhibition. Held at Telegraph Station, Alice Springs from 4pm. Details: 08 8979 5491.

September 5: Paining Speaks For Us exhibition. Kunyi Mclinney joins her daughter Yantit in presenting a series of works that tell the stories of their lives and the lives of their ancestors and communities. Held at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute (East Gallery), 253 Greenfell Street, Adelaide from Mon-Sun, 9:30am-3:30pm. Details: 08 8224 3200 or visit www.tandanya.com.au.

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**Trade Up paying off**

**Fortescue Metals Group** has won the Indigenous Employment and Retention Award for its training program Fortescue’s Trade Up at the 2016 Australian Mines and Metals Association National Conference held this month in Perth.

Aimed at providing sustainable career development opportunities for the company’s Aboriginal workforce, Fortescue’s Trade Up was launched last September.

Currently, 38 participants are completing the training, which is an accredited course to an apprenticeship. Fortescue’s Trade Up includes a Certificate II level traineeship in the desired trade.

Chief executive Nev Power said Fortescue recognised the need to further develop career progression opportunities for its Aboriginal workforce.

“We are especially proud that 21% of the current trainees are women,” he said.

**Rewarding**

Accepting the award on behalf of the company, Fortescue People group manager Linda O’Farrell said it is rewarding to see and celebrate the successes of the program.

“We are incredibly proud of the Trade Up trainees, many of whom have progressed on to formal apprenticeship,” she said.

“The trainees’ achievements are shared with our contracting partners.”

Participants are trained while at work by qualified tradespeople and receive regular assessment services, as well as competency reviews and on-site training.

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We have part time positions available in Alice Springs and Darwin. Duties include: delivering an Indigenous Health and Wellbeing project officers. We are looking for people who can both deliver an activity program as well as work with school/community groups and families to get them involved.

For more information go to: email: recruitment@infoxchange.org.au or contact Josh Mapstone (Alice Springs) on 0405 267 991.

Carer Support Officer

Carers NSW is the peak organisation for carers in NSW. It is a member of the National Network of Carers Associations. It has an exclusive focus on supporting and advocating for carers of all ages and circumstances.

This newly created position provides an information and advisory service focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers and services, through the National Carer Information and Support Service (NCISS). It also refers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers to support services, agencies and programs. Carers NSW delivers the NSW component of the Carer Information and Support Service and the National Carer Counselling Program throughout the NSW territory and selected regional offices.

The successful applicant will hold tertiary qualifications in Social Work or related discipline, and have relevant experience. We encourage applicants with the capacity and knowledge to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers and families. Knowledge of carer care and support arrangements, financial arrangements relevant to carers would be essential, as is experience in telephone and face to face support.

Located at our Parramatta office (near Westmead), the Carer Support Officer will provide a culturally appropriate and respectful service to carers and families. In addition, they will work closely with communities to identify local services that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers feel comfortable using.

About the Role

You will be part of the team assisting carers and families to access services and information in Victoria. The successful applicant will also work closely with communities to identify local services that carers feel comfortable using.

Applications close: Wednesday 31 August 2016
Our ideal candidates will have the ability to effectively manage competing communities and their stakeholders, including general service presentations delivering and reviewing community engagement activities for Aboriginal people. As an Aboriginal Dispute Resolution Officer, you will be responsible for planning, providing authoritative, strategic and innovative advice about service delivery resolution, and training and workshops focussed on addressing the issue of mediation, lateral violence and dispute resolution training and services.

Aboriginal Dispute Resolution Program Coordinator
- Senior role - great opportunity to build on your leadership skills
- Melbourne based position
- Salary range $89,327 - $108,078 plus superannuation

This role will lead a team of Aboriginal Dispute Resolution Officers and will oversee the two year roll out of a range of community dispute resolution activities, including dispute assessment mediation, community dispute resolution, and training and workshops focussed on addressing the issue of lateral violence, in conjunction with Aboriginal service providers. As our ideal candidate, you will be an experienced leader and people manager. You will be comfortable in liaising with senior stakeholders, with the ability to provide authoritative, strategic and innovative advice about service delivery priorities.

Aboriginal Dispute Resolution Officer
- Newly created role - work closely with the Koori community
- Positions available in Bendigo, Morwell and the Melbourne CBD
- Salary range $77,148 - $87,838 plus superannuation

As an Aboriginal Dispute Resolution Officer, you will be responsible for planning, delivering and reviewing community engagement activities for Aboriginal communities and their stakeholders, including general service presentations about DSCV, and workshops on lateral violence awareness, understanding mediation, dispute prevention and conflict resolution management. Our ideal candidates will have the ability to effectively manage competing priorities in order to meet deadlines. We are also seeking candidates with excellent interpersonal skills and the confidence to conduct presentations to individuals and groups. All of these positions are for a fixed-term period of two years and require candidates to possess sound knowledge of the Koori community and the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with its members. Travel across Melbourne and regional Victoria will be required.

These are Aboriginal identified positions, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au by Wednesday 14 September 2016.
MC Drivers (2/trucker)
Goldfields Region

We are seeking expressions of interest for MC Drivers. The successful applicants will be working a 2/1 D/O or 0/1 roster. You will be required to hold a current MC licence and have experience driving road trains or trucks. Team spirit and a good track record are essential for this role.

The successful applicants will be rewarded with a permanent position offering job security with an expanding global business, competitive hourly rates, good camp facilities and training and development opportunities.

Applications will need to pass the medical requirements for the role, which may include being able to provide evidence to show you are right to work in Australia. It is a prerequisite for the preferred candidate for this role to undergo a criminal background check. Please visit our Equal Opportunity Employer website and we encourage men and women of all ages and Australian Aboriginality to apply.

To apply go to www.tollhiring.recruitmenthub.com or call Toll on (08) 9318 2952 for further information.

Chronic Care Coordinator x 3
(2 positions based in Grafton and 1 position based in Moree)

$46,000 to $55,000 p.a. plus 9.5% superannuation
Full-time, fixed term (12 months)

Bulga Nyuuru Medical Aboriginal Corporation (BNMAC) is a not for profit Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation which provides primary health care services to Aboriginal people.

We are seeking Chronic Care Coordinators who will be responsible for supporting and maintaining a high standard of integrated and coordinated care to improve the prevention, early detection and effective management of chronic disease in Aboriginal people. You will work closely with medical and allied health professionals, health service community groups and relevant government bodies in the delivery of chronic disease health care and associated health checks while working towards closing the gap in Aboriginal health and improving the prevention, detection and management of chronic disease.

This position will have a key role in supporting the implementation of the Flinders University Program for Chronic Conditions Management. We offer genuine work-life balance; salary sacrificing; career development and training and a supportive work environment.

To apply or for further information please follow the link: http://bnmac.com.au/aboutemployment/

First Hand Solutions Aboriginal Corporation
Curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art

The Art Curator is responsible for delivering a range of initiatives which increase the accessibility and availability of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art to the wider public – primarily through exhibitions and our Blak markets festival and pop-up shopart galleries.

Main responsibilities will include:
• Curate exhibitions and art centres around Australia to facilitate engagement of groups of common ground and business
• Administer community and public art programs

Desired attributes for this position include:
• Minimum 5 years’ experience working in the Art sector
• Detailed understanding of Aboriginal art across Australia
• Passion for mentoring small business owners
• Demonstrated experience curating art exhibits
• This is an identified Aboriginal position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977
• Drivers license
• Salary negotiable up to $70,000

First Hand Solutions Aboriginal Corporation aims to find hands up on solutions to the issues faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Blak markets is a social enterprise that facilitates cultural reconnection and economic development and job opportunity through tourism, art and culture.

Please send your job applications to firsthandsolutions@blakmail.com by October 1 2016.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.
**KOORI COURT OFFICER**

**Melbourne Magistrates’ Court**

**VCPS Grade 3**  
**Role No:** MC1763  
**Ongoing, full-time**

The aim of the Koori Court Officer is to assist in reducing the issue of over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Victorian justice system by working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients when they enter the criminal system. In addition, the service assists Aboriginal people to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention.

Details of the purpose of this service are outlined in the position description.

This is a designated position under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.

Candidates are encouraged to apply online at careers.vic.gov.au

**Further information:** Travis Lorent 03 9023 9442  
**Applications close Sunday, 4 September 2016**

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**Aboriginal Social Support Project Officer - Blacktown**

Deliver the ‘Elders on the Go’ project to support older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Western Sydney. Support community initiatives and make specific connections to culture and participation.

Provide pathways for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to access groups, community outings and volunteering opportunities in social and cultural connections programs such as home visiting and TeleYarn.

Knowledge of and experience in engaging older people in community work will be highly regarded.

Attractive salary packaging options available

Full time position with attractive salary packaging options available.

For further information please contact Catherine Johnson on 9229 4274  
To apply visit redcross.org.au/careers and search for 503979.

Applications close 1 September 2016.

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**Manager, Student Equity Outreach and Educational Partnerships**

**Academic Administration**

Salary range: $104,690 - $108,433 per annum

Continuing, full time position based at the Logan and Nathan campuses

**Closes:** 29 August 2016  
Reference: 102589

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**Intensive Case Support Worker – Barren Mooroop**

(Aboriginal Children and Family Justice Program)

Jesus Social Services works to build a just society. We stand in solidarity with those in need, expressing a faith that promotes justice. Since 1977, we’ve provided services to some of the most disadvantaged in our community. We work to build a just society where all people can live to their full potential by partnering with the community to support those in need and working to change policies, practices, ideas and values that perpetuate inequality, prejudice and exclusion. We place a high priority on advocacy and are a leader in policy development and research.

**About the role**

Jesus Social Services in partnership with the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) and The Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service (VALS) is seeking a new Intensive Case Support Worker to work with Aboriginal children and their families.

The three year program funded by the Attorney General’s Department (Commonwealth) aims to provide an integrated, intensive support service to Aboriginal children, 10-14 years of age who have current involvement with the police. The Intensive support service will work through both a justice and a family lens, recognising the importance of an approach that engages with all members of the family, including siblings, parents, carers and relatives.

The successful applicant will have demonstrated skills and a strong understanding of culturally appropriate service delivery in relation to Aboriginal children, their families and communities, as well as a demonstrated capacity and experience in case management.

**How to apply**

For a copy of the position description and to apply please visit our careers page; www.jss.org.au/careers. For further information please contact Suzette James-Revel on 03 9387 1233.

Applications close Wednesday 31 August 2016 at 5pm.

Jesus Social Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to providing a family-friendly working environment that embraces and values diversity and inclusion. Members of the Aboriginal community are strongly encouraged to apply.
Join one of Australia’s most innovative community mental health services

Improve outcomes for people living with mental illness in our community

Community Rehabilitation and Support Workers (CRSWs)

Multiple casual positions are available at various sites within Greater Sydney NSW

Bring your enthusiasm and passion for social justice to this varied and fulfilling support role.

- Provide direct and meaningful support to people with a mental illness living within the community.
- Apply a recovery-based approach to support work
- Work within a values based, progressive service

For Further Background and Selection Documentation, Please Download the...
DRAFTPERSON
Commercial contract construction company located in Oxford Falls, Sydney requires an experienced Draftperson Predominantly Government client base, working on infrastructure projects including civil, structural and building services disciplines.
Must have advanced AutoCAD skills and own car.
Immediate start, working Monday to Friday from our office.
Email cv to employment@clines.com.au

Applications can be lodged online at https://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/Default.aspx Application information packages are available at this web address.

Government of South Australia
Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure

Temporary up to 12 Months
Location: Murray Bridge
Vacancy No: 2016/3358
Salary: $45,235 – $59,481 pa (AS06)

Here’s your chance to work for a vibrant and dynamic organisation providing quality services to the community.

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

For more information about this exciting opportunity, please visit www.dpti.sa.gov.au/careers

Level 3, 136 North Terrace (GPO Box 1533) Adelaide SA 5001, telephone (08) 8343 2600, email dpti.apply@sa.gov.au
Closing Date: 5.00pm 30 August 2016

For further information please contact the Human Resources Manager via email Natalie.Chapman@voyages.com.au or contact (08) 8499 2705.

The Illawarra Warragamba alliance Aboriginal Corporation (IWAC) and the NSW Government are seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified and motivated people to facilitate formal negotiation commitments for local community identified actions under the key priority areas of:
• Education
• Employment
• Health
• Housing
• Police and Justice

The Independent facilitator will:
• Help create a level playing field in the Accord negotiations;
• Provide opportunities for detailed discussions about the issues and proposed responses; and
• Help set the terms and establish the “rules of engagement”.

The independent facilitator must have experience working with Aboriginal communities, have an understanding of cross-cultural communication and respect for the cultural issues which may arise for community members during the negotiation process.

The role of the independent facilitator may include:
• Briefing parties prior to the formal negotiation process to ensure they are prepared and to determine their expectations;
• Safeguarding a fair, equitable and timely process;
• Facilitating constructive discussion and debate;
• Ensuring adherence to, and understanding of, the Local Decision Making negotiation principles;
• Ensuring that the Accord and negotiated commitments are endorsed by all parties; and
• Documenting negotiated outcomes.

Essential requirements:
• Aboriginality is preferred but not essential.
• At a minimum, candidates must demonstrate that they have experience working with Aboriginal communities and provide evidence they are culturally competent when working with the Aboriginal peoples of NSW.
• This includes an understanding of cross-cultural communication and respect for the cultural issues which may arise for community members during the negotiation process.
• Demonstrated high level communication, facilitation and negotiation skills including experience facilitating outcomes to resolve complex issues and drive collaboration.
• Free of actual or perceived conflict of interest. It is important that the independent facilitator is accepted as impartial and non-aligned by all Accord negotiation parties.

For instance, candidates:
• Who are or have recently been employed in NSW government agencies which are directly impacted by or have a clear responsibility under proposed accord priorities; and
• Members of the Illawarra Warragamba Alliance Aboriginal Corporation, or people with close family connections or relationships with parties, might not be considered independent or without interests involved by all.
• Cost effectiveness. It is expected that the Illawarra Warragamba Accord negotiations will span approximately 5-10 non-consecutive days across Oct – Nov 2016. Applicants are required to provide a cost estimate (all prices quoted including GST) for each day’s facilitation services as part of their Expression of Interest.

Please note that the appointment of an independent facilitator for the Illawarra/Warragamba negotiations may be approved by the Department of Premier and Cabinet on behalf of the NSW Government, the Chair on behalf of the Illawarra Warragamba Alliance Aboriginal Corporation and Aboriginal Affairs as the overall co-ordinator for Local Decision Making.

Interested people are invited to submit an EOI to:
Stephen Buter 32@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au Subject – Est Independent Facilitator IWAC Accord

All enquiries regarding the independent facilitator should be directed to the following Aboriginal Affairs contact officer:
Steve Butler (02) 5852 1085 – Senior Project Officer

Please note: Applications close on Friday, 9 September 2016.

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THE KOOMI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016 43
NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 101 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978

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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: 24 August 2016

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 a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014.

Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 3, June 2014.

WATER NSW
WAGGA WAGGA ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE
An application to amend a COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORKS & USE APPROVAL has been received from WOODHOUSE for a bore on Lot 134 DP 751407 for irrigation purposes on Lot 134 DP 751407, Lot 135 DP 751407, and Lot 491 DP 751422 (AB904).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 6951 2574, Simon Matte, Water Regulation Officer.

A07102

WATER NSW
NSW BORDER RIVERS REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE
An application for a Amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS & USE approval under section 107 of the Water Management Act 2000 has been received from GROUP PTY LTD for a pump (100 l/s) on the Macintyre River, Lots 18 – 21 DP 790086 Parish Dight, County Arrawarra for irrigation purposes – (Ref AG167).

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to PO Box 486 Moree NSW 2400 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call 02 6757 2502, Anthony Colvin, Water Regulation Officer.

A05181
WATER NSW
HUNTER RIVER TIDAL POOL WATER SOURCE
An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from JAMES ALFRED CROKER for a 1.80 mm centrifugal pump on Lot 112 DP 686640 for the purpose of irrigation. Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 2231, Dangar NSW 2359 within 28 days of the notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A006754)
Any queries please call (02) 4904 2511 Heather Dawson, Water Regulation Officer. A016379

WATER NSW
SOUTHERN RECHARGE GROUNDWATER SOURCE
An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from JAMES ALFRED CROKER for a 254 mm bore, irrigation purposes on Lot 91D11P102445. (A9544)
Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 882, Narrabri 2390 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. Any queries please call (02) 67999862, Water Regulation Officer, Peter Cuel. A01578

WATER NSW
NSW MURRAY AND LOWER DARLING REGULATED RIVERS WATER SOURCE
An application for an AMENDED WATER SUPPLY WORKS & USE APPROVAL has been received from FRANK MISALE for two 100 mm centrifugal pumps on the Glen Goil North Creek on Part Lot 7314 DP 1207246, Parish of Glen Goil, County of Wentworth. Application is to allow approval of existing approval 60CA896293 by increasing the size of existing pump, and also to include an additional pump and include area previously authorised for irrigation by approval 60CA851174. (A9555)
Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 363, Buronga, NSW, 2739 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of your objection. Any queries please call (03) 5051 6218, Don Reid, Water Regulation Officer. A01579

WATER NSW
PEEL VALLEY REGULATED, UNREGULATED, ALLUVIUM AND FRACTURED ROCK WATER SOURCE
An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS & USE APPROVAL has been received from JAMES ALFRED CROKER for 254 mm bore, irrigation purposes on Lot 195 DP 686407, Parish Waugan, County Ashburton (60 ha) and Lot 1 DP 657436, Parish Trajere (24 ha), for Irrigation purposes. (A9556)
Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to Water NSW, PO Box 231, Forbes NSW 2716 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A008456)
Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808 Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer. A016388

Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements
State of Queensland
Notification day: 31 August 2016

This notice relates to seven agreements entered into by the Darambul People, five with pastoral lease holders and two with the State of Queensland.

Description of the agreement areas for the five Pastoral ILUAs:

- **ILUA**
  - Area covered: 438 sq km, located in the vicinity of Rockhampton.
  - Location: 37 km north-west of Rockhampton.

- **Q2016/029 Goolara ILUA**
  - Area covered: 136 sq km, located in the vicinity of Rockhampton.
  - Location: 28 km to the north, 40 km to the south, 28 km to the east and 74 km to the west.

- **Q2016/031 Oombah and Ten Mile ILUA**
  - Area covered: 25 sq km, located in the vicinity of Rockhampton.
  - Location: 32 km, part two 79 km north-west of Rockhampton.

- **Q2016/032 Templeton Creek ILUA**
  - Area covered: 38 sq km, located in the vicinity of Rockhampton.
  - Location: 43 km north-west of Rockhampton.

- **Q2016/042 Baven ILUA**
  - Area covered: 38 sq km, located in the vicinity of Rockhampton.
  - Location: 43 km north-west of Rockhampton.

- **Q1961/387 Darambul People Protected Areas ILUA**
  - Area covered: 814 sq km, located in the vicinity of Rockhampton.
  - Location: 37 km north-west of Rockhampton.

- **Q1961/386 Darambul People Protected Areas ILUA**
  - Area covered: 814 sq km, located in the vicinity of Rockhampton.
  - Location: 37 km north-west of Rockhampton.

- **Q2016/036 Darambul People Protected Areas ILUA**
  - Area covered: 814 sq km, located in the vicinity of Rockhampton.
  - Location: 37 km north-west of Rockhampton.

- **Q2016/038 Darambul People Protected Areas ILUA**
  - Area covered: 814 sq km, located in the vicinity of Rockhampton.
  - Location: 37 km north-west of Rockhampton.

- **Q2016/037 Darambul People Protected Areas ILUA**
  - Area covered: 814 sq km, located in the vicinity of Rockhampton.
  - Location: 37 km north-west of Rockhampton.

- **Q2016/037 Darambul People Protected Areas ILUA**
  - Area covered: 814 sq km, located in the vicinity of Rockhampton.
  - Location: 37 km north-west of Rockhampton.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

- **Pastoral ILUAs**
  - **ILUA Pastoral Party (lessee)**
    - John Frederick Elliott and Carol Ann Elliott
    - Gordon Thomas Hanrahan
  - **Q2016/031 Oombah and Ten Mile ILUA**
    - Stewart John Jones and Wayne Robert Jones
  - **Q2016/032 Templeton Creek ILUA**
    - Jeffrey Ridgway Edgar
  - **Q2016/042 Baven ILUA**
    - Elywn McDowell Rea, Joanne Belle Rea and Andrew Clyde McDowell Rea

- **Darumbal People Protected Areas ILUAs**
  - **Q2016/036 and Darumbal People Protected Areas ILUA**
    - John Frederick Elliott and Carol Ann Elliott
  - **Q2016/037**
    - Andrew Clyde McDowell Rea

The agreements contain the following statements:

- **Pastoral ILUAs**
  - The agreements include no statements mentioned in subsection 24EBA(1) or (4).
  - It records the parties' agreement about the exercise of Native Title Rights and Interests in the agreement area.

- **Darumbal People Protected Areas ILUAs**
  - The agreements include no statements mentioned in subsection 24EBA(1) or (4).
  - It records the parties' agreement about the exercise of Native Title Rights and Interests in the agreement area.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.
NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADDITION OF EXCLUDED LAND INTO AN EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR COAL AND SUBSEQUENT GRANT OF MINERAL DEVELOPMENT LICENCES

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) (Excluded Land) to the Exploration Permit Coal 667 (shown below) and of the proposed grant of one or more Mineral Development Licences under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) in respect of land (including the Excluded Land) in the area of Exploration Permit Coal 667 (Future Acts)

Nature of Act(s): The grant of an application to add Excluded Land to Exploration Permit Coal 667 under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), would result in the Excluded Land being included in the area of the Exploration Permit, which would authorise the holder to explore for coal on the Excluded Land, subject to the provisions of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for the remainder of the current term of the Exploration Permit, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years. The subsequent grant of any Mineral Development Licences under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) in respect of land (including the Excluded Land) in the area of Exploration Permit Coal 667 would authorise the holder to carry out the activities that are specified in the Licence which may include activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of any coal occurrence in the area of the Licence.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Future Acts be granted by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a “native title party” is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed future Acts. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3348 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au, Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed Future Acts may be obtained from the Mining Registrar, Coal Building E, 29 Yeepeen Road, Parkhurst, Rockhampton Qld 4702, Telephone: (07) 4936 0362.

Notification Day: 14 September 2016

The Honourable David Willian Tohnler MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following mineral authority applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Mineral Authority 31358 sought by TRI-STAR ENERGY COMPANY, ACN 089 539 695 over an area of 250 Blocks (777 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MUSGRAVE locality.

Mineral Authority 31359 sought by TRI-STAR ENERGY COMPANY, ACN 089 539 695 over an area of 250 Blocks (777 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MUSGRAVE locality.

Mineral Authority 31360 sought by TRI-STAR ENERGY COMPANY, ACN 089 539 695 over an area of 250 Blocks (777 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MUSGRAVE locality.

Mineral Authority 31361 sought by TRI-STAR ENERGY COMPANY, ACN 089 539 695 over an area of 250 Blocks (777 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MUSGRAVE locality.

Mineral Authority 31362 sought by TRI-STAR ENERGY COMPANY, ACN 089 539 695 over an area of 250 Blocks (777 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ANDADO locality.

Mineral Authority 31363 sought by TRI-STAR ENERGY COMPANY, ACN 089 539 695 over an area of 250 Blocks (777 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ANDADO locality.

Mineral Authority 31364 sought by TRI-STAR ENERGY COMPANY, ACN 089 539 695 over an area of 250 Blocks (777 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINKE locality.

Mineral Authority 31365 sought by TRI-STAR ENERGY COMPANY, ACN 089 539 695 over an area of 250 Blocks (777 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINKE locality.

Mineral Authority 31366 sought by TRI-STAR ENERGY COMPANY, ACN 089 539 695 over an area of 250 Blocks (777 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DAY locality.

Mineral Authority 31367 sought by TRI-STAR ENERGY COMPANY, ACN 089 539 695 over an area of 250 Blocks (777 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DAY locality.

Mineral Authority 31368 sought by TRI-STAR ENERGY COMPANY, ACN 089 539 695 over an area of 250 Blocks (777 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DAY locality.
Notice under Section 29(3) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

The State of Victoria, through the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, CPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following exploration licences under section 25 of the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990.

Nature of the act(s): The grant of an exploration licence, which authorises the holder to explore for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to five years.

Nature of the act(s): The grant of a retention licence, which authorises the holder to intensively explore for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to 10 years (unless the Minister decides otherwise).

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**Return of the Act**

The grant of mining licences which authorise the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of years from date of grant. The grant of exploration licences, which authorise the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

**Expedition procedure**

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Native Title Act 1993 (CTh). Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth.

**Expedited procedure**

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**For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 5516.**

1 - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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The KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016

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Roberts’ career in doubt

T he troubled National Rugby League (NRL) career of Brisbane flyer James Roberts is in jeopardy with reports he was involved in a brawl outside a Bar this month.

The NRL integrity unit was advised by the Broncos last Tuesday of an alleged incident at a Brisbane hotel the previous Sunday.

An NRL spokesman said the Broncos would investigate the matter and report back to the integrity unit.

It is reported Roberts became abusive when refused service at the Normanby Hotel just outside Brisbane’s CBD.

The Courier-Mail claims Roberts was placed in a headlock by bouncers after an altercation with a fellow hotel customer and then lost consciousness.

An ambulance was called, the newspaper claims, but Roberts was awake again by the time it arrived and refused treatment.

Roberts has a history of off-field indiscretions, having been sacked by Penrith and South Sydney over behaviour-related issues.

The Rabbitohs released Roberts in 2011 after breaches of his playing contract, including smashing a taxi window and he was cut by the Panthers in March 2014 for off-field misbehaviour.

He was thrown a lifeline by Gold Coast later in 2014 and appeared to have turned his career around, becoming one of the Titans’ best players after a bungled contract resulted in him leaving to join Brisbane for the 2016 campaign.

The Broncos have made no comment on the incident.

Meantime, Broncos coach Wayne Bennett insists the incident involving James Roberts is of little concern to him.

Despite the club reporting the incident to the NRL integrity unit and commencing an internal investigation, Roberts played in Thursday’s 20-10 win over Canterbury at Suncorp Stadium.

Following the victory Bennett said the incident didn’t worry him much.

He also denied a report that Roberts had apologised to his teammates.

The veteran coach said the matter was a club issue and that was where it would remain.

“We take our responsibilities, as we always do at the Broncos, in a very forthright and honest manner,” Bennett said. “It’s a personal issue for him and the club.”

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Notification initiating negotiations with native title parties mining act 1971 (sa) section 63m

TAKE NOTICE that FMG Resources Pty Ltd of Level 2, 87 Adelaide Terrace, East Perth WA (the Proponent), registered applicant of Exploration Licence Application 2016/00046, proposes to carry out mining operations of an exploratory nature on the following land located in the State of South Australia, approximately 45 km northwest of Port Augusta referred to as Heso Aroo and which is bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°07’S and longitude 137°15’E, thence east to longitude 137°36’E, south to latitude 32°13’S, west to longitude 137°34’E, south to latitude 32°31’S, west to longitude 137°33’S, south to latitude 32°42’S, west to longitude 137°15’E and north to the point of commencement,

(AREA: approximately 784 square kilometres),

being the land which is subject to Exploration Licence Application 2016/00046, but excluding from that land any of that land that falls outside the area of the Barngarla Native Title Claim (DIO2016001-002699-01/18).

The purposes of these meetings are to consult the Gaangalu Nation People about whether the Gaangalu Nation People Claim, or part of it, is acceptable to the Gaangalu Nation People as a whole.

The proposed activities are (or will be) authorised by the following exploration authorities under the Mining Act 1971 (SA):

The exploration authority granted in respect of Exploration Licence Application 2016/00046 (including any extension, replacement renewal, or subsequent exploration licence granted for or other dealings with such exploration authority granted in respect of such application, and any other exploration authority or interest in any exploration authority for the whole or any part of the land).

The Proponent seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 (SA).

TAKE NOTICE that if, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971 (SA), no native title claim group or other persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, the Proponent shall give written notice to the Proponent that no member of the State or Commonwealth Environmental, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the Proponent at:

FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD

C/- FINLAYSONS
81 Flinders Lane, Adelaide, SA 5000

Telephone: (08) 8235 7452
Facsimile: (08) 8232 2944
Contact: Mr George McKenzie

Notification of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Notice of application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Notice day: 31 August 2016

Quindalup 2016/039 Yirendai People Claim Resolution ILUA

State of Queensland

Description of the area covered:

The area covers about 40,365 sq km in the vicinity of Hugkedra.

Relevant LGA/s: Charters Towers Regional Council, Flinders Shire Council and Richmond Shire Council.

The agreement contains the following statements:

5.1 The parties consent to the surrender.

5.2 The surrender will take effect upon Registration.

6. The surrender is intended to extinguish any Native Title that may exist in relation to the Agreement Area.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

State of Queensland (acting through the Department of Natural Resources and Mines)

C/- Crown Law

GPO Box 5521

Brisbane QLD 4001

James Hill, Martina Jacobs and Jeffrey Lammeroo on their own behalf and on behalf of the Yirendai People and

Yirendal Aboriginal Corporation

C/- Dillion Boswer Lawyers

PO Box 626

Towensiwe QLD 4810

Responses to an application to register an ILUA where the application has not been certified:

Any person who holds or may hold native title in relation to land or waters in the area covered by the agreement may wish, in response to this notice, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. The application must be made by 30 November 2016. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Lisa Jowett on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.natnt.gov.au.

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Public notice Gaangalu nation people consultation and information meetings

The Applicant to the Gaangalu Nation People native title claimant application QU4D00/2012 have been negotiating a native title agreement with Cockatoos Coal Ltd (Cockatoos) in relation to the grant of a lease relating to a section of road at Baralaba (the Baralaba Mine haul Road Lease) which is situated within the claim area of the Gaangalu Nation People Claim.

This Notice invites Gaangalu Nation People (see the description of the Gaangalu Nation People below) to attend one or more of the Regional Consultation and Information Meetings listed below.

The purposes of these meetings are to consult the Gaangalu Nation People about whether the Gaangalu Nation People should enter into a proposed native title Agreement with Cockatoos Coal authorising the grant of the Baralaba Mine haul Road Lease.

Meeting details:

Location Date and time Details Contact persons

| Claims | Townsville | Wednesday 24 August 2016 6pm-8pm | Sheron Hotel,205 Sheridan St, Cairns QLD 4870 | Lillian Hanson 0458 888 086 | Lynette Blucher 0427288269 |
| Woorabinda | Rockhampton | Wednesday 31 August 2016 6pm-8pm | Ration Shed, 19 Barambah Ave, Cherbourg QLD | Keivan Syau 0422 189 812 | Rod Jarro 0413 525 384 |
| Cherbourg | Rockhampton | Wednesday 31 August 2016 6pm-8pm | Centrepoint Motor Inn, 131 George St, Rockhampton QLD | Lynette Anderson 0427 906 794 | Robert Tobi 0419 709 040 |
| Brisbane | Brisbane | Saturday 3 September 2016 9am-Noon | Hotel Jen,159 Roma St Brisbane City Q 4000 | Rodney Jarro 0413 525 394 | Vissa Sheridan 0421 867 938 |

The Gaangalu Nation People Claim Group is currently described as follows:

The Gaangalu Nation People native title claim group comprises all persons who are biologically descended from the following deceased ancestors, all of whom are recognised by the living Gaangalu claim group members as having been Gaangalu:

- Maggie of Dingo
- Billy of Wooroona
- Sandy of Wooroona
- Henry of Duaringa
- Jack of (Cocoomboobooroo), Billy Mickelo, Claude and Anne Anderson, Rose Ann Tyson, Billy (wife of Jumbo), Lizzie Tiger (blackwater), Blanche of Duaringa, William of Duaringa, Anne and Ned Duggan, Peter Tyson, Lily of the McKenzie River Bend, John ‘Jack’ Bradley, Violet Thompson, Jenny Doctor [not daughter of Polly Doctor], Polly McEveleyBrown, Queenie (Hart) of Duaringa, (Brothers) Charlie, Willie and George Riley, Lily/Lisa Livingstone and William Toby

Please note: no financial assistance will be provided for travel or accommodation, however refreshments will be provided.

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

The KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016

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NOTICE OF GRANTED PROPOSAL OF MINERAL AUTHORITIES
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable David William Tohner MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C1. Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following mineral authority applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Mineral Authority 31370 sought by TRI-STAR ENERGY COMPANY, ACN 089 539 695 over an area of 115 Blocks (359 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the

Nature of the act: Grant of mineral authority applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification Day: 24 August 2016

Native Title parties: Under Section 35 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), persons have until 5 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 5 month period may in some cases be reduced to 2 months if the minister or registrar find that the applications are expedited and seek the agreement of the Native Title Party. A Native Title Party is a person that is recognised by the minister or registrar as being the holder of a native title (or part of a native title) in the area(s) affected by the application.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day

NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C1. Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 has granted the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978.

Expedition No. | Applicant | Area | Location | Comment | Shire
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24/1863 | BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED | 13.200A | 16km NW of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 31° 42' 5'' Lon: 121° 19' 7'' | KALGOORLIE-BROOKLYN SHIRE
31/1116 | APOLLON MINING PTY LTD | 405.90A | 55km SE of Leonora | Lat: 31° 29' 5'' Lon: 121° 44' 4'' | MENZIES SHIRE
37/2246 | SHAWMUR PTY LTD | 196.67A | 24km NW of Leonora | Lat: 31° 28' 3'' Lon: 121° 22' 6'' | LUCKNOW SHIRE
39/6999 | DUNKERTON RESOURCES PTY LTD | 63.47A | 7km NNW of Domes | Lat: 31° 27' 4'' Lon: 121° 17' 6'' | LUCKNOW SHIRE
39/2003 | DUNKERTON RESOURCES PTY LTD | 111.19A | 6km W/W of Domes | Lat: 31° 27' 4'' Lon: 121° 17' 6'' | LUCKNOW SHIRE
39/5801 | REISE RESOURCES LIMITED | 63.47A | 6km W/W of Domes | Lat: 31° 27' 4'' Lon: 121° 17' 6'' | LUCKNOW SHIRE
31/6988 | SARKIN GOLD MINES PTY LTD | 121.72A | 11-4km S of Lawaters | Lat: 31° 26' 0'' Lon: 121° 34' 9'' | MENZIES SHIRE
47/1441 | RING PELMAN LTD | 125.05A | 9km SE of Punamaw | Lat: 31° 27' 0'' Lon: 121° 34' 9'' | ASHBURTON SHIRE
47/1442 | RING PELMAN LTD | 122.97A | 5km SE of Punamaw | Lat: 31° 27' 0'' Lon: 121° 34' 9'' | ASHBURTON SHIRE
47/20869 | RING TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED | 470.02 | 41km NW of Pardoo | Lat: 31° 27' 0'' Lon: 121° 34' 9'' | ASHBURTON SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to amalgamate their applications.

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Eddie Betts didn’t think he’d play more than 50 Australian Football League (AFL) games when he debuted in 2005.

More than a decade later, the Adelaide livewire admitted he was pinching himself ahead of his 250th game last weekend.

Betts has firmly for All-Australian selection for a second consecutive year after booting 60 goals, many from what adoring Crows fans have dubbed the ‘Eddie Betts pocket’ at Adelaide Oval.

It’s a far cry from his troubled years at Carlton where he struggled for consistency and was arrested in 2009 for being drunk in public following a Christmas party.

“Personally, I didn’t think I’d play more than 50 games,” Betts said following a Christmas party.

“I’m very proud of where I’ve come from and to make 250 games is amazing.”

While his three seasons with Adelaide have been arguably the most productive in his career, Betts says the move to West Lakes at the end of 2013 was far from easy to make.

It was partly driven by family, Betts said.

Eddie Betts wears the colours of the Adelaide Crows. Here, he is leaving the Adelaide Oval after his 200th game during the round 17 match against the Hawthorn Hawks at the Adelaide Oval on Friday, July 11, 2014. Picture: AAP

Reasons and particularly tough on his wife, who had to leave relatives, friends and her job behind.

“When I made the decision to leave Carlton, I went home and cried for three hours,” Betts said last Wednesday.

“I sat on the bed and I said to myself, ‘Am I making the right choice?’

‘After that day finished, we just had to move on (and get over it).’

‘I thought it would take a while for the crowd to embrace me, but we got over here and since day one they embraced me, the fooly club embraced me, the players.’

Betts looks back on his first game with Carlton as a nervous 18-year-old and says he still feels the same nerves every time he runs out on the ground. But he says there was a moment in his first season with Adelaide in 2014 when he knew Crow fans had truly accepted him as one of their own.

“I think it was the (round 15) game when we beat Port Adelaide,” Betts said.

“It was a close game and I kicked a couple of goals down in the pocket and they ended up chanting and cheering.

‘I never expected it.’ – AAP

**Notice of application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland**

Notification day: 7 September 2016

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 1304, George Street Post Shop, Brisbane, QLD 4003 on or before 6 December 2016. After 6 December 2016, the Federal Court’s permission to become a party is required.

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

Application name: Michael Jems Congro and Others on behalf of the Bar Barrum People v State of Queensland

Federal Court File No: QUD/2015/3

Date filed: 25 November 2015

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

Description: The application area covers about 1.5 sq km approx. 11 km south east of Dimbulah and approx. 29 km north west of Atherton.

Relevant LGA: Mareeba Shire Council.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Stacey Scott on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.
Zac’s third place finish at national titles

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Notification day: 31 August 2016

S20160002 Barngarla/Central Eyre Iron Project ILUA
State of South Australia

Description of the agreement area:
The two parts of the agreement area cover about 1457 sq km. One part is outside Wudinna and the other extends from Warramdu to south-west of Port Noril. Relevant LGA: District Council of Tumby Bay, District Council of Cleve and Wudinna District Council

The agreement contains the following statements:

3.2 For the purposes of section 24EB of the NTA, the parties consent to any person (including the Commonwealth and the State) doing each future act within the ILUA area during the Term which relates directly or indirectly in any way to the Project, including Iron Road, any Related Body Corporate of Iron Road and/or any Third Party doing any of the following, to the extent constituting a future act:

(a) applying for and obtaining the Grant to it of any Ancillary Approval/Contract, any Extractive Minerals Lease and/or any Mineral Lease;
(b) acquiring any Land Interest in relation to the CEIP Mining Lease, the Accommodation Village, the Rail Line, the Powerline, the Water Borefield & Pipeline and/or the Port;
(c) obtaining the Grant to it of any Land Interest by the State; and
(d) undertaking Operations, within the ILUA area during the Term which relates directly or indirectly in any way to the Project.

3.3 The parties agree that Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA or any alternative State scheme approved pursuant to section 43 of the NTA (which deals with the right to negotiate) is not intended to apply to the doing of any future act by any person (including the Commonwealth and the State) within the ILUA area during the Term which relates directly or indirectly in any way to the Project.

3.4 (a) Subject to clause 3.4(b), the non-extinguishment principle applies to each future act done by any person (including the Commonwealth and the State) within the ILUA area during the Term which relates directly or indirectly in any way to the Project.

(b) The Barngarla People surrender to the State all of their native title rights and interests in relation to the land and/or waters comprising of 6 lots along the infrastructure corridor between the mining lease in the north and the offshore operating area in the south specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 (copies of which can be provided on request).

(c) The surrender of native title rights and interests pursuant to clause 3.4(b) extinguishes the surrendered native title rights and interests.

(d) The extinguishment of native title rights and interests pursuant to clause 3.4(c) will occur immediately before the Grant to a member of Iron Road or a Third Party of a Land Interest in respect of the land and/or waters specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 (copies of which can be provided on request).

Project, including Iron Road, any Related Body Corporate of Iron Road and/or any Third Party doing any of the following, to the extent constituting a future act:

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Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Dianne Drake on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

Zac Armately shows his style in the drop knee Australian bodyboarding championships at Gallows Beach, Cooffs Harbour, on August 13. Picture: Ethan Smith (Surfing NSW)

Ben Barba has his eye on the ball during the Indigenous All Stars v NRL All Stars match at Robina, on the Gold Coast, in February, 2015. Picture: nrlphotos.com

INDIGENOUS surfer. Armately finished third at the 2016 Australian Surf Festival drop knee bodyboard championships at Gallows Beach, Cooffs Harbour, on August 14. The final was won by Rory Nelson, of Cape Burney, WA.

with Mitchell Ashcroft (Sandy Bay, NSW) second. Armately, from Wombarra, near Wollongong, is one of Australia’s best drop knee bodyboarders.

The Australian Surf Festival ran from July 29 to August 15 and included the surfmasters, longboard, logger titles and bodyboard titles.

Barba almost quit league

BEN Barba has revealed he was close to pulling the plug on his National Rugby League (NRL) career earlier in the year.

While he is entrenched in the race for the Dally M and has been a major force behind Cronulla’s push for a maiden title, the livewire fullback admits there was a time he questioned whether he should play on.

Barba flew back home to Mackay, in Queensland, following an argument with his then-pregnant wife after a drinking session, prompting concerns from the club about his welfare.

He pondered his place in the game but was brought around after reaching out to his family, friends and the club’s welfare staff.

He says having the strength to ask for help proved a turning point and hasn’t looked back.

“There was a time when I was losing focus on what I was doing right at the start of the year and was starting to slip,” he recalled last week.

“I’m glad I nipped that in the bud pretty quick and was able to get straight back into it and continue playing football.”

Barba has endured a rocky road, but seems to have found peace at the Sharks.

His Dally M win in 2012 and subsequent form slump which lasted several seasons, controversial exit from Canterbury and public battles with alcohol and gambling have resulted in the limelight being trained firmly on him.

Barba, now 26, admits to being embarrassed by his past indiscretions and how much he took things for granted.

“I look back on things I’ve done in the past and think what an idiot I was,” he said.

“And it still burns me today that I’ve done the things I’ve done.

“You can only learn from your mistakes.

“As I’ve said, I’m not perfect and there’s always going to be a mistake here and there, but it’s about where you go to from there.”

--AAP

The Voice of Indigenous Australia
Wilcannia celebrates

THE Wilcannia Boomerangs Rugby League Football Club celebrated its 45th reunion by hosting a tribute march with players of the past and present, a triple header of football and a formal dinner.

President Brendon Adams said the Wilcannia Boomerangs wanted to show their respect to a group of men who created a club that changed the Wilcannia community to this day.

“Against diversity and any barriers, if you unite and stay strong, you can achieve anything, and that’s exactly what the Elders did,” he said.

The day started with a tribute march through the town to the oval. This was followed by a barbecue breakfast and later, three games of rugby league.

The Menindee Yabbies defeated the Broken Hill Saints 32-26.

The Wilcannia Boomerangs were led out by the Originals to play against the Menindee Wedgetail Eagles. The Boomerangs won 72-12.

At the presentation night that followed, the original Boomerangs received a replicate jumper featuring a 1971 team photo on the front and the names of the players on the back. A special video was played to pay tribute to the 1971 team.

“It was special and emotional to see the community and the club talking about us and what we meant to them,” legendary player Cyril Hunter said. “It meant a lot to us.”

To top the evening off, Picking up Bones played the night away.

Pro career beckons for Reggie

Reggie Palm Island is being prepared by his veteran trainer Ray Dennis to turn professional by the end of 2016. Dennis said the time had come in the career of his star 23-year-old to focus on becoming a pro fighter and to make money.

“Reggie had had more than 30 amateur bouts and won many and even though still aged in his early 20s, had been around a long time. It is time for him to step up and turn professional,” Dennis said.

Dennis said that Palm Island now weighed in around 56kg, but would get down to 52kg when he turned pro.

“There are not that many pro fighters around in those weights and I am confident Reggie will do well and earn money from his skills,” Dennis said.

Dennis has contacts with professional promoters around the country and has also been helped this year by Townsville-based Art of Strength Club trainer Greg ‘Scooter’ Hooper.

“When I haven’t been able to make it to away tournaments with other boxers, Scooter has helped out and takes them from Townsville. He has been a wonderful help,” Dennis said.

Hooper said the 79-year-old Dennis had been suffering from ongoing health problems and he was happy to do what he could.

Dennis said the last pro fighter from Palm was Peter Bonner, who had one bout in 2008, winning in southern Queensland.

Peter had another bout scheduled for Townsville and was gloved up to fight but it had to be cancelled after a bomb hoax,” Dennis said.

The Voice of Indigenous Australia
Quairading has good reason to celebrate

The small community of Quairading, in Western Australia's Wheatbelt region, is proud of the achievements of some of its sporting teams. Two teams from Quairading went to Perth, 170km east of the capital, to compete in the NAIDOC netball carnival on July 6.

The tournament is being held in Western Australia's Wheatbelt region, with the Quairading Shire community organiser and coach.

The return of the Jetta

EWSJetta is a player who can light up the field with his talent. His move to the West Coast brought great expectations, but unfortunately, the season has not worked out the way that all hoped.

So it is great to see that Lewis Simpson has not lost faith in himself. And he is obviously willing to listen and work hard on getting back into the top side.

Coach Simpson insisted he was not stressing about the poor form of Jetta despite having to axe the former Swan for the third time this season earlier in the year.

**Struggled**

The 27-year-old had struggled to fire since crossing from Sydney to West Coast at the end of last season, and his hopes of playing a key role in the Eagles' premiership push appeared to be fading.

But Simpson was optimistic the 2012 premiership star would work his way back into form and so it has proved to be.

"You go in with a pretty open mind when you get new recruits," Simpson said. "It's a longer-term thing. It's not something I'm stressing about. I'm sure he's disappointed, and he should be. But we'll be ok. He understands where he's at. He understands there's work to do. But we're both positive about where he's heading."

Commentators like Terry Wallace were great supporters of Jetta at the start of the year. He described Jetta as an 'outside receiving finisher' who would complement belligerent ball-winning from Brownlow medallist Matt Priddis and ruckman Nic Naitanui.

"We all know Lewis Jetta as the ultimate finisher," Wallace said. "That's what he's been in a side for and that's why the West Coast Eagles have picked him up."

**Limitations**

Wallace conceded the free-wheeling Jetta did have certain playing limitations in what he offered the Eagles midfield as an outside receiver and running finisher, with spearing foot-passing his finest attribute.

"He allows others to get hold of it and he gets on the end of it," he said.

"You don't want too many of those in your side.

"But you do want a few in the side who can kick the ball like he does. It does show that he has got limitations. But his class was not questioned – it just came down to form. With his current return to the top side, the expectations have changed. Simpson said he wouldn't demand anything special from Jetta when the premiership midfielder made his return. He is no longer being hailed by some as being the final piece of the puzzle in the club's premiership bid.

Yet his inclusion still looms as a potential X-factor for West Coast in their bid to cause some damage during finals time.

The 27-year-old scorched Hawthorn with his pace in the Swans 2012 grand final win. But Simpson was careful not to put too much pressure on Jetta heading into last Friday night's match.

"We're probably not looking for anything special," Simpson said. "We just want him to play to his strengths. That's the message. We does have attributes that are different to some. But the consistency we're looking for is more based around his attitude and effort, which he's done pretty well to this point at a lower level. "Now it's just doing it at a higher level, which we know he's done in the past. "If we can get the ball in his hands, and he can win his own ball at the same time and play the way we want him to play, he'll have a good influence on the game."

It's now getting to the sharp end of the season.

We know Jetta can perform on the big stage and that finals football may be what is needed to bring the best out of him.

**Faith**

That is why the coach has not only been patient, but also had the faith to bring Jetta in at this critical stage of the season.

I don't want to add to the pressure of expectation on his return.

My comments are intended to be more of faith in his ability and support of him as a brother. Let us hope that we are witnessing the return of the Jetta.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Ella Sevens rugby carnival coming to Townsville

THE 2016 North Queensland Ella Sevens rugby union tournament will be held at Townsville on Saturday, November 26, in the Hugh Street rugby grounds, Currajong. The tournament is limited to 16 men’s and eight women’s teams. All players must be over the age of 18. It will cost teams $1100 (inc GST) to enter. That cost will include a set of jersey shorts and socks for 12 players, a training ball, 12 water bottles and a lunch recovery pack including salad and meat roll, piece of fruit, energy drink and chocolate. All players must complete an ARU registration form. The tournament is being organised by the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team Inc (LMRDRT). Each team will play a minimum of three games.

The event will be run on Cup and Plate competition and if enough teams nominate – a Bowl competition.

All pool, quarter and semifinal, games will be seven minutes each way. Only the Cup finals in each will be 10 minutes each way with a two-minute break. The men’s competition Cup winner will receive $5,000 (based on 16-team event). In the women’s draw, the Cup winner will receive $3000 (based on eight teams).

There will also be money for the runners-up and the minor competitions.

Nominations and payments close on Friday, October 7, 2016.
DAVID Williams and Jacob Collard were among the handful of Indigenous footballers in the A-League last season, but didn’t receive the time on the pitch at Melbourne City and Perth Glory respectively and, as a result, moved elsewhere since.

Williams was looking for opportunities elsewhere last A-League season when he wasn’t being used by Melbourne City, but when that didn’t eventuate, he took up an offer to join Hungarian club Szombathelyi Haladas.

Frustrated

Collard was a young West Australian frustrated at his lack of opportunities, so he has moved east.

Williams was being used less and less at Melbourne City and by January, he was hoping for a transfer to Adelaide United.

But when that didn’t eventuate, it was time for the 28-year-old to look elsewhere.

That brought to an end a successful stint with Melbourne City, formerly Heart, for Williams after previously playing in the A-League for the North Queensland Fury, Brisbane Roar and Sydney FC.

He became the first City player to reach 100 games and finished with 101 matches and 21 goals.

Williams is certainly making his mark with Haladas in Hungary. After coming off the bench in 15 matches in Hungary’s National Championship, Williams has now broken into the starting line-up and made quite the impression. In his first three games as a starter, he has scored a goal in each of them in matches against MTK Budapest, Diosogyi VTK and Debrecen. Remarkably, in those three matches, Williams has averaged a goal every 103 minutes – showing just how valuable he is in the starting unit.

Meanwhile, Collard might not have had the A-League experience of Williams, but it’s something the 20-year-old is desperately craving and he felt that he wasn’t going to get with the Glory.

Collard had two strong years with Perth where he was named the club’s Youth League Player of the Year, but it was only in the 2015-16 season that he was given his first chance in the A-League for the Glory.

But he was only selected for two matches and that’s why at the end of the season, he decided that the best thing for his future was to leave Perth.

Initially, that saw Collard join Tasmanian Premier League club Olympia and now more recently he has signed with Oakleigh Cannons in the Victorian National Premier League.

Go elsewhere

While Collard was grateful to the Glory for the chances they provided him, he felt it was time for the 20-year-old to make his mark elsewhere.

“I’m really excited for my new adventure in my football career,” he said.

“I had to look interstate as the Glory continued to give me the runaround on a contract, but it’s always good to explore opportunities elsewhere,” Collard said.

“To be honest, I was really disappointed to leave. Anyone who knows me knows I love the club and I’d love to have played more than the two games in my time there. But as I have found out, time in life is everything and unfortunately it wasn’t there for me.”

“I have been ready to play in the A-League for a very long time, but unfortunately I didn’t get the opportunity which is something I have to live with and learn from it, and get on with it.

“I will keep working hard and I hope I get an opportunity elsewhere in the A-League or overseas. If that came about, I would grasp it with both hands.”

Difficult

While moving away from Perth was something Collard felt he had to do to pursue his career goals, he admitted it has been difficult being away from his family.

“Accounts followed me more than anything. They all mean so much to me,” Collard said.

“They were all behind my decision and it was something I had to do. I’m just a 20-year-old seeking my dream of one day being a professional footballer full-time and their support has driven me to succeed. I don’t know what is around the corner in football, but my family will be there for me whatever happens and I can’t thank them enough.”

Australians dominate in mid-South

Three Australian sides were part of the Round Robin stage of the AFC Champions League.

Central District Cannons defeated the Robe Roosters 4.5 (29) to 2.6 (26) in the first round.

In the second round, Glenelg United defeated the Riverland Rovers 10.12 (72) to 6.10 (46) in a physical encounter.

The final was dominated by Australia with Central District edging out the Double Blues by two points – 7.9 (51) to 7.7 (49).

“Tyronne played as an orballer and creative half forward, using his evasive skills,” coach Presbury said.

“In the grand final he kicked a telling goal, but also hit the post twice.

“Tyrone figures prominently in the best players throughout the week.

“Connor played as a wingman/onballer, using his speed and clean hands to provide chances for our forwards as well as kicking a goal in the decider.”

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Imprint announces appointments

There have been changes at the Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) with the appointment of Adrian Dodson-Shaw as the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) head coach and Elise Seriat as the IMF’s FrontRunners manager.

Dodson-Shaw and Seriat are past graduates of the IMP and have competed in big overseas marathons. In 2015, Dodson-Shaw stood on top of the world and became the first Indigenous Australian to run the North Pole Marathon.

It uses running to drive change, celebrate Indigenous resilience and achievement and create inspiration of Indigenous role models and leaders.

The squad spends six months preparing for the New York City Marathon. Most join the program with no previous running experience, and complete a compulsory Certificate III in Fitness to provide the skills, knowledge and ability to drive change in their communities.

Dodson-Shaw will relocate to Canberra from Broome with his partner and three sons to take up the position.

“I have to pinch myself that I have been offered this opportunity. It’s really still sinking in,” he said.

“From running New York with the 2014 IMP squad, to travelling to the North Pole in 2015 – I hadn’t even seen snow before! – I know my impact can now be a lot greater.

“But the project is bigger than one person. I wasn’t running for me. I was running for my mob and my family.

“I have watched the IMP grown considerably in the past two years and it’s a credit to all the staff and graduates. I feel so privileged to be part of shaping the foundation going forward and continuing the legacy (previous head coach) Mick Rees has left.

Meanwhile, Thursday Island resident and 2014 IMP graduate Elise Seriat is ready for her next challenge following her appointment as the IMF FrontRunners manager, managing 53 IMP graduates across the country.

Ms Seriat will move from her small island community to the nation’s capital to work from the IMF head office in a newly created role which was established through contribution by one of IMF’s major sponsors, Qantas.

In 2015, the Qantas Foundation made a significant contribution to IMF to develop a ground-breaking initiative to further support the ongoing achievements and personal development of IMF graduates – FrontRunners.

The program will provide grant funding to IMP graduates to help establish running groups, health and fitness programs in their communities, and provide personal and professional development opportunities.

“Elise has achieved incredible things in a very short amount of time. From finishing the New York Marathon in 2014, returning to her community and establishing running groups and transforming TI from one where no one ran, to hosting an annual running festival attracting hundreds,” de Castella said.

She and Dodson-Shaw will join IMF graduate Nadine Hunt (2011) as IMF employees.

Adrian Dodson-Shaw is all smiles after the 2014 New York Marathon.

At 16, he’s a SANFL debutant

By PETER ARGENT

IZAK Rankine, the youngest of four siblings, has made his South Australian National Football League (SANFL) debut at the tender age of 16. He debuted for West Adelaide against Norwood in the round 19 clash at Richmond Oval and made an immediate impact, showing speed, ability to read the game and an uncanny understanding around goals.

He is amongst the youngest known Aboriginal footballer to begin his journey at league level and wasn’t overawed by the occasion – launching his first kick from the 50-metre arc. The ball just faded to the right of the goal posts for a single point.

He finished with an impressive 14 disposals and kicked two goals – his first was three minutes into the second term and the other came during the last quarter.

Select group
Rankine joined a select group of SA footballers who first played at the age of 16. Triple Magarey Medalist and the SANFL first 100-game player Lindsay Head (West Torrens) and 200-game Carlton star Bryce Gibbs (Glenelg) are among the other notable 16-year-olds debutants, along with Crows great Ben Hart.

Rankine’s West Adelaide coach Mark Mickan has also mentored Gibbs and Tennyson Woods, Mount Gambier.

“Rankine’s SANFL league debut was well above par, especially for a 16-year-old. “Izak played mainly as a small forward and won more than his fair share of the ball,” Mickan said.

“He competed well against bigger bodies and his defensive pressure was excellent.

“Having very good hand-eye co-ordination, he has great vision and sees the game early, bringing others into the contest.

“It is hard to compare Izak with other players as he has a game of his own; he handles the ball cleanly, along with using it precisely by hand and foot.”

Another West Adelaide talent, big man Dexter Kennedy is still rated as the youngest know SANFL league footballer, playing his first league game at 15 years, 11 months and two days – in 1970.

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Izak Rankine makes a mark in his debut match in SANFL. Pictures: Peter Argent

More opportunities for Ashleigh Gardner

ASHLEIGH Gardner has been named in a development squad of Australia’s best emerging female cricketers to attend a camp at Brisbane’s National Cricket Centre next month.

Four NSW Breakers are in the squad. The 14-player Shooting Stars development squad has been selected by the Women’s National Selection Panel (WNSP), and features some of the Australia’s brightest young talent who impressed during the Women’s Big Bash League and Women’s National Cricket League last summer.

The squad includes three NSW players who were part of the Shooting Stars tour of Sri Lanka in April – Ash Gardner, Lauren Smith and Belinda Vakarewa – with NSW leg-spinner Maisy Gibson also joining the team.

Gibson had a breakout season during the inaugural Women’s Big Bash League, helping the Sydney Thunder claim the title.

The 19-year-old is currently playing in the UK with Nottinghamshire in the Women’s County Championship.

They will attend the camp at the National Cricket Centre from September 26-30, where they will play a series of matches against a NSW Academy side.

Indigenous talent Ashleigh Gardner returns to the squad after starring in Sri Lanka earlier this year, scoring the only century of the tour – a match-winning 117 against the hosts.

The 19-year-old made her Breakers debut last year, and was a key player for the Sydney Sixers in the WBBL and also captained Australia’s national Indigenous women’s team on their tour of India in May.

Commenting on the 14-player squad, Women’s National Selector Shawn Flegler said: “Ash Gardner is one to watch and she showed her potential in Sri Lanka and India, following good performances at domestic level last summer.

“The September camp is a great opportunity for players to hone their skills ahead of the domestic season and push their cases for international selection.”

A Shooting Stars squad will again tour Sri Lanka in March 2017.
The elimination of the Australian women’s Opals basketball team in the quarterfinals of the Rio Olympic Games was one of the shocks of the Games. The Australians crashed out, beaten 73-71 by Serbia.

A win would have put the Opals into medals contention. Indigenous player Leilani Mitchell was a member of the Australian team that had done everything right until the match against Serbia.

Liz Cambage was so distraught, her crying teammates had to help her off court, such was the shock after the Opals were bundled out by minnows Serbia.

For the first time since 1988 in Seoul, the Opals – ranked second in the world – left the Olympics empty-handed.

Having won either bronze or silver at the past five Olympics, they were favourites to win a medal and fight the United States for a maiden gold.

And it looked like it was going to plan after they finished the group stage on top and undefeated.

It all went wrong for Australia when they were left stunned by world No 14 Serbia, who barely escaped the preliminary round with two wins in five games to finish fourth. Europe’s top qualifiers were

Leilani Mitchell of Australia is challenged by Lindsey Harding of Belarus during the women’s preliminary round Group A basketball game at the Youth Arena in Deodoro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on August 13. Picture: EPA

aggressive and Australia had no answer. They couldn’t find their rhythm or shots, and struggled to hold on to the ball, conceding a whopping 26 turnovers.

No more than two points separated the sides at every break, with the Opals taking a one-point lead into the final quarter.

“We panicked a little bit on the last possession,” said coach Brendan Joyce.

“But I felt we should never have been in that situation. There were a couple of times where we were out to a six-point lead and just couldn’t lock it down.

“It’s disappointing. We were so close, and I wouldn’t swap it for the USA.”

The Opals beat Belarus 74-66 in their final pool game on Saturday to remain undefeated after five games and finish top of their group.

But their pathway was far from smooth.

In a similar fashion to their come-from-behind win over Japan, the world No 2 side started slow against the 10th-ranked Belarus and had to overcome a hefty deficit in the final quarter. They trailed at every change and were down as much as 13 points in the third term.

Serbia had won just one of four games – against China – before toppling the Opals. – Win AAP

Opals reach last eight, then crash
Matildas’ cruel exit

THE dramatic penalty corner shootout loss to Brazil in the Olympic Games women’s football quarterfinal was a bitter pill for Indigenous stars Lydia Williams and Kyah Simon.

The pair had been instrumental in guiding the Matildas through the Olympic campaign after a shock first-round loss to Canada in Sao Paulo before the Games opening ceremony in Rio de Janeiro.

The host nation defeated Australia 7-6 on penalties after the sides were locked in a nil-all stalemate after extra time in Belo Horizonte on Friday, August 12.

The Matildas had a chance to win the match during the shootout when local star Marta missed Brazil’s fifth kick, but Katrina Gorry’s reply was saved.

Defender Alanna Kennedy was left distraught after missing the deciding penalty, unable to put her shot past goalkeeper Barbara.

Australia was also unlucky enough to have settled the tense affair minutes from the end of regulation time when Chloe Logarzo rattled the crossbar from distance.

The result was sweet retribution for the host nation, so cruelly ejected by Australia in the round of 16 at last year’s Women’s World Cup.

Heartbreaking end

For the Matildas, it was a heartbreaking end to a bold bid to bring home Australia’s first Olympics football medal.

“Shattered. Such a... way to go,” Australia’s Caitlin Foord tweeted.

“Proud of everyone tonight, we gave it everything,” Brazil, led by five-time world player of the year Marta, had the share of possession and tested Australia throughout an absorbing 120 minutes.

The host nation had the edge in a frenetic first half rife with turnovers, as Australia held their own but struggled to string quality passes together.

Whenever Australia’s defence was piercing, veteran custodian Lydia Williams had her wits about her, her standout moments being a sweeping dive to deny Debinha and a sensational goal-line save to stop Andressa Alves toeing in minutes from full-time.

Devastated Matildas coach Alen Stajcic described his side’s loss to Brazil as one of the most-courageous efforts he’s seen in Australian sport.

“We’re all gutted,” Stajcic told AAP.

“The players showed an amazing amount of courage, resilience and tenacity.

“We didn’t dominate the game technically or tactically.

“Though with all those other attributes, we nullified Brazil to a large extent and created chances of our own.

“That was one of the best efforts I think I’ve seen from an Australian sporting team.

“Unfortunately, it’s courage in the face of defeat.

“Nothing else matters other than the result, and we pulled up just short.”

Brazil went down to Sweden in a semifinal on Tuesday after the Scandinavians defeated the United States on penalties in their quarterfinal.

– With AAP

Harradine fails to fire in discus

ENN Harradine’s 2016 Olympic Games campaign was over almost as soon as it started – the veteran discus thrower was eliminated in the opening qualifying round.

Harradine finished 12th in his Group A qualifying round on Friday, August 12, at the Rio de Janeiro Olympic Stadium.

The top two athletes advanced to the next round.

Harradine’s three throws (60.82m, 60.85m and 55.68m) were well below his Australian record of 68.20m.

The Wurundjeri/Woiwurrung man from Victoria’s Wimera district was hoping for a top eight finish in Rio following his debut 31st placing in Beijing in 2008 in his Olympic debut and ninth at the 2012 London Olympics.

Harradine has competed at four World championships – his best being fifth in 2011 with a personal best throw of 64.77m.

German Christoph Harting won the gold medal with a personal best throw of 68.37m, ahead of Piotr Malachowski (Poland) with 67.55m and German Daniel Jasinski (67.05m).

The world record of 74.08m was set by East German Jurgen Schult in 1986.
Hockeyroos miss medals playoff

THE Australian women’s hockey team were looking to do what most teams couldn’t by making it to the semi-finals of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. However, in sausage-like conditions, the Hockeyroos were outclassed by trans-Tasman rivals New Zealand to bow out of the tournament with a 4-2 loss.

Earlier, Australia and New Zealand were key ingredients as they showcased an exhilarating sport of rugby sevens as they delivered the feel-good medal – gold – in their national Olympic debut in their national Olympic debut.

With France edging them into the quarters, it was 2-0 before the break and although Australia’s Kathryn Slattery halved the deficit early in the third quarter, New Zealand responded quickly. Gemma Flynn restored their two-goal advantage before Olivia Merry’s low deflection sent them 4-1 up.

With 90 seconds remaining, Slattery doubled her tally with a shot into the roof of the net, but it was little more than a consolation goal.

The match marked Adam Commens’ last game in charge of Australia’s iconic women’s hockey team before he relocates to Belgium for family reasons. It may also have signalled the end for partner were in the stands all watching me, very privileged to walk out with the group of girls that I have.

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AUSTRALIA set out to make history – not repeat it – when they fought Spain for the men’s basketball bronze medal at the Rio Olympics on Monday.

The Boomers looked destined to challenge the seemingly unbeatable United States for gold until their semifinal loss to Serbia – which NBA small forward Joe Ingles labelled “pathetic”.

They trailed 0-8 in the opening minutes and were never able to recover thanks to some uncharacteristically poor shooting. It put them in a position the country had been in three times before – a bronze medal playoff against a basketball powerhouse.

In 1988 they lost to the USA; in 1996 and 2000 it was Lithuania.

Luc Longley, now the Boomers assistant coach, was there at the Sydney Games. He said Australia had no choice but to get over their “shitty loss” to Serbia because they still had a chance to win Australia’s first Olympic medal in men’s basketball.

“You have nights like that where things don’t go your way and you’ve got to regroup,” he said after Australia’s loss to Serbia.

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Serbia had their chance to make history when they faced the USA in what was labelled a ‘David and Goliath’ gold medal match.

The Boomers were a shadow of the team that had stunned many, including the formidable United States, en route to the final four.

Coming into the game, Australia were the competition’s best shooters.

But all they could muster was 14 points to Serbia’s 35 in the first half, and hit just 22 shots from 66 attempts for the game.

Even worse was their accuracy from the three-point line, sinking only four of 31.

The Boomers had beaten Serbia by 15 points in the group stage but the entertaining, slick ball movement that had become their trademark went missing.

Indigenous star Patty Mills and Brock Motum each scored 13 points, while Ingles added 12 and seven rebounds.

The Serbs were resolute in defence and, unlike Australia, had no issue finding the basket.

Even worse was their turnover, which led to a plethora of transition baskets.

The Boomers were outscored 41-25 in the second half and the game was over before it had really started.

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“Having that pressure of my name is always there and in the back of your mind, but you can’t really think of those things going into games and when you think about how you are performing. I’ve learned to deal with that over time and I’ve got better with it. It’s not really a big issue for me, but to play footy for Essendon and to play as a Long, it’s pretty special.”

It was a big week leading up to his debut for Jake, but his father Michael Long tried to play it cool to ease his nerves the best he could and it turned out be a special day for the entire Long family.

“It was very emotional at the start of the week and then I relaxed as much as I could coming into the game. But then I saw Dad’s face and he looked overwhelmed and really excited, and I could see how happy he was that his son was going to play AFL footy for Essendon.” Long said.

“But I didn’t say much during the week and kept his cool – he just said to go out and take the game on. Afterwards, we didn’t speak about the game too much, we talked about how special it was with all the family who came down to support me and how much it meant to him and our family.”

Jake knows has always been there and it’s something he has done well to deal with over the years.

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Torres Strait teams boycott

Redcliffe carnivals was asked by the Koori Mail about the 2016 Murri carnival.

“No teams from Torres Strait will be attending the Murri carnival this year. We want to try and make a statement,” he said.

The QMC website says: “The carnival, which involves teams from across Queensland from Badu Island in Torres Strait to Cairns around the same time and to be known as the ‘North Queensland Super Carnival’.

Major factor

While the Murri carnival is good for many reasons such as player health checks and players having a chance to be seen by southern talent scouts, cost has been the major factor in Torres Strait sides being reluctant to return this year.

Late last year there was a strong move to have an opposition carnival held in Cairns around the same time and to be known as the ‘North Queensland Super Carnival’.

However, cold water was poured on that, with the possibility of it being held at Cairns in 2017. That decision annoyed many officials from North Queensland teams that had supported the Murri carnival.

It is still expected that Torres Strait players will line up for individual men’s, women’s and under 15 teams at Redcliffe.

In 2016, the QMC aggregate attendance was expected to be 40,000 over the four days.

The under 15 players must have 90% attendance at school to participate.

Last year, more than 500 boys played in the QMC, which was 14% of Year 10 Indigenous boys at school.

Organisers said the QMC youth focus was health, careers and education.

They said Arthur Beetson lived and breathed rugby league.

“As a youngster in Roma, like many country kids, Arthur spent the winter months listening to the league on the radio or heading out to the local Sunday games enjoying the occasion that only a game of league in the country can create,” organisers said.

“Arthur was a pioneer who led the way for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players to strive to reach the top of the game and he also worked tirelessly to create pathways for players to do so.

The foundation is now helping to keep that dream of Arthur’s alive through the QMC.”

Teams wishing to nominate for the carnival can do so by visiting http://murrirugbyleague.net

10th Olympian

WATER polo player Joel Swift has been acknowledged as Australia’s 10th Olympian athlete at the Rio Olympic Games.

An Australian Olympic Committee media spokesman told the Koori Mail Swift was not known to officials as being Indigenous in the lead-up to Rio de Janeiro, but his name had since been added to the list of Indigenous Olympians in Rio.

The Australian men’s water polo team failed to reach the Olympic medal play-offs.

They lost 8-7 to Brazil in their opening game, then lost 9-9 with Japan 8-6, lost 8-0 to Serbia, and beat Greece 12-7.

The Australian Olympic Committee website says West Australian Swift, who started playing water polo at the age of 10, is now a four-times National Water Polo League titleholder with the Fremantle Mariners.

In 2009 Australia claimed its first gold water polo medal at the World University Games in Serbia against Germany.

The Olympic committee says Swift lived in Budapest for three years, playing with a flashing message ‘coming soon’.

The Olympic Committee website says Swift’s grandfather competed in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics in sailing.
Patty Mills drives past Serbia’s Milos Teodosic during Australia’s 95-80 win in men’s basketball at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on Monday, August 8. Apart from the gold medal-winning performance by the Australian women’s rugby sevens team, the Boomers advanced further than any other Australian team sport, until Serbia halted their bid for gold. Picture: AP

See inside for more on the Rio Olympics.

Torres boycott

By ALF WILSON and GRAHAM HUNT

TORRES Strait men’s teams are set to boycott the Arthur Beetson Foundation Queensland Murri rugby league carnival at Redcliffe from September 21-24. If that occurs, Queensland’s biggest All Blacks Queensland Murri Carnival (QMC) will be considerably weaker as Torres Strait sides have performed strongly in recent years.

At the 2015 carnival at Dolphin Oval, four Torres Strait sides – Saguci Tigers, Kupiyam, Argun Warriors and Malu Kiwai – finished in the top 10 in the men’s division that had 27 sides.

Saguci Tigers lost the grand final by just two points to Southern Dingoes and Kupiyam went down by the same margin in a semifinal.

Kupiyam won the 2014 carnival on protest and Argun Warriors took it out two years earlier.

Times are tough and costs have been one of the reasons put forward as to why Torres Strait sides are reluctant to compete.

Not surprising as the teams have to travel the longest distances to get there.

At the 2015 carnival, the organiser of one Torres Strait side said it had cost $30,00 for the trip for airfares, accommodation and travel.

An official who has been heavily involved in taking Torres Strait sides to past

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