INDIGENOUS Australians again led the way at this year’s Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras in Sydney, held last Saturday night. Despite the threat of rain, thousands turned out for the annual parade, including sistagirls from the Tiwi Islands, north of Darwin, who crowdfunded so they could make the trip south. See our Mardi Gras coverage, including more pictures, on pages 26-27. Picture: Keira Jenkins

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The Deadly Dreaming Dancers, from Shalvey High School in western Sydney, perform at the Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation-run community day in Mt Druitt, western Sydney. The family support organisation put on the event to build solidarity among Aboriginal people in western Sydney against the use of methamphetamine (ice) and other drugs. See our report and more pictures on pages 30, 31. Picture: Keira Jenkins

Queensland drops Palm Island case

His lawyer Stewart Levitt said the Government’s backflip meant at least 100 other Palm Islanders could now be entitled to compensation. Mr Levitt said it could range from as little as $5000 to $175,000. “We have to prove the extent to which people have suffered,” he said.

“I think it will restore confidence with Indigenous people.”

The Queensland Government decision not to appeal a landmark racial discrimination case has opened the way for more than 100 Palm Island residents to seek compensation.

Attorney-General Yvette D’Ath said the Government had abandoned its challenge of a Federal Court decision that found Queensland police had been racist in their dealings with the community in 2004. The police actions were triggered by a series of riots in the far north Queensland community, following the death in custody of Moloriji Doomadgee. Once-jailed rioter Lex Wotton and two of his family members were awarded $220,000 in compensation for the pain they endured during morning raids.

Government could reach a “fair and reasonable” resolution outside of the courtroom. “I have always held out an olive branch for the Queensland Government and said why don’t we try to resolve the balance of the case by negotiation?” he said.

Mr Levitt said he also hoped Police Commissioner Ian Stewart would apologise to the people of Palm Island.

“This is not about humiliating anyone and this is not about extracting a pound of flesh,” he said. “It’s about restoring relations and putting things right that were wrong.”

Mr Levitt said the decision not to appeal meant Australia now had a Federal Court precedent for how police dealt with Indigenous communities. “It sets a standard and expectation not only for Queensland police, but for NSW and WA police, an expectation for the community that people should behave fairly towards each other,” he said.

Mr Wotton said he was relieved the matter had finally come to an end and he could now move on with his life. – AAP

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Paola’s out to WOW them

By JILLIAN MUNDY

PAOLA Balla has been busy gearing up for the WOW Festival this International Women’s Day (March 8), as well as honing her skills, celebrating and reflecting on her people’s survival and resistance.

WOW (Women of the World) was launched at London’s Southbank Centre in 2011. It has been identified as the largest network of women in the world, with the festivals engaging and inspiring more than one million women across five continents.

Balla, a Wemba-Wemba/Gunditjmara independent artist and curator, educator, researcher and black feminist, raised in Echuca and Footscray, where she now still lives, is a keynote speaker at the Melbourne WOW festival which runs from March 23-25 at the Footscray Community Arts Centre (FCAC).

She will be taking about all the legacy of the many matrilinear she is descends from.

“I want to talk about all the Aboriginal women who have gone before me, the things they had to go through to survive and the things that they taught me,” Ms Balla told the Koori Mail.

“For their sacrifices.”

Ms Balla said one the greatest lessons they taught her was to have pride and maintain dignity through the struggle.

The Melbourne WOW festival promises three days of critical conversations, film and performances, celebrating women’s achievements and taking an in-depth look at the remaining challenges to gender equality.

With 80-plus speakers it brings together international and homegrown activists, writers, artists and educators. Speakers include former leader of the Black Panther Party, Elaine Brown from the United States, Boonwurrung Elder Anewet Carolyn Briggs, Kurnai/Gunai, Gunditjmara, Wiradjuri and Yorta Yorta treaty advocate and writer Nayuka Gorrie and performer, writer, director and producer from Sabai (Torres Strait) Margaret Harvey.

Ms Balla credits the FCAC Aboriginal Advisory Group (to which she belongs), the employment of Worimi woman Lidia Fairhall as the centre’s mainstream program manager, resident elders Uncle Larry Walsh, Arweet Carolyn Briggs and Aunty Annette Xiberras for the strong Aboriginal presence in the festival program.

Universities in pledge on enrolments

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Paola Balla is ready for the WOW Festival in Footscray.
Jason’s swing and a miss

JASON Wright-Brown winds up for a big hit for the Southern team in the annual Tasmanian Indigenous T20 cricket match against the Northern team at Cornelian Bay, Hobart. Problem was, he missed and a bail was sent flying. According to our correspondent Jillian Mundy, who took the images, the day was equal parts friendly, competitive and comic. For the record, Southern won. See page 58 for our coverage.

South Australians closer to a treaty

SENIOR Kokatha and Mirning man Roger Thomas will lead the consultation process towards a treaty between South Australian Aboriginal people and the State Government.

Dr Thomas was appointed South Australia’s Treaty Commissioner this month for a term of three years. He will consult with Aboriginal communities across the state over coming months and provide advice to SA Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Kyam Maher on a recommended treaty framework. Dr Thomas will then facilitate the treaty-making process.

He told the Koori Mail his main priority as Treaty Commissioner is to have conversations with local people, engage with communities and invite them to share their aspirations for a treaty.

“My role is to start these conversations then present the ideas to the South Australian Government,” Dr Thomas said.

“My consultations with community and report to the State Government is due to be completed in April/May,” he said.

“But it will depend on the availability of communities. I want to make sure I have time to sit and listen with each community and don’t want to put unnecessary pressure on people.

“I will need the input of these communities to help guide the report, so this is just an indicative timeline.”

Minister Maher said appointing Dr Thomas to the role of Treaty Commissioner was the next step towards formally starting discussions and negotiating the terms of a treaty.

“The SA Government has made it clear that we want to go down the path of state-based treaty,” he said.

“But we don’t have fixed views on how the treaty process should go. Dr Thomas’ role will be to conduct consultations for the treaty process.”

“They will be facilitated by the South Australian Treaty Office. I will begin to facilitate the negotiation of treaty. His role is very needed.”

“He will provide advice to the Government and help Aboriginal communities be heard.”

“Treaty Commissioner Roger Thomas, left, and SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher.”

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Indigenous engagement professor and adjunct professor of education at the University of Adelaide and also the dean of the Centre for Australian Indigenous Research and Studies. Dr Thomas said facilitating a treaty-making process is a big job, so it will be done in a number of phases.
Tasmanian course a life saver

By JILLIAN MUNDY

ROYAL Life Saving Tasmania has partnered with Austswim to train seven Tasmanian Aboriginal people to become teachers of swimming and water safety in a bid to reduce drowning deaths and create job opportunities.

For course participant 24-year-old palawa man Andy Jones, from Hobart, water and water safety is close to his heart.

His experiences have not always been positive. Sadly he has flashbacks to the day when a foster carer returned home with the news that his foster mother had drowned attempting to save a sibling at a nearby beach.

There have been other close calls. Ms Jones’ little brother Blake was just three when he was resuscitated after a swimming incident. Mr Jones also recalls being pulled from a pool by his hair when he was around seven or eight.

“I came to the course because I was a young blackfella that nearly drowned when I was little,” Mr Jones said.

“I didn’t have the skills that I thought I had and I nearly lost my life.”

A few years later he was taught to swim in the Huon River by another foster carer, an ex-military man. It is something for which he will always be grateful.

“In our culture we are always around water, it’s around us every day,” he said.

Now Mr Jones wants to drive home the message of the importance of water safety and awareness and the need for everyone to learn to swim. He also sees career opportunities in the new scheme.

“Amnesty International has heard that there are so many benefits and reducing barriers to promote access and inclusion. It will provide greater diversity in qualified swim teachers and amazing role models for Tasmanian Aboriginal community members.”

By RUDI MAXWELL

In its recent State of the World’s Human Rights report, Amnesty International has condemned Australia’s justice system for failing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Indigenous young people are detained at 24 times the rate of other Australian children. Australia was also criticised for its continued abuse of people seeking safety and the ‘warehousing’ of vulnerable people in offshore detention, as well as the failure to legislate for marriage equality.

Amnesty Indigenous rights campaigner Roxanne Moore, a Noongar woman, said the report was aiming to bring global attention to the Northern Territory’s youth detention approach, not just about how Indigenous kids are treated in detention, but also why they’re being locked up in the first place so we don’t lose another generation behind bars.

“Amnesty International has heard allegations of mistreatment of Indigenous kids in detention in every state and territory, it’s a national issue,” she said.

“It’s imperative that the Prime Minister looks at the NT in the context of a national approach, not just about how Indigenous kids are treated in detention, but also why they’re being locked up in the first place so we don’t lose another generation behind bars.”

Findings of corruption

THE NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) has found that former Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council (GLALC) chief executive Mark Johnson engaged in serious corrupt conduct between June and December 2010.

In its report, ‘Investigation into the conduct of a former chief executive officer and members of the Board of the Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council’, ICAC found that Mr Johnson knew his company, Waaawidi, was receiving the benefits from GLALC via funds deposited into the Waaawidi bank account, although he knew that under the Aboriginal Lands Rights Act 1983 he was not entitled to continue to be employed as chief executive because he was a person who had an interest in a corporation that received a benefit from GLALC.

Among other findings, ICAC also found that Mr Johnson engaged in serious corrupt conduct by improperly favouring Gandangara Funds Fund Ltd (GFF) 14 times between July 2011 and November 12, 2012, by authorising the transfer of funds totalling $5,370,000 from the GLALC trust account to GFF, knowing that he did so contrary to legal advice.
Federal Court dismissed the appeal and Government appealed. Court and was successful, but the decision failed to move the minister.

Victory for MJDF

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Chief executive Nadia Lindop said the decision was a relief. "Three years is a long time," she said. "We’re very relieved to be able to get on with doing our core business, which is all about looking after Indigenous Australians with MJD. It’s been very difficult.

For a small organisation we’re really ambitious with what we try to do, very committed to following through on what we say we will do and it makes a real difference to our clients’ lives – not just in their day-to-day living, but we also do broader research to help the generations to come."

Senator Scullion said in a statement that the reason he had appealed the original Federal Court decision was because it raised important technical questions affecting the administration of the ABA.

"This case was not about whether funding should be provided, but how it is provided," he said. "Aboriginal people with serious health issues should not have to fund their own support services and the Coalition Government will stick to this fundamental principle.

"I acted in July 2014 to assure the MJDF of the Government’s ongoing support by agreeing to provide it with $500,000 a year – significantly more than the interest it would have received had it received and invested the $10 million ABA grant.

"I am disappointed that the then Labor Government’s raid on the ABA has been upheld. I do not support money for Aboriginal people being spent on government services, a concern the ABA Advisory Committee – made up of Aboriginal representatives – has shared with me."

"It is not appropriate to make any further comment until the Government has had time to properly consider the decision."

MJDF chairperson Neil Westbury said he was looking forward to working with the Government on finalising a funding agreement.

"This is the second time the Federal Court has ruled against the Government on this matter," he said. "It is time for the Government to put justice and fairness for some of the most severely disadvantaged Australian citizens before expediency. At their core, the matters here are not mere legal issues, but are deeply moral issues. The court has upheld fundamental issues of justice for some of the most disadvantaged Australians."

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Tiwi designer’s fashion debut at the Oscars

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Machado Joseph Disease Foundation board members, staff and clients. Picture: MJDF

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Constitution focus of regional dialogues

THE Referendum Council has been hosting a series of First Nations regional dialogues around the country to discuss possible changes to the Constitution.

Late last month in Darwin, more than 100 Indigenous people attended a meeting and discussed treaty, removal of race powers and Aboriginal governance.

Referendum Council co-chair Patricia Anderson said common themes were emerging from the meetings in regional areas, which have been scheduled to enable Indigenous people to have a say in any constitutional change processes that would affect them. “People don’t want endless consultations,” she said. “People want change.”

The Darwin group suggested a new, elected Indigenous voice could have a say in Parliament, similar to Maori seats in New Zealand.

The racial non-discrimination clause was high on the agenda during the Darwin dialogue, with many people pointing to the suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act by the Howard Government in order to implement the Northern Territory Intervention in 2007.

Participants pointed out that removing the word ‘race’ from the race power and inserting ‘Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ does not in fact remove racism. Rather, in the absence of words of limitation in the power or a guarantee against racial discriminatory laws by the Federal Parliament, racist laws could continue to be made.

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“The enormous amount of money being spent on brainwashing the public to accept constitutional change, so as to include Aboriginal people in the colonial Constitution, is indicative of the quandary the Commonwealth Government is in,” he said.

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Proud to say the agenda in Dubbo was sovereignty/treaty,” she said. “The dialogue around constitutional reform and recognise was squashed by the grassroots movement.

“The consensus from those who attended agreed that the process of invite-only meetings did not provide clear representation of nations in NSW nor did the process give authority of those attending to speak on behalf of their nations as per our procedures.”

Delegates at the Darwin dialogue expressed concern about what happens after the National Indigenous Constitutional Convention. They do not want the Aboriginal package to be handed to the Referendum Council and then to politicians without a further negotiation period. They want to ensure that First Nations people are not excluded from final negotiations on a question that ‘recognised’ them.

A discussion paper has been released by the Referendum Council.

Submissions and comments can be provided through www.referendumelection.org.au

Field campaign a family affair

NGARRINDJIERI man Luke Taylor has volunteered to lead a field campaign in South Australia for Recognise, the government-sponsored organisation advocating for Constitutional change, to coordinate and train volunteers, supported by his aunt Shirley Peisley.

“I’ve been involved in Aboriginal Affairs for a long time, in major organisations and with my own business, so when the opportunity came to be involved with the Recognise campaign, I jumped on it,” Mr Taylor told the Koori Mail.

“I probably won’t have the chance to be involved with another referendum, so I want to take the opportunity to make change for our people.

“One of the other main reasons I wanted to support the campaign to change the Constitution and remove racist provisions is that I recently had a young daughter and I want her to grow up in a society that acknowledges and respects her culture,” Mr Taylor is also a strong supporter of the treaty movement in SA and believes that constitutional recognition is a stepping stone to a national treaty or treaties with Indigenous people.

“There needs to be more understanding around that issue,” he said.

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“I’m involved in both discussions, which shows they can work side by side. I heard a quote regarding why would you sign a contract with someone who has their fingers crossed behind their back – that’s what it would be like signing a treaty with Australia without removing the racist provisions from the Constitution first.

“Why would you sign a contract, a treaty, with a country that could still pass racist laws?”

Mr Taylor is being supported by his aunt Shirley Peisley, who was one of many who worked in the lead-up to the 1967 vote to count Indigenous people in the Census.

“Young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander campaigners are our future,” she said.

“And that is why I am passing on the baton to young people like Luke. My message to him and others who want to be part of the campaign is to never give up.”

Recognise joint campaign director Mark Yetlica-Paulson said there were also field campaign leaders in the other states and territories.

“Together they’ll be aiming to have one million one-on-one conversations with everyday Australians,” he said.

“They’ll recruit, train and support thousands of volunteers to have those conversations in workplaces, at sporting matches, shopping centres, schools and community events.

“They’ll aim to provide as much information as possible about the upcoming referendum.”
ABORIGINAL people and groups are concerned about the Federal Government rushing through changes to the Native Title Act in the wake of a Federal Court decision to strike out Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) between the Noongar people and the Western Australian Government.

The proposed changes, which have cleared Parliament’s lower house, seek to overturn a Federal Court decision (McGlade v Native Title Registrar) upholding the requirement that all applicants need to sign an ILUA, which reversed a previous court decision that only a majority was needed.

The Senate referred the amendments to an inquiry, but only allowed submissions for two weeks, from February 16 until March 3.

Representatives from the Wangan and Jagalingou Traditional Owners Council, who have been fighting against Indian mining giant Adani’s proposed Carmichael coal mine on their land in Queensland’s Galilee Basin, were in Canberra last week to lobby senators against the proposed changes.

W&J spokesperson Adrian Burragubba said there hadn’t been nearly enough time for sufficient stakeholder consultation.

“Disgusting”

“The period of time the Federal Government is allowing people to put in submissions is disgusting,” he said. “No one’s been consulted.”

Mr Burragubba labelled the rushed timetable as unethical and immoral. “This is one reason why we are standing against this mine because the whole purpose is to try and protect our native title acts and interests,” he said.

Noongar spokespeople who were claimants from the McGlade v Native Title Registrar case in WA were also in Canberra to lobby on the issue.

Mervyn Eades said that although well-intentioned, the Native Title Act was not working in the best interests of Indigenous Australians.

“We are here fighting for our rights but mining company rights to title seem to override our rights as custodians,” he said.

But the peak body representing the native title sector urged Parliament to support the speedy passage of the bill.

National Native Title Council chief executive Glen Kelly – who is a former chief executive of the South West Land Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, which negotiated the Noongar ILUAs struck out by the Federal Court – said it was important to move promptly given the large number of agreements rendered invalid. The legislation would secure those agreements and implement changes the sector has been seeking for years, he said.

A report is to be handed down on March 17 in time for a Senate vote the following week.

“They wouldn’t have had the support boat or probably even the fitness levels or training that we have. I wanted to spread awareness about what Rottnest is to Aboriginal people.”

A Noongar woman from Perth, Ms Cable said made the swim because she likes to set “extreme challenges” for herself.

“It was a bit mad I think, a bit crazy,” she said.

“We went about a kilometre off course when we were swimming. It took us 10 hours and it should have taken us only about seven.”

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New Whadjuk Walking Trails in Perth

Two new Whadjuk Walking Trails have been opened in Perth’s western suburbs. The trails, set up by the Western Suburbs Regional Organisation Councils (WESROC) recognise Nyoongar heritage and bushland. The Karak Bidi and Karak Bidi linking trails have provided an additional 21.9km to the Whadjuk network.

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hopkins said the launch of the trails was a proud moment for WESROC and the community. “This launch represents more than expanding the Whadjuk network; it recognises Perth’s Nyoongar heritage and urban bushland,” he said.

“Community members, both in the western suburbs and across metropolitan Perth, will be able to enjoy the tracks well into the future.”

Lotterwest, the Department of Sport and Recreation and Perth Natural Resource Management helped to fund and bring about the development of the trails.

Interpretive signs in the bushland areas have QR codes that can be scanned on a phone and will allow people to hear Aboriginal stories and songs and learn more about the plants and animals in the area.

Chamber has concerns in Gov’t’s policy

Fact file

- Government contracts worth $6.4 million in 2015-16.
- 493 Indigenous businesses were awarded contracts under the IPP in its first year.
- The number of new Indigenous businesses that have won contracts increased by 87% in the past year.
- A business must be 50% Indigenous owned to be eligible as an Indigenous business listed on Supply Nation’s Indigenous Business Direct.
- Of the top nine companies that won contracts last year under the IPP, the average Indigenous employment rate is 44%.
- Supply Nation’s social impact report The Sleeping Giant highlights that for every dollar of revenue, certified suppliers create $4.41 of economic and social value.

"We should have policies and support programs in place that nurture the aspirations of any Indigenous person, group, family or community to get into business,” she said.

“We must be willing to take the time to do this well so that the economic impact and consequent social outcomes are sustained. This is how we begin to close the gap. "For the IPP to be a lever for sustained and widespread economic participation by urban, rural and remote based Indigenous businesses, we must increase the numbers of Indigenous-owned and controlled businesses competing for and being awarded larger contracts.

"This requires an investment in developing the business skills and acumen of Indigenous people. Such an investment would help to alleviate any known supplier gap but more importantly, an investment in the human capital component supports a future where the number of Indigenous owned businesses are competitive and delivering on government contracts in the absence of targeted policy.”

- Kooral Mail is a member of Supply Nation and a certified Indigenous supplier.
National Art Gallery for NT coming

MOVES to build a national Indigenous art gallery are a major step closer, with the announcement of two prominent Aboriginal central Australian arts co-chairs for the project steering committee.

Curator, writer and consultant Hetti Perkins and Philip Watkins (the chief executive of Desart the peak industry for central Australian Aboriginal art centres) will lead the committee of experts to undertake the initial consultation work for the gallery, including considering where it should be located within Alice Springs.

The NT Government has allocated $50 million for the project, which will provide jobs and economic growth through tourism and construction as well as better facilities for artists to showcase their art.

"Both will play a key cultural role through the early phases of the project and assist with determining the location for the gallery," she said.

Assistant Minister for the Gallery Chansey Paech, and Aboriginal man from Alice Springs, welcomed the appointment of the co-chairs.

"Hetti Perkins and Philip Watkins will be perfect in this role because they are widely known and respected across the country for their professionalism and their skill at bringing people together from different social, geographic and political backgrounds," he said.

Ms Perkins said the gallery would be an opportunity to showcase Indigenous art nationally and internationally.

"This is a great opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contemporary artistic expressions of Indigenous artists and people from across Australia," she said.

"Our culture makes us unique in the world and a dedicated national Indigenous art gallery will become an international cultural landmark."

Clinton walks with purpose

ABORIGINAL man Clinton Pryor has clocked up more than 3000km on his trans-national walk to highlight Indigenous disadvantage.

The Wajar, Balardung, Kija and Yulparntja man left Perth last year on a trek to Canberra to raise awareness of the injustice facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and the need for a treaty.

He has just been in Port Augusta, South Australia, for a rest break to allow for repairs to the support vehicle.

Mr Pryor met with locals, including Port Augusta Mayor Sam Johnson, and also held a bridge walk to highlight Indigenous issues.

After visiting centres including Kalgoorlie and Uluru, he now plans to head east and arrive in Canberra later this year. A crowd funding campaign has raised more than $16,000 for the first half of the journey, with a goal to raise $19,000 for the remaining 1500km.

To help Clinton on his journey, go to www.gofundme.com/clintonswalk

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Indigenous Engagement Day for Employment and Support

Join us for lunch at our Indigenous engagement day with guest speakers, local employees and community organisations.

When: March 15th and April 19th 10am – 2pm
Where: Government House Aboriginal Land Council 103 Moree Street, Liverpool NSW
RSVP: To 10am or for any further information, please contact MAX Employment Liverpool via Email: info@maxemployment.com.au
Phone: 02 8711 9000

STOLEN GENERATIONS REPARATIONS COMMUNITY FUND

Expressions of Interest are now open for the Stolen Generations Community Reparations Fund.

The South Australian Government has allocated $5m to support projects or programs that will promote healing for members of the Stolen Generations, their families and the wider community.

Aboriginal community organisations and their project partners are encouraged to apply online at www.sateddevelopment.sa.gov.au/stolengenerationsscheme

Expressions of Interest close on 24 March 2017.
Catchment management authority board appointments for 2017

Expressions of interest for appointments to the boards of Victoria’s 10 catchment management authorities open on Wednesday 1 March 2017.

Victoria’s catchment management authority boards play an important role in overseeing the management and delivery of Victoria’s integrated catchment management framework.

The Victorian Government is committed to appointing boards that reflect the diversity of the Victorian community. Board directors come from all walks of life, including farmers, small business owners, Aboriginal Victorians and project managers.

Expressions of interest are encouraged from anyone with experience in one or more of the following:

- Financial management.
- Community engagement.
- Land and water management.
- Climate change adaptation.
- Strategy and business management.
- Primary production.
- Environment or natural resources management.
- Public administration and corporate governance.

Expressions of interest will be open until midnight Monday 3 April 2017 through the Governor’s Office. New board appointments will commence on 1 October 2017.


Applicants with further enquiries or those with difficulties in accessing the documents should contact the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Customer Service Centre.

www.delwp.vic.gov.au
Customer Service Centre 136 186

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OUT employee denied leave to appeal

Cindy Prior attempted to sue three QUT students under section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act for $250,000 after they posted comments on Facebook about being asked to leave an Indigenous-only computer room.

In November, Federal Court judge Justice John Dowsett dismissed her case ruling it did not have reasonable prospects of bringing a racial hatred case.

Last week the judge denied her leave to appeal his decision, meaning she is now liable for costs.

Debate over Racial Discrimination Act is stalled

THE Liberal and National parties are fighting about the Racial Discrimination Act (RDA) after a parliamentary inquiry into freedom of speech declined to recommend changing Section 18C, which makes it unlawful to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate another person because of their race.

Last week the Joint Parliamentary Committee into Human Rights (made up of Coalition, Labor and Greens MPs) tabled its report, which also looked at how the Australian Human Rights Commission handles complaints.

The decision on whether to attempt to introduce legislation to change 18C is now in the hands of the Government, which is beset with infighting on the issue, after far right Liberal members have made the RDA a pet issue, with former Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Liberal Senator Eric Abetz widely considered to be the chief agitators.

More moderate Liberals and some National Party members have called for the issue to be dropped, saying it won’t create jobs and their electorates don’t want to talk to you about the Racial Discrimination Act,“ he said.

Unable to agree on whether to amend section 18C, the joint committee called for changes in the way the Australian Human Rights Commission handles complaints to speed up decisions and head off frivolous cases.

Liberal MP Ian Goodenough, who chaired the committee inquiry, favours changing the wording of 18C.

“I would support replacing the words of offend and insult with a higher term, such as harass or vilify,” he said.

Commission president Gillian Triggs insists there is no problem with the wording of 18C.

“We know that it works extremely well in sending out the message that abusing people on the grounds of race in the public arena is not something that is acceptable in the Australian community,” she told ABC radio.

But Professor Triggs acknowledged the threshold for complaint was too low.

She agrees with the committee’s “sensible” recommendation that would give the commission president power not to proceed with unwarranted matters.

Race Discrimination Commissioner Tim Soutphommasane told a Senate committee there had been a drop in the number of complaints received by the Human Rights Commission under Section 18C.

The figure was 116 complaints in 2013/14, 116 complaints in 2014/15 and 77 in 2015/16.

Mr Soutphommasane said a wide range of community groups, including the National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples and many other Indigenous bodies, had come out in opposition to changing the law. — With AAP
Exhibition of equality and activism

THIRTY Indigenous artists will participate in the National Gallery of Australia’s (NGA) new exhibition Defying Empire: 3rd National Indigenous Art Triennial, running from May 26 until September 10. It will bring together Indigenous artists from across the country whose work marks the ongoing resistance, resilience and defiance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people against colonisation.

Participating artists are Tony Albert, Brook Andrew, Sebastian Arrow, Daniel Boyd, Maree Clarke, Megan Cope, Brenda L Croft, Karla Dickens, Blak Douglas, Fiona Foley, Jon Gough, Lola Greeno, Dale Harding, Sandra Hill, Jonathan Jones, Ray Ken, Yvonne Koolmatrie, Nonggirrnga Marawili, Archie Moore, Laurie Nona, Rusty Peters, Reko Rennie, Brian Robinson, Yhonnie Scarce, Ken Thaiday Sr, Judy Watson, Vicki West, Jason Wing, Pedro Wonaemirri and Raymond Zada.

NGA director Gerard Vaughan said the exhibition will survey contemporary ATSIs art, marking the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, which granted Indigenous people the right to be counted as Australians for the first time.

“At the anniversary of this watershed moment in history, it is important to showcase the significance of Indigenous art in defining our national cultural identity,” he said.

“The creation of a strong school of contemporary Indigenous practice has played a crucial role – nationally and internationally – in recognising the power and relevance of Indigenous visual culture.

Issues of identity, racism, displacement, country, sovereignty and the Stolen Generations are explored through painting, weaving, sculpture, video, prints, photography, metalwork and glasswork.

NGA’s ATS-I Art curator Tina Baum said the exhibition will further the conversation on Indigenous issues through contemporary art practice.

“This exhibition reflects the strength, creativity, diversity and pride of Indigenous artists, highlighting the historical and ongoing activism by Indigenous people to gain equality in this country,” she said.

Aboriginal Case Manager – Victoria

Aboriginal Case Manager – Dandenong: Applications close 19 March 2017
Aboriginal Case Manager – Bairnsdale: Applications close 19 March 2017

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Un expert concerns over Aust violence

WOMEN locked up for unpaid fines and red tape stopping others from escaping domestic violence were among issues that left a United Nations expert unimpressed during an inaugural visit to Australia.

UN special rapporteur on violence against women Dubravka Simonovic has been on a 15-day fact-finding mission to Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Cherbourg (Queensland) and Alice Springs.

Ms Simonovic urged Australia to lift its game on providing crisis services and shelters for women facing domestic violence which is a key cause of homelessness.

Adequate funding for community legal services was also important, she said in Canberra while delivering her preliminary findings from her visit.

Ms Simonovic was particularly concerned about the plight of Indigenous women who are 34 times more likely to require hospital treatment as a result of domestic violence and up to 3.7 times likely to experience sexual abuse.

She criticised the inflexibility of the Basics Card – a cashless debit card used to income-manage welfare payments – not being able to cover expenses related to domestic violence victims’ escapes from danger.

The cards are used in some remote communities in an attempt to curb spending on alcohol or gambling.

During a trip to a Brisbane jail, Ms Simonovic spoke directly with women prisoners. She has called for better mental health care access and alternatives to custodial sentences for those with dependent children. Indigenous women are the fastest growing prison population in Australia.

“I would urge the government to review a policy of incarceration for unpaid fines which has a disproportionate effect on the rates of incarceration of Aboriginal women because of the economic and social disadvantage that they face,” Ms Simonovic said.

She also expressed concern about lax investigations into allegations of rape and sexual abuse of women refugees and asylum seekers in immigration detention on Nauru.
Murri Watch patrol helping Townsville

By ALF WILSON

MURRI Watch community patrol officers Charlotte Mairu and Patricia Feltes have been playing an important role in efforts to help move itinerants – many of them Indigenous – away from the Townsville city centre.

Police have been moving people on, citing complaints of antisocial behaviour. Ms Mairu and Ms Feltes, both Torres Strait Islander, are among eight Indigenous community patrol officers assisting people living in parks near the city centre.

Both women say they are devoted to helping the itinerant people, known widely as ‘parkies’.

“I have been doing the job for nine years and everybody knows there is a crackdown now,” Ms Mairu said.

“The news that a new football stadium will be built soon has been one of the reasons.”

Ms Feltes said community patrol officers have a duty of care to the ‘parkies’, whose number sometimes reaches 50.

“We have to ensure they have a roof over their heads and try and have their health checked,” she said.

The pair said some of the itinerants needed medication and had to be picked up from the police station.

“We take some out to the Diversionary Centre, while others can go to families or to the Happy Valley community,” Ms Mairu said.

A step toward treaty in Vic

THE next step towards a treaty in Victoria will be a two-day statewide meeting in April, where it is expected that the structure of a representative body to negotiate will be decided.

The meeting follows an agreement on a ‘road map to treaty’ made at a meeting in December last year.

Options for representatives are currently being developed, which the Victorian Aboriginal community will consider and decide on at the next phase of consultation.

A further six face-to-face consultations will be held during March in Echuca, Portland, Sale, Wodonga and Melbourne.

The community will discuss voting options for the representative body and will have their say on the process of electing representatives.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Natalie Hutchins said having a representative body is an important step in enabling Aboriginal people to negotiate a treaty with the State Government.

“We have been clear: We want a treaty just as much as Aboriginal Victorians and this is a great step forward,” she said.

The Aboriginal Community Consultation on the Design of a Representative Body report was also released last week.

It presented the findings from the community-led consultations on representation held across Victoria last year.

For more information about the treaty visit www.aboriginalvictoria.vic.gov.au

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia
The Federal Government is putting millions of dollars into improving the health of Indigenous babies and their mothers following the latest Closing the Gap report. Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt has announced the $27 million boost for child and maternal health programs, to be spent over the next 18 months. It will go toward services like antenatal and postnatal care, breastfeeding assistance, health and development checks and ensuring children are properly immunised.

Qld seat renamed for Oodgeroo

QUEENSLAND’S Cleveland electorate has been renamed Oodgeroo in honour of great Queensland Aboriginal activist Aunty Oodgeroo O’Dwyer. The renaming of the south-east Brisbane electorate, taking in Quandamooka country, has been warmly welcomed by the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) and Oodgeroo’s family.

Corporation chief executive Cameron Costello said: “Not only was Aunty Oodgeroo a great poet, educator and leading light of Australian and Indigenous literature and education, she was also a great activist for Aboriginal rights, including land rights.

“That this electorate, which covers her own community, be renamed Oodgeroo, is a wonderful contribution to our national life.”

Alice Springs will light up again

THE second Parrtjima - A Festival in Light event will be held in Alice Springs from September 32 to October 1. The Northern Territory Government is supporting the free event, showcasing Aboriginal culture through light being projected on to the Macdonnell Ranges.

Northern Territory Major Events Company general manager Andrew Hopper welcomed the second festival. “This is an exciting announcement for central Australia; the festival is a wonderful boost for the tourism industry, the local economy, and it creates jobs,” he said.

Parrtjima means ‘lighting up’ and conveys two meanings: physically illuminating an object with light and ‘lighting up’ as in shedding light and understanding on a subject.

The 10-day event follows the success of the inaugural festival last year, which was attended by almost 16,000 people.

Leading thinkers set for conference

MORE than 150 leading thinkers, covering the spectrum of Indigenous research and policy development, will come together for the AITISIS National Indigenous Research Conference (ANIRC) in Canberra. Being held from 1-2 October, the conference theme, ‘Impact, Engagement and Transformation’, has an emphasis on how practical and meaningful impact can be achieved for Indigenous communities.

Co-convened with the University of Canberra, the program brings together researchers, policymakers, cultural and collecting institutions, the corporate sector, and a wide variety of Indigenous organisations and communities.

Details at www.aiatis.gov.au

THE KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017.
Fishing trips getting men to open up about issues

FISHING trips to the coast are just one of the ways the Woorabinda Murri Men’s Consortium, or men’s group, is trying to attract members and get them talking about what’s going on in their lives.

The trips allow participants to open up about issues affecting them.

Group Co-coordinator Jeff Smith said men will talk about anything. “They might want to talk about domestic violence, some want to talk about football, which can be an opener for other serious business,” he said.

“We’ve got a couple of lads who do community hours,” Mr Smith said. “We’ve got an arts studio where we talk, and Queensland Health has just bought $1000 worth of gear for us, paint and canvasses.

“The Men’s Group is in its infancy but we are moving towards a holistic approach from everyone in the community to form partnerships with government and other agencies to deal with domestic violence.”

Mr Smith said the Woorabinda Shire Council had also been supportive.

“The Men’s Group is positive about encouraging men to come along for a cuppa and a yarn, watching DVDs about domestic violence matters to help men understand how to reach solutions and better ways forward,” he said.

SA couple sentenced

A MARRIED Adelaide couple who faked death threats to score paid time off work have been handed custodial sentences, but the woman has been allowed to serve her time from home for the good of her three children.

Simon Peisley and Tabitha Lean worked at South Australia’s Aboriginal health service when they sent dozens of threats to their office, home and their children’s school.

They faked about 80 threats that included letters, parcels, phone calls and vandalising their own home with tomato sauce. Some of the parcels contained pieces of their children’s clothes stained with fake blood and were sent to their school.

The couple netted time off work and a family holiday to the Gold Coast because most of the threats related to their work, and they attempted to secure a compensation claim.

Peisley, 41, and Lean, 39, were found guilty in the District Court in November of more than 45 counts of deception over the two-year scam.

The judge said he didn’t understand what drove the couple to undertake their campaign of deception given they were both in respected and well-paying jobs, particularly Lean who was a director of her department.

As well as receiving time off and paid accommodation and medical bills, the couple also made a worker’s compensation claim.

The SA Government had agreed to pay a $580,000 settlement before Lean and Peisley were caught when police became suspicious and devised a plot of their own.

They were arrested after police covertly broke into their flat and marked envelopes and paper with “invisible ink”.

The next threat the couple handed over to police was tested with a UV light to reveal the markings the officers had made.

During sentencing submissions, Peisley offered to take the fall and serve jail time in the hope this would keep his wife out of prison.

The father was sentenced to six years and six months in prison with a non-parole period of three years.

Lean was sentenced to six years and eight months of home detention with a non-parole period of three years, along with strict conditions including that she wear an electronic monitoring device. – AAP
Queensland Redistribution Commission

Notice under section 48(1) of the Electoral Act 1992

Proposed Redistribution of Queensland’s State Electoral Districts

and an Invitation for Objections to this Proposal:

The Queensland Redistribution Commission (the Commission) has prepared its Proposed Redistribution for Queensland's 93 State Electoral Districts as required by the Electoral Act 1992.

The proposal, including the names, maps, boundary descriptions and justifications for all of the 93 electoral districts are available to view online, at the Commission's office, or you may call or email to organise an alternative arrangement.

- Website:  http://boundaries.ecq.qld.gov.au/
- Office:  Level 6, Forestry House, 160 Mary Street, Brisbane Qld 4000
- Email:  boundaries@ecq.qld.gov.au
- Phone:  1300 881 665

Interested persons or organisations are invited to make objections regarding the proposed boundaries and names of Queensland’s 93 electorates.

Objections will be accepted for 30 days after the proposed boundaries are published in the Government Gazette, and must be lodged with the Commission on or before 5pm Monday, 27 March 2017.

All objections will be available for perusal as soon as practicable after the closing date for submissions.

The Commission prefers electronic submissions that are accompanied by maps. Please note that all submissions will be published in their entirety, including name and address details.

For further information, please contact the Commission using the details listed previously.

H. W. H. Botting
Chairperson
Queensland Redistribution Commission

Objections can be lodged through:

- Online Form

- Post
  The Secretary
  Queensland Redistribution Commission GPO
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  Brisbane Qld 4000

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Pictured: A prescribed burning in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Rangers fired up for season

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One of Australia’s largest Indigenous corporations has been placed under special administration.

Tennant Creek-based Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation is now in the hands of administrators appointed by Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven.

The move follows ongoing conversations in good faith, restructure the corporation’s governance, and refocus its energy on delivering high-quality services.

"The special administrators will provide an opportunity for all parties to restart conversations in good faith, restructure the corporation’s governance, and refocus its energy on delivering high-quality services," Mr Beven said.

Julalikari is solvent and in a strong financial position.

Special administrators Gerry Mier and Tony Jonsson, from Cairns-based firm Grant Thornton (Australia), will be special administrators until August 23.

"The special administrators will focus on restoring confidence in the corporation’s governance processes, improving communication with key stakeholders, and ensuring services to the community are not compromised," Mr Beven said.

Applications Close: 26 March 2017

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further please contact Steven Gal on (02) 9561 8592 and leave your name, contact number and your contact number and your contact details. Your call will be returned.

Note: It is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw.gov.au. No paper-based or late applications will be accepted.

Pre-screening questions
1. Please describe how you have worked with a complex Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community. What approach did you take, what outcomes were achieved and what lessons did you learn?

300 word max

2. Please describe your experience building a team and managing their performance across multiple locations. 300 word max

Essential Requirements:
Aboriginality
Current NSW Driver’s License and willingness to travel.
Demonstrated appropriate cultural capability regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the approach and outcomes of daily activities.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.
INDIGENOUS Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion says a further appeal in the Machado Joseph Disease Foundation (MJDF) case is “unlikely”.

Make it a certainty, Minister.

As we report on page 1, the Full Bench of the Federal Court has dismissed the appeal by Senator Scullion – a member of the CLP – against an earlier decision to allow the foundation to keep a $10 million grant from the Aboriginal Benefits Account (ABA) that had been pledged by the previous minister, Labor’s Jenny Macklin.

It was never a good look.

The MJDF was established in 2008 to help people in Arnhem Land with Machado Joseph Disease, a hereditary neurological disorder. That section of the Top End is a hot-spot for the rare illness.

MJD is about as bad as diseases get.

In sufferers – and there’s many in Arnhem Land, with hundreds more at risk – it results in a lack of muscle control and coordination of the upper and lower extremities. Symptoms include memory loss, difficulty with speech and swallowing, weakness in arms and legs, clumsiness, frequent urination and involuntary eye movements.

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The ABA is funded by payments from the Federal Government equivalent to the value of royalties paid by mining interests on Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory. The account was set up to fund “initiatives of benefit to Aboriginal people living in the NT”.

Senator Scullion argues that health services should be provided by health authorities and not by account.

Be that as it may, we can’t see how this $10 million doesn’t help but benefit Aboriginal people living in the NT.

The MJDF deserves – and needs – the funding.

Rule out another appeal, Minister.

Congratulations to South Australia’s Treaty Commissioner Dr Roger Thomas. The respected and experienced Kokatha and Mirning academic and leader appears the ideal choice for such an important position.

He’s taking exactly the right approach to the job as well, telling the Koori Mail “engagement with all Aboriginal communities in South Australia to ensure their voices are heard is by far my highest priority”.

Listening to what our people have to say is the right start.

Let’s hope the Government hears and acts accordingly.

DANNY EASTWOOD’S VIEW

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– AIATSIS chief executive Craig Ritchie

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There must be no further appeal

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A Yarn With...

ODETTE FULLER
Eidsvold, Qld

Favourite bush tucker? Porcupine.

Favourite other food? Pork roast.

Favourite drink? Tea.

Favourite music? Rock ‘n’ roll.

Favourite read? The book I’ve read the most is Charlotte’s Web. I’m reading it to my grandchildren now.

What are you watching on television? My Kitchen Rules.

Favourite holiday destination? Anywhere with my grandchildren.

Who would you most like to meet? Former US President Barack Obama.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire? My workmates. I’d give them a bit of culture.

If you could do anything for Indigenous people, what would it be? Tell our stories. That’s why our young people are so lost, because they don’t know our history. They need to know those stories to know their identity.
By KEIRA JENKINS

With a passion for helping Indigenous people to connect with documents about their culture and heritage, Kirsten Thorpe relishes her role at the State Library of New South Wales.

The Worimi woman from the Port Stephens area of NSW manages the Indigenous Services Team at the library, helping Indigenous people access historical records held in the archives.

She says she and her team try to make the library as open and welcoming as possible so Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people feel safe to use its resources.

“It’s a priority of the library to share the resources we have with Indigenous people,” she told the Koori Mail.

“It’s also a priority to collect contemporary Indigenous material. “We might ask: What would 2016 look like in an archive? “We want to give contemporary Indigenous people a voice.

“We commissioned a document about Brewarrina (north-western NSW) that can be found at the library.

“We worked closely with the Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation so that (Stolen Generations) survivors have a space to tell their stories.

“We also make sure we document events like Yabun and the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.”

Although Ms Thorpe has been helping Indigenous people access these resources for more than 20 years, she said that when younger it wasn’t something she’d ever thought about doing.

“I got a cadetship at the NSW State Archives because there was a recognition that we needed more Aboriginal people working in the area,” she said.

“I’d always had a passion for history. I guess Aboriginal people will trust another Aboriginal person to find their story. “People come to find part of their family history and sometimes leave with a whole new sense of identity. “Ms Thorpe says her role archiving contemporary material is just as important as her role to help people connect with the past.

“It’s incredibly important,” she said.

“We collect social media statuses from big events so we know what people were saying about them. “We can’t just rely on looking at the past; if we don’t collect today’s material we’ll have missing parts of our history in the future.

“It’s really important to have a modern-day Aboriginal voice and a new perspective on our history. “But Ms Thorpe said the archives are not enough if the community doesn’t know about them.

“I think it is so important to go out and proactively let communities know what collections exist relating to their history and heritage, and to invite people back in to view and engage with that content,” she said.

“I am professionally really interested in how the digital domain can be utilised as a place for communities to enhance, respond and critique collections.”

But while Ms Thorpe says while having these collections is a great resource for Indigenous people, it can also cause uneasiness in the community if the information is not respected.

“I think the space where oral culture meets material culture is a place of both an incredible opportunity but also a place of great tension,” Ms Thorpe said.

“As Indigenous archivists and librarians, we can help facilitate understanding and share information about this, and encourage researchers to think deeply about the context of collections.”
A PROJECT aiming to honour Indigenous soldiers who fought in World War I with the Australian Light Horse will be launched this year.

A significant number of Indigenous men served in the Light Horse, and the Rona Tranby Trust is launching an oral history project to record the stories of these men. The trust is seeking descendants of the Indigenous soldiers to help them do this.

Rona Tranby National Indigenous Adult Education and Training chief executive Belinda Russon said the project will culminate in a group of descendants attending the centenary service of the Light Horse charge on Beersheba (Palestine) in October.

In 1917, outnumbered members of the Light Horse charged Turkish guns and trenches around the town of Beersheba.

“This exciting and relevant oral history project will enable both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community an opportunity to hear about the experiences of Indigenous soldiers through the stories told by their descendants,” Ms Russon said.

Pastor Ray Minniecon, whose grandfather was a member of the Light Horse, said the project aims to locate descendants who want to record the history of the ‘Diggers’ who served in the regiment.

“It is my hope that a number of descendants will come forward to share their stories and memories,” he said.

For more information or to participate, contact Meltem Akyol on (02) 9231 4293 or info@ronatranby.org.au

Pictured right: Pastor Ray Minniecon’s grandfather Private James Lingwoodock stands with members of his family.

**Long-time Cherbourg CEO marks milestone**

WARREN Collins reckons that after 33 years with Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council he’s the longest serving chief executive in Queensland local government.

He marked the milestone last month, telling the Koori Mail a little about his long career at the south-east Queensland community.

His first position, back in 1984, was in a shared office split between two places.

“The job wasn’t known as ‘CEO’ in those days,” he said. “I think it was known as a project officer.

“Everything happened in 1986 when the Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) for Cherbourg came to fruition. That gave some form of ownership to the people in the community, but there was – and still is – a lot to be done.

“At least it was started. If that hadn’t happened then goodness knows where we would be today.

“We were treading into the unknown at that stage, because basically most councils back then didn’t even have an office.”

“Meddled”

Mr Collins said that, when he started, the State Government was still running the show. “They meddled in a lot of the affairs,” he said.

“Council had been running here since 1986, but basically they were just an advisory board to the Government.

“It was 1984 when they had some vision. They employed two of us and then we grew from there.

“We’ve got 57 staff now, but we had something like 120 full-time staff at one stage and 365 CDEP participants, so it was a huge organisation.”

Mr Collins said other long-serving staff at Cherbourg included Allan Douglas Snr, Bert Bulton, Roy Boney and Ken Bone.

“Allan was the chair for a while, and he was actually the first chair of the Aboriginal Coordinating Council (ACC),” he said.

Mr Collins said his role as chief executive has changed dramatically over the years.

“It did get more complicated in early 2000s with the changeover to the Local Government Act,” he said.

These days you’ve got to have a plan for every single thing, and then you’ve got to report and report.

“Then again, we used to be the funeral director, we used to run the aged care and a lot of other programs. Over the years we’ve given these functions out to community organisations to run.

“These days, too, our focus is very much on enterprise. It’s difficult, but we’re trying.”

And I think that worked really well, but then government became very paternalistic again, particularly in the past few years, where they would allocate money but we didn’t actually see it.

“Even in our housing program now, they hold the money until we put in the claims. They don’t give us the money up front and say: ‘This is our expectations of it, of how many houses’.”

Mr Collins also said there were “full circles”.

“At one stage we were given funding for houses, so if someone was allocated a house, they were involved in the design, the colour scheme, what it was to be built out of,” he said.

**A PROJECT**

To honour Indigenous soldiers who fought in World War I with the Australian Light Horse.

**Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council**

Long-serving Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (Queensland) chief executive Warren Collins: “These days, too, our focus is very much on enterprise. It’s difficult, but we’re trying.”
Family heritage education

I WOULD like to ask why it is so hard for our younger generation – and older as well – to get acceptance from their own ancestral community?

Many who have moved to a new community may need a written form of acceptance from their community of ancestral heritage.

But many Aboriginal people do not know which community they have links to as there may not have been contact with that community for some years.

I have a family website on Facebook for many of my people from the Wiradjuri clan of the Stolen, Grant, Hughes, Williams, Glass, Dace, Drage, Lennon, and Waller families. With more than 420 family members, some have trouble certifying their ‘Aboriginality’.

It seems as if we must prove ourselves to someone even though we have a history of our ancestry and ancestors (I am a genealogist and have much more information at my fingertips than many so-called experts).

I have a family lineage that has been documented by many universities, proof still must find.

Many Aboriginal people who have moved away from their original communities go on to become successful in their fields and they and their descendants are often not recognised for their achievements or asked to represent their original communities.

It seems to me that only those who have done well in sports are invited to be speakers and one each in Victoria (47,333), South Australia (88,270) and the Northern Territory (68,850) made up of Aboriginals in Queensland and Tasmania.

Australia, Queensland and Tasmania. Many NSW Aboriginal land councils have no history of family heritage. These councils need education on family heritage.

Margaret Ann Corrie
NSW

Designated seats

THE move by the Australian Labor Party Caucus to find better ways to increase Aboriginal parliamentary representation is a welcome initiative, but designated seats in parliament would be far better.

The make-up of parliaments should reflect the ability of existing and past Aboriginal politicians to be entirely free to represent the interests of their people, though all have made genuine efforts to do so.

That process has restricted the ability of Aboriginals and ATSIC was from 1989 to 2004. The traditional dancing and plaintive song

Cowra Aboriginal Station on the day of Queen Elizabeth II’s coronation, May 12, 1937. Letter-writer Margaret Corrie believes it is often difficult for Aboriginal people who have moved to another area in NSW to get their official certification of Aboriginality and asks why NSW Aboriginal land councils don’t use available historical evidence.

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It’s all up to you, kids

LAST issue we reported on Australia’s attempts to Close the Gap between health, employment, education and other quality-of-life issues for our mob. Six of the seven targets are not on track, results which Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull described as “disgraceful”. No, Mr Turnbull, not disgraceful.

One event was the Redfern Breakfast, a massive event in Canberra with senior politicians, including the Prime Minister and Opposition Leader, Indigenous leaders and others gathered to hear speeches about the Redfern Statement. Described as an “urgent call for a more just approach” to Indigenous affairs, the Redfern Statement is the latest solution to fix the Indigenous disadvantage plaguing this country. It was released five years ago by our Indigenous leaders, health, legal and community organisations last year.

Two things stuck about the Redfern Statement. First, there’s nothing new. It proposes more funding, more Indigenous representatives, more bureaucracy and more changes to programs, initiatives, frameworks, partnerships and service delivery structures.

Very few programs are implementing these. They need more planning and discussion to identify the actual and specific outcomes to be achieved. Areas are planned to identify the practical solutions and beginnings of an implementing framework.

Secondly, it’s almost entirely focused on community service delivery. The proposals are grouped into: Health, Justice, Preventing Violence, Disability and Meaningful Engagement. It’s almost silent on Indigenous participation in the economy, employment and rehabilitation.

Employment is a short subset of ‘meaningful engagement’, where it proposes “an Indigenous representative body to drive employment strategy and provide solutions. The body’s objectives are framed more around community development than economics.”

There’s no mention of Indigenous-owned businesses or entrepreneurs, paid apprenticeships or tertiary education. Or of creating a presence in Indigenous communities or home ownership.

And it’s littered with the language of victimhood and barriers. Like what are we “suitable and meaningful for our people”, references to racism and discrimination and whether workforces are “racially-friendly.”

The Redfern Statement Breakfast brought the usual suspects together at yet another gathering to discuss the same old business of how to fix things for decades. The same week the ninth Closing the Gap Report was released. It showed the gap is not closing and Indigenous Australians are actually going backwards.

The gap will persist until all Indigenous people participate in the real economy. That means a real job, not work for the dole, GDP or other busy-work.

It means small business, private enterprise and home ownership, not community programs, not-for-profit entities and social housing. Economic participation is what lifts people out of poverty.

The UN’s Millennium Goals included halving extreme poverty between 1990 and 2015. The target was met five years early with 1 billion people lifted out of extreme poverty, largely because of economic growth in China. China’s economic reforms in that period reduced its extreme poverty from 84% to 10%.

Government attempts at economic development for Indigenous peoples has bogged down in a government-dependency mindset. A lot of time and energy is directed towards creating a drive economic participation – like welfare.

The Redfern Statement won’t change the situation of Indigenous people. It’s underpinned by the same mindset.

The other event I attended was the CareerTrackers Breakfast. CareerTrackers helps Indigenous university students get paid internships with private sector employers during their studies with the aim of them transitioning to full-time jobs on graduation.

The students come from across Australia, studying a range of fields including economics, the sciences and engineering. This year 2000 people, including dozens of chief executives from some of Australia’s largest companies, gathered to celebrate the interns’ achievements.

“Some students tell their stories. Each is inspiring. Many recount numerous difficulties and setbacks on the education path and home lives.

But their overwhelming message is always of opportunity. This year, CareerTrackers chief executive Michael Nyunggai Mundine spoke of a message he imparted to students of “Indigenous advantage”. Later, academic excellence awards were presented. CareerTrackers celebrated success and success, not victimhood and barriers.

The Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (Chair) and the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience also underlined the importance of achievement. CareerTrackers, AIEF and the Redfern Statement all will join a real economy through education, jobs and the message they have the world at our feet.

The Redfern Statement opens with a decades-old quote from Mick Dodson when he was Social Justice Commissioner: “Social justice is what faces you in the morning. It is awakening in a house with adequate water supply, cooking facilities and sanitation. It is the ability to nourish your children and send them to school where their education not only equips them for employment but reinforces their knowledge and understanding of our cultural inheritance. It is the prospect of genuine employment and good health, a life of choices and opportunity, free from discrimination.”

Replace ‘social justice’ with ‘Economic participation’ and that’s my vision for Indigenous people.

It’s time to forge a new path, one based on economic participation.

Dr Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail contributor.
Share your reconciliation journey

Nominate a business, organisation, educational institution or partnership taking positive steps toward reconciliation across Queensland.

There is $25,000 in prize money to be won.

For more information visit qld.gov.au/reconciliation

Nominations close 5 pm Monday 20 March 2017.
This year’s Sydney Gay

The NAISDA dancers performed in the parade.

Matika Little and Claire Smith.

Sai Nabete, Sam Doku, John Leha, Jace Stanton and Tobias Reef are ready for the Sydney Mardi Gras parade.

Merwez Whaleboat and Luke Captain attend their first Mardi Gras in memory of their brother.

Elizabeth Kennedy-Fuller, Lakin Searle, Ismail Hayek-Donovan and Tristan Davison.

Uncle Max Harrison performs a smoking ceremony.

Allen Stanley and Yarraga Weatherall.
DESPITE the threat of rain, thousands of people turned out on the streets of Sydney for this year’s Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras held last Saturday night.

Among the more than 180 floats were the sistagirls from the Tiwi Islands who crowdfunded to get from their home, off the coast of the Northern Territory, to Sydney for the annual parade.

Leading the parade again this year was the First Nations float, featuring Aboriginal drag icons Destiny Haz Arrived and the Dreamtime Divas.

The float also boasted glittery Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, dancers from NAISDA, and an open-air bus carrying Elders.

Uncle Max Harrison gave the parade goers his blessing and performed a smoking ceremony before the festivities began.
Nominations open for Qld awards

NOMINATIONS for the 2017 Qld Premier’s Reconciliation Awards are now open. The awards, supported by the Koori Mail, recognise individuals, groups, communities, educational institutions, businesses and partnerships taking positive steps towards reconciliation across Queensland.

The awards program offers a total prize pool of $25,000 across five categories: business, community, education, partnership and an overall Premier’s Reconciliation Award. Nominations close on March 20. More details at www.qld.gov.au/reconciliation

Funding available for arts, language

THE 2017-18 funding round for the federal Government’s Indigenous Languages and Arts (ILA) program is now open. The ILA aims to help Indigenous communities revive and maintain languages, and to develop and present art.

Under the 2017-18 open grant round, up to $100,000 a year for up to a maximum of two years is available for projects that:

● contribute to the revival and maintenance of Australia’s Aboriginal languages or Torres Strait Islander languages; and/or

● develop, produce, present, exhibit or perform Indigenous arts projects.


Territory police seize cannabis

NORTHERN Territory police have seized cannabis they estimate to be worth more than $900,000 following a 14-month operation preventing drugs entering remote communities.

The Cross Border Team launched Operation Paloma in November 2015, targeting the sale and supply of cannabis in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and surrounding communities. More than 62kg of marijuana was seized and 10 arrests made, police say.

“The estimated street value of the seized cannabis, if sold in Indigenous communities, is more than $900,000,” Detective Superintendent Michael White said.

Mothers, babies can sleep easier

MORE funding has been provided for a Queensland program allowing Indigenous newborns to sleep safely with their mothers.

The State Government has allocated $100,000 to continue the roll-out of the Safe Sleeping program in Indigenous communities, including 600 Pep-Pods allowing babies to bedshare.

The Pep-Pod is a portable sleep safe space for children up to five months old, including bedding.

The program also includes education assistance for Indigenous mothers aged 15-25.

Bible Society’s Indigenous book

THE Bible Society has launched a special Indigenous book, Our Mob, God’s Story celebrates the impact of the Bible on Indigenous people, along with the Bible Society’s 200 years of work in Australia.

The book has more than 115 paintings by 67 Indigenous artists from across the country.

World Vision’s Reverend Tim Costello said the book was a “valuable history lesson”. More details at www.biblesociety.org.au

NEW South Wales

ABOUT one-third of young people in youth detention in Western Australia have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), preliminary data from the Telethon Kids Institute has shown.

The Bankia Hill Project is the first study in Australia to assess and diagnose young people in a youth custodial facility for FASD.

Researchers have spent the past two years assessing more than 100 young people (95% of whom were male) at Bankia Hill Detention Centre, Western Australia’s only detention centre for offenders aged 10 to 17.

While researchers are only in the preliminary stages of data analysis, early results show between 30 and 40% of young people assessed have FASD, a neurodevelopmental disorder caused when an unborn child is exposed to alcohol in the womb.

Head of the study Professor Carol Bower said the results were valuable and would help researchers, government, health professionals and justice workers develop a framework to help these young people.

These young people have debilitating and lifelong neurodevelopmental impairments, which affect their ability to function in society, through no fault of their own,” Prof Bower said.

“Now that we know how big the problem is in young people in detention, we can work towards developing strategies to help them while they are in detention, when they leave, and ideally before they reach detention in the first place.”

Deputy commissioner, youth justice services Rachael Green from Department of Corrective Services welcomed the release of preliminary data from the study.

“We recognise many young people in our care at Bankia Hill Detention Centre have complex lives, and for the first time we now have information about the proportion who suffer from FASD and other neurodevelopmental impairments,” she said.

“An impairment like FASD affects a young person’s ability to process instructions or understand the consequences of their actions, which impacts their behaviour and the effectiveness of our youth justice programs.

“This study by the Telethon Kids Institute is invaluable to our work, as it includes the development of training materials to help our youth justice team adopt more effective strategies and techniques for working with young people with FASD and other neurological impairments.”

“By understanding young people’s individual strengths and challenges, and knowing the most effective way of working with them, we have a much better chance of reducing their reoffending and supporting them to go on and live productive lives in the community,” Ms Green said.

Making art of islands

Alcohol exposure in the womb a problem for youth

A collaboration of minds, cultures and artistic practice: Grace Williams, Nico Molé and Jamin begin their ‘immersion’, which will result in Islands – A Speculation.

A Speculation, an installation that will examine the nature of islands, what it means to be Indigenous and how we got there.

Prof Williams, from Hobart, who has painted five murals in the past year and has been mentoring Williams over the past year.

For Williams, from Hobart, who has painted five murals in the past year and has been kept busy with private commissions, this will be her first stab at large-scale installation art.

The 18-year-old told the Koori Mail she is nervous and excited, but sees it as a door to bigger things and she is ready for it.

She said she wants to look forward in her culture and create new traditions. She hopes the installation will show how people have different perceptions on culture and give them a sense of belonging.

Islands – A Speculation will be at the Queen Victoria Museum (Inveresk), Launceston, from March 17 to April 23. The artists will be talking to the public about their work March 16.
The Voice of Indigenous Australia

By KEIRA JENKINS

DELEGATES from around the world gathered at the NSW State Library in Sydney for the recent 10th International Indigenous Librarians’ Forum.

With the theme ‘Knowledge connections, survival and activism’, the forum included speakers from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. It was an opportunity for Indigenous librarians and information workers to discuss the information needs and aspirations of their people.

Special guest AIATSIS chief executive Craig Ritchie spoke about the idea of “bringing culture back”.

“Where did culture go that we have to bring it back?” he asked.

“Culture is always there and it is there first. The resilience and persistence of culture makes it impossible to lose.

“We might lose an aspect of it or traditions or it might change over time, but we can never lose it entirely.

“And why is it that Aboriginal people have culture, but white people are just ‘normal’? The truth is all humans are rooted in culture.”

Over the three-day conference speakers presented and shared stories on topics such as language revitalisation and Indigenous management.

Canadian man Tim Stevenson spoke about his work on the cultural importance of food.

As part of his work, Mr Morseu created an online resource on the National Library’s online archives about ‘Old TI’.

“I grew up with that tradition of old people speaking to you because I was raised by my great grandparents,” he said.

“They would tell me the stories about the Thursday Island they knew, Old TI. I saw this project as an extension of those stories.

“I reached out to the Torres Strait through Facebook because I know blackfellas love to get on there and connect with each other.

“I feel that I am a gatekeeper of knowledge in my role, and I have a duty to my community to share that knowledge with them.”
The Australian Government’s current approach to the ice epidemic is only “digging a deeper hole” and progressive policy is needed, two drug addiction experts say. A “harsh” approach is not just ineffective but counter-productive, Dr Matthew Frei and Dr Alex Wodak write in the Medical Journal of Australia.

They say despite the recommendations of last year’s Ice Taskforce, the Government continues to define addiction to ice as a criminal justice problem. The drug addiction doctors suggest contempt and an unwillingness to help those with a serious drug problem has aided the expansion of the illicit drug market in Australia.

“Governments continue to define the issue as primarily a criminal justice problem, using pejorative terms when referring to people who use drugs, and generously support law-enforcement measures while parsimoniously funding health and social interventions,” they write.

“Commonwealth, state and territory governments allocated about two-thirds of drug spending to law enforcement and only 9% for prevention, 21% for drug treatment and 2% to harm reduction over the 2009-10 financial year.

“Expanding”

“After decades of this approach, Australia’s illicit drug market is expanding. Not only are illicit drugs easy to obtain but prices have fallen and many newly identified psychoactive drugs have appeared, often more dangerous than older drugs.”

Drug use surveillance found that between 2009 and 2014 the proportion of drug users finding it ‘easy’ or ‘very easy’ to obtain ice, or crystalline methamphetamine, increased from 65% to 91%. Ice use increased from 37% to 61% in this time.

While this demand remains strong, there will “always” be a supply, wrote Dr Frei, the clinical director of drug treatment centre Turning Point, and Dr Wodak from St Vincent’s Hospital Alcohol and Drug service.

Progressive government policy, they say, is what is needed to redefine drug use as a health and social issue.

“British politician Denis Healey was fond of saying, ‘If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.’ It’s time Australia took this advice when responding to illicit drugs,” they wrote.

Dr Frei and Dr Wodak said consideration must be given to drug consumption rooms, to be placed in drug “hot spots”, as a way to offer information about harm reduction and treatment. They also support the provision of ice-using equipment.
BAABAYN Aboriginal Corporation has held a community event in Mt Druitt aiming to build solidarity among Aboriginal people in western Sydney against the use of methamphetamine (ice) and other drugs.

The event featured entertainment from Archie Roach, Sean Choolburra, Rap for Change, the Deadly Dreaming Dancers, Mt Druitt Children’s Choir and Mary G.

Local services set up stalls to promote health and wellbeing, and a sausage sizzle was held.

Baabayn director Jenny Ebsworth said the event provided a sense of solidarity and community support to people struggling with issues related to drug addiction.

"Sadly poverty, trauma, domestic violence, drug and alcohol addiction and imprisonment continue to dominate the lives of many Aboriginal people living in Mt Druitt," she said.

"That’s why events like this are so important.

"Our organisation wants the community to know we are all in this together and we will fight to improve our lives as a community."

Baabayn project worker Mary Kerr said local Elders are deeply worried about the impact of ice and other drugs on many people in the area.

Anne Johnson and Keifer Johnson came from Wilcannia, western NSW, to talk about the effects of ice.

Help offered by Baabayn

"The idea came from the community wanting to build solidarity among families and individuals who feel they are facing the devastation of harmful drug use on their own," she said.
The Blak Markets will return to Sydney’s Barangaroo Reserve on Saturday (March 11) for a celebration of Aboriginal culture and an afternoon of market stalls, food, and entertainment. The markets, starting from 2pm on the Stargazer Lawns, will feature bush Tucker stalls, weaving workshops, performances from Indigenous bands the Stiff Gins, and storytelling by Tuckey Cooley as well as Aboriginal dance performances. More than 10 stallholders from around NSW will sell bush foods, arts, crafts, skin care products and accessories. The Tribal Warrior will also run two interactive Aboriginal cultural tours of Me-Mel (Goat Island).

**Blak Markets on at Barangaroo**

**Victoria**

**Room to Breathe**

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**Getting more P drivers mobile**

According to the report, this has a number of contributions to the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in jail for traffic offenses.

Lead author Professor Kathleen Clapham, from the Australian Health Services Research Institute at the University of Wollongong, said one way to close this disparity is through long-term government investment in community-based licensing programs.

“Getting your P-plates is a rite of passage for most Australians, but for Aboriginal people there are host of reasons why getting their licence is not so easy,” she said. “A lack of supervised drivers, the cost of lessons, the remoteness of where they live as well as poor literacy, are all factors.

“Factors, which can all be overcome by having the right support in place, such as providing community based programs.

“We need to create a new generation of drivers who can then go on to teach and supervise the next wave of young drivers.”

Community-based programs such as the Driving Change Program provide support for young drivers and include mentoring, supervised driving practice, assistance with obtaining identification documents, booking tests, help with filling out forms as well as providing professional driving lessons.

This type of program also assists clients to manage fines through the State Debt Recovery Office and helps people regain their licence.

The George Institute for Global Health’s Professor Rebecca Ivers, who has led development and evaluation of the Driving Change program said programs like Driving Change have resulted in thousands of lives being transformed as a result of being able to hold down a job and access proper health care.

“All too often their funding is cut or discontinued altogether leaving entire communities without any support, and they are back to square one,” she said.

“Investing in these programs would bring significant benefits to both the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people, and the Australian taxpayer.”

Other suggestions to overcome the barriers include the provision of driver training in high schools, as well as job service networks playing a more active role in helping unemployed clients gain a licence.

The report, published in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health, also highlights a need for increased diversionary programs that magistrate can refer driving offenders to rather than opting for jail or fines.

The report was prepared with input from 31 stakeholders and Aboriginal participants in NSW and South Australia at Redfern, Griffith, Port Lincoln and Ceduna.

**Lawyer to assist land councils**

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) and Justice Connect have joined forces to fund a lawyer who will provide legal support and training for the state’s network of 120 local Aboriginal land councils.

NSWALC has committed $120,000 a year for the two-year project, partnering with Justice Connect to provide legal assistance to LALCs.

Some areas of law where councils will be receiving assistance from the lawyer include property, employment, work health and safety, and environment.

NSWALC chair Roy Ah-See said the partnership would provide increased knowledge and confidence about compliance and enhancing skills to manage legal and governance requirements.

“As a result, LALCs can make better use of their time and resources to effectively assist community members and further build their economic self-reliance,” he said.

“In every community in NSW, there’s a local Aboriginal land council, which places the Land Rights Network in a strong position to partner with organisations like Justice Connect to deliver essential services.”

**Yulluna People welcome ruling**

The Yulluna People of north-west Queensland have had their land covered by native title extended to almost 10,000 square kilometres.

Yulluna Elder and claim applicant member Brian Sullivan said the native title consent determination approved in the Federal Court was a positive outcome for the Yulluna People. “The court ruling is very precious because the determination area near the town of Duchess forms part of an important Dreaming story for us,” he said.

Natural Resources Minister Anthony Lynham said the determination was key to giving the Yulluna People’s non-exclusive rights to camp, hunt, fish, gather, protect, teach, conduct ceremonies and be buried on-country for generations to come.

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**Extra space for remote housing**

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Rangers will use the devices to help conserve the 369 hectare Wurd Wurung property and to protect sites of cultural significance to the local Wathaurong/Wadawurrung people as well as endangered plains grasslands.

CMA Indigenous facilitator Ange Jeffery said the devices will help the rangers record sites and keep track of their work.

“The GPS initiative is about giving the Aboriginal rangers control over their information. It captures and stores, and it empowers them with the tools they need to visually share this information with partners and stakeholders,” she said.
Enter the recording studio at Brunswick Music Festival

As part of this year’s Brunswick Music Festival in Melbourne, Indigenous musicians will take centre stage for the Wantok Live at the Wick on March 9. The night will include performances from Pitjantjatjara singer-songwriter Frank Yamma, Kamilaroi hip hop artist Radical Son and Anindilyakawar instrumentalist and vocalist Emily Wurramara.

Yamma sings in Pitjantjatjara language and English. His new album Uncle showcases his guitar playing and voice. Although he’s lived in Adelaide for many years, Yamma said his spirit still belongs in central Australia.

Radical Son is a musician, artist and individualist. From his hip hop roots, Radical Son steeps his music in social statements. He focuses on the issues of where he’s from, what could be, troubled pasts and songs of healing.

Emily Wurramara grew up on Groote Eyelandt surrounded by water, music and wildlife, which have become the inspiration for her songs later in life. Ms Wurramara has performed in Sweden and France and has performed at festivals such as Island Vibe, Woodford Folk Festival, Stylin’ Up and and NAIDOC events. She has performed alongside the likes of Sheillie Morris, Troy Cassar-Daley and Impossible Odds.

Big stars come to Adelaide

IN 1992, Aboriginal star Archie Roach was on the program for the first WOMADelaide festival. Twenty-five years on, Roach is again playing with a host of other Indigenous stars at this year’s event in the South Australian capital. It will be the GunldiJilma Bundjalung performer’s sixth appearance at WOMADelaide – a record for most appearances at the festival.

Roach is one of many Indigenous artists on this year’s program, running from March 10-13. Also appearing are hip hop mob A.B. Original, actor Jack Charles, performer Garuwa, artist Tony Sheather and ABC presenter Miriam Corowa.

WOMADelaide has a strong history of Indigenous involvement. In 2007, the WOMADelaide Foundation presented Nganampa Music, where APY Lands undertook workshops with Aboriginal performers. In 2009, 2010 and 2011 the WOMADelaide Foundation presented Indigenous stars at this year’s program, running from March 10-13.

Sharing stories with art and film

A NEW multimedia artwork celebrating the strength and continuity of local Aboriginal people and their culture will be launched at Barangaroo, Sydney, this week.

Barangaroo Ngangamay, created by Aboriginal artists and curators Genevieve Grieves and Amanda Jane Reynolds, will be in the Barangaroo Reserve and can be accessed on mobile devices via a downloadable app.

The artwork features five rock engravings, known as petroglyphs, which have been carved into five sandstone rocks around Barangaroo Reserve by Elders Vic Simms, Steven Russell and Laurie Bimson.

The engravings act as a ‘key’ to unlock a series of short films, depicting the life cycles of the sun, moon and women. Each film is accessible at Barangaroo Reserve using a smartphone or tablet with a geo-location app, which will play the films when approaching the engravings.

Grieves said she feels honoured to have the opportunity to share the stories of local Aboriginal people through the multimedia work.

“Aboriginal culture is strong and vibrant – and this work gives everyone who visits Barangaroo a chance to know something of its importance to Aboriginal people,” she said.

For more information visit www.barangaroo.sydne
New book to spark water rights debate

A NEW Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) publication, Overturning Aqua Nullius has been launched.

The award-winning work aims to create a new understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander water rights and interests in the context of Indigenous water concepts and water policy development in Australia.

In Overturning Aqua Nullius Wiradjuri Nyemba woman Virginia Marshall argues Aboriginal water rights require legal recognition as property rights.

“Water access and infrastructure are integral to the successful enterprise in Aboriginal communities,” she said.

“Aboriginal peoples’ social, cultural and economic certainty rests on their right to control and manage customary water.

“Establishing a Reserved Indigenous Water Rights regime is a crucial step towards improving Aboriginal health outcomes and advancing

Wayne was the choice

Koorie Heritage Trust chief executive Tom Mosby with Wayne Quilliam’s Cultural Apocalypse, 2016.

PALAWA photographer Wayne Quilliam has taken out the Moogi Club People’s Choice Award at the 2016 Koorie Art Show.

His photographic print on canvas Cultural Apocalypse, 2016 received most of the more than 400 votes cast by visitors to the show, which was hosted in Melbourne by the Koorie Heritage Trust. The People’s Choice Award was the last presented in the show, which featured 70 artists and more than 110 works.

Yorta Yorta artist Greg Muir won the Creative Victoria Award for Excellence in any media for his acrylic work Travelling on Our Ancestor’s Land 2016, while Pierra Van Sparks (Pibbulman), won the RMIT University Award for her Blackfella Bingo, 2016. digital print on canvas.

The Koorie Art Show showcases works by Victoria-based Indigenous artists.

Koorie Heritage Trust chief executive Tom Mosby said the awards recognise the “immense and diverse talents of our Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.”

He confirmed that planning was already in hand for this year’s Koorie Art Show.
Weight loss comp is on

The deadline for this year’s NSW Aboriginal Knockout Challenge weight-loss competition is just two days away. NSW Rugby League and NSW Health are urging people from Aboriginal communities across the state to team up for the event, with registrations closing on March 10.

The Challenge is a joint initiative of NSW Health and NSW Rugby League, which aims to address obesity and help close the health and life-expectancy gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people across the state. It includes two 10-week challenges which are named after the Knockout’s Rugby League Ambassadors: The George Rose Challenge and Julie Young Challenge.

Blues rugby league coach and Knockout Challenge ambassador Laurie Daley said the annual weight-loss challenge had helped thousands of people change their attitudes towards exercise and diet and lead healthier lifestyles.

“This is Knockout’s sixth year and we’ve keen to bring new participants on board to experience this rewarding challenge that can change your life forever. for the better,” he said. “We saw fantastic results in 2016, with around 1200 people from 35 teams participating and losing an average of 2.3kg through exercise and diet routines.

“Teams of up to 3 members face the challenges together, supporting each other to stay on track and push through the hard yards to meet their goals.”

NSW Health’s Dr Jo Mitchell said it was important to maintain a healthy weight, as the risk of developing chronic disease increased as people put on the kilos.

“People living with obesity are at increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes and associated diseases such as cardiovascular disease, osteoarthritis and reproductive problems,” she said.

“Poor diet and physical inactivity also contribute to coronary heart disease.

“The Knockout Challenge provides a fun opportunity to lose weight and improve your lifestyle and general wellbeing, to help combat obesity and other chronic diseases.”

“Teams in previous challenges have achieved amazing results they can be proud of and we hope even more participants will join the 2017 Knockout Challenge and achieve even better health outcomes.”

For team registration visit nswknockouthealthchallenge.com.au

Health expo to change bad habits in men

It’s all about social and health wellbeing but it’s also about mentorship and trying to encourage families and individuals to head in the right direction.

The expo culminated with a corroboree, with more than 300 people attending.

Western NSW Local Health District Aboriginal health and wellbeing director Brendon Cutmore said it was extremely important to focus on preventative health at the expo.

“It’s really our opportunity as Aboriginal men to take control of our lives, whether that be through eliminating some of the negative habits people have, things such as smoking, drugs and alcohol,” he said.

“Coming to these types of events and having discussions around how to make your life healthier, how to be a leader in the community and how to be a leader in your family and how your actions reflect on the people around you – that’s a big take home message.”

On target to eliminate hepatitis C by 2026

The report shows more than 30,000 patients out of the 230,000 Australians with chronic hep C were treated with the direct-acting antiviral (DAA) drugs in 2016.

Professor Greg Dore, head of the Kirby Institute’s Viral Hepatitis Clinical Research Program, says it’s been a “great start” which has given Australia a unique opportunity to become the first country to eliminate a major infectious disease through treatment intervention.

“Providing Australians living with hep C ongoing access to effective, well-tolerated medications will help curb transmission of the virus, reduce rates of liver disease, and eliminate hep C as a major public health issue within a decade,” Prof Dore said.

The report also highlights an “encouraging” increase in the proportion of patients being treated by general practitioners.

“As we move forward, treatment really needs to be provided where the people are, in rural areas and in community settings, because the liver clinics already have their hands very full,” Hepatitis NSW chief executive Stuart Loveday said.

The new treatment is administered as a course of pills that is consumed for three months and has a 90% cure rate.

If left untreated, hep C can damage the liver, causing liver scarring that can lead to liver failure or cancer. Currently 20% of Australians with the disease remain undiagnosed.

Mr Loveday says the report is pleasing but more work needs to be done to eliminate hep C. This includes increasing treatment for marginalised people, including those who are incarcerated, Indigenous Australians, and people who inject drugs.

The report’s release coincided with the availability of the latest hep C treatment Zepatier on the PBS. For more information on the hep C PBS listed drugs people can ring the Hep C Info Line on 1800 437 222.
Goanna design rocks

A BRAND of medical tape is set to feature an Indigenous design. Rocktape will have a goanna design thanks to the work of exercise physiologist Bree Sauer and Aboriginal artist Trent Squire, a Noongar man who lives in Gatton, Queensland.

Ms Sauer had been working with Mr Squire’s son Marcellus, who has osteogenesis imperfecta, which causes him to have weak and brittle bones. The pair took several designs to Rocktape, which chose the goanna design to use on their product.

Mr Squire said the goanna design is the story of his family.

“I live for my family, my fiancé Sueallen and our son Marcellus, who is my hero,” he told the Koori Mail. “Marcellus teaches us how to live and love life like we never knew we could. He is my inspiration. He is our world.”

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“The goannas have only one direction to travel in. They choose to sit where they are or move forward and fight to live.” Ms Sauer has been using the medical tape to treat two-year-old Marcellus, and says that along with his other treatments – such as hydrotherapy – it’s making a lot of difference.

She said Marcellus is now walking, which is a huge achievement for a child of Marcellus’ age with the severe type of osteogenesis imperfecta he has.

“From the moment we put it on you could see how much it was helping him,” she said. “His legs were very badly bowed but they are now so much straighter. He walks a lot easier now. It’s amazing to see the difference.”

Ms Sauer said she had used the tape on the football players she treats and had the idea of an Indigenous design once she met Mr Squire and his family.

“I brought the idea up with Trent and he was really keen,” she said. “Then when we took his ideas to Rocktape they were really keen too. We were so surprised but so glad.”

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A not-for-profit organisation, Postvention will hold a conference in Sydney this month to look at better ways of supporting those affected by suicide.

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“Children in remote communities have some of the highest rates of chronic ear disease in the world,” she said. “We want to spread the message in regional communities that early detection and treatment of ear diseases in children is vital to ensure optimum development of speech, language, and to minimise the long-term effects on educational performance.”

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TWELVE young Quandamooka people from south east Queensland have graduated with the Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management. Throughout their course the young people, who will go on to be rangers, have been taught the skills needed to work on country and conserve the culture and heritage that has been passed down by local Elders. All 12 students completed the course after six months of working in the field and studying.

Some of the graduates had not completed their high schooling and had struggled with literacy throughout their lives. Booroongen Djugun College assisted all in completing their certificates as well as building their confidence and helping with literacy skills.

The training was funded by the Queensland Government, through its Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative.

Young graduates skilled and ready to work on country

EDUCATION

BUNDJALUNG man Kyle Ryan has been recognised as one of Queensland’s top 12 graduates of 2016 at the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Achievement Awards.

In a ceremony at the State Library in South Bank, Brisbane, Mr Ryan, who went to Glenala State High School, was one of 34 students from across Queensland to receive an award.

He received the Highest Achievement by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Student award.

“I didn’t realise at first how prestigious the awards were,” Mr Ryan told the Koori Mail.

“I didn’t know the awards were statewide until I was actually at the ceremony. So it felt pretty good to know I got the award, and even better when I found that out.”

Mr Ryan said his passion is for maths and science subjects, and he hopes to become a doctor once he’s finished university.

“I started university this week,” he said. “I’m doing a Bachelor of Advanced Science and then when I’m done that I’ll do biomedical so I can be a medical doctor.”

Mr Ryan said it was his Year 12 Biology teacher who inspired him into the biomedical field.

“Initially I didn’t want to be a doctor,” he said. “I picked biology and at first I hated it. But I had a really great teacher and she made me love the subject. So now I’m more interested in medical science whereas before I just wanted to do the logical science and maths subjects.”

Mr Ryan has excelled in these subjects; already participating in a QUT research internship program and University of Queensland’s SPARQ-ed program.

He has also received a Young Achiever’s scholarship at the University of Queensland because of the high marks he achieved during his schooling.

“I come from a low-socioeconomic area – Inala,” Mr Ryan said. “I topped all my cohorts. I got very high marks in science and maths. That’s important to me.”

Education Minister Kate Jones said the awards are an important chance to recognise outstanding students.

“It’s a chance for us to stop and honour the hard work and dedication of our highest-achieving graduates and to thank their family members, teachers and friends who supported them during their studies,” she said.

“It’s great to know our best and brightest students are choosing to continue building their skills and knowledge in disciplines that drive innovation.”
Hannah follows Mabo’s path

Hannah Duncan has set her sights on a career advocating for the rights of others. The 21-year-old granddaughter of native title champion the late Eddie Mabo is already well on her way to achieving her ambition after graduating from Bond University.

Ms Duncan, who studied through an Indigenous scholarship, is a member of one of the largest groups of Indigenous students to graduate in a single semester at Bond, with a total of 68 students currently completing their studies at the private Gold Coast university.

With a 96% Indigenous student retention rate, Bond performs well above Australia’s average national Indigenous retention rate of 71% and national non-Indigenous retention rate of 80.8%.

Ms Duncan, who was an executive member and president of Bond’s Student Society for Indigenous Awareness, has just completed a Bachelor of Laws and is now starting a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, also at Bond, which is the next step in becoming a practising lawyer.

She said she aspires to follow in her grandfather’s footsteps and is already well on her way, beginning a placement at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in Brisbane.

“I like the area of public law and the formation of the tribunal, with its ability to help people,” she said.

“I feel that if I work in this area, I will be able to build my skills in dispute resolution methods, such as negotiation and mediation, to be able to give back to the community. In order to get where I would like to be, the first step is completing my practical legal training and my placement at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

“I’m excited and nervous to see what is ahead but I am confident that if I work hard I will get where I need to be, and achieve my ultimate goal of making a difference.”

Ms Duncan said the atmosphere and people at Bond had helped her transition to university life with ease.

“I have absolutely loved my time at Bond and have really felt a part of a community, with the opportunity to be involved in so many clubs,” she said. “I am part of the women’s AFL team and have participated in multiple legal skills competitions.

“Bond has provided me with experiences that have enabled me to develop my ability and my character. I am very grateful for the opportunity I was given and look forward to the future.”

More regional students move to the big smoke

REGIONAL students throughout Australia – many of them Indigenous – are moving at unprecedented levels to the big smoke to study.

A study funded by the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education at Curtin University shows the number of students shifting from regional towns to city universities has increased by more than 75% between 2008 and 2014. That’s a rise from roughly 29,000 students to more than 50,000.

La Trobe University’s Associate Professor Buly Cardak, who co-authored the report, said financial restraints were no longer an inhibitor for students moving to the city.

He added the Government should reassess education funding models in light of the trend.

“How might the Government prioritise funding allocations now that we know an increasing number of regional students is instead choosing metropolitan campuses,” he said.

“Support”

“Do they invest more in the city, providing infrastructure and support for migrating students? Or do they increase incentives for students to stay in, or return to, regional locations?”

The report on regional students looked at students’ home addresses when they first started their university education.

It found a growing proportion of mature-age students and students with disabilities, as well as Indigenous students, were making a city move.
National


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Ongoing: WGAR – Working Group Against Racism (Australia). Prioritising grassroots Aboriginal voices and voices in solidarity with Aboriginal peoples’ rights with information and opinions from a range of sources. Details: www.groups.google.com/group

Now Open: National call for expressions of interest from Aboriginal artists by Ochre Dawn Creative Industries. Details (08) 7226 3732, email rebecca@ochredawn.com or visit www.ochredawn.com

Now Open: Registrations are now open for National Close the Gap Day 2017. To find an event in your area or to host an event yourself visit www.oxfam.org.au/nctgd

Details: 1800 086 110

Until March 17: 34th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (NATSIAA) entries open. One overall and six category winners to be selected. Conditions apply. Details: Rosie Metcalfe on (03) 9944 76 76 or email magnt.net.au

Until March 17: National search for Indigenous Marathon Project Squad – 2017 by-out tour dates. Open to all Indigenous men and women aged 18-30. Applications can be made on the day. Details: (02) 6162 4750 or visit www.indigenousmarathon.com.au

Until April 11: GONZALEZ Chiro, a solo exhibition by Ryan Gonzalez. Held at Alliance Arts in Prison and community support through the Indigenous Arts Partnership. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.kooriheritagetrust.org

March 16: Hunter New England LHD Close the Gap Day. Includes keynote address from Associate Professor Kelvin Kong, guest speakers and panel discussion. Held at John Hunter Hospital, Lecture Theatre. „Royal Newcastle Centre from 9.00am-1.00pm. Details: Lucy Reed on (02) 4924 6607 or email Lucy.Reed@hnhealth.nsw.gov.au

March 18: Know Your Rights. Held at Jullums AMS, 51 Urbala Street, Lismore from 10am-2pm. Details: Vickie Williams on (02) 6621 4366.

March 18-19: Shelley Morris Performance. Internationally renowned singer/songwriter is visiting Bellingen for two intimate nights of music and stories. Held at 5 Church Street, Bellingen from 7pm. Tickets available on (02) 6655 0155. Details: Emily Murphy on 0438 866 020


Victoria

Until March 18: Dhumbadha Munga Talking Knowledge Exhibition. Looks at two-way relationship between the art workers and the artists they support through the Indigenous Arts in Prison and community programs. Details: Joy Lothian on 0423 828 035 or visit www.countryarts.org.au

Queensland

Until April 16: Barrambul Aboriginal Art & Craft Showcase. Explores the history and culture of the Aboriginal community of Barrambul/Berghung in the 1970s and 80s, with more than 100 original works of pottery. Held at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library of Queensland, South Brisbane, Brisbane, open daily. Cost: Free. Details: (07) 3842 9624

March 18: Know Your Rights. Learn about copyright and Indigenous Culture. Details: Information and Intellectual Property (ICIP). Held at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library of Queensland, South Brisbane, Brisbane, from 10am-12 noon. Cost: $10 per person. Details: (07) 3842 9624

March 18: Bunya Festival. Includes live music, song circles and displays. Held at Goonellabah every Tuesday on 0429 423 116.

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Employment
EXECUTIVE • PROFESSIONAL • POSITIONS VACANT

University of Sydney’s School of Rural Health (SRH) school-based trainees Ethan Colliss and Sarai Dodd with SRH staff member Sean Hagan, AES account consultant Shane Riley and SRH projects officer Alex Meyer.

Workplace mentoring in Dubbo inspires trainees

The University of Sydney’s School of Rural Health (SRH), partnering with the Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES), has welcomed two new school-based trainees.

Sarai Dodd and Ethan Colliss have started the two-year traineeship at Dubbo, NSW, and are now working with workplace mentors and supervisors.

Sarai works with SRH projects administrator Alex Meyer, while Ethan is working with IT officer Sean Hagan.

“I was interested in going for this traineeship through AES because I thought it would help me find a career path and it just seemed like a great opportunity for me to take up,” Sarai said.

“What I like most about SRH is the staff and the friendly environment of the workplace. I also really like that they always give me jobs to do and not treat me like I’m just a school student, but as a legitimate co-worker.

“Studying hard and doing my best in school is my main goal right now, but also getting as much fun as I can get out of the whole process.”

Positive change

The SRH aims to continue working with the AES in creating a positive change and opportunity for Dubbo youth.

SRH school manager Kim O’Connor welcomed the school-based traineeships at the Dubbo campus.

“The SRH and the AES are working closely to ensure the new trainees are well supported during their two year traineeships,” she said.

“Ethan and Sarai will learn a variety of skills in their chosen fields while they are working with us and this will provide a solid foundation for their future careers.

“Both students have already proven they are keen to learn.”

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We are currently seeking a Regional Manager, Transition Programs:

• 38 hours per week
• Contract to 30th June 2018
• Terms and Conditions of employment as per Level 7 Pay Point 3 of the SCHADS Award 2010
• Salary of $88,500 gross per annum plus Super and generous Salary Packaging
• Based in Broken Hill

CRC is seeking a skilled, knowledgeable, dynamic and ethical Regional Manager with a demonstrated understanding of the causes and impact of crime and imprisonment in Indigenous Communities. We are looking for someone with the capacity to utilise a social justice framework in the development and the delivery of transition case-work services. The successful applicant will hold a key position in the organisation to ensure that the major policy challenges of advocacy work in this environment and high level skills in navigating complex service systems. Working as part of the management team, you will be responsible for overseeing and co-ordinating all aspects of CRC’s Transition Programs in the Far West, including the supervision of all Transition Program staff across the region. You will possess strong personal values including high level personal integrity and commitment to ethical behaviour. The position will be based at our Broken Hill office, an office that engages predominantly with Indigenous people, Indigenous services and communities.

To apply visit www.durri.org.au to obtain an Application Pack

Closing Date: 5:00pm Friday 17 March 2017

The Community Restorative Centre (CRC) is a community based agency providing assistance to members of the criminal justice system.

Regional Manager
Transition Programs – Far West

PASSENGER SERVICE ASSISTANT (ABORIGINAL)

Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure is seeking to establish a pool of Passenger Service Assistants, for a period of 12 months. Successful candidates will be placed in the pool and may be appointed as vacancies arise.

Your chance to work for a regulated and innovative department that oversees planning, transport and infrastructure within the state.

The Department is responsible for the delivery of the State’s public transport network and this includes the provision of passenger transport services on trains, buses and tram infrastructure, including electrification of the rail network.

Passenger Service Assistant (more than one)

Vacancy No: 2017-0227

$52.59 - $11,184 per year

Duties:
Passenger Service Assistants are required to undertake a broad range of functions with a focus on providing exceptional customer service. Functions include responding confidently, courteously and efficiently to customers, undertaking timely and accurate information, ticketing compliance and ensuring the safety of customers.

To be successful in this role you will be self-driven motivated individual with a strong work ethic who is able to work within a team or independently whilst providing exceptional customer service.

Special Conditions:
To be eligible for this role, candidates must:
• be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
• be an Australian Citizen or Hold a valid Australian visa
• be willing to work shift work in accordance with a 7 day rotating roster, including early mornings, nights, weekends and public holidays
• be willing to undertake a pre-employment medical and criminal history clearance

Eligibility:
These positions will be filled by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people as an equal employment opportunity program as per Section 48 of the Public Sector Act 2018.

Our Commitment to Diversity:
As the State’s largest public transport system that a diverse and inclusive culture builds our staff for its customers and deliver the future of Sydney’s public transport network. We welcome and encourage applications from diverse community groups and aims including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disabilities, women and other diversity groups.

Emphasis:

Mr Budskin
Aboriginal Cultural Consultant
Telephone (08) 8124 3389

Applications:
Recruitment and Employment Telephone (08) 8342 2605
Email. dpl-apply@sa.gov.au

For more information on this exciting opportunity visit www.dpti.sa.gov.au

Note: Applicants are required to submit a complete pre-screening application form and curriculum vitae demonstrating their suitability for the role. In addition applicants are required to complete and return an Equal Employment Opportunity Declaration with their application for employment. The SA Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is a core value.

An Information session will be held on Friday 10 March 2017. To register your interest for this session please contact Mr Budskin.

Closing Date: 5:00pm Friday 17 March 2017

DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
“Deliver significant social benefits”

• Sydney-based

The NCIE exists to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people participate in life-changing programs, community forums and local events through our centre in Redfern. Since opening in 2010 the NCIE has supported the aspirations of thousands of stakeholders; and

The Department will be expected to operate with a high degree of independence in:
• Managing the day-to-day administration of the NCIE including Enterprise, Program and Partnerships and Corporate Services;
• Providing leadership, operational management and direction towards achievement of the NCIE’s purpose, vision, priorities and strategic direction;
• Acting in the absence of the CEO;
• Being strong operationally and able to bring rigour to process and performance;
• Collaboratively and influentially working with a range of stakeholders;
• Bringing a focus on delivering tangible outcomes across the breadth of NCIE’s activities.

While we are ideally seeking an energetic and experienced Indigenous person to help lead the NCIE, non-Indigenous persons who are passionate about working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, businesses, organisations and/or communities are welcome and also encouraged to apply.

To download the Position Description from the NCIE’s website go to:
http://ncie.org.au/about/our-jobs. If you have further questions after reviewing the PD, please contact kate.lete@allegis-partners.com at Allegis Partners, the Executive Search firm assisting the NCIE, or on 02 9087 6888. Applications close Wednesday 22 March.

PATHWAYS WORKER
Koolin Balit Early Years Project
Temporary Full Time

• Are you looking for an opportunity to challenge yourself?
• Do you have a passion for wanting to improve health outcomes?

Djeranwath Health Services is looking for a passionate and committed individual with strong community engagement skills and a knowledge of and respect for the Booral Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture to fulfil the role of Koolin Pathways Worker. You will also need to have a current Australian drivers license. This is a full-time position available until June 2018.

The Project
The Koolin-Booral Baobab Beepoop Project aims to promote the health and developmental outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families in the City of Monash and the Monashland Shire.

The Role
• Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
• Promote cultural appropriate support to clients to improve access to health and early years services;
• Promote client participation in healthy lifestyle programs, family support services, breastfeeding support services, Maternal and Child Health programs, play groups and kindergarten;
• Follow and report on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander client outcomes.

Djeranwath Health Services is a dynamic and rapidly expanding public health service providing Acute, Community and Aged Care to the City of Monash and Shire of Monash in Melbourne’s Western suburbs.

To obtain more information and the Key Selection Criteria please refer to the position description. For additional information please contact Melissa Saccio on 0418 364 120

The successful applicant will be required to provide a current Police Check and Working with Children Check Clearance and a current Australian drivers licence.

Djeranwath Health Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Applications Close 24th March 2017 at 6.00pm

Applications must be submitted online through our recruitment portal at www.djsa.com.au.
**Aboriginal Health Team Leader**

- Full-time, fixed term until 30 June 2018
- Flexibile location
- Tax-free salary packaging benefits

**Grand Pacific Health (GPH)** is a significant provider of primary health services across the South Eastern NSW region. Our health professionals deliver frontline services aimed at addressing unmet local needs in the areas of mental health, Aboriginal health, chronic disease and preventative health programs.

**About the Role**

The position of Aboriginal Health Team Leader will provide supervision and support for an experienced team of health care workers delivering a variety of funded health promotion and chronic disease management programs. A key component of the position will be to help teams deliver on targets and key performance indicators to a variety of fund holders and report the progress of these programs.

The position will involve a high level of engagement and collaboration with key stakeholders in community, especially Aboriginal Communities, families and carers, GPs, employees, ACCs, Health District, partners, General Practitioners and other government and non-government organisations.

To apply: Go to www.gph.org.au/employment to download the position description containing the selection criteria. Applicants should include a cover letter addressing the selection criteria and a current resume and be sent to jobs@gph.org.au

For more information contact the Aboriginal Health & Chronic Disease Manager, Simon Sadler on (02) 4440 2222.

This position is Aboriginal Identified under Section 50 (d) of the Equal Opportunity Act.

Closing date 12th March 2017

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**Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker**

NSW Family and Community Services aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children by recruiting and developing outstanding individuals to be leaders in child protection practice.

As an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker you will be working with vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect, their families and communities and interagency partners to be agents of change in the lives of children.

**Being an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker is tough. It takes a special kind of person. But the rewards are huge.**

We are looking for people with a strong commitment to children, families and community capacity building, people who possess a high level of resilience to become part of a team of skilled and dedicated professionals.

**Do you identify as Aboriginal and have two years experience working with Aboriginal children, young people and families or communities?**

If so apply now! Please visit www.workfor.nsw.gov.au and enter job reference no: 000041OM to join a team of dedicated and professional FACS caseworkers in your area and benefit from:

- Professional support and training
- Flexible working conditions
- Great career opportunities

Aboriginal Caseworkers must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.


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**Grand Pacific Health (GPH)** is a progressive, commercially focused organisation that promotes and encourages self-management, self-sufficiency and economic independence for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

**I'm a professional, commercially focused organisation that promotes and encourages self-management, self-sufficiency and economic independence for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.**

**IBA's Business Development and Assistance Program offers a suite of workshops, pre-business guidance, business support and business finance to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to start, acquire and grow commercially viable businesses.**

The successful applicant for this role will play a key part in:

- providing advice, guidance, coaching, skills and capabilities development whilst raising awareness on what opportunities are available to Indigenous businesses
- implementing a strategic approach to support the Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP)
- identifying growing industries in each area and designing user friendly tools to help businesses.

For further information including the job description, selection documentation and mandatory requirements for applications go to www.iba.gov.au. If you have any questions after reading this material please contact Stella.de.Cos on 02 6110 2164 or email her on stella.decos@iba.gov.au.

Applications close on 17 March 2017.
Aboriginal Education and Engagement Officer

• Senior Education Officer (ETS)
• Temporary Full-time appointment for a period up to: 3 years
• Position number and location: 174152 - Goonellabah

About the role:

Providing high level support and advice to schools, educational services teams and key stakeholders in the implementation strategies relating to Aboriginal education and engagement.

Please address the selection criteria in relation to the Statement of Duties for the position in your application. Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC). Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check. In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department’s National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Note: Under new provisions for permanent teachers taking up non-school based temporary appointments, the right of return to their substantive position has been extended to up to 3 years.

The maximum continuous period of time in temporary Non-School Based Teaching Service appointments at level is for 3 years (cumulatively). Successful applicants currently employed in an SEOT (ETS), SEDZ (ETS) or PEO (ETS), who still meet the definition of recent school based employment (which is required in the advertisement) and apply for a position at the same level, will be offered the new at-level position for the remaining balance of their existing period(s) of appointment (being a cumulative period in any at-level positions, inclusive of higher of duties and/or temporary appointments to a maximum of 3 years).

Recent school based experience is either direct classroom teaching within the past three years or school executive experience within the past three years. Direct classroom teaching or school executive experience is full-time service in a school based position in a departmental preschool, infants, primary, central/community, secondary, environmental education centre or special school for a continuous period of one (1) year. For more information please review Rules 3.1 and 3.2 of the Teachers', Support Staff and Related Employees Award 2013.

Note: Under new provisions for permanent teachers taking up non-school based temporary appointments, the right of return to their substantive position has been extended to up to 3 years.


Applications close midnight Sunday 26 March 2017.

To Apply: Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to www.jobs.aiad.org.au and search Job Reference Number 174152.

Enquiries: jobs@aiad.org.au

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.
Aboriginal Wellbeing Care Coordinator.

Working as part of our team you will be providing peer mentoring support, delivering group mental health services, working closely with Aboriginal communities and individuals, and building and maintaining strong relationships with all participants.

About The Job?

Centacare NENW currently has two positions available for an Aboriginal Cultural Wellbeing Care Coordinator role in Gunnedah and Moree.

This is an Indigenous identified position, applicants must identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

About The Job: Working as part of our team you will be providing peer mentoring support, delivering group mental health education and awareness to clients, schools and the community and provide support to the Aboriginal Wellbeing Care Coordinator.

Key Requirements:

The successful applicant will have:
- Certificate level or higher in Mental Health, Aboriginal Health, Aboriginal Healing qualifications
- Demonstrated knowledge of mental health issues affecting Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander peoples, families, communities and/or lived experience where you have walked a path to recovery and healing.
- Demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander cultural practices
- Demonstrated experience in establishing and maintaining an interpersonal working relationship and understanding the needs of Aboriginal people, their families, culture and traditions.
- Demonstrated experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- Demonstrated experience in running groups or yarning sessions and working with Aboriginal people in a culturally appropriate manner.
- A willingness to work on a part-time basis and accommodate the needs of participants.

Applications close 31st March 2017.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

To apply please click here to download the Application Pack.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au and search Job Reference Number 378417.

Closing Date: Sunday 19 March 2017
I can make a positive contribution to Aboriginal Health

I can influence positive changes towards the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in South Australia. My cultural knowledge and life experience will help to break down barriers and improve an understanding of the challenges facing Aboriginal people. At SA Health, my career is varied and interesting work.

CAMHS APY Lands Clinician FIFO
Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service APY Lands
Job Ref: 79157

Job Applications closes midnight Friday 10th of March 2017

For further information, contact Robyn Moore Practice Manager T: 02 4361070 and to obtain an application pack – contact Abyka Strike E: recruitment@yerin.org.au or visit our website www.yerin.org.au

Identified Position is under Section 9A of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Applications close: 13th March 2017


For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit;

www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact:

Kylie Belling (03) 9096 0128

www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

Job Applications closes midnight Friday 10th of March 2017

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To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Police Checks form part of the Department of Health and Human Services recruitment process.

The department promotes diversity and equal opportunity in employment and is committed to a more diverse workforce.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on diversitynchs@dhhs.vic.gov.au

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

The Senior Project Officer sits within the Policy and Strategy Unit, Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Branch. The position will contribute to the work of developing policy reform in relation to the health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal people in Victoria.

Do you have:

• A commitment to work that supports improved outcomes in Aboriginal health and wellbeing in Victoria?
• Policy analysis skills and experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health?
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Kylie Belling (03) 9096 0128

www.dhhs.vic.gov.au

Job Reference No: DHHS/CPS/RWH/387551

Applications Close: Midnight 14 March 2017

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First Peoples Health Engagement Coordinator (Griffith Health)
School of Medicine
Salary range: $72,288 - $77,282 per annum
Fixed term (12 months), full time position based at the Gold Coast campus.
Closes: 27 March 2017
Reference: 104453

When applying: Go to griffith.edu.au/jobs for further information on the position and selection criteria, or phone (07) 3735 4011 if you do not have internet access.

Tackling Indigenous Smoking (TIS) Officer
• Full-time, until 30 June 2017
• Queanbeyan or Goulburn location
• Tax-free salary packaging benefits
Grand Pacific Health (GPH) is a significant provider of primary health services across the South Eastern NSW region. Our health professionals deliver frontline services aimed at addressing unmet local needs in the areas of mental health, Aboriginal health, chronic disease and preventative health programs.

About the Role:
The Tackling Indigenous Smoking (TIS) activity’s primary focus is on tobacco use outcomes. The activity will deliver a population and preventative health approach directed to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the region. Activity is undertaken in collaboration with, and to complement, NSW state tobacco control activities.

The TIS Officer will work within the Aboriginal Health team and contribute to promoting, undertaking and supporting a range of programs, activities and workshops aiming to address quitting smoking.

To apply: Go to www.gph.org.au/employment to download the position description containing the selection criteria. Applications should include a cover letter addressing the selection criteria and a current resume and be sent to jobs@gph.org.au.

For more information contact the Aboriginal Health & Chronic Disease Manager, Simon Sadler on (02) 4446 2222

This position is Aboriginal Identified under Section 50 (d) of the Equal Opportunity Act.
Closing date 12th March 2017

Manager Aboriginal Affairs

Job No: 495894
Work Type: Ongoing – Full Time
Location: Adelaide

Leading a newly formed small team, the Manager Aboriginal Affairs will drive efforts to ensure SA Water meets its commitments to reconciliation, and develop plans to ensure Aboriginal affairs are managed in a positive, integrated and proactive way.

You will have demonstrated experience in leading policy development, in particular around engaging with Aboriginal communities, and building relationships that foster great outcomes for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.

Working with SA Water’s Reconciliation Action Plan Committee, Aboriginal Collective and other teams, you will lead the coordination of policies, programs and plans to ensure SA Water fulfils its commitments to reconciliation.

This will mean you possess a deep understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal employees and communities.

Stand out candidates will have well-developed leadership skills, including motivating staff to be high achievers, and demonstrated success in managing strategic relationships to influence mutually beneficial outcomes.

For any enquires please contact Trudi on trudi.sheidoo@sawater.com.au


www.sawater.com.au
**HOSPITALITY MANAGER**

**YARRAWARRA ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE**

The Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre (YACC) is located on Red Rock Road, Corindi Beach which is approximately 35kms north of Coffs Harbour. It comprises a conference/training venue able to sleep up to 70 in 20 rooms with a commercial kitchen and other spaces for meetings, etc. The Centre is on approximately 7 acres of parkland. The Waterfall Gallery and cafe are part of the Centre. There are three other buildings available for community use/accommodation.

Gurehgam is looking for an experienced Hospitality Manager to organize and oversee daily operations of the Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre. The manager will be responsible for building the business, building repeat business, coordinating activities and delivering exemplary customer service.

**The hospitality manager will:**
- Be responsible for the overall success of the Centre.
- Be supported by a gallery manager and part time bookkeeper.
- Have direction over a number of casual staff covering cleaning, grounds upkeep, catering and cultural activities.
- Work closely with the Gurehgam manager and board.

An attractive package will be negotiated in line with common standards for this position.

Contact Kenn at manager@gurehgam.com.au for the full position description.

**Applications close COB, Friday, March 17th**

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**Classification/s:** Full Time

**Employer:** TIDDAS Program Coordinator

**Working Conditions:** Not For Profit (NFP)

**Sector/s:**

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**About the Role:**
Whitelion provides young people with opportunities to achieve their goals, build long-term down barriers for youth at risk, and ensuring access to opportunity. If this sounds like you, read on!

Do you connect well with young people? Are you passionate about engaging with and breaking young people experiencing suspension, expulsion and disengagement from high school.

**About our Company:**

Whitelion provides young people with opportunities to achieve their goals, build long-term down barriers for youth at risk, and ensuring access to opportunity. If this sounds like you, read on!

**Applications close:** 19th March 2017

**Job posted on:** 19th March 2017

**Location:**Shannon at david.shannon@whitelion.asn.au.

**Salary is range $57,620 to $62,342 based on experience and qualifications plus superannuation. Salary packaging applies to this position.**

**Key Tasks:**
- Ensure that services delivered are effective, efficient, and client-focused, and consistent with the organisations strategic objectives.
- To engage at-risk dislocated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth and link them into local services.
- To promote healthy lifestyles and positive life choices.
- To encourage community engagement and participation.
- To work towards the reduction of the extent and incidence of antisocial and criminal behaviours.
- To encourage and support young people to link into employment and education.
- To undertake a variety of administrative tasks including case notes, client monitoring forms, SYARD data base records and other tasks as directed by the Aboriginal Services Manager.
- To assist with the maintenance of your office space.
- To be successful in this role you will need to be a motivated self-starter, innovative, able to relate to and engage at risk young people. Experience in a similar role or any in coordinating and developing programs would be highly regarded. You will also be required to undergo a criminal record check and hold a current Working with Children’s Check.

**To be successful in this role you will need:**
- To be a motivated self-starter, innovative, able to relate to and engage at risk young people.
- Experience in a similar role or any in coordinating and developing programs would be highly regarded.
- You will also be required to undergo a criminal record check and hold a current Working with Children’s Check.

How to apply for this job:

To be considered for an interview, please email your resume and cover letter addressing the key selection criteria in the position description to David Shannon at david.shannon@whitelion.asn.au.

For a copy of the position description please go to www.whitelion.org.au or contact David Shannon at david.shannon@whitelion.asn.au.

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**Aboriginal Education and Engagement Officer**

**Illawara & South Coast**

**Senior Education Officer 2 (ETS)**

**Temporary full-time role up for a period to up to three (3) years from entry on duty date**

**Position number and location:** 174266, Warilla

Total remuneration package valued to: $146,478 pa. (salary $132,141 pa.) including employer’s contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing strategic support and advice to schools, educational services teams, school communities and key stakeholders on all aspects of Aboriginal education and engagement.

**Selection Criteria:**

- **Aboriginality:**
  - Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience within the K-12 range.
  - Demonstrated commitment to participating in and managing accreditation processes.
  - Experience in leading curriculum implementation and demonstrated understanding of current trends, resources, quality teaching & assessment practice, relevant legislation and policies.
  - Demonstrated ability to liaise and negotiate with a range of stakeholders and work collaboratively within and across teams, with internal and external stakeholders, particularly with the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.
  - High level written and oral communication and interpersonal skills and experience in the preparation of documents including briefings, reports and correspondence.

- **Demonstrated capacity to ensure that projects are delivered on time, within budget and in accordance with agreed quality standards.**

- **Knowledge and of and commitment to the Department’s Aboriginal education policies and the key deliverables underpinning the actions of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Strategy.**

**Note:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

**Applications Close: 22 March 2017**

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further contact Ben Ballard on (02) 6200 3011.

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 174266.

Special Notes: It is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via Jobs.NSW. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted. Applicants must address their suitability to the selection criteria/pre-screening questions.
Apunipima Cape York Health Council is committed to the delivery of comprehensive primary health care services to ensure positive health outcomes for the people of Cape York. By tailoring its focus to each individual community, this organisation provides holistic health services, supporting individuals and families across the region. As part of their commitment to the region, the Board of Directors is seeking to appoint a new CEO to lead the organisation with a focus on continued and sustainable growth.

Based in Cairns and managing a diverse team of over 160 staff delivering services to 11 remote Cape York Communities, this role will focus on harnessing the organisation’s 23 years of experience in advancing and delivering service as well as seeking new opportunities to support the existing client base. The CEO will be particularly focused on developing the organisation’s capability and driving outcomes to achieve a more innovative primary health care health service. Key to the role are strong people leadership, commercial decision making in a not for profit environment, and the ability to build and maintain high level relationships to maximise the benefit to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community as well as the individuals utilising its services.

Apunipima Cape York Health Council is looking for an Executive with a proven commercial success, strong stakeholder engagement and outstanding leadership skills. The successful applicant will be required to demonstrate a commitment to ensuring improved outcomes for the people of Cape York as well as experience in the management of health services or related industries.

**Confidential enquiries can be directed to Ryan Webster on 07 3003 7731.**

**Selection Criteria:**

- **Aboriginality.**
- **Demonstrated ability to build the capacity of staff through the development and delivery of innovative support education for improved student learning outcomes for Aboriginal students.**
- **Experience in leading curriculum implementation and demonstrated understanding of current trends, resources, quality teaching & assessment practice, relevant legislation and policies.**
- **Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience within the K-12 range.**
- **Knowledge of and commitment to the Department’s Aboriginal education policies and the key deliverables agreed quality standards.**
- **Demonstrated capacity to ensure that projects are delivered on time, within budget and in accordance with agreed standard.**
- **Strong stakeholder engagement and outstanding leadership skills.**
- **Demonstrated knowledge and commitment to the Department’s Aboriginal education policies and the key deliverables and collaborative actions of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Strategy.**

**Note:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education and Communities, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC). Clearance number as a condition of employment if you do not already have one. For more information, visit www.kids.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/New-Working-with-Children-Check. In addition, your Clearance number Working with Children Check (WWCC) must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A9357).

**Applications close on Friday 31st March 2017.**
**WATERSNW**

**NSW MURRAY DARLING BASIN FRACURED ROCK GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval has been received from **TAYLOR PTY LTD** for a bore within the New England Fold Belt Groundwater Source on Lot 1 DP 750112, Parish North Nullamanna, County Arrawata for industrial and commercial purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, Dubbo NSW 2830 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) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Water Regulation Officer.

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**WATERNSW UPPER MACQUARIE ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for a NEW COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **SCOTT ANTHONY O'Leary and Harriet Kate Brougham** for one groundwater bore to be located on Lot 38 or Lot 39 of DP 794331, Parish of Warrne, County of Lincoln, for the purpose of irrigation on both said land portions. (Ref: A009502).

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, Dubbo NSW 2830 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) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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**DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES - WATER SOUTHERN RECHARGE GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL has been received from **DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL** for three new and one existing industrial bores located on Lot 1125 DP 808080, Parish of Burrawadine, County of Narrmone (Ref: A009415).

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to DWR, PO Box 717, Dubbo NSW 2830 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) 6841 7469, Alice Buckley, Water Regulation Officer.

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**WATERSNW MID MURRUMBIDGEE ZONE 3 ALLUVIAL GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL under section 80 of the Water Supply Act 2000 has been received from **DOCCYRMUR INVESTMENTS PTY LIMITED** for bore, on Lot 120 DP 795860 Parish Tooty, County Bourke for irrigation on Lot 1 DP 750883 Parish Tooty, County Bourke. (A009500)

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, 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 inquiries should be directed to (02) 8951 2607, Water Regulation Officer, Philip Kilien.

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS, RENEWAL OF MINING CLAIMS AND GRANT AND RENEWAL OF MINING LEASES**

**NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTh) SECTION 29**

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 grant of EPM26225, EPM26249, EPM26256, EPM26259, EPM26273 and EPM26337, the renewal of MC95228 and MC95318, the grant of ML70513 and renewal of ML95527 shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

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**MINERAL RESOURCES ACT 1989**

**FOR EXPLORATION**

Application to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Small Scale Mining Hub, Court House, Vindex Street, Winton, Queensland, 4735, Telephone: (07) 4657 1727.

Notification Day: 26 April 2017

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**DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WATER PEEL FRACURED ROCK GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application to amend Combined Approval OCAH1889A to add additional works (4). Well on Lot 70 DP 1140851, bore on Lot 4 DP 211713 and 2 bores on Lot 188 DP 237268 has been received from **TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL**.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to PO Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection (A8448).

Any queries please call Chris Binks on (02) 6763 1465.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

Application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK APPROVAL under section 92 of the Water Regulation Act 1989 (Qld) has been received from **L & D TAYLOR PTY LTD** for the purpose of supply of water for a new canteen facility at its premises located on Lot 1 DP 750112, Parish North Nullamanna, County Arrawata for industrial and commercial purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, Dubbo NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A8448)

Any queries please call (02) 6757 2502 Anthony Colvin, Water Regulation Officer.
An application for a WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from Windomold Holdings Pty Ltd for irrigation and horticulture purposes on 13/751173, 21/751173, Lot 1 DP121561, Parish of Benongal, 137/752103, 62/752103, 63/752103, Parish of Mannigan, A, 19/751343 Parish of Wobamb, all County of Caira.

Objections to the granting of this approval may be made in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address and specify the grounds of objection. (A0522)

Any queries please call (0) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL OF MINING LEASE AND GRANT AND RENEWAL OF MINING CLAIMS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTh) SECTION 29

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 renewal of ML70094, grant of MC300133 and MC300134 and renewal of MC70072, MC71121, MC71506, MC71515, MC71531, MC71582, MC71587, MC71588, MC71603, MC71613, MC71644, MC71666, MC71695, MC71709, MC72235 and MC72241, shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Nature of Act(s): The renewal of the Mining Lease and the grant and renewal of Mining Claims under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities under the provisions of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: Possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities under the provisions of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

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 renewal of the Mining Lease and grant and renewal of Mining Claims. 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) 3307 5000 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, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501. Notification Day: 29 March 2017

THE KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017. 51

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

**EL006194**

- **NAME:** Thomas Mraslov Krist and Louise Victoria Lindsay
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** Over Wandiligong as shown on the attached map
- **LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic: Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 46: B3-7, Map 50: B8-6, C8
- **TERM:** 5 years
- **AREA:** 4760ha
- **MUNICIPALITY:** Alpine Shire

**EL006195**

- **NAME:** Goldcorp Pty Ltd, Peter Mitchell
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** Over Bendigo as shown on the attached map
- **LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic: Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 46: H6-7, Map 50: B8-6, C8
- **TERM:** 5 years
- **AREA:** 264km²
- **MUNICIPALITY:** East Gippsland Shire

**EL006200**

- **NAME:** Mecawr Gold Australia Pty Ltd
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** 4.1km east of Greynook
- **LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic: Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 45: E7, F6-8, G6-7
- **TERM:** 5 years
- **AREA:** 746ha
- **MUNICIPALITY:** Shire of Strathtable

**EL006218**

- **NAME:** Nugget and Stone Pty Ltd
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** 5km south of Healesville
- **LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic: Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 80: A5
- **TERM:** 5 years
- **AREA:** 96km²
- **MUNICIPALITY:** Golden Plains Shire

**EL006221**

- **NAME:** Dart Mining NL
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** 22.5km east of Mount Beauty
- **LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic: Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 50: H2-4, J2-8
- **TERM:** 5 years
- **AREA:** 220ha
- **MUNICIPALITY:** Toowong Shire

**EL006260**

- **NAME:** Balmaine Gold Pty Ltd
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** 7.2km east of Gulgong
- **LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic: Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 36: D7-9, E7-9, F8-9, G9
- **TERM:** 5 years
- **AREA:** 245ha
- **MUNICIPALITY:** Shire of Strathbogie

**EL006277**

- **NAME:** Basin Minerals Holding Pty Ltd
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** 0kms east of Horsham
- **LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic: Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 41: H6-9, Map 42: B6-6, C6-6, Map 50: F4, G4-5, H2-5
- **TERM:** 5 years
- **AREA:** 225ha
- **MUNICIPALITY:** Northern Grampians Shire

**MIN4644**

- **NAME:** Wansley Resources Costerfield Operations Pty Ltd
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** Over Costerfield as shown on the attached map
- **LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic: Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 45: E7-8, F7-8
- **TERM:** 20 years
- **AREA:** 1,219.10 ha
- **MUNICIPALITY:** City of Greater Bendigo

**RL000636**

- **NAME:** Baseum Minerals Holding Pty Ltd
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** 7.3km east of Mount Beauty
- **TERM:** 10 years
- **AREA:** 2,191.80 hectares
- **MUNICIPALITY:** Rural City of Horsham

The State of Victoria, through the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources,  PO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Resources or delegate is considering the renewal of the following retention licence under section 24 of the Native Title Act 1993:

**RL000631**

- **NAME:** Owen Coste and Glenn Connor
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** 5 km north of Ararat
- **LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic: Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 41: H6-9, Map 42: B6-6, C6-6, Map 50: F4, G4-5, H2-5
- **TERM:** 5 years
- **AREA:** 225ha
- **MUNICIPALITY:** Northern Grampians Shire

The State of Victoria, through the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources,  PO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Resources or delegate is considering the renewal of the following exploration licences under section 25 of the Native Title Act 1993:

**TN52**

- **NAME:** Batemans Gold Pty Ltd
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** 7.6km east of Cape Clear
- **LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic: Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 78: A5-7, Map 50: H8-6, C8
- **TERM:** 5 years
- **AREA:** 96km²
- **MUNICIPALITY:** Golden Plains Shire

**TN53**

- **NAME:** Emerald Gold Pty Ltd
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** 7.6km east of Cape Clear
- **LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic: Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 78: A5-7, Map 50: H8-6, C8
- **TERM:** 5 years
- **AREA:** 96km²
- **MUNICIPALITY:** Golden Plains Shire

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.

**TN54**

- **NAME:** Nugget and Stone Pty Ltd
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** 5km south of Healesville
- **LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic: Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 80: A5
- **TERM:** 5 years
- **AREA:** 96km²
- **MUNICIPALITY:** Golden Plains Shire

Nature of the act(s): The renewal of a mining licence, which authorises the holder to mine 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).

**EL006194**

- **NAME:** Thomas Mraslov Krist and Louise Victoria Lindsay
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** Over Wandiligong as shown on the attached map
- **LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic: Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 46: B3-7, Map 50: B8-6, C8
- **TERM:** 5 years
- **AREA:** 4760ha
- **MUNICIPALITY:** Alpine Shire

Nature of the act(s): The renewal of a mining licence, which authorises the holder to mine for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to 20 years (unless the Minister decides otherwise).

**EL006195**

- **NAME:** Goldcorp Pty Ltd, Peter Mitchell
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** Over Bendigo as shown on the attached map
- **LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic: Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 46: H6-7, Map 50: B8-6, C8
- **TERM:** 5 years
- **AREA:** 264km²
- **MUNICIPALITY:** East Gippsland Shire

Nature of the act(s): The renewal of a mining licence, which authorises the holder to mine for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to 20 years (unless the Minister decides otherwise).

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.

**EL006200**

- **NAME:** Mecawr Gold Australia Pty Ltd
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** 4.1km east of Greynook
- **LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic: Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 45: E7, F6-8, G6-7
- **TERM:** 5 years
- **AREA:** 746ha
- **MUNICIPALITY:** Shire of Strathtable

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 ten years (unless the Minister decides otherwise).

**EL006218**

- **NAME:** Nugget and Stone Pty Ltd
- **LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** 5km south of Healesville
- **LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic: Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 80: A5
- **TERM:** 5 years
- **AREA:** 96km²
- **MUNICIPALITY:** Golden Plains Shire

Nature of the act(s): The renewal of a mining licence, which authorises the holder to mine 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).

Notification Day: 8 March 2017

Native Title Parties: Under Section 10 of the Native Title Act 1993 persons have until three months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the potential grant of the licences. The three month period closes on 8 June 2017. Enquiries about becoming a native title party may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Melbourne Registry, telephone 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further information about the potential grant of the licences, including identification maps, may be obtained from the Earth Resources Business Centre at Level 15, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000, telephone (03) 8392 7095. For further information about native title and the right to negotiate process, contact James O’Callaghan, Native Title Coordinator, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, telephone (03) 5336 6645.
Jetta set to dazzle the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

0428109267 Barbara Blair on request to contact Djaku:nde people are all interested.

Time: 11.00am 08/04/2017 Venue: 46 Johnstone St, Bundaburg QLD 4670

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS and WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from: MURRAY DARLING WETLANDS WORKING GROUP LIMITED to install 1 x 300 mm pump and 1 x Block Dam on an unnamed watercourse (known locally as Boundary Creek) on Lot 1 DP 1098196, Parish of Wangumma, County of Tara and 1 x 450 mm diversion pipe and regulator on Frenchmans Creek on Lot 15 DP 191790 and Lot 1 DP 1098196, Parish of Wangumma, County of Tara and 1 x Block Dam on an unnamed watercourse on Lot 19 DP756188, Parish of Warpa, County of Tara and 1 x 300 mm pump and 1 x Block Dam on the Murray River on Lot 2 DP 756188, Parish of Warpa, County of Tara. The purpose of the proposed works is for environmental rehabilitation of wetlands within Wingille Station. (A9119) Objections to the granting of this proposal must be lodged in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 363, Bundina, NSW, 2799 within 28 days of the date of this notice. The objection must include your name, address and specify the grounds of the objection. Any enquiries please call (03) 5051 6210, David Kernebone, Water Regulation Officer.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DJAKU-NDE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORIZATION MEETING

This notice invites all members of the Djaku:nde people from the Burnett region in the eastern Queensland to attend a Native Title Authorisation meeting. This meeting is being convened for all members of the Djaku:nde people who assert native title rights and interests in the area of land and waters described in the map below for the purpose of authorising a native title land claim in Queensland pursuant to section 61 of the Native Title Act 1993.

The meeting is also being convened to authorise an "Agent" for the filing of a Native Title application for Determination and to deal with all matters arising under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

Proposed Claim Area Details of the authorisation meeting:
Venue: 46 Johnstone Street, Bundaburg QLD 4670
Date: 08/04/2017
Time: 11.00am

All interested Djaku:nde people are requested to contact Barbara Blair on 0428109267

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

Notification day: 15 March 2017

The agreement contains the following statements:
(a) Certificate of title 2561/586, comprising Lot 1779 on Deposited Plan 208835;
(b) Certificate of title 2561/587, comprising Lot 1778 on Deposited Plan 208835;
(c) Certificate of title 2600/54, comprising Lot 1365 on Deposited Plan 213443;
(d) Certificate of title 2561/589, comprising Lot 1779 on Deposited Plan 208835;
(e) Certificate of title 2600/58, comprising Lot 1365 on Deposited Plan 213443;
(f) Certificate of title 2726/303, comprising Lot 1297 on Deposited Plan 210697;
(g) Certificate of title 2726/304, comprising Lot 1297 on Deposited Plan 210697;
(h) Certificate of title 2726/305, comprising Lot 1297 on Deposited Plan 210697;
(i) Certificate of title 2726/306, comprising Lot 1297 on Deposited Plan 210697;
(j) Certificate of title 2726/307, comprising Lot 1297 on Deposited Plan 210697;
(k) Certificate of title 2726/308, comprising Lot 1297 on Deposited Plan 210697;
(l) Certificate of title 2726/309, comprising Lot 1297 on Deposited Plan 210697;
(m) Certificate of title 2726/310, comprising Lot 1297 on Deposited Plan 210697;
(n) Certificate of title 2726/311, comprising Lot 1297 on Deposited Plan 210697;
(o) Certificate of title 2726/312, comprising Lot 1297 on Deposited Plan 210697;
(p) Certificate of title 2726/313, comprising Lot 1297 on Deposited Plan 210697;
(q) Certificate of title 2726/314, comprising Lot 1297 on Deposited Plan 210697;
(r) Certificate of title 2726/315, comprising Lot 1297 on Deposited Plan 210697;
(s) Certificate of title 2726/316, comprising Lot 1297 on Deposited Plan 210697;
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Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:
This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Kimberley Land Council, the representative body for the native title holders. Any person claiming to hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

For objections to the registration of this agreement, please contact Stacey Scoon on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.
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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, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the

Native Title Parties:

Nature of the Act:

Enquiries in relation to filling a native title determination application to
- PRIZED Australian Football League (AFL) Fremantle recruit Cameron Hill has revealed he has been almost forced to pull out of a pre-season practice match against West Coast after suffering an allergic reaction to an ice bath.
- Hill, who has a history of reacting to the cold, sweat broke out and became red and itchy after forgetting to take an allergy tablet just before stepping into the bath.
- The 27-year-old also suffered the reaction several times during his stint at Hawthorn, so he wasn’t overly worried when it happened again.
- “I normally take a Telfast tablet, which is like an antihistamine, because I just have a bit of a reaction to cold temperatures,” Hill said.
- “I jumped in an ice bath before the game and blew up a little bit. I get a bit swell, red and itchy.
- Then I just got a bit fatigued and didn’t feel too great. But I’ve had it a fair few times so I’m not worried about it.”
- Hill booked two goals from 10 disposals in the 55-point loss to the Giants.
- The speedy wingman refused to blame the allergic reaction for his quiet display, saying he simply didn’t have his best day.
- Hill played 95 games and won three premierships during his five-year stint at Hawthorn. - AAP

THE KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017.

EIGHTH rugby league Immortal Andrew Johns has backed Phil Gould’s calls for Tyrone Peachey to be selected as the new NSW side for this year’s State of Origin debut.
- Just seven months after being dropped to reserve grade by Penrith coach Anthony Griffin, Peachey has emerged as a genuine proposition to make his State of Origin debut this year.
- With Josh Mansour (knee) and Dalin Watene-Zelezniak (knee) missing the start of the National Rugby League (NRL) season, Wellington-born Peachey is set to start the season at centre.
- While he enjoyed a breakout back-end to his campaign at centre last year, he has played all over the park since making his debut for Cronulla in 2013, including the back-row, hooker and five-eighth.
- His utility value and speed out of dummy-half now shape as a potential X factor for NSW coach Laurie Daley.
- Matt Moylan and Jack Bird are regarded as the leading contenders for the Blues utility position, but Johns said Peachey would add an attacking thrust the side hasn’t enjoyed since the retirement of superstar sub.
- “I can see someone like Tyrone Paranjotho (playing the utility role),” Johns said.
- “I don’t think the Blues have had that impact out of dummy-half since Craig Wire.”
- In July last year, the 25-year-old was sent back to NSW Cup after showing up late to Panthers training following a night out in Cronulla.
- Peachey described it as the kick up the backside he needed and has seemingly carried his outstanding form into 2017, judging by his sharp display for the Indigenous All Stars last month.
- During the All Stars broadcast, Channel 9 commentator and Penrith supremo Gould advocated Peachey being blooded by NSW this year.
- Former NSW skipper Johns said he would like to see Peachey being used alongside NSW No 9 Robbie Farah, predicting he was capable of cutting up Queensland’s tiring forwards later in both halves.
- “Origin football is not about set plays, it’s about playing fast over the advantage line,” Johns said.
- “I think someone like Tyrone Peachey coming on when the Queenslanders are tired, he’d terrorise them.” - AAP

Cowal Gold Operations Processing Rate Modification
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment
Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited (Evolution) is the owner and operator of the Cowal Gold Operations (CGO), located approximately 38 kilometres north-east of West Wyalong in New South Wales (NSW).

Evolution is seeking environmental approvals under the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 and Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999 for a proposed Modification to the Cowal Modified Operating Plan.

The Modification would include construction and operation of new or expanded tailings storage facilities, increasing the ore processing rate from 7.5 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) to 9.5 Mtpa and duplication of the existing water supply pipeline.

As part of the modification request, Evolution will be preparing an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment to assist in the preparation of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment.

Community consultation is an important part of this process. In accordance with the requirements as set out in the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010 (NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, 2010) (Consultation Guidelines) issued by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, Evolution is required to conduct a community consultation process with relevant Aboriginal people to assist in the preparation of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment.

Also in accordance with the requirements of the Consultation Guidelines, Aboriginal persons or groups who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to, or who have a right or interest in, determining the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the “Area of Interest” are invited to register an interest in a process of community consultation with Evolution regarding the Modification by 5.00pm on Wednesday 22 March 2017.

Evolution advises that the details of any Aboriginal person or group who registers an interest in the Modification will be forwarded to the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, the Cobumbilla Local Aboriginal Land Council and the West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council in accordance with Section 4.2.5 of the Consultation Guidelines, unless they specify that they do not want their details released.

Please note that any opportunities for engagement during the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment process would be separate to the consultation process.

Contact details for registration are as follows:
Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited
C/ Danielle Wallace
0414 833 397
PO Box 379, West Ryde NSW 2114
dwallec@resourcesolutions.com.au

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In the Gold Coast.
Picture: nrlphotos.com
BAD news NSW rugby league fans: Greg Inglis has no plans on giving up representative football just yet.

As Johnathan Thurston prepares for his swan song State of Origin series and Billy Slater battles a shoulder injury to return to the Maroon jersey, Inglis is aiming to continue his Queensland career.

And after the 30-year-old knocked back interest from NRL rival Brisbane, he has been sitting on the bench and not playing with South Sydney. He has decided to stick with South Sydney until the end of 2020, having lost against Wests Tigers, and prepare for his swan song State of Origin series.

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Inglis admitted last October he considered shifting to rugby union to try his hand in the 15-man game. However, he now says he was never close to heading to European rugby, in the same vein as Ben Barba and Sonny Bill Williams in the past.

“I’m always going to have a love of league,” he said.

“If I thought about going over, then it probably wouldn’t have been the best move I made for my family,” – AAP

Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the state of New South Wales

Notification day: 22 March 2017

This application is a “non-claimant” application, an application made by persons to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claim application prior to 21 June 2017. However, there is a relevant native title claim as defined in section 24AE of the Act.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the area), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Park St, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

Applicant’s name: Mark Joseph Massey and Anne Kathleen Massey

Non-native title interest: Licence No. R5653694 for the purpose of investigation

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: The application area is Proposed Lot 2 (3,049 sq m) being a closed road adjoining the western boundary of Lot 2 DP1022836 in the vicinity of Putty Road, East Kurrajong.

Relevant LGA: Hawkesbury City Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Sylvia Sajga on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.ntt.gov.au.

Note: The notice is a draft notice, and the Federal Court may vary it. It is not essential to refer to the notice to file an application for determination of native title.

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

Notice to grant amalgamation applications

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Applications closed: 21 June 2017

Notification day: 8 March 2017

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Exemption may be given by the Western Australia Governor if the applicant can show that they are not an existing Native Title Party.

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Jemma debuts for Firebirds in national league

Jemma Mi Mi has made her debut in the new-look National Netball League (NNL) competition. She turned out for the Brisbane Firebirds in their 56-all draw with Sunshine Coast Lightning in the opening round at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre on February 18. She had seven goal assists, 14 feeds and received 24 centre passes. The mid-court player is a shadow player for Queensland 21 and under, continued with escalation into the full squad and a string of stellar performances at the national championship, and culminated with selection in the Australian Youth World Cup squad.

Mi Mi said her rise had come quicker than expected, but she was ready to make her mark on elite netball. Firebirds coach Roselee Jenike said Mi Mi was a player with tremendous upside who would offer a point of difference and dynamism for her side. “This will be a step up for Jemma, but a really exciting one, and one where she can really hone her skills. We will really challenge her and push her along to improve and learn off the experienced players like Caitlyn Nevins and Gabi Simpson.”

Mi Mi, 20, is 176cm tall. She was born in Newcastle and is now studying clinical exercise physiology.

SANFL officials visit APY Lands

AUSTRALIAN football and women’s softball is set to continue in the South Australian APY Lands (SANFL). A SANFL delegation visited Umuwa, in the APY Lands, to discuss the 2017 Far North West Sports League season’s 10th year.

The competition is funded by the Australian Government and was established to eliminate teams travelling to carnivals where children would not return in time for school and men and women could not return to work.

The competition now provides APY Lands communities with the same opportunity as most regional towns and encourages participation in a structured sports competition. Almost 600km of corrugated dirt road separates the first community to the last in the nine-team competition.

SANFL manages the competition in the APY Lands and the meeting last Tuesday allowed all parties to address any concerns and highlight the positives on the eve of the 10th season.

Game day managers were identified and introduced to the premiership table to reward off-field behaviour at all games. A bonus point system will be introduced to the premiership table to reward off-field behaviour at all games.

It was also decided that a tribunal system and mandatory sentencing for on-field offences be introduced.

SANFL CEO Jake Parkinson and general manager (football) Adam Kelly were part of the three-day SANFL delegation to the Umuwa talks.

Don’t bank too much on Ryder, says Hinkley

PORT Adelaide coach Ken Hinkley says it would be foolish to think ruckman Paddy Ryder is the Australian Football League (AFL) club’s saviour. Ryder is returning to AFL ranks after being one of former and current Essendon players banned last season for the Bombers’ 2012 supplements scandal.

Hinkley admits Ryder was sorely missed by the Power last season when they failed to make the finals for consecutive years.

But he says one player alone won’t make the difference in the looming season.

“You’re not one player away from being a good team,” Hinkley told AAP on Thursday. “... Paddy won’t make the absolute difference, but hopefully he will give us an opportunity to be a bit more proactive.”

Ryder was to play more minutes in last Sunday’s pre-season game against Richmond than he did in his comeback match the previous weekend. – AAP
Another Mundine is on the way

ANOTHER Mundine is set to put his stamp on elite sport and football with a selection of Kieren Mundine in the extended Australian Youth Sevens side ahead of the World School Sevens Championship in New Zealand in December.

Australia are the defending champions after overcoming New Zealand Maori, Samoan Barbarians and New Zealand Fijians to claim the 2016 championship.

The Australian Youth Sevens squad is the first in a key step in the development pathway of rugby sevens. Isaac Lucas, brother of Ben, Matt and Tom, will follow in the footsteps of his older brothers by joining a squad that has recently been named in the Youth Sevens squad. All three of Isaac's older brothers have played sevens for Australia while Isaac impressed in the 2016 Youth Sevens side.

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Sport

Cricket match ticked boxes

Story and pictures by JILLIAN MUNDY

SOUTHERN exacted revenge when they beat Northern in the annual Tasmanian Indigenous T20 cricket match at Cornelian Bay, Hobart. Northern won last year’s match, but this time Southern balanced the equation, scoring 6-107 in reply to Northern’s 9-105. The game was in equal parts friendly, competitive and comic.

The curtain-raiser women’s match was an ultra friendly event with a few ‘honorary women’ to make up two sides, with this correspondent even handling the umpire her camera while she bowled an over. One of the few balls that stayed on the pitch actually hit the stumps.

Mark West, who umpired and provided an impromptu comic commentary for the women’s match, and was recruited to the Northern team to boost numbers, said it was one of the best community days he had seen. He described it as “a day of laughs and smiles, oohs and ahs but a day enjoyed by all”.

Organiser Sara Maynard, from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, said the day was a revival of matches from yesteryear, and lots of Aboriginal people who do not attend other events turned out. “There was a mix of former champions, club cricketers and people who never play,” she said. “People came together and had a go. This is just one activity that the TAC facilitates that promotes the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal community and encourages families to come together.”

Harney Burgess, from Hobart, catches Dave Barker for a golden duck.

Tasha Matthews bowls while Sara Maynard awaits the outcome.

Paige Maynard hits out with ‘honorary woman’ Roy Maynard as wicketkeeper, both from Launceston.

The ball heads straight for the hands of Dougie Maynard, from Hobart.

Harney Burgess Jnr puts in a big effort at the crease.

Mark West, who was umpire, comic commentator and cricket player for the Northern team, had no hesitation in raising his finger in the women’s game.

THREE young Indigenous boxers are showing promise in amateur ranks in the Beaudesert region of south-eastern Queensland.

They are Kalob Gray, 14, from Kooralbyn, Toni Paulson, 14, from Beaudesert, and Ryan Porter, 12, from Jimboomba.

Kalob fights in the 48kg division. He has been fighting for two years.

Toni, who has been fighting for just one year, is in the 60kg division.

Ryan is in the 40kg division.

Kalob attends the Koorabyn International School, while Toni is at Beaudesert State School and Ryan is at Flagstone State Community College, 5km from Jimboomba.

Theyoungstersfightwiththe Beaudesert Boxing Club under trainer Justin O’Leary.

The three recently went to a tournament in Tasmania, where Kalob beat the Victorian champion with a third-round TKO, while Ryan won his fight and Toni lost.

Since then, Kalob took on the national champion in Brisbane and beat him, while Toni won her fight on the same card.

Last weekend, they were to fight in the Queensland state trials and if they won, they will be off to the Australian titles in Adelaide.

Kalob is the 2015-16 South-East Queensland Australian Golden Gloves champion and a 2016 Queensland state champion.

Kalob has his eyes fixed on representing Australia at the 2020 Olympic Games and wants a professional career and also wants to be a teacher or police officer.

Toni wants to represent Australia at the Olympic Games and said a professional boxing career was not out of the question.

Ryan is keen to take his boxing to the professional level.

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VETERAN soccer defender Jade North (pictured) will spend at least another A-League season with Brisbane after signing a one-year contract extension.

The 35-year-old Roar vice-captain and former Socceroo has been rewarded for an excellent season in which he’s played all but one game.

“Jade is in great shape and is playing consistent football,” Roar football director Craig Moore said. “He’s a great example to our younger players and an educator of our culture.” – AAP
Island of Origin rugby league is returning to Badu Island

By ALF WILSON

THE 2017 Island of Origin rugby league carnival will move back to Badu Island after the previous two have been held on Thursday Island.

It will be from June 23-25 at Badu Island’s Joe Mair Memorial Oval and hosted by Kupiyaum Youth and Sports.

As many as 10 men’s teams are expected to compete and a women’s division is also planned provided at least four sides nominate.

Past Origin carnivals on Badu have had special guests, including the late and great Arthur Beetson and Sam Backo.

Thursday Island’s Zenadth Kes carnival – held each October – and the Island of Origin are the most popular rugby league carnivals in the Torres Strait and attract players and visitors from throughout the region and from the mainland’s Northern Peninsula Area (NPA).

Origin spokesman Jermaine Reuben said that one of the reasons for the venue switch was that the Badu playing field had been improved and was ready for such an event.

Reuben said that the Badu community felt it was time for the move.

“It will be less expense for teams from the outer islands for accommodation,” he said.

“It is expensive on Thursday Island, and there was limited support from local businesses there due to a Badu group running the carnival.”

Reuben said that much of the equipment and vehicles used in the Thursday Island carnival had been shipped from Badu.

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Edrick, of Moa and Badu descent, and Brenko starred for Kupiyaum, who reached the semifinal in the men’s division before being narrowly defeated.

Brenko Lee, who left the Raiders and will line up for the Canterbury Bulldogs this season, also played for the Kupiyaum side that won the 2014 Zenadth Kes carnival on Thursday Island.

Late switch to Sharks for Edrick

Cronulla signed their first player since releasing Ben Barba, stealing Canberra winger Edrick Lee a week before their National Rugby League (NRL) season-opener.

The reigning premiers announced last month that Lee had secured a release from the final year of his contract with the Raiders to sign a two-year deal with the Sharks.

“Why am I really excited to be joining the club, I can’t wait for this year and I’m grateful for the opportunity,” Lee said.

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Brenko Lee, who left the Raiders and will line up for the Canterbury Bulldogs this season, also played for the Kupiyaum side that won the 2014 Zenadth Kes carnival on Thursday Island.

Picture: Alf Wilson

By ALF WILSON

THE emergence of virtual unknown Bernard Lewis as a class player at the Auckland Nines begs the question: How many more talented Indigenous rugby league players are out there?

Lewis, of Badu descent, scored the winning try for the Roosters in their 10-8 final victory over the Panthers and looks a genuine NRL star.

The speedy Lewis then backed up to score a try for the Roosters in their 11-10 trial loss to the North Queensland Cowboys at Mackay on February 11.

Lewis hails from Cairns, where he played with Kanganaroos in the strong 11-club competition.

The youngster is proud of his Torres Strait heritage.

“I had the pleasure of meeting Bernard when he played for Erub United in 2016 at the Gindaja Cup in Cairns, a team that I put together from my dad’s (Baj Baylor) native Island. Bernard is a humble, respectful and friendly young man even though he is linked in with the NRL, he didn’t think he was better than anyone else,” Ware said.

He is a cousin of excitement machine Gideon Gela-Mosby, who shone for the Cowboys at Auckland Nines.

Flying winger Gela-Mosby was named Bernard Lewis, right, and his brother Patrick, who plays for the Cairns-based Northern Pride in the Queensland Super Cup competition.

qualifying matches before losing to the Melbourne Storm 25-12 in a quarterfinal.

Another Torres Strait Islander – Gehamat Shibasaki – played for the Brisbane Broncos at the Auckland Nines.

In 2016, Gela-Mosby, Lewis and Shibasaki played for the Queensland under 20 side against NSW.

Lewis said he was in the Cowboys’ Academy squad when he was young, “but they didn’t want me”.

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Jordie continues on winning way

Jordie Campbell continued his domination of the Woorrangbool Victorian Koori surf titles, winning the open men’s division for the ninth consecutive time.

The contest was held in mid-February at Urquhart Bluff, on the Great Ocean Road. Seventy-five Indigenous surfers from across the state gathered to celebrate the 19th annual event, which bought together Indigenous communities, including East Gippsland, Portland and the South West, Koroi, Bendigo, Ballarat, Shepparton, Metropolitan Melbourne, Bass Coast, Mornington Peninsula and a strong contingent from the local Geelong and Surf Coast.

The event was opened on the Saturday by the Deadly Dancers from the local Wathaurong community and cleansed with a traditional smoking ceremony. This was followed by learn-to-surf sessions where all of the participants were given a skills and a water safety lesson. Conditions were tricky with large onshore surf and rain squalls throughout the day.

In the afternoon the junior competitive divisions were finalised, including the open women and masters women.

Sunday saw the open and masters men’s competing in a clean, increasing swell.

Jordie Campbell’s victory gained him a wildcard entry into the Rip Curl Pro Trials at Bells Beach. Under 16 girls champion Amelia Bell, from Koroi, won the Encouragement Award. She was awarded a surfboard, donated by three-times world champion Mick Fanning with custom Indigenous artwork by Nathan Patterson. The Good Sports Award provided by the Department of Justice was awarded to Taj Simpson, a keen local Torquay surfer.

Winners:

- Under 6 mixed, David Tournier (Geelong)
- Under 10 girls, Grace Tournier (Geelong)
- Under 10 boys, Freddy Collins (Mornington Peninsula)
- Under 13 girls, Greta Bell (Koroit)
- Under 13 boys, Seth Ohern (Templeslowe)
- Under 16 girls, Amelia Bell (Koroit)
- Under 16 boys, Zade Kennedy (Geelong)
- Under 18 girls, Taleena Black (Geelong)
- Under 18 Boys, Jordan Plunkett (Coleraine)
- Open women, Amber Harrison (Lakes Entrance)
- Open men, Jordie Campbell (Sandy Point)
- Masters women, Corrina O’Toole (Geelong)
- Masters men, Rhys Collins (Mornington Peninsula)

Amber Harrison and Jordie Campbell display their trophies awarded to Taj Simpson, a keen local Torquay surfer.

BROTHERS Leeroy and Curtis Cobbo-Riley are to make their professional boxing debuts in Brisbane on March 26. They will fight at the Brighton Roosters Rugby League Club. At 26, Leeroy is the oldest and least experienced of the three Cobbo-Riley brothers.

Leeroy has just one amateur fight, which he won. He has been training off and on with Rob Leguier for the past three years. Leguier said Leeroy lacked experience, but was a strong, crafty boxer, had sparred many quality boxers and was ready for a high-level fight.

He is expected to weigh in around the 66-69kg mark in his debut pro fight.

Curtis, 21, is the ‘baby’ of the family. He is the the heavier and will fight at 75kg, but will endeavour to fight in the middleweight division.

Leguier said Curtis was tall, strong and had fast hands and would bring controlled aggression into the ring.

Curtis had about 20 amateur bouts since from the age of 15. Leguier heads a new United boxing team in Brisbane.

He said the Cobbo-Riley brothers believed they were good enough to become world champions and were prepared to put in the hard work to reach their goals.

He said he would not rush their development and allow them time to nurture in the professional ranks.

The third member of the Cobbo-Riley clan is Campbell. He is the middle brother and has had about 100 amateur bouts and is a five-times Queensland champion.

He is yet to turn professional.

Curtis Cobbo-Riley, left, and older brother Leeroy are preparing to make their professional boxing debuts

Matildas lose opening game against Sweden

THE Australian Matildas women’s soccer team kicked off their Algarve Cup campaign in Portugal with a 1-0 loss to Sweden in their group C opener on March 1 at Albufeira.

Captained by inspirational Indigenous ‘keeper Lydia Williams, the Australians went to the break 0-0 despite a few good chances to open the scoring.

Kyah Simon had Australia’s best first-half opportunity when Perth Glory’s Sam Kerr coasted past two defenders to find the Sydney FC attacker, who blazed her shot over the bar after 30 minutes.

Australia’s defence will be a focal point for improvement in future matches at the invitational tournament, with the Sweeds catching Australia napping after the break.

In the other group game, Holland edged China 1-0. Australia’s second game at Algarve Cup was to be against Holland on Saturday morning.
CENTRAL Coast surfer Russell Molony has pocketed $6000 after winning Australia’s richest surfing contest for Indigenous surfers – for the 11th time.

In doing so, he became the first surfer to win the Russell Molony perpetual trophy.

In 2017, Wandiyali CEO Steve Kilroy sought to honour Molony’s record run at the Indigenous event by naming the men’s open division trophy in his honour.

"Steve called me up a couple of weeks ago and said he was making up a trophy and wanted to put it in my name," Molony said.

“What do you say to that? It’s a great honour to have a trophy and to have won this event 11 times. I don’t feel that old.”

The 40-year-old Molony didn’t surf like he was a day over 18 – the same age he was when he started at Surfest.

Molony now has 11 Indigenous Surfest titles under his belt after claiming the 2017 top spot in the latest competition held in small conditions at Merewether beach, Newcastle.

Molony was quick to straighten out the facts when asked if this was his 11th straight victory.

“It’s not 11 straight titles. Joey Haddon has won a couple and Ois Carey as well. I started here when I was around 18 and surfed in the Koories versus cops and fireys round at Newcastle beach,” he said.

That recollection sees Molony’s involvement spanning 22 years. He says he has an affinity with Newcastle.

“It’s like my second home up here at Newcastle. Just coming up from the Central Coast is easy for me,” he said.

Molony scored two high-scoring waves towards the end of the final and squeezed past Forster’s Joe Haddon.

“I love this event and love pushing my surfing. The event is put on by a great bunch of people and Wandiyali puts in so much effort in getting the whole thing happening.

“It’s awesome for Indigenous surfing. This is the biggest turnout we have had so far with around 40 in the open division and it’s just so good to get the saltwater mob together and to catch up and share some yarns.

“The money comes in really handy for me. It’s not about the money – it’s about hanging out with the mob.”

Wandiyali CEO Steve Kilroy said the opportunity to sponsor Australia’s richest Indigenous surfing competition was one he was proud of.

“Wandiyali runs a whole range of social projects. Out-of-home care is our largest projects along with foster children and homeless, pre-schools and housing – it’s a big range of programs,” Kilroy said.

“Wandiyali employs about 60 people to look after hundreds of people. We have 112 foster kids in our care throughout the lower Hunter.”

But the surfers come from around the nation to compete.

“We had a young bloke from Cape York this year. He’s travelled 13,000km or whatever to surf here,” Kilroy said.

“We’ll be back next year and are hoping to take the event to a Saturday, Sunday format and that will allow even more surfers to get involved.”

In the women’s event, Port Kembla’s Summer Simon held the trophy aloft on the dais but remained surprised she received the judge’s nod.

“It feels kind of weird. I fell on a couple of waves in the final and thought that’s no good,” the Illawarra Sports High Year 10 student said.

Fifteen-year-old Summer has two NSW state longboard titles – said.

At my age you’ve got nothing new to offer you. I’m going to Indo this year and the money will go to that,” Finn said with a massive smile.

In the longboard division, former pro surfer Robbie Page had his name etched into the history books. The 50-year-old from Verges Creek, near Kempsey – who has two NSW state longboard titles – said it felt terrific to get the win.

“There’s some great watermen here. At my age you’ve got nothing new to offer on shortboards but longboards keep you in the water and you can work on style,” he said.

“This event gives us a feeling of belonging. There’s football and boxing but for saltwater people, there’s surfing too.

“We feel really honoured for what Surfco does for us here. I’d like to take my hat off to Surfco and all the Indigenous people here for putting something.”

In the junior division, Avoca’s Finn Hill took $1000 prizemoney.

The 14-year-old, who progressed through two heats in the previous weekend’s Maitland and Port Stephens Pro Junior, turned the table on last year’s second placing at this event, Noah Munro, from Noraville.

And the $1000 princess money?

“I’m going to Indo this year and the money will go to that,” Finn said with a massive smile.
Three girls in rugby union Youth squad

Three Indigenous players are in Australia’s rugby union sevens expanded squad preparing for the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games in the Bahamas from July 19-23.

They are Rhianna Revell-Blair, Northern Territorian La-Toniya Norris and Torres Strait Islander Kobe Nona.

The Australian side will be looking to defend their predecessors’ gold medal from the tournament in Samoa in 2015 that proved to be a springboard into the senior program for Dominique Du Toit, Hannah Southwell, Demi Hayes and Shanice Parker.

The squad includes 12 New South Wales representatives, nine Queenslanders, four from Western Australia, three from the ACT and a representative from the Northern Territory, South Australia and Revell-Blair, from the National Indigenous team.

Australian women’s sevens coach Tim Walsh said: “Previous Youth Games tournament graduates include gold medallists Charlotte Caslick and Evania Pelite, and half of the current squad progressed through this pathway.

“This is a great opportunity for aspiring young women to develop and enhance their abilities as rugby sevens players and push for selection in the Commonwealth Youth Games.

“We will be observing and challenging all the squad members in their upcoming training camps and want them to enjoy the experience.”

The young Women’s side was selected following the National Youth Sevens Championship in December 2016 which was won by the Queensland Reds Girls.

The wider squad will have three training camps, before a final squad of 12 is selected to head to the Caribbean to represent Australia in July.

Revell-Blair, 15, from Maryborough, Queensland, also plays rugby league. La-Toniya Norris, 15, from Palmerston, was born in Cairns.

She has had limited rugby experience and started playing for the Palmerston Crocs in the Youth Girls competition in Darwin in 2016. However, she has a history of rugby league and touch football, so she knows how to tackle, pass and run.

Proud South Darwin Rugby Union Club president James de Dassel said it was sheer speed that saw Norris selected into the wider training squad for the Youth Commonwealth Games.

Norris is excited at the prospect of representing her country but knows there is a lot of hard work ahead.

She connects with Mapuona and Yarrabah as well as families living on Thursday Island. Her dad is a Torres Strait Islander living in Cairns and her mum Evelyn is from PNG.名牌洗衣机

BRAD Fittler’s Hogs For The Homeless has returned the dugout rugby league pitch in Walgett, involving 40 local volunteers, four semi-trailers and a number of council tipper trucks.

The town’s Ricky Walford Oval was resurrected in a job believed to be worth about $150,000 in materials and labour.

The field was renewed with goal posts, grass and sprinklers at no cost to the local rugby league club thanks to PILA Group, Dad and Dave’s Turf and Evergreen Turf.

The Hogs For The Homeless crew, also consisting of NSW Origin representatives Steve Menzies, Danny Buderus, Josh Perry, Steve Roach, Paul Sironen, Tim Brasher, Kerry Hemsworth and Ian Schubert, were part of the working bee after paying a visit to the all-girls Oak Plus Cup nines tournament in Dubbo.

The riders were on a 4000km 11-day trip on their Harley-Davidson motorcycles, making stops in 14 country towns, delivering rugby league balls to children along the way.

Since its inception in 2013, Hogs For The Homeless has raised more than $450,000 for Youth off the Streets, with this year’s tour again raising much-needed funds for rugby league clubs also.

Mahalia Murphy was in the Australian women’s team for Las Vegas Rugby Sevens World Series on March 3-4.

The Australian women’s team was looking to bounce back after the Sydney 7s, with the side aiming to defend their HSBC Women’s Sevens World Series title.

The Las Vegas tournament was the third leg out of six on the Women’s World Series with Australia sitting in second position (32 points) before Las Vegas, just behind New Zealand (36 points) while Canada (30 points) rounds out the top three.

Coach Tim Walsh said: “Las Vegas is a new venue for the Women’s Series and another step towards a joint men’s and women’s series.”

The Australians were to play England, Brazil and New Zealand in their pool C matches.

The Voice of Indigenous Australia
Wallace shines in SANFL debut

By PETER ARGENT

RUTH Wallace’s debut in the inaugural South Australian National Football League (SANFL) Super Women’s League could not have been better scripted, with Norwood thumping North Adelaide 9.6 (59) to 2.7 (19).

For Indigenous opponent Kyesha Christensen, the result wasn’t one she was hoping for. Wallace kicked two goals and had a match-high 22 possessions for Norwood at Coopers Stadium.

She was arguably best on ground, with 18 kicks, four handballs, five marks and five tackles to add to her score involvements.

Wallace, 24, comes from a soccer background and is noted for her skillset and team oriented football.

“I started playing soccer as a nine-year-old, and spent about four years with Adelaide City at State League level,” Wallace said.

“I started playing (Australian) football at the Adelaide University Blacks as an 11-year-old.

“Kicking the footy around has always been a part of the family heritage.

“My dad Warwick played top grade amateur football with the Broadview Tigers, while my brother Kahl, now a muso, played under-age football with South Adelaide before we moved to Cairns.

“Tackles to add to her score involvements.

“For someone still in her teenage years, Kyesha has adapted well to the increased pressure of SANFL women’s footy,” North Adelaide football services manager Daryl Wintle said.

“Another indigenous talent, Lilla Berry, played for West Adelaide in the second SANFL Women’s game against Glenelg later that evening.

“Glenelg won 10.8 (68) to 2.3 (15).

“Another North Adelaide Rooster, Margaret Varcoe, the sibling of Geelong dual premiership player and now Collingwood AFL footballer Travis, is a member of the North Adelaide squad, but a shoulder injury robbed her of the opportunity of being involved in the initial game.

Thaiday recalls sideline abuse

By PETER ARGENT

HUGGED Test rugby league forward Sam Thaiday has recalled the daunting feeling as a youngster when parents would scream at their kids to ‘get him’.

Thaiday is one of several Australian sports stars to share their experiences for a new campaign to stop poor sideline behaviour in junior sport.

The Let Kids Be Kids campaign, launched last Tuesday, is aimed at educating parents and spectators who attend children’s sports.

Play By The Rules national manager Peter Downs said the message was simple: Let kids be kids, let them enjoy their sport and have fun with their mates.

“We know that aggression from the sideline is associated with burn-out and sport discontinuation their mates,” Downs said.

In a video for the campaign, Thaiday said it felt like everyone was against him at times.

“Being a talented young rugby league player, parents would scream at the opposition to tackle me, to get me, to do whatever it took to control me out there on the field,” he said. – AAP
Horror run continues

By CHRIS PIKE

FREMANTLE’S Australian Football League (AFL) Women’s season hasn’t quite gone to plan with the Dockers unable to make the finals and Tiah Haynes’ horror injury run continued, but it’s not all bad news for Indigenous players at the club.

Haynes achieved her dream by playing in the inaugural AFL Women’s season at Fremantle, coming off two knee reconstructions, but her terrible run with injuries continued.

The 23-year-old was playing for the Dockers against the Greater Western Sydney Giants at Blacktown International Sportspark when she dislocated a shoulder.

Haynes was left in excruciating pain and then scans afterwards revealed the extent of the damage. She required a full shoulder reconstruction.

From the tackle that caused the injury, Giants player Jacinda Barclay received a one-game suspension.

It would be easy for Haynes to be disheartened with the shoulder injury on the back of her last two years being ruined by the knee reconstructions, but she is staying positive.

“Massive thanks for the well wishes of support,” Haynes posted on Twitter. “Another hiccup in the road but I’m not letting it stop me!”

Upgraded

Meanwhile, there is better news for Alicia Janz, who has been upgraded to Fremantle’s senior list late in the AFLW season in order to make her debut.

Janz is the younger sister of netball star Josie Janz-Dawson, and she also played in the ANZ Championship with the West Coast Fever before moving to Victoria to work with the Wirrpanda Foundation.

While there, she began playing Australian football with Melbourne University in the Victorian Women’s Football League before returning to Perth to be with Fremantle for the first AFLW season.

She did so alongside current Fremantle teammate Kirby Bentley, who has been one of the Dockers’ standout performers in 2017 in the AFLW competition.

That has now paid off for Janz with her upgraded to the senior list and to play her first game against Collingwood in Mandurah.

Fremantle’s AFLW coach Michell Cowan couldn’t be more impressed with everything Janz has done to earn her selection.

“Alicia has been a train-on player with us as a tall that we wanted to be a part of the program. She’s certainly earned her spot and is a fantastic character. She’s really competitive and gives great effort all the time,” Cowan said.

“I love her intent around the footy and competitiveness. She’s really proactive with the girls and very encouraging. She’s a team player I think she’ll be electric for us out there.”

BELINDA Duarte is the new Indigenous co-chair of Cricket Victoria’s Aboriginal Cricket Advisory Committee.

Ms Duarte (née Jakiel) was born and raised in Ballarat and is a descendant of the Woljobaluk people with Celtic and Polish origins.

Most recently she was the Inaugural director of the Korin Gamadji Institute at Richmond Football Club, where she led the establishment of the institute’s programs across its industry partners to create pathways that enabled young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians to excel.

In 2012 she was acknowledged for her work in the AFL industry and awarded Football Woman of the Year.

Ms Duarte has experience in senior roles and governance from voluntary, Aboriginal controlled, not-for-profit through to statutory bodies.

Range of positions

She holds a range of positions including co-chair of Reconciliation Victoria, advisory board member of the Koori Youth Council, panel member of the Premier’s Jobs and Investment Panel, director of Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation, director of WasteAid, and a member of the Victorian Regional Churchill Fellowship Committee.

As a qualified teacher, she has also worked in education, training and community development.

Sue Crow is the other Aboriginal Cricket Advisory Committee co-chair.

The committee is looking at new strategies to increase participation and develop strong pathways for Aboriginal cricketers to high performance.

In the first ACAC meeting, a motion was passed to adopt the national Reconciliation Action Plan for the 2017-18 season. The RAP will be the committee’s guiding document for future aspirations.

Tiah Haynes

Picture: AFL Media
Broome’s good light

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I t is always good when you have the time to visit home and catch up with your family and your mates.

For the Ah Chee brothers, their most recent visit to Broome was particularly special as they took along another 53 AFL brothers for the Indigenous camp run by the AFL and AFL Players Association.

The 55 players from 15 clubs were welcomed to Broome by Yawuru people, the traditional owners of the lands and waters in and around Broome.

Callum, who plays for the Gold Coast Suns, said he was happy to be back in the Kimberley along with his older brother Brendan who plays for Port Adelaide.

“Obviously, we are Yawuru people, so we are from up this way and to be around our own people and to show other boys what our culture is like is amazing,” Callum said.

He saw the camp as an opportunity to develop some new bonds and to mentor young men in remote communities and town camps.

“We are doing a bit of footy training together, some cultural awareness stuff, some cultural immersion stuff, some clinics for the kids,” he said.

“To catch up with family and friends is a great feeling and to go through it with my brother is even better,” he said.

“I love to be here and I don’t know if I’ll want to leave.”

Callum Ah Chee has long-term plans to move into the midfield after securing his future with the Suns.

He signed a contract extension that will keep him at the Suns until the end of 2019 and is now focused on building his body and his game so that he can eventually follow a long line of forwards, including the Suns’ own Gary Ablett, to move into the midfield.

“I’d like to play more football in the midfield,” Callum said.

“I am working on my body strength in the gym and I’d like to develop a bigger body so I can compete with the guys in the midfield.

“I’m also happy to play forward and a variety of different roles.”

The 19-year-old has discussed the idea with Gold Coast coach Rodney Eade.

“I’ve spoken about it,” Callum said.

“I think it would be good to play me through the midfield too.

“We will see how training and things go and how my footy is going as well. If the opportunity arises, I’ll take it with both hands.”

Ah Chee said he could play as an inside ball winner or outside runner.

“I have had exposure in the midfield and I can win my own ball so I wouldn’t see it as a problem,” he said.

Callum has always been good at making the most of his opportunities and his family has supported him along the journey.

From the age of three, he lived in Armadale, in south-east Perth, after his parents Brendan Snr and Valerie made the decision to leave Derby, a town in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

“There was no organised sport up there, and you’ve got to realise that in small country towns, if your kids aren’t busy, they get into trouble,” Valerie said.

“We decided there were more opportunities in Perth for the boys and made the big decision to move.”

Callum’s great, great grandfather, Owen Ah Chee, migrated to Australia from China in the early 1800s.

He travelled through the Northern Territory and the Kimberleys and stopped at Derby.

He married Nellie, an Aboriginal woman from the Nyikina people, and they had 10 children, who all grew up in the region.

Owen opened a bakery, where generations of Ah Chees worked.

“We were the pioneering family for that town,” Brendan Snr says.

Brendon Snr spent his first 15 years living in Derby before moving to Geraldton for boarding school.

US exchange student

That was his way of broadening his view of the world. From there, he went to the United States as an exchange student.

When he returned to Derby, he met Valerie.

Valerie’s mum was a Nyangwar woman and her dad was Dutch.

Her grandfather was part of the Stolen Generation, taken from his mother in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

He ended up at Moore River Native Settlement where he met his wife. Valerie’s dad was in the merchant navy sailing the world, but jumped ship in Fremantle, where he met his wife.

When Valerie was seven, she moved to Holland with her family and lived there for two years.

“It was awesome, but Mum was really missing Australia and her family, so we moved back,” she said.

In 1987, Valerie’s family moved to Derby, where she met Brendon Snr.

They started a family when she was 20. Callum was the last of their sons born there, with the Ah Chees shifting to Perth in 2000.

Callum Ah Chee has heard the stories of his family history, and read them, too.

His grandmother is an author, and has written a book detailing her Aboriginal background and how she came to start a family with a travelling Dutchman.

“I’m an Aboriginal, and I’m proud of that side of my heritage. But I’m also proud of my Chinese and Dutch background, and how it’s all come together,” he said.

“It’s cool to know your name represents so much history.”

You can see so much of his family’s history in the way Callum deals with his life and his footy.

His commitment, his humility and his resilience in dealing with all the challenges that have come his way shines through.

There is a song about Broome that describes the ‘good light’.

Young Callum is a shining light among our growing list of Indigenous players coming through the ranks.

I look forward to watching him rise to the challenge this year.

Until Next Time… Keep Dreaming!

Kimberley hosts AFL players’ camp

BROOME has hosted the bi-annual Indigenous All Stars Australian football camp.

It was organised by the Australian Football League (AFL) and AFL Players’ Association (AFLPA) and began last Wednesday.

Fifty-five Indigenous players from across the league took part in the four-day camp that focused on personal and cultural development as well as industry education.

The camp provided an opportunity for Indigenous footballers to bond through player-led cultural development sessions, football training and traditional activities with local communities, such as fishing and dancing.

The cultural development sessions identified and discussed the particular dynamics of AFL and club culture and the intersection with Indigenous people’s lives.

Player-led sessions looked at the expectation of clubs, the industry and the community and how the AFL and the AFLPA can worked together to best cater for Indigenous players.

Attendance were club player development managers and football operations staff to absorb some of the cultural discussions of the camp.

AFL general manager inclusion and social policy Tanya Hosch said the camp aimed to support the personal and professional development of Indigenous players and enable their engagement with the Aboriginal people of the Kimberley region.

“Our game is the number one choice for many Indigenous Australians and to see 15% of all players drafted last year identify as Indigenous men shows the strong links between football and Indigenous people,” she said.

“We hope all of these footballers can continue to enhance their leadership capacity and continue the legacy of great Indigenous footballers who have laid the foundations for their success.”

AFLPA CEO Paul Marsh said the AFL/AFLPA Indigenous All Stars camp was a great opportunity to get players from across the country, and covering varying demographics, together to explore ways to better maximise their time in the game.

“It’s a priority for the AFLPA Indigenous Advisory Board that the AFL industry is working together as a whole to support Indigenous players and their families, from the minute they are drafted and well into retirement,” he said.

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Knee blow to AFL star

Nate Jawai looks ahead to 2017-18

By CHRIS PIKE

NATE Jawai’s return season to the Cairns Taipans didn’t quite end as successfully as last year with the Perth Wildcats, but he remained one of the most imposing forces in the National Basketball League (NBL).

Jawai returned to the NBL last season playing with the Wildcats for the first time as the former NBA centre was a key member of the team that won the championship.

That was the first NBL title in Jawai’s career before he returned to where it all started for him.

Jawai began his NBL career in Cairns in the 2007-08 season where he was the league’s Rookie of the Year. Cairns is not too far from Bamaga, a 2000-people settlement on the Cape York tip where he hailed from.

Cairns was a homecoming for the 30-year-old powerhouse and it was seen as a big signing for the Taipans as they continued to chase an elusive first NBL championship.

Jawai missed the opening game through injury, but he quickly made his mark on return to the Taipans.

He would average 10.6 points and 4.3 rebounds for the season, but his patches of dominance where he was unstoppable showed the force he still can be.

That was highlighted by 22 points and nine rebounds late in the season at home against Perth with the Taipans winning their last three matches, six of their last seven and eight of their last 11 to make the finals.

That set up a meeting with Jawai’s team from last season with whom he won the championship, Perth, but unfortunately for Jawai, it was again the Wildcats prevailing.

Perth won the first two games of the semifinal series to advance to the grand final and Jawai was hurt by foul trouble in game one with his impact diminished.

He was then unwell for game two in Perth and wasn’t able to start, and didn’t quite have the impact he would have hoped.

Despite that, it was a successful return to Cairns for Jawai, who not only showed he is still a powerful figure on the court in the NBL, but also a popular and respected man off it.

Jawai worked with former Taipans star Kerry Williams in the club’s Indigenous program in helping the youth throughout Cairns and far north Queensland.

Jawai is committed to return to Cairns next season in the NBL as he looks to have an even greater impact to help the Taipans go at least one step better than this year.

Cains coach Aaron Fearne has been a huge part of Jawai’s career, having been at the Taipans when it all began for him, and then moving with him to the United States after that as he worked out ahead of his US National Basketball Association (NBA) career.

Fearne was delighted to welcome back Jawai for the 2016-17 season and he built his team around Jawai.

That worked well until the playoffs didn’t quite go to plan.

“We didn’t have a lot of impact from Nate,” Fearne said.

Woke up sick

“He woke up sick that day of game two and didn’t go to Shotatourand ultimately we needed him to be an impactful player for us in the playoffs, and that didn’t happen.”

Jawai is one of a handful of players who Fearne has locked away to play with Cairns for the 2017-18 NBL season and he again is a big part of his plans to try and breakthrough for the club’s first championship since entering the league in 1999.

“Obviously, bringing Nate back in, when you can attract a quality Australian to your program, that’s always been a major problem and struggle for our club since I’ve been here, and I’ve been here since day one,” Fearne said.

“It’s a bit to do with where we live and what we can afford to pay, but bringing Nate back was obviously huge and bringing in Mitch McCormack back from overseas and Jarrad Weeks too we felt we had added some really good pieces.

“Now looking ahead, Jarrad (Weekes), (Cameron) Gilidon, (Mitch) McCormack and Nate are locked in, and Alex (Loughton) and Stevie (Weigh) have options so we pretty much have six guys under contract.”
Coffs Harbour hosts Ella 7s rugby tournament

THE 10th annual Ella Sevens Championship was held at Coffs Harbour last Friday and Saturday, bringing together some of the best Indigenous rugby union players from around Australia.

The marquee tournament for Indigenous sevens rugby – named after the famed Ella brothers Gary, Glen and Mark who played for the Wallabies during the 1980s – showcased 20 men’s teams and eight women’s teams.

Rich prizes

A $10,000 prize was up for grabs for the men’s winner, and $5000 for the winning women’s team.

Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team executive officer Tom Evans said the Ella Sevens was one of the great traditions in Australian rugby and had continued to be a source for Indigenous athletes from across the country to test themselves on a big stage.

"Not only does the competition provide an opportunity for teams to come together to compete, but it also provides individuals with an Indigenous rugby pathway that could lead to unearthing the next Ella or Kurtley Beale," he said.

Matches were at the Coffs Harbour International Stadium.

Ash’s quiet debut

ASHLEIGH Gardner’s debut as an international cricketer did not go to plan, with the rising allrounder failing to get amongst the runs and wickets in her opening three T20 matches against New Zealand last month.

The Australian Indigenous women’s captain was out without scoring in her debut game at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on February 17.

She did not get to bowl in the match that was won by Australia.

Scores: Australia 4-151, New Zealand 8-111.

Two days later, at Geelong, New Zealand levelled the series, with Gardner scoring five runs and taking 1-3. For the second time in her short career, she was run out.

Scores: New Zealand 9-101, Australia 9-61. New Zealand won by eight runs under the Duckworth-Lewis scoring system in a rain-interrupted match where Australia was set 70 runs from 13 overs.

In the series-clinching match at the Adelaide Oval on February 22, Gardner was out without scoring after facing 11 balls and took 0-13 off two overs.

New Zealand won that game after scoring 8-113. Australia was all out for 66.

Gardner was not part of the Australian Southern Stars team for the opening one-day game of the three-match series in New Zealand that followed the T20 games in Australia.

New Zealand won the first of those games by five wickets in Auckland.

One-day debut

But Gardner did play in the second match last Thursday at Mount Maunganui, where she was presented with her cap number 135 for female one-day Australian cricketers. The presentation was made before the start of play by Australian batter Rachael Haynes, who spoke of Gardner’s great determination and batting aggression.

Gardner then went on to hit the winning four, pulling the ball to the square leg boundary with nearly three overs to spare.

She came to the wicket with Australia at 6-237, chasing New Zealand’s total of 6-253.

Gardner hit three fours in her knock of 12 not out of 11 deliveries as Australia won by four wickets.

Earlier, Gardner completed her 10 overs and finished with 0-49 at an economy rate of 4.9.

The match will be remembered as the one where Amy Satterthwaite fell just short of a fifth consecutive ODI ton.

The prolific 29-year-old New Zealander, attempting to go where no ODI player has ever gone by notching five straight centuries, fell for 85 in the 47th over.

The deciding match was to be played at Mount Maunganui last Sunday.

Ashleigh Gardner is in Adelaide with Australia’s first Indigenous Test cricketer Faith Thomas, who is wearing her baggy green cap.
The long-awaited footy season has started and in the thick of it will be a big proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

The 2017 National Rugby League (NRL) competition kicked off last Thursday night and the 18-club Australian Football League (AFL) competition begins on March 23 when old rivals Richmond and Carlton meet.

Cronulla’s NRL premiership defence made a losing start, with the Sharks downed by a slick Brisbane 26-18 in last Thursday night’s opening game at Shark Park.

Indigenous rugby league and Australian football players have always punched well above their weight at elite levels.

The statistics are indisputable.

This year, there are 80 Indigenous NRL players spread throughout the 16 clubs. That’s a record 14% of the player list – not bad for people who represent 3% of Australia’s population.

These figures are based on the 16 NRL clubs having a 35-player base, making a total of 560.

There are 815 players on AFL lists this year, with 84 of them being Indigenous. That’s 10.3% of all AFL players. Last year there were 824 players, of which 75 were Indigenous (9.1%). Rugby league’s South Sydney Rabbitohs have always enjoyed strong Indigenous support and if this season is anything to go by, it’s no coincidence. There are 10 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders on the Rabbitohs’ list – easily the highest of any NRL club.

Behind them come the Roosters, Cowboys, Titans, Bulldogs and Sharks (six each), followed by the Dragons, Eels, and Raiders (five each).

In the AFL, the Fremantle Dockers have the largest Indigenous contingent with 11 players on their books, followed by Port Adelaide (9), Gold Coast (6), Adelaide (6), Richmond (6), West Coast (6), North Melbourne (4), Essendon (4), Melbourne (4), Geelong (4), Collingwood (4), Hawthorn (3), Greater Western Sydney (3), St Kilda (3), Brisbane (2), Sydney (2) Western Bulldogs (2) and Geelong (1).

Following is the number of AFL players since 2006, with the number of Indigenous players in brackets:

2006: 702 (57)
2007: 708 (73)
2008: 713 (72)
2009: 738 (82)
2010: 742 (83)
2011: 797 (79)