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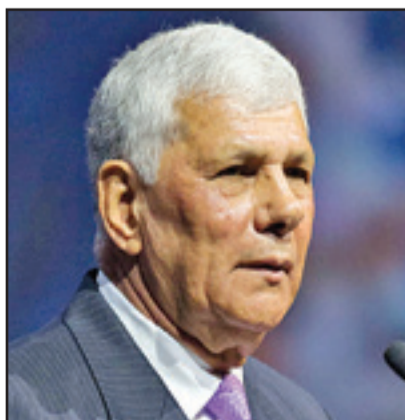


THESE are the four Aboriginal Australians who'll be taking seats in the next Commonwealth Parliament following this month's federal election. Ken Wyatt, pictured at left, will be the Coalition's only Indigenous MP after holding his Perth seat of Hasluck. Labor will have three Indigenous faces, with Pat Dodson and Malarndirri McCarthy, both pictured on the right, winning places in the Senate, while former NSW State MP Linda Burney made history by becoming the first Indigenous woman in the House of Representatives after taking the Sydney seat of Barton. And there's some good news for Indigenous Australia with general agreement that there's no reason they shouldn't work together on issues affecting their people. See our full coverage on page 5.

NAIDOC starts



NAIDOC Week has officially wrapped up for another year, with celebrations around the nation last week. Capping it all off was the National Ball and Awards, held this year in Darwin. Pictured here are four of the top winners. At left, Professor Chris Sarra was named Person of the Year for his outstanding contribution to Indigenous Education. Bangarra Dance Theatre artistic director Stephen Page, right, won the Lifetime Achievement Award for his massive contribution to the arts. And our Elders of the Year for 2016 (below) were Robert Isaacs, from Perth, and Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik, from the Northern Territory. Our NAIDOC coverage, including the other National Award winners, starts on page 33.



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HAVE many relatives living in Townsville, Palm Island, Ayr in the Burdekin, and Mount Garnet up north.

We are all relatives of the late Eric Lymburner, who was one of the seven heroic strikers on Palm Island back in 1957 against State Government policies.

Along with Eric, the other strikers were Willie Thaiday, Albert Geia, Sonny Sibley, Bill Congoo, George Watson and Gordon Tapau. All seven men were branded as troublemakers and removed from Palm Island that year.

It is important today that we speak up for our rights. Palm Island is our grass roots and it is so important for parents to encourage their children to get a good education so they can control their own destiny in life.

We must never forget what these seven men did for us. They are our fallen heroes, just like the war heroes of Anzac.

I am a Christian woman and last

Christmas caught up with many relatives at the Stable on the Strand Christmas festival along the Townsville Strand.

I did the official welcome to country on the opening night on behalf of my Bindal people, and also acknowledged the Wulgurukaba people.

Being of Bindal descendant and a member of the Townsville Uniting Church, I was asked to welcome all to country at the opening night, along with Mayor Jenny Hill and other dignitaries.

This has become an integral part of respect and acknowledgment, and it also is a step to reconciliation that, with God, we can all live in peace.

God Bless to all readers. We hope you have a safe and blessed time.

● Pictured above: Viaella Pryor, baby Pablo Pryor, Shai Doolan, Jaylani Pryor, Tremayne Pryor, Clint Lymburner, Danton Lymburner and me, Evelyn Lymburner.

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OUR CHILDREN



CHILDREN celebrate the opening of the new Kuunchi Kakana (Families Together) early years and family centre at Lockhart River community on Cape York in north Queensland. Get the full story on page 17.

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Inaugural festival rocks Yirrkala



YIRRKALA youth join with members of band Justice Crew, who were part of the line-up at the festival. Picture: Wayne Quilliam



THE inaugural Yirrkala Yarrapay (Morning Star) Music and Dance Festival drew more than 2000 people to Yirrkala on the north-eastern tip of Arnhem Land this month.

The celebration of Yolngu art and culture, dedicated to the vision of late Yothu Yindi singer Dr M Yunupingu, featured prominent guests from a broad sweep of indigenous Australia.

Among them was Yolngu singer Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, while local performers included Shellie Morris, East Journey and Yothu Yindi founders Witiyana Marika and Stu Kellaway.

Festivities opened with a Yarrapay Bunggul down the main street of Yirrkala, a traditional Welcome to Country, and dedication from Dr M Yunupingu's wife, Yalmay Yunupingu, the cultural advisor to the festival.

"This is where Dr Yunupingu started his music from, and he took his music to the world, so I'm feeling very emotional," she said.

"It's the first festival we ever had, and we'd like to make this an annual event."

The celebration that followed included the debut of Rachael Wallis's contemporary Moonfish Dance Company, and a catwalk fashion parade by local models including Yirrkala's own Magnolia Maymuru, the Northern Territory's Miss World finalist.

Melbourne-based Yolngu singer-songwriter Yirrmal and dance-pop band Ezy 5 were well received.

In all, 206 performers contributed to 21 performances during the day-long event.

Magistrate's comments cause fears



A NSW Magistrate who made controversial comments to a talkback radio show regarding crime and sentencing could be in danger of having his judgments challenged.

On February 17, Magistrate David Degnan, who is regarded by some in the legal sector as handing down harsh sentences, rang in to speak on Robbie Buck's breakfast program on ABC 702, after a story with NSW statistician Don Weatherburn regarding the high rates of Aboriginal people in custody and alternatives to jail, including circle sentencing and diversionary programs.

He identified himself as 'David', who 'works in the criminal justice area'.

"By the time people are sent to jail they are nearly always recidivists," Mr Degnan said.

"Jail is always a last resort, so this idea that jails don't work, I'm sorry, they do because they lock people up that don't get the message.

"Custody"

"This thing about Aboriginals in custody – they're committing the offences, that's why they're in custody. No-one's trying to target the Aboriginals."

A former NSW District Court judge told the ABC the magistrate is likely to face claims of bias from defendants

who appear before him in court.

"I'd be surprised if there hasn't already been applications made to him to excuse himself on the basis of views he's expressed," Mr Nicholson said.

"There may be some Aboriginal people who would be uncomfortable coming before a judicial officer who had expressed opinions in respect of Aboriginals are therefore committing offences.

"He will have lost the opportunity to make an impact on the community in terms of balanced judicial decision making. I'm not suggesting he's not doing that, but the problem is the people coming to his court may fear he won't do that in their case."



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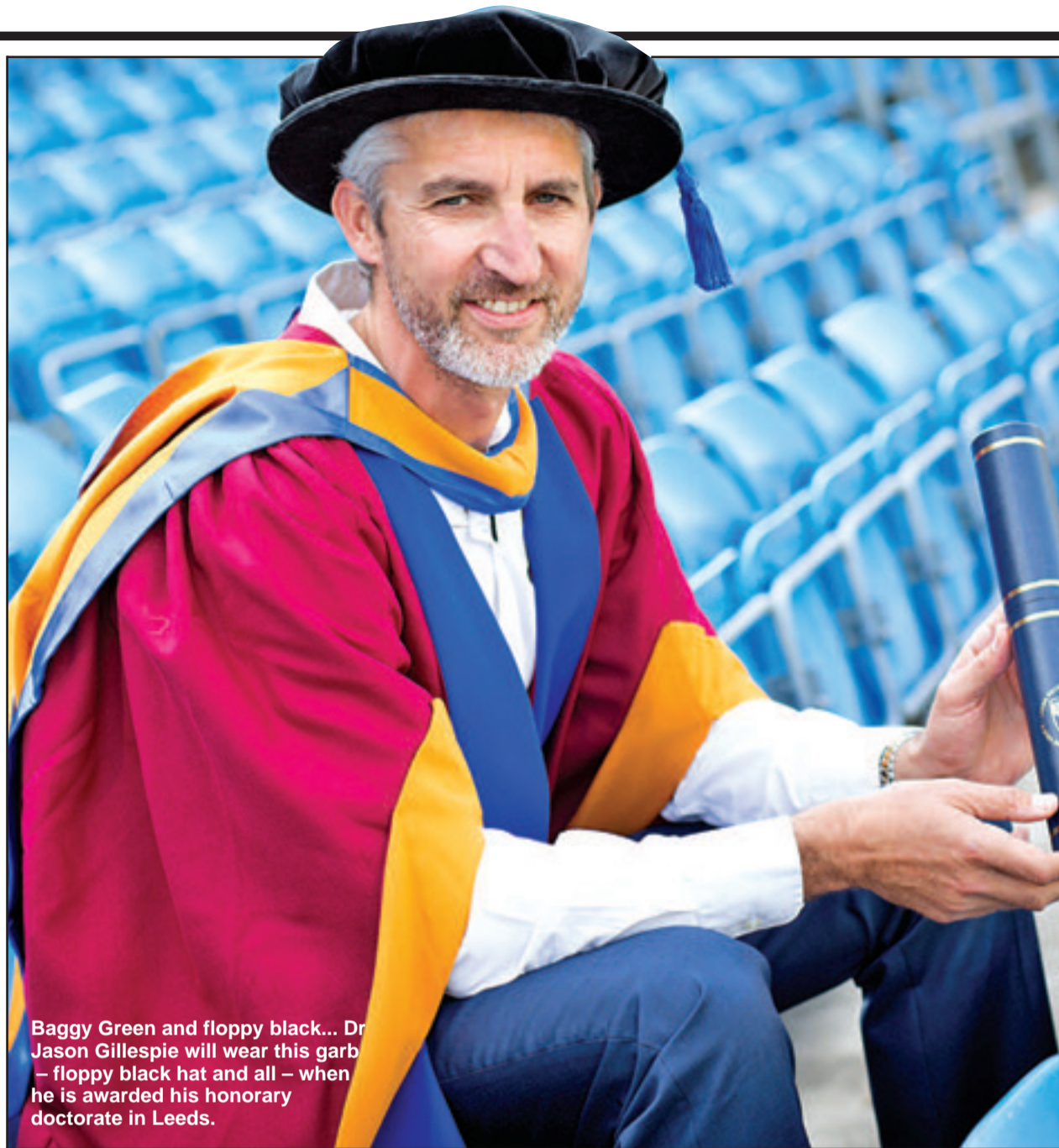
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Yirrkala girl Magnolia goes from Miss World Australia finalist to the Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair catwalk – see page 7





Baggy Green and floppy black... Dr Jason Gillespie will wear this garb – floppy black hat and all – when he is awarded his honorary doctorate in Leeds.

‘Dizzy’ scores doctorate from UK university

FORMER Australian Test cricketer Jason Gillespie is to receive an honorary doctorate from Leeds Beckett University in England.

Gillespie, a Kamilaroi man, is responsible for Yorkshire’s County Championship success.

He will be awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Sport Science on July 25 at the university in Leeds.

Gillespie, Australia’s first male Aboriginal Test cricketer, was part of a golden era for Australian cricket, taking 402 wickets for his country in all forms of international cricket, including 259 in 71 Tests.

‘Dizzy’ is Australia’s sixth highest wicket-taker in Test cricket and his playing career will also be remembered for a stunning double-century he scored as a night-watchman against Bangladesh in his last Test match.

He has been coach at Yorkshire since 2012 and guided the ‘White Roses’ to County Championship promotion in his first season in charge as well as to the final of the Friends Life T20 and to the Champions League T20 competition.

While in his second season in charge, he oversaw Yorkshire’s second-placed finish in the top tier of the championship.

In 2014 Gillespie claimed the first title of his coaching career when Yorkshire saw off the challenge of second-placed Warwickshire and third-placed Nottinghamshire to win the championship title for the first time in 13 years. He helped Yorkshire to repeat their County Championship success in 2015 – the county’s first consecutive titles since 1968 – as well as being appointed as Adelaide’s T20 Strikers coach.

Leeds Beckett University has more than 29,000 students on programs in Leeds and abroad, and has staff of more than 3100.

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SA scheme promises a greater say



ABORIGINAL people in South Australia have been given more say over their future under a new State Government policy.

The Aboriginal Regional Authority program has been hailed as an Australian-first agreement between government and communities.

It is designed to enhance the voice of Aboriginal people in decision making and driving regional priorities and growth.

The first organisations to take part are the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation, Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association, and the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority.

Under the agreement, these organisations will be given a voice when SA Government agencies are forming policies and designing services for Indigenous people in their area.



“The new Aboriginal Regional Authority policy delivers on a State Government commitment to work more collaboratively with Aboriginal communities, and to strengthen the relationship between the Government and all Aboriginal South Australians.”

– SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher

The authorities will each receive \$100,000 to help with the administrative costs, and the Government hopes it will lead to more job opportunities for local Aboriginal people.

SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Kyam Maher hopes the new arrangement will mean better policies

covering Aboriginal people.

“The new Aboriginal Regional Authority policy delivers on a State Government commitment to work more collaboratively with Aboriginal communities, and to strengthen the relationship between the Government and all Aboriginal South Australians,” he said.

Focus on the July 2 federal election

Burney makes history

By RUDI MAXWELL



LINDA Burney has become the first Aboriginal woman elected to the House of Representatives after winning the inner southern Sydney seat of Barton for Labor at the July 2 federal election.

"I am absolutely relieved and happy for the many people who worked for me, who put their lives on hold to volunteer in my election campaign," the Wiradjuri woman said.

"I'm incredibly proud of the people of Barton. They knew what they were doing and they understood the historic nature of electing the first Indigenous woman to the Lower House.

"I'm proud to be a Wiradjuri woman.

"I think I underestimated how positive the response would be, I didn't fully appreciate how happy my election would make so many ordinary Australians – the response has been unbelievable."

Ms Burney is no stranger to the political scene, having been the first Aboriginal person elected to the NSW Parliament, where she represented Labor for 11 years, rising to become deputy leader and holding several different portfolios and shadow portfolios during her term.

Ms Burney will be joined in Canberra by Labor senators-elect Pat Dodson, from Western Australia, and Malarndirri McCarthy, from the Northern Territory, and the Liberal Party's Ken Wyatt, who won the WA seat of Hasluck for a third term.

Last week, Mr Wyatt told NITV that while politicians are committed to their respective parties, the bipartisan approach to Closing the Gap offered opportunities for Aboriginal



Labor's three federal parliamentarians: from left, senators-elect Malarndirri McCarthy and Patrick Dodson and incoming Member for the Sydney seat of Barton Linda Burney.

parliamentarians to work together.

"We have the unique opportunity to not only represent our constituents but also to influence some of the Indigenous affairs agenda," he said.

Mr Wyatt said belonging to different parties "doesn't prevent the four of us caucusing on issues that are important and looking at common approaches that we will take in addressing some of these challenges".

Before the election, Senator Dodson made similar comments to the *Koori Mail*, saying he hoped

Aboriginal parliamentarians in Canberra would be able to find some common ground on issues affecting Indigenous people.

"Opportunity"

"I think we can certainly get together, also with (independent Tasmanian senator) Jacqui Lambie in the Upper House, there is an absolute opportunity for that discussion," Ms Burney said.

"Whether it makes a great deal of difference to party politics in the long term remains to be seen. I am a seasoned MP and I

think that the most important job of the Opposition is to hold the Government to account. That doesn't mean you can't have relationships, can't be friends; you should work as a collective – but our first priority as an opposition is to hold the Government to account."

And while Parliament House will soon see new Aboriginal parliamentarians sworn in, it will also farewell Queensland Liberal senator Joanna Lindgren, who didn't win enough votes, with a 10% vote in that state to

One Nation figurehead Pauline Hanson.

In 1996, Ms Hanson won the Queensland Lower House seat of Oxley and became infamous for her racist ideas, particularly that Aboriginal people received "special treatment" and that Australia was in danger of "becoming swamped by Asians". In 2016 her message hasn't changed a great deal, but she's added Muslims to her list of non-white groups to fear.

Ms Burney has already taken Ms Hanson to task, telling ABC current affairs program *Lateline* that, "You cannot excuse stupidity for ignorance and that's what is being displayed."

"Twenty years ago it was a very different Senate to the one Pauline Hanson is going into now, with Penny Wong, Malarndirri McCarthy, Pat Dodson, Deb O'Neill, Jenny McAllister and a whole range of progressive senators," Ms Burney told the *Koori Mail*. "I don't think her views will be tolerated, or her party."

Mr Wyatt told NITV that he, too, would speak out against Ms Hanson, but he would also respect the fact that there were people who voted for her.

"What we should never do is headbutt people we disagree with," he said. "(But) Australia has to draw a line in the sand in respect to the vilification of any race of people or the denigration of them and the use of racial overtones in doing that."

Ms Burney said she wanted to give a "massive thank you" to everyone who worked on her campaign for Barton.

"And I also want to say thank you for the many, many wonderful messages of support, congratulations and pride from the Aboriginal community," she said.

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Congress waits and hopes



WITH Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull likely to form government, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations were last week anxiously waiting to hear how the Coalition would respond to the Redfern Statement.

During the federal election campaign Indigenous peak bodies took the unprecedented action of setting out a list of steps – known as the Redfern Statement – that whichever party formed government should follow to address issues for Indigenous people and communities

Auspiced by the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples and supported by Indigenous legal, health, educational, children's and other organisations, the Redfern Statement included a rethink of the disastrous Indigenous Advancement Strategy, a stand-alone Indigenous Affairs Department staffed with senior Indigenous people, and a more respectful relationship with Indigenous organisations.

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Jackie Huggins said the incoming government would have an opportunity to reset the relationship with Indigenous people.

The previous Coalition Government attempted to sideline Congress, an elected representative body, preferring instead to use its own handpicked Indigenous Advisory Council made up of both Indigenous and other people, and chaired by Warren Mundine.

"From a Congress point of view, we've always said we would want a relationship with the incoming government and we are prepared to work with anyone who will address our issues and give our people a fair go," Dr Huggins said.

"Record number"

"For the very first time in history we have a record number of Indigenous parliamentarians and that's a great thing. I remain supremely confident that the work they all do in terms of advocating for our people will come through and hopefully debunk stereotypes that still abound in our Parliament, as well as in our streets."

The final outcome of the Senate is unlikely to be known until the end of July or early August, but it will certainly have an extensive cross bench (senators who don't belong to either of the two major parties, Labor or the Coalition) and no clear majority to the Coalition, meaning every piece of

legislation will need to be negotiated.

"Coupling what we will get in Senate with the increased Indigenous presence gives me hope too that good things can be achieved," Dr Huggins said.

"I think there is a great opportunity now for Parliament to grasp the issues that affect our people – there's part of me that is really buoyed by that, but I know how the machinery of government works, so I'm also feeling a bit ambivalent and uncertain."

Dr Huggins said maverick independent north Queensland MP Bob Katter, who has pledged to support the Coalition in its bid to form government, was one of the few politicians who had mentioned Indigenous issues during the election.

"Bob was one positive on the Aboriginal affairs agenda," she said. "As we know, there's scant attention paid to our issues during election processes anyway so for me, I'm looking for every little insight that might bear some fruit or us."

"Within the Senate too, I think we have some friends who will support and listen to us. Congress co-chair Rod Little and I have made a few visits to Canberra recently, in terms of advocacy and lobbying crossbenchers and independents, including (independent) Nick Xenophon."

While the Redfern Statement included a demand to fund Congress, NT Nationals senator Nigel Scullion has repeatedly ruled that out – and it's difficult to see that position being reversed, if Senator Scullion remains as Indigenous Affairs Minister.

"We have a meeting promised with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and we're ever hopeful of sitting down and putting the case for Congress," Dr Huggins said.

"We represent 9000 individuals and 180 organisations, including peaks and affiliates, so in terms of our representative nature I don't think that can be doubted."

"We would like to sit down with the Prime Minister and have a frank and honest discussion about how Congress can assist government in getting direct feedback from our community organisations on the ground who have been for many decades experts in their own fields. And point out that we could really, in fact, inform government through our organisations about how to solve the very intractable issues that present in our communities in terms of severe poverty and severe disadvantage."

"I really think that would help everybody if only Government would listen to us."

"Congress is in for the long haul."

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Esha's happy in the service



Torres Strait Islander sailor Able Seaman Esha Nona on *HMAS Sydney* in the Middle East region.



A CHILDHOOD spent surrounded by water has led to a life on the water for one Torres Strait Islander. Raised on Badu Island, Royal Australian Navy (RAN) sailor Esha Nona is serving on *HMAS Perth*, the Australian warship assigned to the multinational combined maritime forces conducting maritime security and countering terrorism patrols in the Middle East region.

Joining the RAN in 2012, Able Seaman Boatswain's Mate Nona spent one year in the Defence Indigenous Development Program (DIDP) and previously served in patrol boats *Glenelg*, *Maryborough* and *Wollongong*.

"DIDP was about learning new skills, adapting into a new lifestyle change, facing physical and emotional challenges everyday, making friends and travelling," she said.

"I joined the Navy because I felt like a change of lifestyle – to get away from home and see the world outside of the Torres Strait.

"Rewarding opportunity"

"It was also a rewarding opportunity for my fellow Indigenous brothers and sisters who joined with me that year and have had a taste of what military lifestyle is like."

Serving in a ship's company of some 190 personnel, AB Nona is trained as a small arms weapon operator and helmsman. She also supports the ship's operations room by monitoring the surface surveillance picture.

Her current home on board a Navy Anzac-class upgraded anti-ship missile defence frigate is quite different from growing up in Torres Strait.

AB Nona has eight brothers and one sister.

"It's sad to think how far away my island home is and how I keep moving further and further away, but I always reflect on how far I've come," she said.

"I know my family and close friends are proud of my achievements."

New Aboriginality rules in Tasmania

By JILLIAN MUNDY*



THE Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) says the State Government's new Aboriginality

policy intentionally confuses the voice of Aborigines.

From this month those wanting to access Tasmanian Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and services no longer have to provide documentary evidence of their ancestry.

In line with Australian Government policy, the Tasmanian Government will now use the three-part identity test – ancestry, with no documentary evidence required; self-identification; and communal recognition through an Aboriginal organisation.

In some cases, including when applying for the cultural harvest, such as smutton birds and abalone,

an eligibility form including a signed statutory declaration of Aboriginality will be required. The State Government has warned providing false information is a criminal offence carrying jail time.

While some have welcomed the change, the TAC – Tasmania's longest running and most politically active Aboriginal organisation – is highly critical of the new policy, which has inflamed a long-standing debate on Aboriginality.

"It's about confusing our voice about our cultural rights, land return and protecting our heritage," TAC state secretary Trudy Maluga told the *Koori Mail*.

"We are and have always been one community. There is no such thing as different communities; history in itself made that happen."

In the 1800s, with the eyes of the scientific world upon them, Tasmanian Aborigines were studied and documented, their bodies examined while alive, then



Trudy Maluga

taken after death.

TAC chief executive Heather Sculthorpe said Tasmania did not have the same sort of legislation as mainland Australia where Aborigines were taken off their

own country and put on missions.

"In Tasmania there was only the half-caste reserve on Cape Barren Island," she said.

"People have been misled into believing Tasmanian history is the same as mainland history.

"We all come from the mainland of Tasmania, the North East and some the North West, who were all shipped off to Wybalena and later removed to Oyster Cove, or were kidnapped by sealers earlier than that and taken as slaves to the Furneaux Islands, escaping Wybalena."

There is concern that many claiming Indigenous ancestry may in fact have a black ancestor from elsewhere.

The 1971 Census recorded 671 Aborigines in Tasmania in 1971. The 2011 census recorded 19,625 people in Tasmania identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Ms Sculthorpe says the state's

new policy is "an outrageous attack on the Aboriginal community".

"You're going to have a whole bunch of Aborigines with no Aboriginal ancestry," she said.

"We're going to be the laughing stock of the country."

Ms Sculthorpe said the stories some people came up with to substantiate their claims to Aboriginality through oral history were laughable, if it was not such an outrage.

Peter Benson, the chair of the Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation, is one of those people whose Aboriginality has been questioned by some. He along with other members, has applauded the move.

"It will give me a great sense of belonging and identity," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"I congratulate the State Government."

* Jillian Mundy is a TAC State Committee member

Students taking off to Space Camp



SOUTH Australian teenager Ashley Tong is thinking about becoming a lawyer or maybe Australia's first Indigenous rocket scientist.

Fellow student Piper Harvey, also 13, is thinking about becoming a policewoman, or maybe Australia's first – or perhaps second – Indigenous rocket scientist.

They and two other Indigenous students from South Australia are off to Space Camp, joining more than 100 students from around the world in the US state of Alabama this month for a week of space-related activities designed to inspire the next generation of explorers, scientists, teachers and engineers.

Their travel and attendance, along with two teachers, is sponsored by defence company Northrop Grumman. This is the eighth year of Space Camp and the second year Australian students are attending.

Northrop Grumman Australia chief executive Ian Irving said this was a great investment in the future lives of these young Australians.

"Science, engineering and mathematics are absolutely critical to the future of Australia," he said.

Ashley, a student at Woodville High, said he was chosen because he had good science grades, attended school regularly, "and I never got in trouble".

"It's once in a lifetime," he said.

So would he like to become a rocket scientist?

"Maybe. I actually thought of being a lawyer," he said, adding he might change his mind after Space Camp.

Piper Harvey said she was also chosen because of her good grades.

"I was into rockets because I wanted to know how they went off," she said.



They have liftoff: Indigenous students, from left, Tyson Evans, Kiara Tilmouth Presley, Piper Harvey and Ashley Tong are heading to Space Camp in the United States this month.

So is science in her future? Depends, she says. Her inclination is to join the police. "I've always dreamed of being one and saving everyone and all that stuff," she said. Woodville High science teacher Sam

Tuffnell, long interested in the space program, is also off to Huntsville with his students.

"The opportunity to go to Space Camp and see the original rockets and just the ability to get my hands into that kind of

science and technology environment is amazing," he said.

The other participants are Playford International College students Kiara Tilmouth Presley and Tyson Evans and teacher Sue Elderfield. – AAP

Native title decision welcomed



IN a major first, the Federal Court has recognised landmark native title rights for the Rumburriya Borroloola people,

the traditional owners of Borroloola in the Northern Territory and members of the wider Yanyuwa group.

Following a 10-day hearing earlier this year, Justice John Mansfield awarded the people exclusive possession over vacant Crown land in the Gulf region town, and the right to take and use resources for any purpose including commercial purposes – a so-called 'right to trade'.

"This is a landmark native title decision," said Joe Morrison, chief executive of the Northern Land Council which ran the case on behalf of the native title claimants.

"This is the first time native title rights of this nature have



Northern Land Council chief executive Joe Morrison.

been recognised in the NT."

The right to trade was opposed by the NT and Commonwealth governments, which argued that native title rights were not of a commercial nature.

The Rumburriya Borroloola

people presented a diversity of evidence dating back to trade with the Macassans before British arrival.

In his judgement, Justice Mansfield said that the transactions with the Macassans were sensibly described as transactions of a commercial nature.

He concluded that the Macassan visitation to the Gulf country, dating from at least 1780, involved the activities of trade, barter or exchange of a commercial kind.

"We hope that this decision will encourage the NT Government in the future to recognise Indigenous commercial native title rights so that Aboriginal people can get on with their lives and not have to be tied up in protracted court cases to prove their inherent and ancient rights," Mr Morrison said.

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Good health grows at Utopia

By JILLIAN MUNDY



LITTLE patches of green, in the form of community gardens, have been

springing up around the Utopia homelands in central Australia in a bid to improve health and reduce chronic disease.

The Merne Murde project (Alyawarra for good food), initiated by a dietician in the General Practice Network in 2009, now boasts nine gardens at different stages of development and growth on the outstations of Utopia.

The project is now run by the Arid Lands Environmental Centre's Arid Edge Environmental Services.

Ingrid Phyland, a public health nutritionist at Arid Edge, said that with remote stores stocking limited nutritious food, coupled with high costs, it is a challenge for locals to maintain a healthy diet.

"The scheme was initially developed to give people some control over their health; to have better health outcomes and reduce chronic disease; to give people more access to better foods," she said.

With plenty of sun and bore water, conditions are ideal for growing fruit and vegetables. The real challenge is the wild animals – horses, cattle and camels – that come for a feed.

Last year, builder-cum-



Loretta Jones and Sylvaria Jones (standing) with children from their family are proud of the garden beds at the Soapy Bore community garden.

horticulturalist Hilton Chilvers came on board and has been working with local men making self-watering garden beds, shade structures and animal-proof fencing.

"The guys love it, but Hilton can only fit five in the car," Ms Phyland explained.

In the past year My Pathways and Primary Health Network NT have

provided some funding to keep the project going.

The Arid Edge team also visits schools to interest children in gardening, and hold cooking sessions in communities to offer new recipes with food from the gardens. Produce includes lettuce, peas, beans, cabbage, chilli, carrot, kale, silver beet, figs and citrus

and mulberry trees.

When the *Koori Mail* visited the garden at Soapy Bore recently, most of the community came over for a photo with their proud little patch of green.

"Too dear"

"We eat from the garden sometimes, instead of buying in shop. Too dear in shop to buy vegetables,"

said Sylvaria Jones, who usually speaks Alyawarra.

"The kids, they always come here and help and they sometimes water it."

Ms Jones said the garden makes her people feel happy, and a favourite food had been green leafy vegetables.

She said she would also like to try growing bush tomatoes, which are just

picked off and eaten.

Foods such as bush potatoes, bush tomatoes and kangaroo tail still remain an important part of the diet. Ms Jones said these were not mixed with 'shop food' – or food from the garden.

"It's law of the Aboriginals not to mix it up; it's only for fire, the old way," she said.

Suspended term for Peris abuse



THE former NSW Liberal Party member behind an expletive-laden tirade targeting

retired Labor senator Nova Peris has narrowly avoided jail.

Christopher Richard Nelson, a chiropractor from the state's Central Coast, was charged after aiming racist abuse at Ms Peris through social media.

He was sentenced in Woy Woy Local Court to eight months' jail for using a carriage service to menace, harass or offend, but the 64-year-old will not serve time provided he remains of good behaviour for two years.

Ms Peris, Australia's first female Indigenous federal parliamentarian, announced her retirement from politics in May, days before Nelson was charged.

"Go back to the bush and suck on witchity grubs and yams. Stop painting your f***ing face with white s*** in Parliament," Nelson had written on her Facebook page.

Court records indicate Nelson was the subject of a bond for



Nova Peris

mid-range drink-driving when he penned the vile comments, which referred to the Olympic medalist as a "black c***". That bond was revoked and Nelson was fined \$900.

Nelson originally denied responsibility for the offensive comments. "I was clearly hacked. I'm the victim of a really horrible and extremely vicious hacking," he told News Corporation at the time.

But in a quick about-face, Nelson pleaded guilty when he fronted court for the first time in June. – AAP

Concern over suicide rate in Kimberley



SUICIDE rates among Indigenous people in Western Australia's Kimberley region are among the highest in the

world, an audit has found. Between 2005-14, there were 125 suicides in the Kimberley, 102 of which were Indigenous people.

The alarming figures, published in the *Medical Journal of Australia*, highlight the need for multidisciplinary, culturally appropriate and youth-focused approaches to suicide prevention, the

authors of the report say.

An audit of the Kimberley Mental Health and Drug Service database shows that of the 102 Indigenous individuals to die from suicide, 71% were male, 68% were below age 30, and nearly a third were 20 or younger.

Mental health

It was also found that 70% of these individuals were not known by, or had never been referred to, the mental health service.

The rates of self-harm in the Kimberley were found to be 10 times higher than those

reported by international studies.

Report co-author Dr Murray Chapman says long-term living standards and poor access to services are likely to be driving the high rates of self-harm and suicide.

"Collective trauma and ongoing socioeconomic deprivation are drivers of escalating self-harm and suicide rates among Indigenous Australians," Dr Chapman said. – AAP

● Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 and Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467.



Elders Aunty Diana Davidson, Aunty Rae Solomon-Stewart and Aunty Rachel Mullett sign the memorandum of understanding.

Stronger links forged in Snowy Mountains region



THE Southern Snowy Mountains Aboriginal community now has stronger links with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) in the management of Kosciuszko National Park and reserves in the Southern Ranges Region under a new memorandum of understanding.

The agreement, signed in Jindabyne by the NPWS and members of the Monaro Ngarigo community, formally acknowledges both parties' commitment to working

together to care for the park's Aboriginal places and spiritual and cultural values.

"This memorandum provides original owners of Monaro-Ngarigo descent with an opportunity to reconnect to country and a clearly defined role in identifying and conserving cultural heritage in the southern section of the park," NPWS official Tom Bagnat said.

"It covers the area south of Tolbar Road near Lake Eucumbene to the Victorian border, country that includes important cultural sites and

places of cultural significance within the landscapes and waterways.

"This cooperative approach to park management means decisions around the conservation of this cultural heritage will be more holistic and reflective of the original owners' aspirations.

"Under the agreement, an executive advisory committee made up of community members will be established to advise NPWS on other aspects of park management including tourism, fire and pest management operations."

Aurukun review leads to change



CHILDREN in the troubled north Queensland community of Aurukun learn more about American holidays such as Thanksgiving than they do about Australia and their

own Aboriginal culture, a review has found. The Queensland Government last week announced it would adopt all 27 recommendations from a review into the US-based direct instruction model taught at Aurukun's Cape York Aboriginal Academy after violent attacks and threats against teachers prompted them to evacuate the community.

Queensland's Education Department will now take the lead in the delivery of education services in Aurukun, while the current stand-alone direct instruction model will be taught alongside the national curriculum.

The review found the rigid direct instruction curriculum, which heavily focused on numeracy and literacy, didn't emphasise culture or students' first language, Wik.

It heard worksheets, developed in the United States, were adapted for use in Australia, but in general

What the inquiry recommended

- Education Department to take the lead in education delivery.
- Years 7 and 8 made available in the community.
- US-based direct instruction no longer be a stand-alone model, but to be taught alongside the national education curriculum.
- An independent financial audit of current financial arrangements.
- First language (Wik) curriculum to support transitions in early years.

terms the curriculum was 'completely Americanised'.

"They learn about the 4th of July, Thanksgiving and the stories they listen to are about American states," one teacher told the review.

"The kids there know more about American states than Australian. They then go away to boarding school with

no Australian culture or Wik culture."

Cape York Aboriginal leader Noel Pearson, who founded the school and introduced the direct instruction curriculum, dismissed the criticism as trivial. He's disappointed by the review findings, saying they are a hodge podge of observations about a school that was closed during the process.

He said the review had some inaccurate findings, but he was hopeful of continuing the constructive partnership developed between the Queensland Department of Education and the CYA in Aurukun.

The CYA also operates schools in Coen and Hopevale in Far North Queensland.

Mr Pearson said the review didn't consider the high levels of disability students suffered, stemming from severe disadvantage in the community.

The department was believing a "fairytale" if it thought it could run the school better than he could, he said.

Teachers returned to the Aurukun school this week to increased security measures, including upgraded fencing, new security lights and personal distress alarms issued to teachers. — with AAP

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Jobs are on institute's menu

By KEIRA JENKINS



THE National Indigenous Culinary Institute (NICI) is encouraging young Indigenous

people with a passion for cooking to 'have a crack'.

Established in 2012, NICI aims to improve job opportunities for Indigenous people. Its three-year program, run in Sydney and Melbourne, offers training and experience in top restaurants to aspiring Indigenous chefs.

Program coordinator Zach Green said there are many young Indigenous people who can cook, and the institute can help them turn their passion into a career.

"It's a three-year course, but what we initially offer is a three-week intensive training program that aims to upskill," he told the *Koori Mail*. "The program is called Skills for Success and the students learn to hold a knife and some cooking techniques.

"We teach them the basics so they're ready for their apprenticeships. The course is all paid for and the students get paid for their apprenticeships in top Melbourne and Sydney restaurants."

Mr Green said the course is proving successful, especially thanks to reality cooking shows on television, and hospitality is a popular career choice.

"People see those shows and think I'll apply and I'll be like that and write my own recipe books," he said.

"I used to be a chef and it's a very draining job. You have to be



Darlene Balhas and Krystie Sabitino plate up at the NICI Skills for Success course.

on your feet for hours.

"But it's a very fulfilling job too. It's one of the only jobs you can travel the world with."

NICI participant Camille Noter said she's learned many skills on of the course, especially time management.

"It's about prioritising what can be prepped for a meal and what needs to be put in the oven and when. It all depends on prioritising your time in the kitchen and in life," the 26-year-old Minjungbal woman said.

Food writer and NICI board

member Jill Dupleix said the institute takes about 20 students a year. "What's really pleasing is the program is just four years old, and the first intake – who only graduated last year – are still working at the restaurants they trained with," she said.

"Four people graduated in the first intake and two got scholarships to go and work in London. The other pleasing thing is that these guys have stuck with it even though being a chef is hard work."

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New board is in business



THE Victorian Government has established the state's first Aboriginal

Economic Board in a bid to drive job and business opportunities for Indigenous Victorians.

The Government says the board will bring together Aboriginal people, businesses, the corporate sector, and departments as part of the Victorian Aboriginal Economic Strategy.

Board members have been tasked to create more job opportunities and make it easier for Aboriginal Victorians to start new businesses, or expand existing businesses. They will also be responsible for championing the state's Aboriginal economic development initiatives and advising the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on projects to be delivered under the



Karen Milward

Victorian Aboriginal Economic Strategy.

Board co-chairs will be Karen Milward and Mark Stone.

A Yorta Yorta woman, Ms Milward has extensive commerce expertise and experience in working with Aboriginal communities. She is the chair of five Victorian and

national Aboriginal organisations, including Kinaway – the Victorian Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the First Australians Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Mr Stone is the chief executive of the Victorian Chamber of Industry and Commerce, and a member of the Premier's Jobs and Investment Panel.

Other board members include Professor Ian Anderson (University of Melbourne), John Chambers (Telstra), Jeremy Clark (Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations), Jeni Coutts (AGL Energy), Jill Gallagher (Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation), Alicia Gleeson (Crown Casino), Seona James (Linfox), Roger Teale (Lendlease) and Gary Terrill, (Australian Retailers Association).

Noongar trustee in place



WESTERN Australia's South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) has welcomed the appointment of a trustee for the future

Noongar Boodja Trust.

The trust, a major component of the massive South West Native Title Settlement, will be overseen by Perpetual Trustee Company Ltd.

The settlement, which comprises the full and final resolution of all native title claims in WA's South-West, provides Noongar people with \$1.3 billion in assets including a future fund of \$50 million each year for 12 years, and up to 320,000 hectares of Crown land.

Under the agreement, Perpetual Trustee's role will be mainly around asset management and

development, and administering the distribution process to the Noongar corporations.

SWALSC chairperson Jeanice Krakouer welcomed the appointment of Perpetual Trustee, as did WA Premier Colin Barnett.

Full benefits

Ms Krakouer said the Noongar community was looking forward to working with Perpetual Trustee in seeking to realise the full benefits of the settlement.

Mr Barnett said the trustee is expected to work with the Noongar people, and "bring all its resources, expertise, and experience to enable them to build their economic, social and cultural future through enduring relationships with Government, business and the community".

Healing forums will be held around NSW



THE Healing Foundation and NSW Aboriginal Affairs will run six Aboriginal forums around the

state in coming months. The forums, at venues to be determined, have resulted from Mapu Yaan Gurri, Mapu Marrungirr, an initial healing forum run by Aboriginal Affairs and the Healing Foundation in 2014.

The Healing Foundation is a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation with a focus on building culturally strong, community-led healing solutions. It resulted from the National Apology to the Stolen Generations.

The NSW Government says the

upcoming forums will bring communities, government and other organisations together to discuss how healing can best be supported at a community level for Aboriginal people in NSW.

Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston said healing is now in the NSW Government's OCHRE Plan for Aboriginal communities, and the forums are the next step in a commitment to supporting and sustaining community healing.

"Healing allows our people the opportunity to create and support sustainable change," he said.

More information at www.healingfoundation.org.au

Magnolia to model



AUSTRALIA's first Indigenous Miss World Australia finalist Magnolia Maymuru will take to the catwalk at next month's Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair

(DAAF).

Ms Maymuru's first runway appearance will be in Darwin, the town where she was discovered.

Born in Yirrkala, East Arnhem Land, the 19-year-old will showcase the works of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander designers in the first ever DAAF fashion show 'From Country to Couture'. The showcase will be a feature of the art fair's 10th anniversary.

"I want to be a success for young people all over Australia," the Mangalili woman said.

"I want to show all Australians that no matter where you come from, and what size, shape, or colour you are, anything is possible if you work hard."

'From Country to Couture' will feature collections from 12 art centres and nine designers. DAAF has engaged Northern Territory fashion leader Mehali Tsangaris, who directs NT Fashion Week, as the creative director of the event.

Indigenous musician and *Australia's Got Talent* top five finalist Chris Tamwoy will also perform.

After raising more than \$8.5 million for Indigenous communities over the past nine years and showcasing the work of thousands of remote community artists, DAAF will expand this year to encompass fashion, film, a panel discussion and children's activities.

The annual event, from August 5-7, was created as a platform to promote the artwork of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art centres and highlight the important role they play generating revenue for remote communities.

DAAF coincides with the Darwin Festival, and also complements the 33rd Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards and the National Indigenous Music Awards, which are also celebrated over the same weekend in Darwin.

More details at www.darwinaboriginalartfair.com.au

● **Pictured:** Magnolia Maymuru models Indigenous fashion. **Picture:** George Fragopoulos



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Air force memorial unveiled



A NATIONAL plaque dedicated to the Indigenous men and women who have served in the Royal

Australian Air Force has been unveiled in Canberra.

Service personnel, official guests and local Indigenous people were among those at the ceremony at RAAF Memorial Grove.

Senior officer Air Vice-Marshal Warren McDonald said the memorial acknowledged all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who served in, or worked directly with, the RAAF.

"Since the Second World War, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have served in nearly every conflict and peace-keeping operation Australia has been involved in," he said.

"This tradition of fine service continues today."

RAAF Indigenous Historical Custodian Squadron Leader Gary Oakley welcomed the memorial.

"I would like to see a change in this inner belief that we (Indigenous Australians) aren't capable of achieving what non-Indigenous Australians can; we can stand up and be counted – Air Force will support you," the



Indigenous Elders Uncle Harry Allie and Aunty Agnes Shea at the new Indigenous RAAF Memorial in Canberra.

Gundungurra man said. Warrant Officer Brett West, Warrant Officer of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Island Team in Personnel Branch – Air Force said: "To me the commemoration is a vitally important part of

reconciliation. It is the Air Force standing up and recognising the service of this nation's first people, we

have had Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island men and women serving for many years."

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A DRASTIC fall has been reported in the rate of neural tube defects (NTDs) in

Aboriginal women since the mandatory introduction of folate to bread.

NTDs are birth defects of the brain, spine, or spinal cord. They happen in the first month of pregnancy, often before a woman even knows that she is pregnant.

A review of the bread fortification program, conducted by the government-funded Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) has found the overall rate of NTDs has decreased by 14.4% since its implementation – in line with predictions.

Mandatory fortification of bread with folic acid and iodine was introduced in Australia in 2009 under the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.

Major decreases in NTDs has been found in babies born to teenagers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

The rate of NTDs among teenagers decreased by almost 55%, and by 74% among Aboriginal women.

Folic acid is a B group



vitamin that helps prevent NTDs, such as spina bifida in infants.

The fortification of bread has also remedied the re-emergence of mild iodine deficiency in the general population, according to the report.

Iodine is a nutrient needed for the development and functioning of the thyroid gland, brain and nervous system, especially in infants and young children.

Ann Hunt, from the AIHW, says the results are positive and proves the addition of folate to bread has successfully

addressed an important health issue.

"Since the early 1960s we've known there's been convincing evidence that this B group vitamin can reduce these very serious birth defects and there have been strategies to get women of childbearing age to have more folate or folic acid," she said.

"One of the difficulties is that you need to take this vitamin a month before pregnancy and for the first three months and about 50% of pregnancies are unplanned and so having it added to bread is a bit like a safety net." – AAP

Aunty Dawn Daylight wears a possum skin cloak. Picture: Carol McGregor



Possum skin cloaks on display at library



AN age-old cloak-making technique is in the spotlight at a new major exhibition at State Library of Queensland.

Art of the Skins, a large-scale project initiated by Wathaurung woman Carol McGregor and Taungwurrung-Yorta Yorta woman Glennys Briggs, focuses on the beauty, tradition and artistry of possum skin cloaks.

Six intricately decorated stitched cloaks form the cornerstone of the exhibition.

Inspired by a practice last known to be active about 150 years ago, the cloaks were created with the help of more

than 120 Indigenous artists and people using contemporary and traditional techniques.

Researcher Carol McGregor, who coordinated the cloak-making workshops, said the project came about after creating and wearing her family's possum skin cloak as a way to connect to her great-grandmother.

She said she saw the cloaks as "authoritative mediums for healing, cultural renewal and reclamation" and began investigating the culture of possum skin cloaks and rugs in south-east Queensland.

"It then became essential to share and empower the whole community with this knowledge along with the skills involved

with cloak-making," she said.

"The need to tell our own stories is an important form of resistance and this artform celebrates our stories and survival."

Exhibition curator Freja Carmichael, a descendant of the Ngugi people of Quandamooka Country, said the cloaks form an important oral history for Aboriginal communities.

The cloaks will be gifted to the communities who created them at a ceremony after the exhibition closes.

Art of the Skins is free and open in SLQ's gallery and Kuril Dhagun until November 20. More details at www.slq.qld.gov.au/belonging

Campaign targets violence



THE Aboriginal Family Violence and Prevention Legal Service Victoria (FVPLS Victoria) has

launched a campaign it says is essential to help many of the state's Indigenous women.

Called Solutions, the campaign is based on the service's 14 years of experience working with victims/survivors of family violence.

FVPLS chief executive Antoinette Braybrook says the campaign will give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women a voice they are denied under the current system.

"These solutions will contribute to ending this silencing and help ensure their input to shape policy to influence systemic change," she said.

"FVPLS Victoria has built trust with the women in our communities. We listen to their voices and they have entrusted us with their knowledge on the solutions that work for them.

"FVPLS Victoria stands in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, calling on the whole of the community to support their voices."

FVPLS says Indigenous women are 34 times more likely to be hospitalised because of family violence and 10 times more likely to die as a result of a violent assault.

Ms Braybrook says Indigenous women and their communities are the key to creating change.

"That's why FVPLS Victoria's Solutions focus is on amplifying



Key factors in the new FVPLS Victoria campaign.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership and enabling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to build resilience towards preventing family violence through strong culture and strong identity," she said.

"Our women must have access to a broad range of services including legal and non-legal supports which are offered by FVPLS Victoria. This breaks down the many barriers to accessing justice that exist and impact on safety."

More details at www.fvpls.org/

Guide to help kids



A GUIDE to improving outcomes for Aboriginal children, families and communities who become involved with the child protection system has been

launched in Western Australia.

The Aboriginal Services and Practice Framework 2016-2018 identifies four priority areas: capacity building, community engagement, practice development and people development.

WA Child Protection Minister Andrea Mitchell said the increasing number of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care necessitated a strong, focused and culturally responsive approach to improving the delivery of services, and ultimately outcomes for Aboriginal children and families.

"We have worked with a range of stakeholders, including the Aboriginal community, to identify the elements, guiding principles and priority areas for change that will assist in achieving this vision," she said.



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40 years off the smokes, and 30 years off the grog



Northern Territory Deputy Chief Minister Peter Styles congratulates Philip Baban.



OUR deadliest role model! That's the way Darwin-based Danila Dilba Health Service describes Philip Baban – and with good reason.

The senior Aboriginal man has been off the grog for 40 years and the smokes for 30 years.

Those milestones have been recognised with special presentations from Northern Territory Deputy Chief Minister Peter Styles and Danila Dilba chairperson Braiden Abala.

Family and friends turned out for the presentations, praising the former heavy drinker and smoker's commitment to good health.

Among those there was Mr Baban's granddaughter, Dr Louise Bourke, who is completing her General Practice training with Danila Dilba.

Mr Baban said he has reached age 87 and has the quality of life he does due to "the deadly choices I made 40 years ago".

Mr Baban's eldest daughter Veronica McClintick spoke on behalf of the family and reflected on this special occasion being an another important part of their healing journey.

She also acknowledged and thanked Danila Dilba staff for their ongoing care of her father, particularly because that care allows him to maintain his independence.

Embassy at Waterloo

By NATALIE CROMB



WIRADJURI activist Jenny Munro has established another tent embassy in support of public housing, this time in Waterloo, central Sydney.

It follows the Redfern Tent Embassy she founded last year calling for affordable housing for Indigenous people in nearby Redfern.

This time Ms Munro's action is in support of public housing for all "poor people", and is in protest at plans by the NSW Government to demolish public housing towers in Waterloo and redevelop the area.

Under Government plans, the Turanga and Matakai tower blocks on Phillip Street and four neighbouring smaller public housing blocks are to be demolished, the area redeveloped and a new train station built.

Waterloo is currently home to about 2000 people who must move out next year to make way for the development, expected to create about 10,000 residences which the Government says will include some social housing. The Government says the current residents will be given the option to move back "over the course of the 20-year development", with the Metro station not expected to open until 2036.

Ms Munro says the redevelopment will lead to loss of housing for those who can least afford it.

"The Baird Government aren't just targeting the Aboriginal community this time, it is all poor," she said.

People opposed to the plan have taken no comfort from Social Housing Minister Brad Hazzard's guarantee that existing residents will be able to return to their neighbourhood after redevelopment.

Action for Public Housing chairperson Denis Doherty said the group would aim to "unite public housing tenants and supporters to protect public housing and to fight the State Government's social cleansing policies aimed at evicting public housing residents and supporting the big developers".



Munro has hit new heights

PLENTY of people think Jenny Munro stands tall – but maybe not this tall. An image of the Wiradjuri Elder and veteran activist now towers 10 storeys high in central Sydney.

Painted by street artist Matt Adnate, it's part of the ANZ street art project recognising Sydney people with stories to tell.

Ms Munro was selected as a subject due to 40 years of advocacy for Aboriginal rights, particularly in Redfern, where her most recent efforts saw the Federal Government intervene in a legal battle between Aboriginal Housing Company and the Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy which was founded by Ms Munro. Her activism led to the 11th hour intervention of the Government, which committed funds to the project ensuring there is affordable housing for Aboriginal people in the new development of The Block.

Ms Munro says the mural is "awesome" and a "validation from mainstream Australia that people like me should be listened to".

"We do have things to say. We have a right to be here, to our lore and practices, and we shouldn't be ignored," she said.

Matt Adnate, who has spent much of his life among Aboriginal people in urban and remote communities, says he is in awe of the achievements of Ms Munro and really wanted to "capture her spirit" in the mural. He has also done a portrait of Aboriginal model Samantha Harris for this year's Archibald Prize.

The huge image of Ms Munro is on the corner of Goulburn and Harbour streets in Haymarket.

Documentary a labour of love

By RUDI MAXWELL



MAKING the documentary *Zach's Ceremony* about his son's initiation has been a 10-year labour of

love for Alec Doomadgee.

"It spawned from my passion for my people," Mr Doomadgee said.

"It's been living in me for over 25 years, since I first came in from my tribal lands from Doomadgee (Queensland) to go to school and saw the way my people were portrayed by the media.

"60 Minutes did a story on my community that made us out to be a bunch of alcoholic child molesters, when I was about 13 or 14. I went on a school trip to Townsville to Indigenous radio station 4K1G and saw the power of the media, the power of what you could potentially do.

"I thought, 'I could show the beauty, uniqueness, and exotic nature of our people. Others might understand our ancient beauty.' That's where it essentially came from."

The film was shot over a decade and shows Zach Doomadgee's transition from boy to young man and the pressures

Alec Doomadgee and his son Zach in Sydney.



that come with living in two worlds.

"We were living in Brisbane but going home and living tribal ways," Alec said.

"There was a desire inside

me to show that, to show how our people adapt successfully to the new Western world when we use a cultural foundation.

"The white man has tried for so long to help the poor little

blackfellas, but not through our eyes. We need to help ourselves through our own culture.

"The film demonstrates how we can use cultural success in the world. It's a perfect example

of what can be done when people listen to and respect culture."

The film was screened at Hot Docs in Canada, one of the biggest documentary film festivals in the world.

"That gave our little film an international debut on the world stage and opened up the world to our backyard," Alec said.

But before the film could be shown to outsiders, it first had to be seen by Doomadgee Elders and community.

And *Zach's Ceremony* was also shown at the recent Sydney Film Festival, where it was voted best documentary by the audience.

"Audiences are loving it," Alec said.

"Because we went for a narrative about a father-son struggle, it's universal.

"Our stories have to be told by our people, we have a unique and powerful way of telling stories.

"I hope that when our mob watches the film they take away a message of hope, and inspires positive change so that people see Aboriginality as an advantage, not a disadvantage.

"I'm saying to our mob, 'We haven't lost culture; it's just lying dormant wanting to reignite, to awaken the warrior within.'"

Concern at WA birth paperwork



NEARLY one in five Aboriginal children aged under 16 in Western Australia have no official identity because their births haven't been

registered, research has found.

A new report, published in *The Australian and New Zealand*

Journal of Public Health, says that between 1996 and 2012 there were more than 4500 unregistered Aboriginal births.

Aboriginal children born to mothers aged under 16 were five times more likely to be unregistered than those born to mothers aged 30 and older, according to the report.

The finding was made by linking birth records from the WA Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages to births recorded in the state's Midwives Notification System

Lead author Alison Gibberd, from The University of Sydney, says it's a basic human right to have your birth registered and it's unacceptable that there's such a high number of Aboriginal children

who aren't registered.

She blames the WA's birth registration system and calls for more support for Aboriginal mothers, who often struggle to fill out the registration forms because of poor literacy skills.

"In its current form, Western Australia's birth registration system doesn't ensure that all children have

registered births," Ms Gibberd says.

For most Australians, a birth certificate is the first documentary evidence of identity.

Proof of identity and Australian citizenship are essential for many common rights, including obtaining a passport, a driver's licence and opening bank accounts.

Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service chief executive Barbara

Henry says the report clearly suggests Aboriginal families face major barriers registering the birth of newborns.

"Now that we understand the scope of the problem, we can turn our attention to raising community awareness and finding creative solutions," she said. —AAP

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Dancer has a date with the UN



DANCER Ineke Wallis will travel from her remote community in north-east Arnhem Land to Switzerland for the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

meeting this month. Ms Wallis, one of five Indigenous Australians selected to attend the Expert Mechanism, will participate in discussions, and meet and speak to Indigenous people from around the world.

She already has a number of achievements under her belt, performing for Queen Elizabeth at the 2012 Diamond Jubilee in London and at the inaugural Yirrkala Yarrapay Music and Dance Festival last week.

The 21-year-old said it is a great opportunity for her to be a member of the advisory body to the Human Rights Council of the United Nations.

"The main reason I'm going is to help my community," Ms Wallis told the *Koori Mail*.

"Human rights"

"It is about Indigenous rights for everyone all over the world to come together and discuss human rights for Indigenous people and how to move forward.

"I just like to be a leader for youth in my community and show how I can be a role model for the young ones."

Ms Wallis, who has been dancing since she could walk, is now a dance teacher, following in the footsteps of her mother Rachel.

"It's my passion in life. My mother raised me so well as a single mother and she's always been a dance teacher so I was always around dance growing up," she said.

"I'm very close to Mum and she's always been a great role model for me in my life."



Ineke Wallis and her mother Rachel. "I just like to be a leader for youth in my community and show how I can be a role model for the young ones," Ineke says.



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NSWALC loans in business



THE NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) says it has reached a milestone in its economic development strategy with the release of its Early Stage Investment Loans program.

NSWALC chair Roy Ah-See said loans of up to \$500,000 would be offered to Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) and related entities for business enterprises.

"The land rights network expects the NSWALC to provide strong leadership in economic development," he said.

"Transforming gains from land rights into an independent economic base is a key priority for the NSWALC and we are prepared to back that up by fostering business ideas that can generate jobs and training.

"A key barrier for LALCs starting or growing a business is a lack of start-up capital.

"By funding early-stage business

operations, the NSWALC is helping to attract capital from other sources."

Cr Ah-See said NSWALC was accepting applications from LALCs with ideas that were "investment ready".

"LALCs must have, at a minimum, a business plan with sufficient thinking into the commercial and operational viability of their idea," he said.

"The NSWALC will contribute up to a maximum of 50% of the overall value of the loan with the LALC contribution to be no less than 5 to 10%.

"That means applications will also have to show that funding partners have been secured to cover the percentage

of capital not covered by the NSWALC and the LALC's own contribution."

All applications will be assessed by an independent panel.

Further information and application forms are available at <http://www.alc.org.au/>



Roy Ah-See

Second RAP for Sydney Swans



At the Sydney Swans RAP launch: from left, former player (and *Koori Mail* columnist) Michael O'Loughlin, and current players Lance 'Buddy' Franklin and Dane Rampe.



THE Sydney Swans AFL club launched its second Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) during NAIDOC Week celebrations in Hyde Park, Sydney, last week.

Former Swans champion Michael O'Loughlin joined current players Lance 'Buddy' Franklin and Dane Rampe, who are members of the AFL club's RAP committee, and club managing director Andrew Ireland for the launch.

"Our football club is proud of the wonderful contribution made by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including Michael O'Loughlin, Adam Goodes and Lance Franklin," Mr Ireland said.

"We want to celebrate that contribution as well as take proactive steps to strengthen relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities."

"Our club's vision for reconciliation is for the Swans to be a leader in promoting equality and justice for the First Australians, so that players, staff and the broader community have a deeper respect for, and understanding of, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures."

Mr Ireland said last year's continued boozing of star Aboriginal player Adam Goodes was racist.

"On the ground, our players think they are in a safe environment," he said.

"When you look at our game, it's a microcosm of Australia. There are people who had a view that Adam as a proud Indigenous person and Australian of the Year didn't have a right to have a say about how he saw the country."

"If there was any benefit in what happened to Adam, it showed we have an awful lot to do."

The Swans RAP commits the club to:

- address racism on and off the field through the campaign 'Racism. It Stops with Me';
- formal face-to-face cultural awareness training sessions for all staff and players; and
- an employment strategy to increase its employment level of Indigenous people to 3%.

Lockhart helps kids



A KEY part of a vision to help children at Lockhart River is now a reality. The community on the eastern side of Cape

York has just celebrated the opening of a purpose-built early years and family centre, a cornerstone of a scheme run through the local Puuya Foundation.

Puuya means 'life force' in the local Kuuku Ya'u language and the foundation, established in 2008, has worked with community leaders to develop a strategy aimed at bringing families together and empowering the local community.

The new early years centre – called Kuunchi Kakana (Families Together) – is a vital part of achieving that goal.

The large air-conditioned centre is the result of four years of Puuya working with business, government and philanthropic organisation the Murphy Family Foundation.

Puuya Foundation chair Dottie Hobson said the centre was a result of the vision of the community and the efforts of a number of people.

"What we have done through the Puuya Foundation is for our little ones to have a really good start in life," she said.

"Not only that, to get the mothers and fathers to understand education starts from early childhood, as babies



Locals, officials and guests attend the opening of the new early years and family centre at Lockhart River, far north Queensland.

right through to school age.

"It's a good centre for them. It's good for new families especially."

Lockhart River Mayor Wayne Butcher, a member of the

Puuya Foundation Board, said they had achieved an exceptional milestone in such a short period of time.

He considers the centre to

be a long-term investment.

"What we see in our community in 20 years' time will be a direct result of the Kuunchi Kakana Centre, the family-

together centre in Lockhart," the mayor said.

Former governor-general Dame Quentin Bryce was a special guest at the opening.

Former director will face court



A FORMER director of the Githabul Nation Aboriginal Corporation Registered Native Title Body Corporate will face court next month.

Trevor John Close has been charged with three counts of dishonestly misusing his position as a corporation director to gain an advantage for himself. The charges follow an investigation by Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven.

It is alleged that Mr Close used the proceeds of a sale from a Githabul Nation native title property in far northern NSW to pay the rent for his private home in Sydney. It is also alleged that two rental payments were made by Mr Close from corporation funds in July 2013 and one in August 2013.

Githabul Nation was established to manage the native title rights and interests of the Githabul people of far northern NSW.

Mr Close is due to appear before the Downing Centre Local Court on August 2.

Petition to lower retirement age



A PETITION to Federal Parliament has been launched calling for the retirement age of Indigenous Australians to be lowered to 55.

Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows the median age at death of Indigenous Australians to be 55 for men and 61.3 for women. The median age for non-Indigenous Australians is 78.7 (males) and 84.7 (females).

Organiser Brett Nutley says his petition stems from that huge life-expectancy gap.

Mr Nutley, from Queensland, says proposed changes to increase the retirement age of Australians will have significant repercussions on Indigenous people. He said lowering the retirement age for this group to 55 is in line with Closing the Gap report.

The petition is at www.gopetition.com/petitions/lower-australian-indigenous-peoples-retirement-age-to-55-years/signatures.html

Medal awarded to TSRA chief



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) has congratulated its chief executive Wayne See Kee who was recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Mr See Kee, the TSRA's first Indigenous chief executive, was awarded the Public Service Medal for outstanding public service.

The TSRA said Mr See Kee has assisted the organisation in transforming its approach to be outcomes-focused, based on extensive regional consultation and the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Regional Plan 2009-2029.

Solar help for Dubbo tenants



DUBBO Aboriginal social housing tenants will soon have roof-top solar systems and other energy saving programs.

The new energy program is being piloted by the Aboriginal Housing Office over the next eight to 12 months to cover all 151 of its central Dubbo properties.

AHO chief executive Shane Hamilton said the properties will be fitted with rooftop solar systems and tenants will be given information on how to reduce energy use in the home as well as access to help programs.

"This important initiative provides our clients with support and services to help increase their financial freedom," he said. "We think the real benefits of the solar systems will be reduced energy and utility bills with increased tenant knowledge and confidence about utility use."

Port site reinstatement welcomed



YAMATJI Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) has welcomed the reinstatement of the Port Hedland Port, known as Marapikurrinya Yintha, as an Aboriginal Site.

But the native title representative

body for the Yamatji and Pilbara regions of Western Australia has questioned why it took the state's Department of Aboriginal Affairs more than 12 months to come to the decision.

The Government originally delisted the site in 2013, but last year the WA Supreme Court overturned the move.

However, it wasn't until late last month that the Department of Aboriginal Affairs officially relisted the Pilbara site.

YMAC chief executive criticised the delay, saying the Government must listen to, and act on, the needs of Aboriginal people.



CARA advisory board members Parry Agius, Daniela Stehlik, Dr Deb White and Rebecca Huntley discuss issues.

Statewide talks on nuclear fuel

By KEIRA JENKINS



INDIGENOUS people in South Australia will have the opportunity to express their opinions on

nuclear fuel when the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission Consultation and Response Agency (CARA) visits communities around the state.

CARA was set up by the SA Government to respond to the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission's recommendations.

There are 12 recommendations, including a purpose-built waste storage and disposal facility for nuclear fuel, removing existing prohibitions on nuclear power generation, removing legislative prohibitions to enable fuel leasing, and simplifying approvals for mining radioactive ores.

CARA regional engagement manager Jon Bok, part of the team that will travel across SA, said the consultation process had three goals.

"We want to raise awareness of the report and its recommendations because not all South Australians are aware of the work the royal commission did," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"Once we've raised the awareness we want to help people understand the report, and that will then allow them to respond to it.

Mr Bok said he believes public input will be carefully



SA Native Title Services chief executive Keith Thomas speaks to the 'citizens jury' about issues affecting Aboriginal people in South Australia.

considered by the State Government.

He said the consultation is important to the Government, and it wants the process to be accessible to all South Australians.

"We're taking this opportunity to engage with

Aboriginal people but we're integrating it into the wider consultation process," Mr Bok said.

"We understand that Aboriginal people will have a unique perspective on this issue and they will see it through a different lens.

"But we didn't want to have a different process for consulting Aboriginal people. Instead, we made sure there are people on the consultation team who are experienced with working in Aboriginal communities and we're prepared for language barriers in remote areas.

"We'll have translators with us when we're travelling through those areas so we can give people the best opportunity to take part."

The consultation process is an extension of a 'citizens jury', where a group of people were selected to represent the state and give advice to the agency about the report.

"There's 50 people on the citizens jury and the process was to send out a large number of invitations using Census statistics," Mr Bok said.

"These representatives will have access to experts who will help them consider the report and provide feedback about what is most important to the public."

Mr Bok said the main aim of the citizens jury is to get guidance for the wider consultation process.

"This is one of the biggest consultations the state has ever done," he said.

"We're going to about 100 locations, including all of the Aboriginal communities, over a three-month period," he said. A second citizens jury will be held on October 2.

More details at www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/nuclear/

Noongar Elders tell stories



PERSONAL stories about the last generation of Noongar Elders born on country is at the heart of a new exhibition being presented by

Community Arts Network (CAN).

Born on Country features original paintings, handcrafted dolls, portrait photography and oral history recordings from the final phases of CAN's Bush Babies project in the Western Australian centres of Midland, Moora, Busseton and Mandurah.

This exhibition marks the end of an era for CAN, which is wrapping up its Bush Babies program after six years working on Noongar country.

Bush Babies highlights includes the repatriation of family photos to the Noongar community; a touring exhibition of portrait paintings called Honouring our Elders; and the discovery of a photographic collection capturing life on the Goomalling reserve which has been described as having international significance.

"Bush Babies has taken many shapes and forms over the years, but at the heart of this project is the stories of the Noongar babies who were born in the bush and the unsung midwives who delivered them," CAN chief executive Jo Metcalf said.

"These simple and poignant stories, and the artworks they've inspired, shed light on a moment in time which is sometimes not acknowledged in our history."

The exhibition is on show at the Midland Junction Art Centre now and will be at Lancelin from July 29-August 16.

More details are available at www.canwa.com.au/



● Above: Charlotte Smith and her sister Carol Riley (Kellerberrin) are in front of a painting of their mother the late Hazel Winmar, better known locally as Nana Purple.



● Left: At the *Born on Country* exhibition launch at the Midland Junction Art Centre, Perth, are, from left, Vanessa Corunna, Charlotte Smith, Carol Riley and WA Culture and Arts Minister John Day.

Fracking fears in NT



Northern Land Council chief executive Joe Morrison receives a notice from people concerned about gas exploration around Mataranka in the Northern Territory.



A BATTLE is shaping over plans to explore for gas in the Roper River region of the Northern Territory.

Traditional owners from the Mangarrayi and Alawa Aboriginal land trusts, covering the Roper River, Mataranka and Bitter Springs, say Jacaranda Minerals and Minerals Australia, a subsidiary of mining magnate Gina Rinehart's Hancock Prospecting, have not adequately consulted over shale gas fracking plans around Mataranka and its potential impact on land and water.

They put their case outside at a recent meeting of the Northern Land Council (NLC), which gave the go-ahead for exploration on behalf of local Aboriginal people.

The NLC says the consultation process for consent was conducted properly, with meetings from 2010 to 2012 and a final consultation meeting in 2013.

The NT Government approved the permit in March 2015, but some traditional owners are contesting the validity of the agreement, arguing neither the company nor the NLC explained the scale and risks of an operational shale gasfield during consultation.

They also argue no interpreters were used to explain the complex mining techniques, and say they were locked out of consultation meetings.

Mangarrayi traditional owner and resident of Eley Station Simone Baker took part in the action.

"We were not told that our land could be opened up for thousands of fracked gas wells," she said.

"Our old people were asked to sign documents that may have been for gas mining but were never properly explained.

"When people said no, the land council seems to have heard yes."

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Aaron Harrison

Yorta Yorta/Gunai Kurnai man from Echuca, Victoria, living in Melbourne and studying for a youth work diploma

Favourite bush tucker?
Kangaroo, in spaghetti bolognese.

Favourite other food?
Curried sausages.

Favourite drink?
Coke.

Favourite music?
Hip hop.

Favourite sport/leisure?
AFL. I support Collingwood.

Favourite read?
Newspapers – the *Herald Sun* and *Koori Mail*.

Favourite holiday destination?
Torquay, Victoria.

What do you like in life?
Kicking back watching footy with the kids.

What don't you like in life?
People who can't drive.

Which black or indigenous person would you most like to meet?
Footballer Cyril Rioli.

Which three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Michael Jackson, Tupac and my late Uncle Brent Atkinson.

What is your ultimate goal?
To live life and have a great career, and be a family man.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?
I'd ensure there were more land rights for us.

Quote



“... it's not like I'm anything special ... I'm just a digger like everyone else.”

– Aboriginal soldier Jermaine Stuart, who is on active duty in Iraq

● See page 54

Unquote

New Parliament is looking better

THE election of Wiradjuri woman Linda Burney to the House of Representatives at the federal election is a significant moment and deserves to be celebrated – no matter what your politics.

And with Ken Wyatt, Pat Dodson and Malarndirri McCarthy also successful at this month's poll, we will see the highest number of Aboriginal faces in Federal Parliament ever.

Not that many years ago there were none.

Senators Neville Bonner and Aden Ridgeway paved the way, but it's taken a while to get to where we are now.

Clearly, simply having more Aboriginal people in Parliament by itself isn't enough to spark massive change. But it's a good start.

It becomes more difficult for outdated and harmful stereotypes – yes, (Queensland senator-elect) Pauline Hanson, please don't explain – to gain traction when they are being challenged by people with authority and knowledge.

It's also pleasing to note that our incoming MPs seem prepared to set aside political differences to work on issues affecting their people. This is the way it should be.

The rise of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to the top of their game is something to celebrate,



whatever that chosen field. Politics is no different in that respect.

Where it is different is that what politicians achieve has the potential to directly affect lives.

So while, ultimately, politicians will be judged on what they achieve, at this historic moment, when we'll see more black faces than ever before in both houses of parliament, let's take a second to reflect on how good it is that they have arrived.

And let's hope they live up to all our hopes and expectations.

Another NAIDOC Week has come and gone. And as our coverage in this edition shows, what a week it has been for our people around Australia.

The times may be challenging, but Indigenous Australians always turn out – loud and proud – for what is a very special celebration.

Congratulations to our national award winners. They're a worthy mob and people we can truly be proud of.

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The *Koori Mail* is owned by five Aboriginal organisations on Bundjalung country in northern NSW – Kurrachee Cooperative (Coraki), Bunjum Cooperative (Cabbage Tree Island), Nungera Cooperative (Maclean), Buyinbin Cooperative (Casino) and the Bundjalung Tribal Society (Lismore).

By RUDI MAXWELL

CHAIR of the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) and Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) Eddie Fry has a deep affection for America in the 1980s.

Not big-haired soft rock bands singing power ballads or Michael Jackson's moonwalk, but the can-do attitude where it seemed anyone who worked hard enough could achieve what they wanted.

"Probably the greatest boom period in American history was the Reagan period," Mr Fry said.

"(President) Ronald Reagan was exceptional in what he was able to do, but he had this other guy called James Baker (Whitehouse chief of staff 1981-85 and Secretary of the Treasury 1985-88) – and he was the man. He made things happen.

"And making things happen should be the catchcry. In that Reagan period it all happened."

Recent analysis has shown that in the US, since the 1980s, inequality between the rich and the poor has increased on every statistical measure.

"And that's my point," Mr Fry says. "From the Indigenous perspective, if we understand that, then how do we take these organisations and gear ourselves so that disparity never happens or it's minimised as best it can be."

Mr Fry is a Dagoman-Wardaman man from the Katherine region in the Northern Territory.

"I come from a family of 10 and mum and dad took in another three or five people," he said.

"I wasn't born into wealth; we all worked. I ran around after school barefoot in an old pair of shorts, effectively no different to anyone else who's gone through those years."

Mr Fry believes that times have changed significantly since he was a child.

"When I was a kid growing up in Darwin all the old aunties would play cards," he said.

"They would sit around the card table with 20 cent pieces on their foreheads and if one kid mucked up one of them had the absolute freedom to clip the kid – and no-one said a word.

"Group spirit"

"It was a group spirit. I'm not so sure that exists any more in the same way. Because communities are fighting communities. And families are fighting families.

"If one of my aunties saw me doing something I shouldn't, she'd give me a whack across the ear and she'd ring my mum and then when I got home, boy did I get it.

"Because the word 'shame' was the worst thing you could have in your life for the family. That's not even thought about today.

"So when you have these family separations out of this group spirit – the fundamental base for wellbeing – then how can you even narrate or talk about being one, when we're so far removed from that?"

In November 2014, Mr Fry was appointed as IBA chair. A year later he was also named as ILC chair, meaning he heads the boards of two of the most significant Indigenous organisations in the country.

He makes it clear that chairing the two organisations is not a fulltime job for him.

"I have my own business," he said. "I decided earlier this year that if I was going to do these jobs and do them well, I'd find 50% of my time and be very aggressive in what I wanted to achieve."

Eddie Fry: "So for Indigenous people, like everybody else, in order to improve their wellbeing, money is at the heart of it."



Getting down to business

And what Mr Fry wants to achieve is no small thing.

"What do we need to do as ILC, IBA, to create two exemplary institutions to deliver our product offerings into the Indigenous estate?" he asks.

Mr Fry is hoping to harness the "national Indigenous estate" to make a "seismic shift to the gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander wellbeing and non-Indigenous wellbeing".

"I'm looking at it all through a strictly commercial lens," he says. "It's creating shared value.

"Everything we do in this world – it doesn't matter what it is we do for the wellbeing of our lives – revolves around the stripping bark off a tree or knocking down a tree and creating money, printing paper, basically.

"So for Indigenous people, like everybody else, in order to improve their wellbeing, money is at the heart of it.

"Whether we agree or like it or find it so distasteful to us as human beings that this is how we've ended up, unfortunately that's it: It's been created for us."

Mr Fry is a big exponent of commercialisation.

"Wellbeing"

"In order to improve the wellbeing of Indigenous people, I have to turn these two organisations into highly focused commercial entities that intersect with a social dividend," he said.

"If I can make these organisations more than pay their way, they can create financial returns and social outcomes in

culture, environment, employment, so that there is both a direct and indirect return through a commercial platform.

"I see the government – as the Australian taxpayer – as the primary investor. I see the two organisations as the vehicles for churning and making this all happening, and I see the shareholders as the Indigenous population.

"I also see in a beneficial sense the additional flow-on effect as the wider Australian population because they will then know that the effort that's being made in this area is well worth it.

"It's what I've been taught for the last 30 years in the mining game, which I'm still in."

Mr Fry believes one of the problems with many Indigenous –

and other – organisations and programs is that they only ever look a short time into the future, due to funding constraints. He believes that sound structure creates sound outcomes and says that's been one of the problems with the Close the Gap campaign.

"Why are we spending billions of dollars each year and a lot of the indices are actually widening?" he asks.

"So if they're widening, isn't it time to say, 'Hang on a minute. Let's take this pause and see if our structural settings and design were right'?"

"The real question in my mind has always been 'What is the forward consignment that I want to deliver into the future?'"

Mr Fry also believes long-term planning – or lack of it – has been holding back the ILC and IBA.

"I don't think previous boards have done a bad job. I just question whether they were equipped enough to challenge the organisations to the extent that they are now being challenged," he said.

"The commercial aspect is what drives wellbeing.

"Vision"

"What I've come to appreciate is that I don't think there was ever a strategy for the ILC – three- to five-year corporate plans, sure, but a strategic design over a long lead time with a vision, no, and it's the same with IBA."

Mr Fry's quick not to blame previous boards and chairs, saying that it's simply a matter of timing.

"I've just happened to come along at a time when the world is changing in so many ways that you need to think beyond three and five years. You need to have a vision that says, 'This is where we want to land. How do we get there?'" he says.

Mr Fry left home when he was 17 and travelled around the world.

"Then in my early 30s I got recruited by Normandy Mining and I saw the world from a commercial perspective," he said.

"They poured a lot of resources into me, all the trappings that I needed to understand: everything from the bottom of a mine, to a gold ring in a jewellery store. It was a wonderful experience.

"What I see is that type of renaissance has slipped."

When he travels around Australia, Mr Fry seeks out old people, recently visiting an 84-year-old woman in an old people's home in Sydney.

"I asked her questions about her life and what she did," he says.

"I asked what her life was like when she was on the mission and she said, 'We were dirt poor,' and she looked me in the eye and said, 'but we were one. We were one, together.'

"Everybody looked after each other.

"The world has changed and moved on in so many different ways but has it moved so that we left that behind?"

"I think we've left that behind.

"We've lost this urge to understand where we really come from."

Mr Fry's plan for the Indigenous estate has a 50-year vision.

"It's taken us 246 years to get to where we are," he said.

"We're now at an inflexion point. Do we recover the group spirit and actually push on a 50-year timeline, which is only one-fifth of the time arc since 1770?"

"And that one-fifth of the time arc is about a re-emergence of the Indigenous estate today and what that could look like in 50 years."



Models Acacia, left, and Benita in items from Charmaine Saunders' Mainie fashion range, which features designs sourced from Indigenous artists.

How Oprah inspired a new fashion line

By KEIRA JENKINS

IT was American talk show host Oprah Winfrey's visit to Australia in 2012 that pushed Charmaine Saunders from the public service into the world of fashion.

The Gunggari woman noticed talk show queen Oprah's kaftan, and thinking it would have been nice for the flowing fabric to be printed with an Indigenous art design, the cogs began turning in Ms Saunders' head.

Now, Ms Saunders' fashion line Mainie, launched just last year, sources designs from Indigenous artists in remote communities to print on scarves, kaftans, tops and other clothing.

The Cairns-based woman has been inspired by her time in

the Central Desert, visiting remote communities that she said faced a lot of trouble.

Ms Saunders said there were issues in the remote communities that couldn't be rectified by government help.

"They were like communities that everyone else had forgotten, but in every single community we went to the arts centre was always a positive story," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I spent time talking to the artists in the centres. Most of them were women and in a lot of those communities it is the older women who are the backbone of cultural practice.

"They pass on their stories to their granddaughters through the designs they paint that may have once been painted on their bodies for ceremonies."

Ms Saunders said it was these visits to communities that "set in stone" her vision to make sure her business was as ethical as possible.

The 56-year-old said she wonders how some people can sleep at night knowing that what they are doing does not meet appropriate ethical standards.

"There are some terrible practices out there. Some of the art hanging on people's walls has been acquired in the most unethical ways," she said.

"Rewarding"

"It's rewarding for all our artists to have their work printed in our collections. They really appreciate it.

"Our market is mostly international tourists because Australians tend not to

appreciate the Aboriginal culture, although you won't find an unbroken art culture like ours anywhere else in the world."

Ms Saunders said Mainie's first collection was launched last August, with designs by Warlukurlangu artists in the Tamani Desert region.

"That was our trial," she said. "We had 12 different designs and they sold out in a matter of months, so we've been noticed and now have premium retail opportunities in tourist exit points across the country."

Ms Saunders, who describes Mainie's products as luxurious, authentic and unique, said the collection has been expanded to 21 designs.

"For me it is the best or nothing," she said.

"I will do three or four sample

runs before I order in bulk.

"We'll be moving into the Cairns Central shopping centre soon and true to our commitment to the local Indigenous community we'll be training people to work in our retail store.

"We're also looking at sourcing local art to add to the collection.

"Cairns is a great tourism gateway, so if it works in Cairns it will work in other tourist destinations too."

Mainie designs can be found at stores at The Rocks and Darling Harbour in Sydney as well as at Melbourne International Airport.

Ms Saunders said she hopes to expand to the Gold Coast, Darwin, Broome, Perth and Uluru within the next 12 months.



America has Trump; we have Hanson

THEY'RE a bloody weird mob all right... those who voted for One Nation's Pauline Hanson.

It's hard to believe it was 20 years ago that this 'red peril' first surfaced with her obvious racial insecurities which have now become full-blown racist reality for those immigrants of colour and with different religious beliefs.

Now politically-persistent Pauline is set to lead her One Nation party in feigned 'unity' across a divided Australia.

We are now a very unlucky country to have voted in such a nonsensical leader whose personal agenda appears to be to rid Oz of certain immigrants.

Those voters who elected her have created the greatest disservice possible in Australian political history.

Seasoned politicians are probably champing at the bit and, I guess, are simply going to have a field day with Hanson when Parliament resumes.

America has Donald Trump... unfortunately some voters have endorsed Pauline Hanson.

We will no longer be considered as the 'land down under' but as the land that Pauline Hanson 'put asunder'.

How will Hanson's open hatred for Muslims be viewed by our closest trade partners in Asia and elsewhere in the world?

This openly xenophobic person is undoubtedly the epitome of blatant racism.

Her priority appears to specifically target Muslim immigrants whom she personally deems as potential terrorist threats.

Hanson is sheer class in the 'ocker' stakes.

Who would have thought Hanson would seriously attempt another unwelcome comeback amid all the political chaos that has taken place since we last visited the voting booths?

Advance Australia Fair will now be put on the back-burner indefinitely until the next election, simply because Hanson has solely extinguished the once glowing pride and passion of the Australian people, both black and white, and especially here in Queensland.

It is indeed a very black and dismal day in Australia's political history when a person of Hanson's racial notoriety is enabled to become elected as a 'leader'.

Shame on those Queenslanders who voted for Hanson and unintentionally dimmed the once brilliant sunshine in our state.

CORALIE CASSADY
Townsville, Qld

Working towards Qld war memorial

WE read with interest your report on the Queensland War Memorial that our committee is working towards.

While we appreciate any publicity your newspaper can offer towards raising the much-needed funds, there are some inaccuracies that should be noted.

The committee has engaged Liam Hardy (principal designer and director of Sculpt Studios) as the primary artist and designer. Mr Hardy was solely responsible for the initial conceptual design and model.

Mr Hardy consulted John Smith Gumbula as a sub-contractor, to clarify some minor cultural factors that he had

already incorporated in his design. We feel Mr Smith has overstated his contribution in the published article (KM, June 29).

We are an all-Indigenous committee with one non-Indigenous member representing our partner organisation Griffith University.

We are working towards this memorial with the utmost integrity.

RICK GROSS, Elder
LORRAINE HATTON and JOHN BURNS, Committee co-chairs
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dedicated Memorial Committee, Qld

Why Libs lost Tassie seats

THE performance of the Hodgman State Government is a major factor in why the Liberals lost the seats of Braddon, Bass and Lyons in the federal election.

People look to governments for positive leadership. That leadership might be shown on electricity generation, health status, environmental or Aboriginal matters. On each count, the Tasmanian Government has not performed well.

It must have raised eyebrows that the Hodgman Government has been obsessed with using taxpayer funds to continue to litigate against Aborigines to allow offroad vehicles to trash unique and irreplaceable heritage on the west coast.

Meanwhile, the Hodgman promise to return lands has come to nothing. His main achievement in 'resetting the relationship' with the Aboriginal community has been to make it easier for non-Aboriginal people to claim state services meant to redress continuing inequities.

People can see the difference between leadership and power. Since coming to office, the Liberals have been almost incapable of controlling the power they gained as shown by (defeated Liberal MP) Brett Whitely and (Premier) Will Hodgman

standing idly by while the Tasmanian Aboriginal legal aid service was moved to Victoria, putting 15 Tasmanians out of work and depriving Tasmanian Aborigines of appropriate legal aid services.

They misused their power in a major way when (State MP) Adam Brooks, supported by Brett Whitely, declared by press release that the tracks between Sandy Cape and Pieman Heads on the state's west coast would be opened within months, ignoring the laws of the country that control such excesses of power. The cost of that excess has still to be determined.

The Hodgman Government has not shown positive leadership, always coming up with negative action whether against environmentalists and others wanting to protest, Aborigines on heritage and identity, and having failed to generate a feeling of optimism among the Tasmanian public.

Unless the Hodgman Government makes some quick adjustments, it will go the same way as its Liberal members did in the federal election.

HEATHER SCULTHORPE
Chief executive officer
Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre

POETRY

Respect your heritage

Mangrook, keentan, wana, kokan, koolche...
They use other names in addition to the ones native tongues ascribed those games now
Did the invaders know how to pay each other out without coming to blows?
Or did the caretakers school them?

Did our chillaxed 'tudes come from here-first born chicks and dudes?
Who were not entirely nude covering up so called rude bits?

Is it perhaps the true sons and daughters of the soil who began the tradition of tall poppy chopping?

Amongst the convicts and free settlers dumped on this land
There's a false mentality which denies the reality of spirits.

Some call it Dreamtime, an alternate universe
Existing parallel and intersecting with our own.

These flesh and bones call for their homeland when transported
Masks of Sabai-rooted warriors spun in recognition of their kindred.

We want to see our own kind flourish
Not always at the expense of others.
But occasionally as humans we wrestle
With our natural inclination towards selfishness
Not cherishing the land or sharing its bounty
Counting our coins instead of linking lives in chained community.

Imagine what would happen if no racism schism existed
If indigenous folk didn't have to watch their backs
In case other skin colour and shades moods shifted suddenly
Emotions turning sharply like the waves of the sea or a reversing truckie.

When can we get beyond sorry days and start living guilt-free?
Perhaps the key is in respecting this country's ethnic ancestry, or the creator who breathed into being this rich tapestry we call Terra Australis, property of the Holy Spirit which bids us treat it properly.

DANIEL WISEMAN
Burlingary, Qld

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Let the political games begin

HAS anyone else noticed the world is in a crazy place right now? Britain exits the European Union to go it alone, blaming refugees and Arabs for destroying the fabric of their society and wanting to make Britain great again.

At the same time Donald Trump is blaming Mexicans sneaking across the border for a failing US economy and the alternative is Hillary Clinton who President Barack Obama once said represented “everything what’s wrong with politics” and claimed she “will say anything to get elected and change nothing”.

Meanwhile in the US (the leader of the free world), if you’re black your greatest fear is being shot down by police on the way home from shopping.

Seriously, what’s going on in the world?

This election, we were crying out for inspired, visionary leadership. What did we get – the Coalition Government stating its reputation for better economic management over Labor’s call for more ‘fairness’ and greater investment in health and education.

Seriously? That’s the best they could do? Thank goodness we had ‘let’s save Medicare’ otherwise there would have been no drama at all.

Prime Minister Malcolm

Turnbull changed his mind on every important issue he believed in before taking the Liberal Party leadership.

Same-sex marriage and climate change are pretty big issues to suddenly become gammon just before an election, Malcolm.

He also called a double-dissolution election. Didn’t that one come back to bite him. For those who don’t get it, a double-dissolution is called when a government feels that policy is being blocked between the House of Representatives (lower house) and the Senate (upper house). A double dissolution is called to allow a new election in the hope of getting more agreement.

Don’t yah wish whitefellas would just say that instead of making things so complicated all the time? It’s because they want us to think they are much smarter than they really are...

Anyhoo, at the time, because of Turnbull’s popularity, party members believed this would cause a clean out of independents replaced by Coalition senators. But that’s not what happened.

The trouble is that a double-dissolution election almost halves the percentage of votes it takes to get a senator in the upper house. In a normal election that is



Woolombi Waters

14.3% for each senator quota. In a double dissolution, it falls to 7.7%.

Okay, now it’s getting just a little confusing. How did six become 12?

Currently the Senate has 76 senators, each state represented by 12 senators broken into two rotations of six, plus two senators from each of the Territories.

The only way to break the Senate’s fixed term is through a double dissolution; as stated, a

constitutional deadlock resolution method that sends all of the Senate to an election at once.

So that’s why a normal election is for six senators, but in a double dissolution we have 12, as everyone’s seat is up for grabs.

Still with me? Good. So it’s this lower percentage of votes needed that backfired on the Coalition.

Now it’s certain we’ll have more independent senators than before, which will make it harder – not easier – to move policy through Parliament.

In short, following is what some independents have stated in regards to policies associated to our mob.

SA senator Nick Xenophon’s party believes in a consultation process with mob in developing its Indigenous affairs policy and is committed to Closing the Gap. It also wants greater powers for blackfellas to manage their own affairs on the ground. Sounds good.

The One Nation website states: “One Nation opposes acknowledging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and that Multiculturalism has failed everywhere.” The website also states the party wants to abolish multiculturalism and the Racial Discrimination Act, promote assimilation and does

not believe in climate change. No surprises there.

Derryn Hinch is ambiguous towards Indigenous issues, only issuing a vague statement on ‘human rights’, but is pushing for harder punitive sentencing and law enforcement.

Then we have Tasmania’s Jacqui Lambie, who it might surprise some has the most laid out and progressive policies of all in relation to our mob, stating she would like to see dedicated Indigenous seats in Parliament taken from the New Zealand model with Maori.

Her website says: “Jacqui Lambie Network: supports a dedicated Indigenous seats policy that ensures that every piece of legislation which passes through (Parliament) is spoken to and scrutinised from an Indigenous perspective.”

And finally back to Labor, so close and yet so far, but they have certainly stirred up the pot and the Coalition will not have anywhere near the decision-making power they believed coming into the election.

Wana wiimbirru wuu-gi (Let the games begin)...

● *Dr Woolombi Waters is an award-winning writer, educator and academic at Griffith University. He is a regular Koori Mail columnist.*

We need innovation

THE concept of ‘disruptive innovation’ was first conceived by Harvard Business School professor Clayton Christensen. He showed how new technologies and inventions take hold in established industries – by targeting the bottom of a market which the market leaders have lost interest in or are not paying attention to and eventually displace the established players who’ve become complacent about the status quo.

Today the concept has entered the vernacular and barely a day goes by without some politician or business leader talking about disruption and innovation. It’s been become a key political theme, particularly since the release of the Government’s National Innovation and Science Agenda late last year.

It was also a theme of Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull’s major announcement on Indigenous Affairs, with initiatives to develop Indigenous business opportunities through increased focus on innovation, including a \$90 million Indigenous Entrepreneurs Fund.

Some people might think innovation is an optional extra when it comes to Indigenous affairs. Some people might think we should focus on the basics like reading and writing and getting Indigenous people into unskilled jobs before getting ahead of ourselves and expecting Indigenous people to pursue science and technology.

I too am a great believer in the basics. In fact, some people criticise me for being too focused on simple things – like school attendance and jobs.

But I also believe that innovation and disruption will be critical to solving the intractable problems that plague Indigenous communities.

Here’s a few reasons why.

First, innovation is all about disruption. We need to disrupt the status quo in Indigenous policy because for decades it hasn’t been working and there’s far too much complacency.

A few years ago I started using the term “disruptive thinking” to describe my approach to Indigenous affairs. It seemed to me that Indigenous policy had become stuck. For 40 years billions had been spent and very little had changed. Yet government after government kept doing the same thing. And anyone who challenged the status quo would get howled down.

It’s very damaging if people are too scared to challenge what they know isn’t working or say what they know is true.

I’m well known for challenging the status quo in Indigenous policy, both challenging the mainstream views of Indigenous people and communities and also the embedded thinking of Indigenous leaders. This makes people uncomfortable, even angry.

In 2005, for example, I gave a speech calling for private home



Nyunggai Warren Mundine

ownership on traditional lands and was abused by the audience. In my speech at the Garma Festival in 2013 I began by saying there was a herd of elephants in the room when it comes to Indigenous affairs and I was about to shoot them one by one. And I did (metaphorically speaking).

Both speeches were examples of disruptive thinking. The things I said are much less controversial now and more widely discussed than before. That process of open

discussion – even to disagree – is important and valuable.

Secondly, disruptive innovation is about acceleration and making large leaps. This is exactly what’s needed to end the disparity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Developing nations, for example, look to innovation, science and technology as a way of leapfrogging to the quality of life Western nations took hundreds of years to get to. Developing nations don’t have the luxury of a few hundred years to catch up and nor do Indigenous Australians.

Thirdly, disruptive innovation is about not being afraid to fail. Fear of failure is something we need to be very wary of when talking about Indigenous-owned businesses. We need to give Indigenous people the freedom to have a go.

In the next few years a lot of new Indigenous-owned small businesses will be created. Some will fail or will need to restructure or refocus, particularly if they are starting in areas with no real economy.

That’s a normal part of the business process. But I sense a strong temptation to shield Indigenous businesses from failure.

Coddling Indigenous businesses is no better than welfare. Guidance and capacity building is one thing. Choking them with micro-management is

another – particularly if the person doing the micro-managing hasn’t ever run a business themselves.

Fourthly, disruptive innovation is about creating something from nothing. Humans invent and discover new technologies when a problem needs a solution. Some challenges for Indigenous people, and remote and regional Indigenous communities in particular, can only be solved by disruptive innovation. The people facing those challenges every day will be best placed to invent the solutions.

We’ll need innovation to build economies in remote areas and to develop Australia’s north, something that will benefit the entire Australian economy. We’ll also need innovation to deliver good quality teaching and education to kids in remote and regional areas, where there won’t be a supply of teachers, especially in STEM and other specialist disciplines.

Finally, disruptive innovation forces regulators to rethink how – and even why – they regulate human activity. (Think Uber and Bitcoin for example.)

I’d like to see some disruptive innovation that completely upends the overregulation choking Indigenous Australians, our communities and our land and asset base.

● *Nyunggai Warren Mundine chairs the Yaabubiin Institute for Disruptive Thinking.*

Wheelchair rugby a saviour for Jake

BACK from the brink... that's the story of wheelchair rugby union player Jake Field, a Yuin man. Ten years ago, Field's life changed forever when he and his older brother Zachary and other friends dived off a wharf at Shoal Bay, Port Stephens.

Zachary Field explains: "I had finished work so Jake and some mates decided to meet me after work for a few beers.

"After a few hours, the establishment was closing and as it was a hot summer's night, we decided to go jump off the wharf across the road.

"This set the scene that changed lives forever.

"We all jumped into the water. On surfacing, I heard Jake calling out to help him.

"I knew straight away he was in some serious trouble and Jake was a strong and healthy young man and a confident swimmer.

"Three of Jake's friends and me swam over to him to see what was wrong.

"This was when he told me he couldn't feel anything in his legs and he heard a cracking noise in his neck.

"So a few of our mates linked arms and placed Jake on to our arms and brought him to shore. We placed Jake on the beach out of further harm.

"By then, all the people from the pub were congregating around to see what going on. The security guards from the pub came over to see what was going on. They called an ambulance which was on the scene pretty promptly and by the time Jake was being loaded into the ambulance, the Westpac helicopter was flying overhead and landed on the football oval in Nelson Bay.

"Jake was airlifted to John Hunter Hospital (Newcastle) and stabilised.

"He waited for a response team to be ready for him to be airlifted to Royal North Shore Hospital (RNS) by the Westpac rescue helicopter team.

"Once Jake landed at RNS, a large part of his family had already assembled to console his parents Roslyn and Kerry and to be with Jake.

"Jake was taken straight to Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

"A day or two later, he had an operation on his neck to fuse a metal rod into the C6 spinal cord and a skin graft over the wound.

"His injuries consisted of a compressed C6 vertebrae.

"Hours after his operation, Jake was undertaking rehabilitation for his hand movements.

"Jake spent several months in RNS and then four months in the Royal Rehabilitation Centre, Ryde.

"It was at the rehab centre where Jake was introduced to wheelchair rugby.



Yuin man Jake Field (number 4) plays for the NSW Gladiators wheelchair rugby team.

"It wasn't until several years later that Jake took up wheelchair rugby."

Zachary Field said this was where life for Jake took a turn for the better.

"Rugby helped Jake overcome a few hurdles that his injury had bought," Zachary said.

"Severe depression, substance abuse and addiction to pain killers were a few obstacles Jake had to overcome through dealing with this new way of life.

"Through rugby, it helped Jake kick his substance abuse and the dependency of painkillers.

"Jake learned how to manage his pain other ways. Being around other people with spinal injuries helped Jake understand his injuries better.

This included how to do things differently in his day-to-day life.

"Rugby has let Jake make a whole new bunch of mates who have become a big part of his life. It has given Jake the confidence to maintain fulltime employment with (building development company) Mirvac.

"To Mirvac's credit, they are flexible when it comes to Jake's

rugby as it helps keeps him stabilised, healthy and fit."

Zachary Field said the support Jake received from Wheelchair Sports NSW (WSNSW) on and of the court was 'above and beyond'. "If it wasn't for the support that this wonderful organisation provided, I don't know where Jake would be today," Zachary said.

"Through rugby, it helped Jake kick his substance abuse and the dependency of painkillers."

He said Jake Field's story was proof for Koori people that if they were in the same situation, there was support for them.

Jake Field is a nephew of the famous rugby/netball family the Ellas. Before his mishap, he was a promising rugby union player with the Parramatta club in Sydney.

When he was introduced to wheelchair rugby as a

quadriplegic, it was to the horror of his mother, who couldn't bear the thought of Jake being injured again and insisted her son not participate.

But because sport has been a huge part of the family DNA for generations, it was hard for Jake to resist playing rugby – a sport he dearly loved and missed.

First he played social games then two years ago started to train with the NSW Gladiators wheelchair rugby team.

Last year he attended a few development camps with the Gladiators.

He was selected in the Gladiators team and has already competed in national

tournaments in Melbourne and Brisbane this year, winning both.

The finals of the Fierce 4 national series were played in Sydney late last week, drawing teams from NSW, Queensland, Victoria, New Zealand and Japan.

Australia is also set to host the 2018 International Wheelchair Rugby World Championships.

Disability Sports Australia

(DSA), the national body representing athletes with a physical disability, has won an international bidding process to host the tournament from August 4-10, 2018.

The Sydney Olympic Park Complex and Netball Central will host the world's top 12 teams, including the Australian Steelers, who are the reigning Paralympic and world champions playing to defend their world title on home soil.

Wheelchair rugby is an intense team sport for male and female athletes with an impairment in upper and lower limbs. The sport can be very physical as athletes attempt to carry the ball over the opponent's goal line.

A round ball is used and it can be carried, dribbled, or passed in any way except by kicking. The ball must be bounced at least once every 10 seconds and the game is divided into four eight-minute quarters played over 60 to 90 minutes.

The players are classified according to their level of functional ability and are assigned a point value from 0.5 to 3.5 points – the higher the points, the more functional ability the athletes have. The four players on the court cannot exceed a combined total of eight points.

Hosch to make mark with AFL



RECOGNISE campaign co-director Tanya Hosch will fill a newly created role leading inclusion and social policy with the Australian Football League (AFL).

Ms Hosch and fellow co-director Tim Gartrell served at the helm of Recognise, the campaign to raise awareness of recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Constitution and to deal with the racial discrimination in it.

Ms Hosch said there are strong connections between the work of the AFL, and Australian sport more broadly, and the goals of the Recognise campaign.

She will remain a member of the Referendum Council and a Recognise ambassador.

CAAAPU out of administration



THE Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Programs Unit Aboriginal Corporation (CAAAPU) is now out of special administration.

The Alice Springs-based organisation had been placed in administration by Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven after concerns over its management practices.

Mr Beven said the corporation was now in a much stronger position.

New chief executive Pauline Reynolds has extensive experience in managing alcohol and other drug rehabilitation services, and a new board of five directors, including two independent members with sector experience, has also been appointed.

Mr Beven said he will monitor the corporation closely over the next 12 months and will provide corporate governance training to the new directors as soon as practical.

Defence group in agreement



THE University of South Australia and the Indigenous Defence Consortium (IDC) have formalised an agreement to advance and support business and education opportunities in the defence industries.

UniSA vice-chancellor Professor David Lloyd and Indigenous Defence Consortium chief executive and former AFL star Adam Goodes signed a memorandum of understanding under which UniSA will support skills development through education.

The IDC was established to help Indigenous businesses and entrepreneurs capitalise on the National Innovation and Science Agenda by delivering skills, innovations, services and supplies to Australian infrastructure projects in the defence sector.

Mr Goodes says the partnership with UniSA will help to enable and activate stronger Indigenous engagement in the ongoing shipbuilding program in South Australia.

'Elevate' status for major bank



THE Commonwealth Bank's Reconciliation Action Plan has received 'Elevate' status, the highest level of endorsement from Reconciliation Australia.

The bank says the plan maps out its strategy to build strong relationships and provide more opportunities to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, businesses and communities.

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Justin Mohamed commended the bank on its commitment to Indigenous affairs.

"The Elevate status endorsement recognises the bank has taken reconciliation beyond 'business as usual'," he said.



One of the Alanya Projects magazine spreads features models and stylists Susie Reid, Vina Nelson, Tosha Cocks, Alberta Robertson, Maria Narkle and Starlady. Pictures: Delvina Lawson, Vashti Lane and Kate O'Connor.

WA legacy grant will help young express themselves



A CREATIVE community hub in one of Australia's most remote communities has received

more than \$130,000 as part of Country Arts WA's Regional Arts Legacy Grants program.

Wilurarra Creative, based

at Warburton in Western Australia, is one of 12 arts organisations and artists across the state to share in more than \$830,000 of funding.

Wilurarra will use the grant to fund Alanya Projects, a series of workshops and activities aimed at helping local Ngaanyatjarra youth express themselves,

culminating in the publication of a magazine.

The organisation will employ a project manager for three years through the funding, which it hopes will allow young local artists to produce contemporary works and share their art.

Six of the organisations to receive the legacy grants will fund programs to directly

benefit Indigenous communities.

Other grant recipients include Tuma Pulka Media Aboriginal Corporation, Lerton Leonora Cross Cultural Association, Marrugeku, Buniyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation and Juluwarlu Group Aboriginal Corporation.

Institute warns of cancer threat



GAPS in the care services for Aboriginal cancer patients are contributing to higher mortality rates, the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) says.

The institute's Dr Jasmine Micklem says that while it's well understood that Aboriginal people are less likely to survive a cancer diagnosis, until now most of the research has focused on cancer risk factors or service delivery, rather than supportive care for Indigenous patients.

"While the overall rates of cancer in the Aboriginal population are similar to the rest of the population, mortality rates are significantly higher," she said.

"Cancer is the second most common

cause of death amongst Aboriginal people.

"Our study is the first of its kind to link statewide epidemiological data with narrative data, to discover what is contributing to these disparities. The most common gaps and barriers have been

"Cancer is the second most common cause of death amongst Aboriginal people."

found in supportive care."

The work in South Australia has involved speaking with 29 Aboriginal people with experience of cancer, 13 carers and family members, and 22 service providers to identify the most

common issues and shortfalls of the health system.

Aboriginal cancer survivors say the research shows how the health system needs to change, and highlights the importance of specific cancer care interventions, including engaging and supporting more Aboriginal staff to provide appropriate support and coordination of care for Aboriginal patients.

The Cancer Data and Aboriginal Disparities (CanDAD) Project is a NHMRC grant funded collaborative partnership between Cancer Council SA's Beat Cancer Project, the University of South Australia, SAHMRI, SA Health (SA Cancer Services and Breast Screen SA), the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia, Cancer Council SA and SA-NT DataLink.

Licence scheme meeting need



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people on the NSW north coast will have the chance to upgrade their licence with a new project, run by HART services and ACE community college.

HART Services Aboriginal transport and development officer Lesley Mye said the three-week program meets a need in the community.

"Participants will meet once a week to do practice tests and read through the *Driver Knowledge Test Questions* booklet," she said.

"There's an app participants can also access from home, and plenty of other resources too.

"An education driving trainer will then spend time with the participants and endorse their licences.

Ms Mye said the 'Light Rigid' and 'Medium Rigid' driver licence project came about after HART Services staff talked to people from Kyogle, Richmond Valley and Lismore council areas. She said many wanted licence endorsements allowing them to transport larger groups of people.

"There are big positives from upgrading licences, and community members are excited at the opportunities," Ms Mye said.

"It can empower individuals and positively influence the Aboriginal communities in the area."

Ms Mye said having an LR or MR licence could also lead to work with transport companies. It would also allow licence holders to serve as a volunteer drivers for HART vehicles in Mulli Mulli, Jubullum, Bonalbo and Box Ridge/Coraki.



Participants in the driver's licence upgrading scheme: from left, Richard Clarke, Adrian 'Mook' Harrington, Noel King, instructor Natalie Hannah, Bill King and Victor Williams.

Badu store sets sights on sugar



BADU Island's general store will introduce shelf labels indicating how much sugar is in food after community interest in the issue. Island & Cape Retail Enterprises general

manager operations Kim Reynolds said the Torres Strait store staff were taking the initiative to help their customers make healthy choices.

"We will look at partnering with the local school to give the children ownership of the project and if successful will roll out the labels in our six other stores across Cape York and the Torres Strait," she said.

"Employee Sineva Ahmat had been educating customers about nutrition by doing demonstrations and these have drawn a crowd of interested mums and children each time.

"This started as part of Sineva's work

towards a Certificate III in Retail which she has completed.

"Sineva continues to push the healthy eating message and recently did a demonstration at the island's Mabo Day celebration showing how much healthier it is to cook cassava with

"The kids loved scanning their bags of goodies on the iPad to assess their sugar content and got a shock to see how much sugar was in them, prompting one child to hide his so it couldn't be scanned."

water rather than oil.

"She talked about diabetes and the need to look at how much sugar was being consumed.

"Sineva showed the kids foods like coconuts and almonds which their parents grew up eating and compared

them to the lollies which they have today as treats.

"The kids loved scanning their bags of goodies on the iPad to assess their sugar content and got a shock to see how much sugar was in them, prompting one child to hide his so it couldn't be scanned.

"One little girl asked if we were going to stop selling jam because it had so much sugar in it. She said her mum had downloaded the app and jam was now banned in their household.

"Sineva talked about making healthy choices and showed posters indicating

how much exercise was required to burn the kilojoules from different foods."

Queensland-based Island & Cape (I&C) is a not-for-profit business owned by the Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation (ALPA). www.islandcaperetail.com.au

Healthy outlook for new officer



KAMILAROI woman Ruth Williams has become the fifth female to complete the NSW Health Aboriginal Environmental Health Officer Training Program.

Mrs Williams, from Coonamble, recently graduated from Western Sydney University with a Bachelor of Natural Science (Environment and Health) degree and is now working in

Hunter New England Local Health District's Tamworth office as an environmental health officer.

It was a big career change for Mrs Williams who joined the six-year training program in 2009 after 26 years of cotton farming and office administration.

"I have more than 100 nieces and nephews and I wanted to become a role model for them," she said.

"I joined the training program

because I want to make a difference in environmental health, particularly Aboriginal health.

"I would recommend the Aboriginal Environmental Health Officer Training Program to any Aboriginal person seeking a career in environmental health."

NSW Health's Aboriginal Environmental Health Unit launched the training program in 1997.



AbSec Aboriginal Colouring and Art Competition

AbSec is running 2 competitions giving you the chance to win some great prizes!!

Aboriginal Colouring Competition ages 4 to 12 years-
First Prize Apple Ipad touch

Aboriginal Art Competition age 13 to 18 years-
First Prize Apple Ipad mini

Entry is open to all Aboriginal Children or Young People. One entry per child only. 5 finalists from each competition will be selected with the winners announced on National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Childrens Day (4 August).

Entries close 5pm Friday 29 July 2016.

For full details, terms and conditions go to our website www.absec.org.au



NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK

Rural Cadetships for Indigenous Medical Students

Applications Close Monday 8 August 2016

The NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN), on behalf of the NSW Ministry of Health, is offering up to three NSW Rural Resident Medical Officer Cadetships to Indigenous medical students interested in undertaking a medical career in rural New South Wales. Cadets receive \$30,000 during their medical degree and in return, work for two years in a rural non-coastal hospital in NSW within the first three years following graduation.

The cadetship also offers additional benefits including a relocation grant when moving to a rural location, subsidised attendance at RDN conferences, subsidised attendance at the annual RDN cadet weekend at one of the locations for rural service and mentoring and support through RDN.

Eligibility, criteria and details on how to apply are available from the RDN website at www.nswrdsn.com.au and go to the 'RDN Scholarships' web page in the 'Students & Scholarships' menu. Alternatively contact Anna Dugdale at RDN on 02 8337 8100.

This group of young people participated in the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program in Parliament House, Brisbane.



Young Qld leaders get political



YOUNG Indigenous Queenslanders came together at Parliament House, Brisbane, for a six-day leadership program. They met other young leaders and Members of Parliament during the gathering. One of the 40 young people

who took part in the Indigenous Youth Leadership program, Lynda Maybanks, a Yuggera woman from Ipswich, said it was a great experience to tour Parliament House and work with other young Indigenous people on a mock parliament project. "The Eric Deeral Indigenous Youth Parliament had to talk on the 'Aspire

Bill', a mock bill about environmental sustainability in regional areas," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"Interesting"

"It's been interesting to meet people from all over the state and to learn about the different issues that affect their areas. "We all have the same drive

to lead our communities and make a difference, but we're all different in so many ways so it's been great to meet all these interesting young leaders."

Ms Maybanks said she has been interested in politics since she completed a communications degree at the University of Queensland, and has gone on to do part-time

study at Queensland University of Technology in politics and policy.

She said it was great to learn the history of Parliament House and Indigenous involvement in the State Government.

Ms Maybanks thanked all involved in organising the Youth Parliament and the leadership program.

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Yindjibarndi share stories



FORTESCUE Metals Group has been supporting Aboriginal Elders and people to capture the stories of Western

Australia's Yindjibarndi people on film. An initiative of the Gamburlarna Project, the 'Untold Stories' project has seen 20 people, as well as Big hART's Yijala Yala Project and Wirlu-murra Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation, record the stories of some Yindjibarndi Elders from the Pilbara region. The Untold Stories project also trains local people to film, produce and edit the footage.

Fortescue chief executive Nev Power said the project is a great example of the many Aboriginal communities now using digital technologies to illustrate and celebrate their ancient culture.

"It is important to increase



Yindjibarndi people tell their stories: from left, Sylvia Allan, Cyril Munda, Bruce Monadee and Dianna Smith.

our shared knowledge of Aboriginal culture to lead to a deeper understanding of Australia's First People," he said.

Twenty people have participated in the project so far, with five Elders involved in the filming, including senior Elder Bruce Monadee.

Mr Monadee said it was "about time" he told his story and had it recorded properly.

"It is important to record what we have done and what happened," he said.

"We have been walking with the other Elders, roaming the Fortescue River and where we grew up.

"It was good to say how we felt when we first became a part of Roebourne, meeting other tribes and reflecting on how that made us feel and how it affected us."



The Coming of the Light re-enactment in Townsville.

Coming of the Light marked in Townsville



MORE than 200 people took part in a ceremony at Townsville on July 1 to celebrate the 'Coming of the Light' to the Torres Strait. The Coming of the Light events mark the day when missionaries first arrived on Darney Island in the Torres Strait on July 1, 1871, introducing Christianity to the region. They were met by

spear-wielding warriors. It is a highly significant day for most Torres Strait Islanders. The Townsville event was held at the Anglican Church of the Ascension in the suburb of Heatley. Re-enactment artistic director Velma Gara said many hours of practice had been done for the event, which included a welcome, acknowledgement and church service.



Re-enactment artistic director Velma Gara and her daughter Patrina dressed for their roles.

New agreements for Groote Eylandt



NEW agreements to extend and expand the GEMCO manganese mine on Groote Eylandt are expected to generate new opportunities for traditional owners.

Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC) chairman Tony Wurramarra said that after three years of work, traditional owners and GEMCO had agreed on how royalties from the mine would flow and how community benefit programs would be funded over the next generation of the mine.

Two major agreements have been set in place: an expansion of the existing 50-year-old historical mining operational areas to the east; and a large and comprehensive exploration agreement over the south-west part of Groote Eylandt.

"We know the mine is here to stay for some time to come, so we needed a way that all parties can work together respectfully for our mutual benefit," Mr Wurramarra said at the launch of the new agreement.

"Our people will now have the certainty of funds to grow their communities."

"Our people will now have the certainty of funds to grow their communities. Our kids will have a future growing up on this place. They will have improved housing and education opportunities. They will be able to immerse themselves in their culture and their languages."

"And people will be able to follow their dreams by setting up new employment and business opportunities which we will help them start and manage."

"We will also be future-proofing our people's economic base by putting a large part of the royalties into a trust fund which will build a big nest egg for the day when mining will finish on our lands."

Over the past two years the ALC has started more than 80 projects across the Groote Archipelago to improve basic infrastructure like roads and sewerage, new housing and substantial increase in services for youth.

ALC says it is also investing in preserving and promoting the unique language, cultural and pristine environmental assets of the islands and the people.

Funding to help save languages



THE NSW Government has funded six projects designed to preserve Aboriginal languages. Aboriginal Affairs Minister Leslie Williams said the Our Languages, Our Way grants will help more people to learn, practise and teach Aboriginal languages as well as support the development of community-owned resources, such as dictionaries and videos.

"From workshops and videos to dictionaries and immersion camps, Aboriginal people are taking action to protect and promote their languages," she said. "These grants will support a range of community-driven activities designed to empower and inspire a new generation of speakers."

Human rights in the spotlight



NOMINATIONS are open for this year's Human Rights Awards. Run by the Australian Human Rights Commission, there are eight award categories. They are: the Human Rights Medal; Young People's Human Rights Medal; Business Award; Racism. It Stops With Me Award; Media Award; Tony Fitzgerald Memorial Community Individual Award; Community Organisation Award and the Law Award.

Nominations close on September 11, with the awards presented on December 9. Details and nomination forms are at www.hrwards.humanrights.gov.au

Strategy launch for Torres Strait



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) is set to launch its Torres Strait Regional Economic Investment Strategy.

The goal is to deliver strategic, informed and targeted assistance to businesses across the region, as well as help bring about commercially viable business opportunities.

The TSRA says strong industries must be built in order for Torres Strait Islanders to achieve a strong economy. More details on the plan are available at www.tsra.gov.au

Advisory bodies are on the way



NEW advisory bodies are being established by Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) in Mildura and Swan Hill/Kerang in a move to improve and enhance the delivery of its services. MDAS chief executive Rudolph Kirby says the new committees would feed directly into the organisation's vision to be "working towards generations of vibrant, healthy and strong Aboriginal communities".

"It will give communities input on decisions about the sorts of services and how we deliver them," he said.

More details at www.mdas.org.au/

Crown initiates supplier scheme



CROWN Resorts has started an Indigenous Supplier Development Program aimed at increasing Indigenous businesses in Crown's supply network. Partnering with Western Australian small

business support organisation Business Station, Crown aims to build the capacity of Indigenous businesses to tender for work, meet Crown requirements and ultimately build sustainable and profitable enterprises.

Top WA judge guest on program



Aboriginal Legal Service of WA chief executive Dennis Eggington with WA Chief Justice Wayne Martin.



WESTERN Australia's top judge joined Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA) chief executive Dennis Eggington for the 100th *Law Matters* program on Noongar Radio in Perth.

Chief Justice Wayne Martin was a special guest on the fortnightly program, which started in 2010 and is now heard throughout the country on the National Indigenous Radio Service (NIRS).

In a state where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people comprise almost 40% of the adult prisoner population, *Law Matters* provides an insight into the struggles faced by some of Western Australia's most disadvantaged people.

The program is presented from an Aboriginal perspective and focuses on complex legal issues faced by many local Indigenous people.

Law Matters offers a platform for candid discussion with key stakeholders about the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the justice system, while providing a greater insight into law, culture and country.

"*Law Matters* ensures that we have a strong voice to speak out about the situation facing our people in WA and how our own service plays such an important role within this state's justice system," Mr Eggington said.

"We don't just focus on the negative either; we bring to light the wonderful work that takes place in many communities where our people are working holistically to ensure that there is a stronger future for our people.

"These are such important stories to highlight that are often overlooked."

Law Matters is produced and presented by Nunga woman Jodi Hoffmann, who is the ALSWA media officer.

Funding to help girls



ROLE Models and Leaders Australia's (RMLA) Girls Academy says it will step up its

program after receiving a funding boost.

The academy, with branches in NSW, Western Australia and the Northern Territory, aims to help at-risk Indigenous girls.

RMLA program director Terry Boland says the new Federal Government funding means up to 1500 girls will be able to participate in the program, which now involves 12 academies and 16 schools.

"We've got about 1000 places now and the funding will allow us to expand into NSW as well as about 250 places in Queensland," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"We've worked closely in one academy in NSW and there's been a lot of questions from community members across the state about programs for girls.

"Because of the wave of inquiries we thought we needed to increase our program there."

Mr Boland said the program had a proven track record in WA, the NT and NSW since it started in 2004.



Participants in the RMLA Girls Academy program walked together in Sydney for the Walk Together for a Change event.

"We've seen terrific results," he said. "Year 12 enrolment is up more than 200%, there's been an increase in graduations by 76% and an increase in attendance at all the schools and academies," he said.

"The academy girls are exceeding the Indigenous average across the board.

"We engage girls from across the spectrum, so for girls who might be disengaged or not attending school, we try to re-engage them."

Mr Boland said that although

working with schools is important, the program also involved partnerships with the wider community.

"We work with communities, schools and Elders to maximise the achievements of the girls," he said. "Our goal is to get as many girls to finish school as possible. It's like our mission statement: 'develop a girl, change a community'. This is about empowering Indigenous girls."

More details available at www.rolemodelsaustralia.com

Students have say at forum



STUDENTS from the NSW north coast were given the chance to have their voices heard

during a youth forum in Lismore.

They heard from local role models Brotherhood of the Blues singer Zac Paden, *Koori Mail* general manager Naomi Moran and former rugby league star Preston Campbell about youth rights, healthy relationships and youth participation in social issues.

Mr Campbell talked to students about what a healthy relationship is and what it takes maintain friendships.

"In relationships with your friends, your parents, your teachers, being nice to people is the main thing," he said.

"Saying please and thank you – they're not used much, but they're powerful words. You have to consider what sort of

person do you want to be when you grow up?"

Goonellabah Public School student Sheridan Smith said she enjoyed the forum.

"We've done lots of activities and I've learnt that we shouldn't allow drugs," the Year 6 student told the *Koori Mail*.

"My favourite activity was drawing a picture of myself. I liked the forum and I would do it again."

Forum organiser Fiona Barrett said the the event was about getting young people together to share ideas.

"It's about informing youth of their rights and encouraging them to participate in idea sharing," she said.

"I think its important for them to talk to each other in a safe environment without judgment but also to have adults in the room who are listening to them."



Former footballer Preston Campbell talks at the forum.

St George gives a hand to youth



SYDNEY-BASED First Hand Solutions Aboriginal Corporation has received \$48,600 from the St George

Foundation to run a series of leadership programs for Indigenous youth.

First Hand Solutions aims to find hands-on solutions to issues faced by Indigenous people.

Chief executive Peter Cooley said its programs teach Indigenous youth about cultural traditions while also encouraging them to develop leadership and communication skills.

"During NAIDOC Week, Australians recognise the history, culture and achievements of the Indigenous community and this grant will help us share those stories with the next generation of Indigenous Australians," he said.

St George Foundation head Vanessa Barry said First Hand Solutions was one of 12 community organisations to receive a share of \$400,000 in funding in the foundation's latest grant round.

The foundation, now in its 26th year, has given more than \$25 million to 800 community organisations since 1990.

Ms Barry said the foundation is dedicated to helping community organisations that create a positive impact of children's lives.

● **Pictured: From left, First Hand Solutions chief executive Peter Cooley, St George Bank Pagewood Eastgardens bank manager Cristy Edwards, and St George Foundation head Vanessa Barry.**



Tiwi focus on future

Statue captures a moment in history

IN 1942 on a remote Northern Territory island, 21-year-old Tiwi islander Matthias Ulungura made history.

Alone and unarmed, he took a crashed Japanese pilot captive by pretending his tomahawk was a gun.

Now a statue of Mr Ulungura (right) has been unveiled at Wurrumiyanga, on Bathurst Island, to acknowledge the first part of Australia to be bombed during World War II, and to recognise the efforts of Indigenous people in defending Australia.

During the bombing, which began on February 19, 1942, 11 ships were sunk in Darwin harbour, 235 people died and 30 Allied aircraft were destroyed.

Pilot Hijame Toyoshima was flying back to his aircraft carrier when his engine failed and he crashed on Melville Island, where he met Mr Ulungura, who was wearing only a loincloth, and who promptly jabbed him in the back with the handle of his tomahawk, pretending it was

the barrel of a gun.

"Only recently are we beginning to hear about the bombing of Darwin, Australia's own Pearl Harbour," said Chief Minister Adam Giles at the unveiling.

"Too often Aboriginal Australia has been left out of the landscape of the history of the wartime defence of Australia."

Other Tiwi Islanders worked as coastwatchers, or helped build radar stations and runways, said military historian Tom Lewis.

Put right

"Nobody has remembered much about Matthias outside the islands for a long time; now we've put that right," he said.

Local residents danced aeroplane dances and sang songs telling the story of Mr Ulungura, who died in 1980 and still has many descendants on the islands.

His family crowded around the statues.

Marilyn Kerinaua, Mr Ulungura's niece, said he raised her and her siblings.

"He grew us up.

Everything was naturally. We didn't live by shop food. It was off the land: fish, crabs, sugar bag, dugong and turtle," she said, saying the statue would serve to remind the community of his courage.

"He said, 'Everyone has to be brave in their actions, be brave everywhere ... be strong.'"

With the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin next year, the Territory Government is spending \$2.25 million on the Territory Remembers program to commemorate NT efforts during World War II.

Mr Lewis hopes the word will spread to the rest of the country.

"It's an alien concept that the north of Australia was at war for two-and-a-half years and was being raided as heavily as parts of Britain were by the Germans," he said.

"This is something Australians don't seem to know, and they should know."



A NEW prospectus promoting investment opportunities on the Tiwi Islands has been launched by the

Northern Territory Government and the Tiwi Land Council.

NT Chief Minister Adam Giles said the Expression of Interest document outlines investment opportunities in tourism, aquaculture, agriculture and industry.

"The Tiwi people have a strong vision for economic development and support private investment on the Tiwi Islands," he said.

"Snapshot"

"This document provides a snapshot of the commercial opportunities in a concise format. It represents the combined vision of the Tiwi people and the Territory Government to attract investors with projects that match the vision of the Tiwi people."

Tiwi Land Council chairman Gibson Farmer Illortaminni said land was the Tiwi people's biggest asset.

"We need to use that land for our own participation in its use," he said.

"Our lives, once sustained by harvesting and managing the natural landscapes, now require investment and economic development to provide us with jobs and to allow us to participate in the open Australian economy."

We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Keep them short and include a daytime telephone contact number. Send them to any of the addresses in the panel on page 23.

National

Ongoing: Lifeline – saving lives, crisis support, suicide prevention. For assistance call 13 11 14.

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

Western Australia

Until July 31: *Good Together* – artwork from Tjungu Palya exhibition. Featuring artists from the communities of Kanpi, Nyapari and Watarru (APY Lands in SA) showing the beauty of the artists' country. Held at Short St Gallery, 7 Short St, Broome from Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm, Sat, 10am-2pm. Details: (08) 9292 6118 or visit www.shortstgallery.com

Until August 31: *Bella Kelly Retrospective* exhibition. An exhibition of paintings by renowned Noongar artist Bella Kelly (1915-1994). Held at John Curtin Gallery, Building 200A, Curtin University, Mon-Fri, 11am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm. Details: (08) 9266 4155 or visit www.johncurtin.gallery.curtin.edu.au

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan Street, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903 or text 0429 423 116.

Ongoing: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous people across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

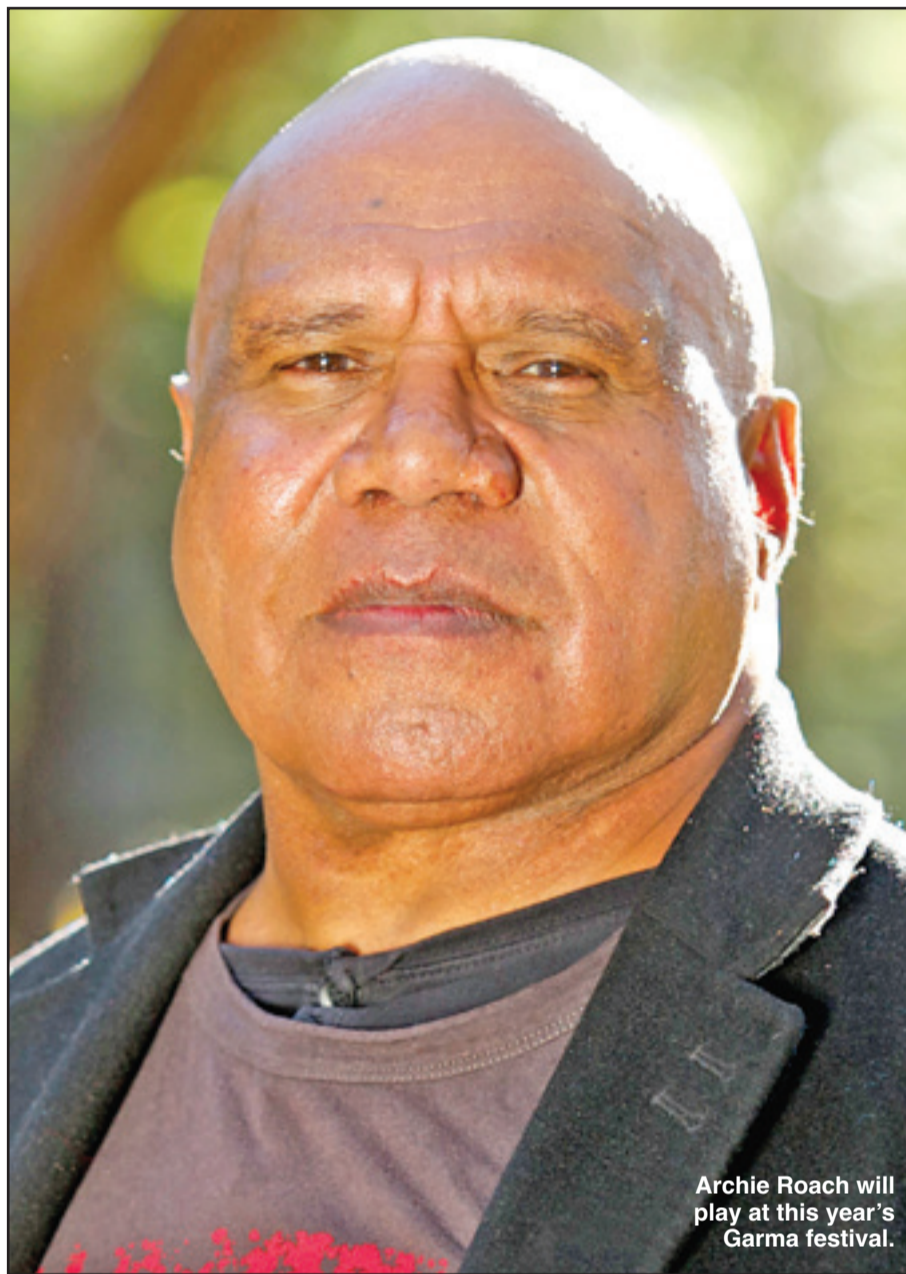
Until July 24: *How We See Country* exhibition. Curated by Bronwyn Bancroft and featuring artists from Bundjalung country. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Arts Co-op, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt, Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

Until July 30: Small Schools Display. Baryulgil Public School students have produced an exhibition on the natural environment. Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy Street, Grafton from Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm. Details: (02) 6642 3177.

Until July 31: *Warakurna: All the stories got into our minds and eyes.* An exhibition of contemporary paintings and sculptures documenting a new art movement emerging from the Western Desert community of Warakurna. Held at Cowra Regional Art Gallery, 77 Darling St, Cowra Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm and Sunday, 2pm-4pm. Free admission. Details: (02) 6340 2190 or visit www.cowraartgallery.com.au

Starting July 21: South Coast Writers Centre (SCWC) Writers Workshop. A 10-week writing introduction workshop for teenagers from the Illawarra area aged 12 to 18.

Held at University of Wollongong, SWCW, Building 19, Room G020, North fields Ave, Wollongong from 4pm-5.40pm. Cost: \$85-\$110 or \$15 per session. Details: (02) 4228 0151 or email director@southcoastwriter.org.au



Archie Roach will play at this year's Garma festival.

Top acts for Garma



AWARD-WINNING performers Archie Roach and Clare Bowditch top the line-up of musical talent to perform at this year's Garma festival.

Garma, regarded by many as Australia's premier Indigenous festival, will be held in north-east Arnhem Land from July 29-August 1.

Also playing at this year's Garma are Radical Son, Warren Williams, East Journey, Jessie Lloyd, Matjala, Sol Nation, Gawurra, Wild Water, Barra West Band, Ezy 5, Next Generation, KK Band, Garrangali Band, Yilila, and Salt Lake Band.

July 21: Homelessness Forum 2016. Taking stock of regional, state and national progress on reducing homelessness. Held at Lennox Head from 9.30am-3.30pm. Details: www.trybooking.com/LTTD

Queensland

Until November 20: *Art of the Skins* exhibition. Explores the tradition and artistry of possum skin cloaks through

Yothu Yindi Foundation chief executive Denise Bowden said the Garma line-up was an exciting and varied mix of local and interstate artists with a range of influences and styles.

"The Arnhem Land region and its surrounds pack a strong musical punch, and music has always been a key ingredient in the Garma experience going back many years," she said.

"We're very proud of the fact that new and emerging musical acts from this part of Australia get a lot of attention at Garma, always drawing a large audience to their performances. More details at www.garma.com.au

contemporary community works. Held at State Library of Queensland, Level 2 and Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, Cultural Precinct, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane from Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm and Sat-Sun, 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 3840 7666 or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

July 29: Brothers and Sisters of League. Join Ben Ikin in conversation with Queensland Indigenous rugby league pioneer, Henry Hegarty, followed by a

screening of the NITV documentary *Sisters in League*. Held at State Library of Queensland Auditorium1, Level 2, Cultural Precinct, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane from 6pm-7.30pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 3840 7666 or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on

July 15-17: Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF). Featuring a daily program of dance and musical performance, art market, films and a curated art exhibition by more than 100 artists plus an opening night party on July 14 from 6.30-10.30pm. Held at Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal. Cost: Free and ticketed events. Details: (07) 4052 3888 or visit www.ciaf.localtickets.com.au

Victoria

Until July 17: *Close to You: The Lisa Belleair Picture Show* exhibition, paying tribute to the life and work of the late Lisa Belleair through which she documented more than 25 years of Indigenous community life including marches, celebrations, portraits, signs and graffiti and personal photographs. Held at The Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne, daily from 10am-5pm. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit www.koorieheritage.trust.com

Until July 31: *The Scarifier* exhibition. By artist Judy Watson, the installation looks at daily life at Coranderrk Aboriginal Station. Held at Tarrawarra Museum of Art, 311 Healesville-Yarra Glen Road, Healesville from Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm. Entry fees apply. Details: (03) 5957 3100 or visit www.twma.com.au

July 23: *Carved Out of Life: The Next Generation* exhibition opening. Bringing together various artists to showcase the art and tradition of emu egg carving. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, Yarra Building, Federation Square, Melbourne from 2-4pm. Details: Charlotte Christie on (03) 8662 6300 or email charlottechristie@koorieheritagetrust.com

July 27-31: *The Chat* play. Devised by artists and former prisoners, *The Chat* takes a dark and humorous look at the criminal justice system. Held at North Melbourne Town Hall, 521 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne on Fri 7.30pm / Sat 2pm and 7.30pm / Sun 5pm. Cost: Full \$35 / Concession \$30 / Student \$25. Bookings: (03) 9322 3713 or www.artshouse.com.au

Northern Territory

Until July 15: *Balnhdhurr – A Lasting Impression* exhibition, featuring the works of 50 Yolngu artists from north-east Arnhem Land. Held at Charles Darwin University Art Collection and Art Gallery, Wed-Fri, 10am-4pm and Sat, 10am-2pm. Details: (08) 8946 6621.

July 29-Aug 1: Garma 2016. Program includes The Key Forum, The Garma Youth Forum, evening Bunggul dance, workshops, musical performances, Indigenous film program, Gapan Gallery, exhibition stalls and other activities. Held at Gulkura Ceremonial grounds near Grove, NT. For more information and to book tickets, visit www.garma.com.au or The Yothu Yindi Foundation on (08) 8945 5055.

July 29-Aug 1: Desert Harmony Festival. Hosted by Barkly Regional Arts, the festival is the region's platform for local people to present, participate and access the arts. Five days of music, dance, art, film, food, theatre, workshops, adventure tours, sports and cultural tours. Held at Tennant Creek. Details: Alan Murn on 0412 845 281 or visit www.desertharmonyfestival.com



The NAIDOC street march gets underway in Adelaide.

Loud and proud



Sportsperson of the Year Jade North.



Scholar of the Year Layneisha Sgro.



Lani Balzan won this year's National NAIDOC Poster competition.



THIS year's National NAIDOC Award winners were given a standing ovation at the national ball in Darwin last Friday. The ball and awards, the culmination of a week of Indigenous celebrations around the nation, attracted more than 1500 people.

Thousands nationwide joined in activities for NAIDOC, which this year had the theme 'Songlines – The living narrative of our nation'.

This year's National Lifetime Achievement Award went to long-time Bangarra Dance Theatre artistic director Stephen Page.

And the Person of the Year was educator Professor Chris Sarra.

Mr Page, a descendant of the Nunukul people and the Munaldjali clan of the

Yugambah Nation from South East Queensland, won praise from the judges.

He said his goal was to continue providing opportunities to the next generation of Indigenous storytellers.

Prof Sarra, a Goreng Goreng man from Bundaberg, was lauded for his efforts over the past 20 years to improve Aboriginal educational outcomes throughout Australia.

The other winners were:

- Caring for Country Award – Manymak Energy Efficiency Project (NT);
- Youth of the Year – Elijah Douglas (Qld);
- Artist of the Year – Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu (NT);
- Scholar of the Year – Layneisha Sgro (WA);
- Apprentice of the Year – Montana Ah-Won (WA);
- Sportsperson of the

Year – Jade North (NSW);

- Female Elder of the Year – Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik (NT); and

- Male Elder of the Year – Dr Robert Francis Isaacs (WA).

Profiles of the winners are on pages 44-45.

Cairns was named as next year's national host city.

NAIDOC Committee co-chairs Benjamin Mitchell and Anne Martin praised the winners. "It is humbling to see the amazing work being done by so many talented and dedicated individuals across our land," Mr Mitchell said.

Ms Martin said this year's celebrations were among the biggest yet.

"We are humbled to have worked with so many amazing partners this year, whose support helped to make the 2016 national celebrations some of the biggest yet," she said.



Apprentice of the Year Montana Ah-Won.



Youth of the Year Elijah Douglas.



Artist of the Year Gurrumul.



The mob from Manymak Energy Efficiency Project won the Caring for Country Award.

More NAIDOC coverage from around the country on the next 23 pages



Raj Kapoor marches in Adelaide.



These kids have fun waving the flags in Adelaide.



Narkita Austin, with Kahlani and Ashton Campbell, enjoys the day.



Lonnie and Lachlan Rockliff, Phi Theodosos, Ivana Budimir, Salom Carter, Katherine Woods, Deborah Whitelock, Ray Johnson, Claire Economides and Kelly Moses are ready to march.



Aunty Stephanie Gollan.



Jynaya Martin and Judith Laegrove.



AFL players Nathan Krakouer, Wade Thompson and Robbie Young.



The Adelaide street march is a sea of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colours.

A sea of colours



Sari Jones, Charlie Cameron, Anna Scullie, Emma Sansbury and Eddie Betts attend the march.



Lauren Milera, Malika Carter and Kiara Gollan.



MORE than 2500 people took to the streets of Adelaide last Friday for the city's annual NAIDOC march. They travelled from Tarnantyangga (Victoria Square) in the centre of the city, down King William Street to Parliament House on North Terrace.

Among the marchers were current AFL footballers in Eddie Betts, Charlie Cameron, Terry Milera and Curtly Hampton, along with Port Power's Nathan Krakouer, who had played at Adelaide Oval, the previous evening. Events were held across the city throughout the week.



NAIDOC SA committee member Jeremy Johncock.



Male Elder of the Year Bill Ryder with his daughters Di, Anne and Adeline at the Mirrabooka Day. *Picture: Michael Gill*



Kart Koort Wiern play the Djookan Yorgas at the NAIDOC Netball Carnival.



Ernie Dingo is MC at the Chevron NAIDOC Perth Ball.



City of Stirling Deputy Mayor Keith Sargent with NAIDOC award winners Len Yarran and Shane Garlett.



Members of the Perth NAIDOC Committee at the Chevron Ball.



Tricia Pearce, Rekeisha Eades and Rickesha Burdett have fun with the smoke-free car at the NAIDOC Family Day.



The Baldja Moort Dance group performs at the Chevron NAIDOC Perth Ball.

Busy time in west



NAIDOC Week 2016 opened in Perth with a ceremony at Elizabeth Quay. About 800 people enjoyed the performances, stalls, children's activities and free sausage sizzle.

The Midland NAIDOC event was a major success, with more than 1000 people attending. The event had a community focus and included a karaoke competition.

Mid-week events included the NAIDOC Netball carnival, with more than 100 teams participating from as far north as Geraldton and south to Albany, as well as players from the eastern states. It was hailed as the largest Indigenous sporting event in Australia.

Mirraboooka NAIDOC was also held mid-week, and those attending enjoyed yonga stew and damper while browsing the stalls and listening to the tunes of Pipeline.

The largest community event was again at Ashfield, where there was non-stop entertainment and plenty of stalls.

And the week finished with the Perth Chevron NAIDOC Ball, this year held at the Crown Casino.



The dance floor is a popular place at the Perth NAIDOC Ball.



Noongar Radio's Carol Michie interviews Theresa Walley.



Jessica Birk and Mary Mumbulla, from Barangaroo.



Jessie Lloyd performs.



Lisa Connor shows the wares from Double Bridge Farm.



Richard Body and Aboriginal chef Mark Olive.



Sarah Puckeridge, Josh Ridgeway and Coral See at the NSW Aboriginal Land Council stall in Hyde Park.



Kathleen O'Keefe, De Greer Yindimincarlie and Kirstie Parker in Redfern.



Matthew Doyle sings the song of Bennelong in Sydney.



Billy McPherson, Barbara McGrady and Graham Merritt at the city celebrations.



Gadigal Elder Charles 'Chicka' Madden welcomes all to country at NAIDOC in the City.



Nathan Sentance, Melissa Jackson and Ronald Briggs from State Library of NSW Indigenous Services.



Tina Raye, Hector Yates, 1, Stephanie Yates, Harley Yates, 10, Kyle Raye, Sharna Raye and Hunter Yates, 6.



George Rose, Trent Rose, Shannon Fuller, Matt Rose and Dan Munro celebrate NAIDOC in Sydney.



Gadigal Elder Allen Madden welcomes people to country in Redfern.

Performances support theme



THIS year's NAIDOC theme of Songlines: The Living Narrative of Our Nation was recognised with

special performances at a flag-raising ceremony at Redfern Community Centre and NAIDOC in the City in Hyde Park, Sydney.

After Elder Allen Madden welcomed all to Gadigal country in Redfern, Matthew Doyle sang a song written by Bennelong when he was pining for home in England.

Wiradjuri woman Norma Ingram said it was wonderful to hear songs in language.

"Songlines hold our stories so they can be sung and told right across the country," she said.

"If you lift up the cement, the concrete, this is still Aboriginal land – and we need to look after it, and the waterways and the environment. The trees, the animals and the earth are all our family.

"There's nothing like the Aboriginal kinship system in the world and our songlines connect us so that if you see another Aboriginal person anywhere across the country, we acknowledge each other.

"Happy NAIDOC!"

In both Hyde Park and Redfern, musician Jessie Lloyd, formerly of Palm Island, gave audiences a taste of her research project Mission Songs. "I'm looking at songs from 1900-1999, the songs our people wrote when they weren't allowed to speak language or practise ceremony," she said.

Kevin Kropinyeri kept the crowd laughing as the MC at NAIDOC in the



Millie Ingram and Beryl Van-Oploo at the Redfern flag-raising ceremony.



Lyll Dennison, from Banksia, and Jo Bostock, from Redfern, with a poster promoting this year's NSW Rugby League Knockout in Sydney.

City, introducing a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performers including Radical Son, NAISDA, the Green Hand Band and Mi-kaisha.

Artist Gail Mabo and writer Anita

Heiss both led workshops for children, while all four football codes and Basketball Australia gave kids a chance to work on their sporting skills.



Darius Welsh, 7, and Andrea Haddad, 14, from Hurstville, throw the footy during sports activities at NAIDOC in the Park in central Sydney.



A Torres Strait Islander performance at NAIDOC in the City.



Kaleesha Rhodes, Loretta Hickling, Jasmine Bolt and Cherece Close, all from Lismore.

Sinead Dumas, Jess Singh and Katrina Singh.



One of the many traditional dancers.



Josh Reynolds, Preston Campbell and Kyle Dancy, all from the Gold Coast, enjoyed the gathering.



Kargun and
Kaialgoom
Fogarty.



Shakaya Williams, Vienna Cavanaugh and Trenell Williams.



Uncle Bruce Walker and Uncle Patrick Torrens, from Tabulam.



Cheyenne Gundy and Jehnaya Hegarty, both of Brisbane.



NAIDOC participants march to Musgrave Park, South Brisbane.

Musgrave magic



THOUSANDS turned out in fine weather for Brisbane's major NAIDOC celebration at Musgrave Park. Regarded by many as Australia's finest NAIDOC event, the day included a march followed by performances, traditional activities, carnival games and more. There were many stalls and activities for the kids.



Yarraka and Quaden Bayles, of Brisbane.



Denise Conlon, Roslyn Yates, Louisa Whedttam and Gemma Tonga, all from Logan, south of Brisbane.



Bob and Jan Gardener, from Morayfield.



John Graham, of the Gold Coast, and Tienielle Hill, from Brisbane.



Fran Crowe and her grandchildren Aiden, 9, Mykayla, 7, Emmelynn, 8, and Corbyn, 9.



Karen Parter, from the Smith Family, and her son Kado Ramalli, 5.



Ngunnawal woman Selina Walker and her godsons in Canberra.



Johnny Huckle entertains the crowd.



Tamsin O'Rourke, from YWCA Canberra, holds her children Flynn, 2, and Gwen, 6.

Community event in the capital



DESPITE the cold and wet, more than 100 people turned out for the NAIDOC community day at Marymead, in Narrabundah, Canberra, organised by eight community organisations.

Following a welcome to country by Ngunnawal woman Selina Walker and a smoking ceremony by Billy T, Johnny Huckle warmed everyone up with his music, skill as a mimic and a few big laughs.

"Ngunnawal identity is collective

identity," Ms Walker said.

"It's important people understand our history and that we share our knowledge."

The day also included a barbecue, a 'human library' where Aboriginal people acted as 'living books' and shared their stories, and a slice of the Torres Strait Islands, with dances and music.

Adam Schipp, a Wiradjuri man who works for Greening Australia, also offered the opportunity for people to taste local Ngunnawal bush foods.



Lellai, Benny, Mary and Reg Hodges and Robyn Forester.



ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body representative Maurice Walker with Zoe Winters, from the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Department.



Dark Rose (Roland Brown) plays the didgeri-bone (a cross between a didg and a trambone).



Minnie Tomkins, 5, and Learra Jamieson, 6.



Sabai Islander Daudai Brown (nee Waianga) of the Dhoeybaw clan demonstrates a sitting dance from the Torres Strait.



Michael Chapman and niece Marcella Barker, 6.

One Mob Different Country dancers perform for the audience at the National NAIDOC Ball in Darwin.



Our night of nights



MORE than 1500 people from around Australia packed the Darwin Entertainment Centre last Friday night for the climax of NAIDOC celebrations – the National Ball and Awards presentation.

They were treated to the best Indigenous Australia has to offer, with great speeches, food and entertainment.

See the next three pages for profiles on the winners as well as more images from the night.



Gerald Collins and Sheila Araujo.



Chris Bron and Terri Reid.



Stacey Clarke, Pam Clarke, Kim May, Keisha Clarke, Annabell McLellan and Kylie Granter are ready for the ball.



Brianna Shaw, Somenah Nasir, Tamika Friday and Tanyah Nasir.



NAIDOC NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS 2016



SOME of Indigenous Australia's very best were winners at this year's NAIDOC National Awards, presented in Darwin last Friday night. Following is a profile on each of the recipients.

Lifetime Achievement – Stephen Page: Stephen Page is a descendant of the Nunukul people and the Munaldjali clan of the Yugambah Nation from south-east Queensland. This year, he celebrates 25 years as artistic director of Bangarra Dance Theatre, which has expanded under his direction from a fledgling project into a major performing arts company with an international reputation. Mr Page's goal is to provide opportunities for the next generation of Indigenous storytellers. He has nurtured dance and culture in thousands of school children in disadvantaged communities through workshops, and the company's youth program, Rekindling. Mr Page who has been a recognised leader in both the Australian arts landscape and the Indigenous community for more than two decades, was recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Creative Arts by the University of Technology, Sydney. He has made an invaluable contribution to the cultural life of our nation, and to the advancement of his people.

Person of the Year – Chris Sarra: Professor Chris Sarra, a Goreng Goreng man from Bundaberg, has championed the improvement of Aboriginal education throughout Australia for over 20 years. The youngest of 10 children, Prof Sarra faced many of the challenges commonly experienced by Indigenous kids at school, motivating him to make a difference. His Stronger Smarter Institute began in 2006 to improve the way Indigenous education is delivered, without compromising cultural identity. As principal of Cherbourg State School in Queensland, Prof Sarra's teaching methods increased enthusiasm for student learning and dramatically improved student engagement, school outcomes and the Aboriginal community's involvement in their children's education. In 2004, Prof Sarra was Queensland's Australian of the Year, and in 2010 he was Queensland's Australian of the Year. He has written two books and has completed a psychology doctorate and Masters of Education. He recently accepted a role as Professor of Education at the University of Canberra. As a leader, scholar, teacher and principal, Prof Sarra advocates that a strong and positive sense of culture and identity should go hand in hand with achieving a good education.

Female Elder of the Year – MaryAnn Bin-Sallik: Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik is a Djaru Elder from the East Kimberley who spent most of her life in Darwin. She became a nurse at 17, turning her mind and path to academia in her mid-30s. Prof Bin-Sallik's long and distinguished career has been marked by impressive and varied achievements. She was the first Indigenous person to graduate as a trained nurse from Darwin Hospital; to be employed full-time in the higher education sector in Australia; and the first to gain a doctorate from Harvard University in the United States. Prof Bin-Sallik is passionate about Indigenous participation in higher education. Her involvement in government, university and community advisory and review groups has greatly influenced education and equity policies for Indigenous Australians. On her retirement in 2008, Prof Bin-Sallik was made an Emeritus Professor of Charles Darwin University, in recognition of her decades of academic service and her contribution to the advancement of Indigenous education, cultures and heritage.

Male Elder of the Year – Robert Isaacs: Dr Robert Francis Isaacs is a Billumum Noongar man, a member of



This year's National NAIDOC Award winners: back from left, Male Elder of the Year Robert Isaacs, Person of the Year Chris Sarra, Sportsperson of the Year Jade North and Youth of the Year Elijah Douglas. Front from left, National Poster competition winner Lani Balzan, Jasmine Yunupingu, the daughter of Artist of the Year Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu (he could not attend), Scholar of the Year Layneisha Sgro, Lifetime Achievement Award winner Stephen Page and Female Elder of the Year MaryAnn Bin-Sallik. Apprentice of the Year Montana Ah-Won was absent.

the Stolen Generations and a proud Western Australian. He began his career in 1973 with the Community and Child Health Services. Since then, Mr Isaacs has established dental, rehabilitation and health care clinics. He has improved relations between Aboriginal people and the justice system, led housing initiatives, and helped establish Clontarf Aboriginal College. As a former councillor and deputy mayor of the City of Gosnells, Mr Isaacs was also the first Aboriginal person elected to local government. He was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in 2001 for his service to Housing, Health, Education and Employment. Ms Isaacs is currently the chair of the Australia Day Council of Western Australia, executive member to the State Aboriginal Advisory Council – Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority Act, and foundation member and

president and chair of the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service.

Caring for Country Award – Manyak Energy Efficiency Project: The Manyak Energy Efficiency Project was successfully trialled in six remote communities in East Arnhem Land from 2013 to 2015. The project, designed to address a community need to use energy more efficiently, paves the way for further water and energy efficiency projects across the Northern Territory. It employed 91 Yolngu energy efficiency workers to educate residents about power and water usage, enabling them to make informed choices about what they spend their money on. More than 80% of households participated in the project, with over 70% of these receiving energy efficiency upgrades and all participants agreeing their knowledge about looking after power and water has improved.

The Manyak Energy Efficiency Project is a great example of what can be achieved when passionate individuals work with communities to share knowledge and provide solutions for long-term, sustainable management of country.

Youth of the Year – Elijah Douglas: Elijah Douglas is a Ganggalidda, Garwa, Waanyi and Gudanji man from Doomadgee in Queensland. At aged 19, Mr Douglas is the team leader of a youth development program for Save the Children Australia. He also initiated a student leadership council at Doomadgee State School where he teaches language and culture to students and teachers, and is a champion of the Remote Schools Attendance Strategy. Mr Douglas has written a book to record the personal journeys of Elders from his community, and in 2013, he

played the didgeridoo at the Anzac Cove ceremony to commemorate Indigenous soldiers who served for Australia. In 2014, Mr Douglas attended the National Indigenous Youth Parliament, and this year he attended the United Nations forum in New York, to discuss Indigenous Peoples' rights and emerging issues. Mr Douglas's aspiration is to be the first Indigenous prime minister of Australia, but he is committed to making a difference in his community first.

Artist of the Year – Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu: Gurrumul, as he is widely known, is a Gumatj man from Galiwinku on Elcho Island in the Northern Territory. His exceptional musical skills on drums, keyboards, guitar and didgeridoo were largely self-taught, despite the fact he was born blind. His singing voice has drawn great attention and acclaim, with his music topping Australian

charts and being recognised with ARIA and Deadly awards. Gurrumul is acclaimed overseas as well. He can count Will.I.Am, Elton John and Sting among his fans, and has performed for the Queen, US President Barack Obama and Crown Prince Frederik and Princess Mary of Denmark. Singing in several Yolngu languages and English, his blend of traditional songs and modern compositions has changed the way people experience Indigenous music. Adding to Gurrumul's accomplishments, his Gurrumul Yunupingu Foundation supports remote Indigenous youth to become involved in arts and cultural programs, learning skills and pursuing healthy lifestyles to help overcome disadvantage.

Scholar of the Year – Layneisha Sgro: Layneisha Sgro is a Nyiyaparli, Bardi and Jabbar Jabbar woman from Broome. She was the first in her family to complete high school, travelling over 2000km and boarding to further her education. She recently graduated from the Presbyterian Ladies College in Perth with an ATAR score of over 92, the highest score ever for an Indigenous student in Western Australia. Ms Sgro is now at the University of Melbourne studying for a Bachelor of Commerce degree, and is planning to continue study in law. Passionate about helping people overcome issues like drugs, alcohol, lack of education, violence and incarceration, she has served on many committees and panels, such as the 2013 National Indigenous Youth Leadership Academy and the 2015 United Nations Youth Australia Aotearoa Leadership Tour. Ms Sgro advocates for young Indigenous Australians' education and encourages others to believe in their own capability.

Apprentice of the Year – Montana Ah-Won: Montana Ah-Won, 18, is a Miriwoong Gajeroong woman from Kununurra in Western Australia's East Kimberley. After enduring family tragedy at a young age and leaving school early, Ms Ah-Won set herself on a new direction, joining a hospitality pre-employment program with Kimberley Group Training. Excelling in the course, she began a traineeship and achieved her Certificate II in Hospitality. Now Ms Ah-Won is working as a receptionist and administration officer at the Kununurra Country Club Resort. She has a well-deserved reputation for dedication and professionalism. Passionate about her career, Ms Ah-Won is keen to soak up as much experience in the hospitality industry as she can. But she also has her sights firmly set on continuing her studies and gaining business qualifications. Proving that with resilience, persistence and hard work tough times can be overcome, Ms Ah-Won is an inspirational role model for other young people.

Sportsperson of the Year – Jade North: Jade North, of the Biripi Mob from NSW, is a two-time Football (soccer) A-League championship winner and Olympian. He was the first Indigenous captain of Australia's representative football team, the Socceroos, and has spent four years playing professionally overseas. An ambassador for the Mini Roos, the Leukemia Foundation, the Indigenous Games and the Indigenous Football Championships, Mr North is an inspiration beyond the sports field. His strength has taken him from a broken home and a battle with depression to where he is now – lead defender for the Brisbane Roar Football Club and father to three boys. He also runs a football clinic called Kickin' with a Cuz, using inclusion through sport to uplift disadvantaged kids. Mr North's journey and accomplishments have made him strong and determined to inspire passion in others.



John Christophersen, Natalie Christophersen, Mia Christophersen, Leonie Molloy and Rviha Maskouich ready for the National NAIDOC Ball in Darwin.



Lee Kenny, Jason Kononen and Darren Moncrieff.



Gail Mitchell, Louise Hunter, Lynette Dewis and Glenda Guthrie.



Jacinta, Georgina, Wayne and Wynita Barbour at the Darwin Entertainment Centre.

Young members of the Upai Purri Dance Group perform at the NAIDOC National Ball in Darwin.



May, Naomi and Norman Rosas at the Darwin Entertainment Centre.



Rachael Walker, Alicia Sherwood and Robert Campbell.



Barbara Tapsell, Natasha Sambo and Maureen Wanganeen.



Josh Saveka, Danielle Trindle-Price, Vicki Trindle and Gavin Clarke.



Meg Fried, Joe Brown, Theo Rapp, Tanya Hill and Kim Hill at the National Ball.



Judith Parnell, Denise Ah-Sam, Gina Smith, Theresa Weedon and Pennie Weedon.



Supporters and friends enjoy the Show Me The Way gathering in Sydney.

Show Me The Way joins celebration



SHOW Me The Way (SMTW) held a NAIDOC celebration in Sydney, attracting many friends, stakeholders and supporters of the education mentoring group. Guests included representatives from Allens (law firm), the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation, Australian Museum, Australian College of Applied Psychology, EMC, MediaRING, National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, NSW Education,

Ogilvy, Qantas, the Refugee Council of Australia and the Uniting Church.

In the past 10 years more than 200 students have completed SMTW programs across Australia, and 50 films have been produced by First Nations students and students from a refugee background with SMTW support. Many of the films will be shown on NITV later this year or early 2017.

Rhonda Dixon Grovenor, who gave the welcome, said: "It is an honour to be part of the SMTW story and

I've been involved for 10 years. My father Charles 'Chicka' Dixon always believed in the importance of education and mentoring. SMTW advances the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth."

Show Me The Way Learning Partner Seema Prasad (pictured above in white dress) praised the scheme.

"Participating in two Show Me The Way programs has been immensely rewarding," she said.

"The experience has seen me grow as

an individual, creating an increased awareness of others and of myself, challenging commonly held misconceptions, and bringing out the considerate and compassionate side of me.

"To form a bond with my students and be a positive influence in their lives was the icing on the cake!"

More information is available at showmetheway.org.au

● The *Koori Mail* is a media partner of Show Me The Way.



Great spirit in Glebe



STUDENTS and staff from Glebe Public School and Glebe Tree House Community Centre in Sydney gathered with local residents on July 1 for a NAIDOC Week celebration.

A smoking ceremony was held in the Glebe Public School playground, Nadeena Dixon and her daughters performed *Gawura*, a whale songline dance ceremony in Gadigal language, and there were many other activities such as traditional tool making,

face painting, and arts and crafts.

Glebe Public School student Alkira McGrady, a Gamilaroi girl, gave the acknowledgement of country.

● Pictured: Nadeena Dixon and her daughters perform *Gawura*.

Prisoners live on air



IN a NAIDOC first, Nyoongar Radio broadcast live from Acacia Men's Prison in Perth. The three-hour program offered listeners an insight into the lives of Noongar men 'inside'.

The men of Acacia prison were given a big voice during their

NAIDOC celebrations, with music, live performances and interviews. Even the songs were written and recorded inside and the broadcasters were all inmates.

Prisoners were trained in radio production and presentation by Nyoongar Radio's Mechelle Wilson ('Big Girl'), who hosts the Inside Out Prison Program.



At Acacia Prison, from left, Nyoongar Radio's Mechelle Wilson, station manager Paul Whitton and program director Jeff Michael.



ACES staff Michelle Duncan and Trish Williams, with Karin Williams from the Bert Williams Aboriginal Youth Service, attend the NAIDOC community breakfast.



Winners are grinners at the VACSAL Variety Night.



ACES resident Torres Strait Islander Elder Aunty Elizabeth Fairservice and ACES' oldest resident Aunty Eileen Davis, 93, enjoy the celebrations with homecare worker Michael Manger.

Thorpe named patron

By JILLIAN MUNDY



NAIDOC Week was celebrated in and around Melbourne with a range of well attended events.

Robbie Thorpe, from Richmond, was honoured as Victorian NAIDOC Patron of the Year for his lifelong commitment to his community.

Justice Department business management trainee Merinda Dryden, 19, a Yorta Yorta woman from Shepperton, was named Miss NAIDOC, while 18-year-old Gunditjmarra/Arrente/Wathaurong, Koorie Heritage Trust trainee Jordan Kamara Edwards, from Geelong, was named Mr NAIDOC.

Jiu-Jitsu champ Shantelle Thompson, a Barkindji women from Mildura, received the inaugural Victorian NAIDOC Sports Award.

Mr Thorpe, a Krauatatungalung/Tjapwhurung man who was born in Yallourn and grew up in the Fitzroy Aboriginal community, describes himself as "just a long-term activist for basic and fundamental human rights of his people".

He was quite surprised to be named 2016 NAIDOC patron, and said he really appreciated it at a time when the state was talking business about a treaty – something he has been talking about for a long time.

The veteran activist led the NAIDOC Rally through Melbourne city on Friday.

The *Koori Mail*, along with about 2500 others, attended the rally which called for a treaty and land rights, reminding Melbournians that they stood on Aboriginal land.

The *Koori Mail* also visited the Aboriginal Community Elders Services (ACES) aged-care facility's NAIDOC community breakfast in Brunswick and the Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association's (VACSAL) Variety Night at the Aborigines Advancement League in Thornbury – both popular events on the NAIDOC calendar.

There was no shortage of variety at the Variety Night talent quest, where more than 300 people were entertained with dancing, singing, mime, comedy, card magic and poetry.



Daisy Wanganeen, from Dandenong, makes clear what she wants during the Melbourne rally.



Patron of NAIDOC Robbie Thorpe leads the Melbourne rally.



Mr NAIDOC Jordan Kamara Edwards and Miss NAIDOC Merinda Dryden had a busy week attending events. They are pictured here at the VACSAL variety night where they were on the judging panel.



Gooniyandi (Fitzroy Crossing) woman Viv Malo addresses the rally at Parliament House.



Naomi Murphy, from Traralgon, with her daughter Destiny and niece Sonja, from Shepparton, are at Koorie Heritage Trust preparing banners for the rally.



Casey Atkinson and Josh Wanganeen, from VACSAL, get groovy for the Battle of the Orgs at the VACSAL Variety Night.



Melissa Maynard Smith grabs the ball for the Northern team at the North v South netball match.



Kirrilee Murray and Brenton Brown enjoy the Burnie ball.



Nan Mabb and Auntie Girlie Purdon, from Hobart.



Lincoln Birch, Ken Hancock, Eileen Everett, Loretia Maynard and Tracey Cleaver catch up at Risdon Cove.



Colleagues and friends Tamera Summer, Leanne Pelikan, Janice Ross and Grant Maynard attend the ball.



Belle of the NAIDOC Ball Sara Maynard, from Hobart, Old Coe Clinton Brown, from Burnie, Beau Calen Hill, from Launceston and Matron Loreena Brown.



Jason Thomas, Fiona Hughes, Jodie Edwards, Roseanne Hughes, Jaka Brown, Tasmanian NAIDOC Sportsperson of the Year Jada Edwards and Keeomee Mansell.



Roger Sculthorpe and his son Adrian stay dry at the Hobart flag raising.



All in the name of fun: Philip Beeton with some of the women at the NAIDOC Ball in Burnie, from left, Audery Beeton, Olivia Wells who sang on the night, Candy Bartlett, Tasmanian NAIDOC Youth of the Year Madeline Wells, Denica Short, Michelle Purdy, Ollie Ralph, Trudy Maluga and Heather Sculthorpe.

Lutrawita has a ball

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE NAIDOC Ball and awards in Burnie on Friday night wrapped up a big week of events in Tasmania.

Cultural educator Teanji Brown, 21, was awarded Aborigine of the Year, Artist of the Year went to basket weaver Colleen Mundy, Scholar of the Year to health worker Suzie Smith, Youth of the Year to environmental and cultural campaigner Madeline Wells and Sportsman of the Year to footballer Jada Edwards.

Earlier in the day there was a rally through Burnie calling for the protection of the Western Tasmanian Aboriginal Cultural Landscape.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre state secretary Trudy Maluga described the area as “our living narrative of our country”, that needs to be protected from destruction so all can enjoy the stories the area has to share.

Amidst the chilly and wet

Tasmanian weather, the week began with flag-raising around the state.

In NAIDOC speeches delivered in Hobart, Burnie and Launceston last Monday, the Aboriginal community was reminded to keep their connections to country alive for their own health and the health of country, and to ensure the entire community learnt more about the history and heritage of lutrawita (Tasmania).

There were also calls for a truth, justice and reconciliation group to expose lies and cover-ups that have kept Aboriginal history largely hidden, as part of the development of treaty, rather than the Tasmanian Government adding a ‘tokenistic’ sentence to an outdated constitution.

During the week there were many visits to important sites around the state.

Another popular event was the inaugural NAIDOC North versus South netball game held in Hobart, the Southern team winning 43-29.



Aaron Everett helps children raise the flag at Risdon Cove.



Uncle Jack Picken and Donna Picken with their foster children Kyiesha Harvey, Codie Hall, Makylla Harvey and Jyi Hall, and their son Stephen Picken, warm up.



Hayley Conrads, from Newcastle, reunited with her mother Kellie Arnott and brother Andy Jones. They had a feed of mutton birds and kangaroo stew at Risdon Cove.

Govt on job for NAIDOC



THE Northern Territory Government marked NAIDOC by announcing it had achieved a milestone in boosting Aboriginal employment in the public sector. Chief Minister Adam Giles said more than 10% of NT public servants are now Aboriginal.

Mr Giles said progress was being achieved towards meeting job targets under the Government's Aboriginal Affairs Strategy.

"When I became Chief Minister, I made the commitment to drive change, bridge the economic gap between non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal people and facilitate economic development in Aboriginal communities," he said.

"People were sceptical about our ability to reach these goals, which were deliberately ambitious because there needed to be real and significant change.

"Our goal is to double public sector Aboriginal employment to 16% of the workforce, from 1800 to 3600 employees by 2020.

"In just a short time, the number of Aboriginal employees has increased to 10.07%. This represents more than 250 new Aboriginal employees so far in the NT Public Sector."

Mr Giles said NAIDOC Week was a chance to celebrate the Territory's rich Indigenous heritage.

"It's a great honour for Darwin to host this year's National NAIDOC Awards ceremony," he said.

"There is even more to celebrate in 2016 with the historic Kenbi land claim settled and deeds handed back to their Aboriginal owners."

"2016 also marks the 50th anniversary of the Wave Hill walk-off and birth of Aboriginal land rights."

Happy time for hospital



AN eye-catching artwork designed to foster fun, engagement and a healing environment has been unveiled at the new Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) as part of NAIDOC Week.

Revealing the giant *Djerapin* art wall and sculptures, Health Minister John Day said while it was significant work, it was only one of many health-oriented art installations in the hospital.

"In the Noongar language, *Djerapin* means 'happy' and this artwork will bring light, colour and happiness to the hospital experience for Western Australian children and their families," he said.

"*Djerapin* will be an important part of the hospital's family resource centre and will also be clearly visible to people walking and driving by. It is designed to send a message of hope and happiness to everyone in the vicinity."

The work features two large glass walls printed with richly coloured Aboriginal designs and both are back-lit with a changing sequence of LED lighting.

"The glass walls symbolise a patchwork blanket representing comfort, but what really catches the eye are the five brightly lit dog sculptures suspended in space," the minister said.

"This captivating artwork is truly unique and was conceived and created by the Kidogo Artists Team, which produced the *Welcome To Country* work at Fiona Stanley Hospital."



The men at Balund-a took part in the Unlocked program, which was run by the Red Room Company.

Balund-a program unlocks feelings

By KEIRA JENKINS



EXPRESSION through the written word and music. That was the aim of the Unlocked program that ran during NAIDOC at Balund-a, a residential diversionary program for male offenders near Tabulam, in northern NSW.

The 22 inmates undertaking the program at Balund-a had the chance to write poems, do art workshops and create music, all culminating in a performance for their community.

One participant, Darren, said he enjoyed the Unlocked program, and hoped to put some of his poems to music. "I've come here with a positive attitude and it's made me want to do more writing and do the right thing for myself and my family – the people

who mean the most to me," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's helping me to express my feelings and already I can express the things that only I know through poems."

Poet Lionel Fogarty attended the Unlocked program as a mentor for the men at Balund-a.

He spoke to them about his story and expressed his hopes for Indigenous writing and for the men themselves.

"Stop the cycle"

"The whole idea is to stop the cycle of delinquent behaviour and to express what they know in a practical way," the Yoogum and Kudjela man said.

"Cultural writing is very important. It is important to have a language to express yourself in."

Uncle Chris Walker, one of three

Elders who works at Balund-a supporting the corrections staff as well as the men in the program, said it's important for the inmates to have an insight into their feelings and be able to put them into words.

"They can express themselves with music and dance and poems through this," he said.

"We've never seen many of the guys do much writing before, but they seem to like this. They can talk about what's happening in their life."

Clinton, another Balund-a resident, said the Unlocked program was empowering for him.

"It gets you thinking about the past and what you can do in the future," he said.

"The poetry and the stories that we heard are touching.

"I hope this program will help me stay out of trouble."



Men in the Unlocked program participate in a writing workshop under the guidance of Lionel Fogarty and Joe Geia.

University joins the celebration



Toowoomba Community NAIDOC Award winners Lionel Cubby and Miranda McAleer.



THE University of Southern Queensland marked NAIDOC Week with a variety of celebrations, including an art exhibition, public performances, live painting and art displays.

It opened on campus with morning tea hosted by the USQ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employee Support Network.

Later in the week staff and students, including USQ's newest students, gathered as the Kooma-Didgeri Aboriginal Dance Troupe and local artists shared their culture through a performance and display at the USQ Refectory.

USQ vice-chancellor Professor Jan Thomas said NAIDOC Week was a time for the community to celebrate Australia's first people, their culture and traditions.

Meantime, a USQ student, staff member, and program were recognised at the recent Toowoomba Community NAIDOC Awards, winning three of the categories.

Bachelor of Human Services student Lionel Cubby won the Senior Education Award; USQ administration assistant Miranda McAleer was named Trainee/Apprentice of the Year; and the university's Deadly Ways, Our Ways program won the Service to Community (organisation) award.

The Deadly Ways, Our Ways program aims to improve the access, participation and success of students from communities underrepresented in higher education.

City march popular



THE NAIDOC Community Street March in Townsville on July 8 was one of the biggest on record, with an estimated 1300 people joining in.

March co-ordinator for the past 16 years Lionel Lenoy said he was impressed with the huge turnout.

The march was the highlight of many NAIDOC celebrations around Townsville, including an official dinner and a flag-raising ceremony.

The city's NAIDOC family event included cultural performances, information stalls, and rides and other amusements for children.



This young marcher catches a lift.



Above and below: More than 1000 people turn out for Townsville's biggest NAIDOC street march on record.





Private Jermaine Stuart is ready for action in Iraq.



Members of the Awabakal Family Health Team during NAIDOC in Newcastle: from left, Kelly Engel, Kira Schubert, Kirra-Lee Briggs and Julie Rose.

Spirit strong in Hunter region

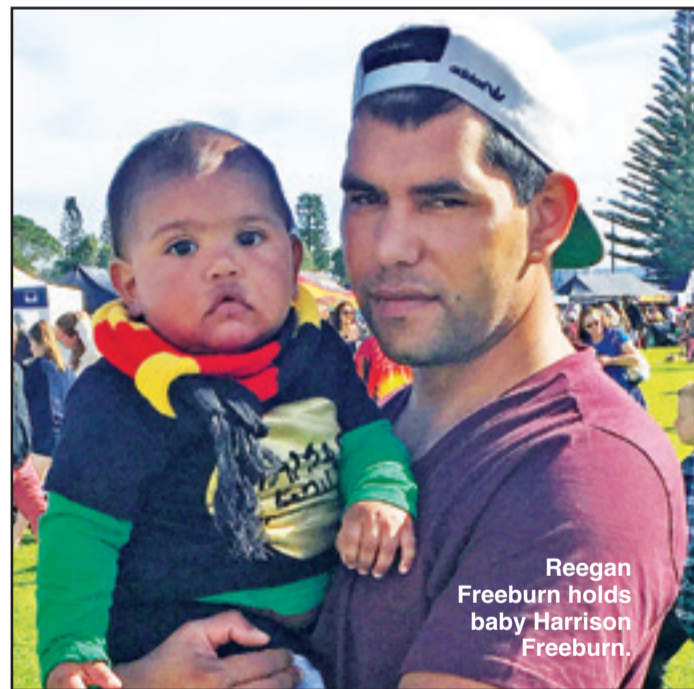


MORE than 1000 people turned out for the Hunter region's main NAIDOC celebration at the foreshore in Newcastle, opening with a march and featuring a range of local talent, artists and service providers.

The official celebrations began with a flag-raising at Christ Church Cathedral, followed by a march to the foreshore where people gathered to celebrate the local songlines represented in traditional arts, crafts, dance, songs and stories from around the area.

Headline act and local Aussie hip-hop stars Last Kinection performed – the first act in a range of entertainment and performers throughout the day.

Newcastle Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes and MP Sharon Claydon officiated at the opening of the event in conjunction with community Elders.



Reagan Freeburn holds baby Harrison Freeburn.



Enjoying their NAIDOC Week are, from left, Tjinari Briggs, 9, Naveah Briggs, 7, and Indie-Lee Briggs, 3.

Celebrating NAIDOC on Iraq front line



HE might be on active service with the Australian Army in Iraq, but that hasn't stopped Private Jermaine Stuart from celebrating NAIDOC Week. Pte Stewart, an Adymathna Yamatji man from the Flinders Ranges area of South Australia, is part of the force protection element with Task Group Taji, whose mission is to train the Iraqi Army to defeat Daesh (Islamic State).

His NAIDOC activities have been supported by the Australian Defence Force, which says it's a proud supporter of the annual Indigenous celebrations.

"Our job (in Iraq) is to provide security for the commanding officer and the RSM (Regimental Sergeant Major) of the Training Task Unit when they go out to the Baghdad Fighting School to organise to train Iraqi soldiers to defeat Daesh," Pte Stewart said.

NAIDOC is a special time for this modern-day warrior.

"A lot of people, especially the oldies, go on about how NAIDOC Week is for remembering white oppression," Pte Stewart said.

"But most of the young people celebrate that we're still here and we're still going strong.

"I like to remember my old nana

who passed away four years ago. She was part of the Stolen Generation and used to tell us stories about what life was like when she was a kid.

"I think about those days, too."

Pte Stewart received a week of cultural awareness training before deploying to Iraq in June.

"I thought the Iraqis were going to be pretty strange and different from us, but they turned out to be normal people ... just like me pretty much," he said.

"Have a laugh"

"All they want to do is have a laugh, meet some new people, have a chat and go home at the end of the day.

"They love taking selfies with us ... they want to show their brother or dad a photo of themselves with an Australian soldier."

Pte Stewart started his military career through Defence's Indigenous Development Program run by Norforce in the Northern Territory on behalf of Defence Indigenous Affairs. He hasn't looked back.

"My family and mates keep telling me they're proud of me, and to keep doing what I'm doing," he said. "But it's not like I'm anything special ... I'm just a digger like everyone else."



Johnny Pepperill and Norm Hagan in Darwin for the city march.



The One Mob dancers strike a pose at the NAIDOC forum in Darwin.

Packed program popular



THERE was a packed local NAIDOC program in Darwin, which hosted the national ball and awards this year. On Thursday the National Indigenous NAIDOC Forum drew more than 100 people to hear ideas and share their knowledge on subjects like land rights, health, Indigenous literature, education, culture and leadership.

Guests included author Dr Anita Heiss, lawyer Terri Janke and 2013 ACT Australian of the Year Professor Tom Calma.

And in another highlight, on Friday morning, hundreds of people gathered at Northern Territory's Parliament House for a barbecue breakfast and live entertainment before they marched through the streets of the city in a colourful celebration of NAIDOC.



National Indigenous NAIDOC Forum organisers Christine Ross, centre, with Joanne and Tanyah Nasir at the gathering in Darwin.



Young marchers celebrate NAIDOC on the streets of Darwin.



Carla McGrath, Karen Mills, Dr Anita Heiss, Michelle Deshong and Rebecca Harnett attend the NAIDOC forum in Darwin.



Kathy Williams-Browne, Laurel Joinbee and Josephine Akee get ready for the NAIDOC march through Darwin's city centre on Friday.



Geraldton has dawn service



A GROUP gathered at Geraldton's RSL Birdwood House to pay tribute to Indigenous service men and women as part of the NAIDOC Week dawn service. Geraldton Aboriginal Men's Association (GAMA) representative Tony Dodd said the 10th annual dawn service for NAIDOC Week was well attended.

"It was a beautiful morning – not a breath of wind – which made a lovely tribute to the Indigenous service men and women past and present," Mr Dodd said.

The dawn service was the first event in a week of NAIDOC celebrations in the Western Australian city.

● Pictured: Vietnam comrades Kerry Ross and Graham Taylor at the Geraldton gathering.

Lismore celebrates



HUNDREDS gathered at the Lismore Showground in northern NSW for a variety of local NAIDOC Week celebrations.

They enjoyed stalls set up by local businesses, a petting zoo, face painting, rides and live entertainment.

Students from across the NSW north coast region also performed songs and dances.



Cherakia Roberts, Sabrina Singh, Isabelle Weismantel and Kirra Whalan enjoy making flower crowns at the Women's Resource Centre stall.



From left, Rebecca Davey, Donna Evans, Mandy Carney and Teena Binge celebrate in Lismore.



Lenkunar Roberts-Hickling, Ros Sten and Tiarna Byrne.



● Above: Wyrallah Road Public School (East Lismore) students perform a special dance for the NAIDOC Week celebration crowd at the Lismore Showground.



Gloria Torrens, Darren Pott and Oliver Blythe, from New Horizons.



● Left: Emily Wightman-Gala has her hands full with Kamira-Lee and Yinnarra-Ebonee during the festivities at Lismore's NAIDOC celebration.

Healing strategy is set

TSI TORRES Strait communities will be assisted to address issues including child safety and wellbeing, community safety and the lack of women in leadership under a new healing strategy launched on Thursday Island. The Torres Strait and Kaurareg Aboriginal People's Healing Strategy was developed by the Healing Foundation with local input and is the result of consultation with Kaurareg Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders.

The strategy's recommendations include:

- support for a women's healing strategy to strengthen leadership in the region;
- preventative and restorative men's healing programs to help men address their issues in culturally sensitive ways;
- healing programs and services for 13-26 year olds who have experienced violence or abuse and are dealing with the impacts of trauma; and
- the development of community healing teams to support and drive healing at a local level.

"This strategy is designed to address the trauma affecting Torres Strait communities as a result of colonisation," Healing Foundation deputy chair Leann Wilson said.

"It maps community needs and healing aspirations against existing healing work in the Torres Strait, identifies key gaps and proposes practical solutions to address them through service delivery at the local, state and federal government levels."

More than 600 people from across the Torres Strait contributed to the strategy



At the launch of the strategy are, from left, Healing Foundation deputy chair Leann Wilson, Luisa O'Connor, Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston and Torres Shire Council Mayor Vonda Malone.

development, including through two community healing forums supported by the Healing Foundation, along with government and other organisations.

"The recommendations contained in this

strategy are drawn from the Kaurareg and Torres Strait healing gatherings and represent the voice and knowledge of the community," Ms Wilson said.

"We urge governments at the local, state

and federal levels to acknowledge the strength of this wisdom by supporting and implementing this strategy."

More information is available at www.healingfoundation.org.au



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Study finds distress in parents



A STUDY on the mental health of Indigenous people has found that nearly one in five parents or carers of Aboriginal children suffers a high level of psychological distress.

The study, published in the *Medical Journal of Australia*, found that parents and carers who reported health problems that limited their daily activities were four times more likely to report high levels of psychological distress.

The figures were similar for those who were less involved in community groups compared with those who were more involved in their communities.

"Our findings show that high psychological distress is very common among the parents of Aboriginal kids, especially among those with a history of physical or mental health problems," said the paper's lead author Dr Anna Williamson, from the Sax Institute.

"While it's clear that improving the mental health of parents and carers of the next generation of Aboriginal young

people must be a priority for closing the gap, existing research indicates that Aboriginal parents often feel unable to access mental health services for fear of their children being removed."

The findings are the latest to emerge from the Study of Environment on Aboriginal Resilience and Child Health (SEARCH), a partnership between Aboriginal community-controlled health services and researchers to produce data that can guide policy and lead to improved services for Indigenous people.

Participating

More than 1600 children from 600 urban Aboriginal families are participating in SEARCH, a partnership between the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council, the Sax Institute, leading researchers at Australian universities and four Aboriginal community-controlled health services in NSW.

In SEARCH, health services set the research priorities and guide how data is collected, interpreted and used.

SEARCH partner Darryl

Wright, the chief executive of Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation in Sydney, said the research highlighted the importance of continuing the strong relationships many Aboriginal community-controlled health services had built with mainstream health services such as hospitals and mental health services.

"Aboriginal community-controlled health services are the only place many Aboriginal parents feel safe to access mental health care," he said.

"There is a lot of pressure on mums in particular and we place a high priority on working with our mums as this really does have an impact on the kids."

SEARCH partner Sandra Bailey, who is chief executive of the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council, said: "This work highlights an urgent need to make community-controlled health services a part of the solution when it comes to addressing the critical issue of mental health and wellbeing for Aboriginal people."

"The need for resources must be recognised. This is a major issue that can't be ignored."

Coomealla farewells long-serving worker



COOMEALLA Health Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) staff and board

members have farewelled Paul Winters, who has retired after a 30-year career as an Aboriginal health worker.

Mr Winters, a Muruwari man originally from Brewarrina in western NSW, was among the first Aboriginal health workers employed at CHAC. He has spent 22 years helping the Dareton community of south-western NSW.

Mr Winters, who started his career as an Aboriginal health worker at the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service in Sydney in 1984, said he was happy with his career choice.

"The best part about being an Aboriginal health worker has been working with our community," he said.

"It is very rewarding to know your work is helping Aboriginal



"It is very rewarding to know your work is helping Aboriginal people."

— Paul Winters

people. The job has given me the chance to travel, live and work in many communities across NSW."

CHAC deputy chief executive Summer Hunt said that while the corporation was sad to farewell Mr Winters, his retirement was well deserved.

"He leaves a lasting legacy of the importance of Aboriginal

health work as a profession, and he continues to be someone that our younger health workers look up to," she said.

Mr Winters will return to Walgett, NSW, where he will be a carer for his grandchildren.

"I'm retiring from work but my actual work is far from over. I will be very busy with these kids," he said.



Course graduate Paul Talbot, from Boggabilla, NSW: "This experience was one of the best and most successful journeys of my life."

Something to smile about



IMPROVED Indigenous dental health is a step closer following a recent graduation ceremony in Sydney.

Twelve Certificate III and eight Certificate IV Dental Assisting students received their qualifications during the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health Dental Assisting graduation at TAFE Western Sydney's Nepean College.

This brings the number of graduates to 60 since the program began, with a 98% course completion rate.

Past students have gone on to complete additional qualifications, with one student currently studying a Bachelor of Oral Health at the University of Sydney.

The Poche Centre for Indigenous Health formed a partnership with TAFE Western Sydney's online and distance education provider OTEN (Open Training and Education Network) to get the course under way in 2014. With funding support from the Centre for Oral Health Strategy and the Rotary Club of Sydney, scholarships

were offered to Indigenous students across NSW.

Paul Talbot, from Boggabilla, was among the first intake of scholarship students. He graduated last month with a Certificate IV in Dental Assisting and is now working on a Diploma in Dental Technology.

"The scholarship from Poche Centre gave me the opportunity to better my career and achieve my goals," he said.

"This experience was one of the best and most successful journeys of my life.

"I am growing in my career and taking what I have learnt back to Boggabilla. I do denture clinics for the elderly and mouth guard clinics for the youth.

"I liked the way the OTEN study program allowed me to come in for training in block periods, gain lots of experience and hands-on practical time with the teachers.

"After starting the Diploma of Dental Technology, I have been accepted into the Diploma of Prosthetist which will allow me to work on patients in my home community."

Students attend Ipswich event



Ipswich Education, Youth and Sport Program participants, mentors and volunteers. USQ image



MORE than 150 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from 31 schools have spent a week at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) for the Ipswich Education, Youth and Sport Program (IEYSP).

The event, held at USQ Ipswich, was an opportunity for school students aged 10-17 to gain an insight into tertiary education and give them more experience in culture, health and sport

through activities and mentorship.

Kambu Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Health coordinated the program, supported by USQ, the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health and the Queensland Department of Education and Training.

USQ vice-chancellor Professor Jan Thomas said IEYSP was designed to excite and inspire students to consider university as an option after high school.

"USQ is proud to be associated with this program as it helps break down some

of the barriers to university life and opens the students' eyes to study opportunities and career choices they may not have considered," she said.

Highlights of the program included traditional dance, games and cultural workshops, academic information sessions, skills clinics and a career and education expo.

For Redbank Plains State High School Year 12 student Henry Ara, the program was a chance to discover what his future could hold.

"For me this was a really helpful event because one day I would like to run my own business," he said.

"Being on campus and speaking to the mentors and current USQ students about my career goals made me realise there is a world of possibilities out there."

Kambu Health chief executive Stella Taylor-Johnson said she could see great potential in the students.

"It was a very successful week and there was a real buzz around the campus," she said.

Winter program at uni



Participants attend the University of Sydney's winter program.



FORTY-TWO Indigenous Year 12 students should be much better prepared for end-of-year exams after attending the University of Sydney's Bunga Barrabugu Winter Program.

Held at the university's Charles Perkins Centre and the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE), students took part in workshops presented by specialist teachers and undertook exam practice and preparation.

They also had the opportunity to meet with representatives from faculties and industry to discuss their preferences, as well as their expectations of the student experience.

Coinciding with NAIDOC, the students also joined in community celebrations at the NCIE.

The students attending all participated in this year's Wingara Mura-Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program.

"One of the amazing things

about the Bunga Barrabugu Winter Program, which we can never underestimate, is the peer-to-peer connections and friendships that develop," said University of Sydney's Mary Teague.

"They're ultimately our most powerful tool, assisting students to reach their goals and stay focused. Friendships formed in that transitional time between school and the unknown future can be for life."

Insight

Participant Dhani Coe, who attends Presbyterian Ladies' College in Sydney, said the program gives an insight into university life that otherwise wouldn't be experienced.

Tye Johnston, from Forster Great Lakes Senior Campus, is keen to be an engineer. "The university's winter program has given me a few more options. It's broadened my opportunities," he said.

Riverkeeper students are winners



THE Aboriginal Riverkeeper Team has taken out the Sustainability Student of the Year 2016 category at this year's Northern Sydney TAFE Excellence Awards.

Apprenticeship Support Australia (ASA) industry training consultant Stacey Cox, who signed up the team members for their traineeships, said the award is the perfect culmination of a year of achievements, with all members having graduated and found work or further study opportunities in the sustainability sector.

"The Aboriginal Riverkeeper Program offers young Indigenous people the chance to gain nationally-recognised qualifications in conservation and Indigenous land management while reconnecting with Aboriginal culture and the land through practical experiences," she said.

Trainees are taught skills such as restoring bushland habitat, protecting diversity of native plants and animals, and land rehabilitation while working with the award-winning Georges River Combined Councils' Committee Riverkeeper Team.

Participants are employed and supported by Eco Logical Australia, and receive ongoing mentoring from ASA apprentice mentor Tracey Judd.

A specialist team from the Northern Sydney Institute also provides training to the group.

"The TAFE NSW Annual Excellence Awards recognise and celebrate the achievements of some of its most inspirational graduates," Ms Cox said.

The Aboriginal Riverkeeper Team is funded by the Federal Government.



From left, Aboriginal Riverkeeper Project manager Vanessa Cavanagh, student Larissa Cooper, Aboriginal Riverkeeper team supervisor Lex Gerasimou and students Shannon Beale-Bogg and Nick Arends.

Graduates aim to join police



JACK Heyden wants to be one of the country's first Indigenous police commissioners.

The 19-year-old is now on the way to achieving just that after graduating from the Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery (IPROWD) program.

Fellow graduate Mitchell Carey, 19, is another who is on his way to a career in the NSW police.

They were among recent graduates from the IPROWD course at TAFE NSW Riverina Institute's Wagga Wagga campus.

The IPROWD program aims to help Indigenous students attend the NSW Police College at Goulburn. The 17-week course provides each graduating student with a Certificate III in Vocational and Study Pathways.

Of this year's eight IPROWD graduates, three will take part in Charles Sturt University's five-week face-to-face University Certificate in Workforce Essentials course, to be held in Dubbo from August 8.

Mr Heyden said the IPROWD program has been a life-changing experience for several reasons. "It was more than what I expected it to be," he said.



IPROWD course graduates Mitchell Carey, left, and Jack Heyden.

"I've made a lot of friends out of it and I've learnt a lot of new things.

"You've got the best teachers, they can put up with a lot of stuff, and they can work with the hardest of students.

"It's a life experience that you can't really miss out on."

IPROWD course coordinator Christine Irvine said she was particularly grateful for the level of support provided to the program by NSW police based in Wagga Wagga.

"The police have been fabulous and very accessible," she said.

Shaun is top TAFE Western apprentice

By KEIRA JENKINS



WIRADJURI man Shaun Gordon did not always dream of painting and decorating, but when the opportunity came up he decided to give it a try.

Now, after being with Dubbo-based business Wayne Mallison Painter and Decorator for more than two years, the 21-year-old has taken out the NSW TAFE Western Aboriginal Apprentice of the Year and the NSW State Training Aboriginal Student of the Year awards.

"It's the best feeling ever. Five years ago I would never have seen myself here," Mr Gordon, from Walgett, told the *Koori Mail*.

Wayne Mallison Painter and Decorator director Brooke Mallison said it's great that Shaun has been recognised for his hard work, and is glad the work she and husband Wayne put into the young apprentice has paid off.

"Shaun came to us not really knowing much, because he started his apprenticeship with someone else and didn't really know what he should have," she said.

"He has matured so much since then and his work ethic has matured. It's great to see the work Wayne put in to him has shown results."

Mr Gordon took up his first apprenticeship because he knew that going to Year 12 wasn't for him.

"I didn't really like school, and painting and decorating was the first thing that came up after I did my Year 10 certificate," he said.

"I decided to give it a go and I loved it. I get to go to new places, meet new people and make new friends at work."

Bangarra's bonanza



Bangarra's Stephen Page



BANGARRA Dance Theatre has been nominated for seven Helpmann Awards this year. The Helpmanns are the main awards of Australia's live performance industry.

The nominations come as long-serving Bangarra artistic director Stephen Page received the JC Williamson Award from Live Performance Australia. The award goes to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the enrichment of the Australian live entertainment and performing arts culture and shaped the future of the industry for the better.

Bangarra's Helpmann nominees are:

- Best Ballet or Dance Work (for the production *Sheoak*);
- Stephen Page, Bernadette Walong-Sene and Djakapurra Munyarryun for Best Choreography in a Dance or Physical Theatre Work (*Ochres*);
- Frances Rings for Best Choreography in a Dance or Physical Theatre Work (*Sheoak*);
- Frances Rings, Deborah Brown and Waangenga Blanco for Best New Australian Work (*Iore*);
- Yolanda Lowatta for Best Female Dancer (*Sheoak*); and
- David Page for Best Original Score and Best Sound Design (*Ochres*).

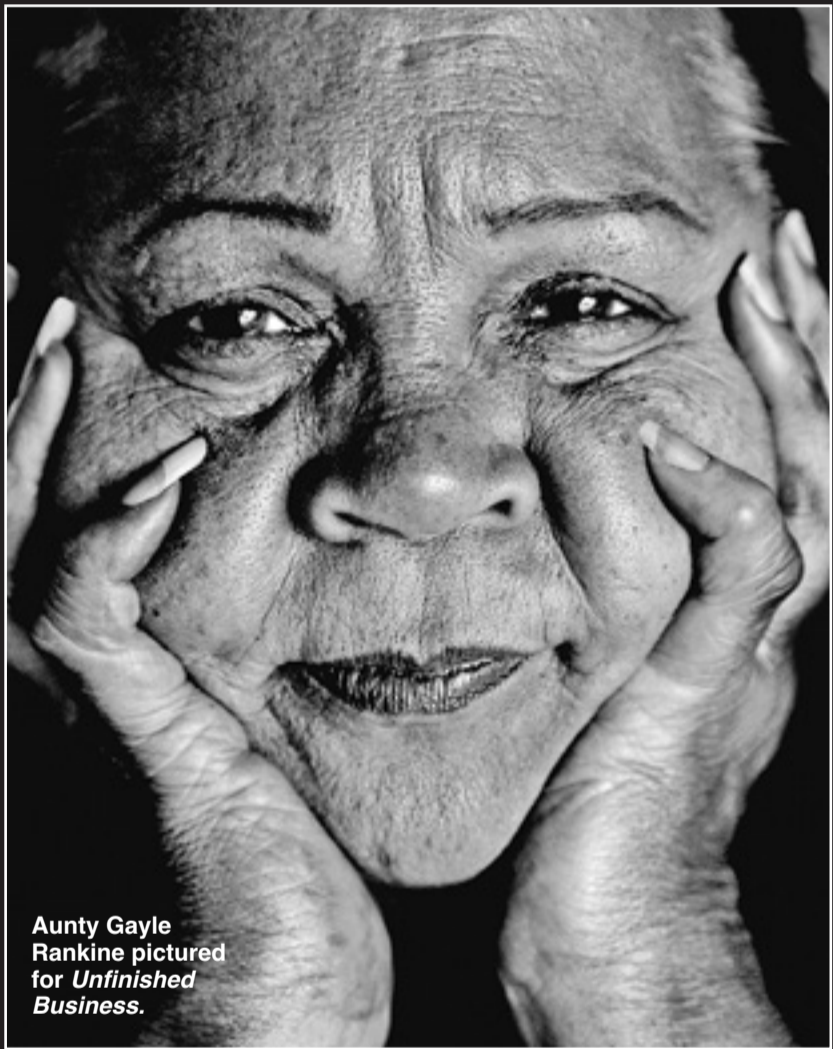
The Helpmann Awards will be presented in Sydney on July 25.

Meanwhile, Stephen Page said he was honoured to receive the Williamson Award.

"I have been fortunate to have worked with so many inspiring communities, artists and creatives during my 25-year tenure as artistic director of Bangarra," he said.

"It is a truly unique Australian company and I am so proud of everything we have achieved.

"The stories we share are truly distinctive and I feel privileged to play a role in the vital care taking of these stories, through the intimate weaving of culture and contemporary dance."



Auntie Gayle Rankine pictured for *Unfinished Business*.

Exhibition looks at disabilities



AN exhibition of 3D holographics telling the stories of 30 Indigenous people with disability is now at the Araluen Arts Centre in Alice Springs.

Exhibition photographer Belinda Mason said *Unfinished Business* explores the social and political implications that having a disability has on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"There are a variety of important issues talked about in the exhibition," she said.

"Gary Umbagai talks about suicide rates, because his brother committed suicide.

"Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre chief executive June Oscar talks about Foetal Alcohol Syndrome. She talks about

how the women in the community at Fitzroy Crossing (WA) managed to ban alcohol to get better outcomes for local people."

Birri Gubba woman Yarraka Bayles, the mother of five-year-old Quaden, said that when she was approached by Ms Mason to photograph her son she saw it as a chance to get the word out about achondroplasia, which is the most common form of dwarfism.

"Any exposure is reaching out to more people," she said.

"At the time I was struggling with the diagnosis. It was really the fear of the unknown.

"I was worried about Quaden's life expectancy and his quality of life, and the quality of life for the family. That media coverage and exposure has really helped."

Ms Mason said *Unfinished Business* is not the only exhibition she has produced exploring disability.

"I'd done a series on sexuality and disability about 16 years ago so I've always thought it was quite important to explore taboo subjects regarding disability," she said.

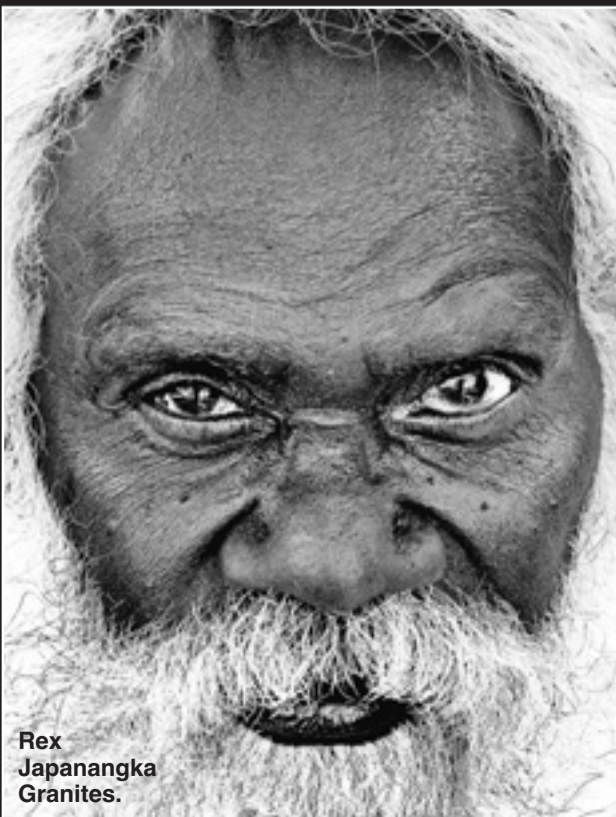
"I thought there is only one story of incredible double and triple discrimination and that is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability."

Unfinished Business continues at the Araluen Centre until August 21.

● Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14, Suicide Call Back Service (1300 659 467) or Kids Helpline (young people aged five-25) 1800 55 1800 78.



Auntie Eve Kitchener.

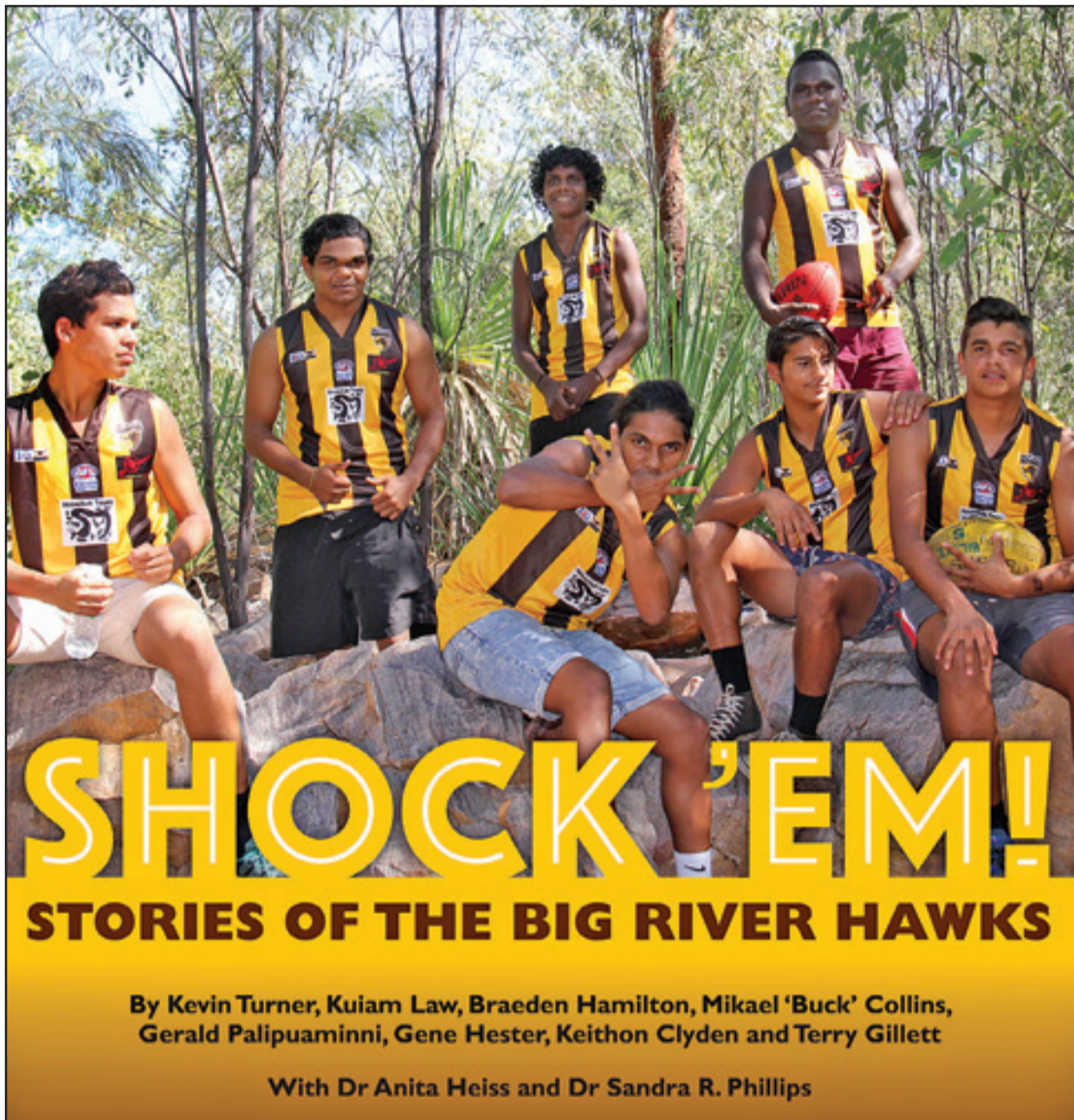


Rex Japanangka Granites.



Quaden Bayles.

Hawks make mark with book



SHOCK 'EM!, a new book written by young Australian rules players from the Big River Hawks in the Northern Territory centre of Katherine, will be launched this month at Hawthorn Football Club in Melbourne.

It is the 44th book to be published in the Indigenous Literacy Foundation's (ILF) Community Literacy Program which provides writing and illustrating workshops for Indigenous children in remote Australian communities.

The program brings together some of Australia's top authors with children of all ages to create and illustrate their stories and develop literacy skills.

Dr Anita Heiss, who is an ILF lifetime ambassador and manager of the Epic Good Foundation, ran the workshops for the eight young boys over three days in Katherine. Working with Dr Sandra Phillips and a team of designers and publishers at ILF, the book was produced in less than a month.

"As football players the Big River Hawks are impressive. As writers they are deadly!" Dr Heiss said.

As well as entertaining pieces of fiction about playing in a Hawthorn grand final, *Shock 'Em!* includes personal stories where each boy has written about significant places in his life as well as sharing letters to heroes – their dads, Dr Martin Luther King, Muhammad Ali, and sports stars like Hawthorn captain Luke Hodge.

"We are incredibly proud of the result," ILF executive director Karen Williams said. "We learnt so much reading the book about the boys and their lives and we hope that it has given them a taste of what it's like to be an author."

"The ability to be able to tell your story, who you are and where you come from is as important as playing in a grand final match. They are skills you need for life."

Dr Heiss, who has authored 15 books of her own, said she found the experience of working with the young players enriching on many levels.

"It was an extraordinary experience helping the team translate their love of football into stories they wrote to share with others," she said.

● Pictured: The cover of the new book featuring the Big River Hawks

Album has been a long time coming



IT has taken the best part of three decades, but Adnyamathanha and Torres Strait Islander man Kev Starkey has finally released his debut album.

Called *Ten Shades of Blues*, the album reflects Starkey's love of singing the blues.

The father-of-four, who's had many jobs in his time, has been writing and playing music for 30 years. His works cross many genres – from blues and classical to flamenco.

Starkey's musical influences include Neil Young and Led Zeppelin, classical composers like Bach, as well as flamenco musician Jose Feliciano.

Now living in Bundaberg, Queensland, Starkey has worked as a truck driver, Aboriginal discovery ranger, cultural interpreter tour guide and in education. He says that with his mother and grandmother being part of the Stolen Generations, reconnecting to his Indigenous



Kev Starkey

heritage has been a lifelong learning experience.

The single from the album, *Soaked in Sin*, is a touted as a reflection on the places he's been and the things he's seen.

Ten Shades of Blues was recorded at the CAAMA Music studio in Alice Springs. It is available at www.caamamusic.com.au or through itunes.

'Sun' shines on new play



YORTA Yorta and Kurnai woman Andrea James is directing a new play about six Aboriginal women connecting with country.

Ms James said *Winyanboga Yurringa* was inspired by the 1981 SBS series *Women of the Sun* – the play's name even means just that in Yorta Yorta.

"I wanted to explore who is the woman of the sun today and what is important to her. I interviewed Aboriginal women I knew to create the character," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"The six women in the play are on a camping trip, but Auntie Neecy has gathered them for a specific reason; she's trying to settle them for the secret business.



Andrea James

"All the issues explored in the play are from the experiences of the women I interviewed."

The play will premiere at Carriageworks, Sydney, and will

be followed by performances next month at the Geelong Performing Arts Centre.

Winyanboga Yurringa's cast includes Tessa Rose (*Redfern Now*, and *Gods of Wheat Street*), Kylie Coolwell (*Redfern Now*), Pamela Young, Alexis Lane (*Cleverman*), Angelina Penrith and Matilda Brown.

"It's taken a while for us all to get together so we've mostly been working on the design of what the set will look like," Ms James said.

She said the principal difference between her play and the SBS series is that it is not just centred on one woman. She said she wanted to tell the stories of many women and give voice to their concerns surrounding identity and repatriation.

Employment

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Dawn SEEs dreams come true



SOUTH-EAST Queensland resident Dawn Mickelo's dream of caring for her country is coming true.

The Indigenous woman has gone from a land conservation volunteer to employee, thanks to the Skills for Education and Employment (SEE) program.

SEE, backed by the Federal Government, offers up to 800 hours of free training to help participants secure a job or do further training. It offers language, literacy and numeracy training for eligible job-seekers aged 15-64.

Ms Mickelo, 31, participated in SEE at TAFE Queensland Caboolture.

She said the course has given her the skills and confidence to go from volunteering at a local nursery to securing a job as a bush regenerator with Barung Landcare on the Sunshine Coast Hinterland.

"I was keen to learn at school but I



Dawn Mickelo: "SEE gives you a great opportunity to improve your English and maths skills."

found maths frustrating. At TAFE the support of my teachers got me through," Ms Mickelo said. "It's really

important in my job to know maths because we work with chemicals and need to understand ratios."

Ms Mickelo said she also relished the opportunity to improve her written, spoken and digital literacy skills.

"I learned how to properly construct a sentence and separate ideas into paragraphs when writing," she said.

"I used a computer to send emails and create PowerPoint presentations. I even created a short movie using an iPad."

New Ms Mickelo's sights are set on becoming a park ranger.

"SEE gives you a great opportunity to improve your English and maths skills," she said.

"A lot of people who have left school early may be a bit embarrassed if they haven't already got those skills.

"You feel really safe and comfortable at TAFE. And you are supported.

"I would definitely recommend it to anyone who thinks they need help to get a job."

For more information on SEE, contact TAFE Queensland on (07) 3244 5488 or visit www.tafeqld.edu.au/see

Construction firm aims to build jobs



LEADING construction company Hutchinson Builders wants to increase its Indigenous construction

workforce by 4% over the next three years, as well as support local indigenous businesses in regional and remote areas.

The company says it is working with the Federal Government and a national network of more than 10,000 subcontractors and suppliers to unlock career opportunities for more than 350 Indigenous Australians as part of its Statim Yaga program, operated

by Hutchinson Builders' own award-winning registered training organisation, the Gold Coast School of Construction.

Hutchinson Builders' national training manager Alan Waldron said the Statim Yaga program was created to broaden diversity in the construction workforce and to help foster stronger partnerships with Indigenous communities.

"The program is specifically focused on providing training and long-term career prospects to Indigenous Australians, with 51 participants currently involved nationwide," he said.

"We currently employ five Indigenous apprentices across

Queensland and we want to increase that number.

"We believe increasing diversity in the workplace increases your capacity to be innovative, flexible and responsive in an increasingly challenging environment. It is part of our mission to identify Indigenous businesses and take the time and effort to provide support and mentoring.

"Advocates"

"We are strong advocates for training, which is why we are supporting the 2016 CSQ Excellence Awards again this year as the sponsor for the Indigenous

Student of the Year Award."

The Gold Coast School of Construction offers training programs ranging from pre-employment to advanced courses at large construction sites in Yatala, Toowoomba, West End in Brisbane, Southport and Yarrabilba.

"In addition, we also deliver our school-based Ready for Construction (R4C) program to more than 100 students in high schools throughout south-east Queensland," Mr Waldron said.

"We are looking to influence 300 students by 2017 when the program is delivered to 17 state high schools in the Gold Coast

region, with 10% of students expected to be indigenous.

"As with all of our workforce development programs, the R4C program has been designed and delivered by a practising builder."

For school leavers, Hutchinson Builders has its Trade Start program in partnership with Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ) which provides insight into the construction experience for graduates and those in different professions. There is an employment rate of more than 70% for those who graduate.

For more information about careers in the industry, visit www.csq.org.au.

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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Koorie Engagement Support Officer – ES1.4

Salary Range: \$75,501 to \$89,022

1 Ongoing Position – Central Highlands Area (Position number: 1049820)

1 Ongoing Position – Barwon Area (Position number: 1049831)

1 Fixed term position (until 31 January 2017) – Brimbank Melton Area (Position number: 1049822)

1 Fixed term position (until 31 July 2017) – Barwon Area (Position number: 1049834)

The Victorian Department of Education & Training is seeking four suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to work in South-Western Victoria Region as Koorie Engagement Support Officers.

The positions are for Central Highlands Area, Barwon Area and Brimbank-Melton Area. Successful applicants will be part of the regional Koorie Education Workforce and will work as part of an Area team to support schools and early childhood services in their designated area. The role includes facilitating and supporting the delivery of programs for Koorie children and young people from early childhood to school completion. Successful applicants should possess strong leadership skills to ensure the successful delivery of educational support services. They will be required to provide advice to schools, kindergartens, families and the Koorie community on strategies for improving educational outcomes for Koorie children and young people.

Applicants must have a high level of understanding of Koorie education and community needs, and knowledge of Koorie culture. Suitable qualifications are desirable.

This role is an identified position and is available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. **VCAT exemption # A195/2009**

Applicants are encouraged to apply on-line via the Recruitment Online website at www.education.vic.gov.au/schooljobs

Applications close 19th July.

Contact Chris Mackenzie, Service Support Manager for further position information. mackenzie.chris.j@edumail.vic.gov.au Ph: 0417 551 544



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ACT
Government

Justice and Community Safety

**ACT Corrective Services
Community Corrections
Probation and Parole**

Indigenous Probation and Parole Officer

Administrative Services Officer Class 6

Salary Range: \$77,482 - \$88,676 plus 10% super (PN: 46200)

- Ongoing training and development
- Make a difference in the community

A career opportunity has arisen in ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) for a highly motivated, values-driven professional to join Community Corrections as a Probation and Parole Officer (PPO). This position is based in Canberra, which is located three hours drive south of Sydney.

You will assess, develop, implement and monitor case management plans that aim to reduce the potential for reoffending. You will also carry out home visit assessments and supervise and monitor offenders living in the community. Additionally, you will provide written and verbal reports to the Courts and releasing authorities.

To be successful in this role, you will be able to work collaboratively, compose and edit complex written material and demonstrate a high level of analytical and organisational skills. A capacity to meet critical deadlines is essential. Whilst experience working with offenders and relevant tertiary qualifications are highly desirable, we are interested in hearing from people from a variety of backgrounds. Case management experience will be favourably considered.

Contact Officer: Glenda McCarthy (02) 6207 1561
glenda.mccarthy@act.gov.au

Applications Close: 27 July 2016

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Careers In Child Protection

Aboriginal Family Practitioner

Department of Education and Child Development

Ongoing (Permanent) Role

Vac No: 2016-12220

AHP1 \$58,555 – \$71,864 p.a

As an Aboriginal Family Practitioner within Families SA, you will be accountable to the Supervisor, Kinship Care for supporting, training and educating Kinship Carers in practical day to day care. You will be monitoring and supporting kinship care placements. You will also be achieving a high quality service in the engagement of Aboriginal families.

For further information on role duties, special conditions and essential qualifications please refer to website below for role description.

Pursuant to Section 56(2) of the *Equal Opportunity Act, 1984* only people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent may apply for this role.

For further information and to submit your application please visit: dec.d.sa.gov.au/childprotectioncareers

Enquiries to: Human Resources, (08) 8226 2959, email DECDFamiliesSARecruitment@sa.gov.au

Applications close 11pm Monday 25 July 2016

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Government of South Australia
Department for Education and Child Development

Passionate about helping children & families?

At Interrelate, we have been delivering quality relationship services to individuals, couples, families and schools since 1926.

We are seeking experienced & passionate workers for our **Family Relationship Centre (FRC) in Dubbo**. These roles include:

- **1x Clinical Team Leader** to provide clinical leadership, support and advice to staff of the FRC in accordance with operational guidelines.
- **OR 1x Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner** to provide family dispute resolution services and lead mediation sessions with clients. Only 1 role will be appointed - **Permanent Full Time (37.5hpw)**
- **1x Trainee Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner** to facilitate learning the necessary skills to conduct family dispute resolution/mediation sessions with clients of our FRC. The position is a **Fixed Term Part Time role (22.5hpw)** as we encourage the successful applicant to move forward to full accreditation as an FDRP with the Attorney General's Department.

We offer competitive salary packaging arrangements and support your development through supervision and mentoring. Join a team making a real difference in the community for children, young people & families.

To view the full position description, key criteria and to apply, go to www.interrelate.org.au/careers

**Applications close 5pm
Monday, 18 July 2016**

All positions require satisfactory completion of a National Police check and NSW Working with Children Check

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Blacktown City

Blacktown City is a modern city of 48 suburbs, home to over 330,000 people. Council is continuously evolving and our Vision will inspire and motivate you to be part of Blacktown City's future.

Apprenticeships 2017 Placements

These 4-year apprenticeships are a fantastic opportunity to work towards becoming a professional in your preferred trade. Throughout the first three years of your apprenticeship, you will receive on-the-job training whilst completing a Certificate III at TAFE, with your fourth year being purely practical experience.

Apprenticeships for 2017 placements are:

- **Painting Apprenticeship x 2**
Position No: BC357
- **Electrical Apprenticeship**
Position No: BC367
- **Gardening Apprenticeship x 3**
Position No: BC368
- **Heavy Vehicle Mechanic Apprenticeship x 2**
Position No: BC369
- **Carpentry Apprenticeship**
Position No: BC370
- **Plumbing Apprenticeship**
Position No: BC371

Applicants must be entering their first year of an apprenticeship, must not be registered as an apprentice with another employer, hold, or be able to obtain, their Driver's Licence (provisional) by January 2018, and must be an Australian citizen or be eligible to work in Australia (evidence required).

Applicants currently studying a pre-apprenticeship trade (Certificate II) are encouraged to apply. Applicants of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background are encouraged to apply.

Note:

- Applications need to be submitted online using Council's online recruitment system.
- Applicants will need to apply for each position they wish to be considered for.
- The selection process requires selected applicants for all positions to undertake a phone interview, group assessment, aptitude test and a medical examination.

Salary Range: \$413.60 to \$687.80 per week based on age and level of schooling completed. A 76-hour fortnight, with one rostered day off (RDO). Employee benefits such as leave entitlements, 9.5% employee superannuation contribution, Fitness Passport and gym membership discounts, and social clubs.

Enquiries: Human Resource Services on 9839 6430.
Internal Ref: Traineeship

Traineeships 2017 Placements

These 12-month traineeships provide a combination of on-the-job work experience and one day per week attendance at TAFE, completing a Certificate III in your preferred field.

Traineeships are available in the following areas:

- **Arts & Cultural Development Traineeship**
Position No: BC373
- **Human Resource Services Traineeship**
Position No: BC362
- **Communications & Marketing Traineeship**
Position No: BC372
- **Civil & Park Maintenance Traineeship**
Position No: BC374
- **Blacktown City Information Centre Traineeship**
Position No: BC375
- **Finance Traineeship**
Position No: BC376
- **Events & Sister Cities Traineeship**
Position No: BC377
- **Records Services Traineeship**
Position No: BC378
Internal Ref: Childcare Traineeship
- **Childcare Traineeships**
Position No: BC379
Internal Ref: Childcare Traineeship

Applicants must not hold a Certificate III or higher qualification awarded in the last seven years, and must be an Australian citizen or be eligible to work in Australia (evidence required). Applicants of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background are encouraged to apply.

Note:

- Applications need to be submitted online using Council's online recruitment system.
- Applicants will need to apply for each position they wish to be considered for.
- The selection process requires selected applicants for all positions to undertake an aptitude test and a medical examination.
- For Childcare Traineeships, applicants of all ages are encouraged to apply, however you must be 18 years of age by 28 February 2017 to meet legislative requirements and short-listed applicants are required to obtain a Working with Children Check.

Salary Range: \$338.40 to \$660.10 per week based on age and level of schooling completed. A 35-hour week, including one day of TAFE. Employee benefits such as leave entitlements, 9.5% employee superannuation contribution, Fitness Passport and gym membership discounts, and social clubs.

Enquiries: Human Resource Services on 9839 6430.
Internal Ref: Traineeship (unless specified)

To apply visit Council's website www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au



Clinical Services Manager & Leader

Adelaide, SA.

- * Are you looking to advance your career in healthcare?
- * Attractive remuneration packages plus salary sacrifice options!
- * Two exciting leadership roles available!



Nunkuwarrin Yunti has opportunities for a **Clinical Services Leader** and a **Clinical Services Manager** to join their team based in Adelaide, SA, on a full-time basis. These roles are opportunities to join an established Aboriginal Controlled Community Organisation and help close the gap in Indigenous health!

The **Clinical Services Leader** will be responsible for providing supervision and guidance to all work functions of the clinical services including general care, chronic conditions coordination, and dental care.

On offer is an attractive remuneration package circa **\$100k plus super and salary packaging options**. You can apply for this role at: applynow.com.au/jobs/80753

The **Clinical Services Manager** will be responsible for exercising significant clinical and managerial judgement to oversee, coordinate, and lead operational functions across all areas of the Primary Care Services Unit.

On offer is an attractive remuneration package circa **\$110k plus super and salary packaging options**. You can apply for this role at: applynow.com.au/jobs/80754

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Office of Environment & Heritage



Field Officer (Aboriginal)

Mungo National Park
Field Officer Grade 1/4
Vacancy Ref: 0000411N
Temporary Full-time
(1 role available up to 2 Years)

Duties: Undertakes construction, maintenance and improvements to park assets within NPWS parks and reserves. Maintains heritage buildings and structures. Undertakes pest, weed and fire management activities. Operates and maintains plant and equipment. Provides initial response to visitor enquiries and supports law enforcement activities.

Contributes to ensuring OEH obligations and aims are met through the enhancement and preservation of the natural and cultural heritage values of parks. Implements works programs to ensure that the public has access to appropriately maintained and safe recreational facilities.

Total Remuneration package: \$77,217 p.a. Salary package includes base salary (inclusive of annual leave loading), an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, and employer contributions to superannuation. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale.

To apply: Applications are to be lodged online at www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au

Enquiries: Jo Gorman (03) 5021 8903

Applications Close: Monday, 18 July 2016, 11.59 pm

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Probation & Parole Officers

Better choices, better futures

Successful applicants will work with offenders who have been sentenced to a court order or released on a parole order to ensure they understand the conditions they must comply with, whilst completing assessments on offenders and preparing reports for the courts and the Parole Board.

Probation and Parole Officers enjoy a range of great benefits including:

- Six weeks annual leave
- Career development opportunities
- Paid training for nationally accredited certificate IV in Correctional Practice
- Opportunities for study assistance for tertiary education and travel across the NT

We are recruiting for a number of locations across the Territory. Flexible working arrangements may be considered. *Applications open 18 July and close 31 July, 2016, positions commence October 2016.*

For further information and to apply visit www.correctionalservices.nt.gov.au/careers or contact our recruitment partners Chandler Macleod on (08) 8943 1107.



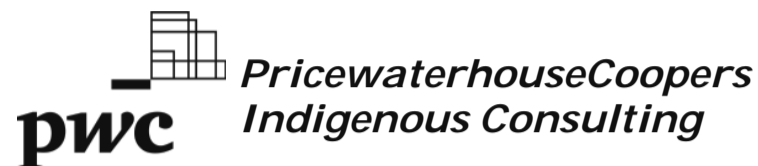
Looking to create and support change for Indigenous Australia?

If you love solving complex problems, being a part of change and having real impact on Indigenous issues and communities then PwC's Indigenous Consulting (PIC) is the place for you.

In response to strong demand for our services, we are seeking an exceptional and experienced individual to join PIC in Perth to lead a high performing team and play a key role in our future growth. You will have previous experience as a consultant and/or a strong government policy background.

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

If this sounds like you then please send your application via email by **close of business 20 July** with the subject line Confidential to pic@au.pwc.com or contact Jason Eades on 0407 345 350 for further information.



www.pwc.com.au/pic

Indigenous Connections Manager

National Film and Sound Archive of Australia

Full time, Ongoing, Executive Level 1,
position located in Canberra or Sydney

The National Film and Sound Archive of Australia (NFSA) is the nation's living archive – collecting, preserving and sharing our rich audiovisual heritage.

The NFSA is the steward of a significant and diverse collection of films, broadcast programs, and recorded sound works representing, created by, or relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We are seeking an Indigenous Connections Manager to coordinate the NFSA's Indigenous engagement programs.

The role requires strong communication skills with a solid understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures and the appropriate management of cultural materials; effective team and project management skills; an appreciation of the NFSA's operating environment and the cultural sector at large.

For further details and to apply online, please visit nfsacareers.nga.net.au

Applications close 11:30pm Monday, 25 July 2016

The filling of this vacancy is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the 'Racial Discrimination Act 1975'. This vacancy is only available to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.



Department of Justice and Regulation

Workforce Development Supervisor



- **Fantastic opportunity to build on your learning and development skills**
- **Full-time, fixed-term role until March 2017**
- **Salary range \$77,418 - \$87,838 plus superannuation**

The Dame Phyllis Frost Centre (DPFC) is a 377 bed medium-to-maximum security facility for female offenders located within Melbourne's western suburbs.

As the Workforce Development Supervisor, you will manage a wide variety of training and professional development programs for DPFC staff, including the design, delivery, and evaluation of these initiatives.

As the successful candidate, you will have:

- knowledge of and experience in competency-based training and assessment as well as program evaluation techniques
- the ability to manage teams effectively in complex situations
- excellent strategic planning skills.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close on Sunday 24 July 2016.



Government of South Australia

Department of Environment,
Water and Natural Resources

Working on Country Ranger

Eyre Peninsula

Gawler Ranges National Park

Term Contract to 30 June 2018

\$49,579 - \$53,661 p.a. (OPS2)

Vacancy No: 2016 - 12463

The Working on Country Ranger forms part of the team working within the Gawler Ranges area who are responsible for protecting the associated parks and reserves through wildlife management, biodiversity conservation, fire management, heritage protection, visitor services and community engagement.

The role also assists in off reserve biodiversity conservation as well as the management of Aboriginal Heritage sites within the Gawler Ranges Native Title area.

Enquiries to: Mark Anderson, District Manager, 0457 528 314

To apply and for more information please visit the Jobs SA website www.jobs.sa.gov.au and search by vacancy number.

Applications Close: 5pm Wednesday 20 July 2016

Applicants must be eligible to be a member of the Gawler Ranges Aboriginal Corporation or recognized as a Native Title holder for the Gawler Ranges area.

Safety is a core value of the South Australian Public Sector. The South Australian Government is an Equal opportunity employer.

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Family & Community Services

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, communities, interagency partners and peers, to be agents of change in the lives of children.

Being a 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.jobs.nsw.gov.au and enter job reference no: 0000410M

Join a team of dedicated and professional Child Protection Caseworkers in your area and benefit from:

- professional support and training
- flexible working conditions
- great career opportunities

Note: Aboriginal Caseworker must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information visit www.facs.nsw.gov.au/careers/caseworker

The *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*, requires persons engaged in children related work to have Working with Children clearances. If successful in this role you will be required to provide a Working with Children Check clearance number prior to commencing in the role.

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Australian Government

Department of the Environment

ONGOING VISITOR CENTRE TEAM SUPERVISOR (PN 6685)

APS 4 - \$62,080 - \$67,584
BOODEREE NATIONAL PARK
WRECK BAY

Special Measures - This position is only open to Indigenous applicants

Booderee National Park is owned by the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council and is jointly managed with Parks Australia.

Staff work cooperatively with the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community contractors and the Aboriginal Community liaison team to inform and orientate visitors and to sustainably manage all forms of visitation and visitor facilities.

Booderee National Park is seeking an experienced and dynamic person to work in the Parks Visitor Centre.

The successful candidate will be responsible for managing the visitor centre team and a broad range of visitor service projects.

The ideal candidate for this position will have experience and skills in:

- Customer service delivery
- Written and oral communications
- Demonstrated numeric skills, ability to manage financial procedures and account for public money
- Knowledge of the park and its facilities

Applications should be made through the department's online recruitment system, or alternately please contact the person below:

John Harvey, Visitor Services Manager, on 44422213

Or email john.harvey@environment.gov.au

Closing Date is 11.30pm Monday 1 August, 2016

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NGROO

Ngroo Education Inc. requires an experienced

Office Manager

to coordinate all office operations.

Strong organisation, written and verbal communication and computer application skills.
Immediate start.

Permanent part time @\$35/hour plus super.

Please email resume to ngrooeducation@gmail.com

Applications close on 22nd of July 2016



Health
Southern NSW
Local Health District

Directions Team Leader

Moruya

Salary: \$44.69 to \$44.69 per hour

Enquiries: Rick Shipp (02) 4827 3913

Position No: 328410

Closing Date: 23 July 2016

Log-on to nswhealth.erecruit.com.au for further information on this and other opportunities.

APPLY ONLINE NOW!

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Health
Nepean Blue Mountains
Local Health District

Gardener with Certificate

Total Asset Management

Nepean Hospital

Permanent Full-Time

Gardener with Certificate

Salary: \$47,957.32 per annum

Enquiries: Paul Prammer 0417 479 348

Reference ID: 329444

Closing Date: 12 July 2016

Apply online at:

<https://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/>

[ViewPosition.aspx?id=329444](#)

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NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Health
Justice Health &
Forensic Mental Health Network

Aboriginal Mental Health Professional

Enquiries: Danielle Perkes 0429 970 145 or

Monique McEwan (02) 9700 3845

Reference No: 326765

Closing Date: 7 August 2016

This permanent full-time position aims to improve access to services and enhance the health & wellbeing of Aboriginal adults and young people at the Forensic Hospital, located in Malabar.

A tertiary qualification in a health, education, social sciences, community services or related field is required. This dynamic work environment is one where you can have a positive impact on the lives of patients and their families.

This is an identified Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

To apply for this position please visit nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network is committed to Work Health & Safety, Equal Employment, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the *Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998* are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

A00844

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Health
and Human
Services

Disability Support Workers

- Casual Positions
- Brimbank, Melton, Hobsons Bay, Werribee, Stawell, St Arnaud, Horsham, Bacchus Marsh, Ballarat, Geelong, Colac and Colanda

Casual positions are available across the West Division of the Department of Health and Human Services, particularly within the areas listed above. These positions include shift work (sleep over, active nights and weekend shifts).

In this role you will provide support in the daily living activities for people with a disability living in a Group Home. You will also play an active role in facilitating the development and enhancement of independent living and other skills including the individual's participation in the community.

To be successful you will need current level 2 First Aid, CPR certificate, Working with Children Check (employee) and drivers licence.

Working for the Department of Health and Human Services is not just a job. It can be a journey of learning, self discovery, challenge and achievement.

Closing date is **Midnight 17th July 2016**

Position Number: **DHHS/WWD/50670**

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

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, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au

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Digital Producer, Back Roads Digital

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

- Brisbane Location
- Contract till end June 2017
- \$55 - \$69K plus Generous Super

ABC Regional is seeking a Digital Producer to coordinate, produce and distribute high-value digital content that reflects the Back Roads brand.

For a full job description and application form visit abc.net.au/careers

GT22491



Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Operations Assistant – Perioperative Services, Permanent Full-Time or Part-Time at Macarthur Health Services

Ref: 328171

Salary: \$24.57 – \$25.25 ph

Enq: Louise Fursman 0429 073 151

Ward Orderly at Liverpool Hospital, Permanent Full-Time

Ref: 316687

Salary: \$46,674 – \$47,023 pa

Enq: Leslie Ingrey (02) 8738 5229

Administrative Officer (Level 2) Permanent Part-Time 18hpw, Emergency Department at Liverpool Hospital

Ref: 327420

Salary: \$25.41 – \$26.31 ph

Enq: Phillip Summers (02) 8738 4434

Closing Date: 27 July 2016

This is a targeted position in accordance with Part 9A of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply and greater consideration will be given to suitable Aboriginal applicants, in order to improve access to employment and career opportunities. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criterion.

Aboriginal Trainee (Health Manager Level 1), Temporary Full-Time at Population Health

Ref: 331541

Salary: \$1,291.87 – \$1,737.80 pw

Enq: Maria Beer (02) 8738 6037

Closing Date: 27 July 2016

This is an Identified Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identify as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Please apply online by visiting:
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PROJECT OFFICER 2 POSITIONS



The National Best Practice Unit for Tackling Indigenous Smoking (NBPU TIS) supports regional tobacco grant recipients across Australia in their efforts to reduce the rates of smoking among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Reporting to the Manager NBPU TIS, these positions play a pivotal role in connecting regional grant recipients with the support available from the NBPU TIS. The key responsibilities of these Adelaide based roles are :-

- supporting the Manager NBPU TIS to manage and deliver NBPU TIS activities;
- identifying, developing and delivering evidence based support to regional grant recipients;
- assisting to develop and deliver NBPU TIS action and engagement plans;
- organising and participating in frequent regional and national workshops;
- proactively maintaining, developing and enhancing strong ongoing relationships with a wide range of NBPU TIS stakeholders.

Preferably with appropriate formal qualifications or relevant practical experience in community development and/or health promotion, the successful candidates will have strong cross-cultural skills, excellent project management and administrative skills and the capacity to work collaboratively with a diverse range of stakeholders. Sound knowledge of the cultural, political, economic and social issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is essential, as are effective written and verbal communication skills.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply. Extensive intra and interstate travel will be a necessary part of the role.

For a job and person specification, please visit www.hender.com.au and for further information on our client, please visit www.nintione.com.au

Applications in Word format only should be forwarded to Justin Hinora by email to 20584@hender.com.au Telephone enquiries are welcome and may be directed to either Justin or Lucy Dinnison-Mitchell on (08) 8100 8849.

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Brisbane, Queensland

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Aboriginal Hostels Limited (as a part of the Australian Government Public Service) is seeking to engage motivated people who can fill various positions across the following network of hostels in Brisbane.

To be successful in these roles, you will be responsible for undertaking a variety of tasks under general direction of the Hostel Manager, while exercising good judgement and initiative on how tasks are performed. You will be responsible for working in collaboration with other hostel staff on a daily basis, and for ensuring a high standard of service is delivered at all times. Successful applicants may be rostered for shifts at any one of our three sites in the Brisbane area.

Salary

\$36,886 - \$43,216 pa plus superannuation

Vacancy

Non-ongoing, up to 12 months, with the possibility of becoming ongoing/permanent. Fulltime and Part-time opportunities are available. This is an identified position. Indigenous jobseekers are encouraged to apply for these vacancies.

How to Apply

For further information on the position and how to apply - <http://ahl.gov.au/?q=employment>

Position contact

Pat Whitla, phone (07) 3151 8700

Closing date

Sunday 22 July 2016

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Coordinator

Melbourne City Mission (MCM) is a diverse and progressive community services organisation. We assist thousands of Victorians through programs in Aged Care, Children, Youth, Adult and Family Services, Disability Services, Palliative Care, Youth Homelessness and Employment, Education and Training.

We are currently seeking an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Coordinator who will work across the organisation to provide strategic advice and operational support to facilitate and build MCM's organisational capacity and staff capability to effectively engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals, groups, organisations and communities.

This role is based in South Melbourne and will be engaged part-time (30.4 hours per week).

For further information regarding this role please visit our website: <http://www.melbournecitymission.org.au/about/careers/current-jobs>

Applications close

Tuesday 21st July 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

and should be forwarded to:

Mary Scott, Director People & Culture via mtscott@mcm.org.au.



The Australia Council is seeking applications for the following positions:

MANAGER GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Full time, 3 year contract. Surry Hills location

This role manages the Australia Council's government relations function providing high level strategic advice to internal and external stakeholders, and effective management of key government relationships.

Applications close 20 July 2016 at 5.00pm (AEST)

MANAGER MEDIA

Full time, 3 year contract. Surry Hills location

Reporting to the Communications Director, this position manages strategic media relations which supports the Australia Council's strategic goals and enhances the profile of both the organisation and the arts in Australia.

Applications close 20 July 2016 at 5.00pm (AEST)

FIRST NATIONS STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Full time, 3 year contract. Surry Hills location

Reporting to the Executive Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts, this role is responsible for developing First Nations Arts and Culture through the design of new strategic projects involving arts sector and industry partnerships.

Applications close 27 July 2016 at 5.00pm (AEST)

To obtain further information about these positions, please visit our careers page at <http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers/>

Opportunities



A rewarding and supportive work environment along with professional training are among the many benefits of working for AlburyCity.

Conservation and Land Management Trainee - Wagirra Trail Project

This position has been designated as an Identified Indigenous position. AlburyCity holds a s.126 exemption of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)

Are you passionate about our local environment and would like to join the team on the frontline in Albury? As part of the Wagirra crew you will assist in the development and maintenance of parks, landscapes and land management.

Applications close Friday 29 July 2016, 5.00pm.

www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/jobs

Department of Health & Human Services

Indigenous Family Violence Regional Coordinator - North East Melbourne Area

\$77,418 - \$87,838

The Indigenous Family Violence Regional Coordinator is central to supporting the Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group in its work toward developing community led initiatives and actions aimed at preventing, reducing and responding to family violence in Aboriginal communities.

The Indigenous Family Violence Regional Coordinator promotes the Indigenous Family Violence Strategy within local and regional communities, with Aboriginal and mainstream organisations and across government departments. They facilitate and assist in the development of community based responses to family violence.

For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit: <http://careers.vic.gov.au> or contact

Ian Adotey on (03) 9479 0365

Job Reference No: DHHS/NND/377595

Applications close: Tuesday 19th July 2016

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

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 & 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, or if you have a disability, and require advice and support with the recruitment process, please contact our Diversity Unit on DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au



Administration Assistant – Identified – Aboriginal Affairs

- Administration Assistant – Identified role for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants only
- Full-time ongoing appointment.
- Position number and location: 192502, Clerk Grade 5/6, Sydney City

The NSW Department of Education serves the community by leading the provision of world-class education. The department protects young children by regulating preschool and long day care providers. Once children move into school, we provide them with a world-class primary and secondary education. We also work to advance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

Aboriginal Affairs works with Aboriginal communities to promote social, economic and cultural well-being through opportunity, choice, healing, responsibility and empowerment. We implement OCHRE, the NSW Government's community focused plan for Aboriginal affairs, establish partnerships for economic development, support effective Aboriginal governance and strengthen cultural identity and language.

Aboriginal Affairs has four key functions:

1. Governance and capacity building: To strengthen Aboriginal community leadership and governance to drive improved service delivery and greater local accountability.
2. Economic prosperity: To realise future opportunities for improved economic and social prosperity for Aboriginal communities.
3. Culture and healing: To support cohesive Aboriginal communities which have confidence in their own cultures.
4. Leadership in government on Aboriginal Affairs: To lead policy debate and reform to address complex cross-cluster issues.

Aboriginal Affairs is led by an Aboriginal Head of Agency and is supported by four Directorates:

- Policy and Reform
- Community and Economic Development
- Regional Coordination
- Strategy and Coordination

About the role

- Full-time ongoing appointment
- Location: Sydney City

School Operations and Performance Division leads and directs the operations of more than 2200 NSW public schools to maximise the academic achievements of all students and create a culture of success, learning and a desire to achieve, underpinned by innovative, adaptive and supportive strategies that also supports the quality of teaching and educational leadership at the school level. The division is responsible for managing policy, strategies and operations that support principals, teachers and students in preschools, infants, primary, secondary, central and community schools, specialist and comprehensive schools, specific purpose schools, intensive English and environmental education centres. The overarching goal of School Operations and Performance Division is to achieve the best possible outcomes for the students in our public schools from preschool to year 12.

Talent Pool

If the selection panel identifies more than one suitable candidate for the role, a talent pool may be created from which these suitable candidates may be chosen and directly offered employment in other similar roles (ongoing or temporary) in the near future.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role please apply online and include, a covering letter (maximum of 2 pages) and your resume (maximum 5 pages) which clearly details how your capabilities, knowledge and experience can contribute to the success of the Directorate. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees.

For the application process, you must also answer the pre-screening questions and any essential requirements as listed below. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the role description in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

Note: it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online via iworkfor.nsw No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

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

Pre-screening questions:

1. Detail your experience of providing high level clerical and administrative support to ensure policies and initiatives, of the respective business unit, were supported in a targeted, timely and effective manner. **300 word maximum.**
2. Demonstrating a thorough knowledge of technology, including word processing, production of multi-faceted reports (based on research and analysis) and audio-visual presentations are essential to this role. Outline examples of your expertise in these areas, including purpose and outcomes. **300 word maximum.**

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal Education policies

Enquiries: Geoff Muir Ph: (02) 9244 5061

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 192502

Closing Date: 27 July 2016

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.



- Sydney CBD location
- A company that takes you places
- \$68,828 per annum + 9.5% superannuation
- Free travel on NSW Government trains, buses and ferries

Sydney Trains:

Sydney Trains' vision is to be Australia's best operator by 2019 – a safe, customer-focused, modern, efficient, competitive and commercially astute business.

We provide safe, reliable and clean services that move more than 300 million customers each year.

The Train Planning Group contributes to keeping Sydney moving by producing the daily train plan for each day of operation. This Daily Working Timetable contains alterations to the Standard Working Timetable to cater for special events, network maintenance upgrades, work trains, heritage and charter trains.

The role of Trainee Train Planner:

The Train Planning Unit currently has a number of permanent full time traineeships available in 2016. Trainees operate in a dynamic, team environment and assist Train Planners in developing Daily Working Timetable alterations. Training runs for a 12 month period at the end of which you will be eligible to apply for positions as a Train Planner.

To be successful in this role, you must:

- Be 18 years or over
- Have high level written, verbal communication skills and numeracy skills
- Have high level of computer literacy including the use of Microsoft Office suite
- Have demonstrated organisational and time management skills and meeting strict deadlines
- Have demonstrated ability to work within a team environment
- Be able to proof read to a high degree of accuracy
- Have strong attention to detail

Salary and Benefits:

- \$68,828 per annum + 9.5% superannuation + annual leave loading + shift and other allowances where applicable
- Free travel on Government trains, buses and ferries

To Apply:

To apply for this dynamic Trainee Train Planner opportunity, please visit <http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au/> and submit your online application.

For more information about this role and how to apply online, please contact Emine Ildirar on 02 8575 0241 or alternatively contact Workforce Selection and Supply on 1300 305 855 and quote Reference Number: 00004K2V.

Applications close: 11:59pm on Sunday, 24 July 2016

- Shape and drive whole of Government advice
- Take part in high profile state projects

The Department of Premier and Cabinet works to enhance the lives of the people of NSW by driving priorities, brokering outcomes and delivering programs and services.

We are currently looking to fill current and future vacancies across a range of occupational streams within our Department with professionals who want to help make NSW a better place to live, work and do business.

We are seeking applicants from a wide range of disciplines and skill levels including in policy, law, economics, finance, communications, ICT and international relations.

Working alongside a team of diverse specialists, you will have a strong interest in public policy, excellent stakeholder engagement skills, and a passion to make a difference for the people of NSW.

Note: At DPC we endeavour to make roles flexible. Requests to undertake work on a flexible part-time or job share basis will be considered. A talent pool will be created to for future vacancies.

How to apply: For further information about the roles please visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search under Premier and Cabinet.

Closing date: 23 July 2016 11.59pm

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Business Advisor (AEDO) Dubbo, NSW

- * Join one of the most influential not-for-profit corporations in NSW
- * Fantastic opportunity to use your business skills with an organisation assisting Aboriginal communities



MPREC has an exciting opportunity for an **Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer (EDO) Business Advisor** to join the team in Dubbo, NSW, on a full-time basis until 30th June 2017.

Reporting to the Employment Manager, you will be responsible for the delivery of a range of services to assist Aboriginal people to increase their confidence and expertise to become Self Employed and to encourage an entrepreneurial culture within Aboriginal communities.

In return for your hard work and dedication, you will be rewarded with an attractive salary plus super and salary packaging. You will also achieve that work life balance in this Monday to Friday role!

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ApplyNow.com.au/job81441

BATHURST REGIONAL COUNCIL CAREERS

CAREERS @ COUNCIL

Working for Council is a stimulating and rewarding career option, providing the opportunity to be part of a team contributing to shaping the success and future of our Region.

Current career opportunities are:

- ENGINEERING ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER
- ASSET TECHNICIAN
- WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS OPERATOR
- RELIEF WASTE OFFICER
- BITUMEN MAINTENANCE GANGER (12 MONTH CONTRACT)
- ARBORIST (3 MONTH CONTRACT)

Please visit www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/careers for further information and to apply.



RPS is a global network of professionals who provide world-class consultancy solutions in energy, resources, mining, infrastructure, environment and urban growth. We have a highly motivated team of more than 4500 people globally who work from offices across the UK, Ireland, The Netherlands, United States, Canada, and the Asia Pacific and undertake projects in many other parts of the world. We employ over 900 people in over 20 offices in the Australia and Asia Pacific region.

RPS as a national organisation values its culturally diverse community and is committed to extending the process of reconciliation in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the broader Australian community to become an organisation whose strength lies in its diversity.

As such, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply for any current vacancies.

For further information and to apply for roles, please submit your application visiting <https://app.revelian.com/rpsc Careers/> and completing an online application form.

To be eligible to apply for these positions you must have an appropriate Australian or New Zealand work visa.



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

PROJECT OFFICER

Based in Tamworth

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council has a vacancy for a Project Officer at our Northern Zone Office located in Tamworth.

The position offers an attractive remuneration package and an extensive range of benefits and conditions including access to salary packaging options.

This together with working in a dynamic progressive organisation offering a rewarding challenging career and great potential for development and advancement provides a unique opportunity.

The Project Officer is responsible for the efficient organisation and management of the operations of the Zone, ensuring that NSW Aboriginal Land Council policies and procedures are effectively followed and correctly interpreted and implemented at Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) level, under the provisions of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 as amended.

The successful applicant will have appropriate qualifications and/or experience; the capacity to interpret and implement

legislation and NSWALC Policy; effective communication skills and a sound understanding of Aboriginal issues.

If you have any specific enquiries regarding these positions, please contact Wesley Fernando (Acting Operations Manager, Northern Zone) on 02 6659 1204 or Wesley.Fernando@alc.org.au

All applicants must obtain a recruitment package and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Human Resources Officer, Kody Boney by email: recruitment@alc.org.au or (02) 9689 4490 and forward completed applications to the above email or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Officer, NSW Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 3 August 2016.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



Education

Executive Assistant

- Executive Assistant – Identified role for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants only
- Full-time ongoing appointment.
- Position number and location: 192941, Clerk Grade 7/8, Sydney City

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

Pre-screening questions:

1. Detail your experience of influencing and negotiating in providing high level managerial support, to ensure quality, accountable, responsive and timely service delivery was achieved. **300 word maximum.**
2. Demonstrating practical skills in the use of relevant technology, coupled with making effective use of records, information and knowledge management functions and systems while complying with communications security and policy are key elements of this role. Illustrate examples of your expertise in these areas, including function, application and effect. **300 word maximum.**

Essential Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal Education policies

Enquiries: Michele Hall Ph: (02) 9244 5370

To apply online please visit iworkfor.nsw website and refer to the following keyword: 194363

Closing Date: 27 July 2016

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

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Australian Government

Department of the Environment

ONGOING

VISITOR SERVICES ASSISTANT MANAGER (PN 6891)

APS 6 - \$76,224 - \$86,545
BOODEREE NATIONAL PARK
WRECK BAY

Special Measures - This position is only open to Indigenous applicants

Booderee National Park is owned by the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council and is jointly managed with Parks Australia.

Staff work cooperatively with the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community contractors and the Aboriginal Community liaison team to inform and orientate visitors and to sustainably manage all forms of visitation and visitor facilities

We are seeking an experienced and dynamic person to work in the Parks Visitor centre. The successful candidate will be responsible for managing the visitor centre team and a broad range of visitor service projects including

- Development and enhancement of an online (e-ticketing) campground booking system;
- Develop and implement strategic approaches to increase tourism opportunities for the Park.
- Participate in compliance and enforcement operations and emergency management including fire and rescue operations.

Applications should be made through the department's online recruitment system, or alternately please contact the person below:

John Harvey, Visitor Services Manager, on 44422213

Or email john.harvey@environment.gov.au

Closing Date is 11.30pm Monday 1 August, 2016

GT22493

Employment Officer (NCAP)
Dubbo, NSW

* Join one of the most influential not-for-profit corporations in NSW
* Identified role with great opportunities to expand your employment and training experience



MPREC has an exciting opportunity for an **Employment Officer (New Careers for Aboriginal People - NCAP)** to join the team in Dubbo, NSW, on a full-time basis until 30th June 2017.

Reporting to the Employment Manager, you will assist Aboriginal people to overcome barriers in education, training, and employment using an existing client base, while also working to generate new business.

In return for your hard work and dedication, you will receive a **competitive remuneration package** circa \$60,789 plus super, with salary sacrificing options also available. In addition, a vehicle and mobile phone will be available for work use.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE Apply Online
ApplyNow.com.au/job81347

Youth Access Clinician
Location: Ashfield, NSW


As a Youth Access Clinician you will deliver quality support to people with complex health needs to reach their personal goals.

To be successful you will have:


- Approved tertiary qualification in Psychology, Counselling, Social Work, Nursing, Occupational Therapy or other relevant field.
- 2 years demonstrated experience in risk assessment, mental health assessment, mental health literacy education and delivery of therapeutic intervention for clients.
- Demonstrated ability to undertake assessment and screening of clients to determine client care needs, (and ability to make timely and sound decisions about interventions required).

If you are interested in the position visit our New Horizons careers website <http://newhorizons.org.au/careers/> to complete the online application.

Applications close
COB 24th July 2016.



Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer
Disability Services,
Northern Sydney District



• Leading Not for Profit Disability Organisation with a strong learning culture.
• Above award benefits and generous salary packaging options.
• 1 year contract / Part time, 2 days a week based in Epping, Pennant Hills or Dee Why

We are seeking person with a high level of energy, enthusiasm and commitment to achieving positive outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability and their communities.

You will play a key role in community development and support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 0 – 65.

Key Responsibilities:

- Working with individuals and community to prepare for and understand, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).
- Building and developing strong relationships with a broad range of stakeholders to support community to transition to NDIS.

To apply please visit our website (www.lifestart.org.au) or email careers@lifestart.org.au. For further information contact (02) 9364 0111.

Applications Close: Tuesday 19 July 2016.

Aboriginal Health Worker/Practitioner
Adelaide, SA

* Join a well-respected Aboriginal Community controlled Health Organisation
* Ongoing Training to support your professional development and growth
* Excellent remuneration circa \$65,500 - \$70,600 PLUS super, salary sacrifice options and more!



Nunkuwarrin Yunti has an opportunity for an **Aboriginal Health Worker/Practitioner** to join their team based in Adelaide, on a full-time basis.


Reporting to the Chronic Conditions Coordinator, you'll be responsible for **delivering services to clients with chronic health conditions including information and education, planned care coordination, and client advocacy, to ensure coordinated, flexible, and accessible care for clients is provided.**

Nunkuwarrin Yunti is seeking a candidate with a few years' experience in a similar role, who holds a Certificate IV in Aboriginal Primary Health Care (Practice) or similar. You'll have well-developed clinical skills in fields relating to chronic conditions, alongside a sound understanding of best practice approaches to comprehensive health care.

Your dedication and hard work will be rewarded with a **competitive remuneration package** circa \$65,500 - \$70,600 plus super, commensurate on skills and experience. You'll also enjoy **extensive salary packaging options that greatly increase your take home pay!**

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE Apply Online
ApplyNow.com.au/job80752

Social Worker
Indigenous Social and Emotional Wellbeing



• Accommodation is available for non local applicant that is successful only

Status: Permanent Full-time

Salary: \$75,000 p.a plus Relocation \$3,000, 2 weeks personal leave, 4 weeks annual leave, 1 week remote leave, 2 weeks leave during office closure at Christmas period, \$2,000 travel entitlement, salary sacrifice

Hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, 76 Hours per fortnight

Purpose of Position: Assist individuals and the wider communities to positively manage the impact of stolen generation issues and/or relocation from homelands.

Requirements:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications in Social Work or equivalent.
- Previous experience working with Indigenous people in a group setting or an individual basis preferred.
- Demonstrated understanding of social issues for indigenous people
- Previous experience in Mentoring and delivering projects with successful outcomes and KPI's
- A current driver's licence is essential.
- Eligibility for a Children's Commission Working with Children suitability blue card is essential.
- Membership/affiliation with a professional body is preferred but not essential.

Applications addressed to:
NPA Family & Community Services ATSI Corporation
PO Box 84
BAMAGA QLD 4876

Email: jasminebond@npaws.com.au

Applications to include: Cover letter addressing the requirements listed a current resume and copies of qualifications.

Enquiries: Jasmine Bond - (07) 4212 2000
Applications Close: Friday 29th July 2016 5:00pm

CAREERS AT CSU

Director, Inclusion and Indigenous Strategic Practice Leader

This is an identified position and applications are sought from Indigenous Australians pursuant to Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

- Full Time, Fixed Term (up to 5 years)
- Remuneration package in the range of \$144,620 to \$180,775 pa.
- Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Orange or Wagga Wagga


Charles Sturt University develops far-sighted people with a holistic world view who help their communities grow and flourish. Acknowledging the culture and insight of Indigenous Australians, CSU's ethos is clearly described by the Wiradjuri phrase: 'yindyamarra winhanga-nha' ('the wisdom of respectfully knowing how to live well in a world worth living in').

Staff in the Office for Students work collaboratively with Faculties and Divisions to enhance students' University experience. We recognise that successful transition into University depends upon a holistic approach involving academic and social integration. Through inclusive practices we build aspiration levels for Higher Education, enhance participation in chosen courses of study and enable people to make smooth transitions into University.

As the Director Inclusion and Indigenous Strategic Practice Leader, you will provide senior leadership and direction for the University with respect to services that facilitate an inclusive approach to student engagement, and innovative and efficient services to support CSU's strategic plans, in particular the Indigenous Education Strategy. A key focus of this position will be the provision of strategic leadership in access, participation and success of Indigenous peoples.

Applicants are expected to apply online and address the selection criteria listed in the position description.

Applications close: 7 August 2016
www.csu.edu.au/jobs



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFICE
Based in Coffs Harbour

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council has vacancies for a Senior Project Officer and Business Support Officer at our Northern Zone Office located in Coffs Harbour.

The positions offer an attractive remuneration package and an extensive range of benefits and conditions including access to salary packaging options.

This together with working in a dynamic progressive organisation offering a rewarding challenging career and great potential for development and advancement provides a unique opportunity.

Senior Project Officer - The Senior Project Officer is responsible for the efficient organisation and management of the operations of the Zone, ensuring that NSW Aboriginal Land Council policies and procedures are effectively followed and correctly interpreted and implemented at Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) level, under the provisions of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 as amended.

Business Support Officer - Position responsibilities include providing a comprehensive range of services within the finance and administrative support services within the Zone Office, such as, the development and maintenance of comprehensive financial systems and procedures and providing administrative support within the Zone.

The successful applicants will have appropriate qualifications and/or experience; the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and NSWALC Policy; effective communication skills and a sound understanding of Aboriginal issues.

If you have any specific enquiries regarding these positions, please contact Wesley Fernando (Acting Operations Manager, Northern Zone) on 02 6659 1204 or Wesley.Fernando@alc.org.au

All applicants must obtain a recruitment package and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Human Resources Officer, Kody Boney by email: recruitment@alc.org.au or (02) 9689 4490. Please identify which position you are requesting a package for and forward completed applications to the above email or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Officer, NSW Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124
Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 3 August 2016.
Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



EAR HEALTH COORDINATOR

The Ear Health Coordinator position is to assist NSW Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) to better prevent, detect and manage ear disease at the local level (state wide) and link to other health care providers including specialist services, while ensuring a strong focus on primary health care is maintained.

The Ear Health Coordinator will work on developing, implementing, promoting and evaluating a program of AH&MRC activities that aim to build NSW ACCHSs capacity around Health Hearing Program i.e. establishment of the AHMRC Hearing Health Program, partnership and collaboration, primary prevention and health promotion, screening, management and referral of children with ear disease and training and workforce development.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Identify and map relevant Aboriginal ear and hearing health prevention, screening, treatment, health worker/practitioner activity and programs within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector.
- Review and identify the needs and gaps in Aboriginal ear health prevention, screening, treatment, health worker/practitioner activity and programs within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector.
- Provide advice / recommendations to address identified areas of need in Aboriginal ear health prevention, screening, treatment, health worker/practitioner activity and programs within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector.

- Identify and report formal or informal referral pathways or relationships between ACCHS and other ear and hearing health primary health care providers and tertiary care.
- Identify and report on the presence, quality and use of existing ear and hearing equipment within each Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector.
- Identify existing ear and hearing health education and training programs and training needs within each Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector
- Identify and analyse ear and hearing health promotion activities/events and identify how these may provide opportunity for collaboration with services outside of the ACCHS sector.
- Identify effective networks of relevant organisations and community groups that would facilitate a coordinated approach to the primary objective of the role.
- Identify any potentially useful steering group/s for collaboration & coordination of ear and hearing health activities.

To apply in confidence please forward your selection criteria and CV to the Human Resources Department gagic@ahmrc.org.au by COB Friday, 29 July 2016.

Please visit our website for a full position description and selection criteria For a confidential conversation in more detail please contact Gordana Agic on (02) 9212 4777.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply



Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council



NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

If you are passionate about Rugby League at all levels, interested in providing strategic advice on issues relating to Indigenous Rugby League and are committed to making a difference in the community, then we are interested in hearing from you.

The Australian Rugby League Commission is seeking nominations from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to join the Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council.

How to Apply:
Please visit nrl.com/indigenous to download a nomination form.
Completed forms are to be emailed to icouncil@nrl.com.au by Thursday 21st July 2016.
Nominations received after this date will not be considered.





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Enquiries: Bianca Van Essen on 4227 7071
Closing Date: 5pm Monday 25 July 2016

How to apply: Visit www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au for job description and selection criteria, which must be addressed.



Social Media Coordinator

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

- Sydney
- 12 Month Contract
- \$54K + Generous Super

We are looking for an enthusiastic social media coordinator with a passion for all things digital. You will work as part of a small team within the ABC TV Marketing department to help execute creative, innovative and integrated social media campaigns for ABC TV channels, programs and initiatives.

For details visit abc.net.au/careers

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NABC
NATIONAL ABORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM



Pathfinders is a community based organisation whose vision is that all children, young people and their families will have a home where they feel they belong are free from abuse and neglect, are able to achieve their full potential and are supported by appropriate and timely services.

Aboriginal Birth Certificate Project Coordinator
(Full time position)

This exciting new position will manage and lead this Pathfinders national program to ensure the provision of "free" birth certificates to Young Aboriginal Australians and their Guardians in NSW, Victoria, ACT and Qld.


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

We offer Salary Packaging which means more in your take home pay. You will also benefit from ongoing professional development, a supportive working environment and great flexibility.

Closing date: 5pm, Friday 29 July 2016.

Please download the job package from our website www.pathfinders.ngo or contact Jo Hall at hr@pathfinders.ngo
For any queries regarding the position please contact Joe Craigie, Interim Program Manager on 0409 583 653.

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Health
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Female Aboriginal Clinical Midwife Consultant (Grade 2)
Ref ID: 325646
Temporary F/T up to May 2017 at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
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Enquiries: Sally Rowlings (02) 9515 8416
Closing Date: 29 July 2016

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander and Being Female are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under section 14(d) and section 31(2h) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Please apply online by visiting:
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ARTS MANAGER

Bundanon Trust is seeking a mid-career Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Arts Manager for a full-time one-year contract position to work across all its arts activities.

The Arts Manager will support the delivery of the Trust's outreach, artist-in-residence, education and public events program, and the care and exhibition of its collection and artworks. The position has a particular, but not exclusive, focus on the Trust's Aboriginal projects.

The position is based at Bundanon Trust on the NSW south coast, and will commence in September 2016.

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only, as described under section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW)*.

Download an information package (including position description) at: <https://bundanon.com.au/about/arts-manager/>

APPLICATIONS DUE: 5pm Monday 25 July 2016.



Senior Manager, Marketing & Communications

Location: Melbourne, Australia
Organisation type: Not for Profit
Position Type: Full time

- Progressive Not for Profit
- Fresh approach to an important agenda
- Entrepreneurial approach to influence change


Culture is Life is a progressive Not for Profit established to build effective outcomes to eliminate Indigenous Youth Suicide through supporting community led solutions, promoting mutual understanding and strong cultural pride. Australia's cultural identity is incomplete without the voice, knowledge, experience and resilience of the oldest living culture at the forefront of the country and as a valued part of who we are.

Job Summary:
This role is responsible for the planning, development and implementation of all of Culture is Life's marketing strategies, communications, public relations and campaign work.

Key Selection Criteria:

1. High competence, experience and relevant qualification in Marketing, Communications, Campaign & Brand Management.
2. Excellent understanding and pride in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.
3. Outstanding verbal and written communication skills.
4. Highly effective computer & technology skills and demonstrated competence and acumen on the utilisation of social media platforms, particularly campaign implementation.
5. High initiative with ability to prioritise and meet deadlines with minimal supervision.
6. Commitment to working with in collaboration and with shared leadership.

For enquiries or application submission contact admin@cultureislife.org. Please send Cover letter, CV and addressed Key Selection Criteria by **COB Wednesday 27th June**.



Healing Childhood Trauma

Senior Clinician
Aboriginal Therapeutic Home Based Care Program

- Echuca location
- Part time position (0.3EFT)
- Excellent salary packaging opportunities

This position represents a partnership between Take Two Aboriginal Team and Njernda Aboriginal Cooperative, to provide culturally appropriate clinical input to the Aboriginal Therapeutic Home Based Care program in the Echuca area. Take Two is an intensive outreach therapeutic service for Child Protection clients, and Njernda Aboriginal Cooperative is a suite of culturally appropriate child and family programs that target vulnerable and at risk families in the Echuca region.

The Therapeutic Specialist position will be part of the Take Two Aboriginal Team, with access to regular supervision and training, and will be based at Njernda. The position will work in the Aboriginal Therapeutic Home Based Care program, to enhance and support the capacity of carers and workers to provide therapeutic experiences for children in Foster and Kinship Care. The role involves providing high quality culturally appropriate assessment, consultation, intervention, training, and reflective practice.

You will have a demonstrated ability to provide direct service in the clinical assessment and treatment of children, young people and families; and a strong ability to work with a culturally informed and respectful approach with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. A tertiary qualification in Psychology, Social Work or related discipline such as Family therapy/Child Psychotherapy is required in this role.

Queries to **Chris Tanti, Clinical Manager on 0429 388 786**
Applications addressing the key selection criteria should be submitted by 5pm on 27 July 2016
To download the Position Description and apply for the role, please go to www.applynow.net.au/jobs/Berry1322

www.berrystreet.org.au



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Acute Mental Health Diversion Coordinator

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We are excited to be embarking on the opening of our Lismore site to deliver a Community Living Supports program by August 2016. This is an exciting time to join a new and committed team to deliver essential and innovative support services in the local area.

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We encourage and welcome Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applications.

APPLY NOW by sending your CV and Cover Letter to recruitment@openminds.org.au.

For more information on each role, find us on Seek.com.au or contact Paul Cooper on 07 3896 4240.
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JURU PEOPLE COMMON LAW HOLDERS BOWEN REGION

Public Notice

Kyburra Munda Yalga Aboriginal Corporation (KMYAC), as Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC) for the Juru people, hereby provides notification to Juru common law holders that temporary arrangements have been entered into with the State of Queensland to enable the continued operation of two gun clubs within the Bowen region, namely:

- Port Denison Gun Club (PDGC); and
- Sporting Shooters Association Australia – Bowen Branch (SSAABB)

These temporary arrangements have been established to coincide with the expiry of the Federal Court suspension of native title rights and interests at midnight on 22 June 2016 and will remain in place whilst Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) negotiations continue with the State of Queensland.

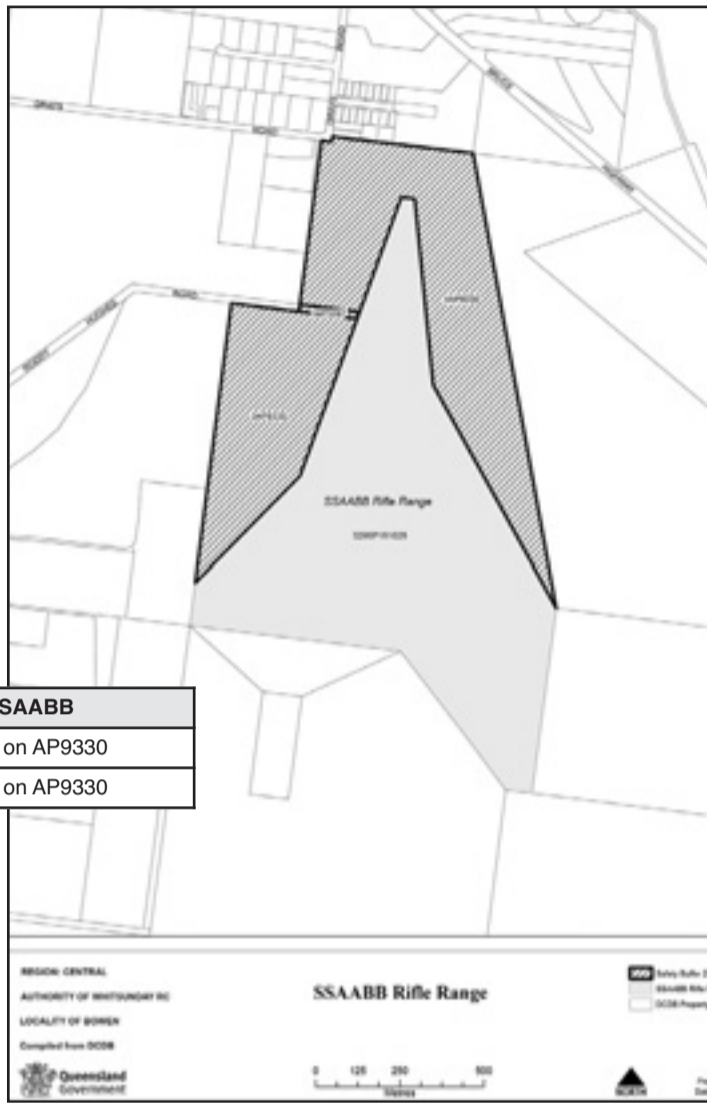
To ensure the continued safety of all persons KMYAC hereby requests all Juru common law holders to take all necessary measures to ensure they do not enter upon lands associated with the Safety Buffer Areas of either PDGC and/or SSAABB until further notice. The Safety Buffer Areas are shown in the maps below and are described as the lands associated with:

PDGC	SSAABB
Lot 404 on SP224848	Lot 3 on AP9330
Lot 297 on HR1866	Lot 4 on AP9330

A meeting in this regard is scheduled to be held at the Police Citizen Youth Centre (PCYC), Bowen on **Thursday 21st July 2016 commencing at 5:30pm.**

Police Citizen Youth Centre (PCYC) – Bowen
Corner of Hay Street and Queens Road, Bowen
Q 4805

If you have any questions, please contact Kyburra Munda Yalga Aboriginal Corporation on 07 4728 1117.



Juru People Native Title Rights & Interests: Port Denison Gun Club (PDGC) Sporting Shooters Association Aus Bowen Branch (SSAABB)

GUMBAYNGGIRR PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING – NEW NATIVE TITLE APPLICATION

Date: Thursday 28th July and Friday 29th July 2016
Time: 9:30am arrival and morning tea
10:00am start - 4:00pm
Venue: Nambucca Community and Arts Centre
Ridge Street, Nambucca Heads NSW 2448



NTSCORP Limited, the native title service provider for NSW, provides assistance to the Gumbaynggirr People, and is convening a meeting for all Gumbaynggirr People and any other Aboriginal people who assert native title rights and interests in the area of land and waters known as Gumma Peninsula and the Gumma Islands at Nambucca Heads on the mid north coast of NSW (described in detail below).

Background

When the Gumbaynggirr People (Warrell Creek) NSD 6054/1998 claim (Determined Claim) was determined in August 2014 (Consent Determination), a number of parcels of land were excluded from the Determined Claim and its Consent Determination because native title could not be recognised over those lands at that time.

When the Gumbaynggirr People (Warrell Creek) NSD 6054/1998 claim (Determined Claim) was registered in 1999, a number of parcels of land were excluded from the Determined Claim and its Consent Determination because native title could not be recognised over those lands at that time. These parcels were not included in the Consent Determination in August 2014.

These parcels of land were excluded for a number of reasons. Some parcels were removed when the Determined Claim was registered in 1999 because native title wasn't capable of being recognised over those lands at that point in time. Other parcels were removed prior to the Consent Determination on the basis that native title may be capable of being recognised in a future native title claim.

Along with the Consent Determination in August 2014, the Gumbaynggirr People, the State of NSW and Unkya Local Aboriginal Land Council entered into an agreement which acknowledged that the Gumbaynggirr People may make a native title claim over Gumma Peninsula and the Gumma Islands in future.

Who should attend the Meeting?

Gumbaynggirr People being:
(a) the biological descendants of

- (i) King Ben Bannelong;
- (ii) Maggie Buchanan and Davy Cowling;
- (iii) Biddy, the mother of Lavina Duncan (Bina Whaddy);
- (iv) Fanny Purrupine, the mother of Lily Kelly and Hilda Kelly Robinson;
- (v) Darby Kelly;
- (vi) The father of Maggie Kelly's mother Biddy;
- (vii) William 'Old Bill' Dotti;
- (viii) John 'Jack' Dotti;
- (ix) Lucy Flanders;
- (x) Dave Ballangarry;
- (xi) Robert Walker and Louise Linwood;
- (xii) John 'Jack' Long;
- (xiii) Bridget 'Biddy' Briggs Needam;
- (xiv) Mary Briggs and Fred Briggs;
- (xv) Susan, mother of Charles Jarrett Snr;
- (xvi) Rose Taylor;
- (xvii) Charles Layton;
- (xviii) Mick McDougall;
- (xix) Clara Skinner;
- (xx) Sylvie Craig;
- (xxi) Elizabeth 'Kitty' Campbell/Cameron (known as Elizabeth Blakeney);
- (xxii) Emily Sutton;
- (xxiii) Fred Hookey;
- (xxiv) Nobby Neville;
- (xxv) Mary Jane Ferguson;
- (xxvi) Billy Lardner Jnr;
- (xxvii) King Bobby of Oban;
- (xxviii) The parent of Charlie Whitton and Lucy Larrigo (nee Whitton);
- (xxix) Walter Smith and Stella Jane Davis;
- (xxx) Jane Gard/Maskey; AND

(b) persons who have been adopted into the families of those persons (and the biological descendants of any such adopted persons); AND

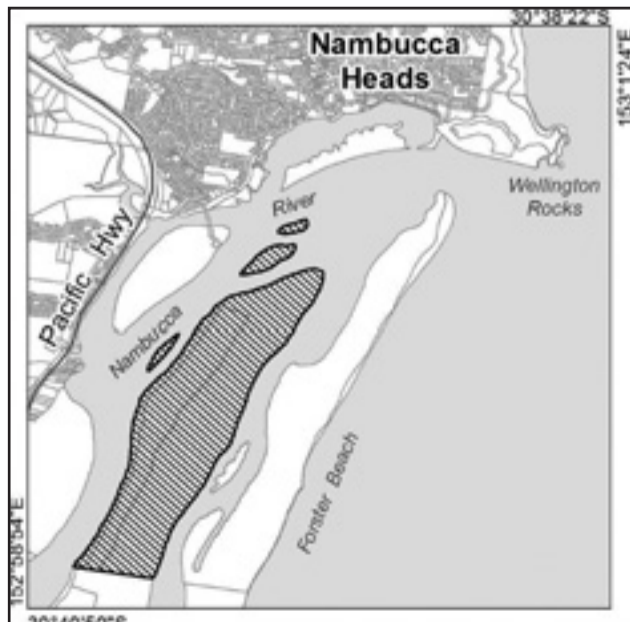
(c) persons who have been otherwise incorporated, or

who are direct descendants of a person who has been otherwise incorporated, as a member of the Gumbaynggirr People and who identify as and are accepted as a Gumbaynggirr person, in accordance with Gumbaynggirr laws and customs;

AND any other Aboriginal person who asserts native title rights and interests in the Proposed Claim Area.

Map of the Proposed Claim Area

The Proposed Claim Area are the lands and waters bolded in black and marked with black hatching in the map below, being Lots 554, 555, 556, 557, 558 and 559 in DP 1072228 located at Nambucca Heads on the mid north coast of NSW.



The AGENDA for the meeting is:

1. Discuss the background to the proposed new claim and review native title law and processes;
2. Confirm the decision making process of the native title claim group;
3. Consider and authorise a native title determination application over the areas described in this notice, being Lots 554, 555, 556, 557, 558 and 559 in DP 1072228 located at Nambucca Heads on the mid north coast of NSW;
4. Authorise the Applicant to make the native title determination application;
5. Discuss the process and timing for the resolution of the native title determination application;
6. Future Acts Update; and
7. Any Other Business as determined by the native title claim group.

Confirming your attendance

If you have any queries in relation to this notice or if you wish to attend the meeting please contact NTSCORP on the numbers listed below so that all relevant arrangements can be made.

Mileage assistance and accommodation may be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP's policies. **Please note that you will need to provide NTSCORP with a completed meeting registration form or telephone NTSCORP with confirmed details by 25th July 2016.**

Our details are:

Freecall 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188
Post: P.O. Box 2105, Strawberry Hills,
NSW 2012
Fax: (02) 9310 4177



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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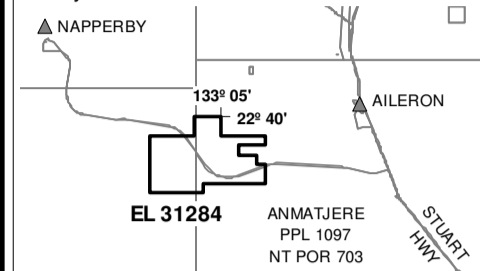
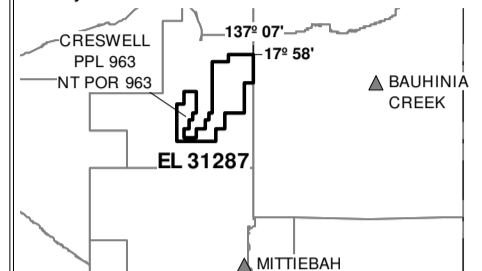
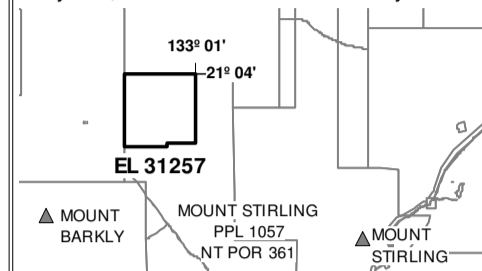
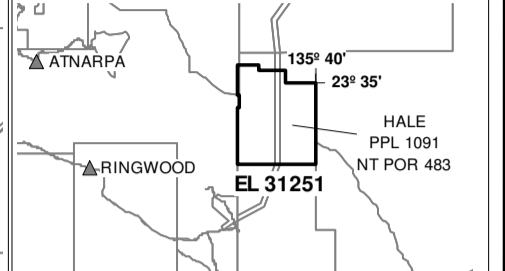
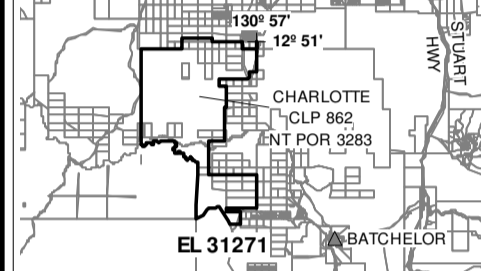
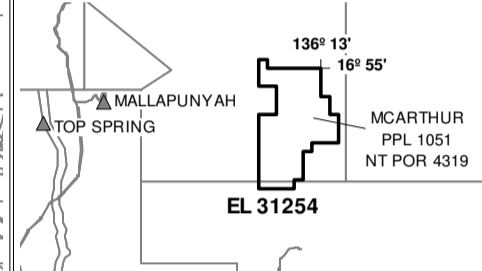
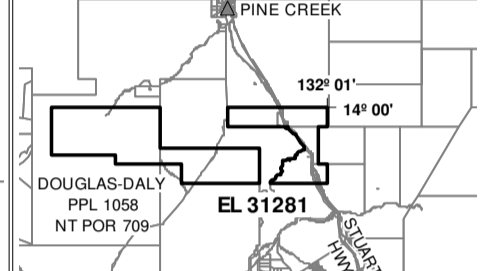
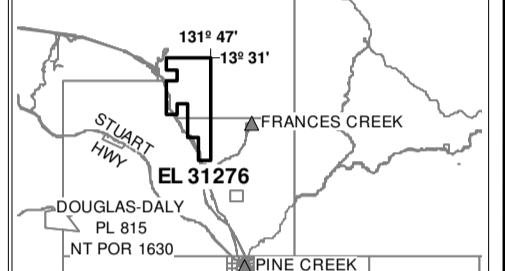
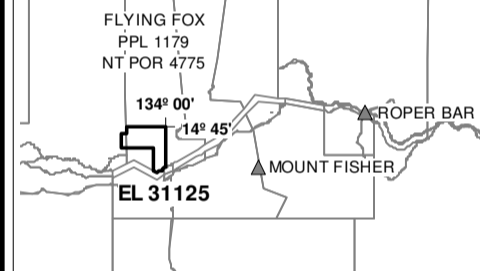
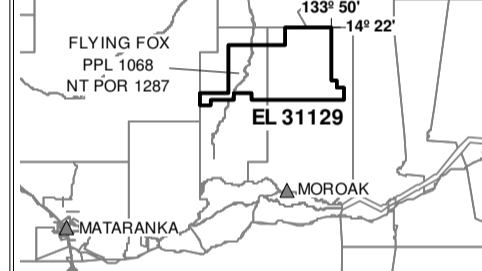
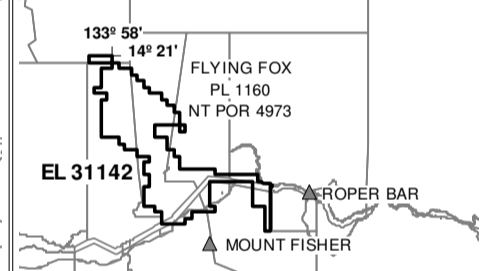
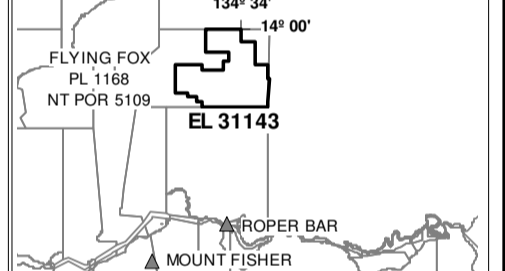
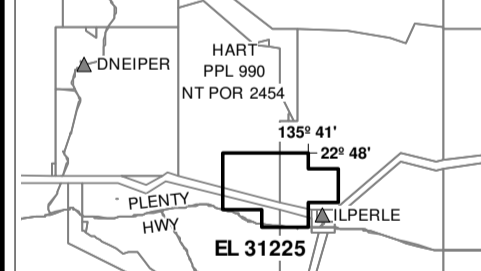
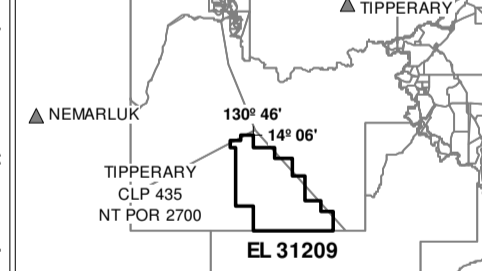
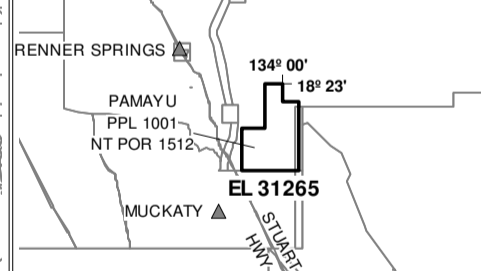
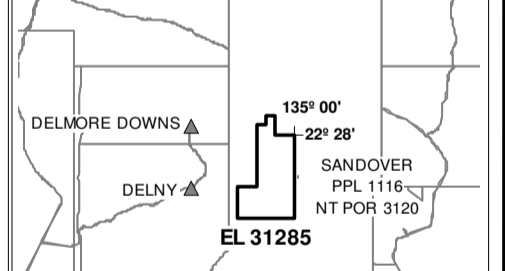
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Exploration Licence	38/3129	SARACEN GOLD MINES PTY LTD	1BL	43km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	38/3132	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	10BL	23km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 25' S Long: 122° 27' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1971	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	4BL	95km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 29' S Long: 122° 22' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1974	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	1BL	85km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 23' S Long: 122° 20' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1976	CGM (WA) PTY LTD	25BL	74km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 121° 56' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/357	TATTERSON, Timothy Vincent	4BL	39km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 25' S Long: 121° 17' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4687	GREAT SANDY PTY LTD	30BL	120km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 52' S Long: 118° 51' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4691	GREAT SANDY PTY LTD	32BL	33km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 35' S Long: 118° 44' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4704	BECKTON GLEDHILL PTY LTD	25BL	37km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 37' S Long: 120° 19' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4734-1	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	31BL	35km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 35' S Long: 120° 12' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4738	SAYONA LITHIUM PTY LTD	70BL	48km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 29' S Long: 119° 26' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4741	GOLDEN MOUNT PTY LTD	19BL	71km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 51' S Long: 118° 57' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4742	GOLDEN MOUNT PTY LTD	24BL	45km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 40' S Long: 118° 47' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4743	GOLDEN MOUNT PTY LTD	12BL	44km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 33' S Long: 118° 55' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4746	GREAT SANDY PTY LTD	20BL	28km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 10' S Long: 120° 1' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4750	MACARTHUR LITHIUM PTY LTD	4BL	69km SW'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 20° 50' S Long: 119° 7' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4759	GREAT SANDY PTY LTD	23BL	37km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 33' S Long: 118° 50' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4787	GREAT SANDY PTY LTD	8BL	47km S'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 56' S Long: 120° 10' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4788	GREAT SANDY PTY LTD	25BL	55km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 0' S Long: 120° 15' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1102	MERKS, Gijbertus Marinus John	19BL	32km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 44' S Long: 120° 22' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1116	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	103BL	105km W'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 0' S Long: 121° 16' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1119	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	88BL	73km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 10' S Long: 120° 45' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1729	YANDAN GOLD MINES PTY LTD	21BL	78km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 53' S Long: 118° 27' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1740	NUCAM RESOURCES PTY LTD	20BL	91km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 19' S Long: 117° 38' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3403	TRILLBAR RESOURCES PTY LTD	68BL	137km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 34' S Long: 117° 43' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3411	MARINDI METALS OPERATIONS PTY LTD	99BL	43km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 40' S Long: 119° 29' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3415	MARINDI METALS OPERATIONS PTY LTD	8BL	58km S'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 51' S Long: 119° 32' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3421	MARINDI METALS OPERATIONS PTY LTD	3BL	69km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 29' S Long: 119° 4' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3432	WATTS, Paul Hartley	23BL	115km S'ly of Newman	Lat: 24° 23' S Long: 119° 39' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3433	WILDVIPER PTY LTD	11BL	89km E'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 29' S Long: 120° 35' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1856	FAUREX PTY LTD	36BL	29km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 30' S Long: 120° 34' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2180	ALTO METALS LIMITED	31BL	14km W'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 22' S Long: 116° 32' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/3302	JAPAN ALUMINA ASSOCIATES (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD SOJITZ ALUMINA PTY LTD SOUTH32 ALUMINIUM (WORSLEY) PTY LTD SOUTH32 ALUMINIUM (RAA) PTY LTD	3BL	22km W'ly of Collie	Lat: 33° 17' S Long: 115° 56' E	COLLIE SHIRE, HARVEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4852	ALTECH MECKERING PTY LTD	40BL	24km E'ly of Northam	Lat: 31° 37' S Long: 116° 55' E	CUNDERDIN SHIRE, NORTHAM SHIRE, YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4853	CRATON GOLD PTY LTD	42BL	18km E'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 33° 6' S Long: 118° 39' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4854	CRATON GOLD PTY LTD	57BL	34km S'ly of Corrigin	Lat: 32° 37' S Long: 117° 58' E	CORRIGIN SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4855	CRATON GOLD PTY LTD	31BL	29km NW'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 32° 55' S Long: 118° 12' E	DUMBLEYUNG SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4856	CANNING COAL PTY LTD	68BL	12km SW'ly of Cunderdin	Lat: 31° 44' S Long: 117° 8' E	CUNDERDIN SHIRE, QUAIRADING SHIRE, YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4857	ALTECH MECKERING PTY LTD	35BL	24km SW'ly of Cunderdin	Lat: 31° 49' S Long: 117° 4' E	CUNDERDIN SHIRE, QUAIRADING SHIRE, YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4858	CREST METALS PTY LTD	34BL	57km E'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 118° 25' E	MUKINBUDIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4860	NOVA POTASH PTY LTD	52BL	36km S'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 117° 59' E	NUNGARIN SHIRE, TRAYNING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4861	CHARGE LITHIUM PTY LTD	30BL	30km SW'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 34° 5' S Long: 118° 39' E	GNOWANGERUP SHIRE, JERRAMUNGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4862	CHARGE LITHIUM PTY LTD	10BL	22km SE'ly of Bunbury	Lat: 33° 27' S Long: 115° 50' E	DARDANUP SHIRE, DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2373	FLEET STREET HOLDINGS PTY LTD	31BL	66km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 118° 45' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5012	GBE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	29BL	35km W'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 17' S Long: 127° 20' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5013	GBE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	111BL	33km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 57' S Long: 127° 47' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5016	STONEFORM HOLDINGS PTY LTD	47BL	152km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 51' S Long: 128° 56' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5017	STONEFORM HOLDINGS PTY LTD	45BL	155km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 59' S Long: 128° 54' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5018	BARACUS PTY LTD	32BL	77km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 46' S Long: 127° 13' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5019	A.C.N. 611 488 932 PTY LTD	9BL	100km NW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 26' S Long: 127° 12' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5021	A.C.N. 611 488 932 PTY LTD	9BL	40km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 59' S Long: 127° 57' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5022	A.C.N. 611 488 932 PTY LTD	9BL	147km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 16° 54' S Long: 127° 49' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5023	A.C.N. 611 488 932 PTY LTD	4BL	127km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 5' S Long: 127° 37' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE, WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5025	NORTHGATE RESOURCES PTY LTD	14BL	52km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 54' S Long: 128° 2' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6026	GANNON, Michael John	9.31HA	15km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 121° 3' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6034-S	BRANCH, Ian Robert	9.97HA	17km NW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 121° 30' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2961	BOULDER INVESTMENTS GROUP PTY LTD SIMMONDS, Paul John	50.70HA	44km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 120° 52' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2963-S	REID, Philip Mark BAILEY, John Maxwell REID, Anthony Joseph	8.90HA	57km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 120° 47' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5097	READ, Alan EISLER, Dean Tristram	58.41HA	36km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 121° 22' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4173	SLATER, Anthony Warren	131.08HA	15km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 121° 25' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2249 & 27/2251	KAMPF, Hugo	357.63HA	47km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 121° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2250	KAMPF, Hugo	28.76HA	49km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2255	MANSEN, James Karl	171.72HA	52km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 121° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2256-7-S	ALLEN, Royce William	19.37HA	30km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 121° 35' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2258	STEHN, Anthony Paterson BROWN, Michael John	9.60HA	22km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 29' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2259	EDWARDS, Robert Glenn	49.00HA	64km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 121° 48' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	31/2099-S	BREWER, Gerard Victor	6.929HA	142km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 122° 43' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2100-S	BREWER, Gerard Victor	9.77HA	142km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 5' S Long: 122° 43' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2101-S	KEAN, Steven Lionel	2.45HA	143km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 122° 44' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8702	CGM (WA) PTY LTD	183.10HA	36km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 121° 35' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8706-7 & 37/8710-1	CGM (WA) PTY LTD	734.47HA	36km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 121° 37' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5621	KEILTY, Stephen Conway ROSEWARNE, Robert WRIGHT, Richard	197.36HA	54km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 121° 52' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5622	PLAVSIC, Nicky	196.82HA	55km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 121° 53' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2976	NELSON, Thomas Charles	81.86HA	36km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 28' S Long: 119° 36' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1837	TANTALUM PTY LTD	192.76HA	12km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 59' S Long: 120° 5' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1874	WAKEFORD HOLDINGS PTY LTD	200.41HA	9km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 53' S Long: 120° 11' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1876	CALLEGARI, John	199.96HA	5km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 53' S Long: 120° 9' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1883-6	BEATONS CREEK GOLD PTY LTD	695.76HA	21km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 49' S Long: 120° 18' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2088-9	GILL, Jason Andrew	239.79HA	22km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 9' S Long: 116° 44' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2090-1	GILL, Jason Andrew	228.01HA	12km E'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 18' S Long: 116° 48' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4364	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	4.20HA	10km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 17' S Long: 119° 23' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4365	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	18.32HA	27km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 25' S Long: 119° 28' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4366	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	28.97HA	2km SW'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 14' S Long: 119° 18' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4367	A.C.N. 611 488 932 PTY LTD	49.57HA	91km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 9' S Long: 119° 46' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4368	SWORDER, Peter John	9.33HA	65km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat:	

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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

Applications to which this notice applies:

<p>Exploration Licence 31284 sought by ARAFURA RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 080 933 455 over an area of 73 Blocks (232 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the AILERON locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5552</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31287 sought by CEDAR RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 166 771 896 over an area of 193 Blocks (630 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BOXER locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6261</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31257 sought by CHINALCO YUNNAN COPPER RESOURCES LTD, ACN 070 859 522 over an area of 250 Blocks (750 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WILLOWRA locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5455</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31251 sought by GEMPART (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 081 859 896 over an area of 232 Blocks (707 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ILLOGWA locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6050</p>
<p>Exploration Licence 31271 sought by LITHIUM DEVELOPMENTS PTY LTD, ACN 612 245 020 over an area of 54 Blocks (146 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BYNOE locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5072</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31254 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 84 Blocks (276 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LANCEWOOD locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6163</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31281 sought by NOVA POTASH PTY LTD, ACN 122 489 669 over an area of 159 Blocks (471 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FERGUSON RIVER locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5269</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31276 sought by ROCKWASH PTY LTD, ACN 611 356 837 over an area of 24 Blocks (81 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5270</p>
<p>Exploration Licence 31125 sought by ROPER ILMENITE PTY LTD, ACN 609 843 978 over an area of 28 Blocks (90 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MOROAK locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5668</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31129 sought by ROPER ILMENITE PTY LTD, ACN 609 843 978 over an area of 195 Blocks (648 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FLYING FOX locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5669</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31142 sought by ROPER ILMENITE PTY LTD, ACN 609 843 978 over an area of 250 Blocks (827 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CHAPMAN locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5768</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31143 sought by ROPER ILMENITE PTY LTD, ACN 609 843 978 over an area of 250 Blocks (793 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BENDA locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5869</p>
<p>Exploration Licence 31225 sought by TERRITORY LITHIUM PTY LTD, ACN 610 691 033 over an area of 105 Blocks (333 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JINKA locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6052</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31209 sought by TODD RIVER METALS PTY LTD, ACN 600 314 038 over an area of 181 Blocks (565 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WINGATE MOUNTAINS locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5069</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31265 sought by TODD RIVER METALS PTY LTD, ACN 600 314 038 over an area of 51 Blocks (165 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the HELEN locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5661</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 31285 sought by UNIVERSAL RARE EARTHS PTY LTD, ACN 147 044 942 over an area of 41 Blocks (131 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DELNY locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5852</p>

Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3001, or telephone (03) 9920 3000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 13 July 2016

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER
NEW ENGLAND FOLD BELT MDB
GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **TENTERDEN STATION PTY LTD** for a bore on Lot 60 DP 753660, for irrigation purposes on Lot 1 DP 1130348 in the Parish of Everett, County of Hardinge, Local Government Area of Guyra Shire. (A8427)

Objects 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.

Any queries please 02 6763 1470, Ben Hanks, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A00785

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER
MACQUARIE AND CUDGEGONG REGULATED
RIVERS WATER SOURCE

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **UMAGARLEE PTY LIMITED** for one 38 mm submersible pump on the Macquarie River on Lot 109 DP 1151353, Parish of Wellington, County of Wellington for domestic and stock purposes (Ref: A008418).

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

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A00755

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

LOWER NAMOI REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **RODNEY TORBEN HOJER** for 1 100mm centrifugal pump, for irrigation purposes on Lot 1 DP 394103, Lot 14 DP 752189, Lot 10 DP 833927, Lot 11 DP 833927, Lot 49 DP 752189, Lot 153 DP 752189, Lot 152 DP 752189, Lot 151 DP 752189, Lot 76 DP 752189 & Lot 150 DP 752189 in the Parish of Keepit, County of Darling, Local Government Area of Gunnedah Shire. (A8374)

Objects 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.

Any queries please 02 6763 1470, Ben Hanks, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

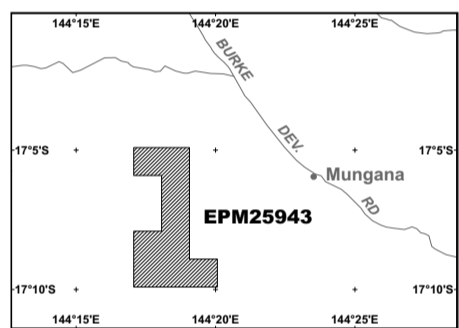
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADDITION OF EXCLUDED LAND INTO EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR COAL AND GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

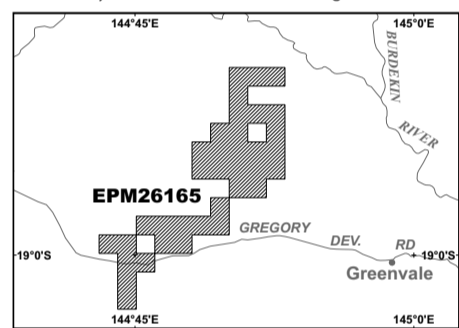
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 addition of excluded land to the Exploration Permit for Coal and grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

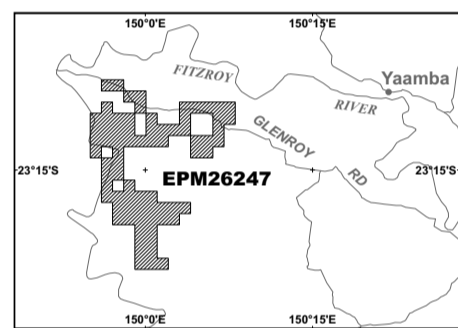
Exploration Permit 25943 sought by Asmam Pty Ltd, ACN 063 803 583, over an area of 9 sub-blocks (29 km²), centred approximately 9 km West of Mungana, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



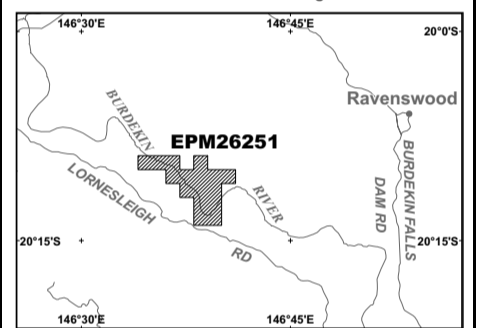
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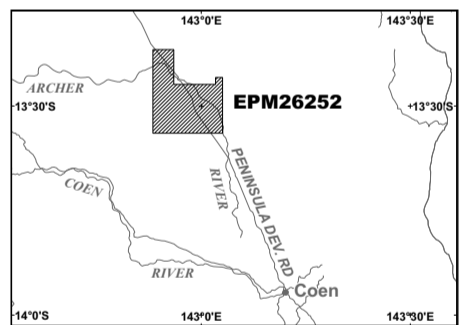
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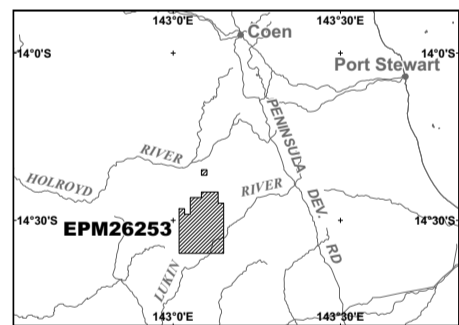
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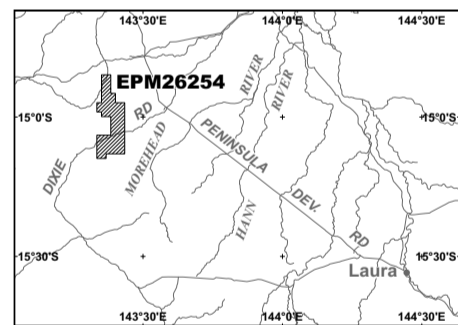
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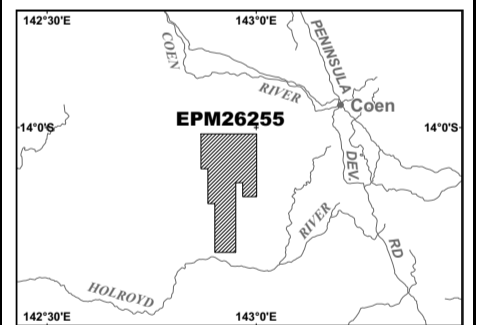
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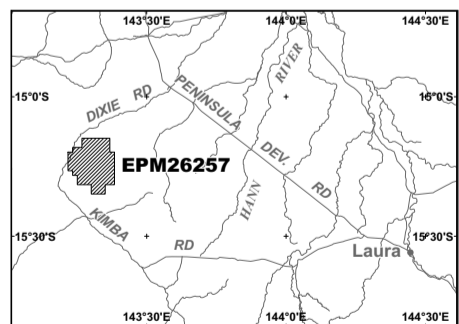
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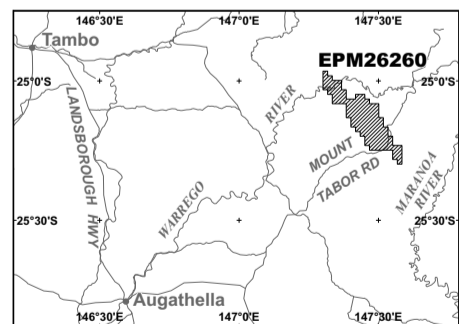
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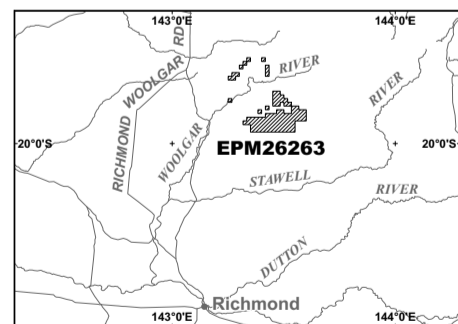
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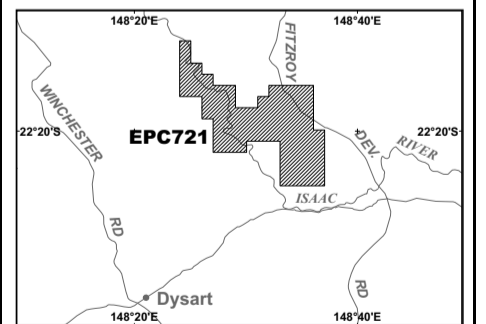
Exploration Permit 26260 sought by Metalli Pty Ltd, ACN 152 969 563, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (311 km²), centred approximately 113 km North East of Augathella, in the localities of the Maranoa Regional Council and Murweh Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26263 sought by Strategic Minerals Corporation NL, ACN 008 901 380, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (322 km²), centred approximately 106 km North North East of Richmond, in the localities of the Croydon Shire Council and Richmond Shire Council.



Proposed addition of excluded land into Exploration Permit 721 sought by Peabody BB Interests Pty Ltd (85%) and Citic Bowen Basin Pty Ltd (15%), ACN 116 402 352 and 117 281 606, over an area of 72 sub-blocks (229 km²), centred approximately 32 km North East of Dysart, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



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

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 61 Mary Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3008 5742.

Notification Day: 03 August 2016



Eels stripped of 12 points



THE National Rugby League (NRL) last Saturday confirmed that the Parramatta Eels would be docked 12 competition points and fined \$1 million for breaches of the salary cap dating back to 2013.

In addition, the NRL has cancelled the registration of five officials at the club.

NRL CEO Todd Greenberg said that he had carefully considered the responses from the Parramatta club and five officials to the breach notices issued on May 3.

"While each made points worthy of consideration, there was insufficient information in those responses to warrant any change to the penalties originally proposed in the breach notices," Greenberg said.

"The overall impression that I got from the responses is that no one at the club has taken responsibility for the deliberate, systemic and blatant breaches of the salary cap.

"We have to take a stand to demonstrate that the NRL will not tolerate contraventions of the salary cap which plays such a crucial role in giving us one of the closest competitions in Australian sport."

The NRL has imposed the following penalties:

- The Parramatta Eels will be docked 12 competition points from last Saturday. In addition, all differential points (for and against) accumulated by the Eels in the first nine rounds will be revoked.
- The club will be fined the maximum penalty of \$1 million.
- Five club officials – chairman Steve Sharp, deputy chairman Tom Issa, director Peter Serrao, CEO John Boulous and football manager Daniel Anderson – have had their registrations cancelled.
- The Eels will be stripped of its Auckland Nines title won earlier this year. There will be no official winner for 2016.

Greenberg said he could not be more sympathetic for Eels fans, coach Brad Arthur and especially the players who have performed so well in difficult circumstances this year.

"But we have to take a strong

stand to preserve the integrity of the salary cap and the competition," he said.

"We would hope that in the long term, this will help make the club stronger and ensure there is no repeat of the salary cap breaches which have plagued the club over the last six years.

"The Parramatta club now has one of the biggest decisions it has ever had to make in its 69-year history.

"It can appeal the decision, which is its right, or it can accept this decision and turn Parramatta into the powerhouse club it should be.

"It is time for the club to move on and do the right thing by Brad Arthur, the players and the fans."

Greenberg said the review had taken longer than originally expected because it affected the livelihoods and reputations of people in the game.

In particular, the NRL did not take lightly its decision to deregister a club legend like Steve Sharp who had been a long-time member of the Parramatta family.

Focus on governance

Greenberg said that with this phase of the investigation completed, the NRL would focus on improving the governance and operations of the Parramatta club.

He said the NRL was ready to provide any resources and expertise needed by the club.

"We have not intervened in the running of the club during this investigation because our priority was to give everyone involved a fair hearing," Greenberg said.

"But it is imperative that we help rebuild the club so it has a strong board and strong management into the future.

"There are currently several proposals for extraordinary general meetings at the club and we would urge members to support a board and management group which is focused on making the Eels a strong, successful team.

"The time for infighting and factionalism is over.

"The members have a chance to clear the decks and rebuild the club and we will be encouraging them to do so."



Statement of proposals to prepare a draft Water Resource (Condamine and Balonne) Plan and draft Water Resource (Border Rivers and Moonie) Plan.

The Minister for Natural Resources and Mines released a statement of proposals on 6 July 2016 for public comment on the the proposed draft plan areas of the Water Resource (Condamine and Balonne) Plan area, and the Water Resource (Border Rivers and Moonie) Plan area.

Note that the proposed draft Water Resource (Border Rivers and Moonie) Plan covers the plan areas of the current Water Resource (Border Rivers) Plan 2003 and the Water Resource (Moonie) Plan 2003. The statements of proposals can be viewed or downloaded from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) website

www.dnrm.qld.gov.au. Alternatively, the statements of proposals may be inspected, or obtained free of charge, at DNRM's Toowoomba, Warwick and Goondiwindi offices. It can also be viewed at the offices of the Southern Downs, Toowoomba, Western Downs, Maranoa, Balonne, and Goondiwindi Regional Councils. Anyone may make a submission about the statements of proposals, either using the form provided in the statement on proposals, or online at www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au. Submissions must be received on or before 5pm on 31 August 2016.

Public information sessions about the statements of proposals will be held in each plan area, please refer to the website www.dnrm.qld.gov.au for details.



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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 *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	04/464	PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED	222.04HA	106km E'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 27' S Long: 124° 36' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Mining Lease	04/465	PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED	126.67HA	114km E'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 29' S Long: 124° 40' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Mining Lease	15/1822	EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD	672.68HA	11km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 121° 13' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1106	LING, Monte Justin SIBRAA, Kevin Peter	190.06HA	81km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 122° 11' E	LEONORA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 13 July 2016

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 13 October 2016. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 13 November 2016**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

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

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

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
15/1213-I	ABEH PTY LTD	486580	14.61HA	24km NW'ly of Widgeemooltha	Lat: 31° 22' S Long: 121° 25' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
20/459-I	SINOSTEEL MIDWEST CORPORATION LIMITED	489095	70.70HA	61km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 0' S Long: 117° 29' E	CUE SHIRE
20/492-I	SINOSTEEL MIDWEST CORPORATION LIMITED	489096	34.29HA	59km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 54' S Long: 117° 42' E	CUE SHIRE
45/4498-I	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	484163	102.07HA	26km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 8' S Long: 120° 0' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
51/906-I	SINOSTEEL MIDWEST CORPORATION LIMITED	489098	25.69HA	135km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 5' S Long: 117° 14' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, MURCHISON SHIRE
52/2594-I	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	484165	23.57HA	97km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 25' S Long: 118° 46' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
52/2594-I	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	484166	23.57HA	97km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 26' S Long: 118° 45' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
53/1210	REDPORT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	488738	28.75HA	78km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 16' S Long: 121° 5' E	WILUNA SHIRE

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

Notification day: 13 July 2016

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 13 October 2016. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 13 November 2016**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

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

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Yarran cops penalty



THE Fremantle Dockers Australian Football League (AFL) club has ordered Shane Yarran to undertake counselling and volunteer work after the mature-age recruit pleaded guilty to two charges stemming from an incident in Leederville last month.

Yarran was fined \$800 by the

Perth Magistrate's Court after pleading guilty to one count of disorderly behaviour in public and one count of failing to obey a police order.

The Dockers say they are also considering handing Yarran a club-imposed fine.

The charges resulted from an incident where police initially issued Yarran, 27, with a move on notice, which police alleged he ignored.

Uplifting experience

By ALF WILSON



BERNARD Sabadi-Nona, of Badu Island descent, achieved a personal best during the North Queensland Open powerlifting competition in Cairns run by Iron Strength Power and Performance.



The event was held as part of the North Queensland Games and the powerlifting event at Redlynch attracted 70 lifters from throughout Australia.

Hundreds of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders competed at the NQ Games – the largest, regularly run, multi-event sporting carnival in regional Australia.

The inaugural NQ Games were held at Townsville at Easter, 1984, and are now staged every two years on a rotational basis between Mackay, Townsville, and Cairns.

A total of 45 sports were held at the 2016 event in Cairns from June 24-26.

“There were six lifters in the 120kg class and I managed a personal best of 185kg squat, 165kg bench press and 255kg deadlift.

“Being the only Torres Strait Islander male competitor in Queensland, I feel very

proud of my effort,” Sabadi-Nona told the *Koori Mail*.

Although Torres Strait Islanders are generally sporting fanatics, not many are involved in powerlifting or body building.

The majority plays rugby league, basketball or volleyball and Cairns born-31-year-old Sabadi-Nona said he took it up to keep fit and healthy.

“I had my first competition last December, 12 months after my knee reconstruction,” he said.

Although the sport can be hard on the body, Sabadi-Nona said he had previously played rugby league.

“I have played for Badu side Kulpiyam and Yarrabah’s Bukki Buna but injured my knee and needed reconstructions,” he said.

Sabadi-Nona said he was delighted that Jasmin Sandhu, from Bamaga, on the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA), also competed in Cairns in the female classes.

“I believe she is the first from up there to do so. She has only recently taken up the sport at 47 years of age and set herself the goal to compete, which is very inspirational,” he said.

Being part of the big Nona family on Badu and other Torres Strait islands, Sabadi-Nona looks to set an example by showing that leading a healthy lifestyle is hard work, but well worth the benefits.



Powerlifter Bernard Sabadi-Nona.

MEANWHILE, the Golden Gloves boxing tournament was held during the NQ Games and each winner received two gold medals – one from the organising Sunstate Amateur Boxing League and the other from the NQ Games Foundation.

Star young Palm Island boxer Leelan Sibley was delighted to receive two medals for winning his 54kg class.

Palm boxers Preston Robertson and

Brayden Nallajar also won two gold medals even although neither had a bout.

They could not be matched.

“Boxers came from Victoria, NSW, Queensland, Solomon Islands and Mornington Island,” Palm trainer Ray Dennis said.

Sibley scored his fifth win in six bouts when he knocked out Victorian Nick Taxidig in round two of his 54kg bout.

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

Notification day: 20 July 2016



National Native Title Tribunal



Q12016/024 Darumbal People, Livingstone Shire Council and Rockhampton Regional Council Local Government ILUA State of Queensland

Description of the agreement area:

The agreement area covers about 14842.3 sq km located west of Yeppoon approx. 47.5 km north west of Gladstone

Relevant LGA: Livingstone Shire Council and Rockhampton Regional Council

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

36.2 Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act (which relates to the right to negotiate) does not apply to any Future Acts covered by the Agreement.

40.1 The Parties consent to any Activity which has a Low Native Title Impact (they are described in Schedule 7).

40.2 There are no conditions on the consent to an Activity which has a Low Native Title Impact.

Schedule 1 defines *Low Native Title Impact* in relation to an Activity as anything which is included in or covered by any of the classes of Activities contained in Schedule 7 [a copy of Schedule 7 can be obtained from the case manager upon request].

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Livingstone Shire Council and Rockhampton Regional Council	c/- Gilkerson Legal GPO Box 12543 Brisbane QLD 4003
Alan Douglas Hatfield, Warren John Malone, Rodney William Mann, Vanessa Ross, Amanda Meredith and Pauline Cora on behalf of the Darumbal People	c/- Queensland South Native Title Services PO Box 10832 Adelaide Street Brisbane QLD 4000
Darumbal People Aboriginal Corporation	

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 Queensland South Native Title Services, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object 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, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane, QLD, 4000 by 20 October 2016.**

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

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

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

Shared country, shared future.



Trainer Ray Dennis, left, with from left, Leelan Sibley, Preston Robertson and Brayden Nallajar

Flying Boomerangs part of national competition



THE Flying Boomerangs last week competed in the 2016 Australian Football League (AFL) Under-16 Championships on the Gold Coast.

The team was selected by AFL club recruiters following the 2016 AFL National Diversity Championships held in Townsville earlier this year.

The initial squad of 30 young men was scaled back by to 25 for the Gold Coast carnival and were chosen based on school attendance, leadership skills, and football ability.

The Flying Boomerangs program is a personal development and leadership program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young men aged 14-15 years old.

The squad spent six days on the Gold Coast undertaking group training sessions, matches and a visit to the Gold Coast Suns Football Club.

The Flying Boomerangs were coached by Jermaine Davies (WA)

with Shannon Motlop (NT), Peter Yagmoor (QLD), and Peter Mongta (VIC) named as assistants.

The 2016 team: Che Munro (Petersham – NSW), Treigh Stewart (Surfside – NSW), Jai Taylor (Finley – NSW), Kyle Gowley (Alawa – NT), Joel Jeffery (Palmerston – NT), Brandon Rusca (Howard Springs – NT), Malcolm Rosas (Darwin – NT), Philemon Baira (Badu Island – Qld), Hammiso Tabai (Westcourt – Qld), Tyran Hill, (Paradise – SA), Anzac Kupa Lochowiak (Woodforde – SA), Leiwyn Jones (West Launceston – Tas), Kobe Brown (Mildura – Vic), Todd Garner (Gruyere – Vic), Tarkyn Brogan-Henry (Beverley – WA), Ashley Colbung (Northam – WA), Rhai-arn Cox (North Perth – WA), Liam Henry (Derby – WA), Jon Humphries (Carey Park – WA), Robin Johnson (Wynndham – WA), Rueben McGuire (Bull Creek – WA), Christian Miller-Sabbioni (Attadale – WA), Elijah Taylor (Langford – WA), Tyrone Thorne (Cooloongup – WA), Malek Wallum (Kingston – WA).

Mundine open to Green rematch



ANTHONY Mundine has declared he'll be ready to fight Danny Green early next year, with the rematch now looking

more likely than ever and even talk of an Australia Day bout emerging.

A big-money rematch has been spoken of on and off ever since Mundine beat Green in a unanimous points decision in Sydney 10 years ago.

Rather than get back in the ring, the bitter arch-rivals have quarrelled over terms of a potential multi-million-dollar bout.

But Mundine said they were now deep in negotiations following his successful hip surgery four months ago, and reiterated he was prepared to fight significantly lighter than Green.

It is understood there has even been a push to stage the highly anticipated clash on Australia Day, deemed by many Indigenous Australians as a day of mourning.

Anywhere, any time

And while the 40-year-old would still love the bout to be held at the sacred site of Uluru, he would fight Green anywhere and on any date for "the biggest payday out there".

"I reckon another three months I'll be right and then just prepare for the fight. I need six months to prepare to get my body right," Mundine said in Sydney at a basketball clinic for disadvantaged children.

"The Green and Mundine fight is unique because of our first fight, the build-up and rivalry between two camps and him blaming it on weight and stuff – that's why I'm going to erase that claim.

"But the telling factor is the white system getting behind him.

"And me being who I am and speak the way I speak, and stand up for my plight being an Aboriginal man, race comes into it.

"That's what's going to make this fight so big."

Mundine has previously said he would be prepared to fight at catchweight set at 83kg – meaning he would have to gain about 10kg while Green would have to drop around 6kg – but only if 'The Man' gets a 60-40 share of the purse.

However he appeared to have softened his stance, only saying the money "fluctuates".

"He's going to have the advantage because I'll give away all that weight," said Mundine, who had recently been keen to fight boom Brisbane boxer Jeff Horn.

"I've been fighting at 69.85, the fight I want to fight him again to make the weight is going to be 83kg.

"I won't even make 83kg – I'll make about 78-80kg.

"He'll be probably 90kg by the time he gets into the ring.

"By the time I get into the ring, I'll be 78-80kg and he'll be 10kg heavier."

Regardless, Mundine backed himself to win and drew further confidence from his ever-improving hip since his career-saving operation in England in February.

"My range of movement is just crazy now," Mundine said.

"I've never had it in six, seven, eight years – that's how long it's been.

"I'm really excited and that's why I'm confident I can beat Green no matter what."

The clinic Mundine attended was to launch Charity Bounce, a not-for-profit charity developing a community program to inspire Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and culturally diverse youth. –AAP



Philip Yeatman shows the Queensland Reds Indigenous jersey he designed for last Friday night's game at Lang Park, Brisbane. The Reds lost to the Chiefs 50-5. Picture: Brendan Hertel/QRU

Qld Reds sign deal to help Indigenous youth



THE Queensland Rugby Union (QRU) has joined the Queensland Government in a partnership to boost jobs and networking opportunities for young Indigenous Queenslanders.

The QRU and the Government have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders in efforts to further their education and find employment.

The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) will provide up to \$80,000 in grant funding to QRU to support placement of 40 Indigenous students in jobs by 30 June 2017.

Treasurer and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Curtis Pitt said the signing of the MOU with the QRU, was "win-win" for Indigenous communities and Queensland business.

"Supporting education, job and leadership opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young peoples is a critical component to improving life outcomes," Mr Pitt said.

"This partnership is about supporting young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders to stay in school and, afterwards, to seek job and training opportunities and become future leaders in their communities.

"This is also a win for Queensland businesses, given the unique perspective and talent that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young peoples can provide to future employers."

QRU general manager, operations Robert Donaghue said the partnership continued the

organisation's long-standing commitment to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth.

"The Queensland Reds Indigenous Program is a long-term commitment by the organisation and the team to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth throughout all of Queensland. Each year more than 200 boys and girls receive individual mentoring from our Indigenous Pathways coordinators. Since its inception the program has seen more than 160 students graduate with 92% of these transitioning into further education or employment post-school," Mr Donaghue said.

The announcement came ahead of the Reds Indigenous Round match against the Chiefs at Lang Park, Brisbane, last Friday – during NAIDOC Week.

The Reds wore Indigenous jerseys designed by Queensland Reds Indigenous Program participant Phillip Yeatman.

Yeatman, 18, is a member of Queensland Rugby Union's Reds Generation Next program, which works with Indigenous students in Year 11 and 12 to assist the transition from high school to employment or further education.

Originally from Yarrabah, Yeatman is a member of the Kuku-Nyunkal, Yalanji, Oikola cultural group. He graduated from Brisbane Boys College in 2015 and is now studying engineering at Queensland University of Technology.

The jerseys were auctioned following the match to raise funds for the Reds Foundation, which was recently established to support Queensland Rugby's diversity programs, including gender, all abilities and culture.

Redcliffe prepares for Arthur Beetson carnival



THE 2016 Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri rugby league carnival again will be held at Dolphin Oval, Redcliffe, from September 21-24.

The carnival involves teams from across Queensland – from the Torres Strait to the Gold Coast and west to Mt Isa – and is a showpiece of Indigenous rugby league talent.

Competition involves the under 15 boys, open women's and open men's.

Organisers said the carnival is much more than rugby league as it has a major focus on health and education. All players have to complete a health check as a requirement to participate and all under 15 boys must have attended school 90% of time in the three months prior. Queensland Rugby League (QRL)

chairman Peter Betros said: "This carnival highlights the great reach the game of rugby league has across Queensland and the Arthur Beetson Foundation should be congratulated in providing this opportunity for so many to get involved."

Beetson's passion

Brad Beetson, son of the late Arthur Beetson and board member of the

Arthur Beetson Foundation, said: "Dad had a passion on improving the lives of the young Indigenous. It's great that the foundation can continue this by using his other great passion of rugby league as the vehicle to do so".

Murri Rugby League has also announced Francis Renouf has taken on the role as carnival manager for 2016.

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'I shall return,' says Jamie Soward



PENRITH has left the door open for Jamie Soward to begin his National Rugby League (NRL) coaching career at the club after announcing his immediate release to the London Broncos.

Penrith supremo Phil Gould late last month paid tribute to the 31-year-old, who was labelled as the club's marquee signing when he moved to the foot of the mountains ahead of the 2014 season.

However, his demotion to reserve grade in round 13, coupled with rookie Nathan Cleary's stunning ascension to the top grade, clouded Soward's future at the club.

Fellow first-year playmaker Te Maire Martin is also considered a player of the

future after making his debut in round three before succumbing to a shoulder injury. He is expected back in a week or so.

"Jamie feels the time is now right to pursue an opportunity to finish his career in England," Gould said in a club statement.

"How playing careers begin and end is not an exact science, but he has recognised there are a number of emerging talents at the club who deserve the chance to progress.

"Jamie has been wonderful for the Panthers and has done everything we have ever asked of him. He has been a leader, on and off the field, and played a key role in the development of our younger players."

Soward is likely to have made his

final appearance in the NRL, where he played 224 games across three clubs in 12 seasons since making his debut in 2005.

However, Gould hinted the former NSW State of Origin representative would be back in Penrith colours as a coach following his stint in England.

"If Jamie sees a future for himself in coaching, once his playing days have come to an end, it is my intention that he will begin that coaching career here at the Panthers," Gould said.

Soward thanked the club for giving him another opportunity in the NRL.

"@PenrithPanthers thanks for the memories. Thanks for having me. #panthergang. Gonna miss the boys and fans but I will be back. #533," Soward tweeted.

It will be Soward's second stint with the Broncos in three years, having played nine games with the English club in 2014 following his inglorious mid-season exit from St George Illawarra.

It was at Wollongong where Soward established himself in the NRL, scoring 977 points in 140 games in the red V, including a 2011 premiership win under master coach Wayne Bennett.

However, a falling out with then-coach Steve Price pushed Soward out of the Dragons, moving on to England before taking a three-year deal at the rebuilding Panthers.

Regarded as owning the best kicking game on his day, Soward finishes with a total 1337 points in the NRL.

He also played three games for NSW in 2011. - AAP



Our picture tribute to Jame Soward: from left, as a Dragon in 2011, an Indigenous All Star in 2016, a Panther in 2014 and a NSW State of Origin Blue in 2011.

Bye, bye Birdy?



SUPPORT for dumped NSW forward Greg Bird has come

from the most unlikely of quarters – bitter rugby league State of Origin rivals Queensland.

The 32-year-old Bird's Origin career appears over after he was one of three changes made to the Blues team for tonight's Sydney Olympic Park dead rubber.

The 18-game Origin veteran forward debuted in 2007, but savoured only one series win – in 2014.

"Wrong rein"

Veteran Maroons prop Nate Myles thought NSW selectors had pulled the wrong rein.

"I totally don't agree at all with the treatment of Greg Bird," he said.

"I think he has been NSW's most respected player over the past five to eight years.

"As a friend of mine, I totally don't think it is the right call."



Greg Bird attends the 2014 Indigenous All Stars rugby league camp in Queensland.

Cameron Smith – a former Test teammate of Bird – also lamented his dumping, but backed the Gold Coast Titans forward to bounce back.

"I have been lucky enough to play alongside Birdy. I love him as a bloke and footy player," Smith said. "It's unfortunate he

doesn't get another chance – who knows when you get another opportunity. "(But) I am sure he will bounce back." Smith also wondered

why NSW could not find a place for Matt Moylan in their 17 after Wests Tigers' No 1 James Tedesco replaced him as Blues fullback for game three.

"I feel sorry for Moylan," Smith said of the Penrith playmaker who was dumped after two Origin games.

"It takes a few games to get the feel for the intensity of the game.

"I think he is a terrific young bloke and footballer."

On Tedesco, Smith said: "He is just a different footballer.

"They are obviously looking for a bit of strike power – and he's got plenty of that."

Parting gesture

Myles even had a good word for retiring NSW captain Paul Gallen ahead of his final Origin.

The pair have had a long running Origin feud which climaxed in 2013 when Gallen launched a flurry of punches on Myles.

Veteran Myles looked forward to one last round

with the Blues bruiser.

"He's a fantastic footballer," Myles said.

"You always know what you are going to get from him.

"That's why he is so good doing what he does."

Bird's axing by his state comes months after he was overlooked by Australia coach Mal Meninga for this year's Anzac Test against New Zealand in Newcastle.

Just six wins

The back-rower made 18 appearances for his state after debuting in 2007, but lost 12 of those fixtures during Queensland's era of dominance in the interstate series.

Gold Coast coach Neil Henry says no-one would be hurting more than his Titans veteran about the dumping.

"He'll be disappointed because he's passionate about representing NSW and you take every opportunity you can to do the job," Henry said.

"He's been very good for NSW." - AAP

French connection

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

In previous columns, I have written about my reluctance to put additional pressure on emerging young stars by praising them when they are still trying to establish their careers.

In the cases of Latrell Mitchell at the Roosters and Ash Taylor at the Titans, their form and prominence in the media almost made it impossible not to comment.

It is now the time to acknowledge the arrival of Bevan French on the scene.

Given that young Bevan is related to Nathan Blacklock and myself, I have not wanted to bring any additional attention to him.

He has done that all by himself.

Parramatta has handled his rise well and they continue to focus on Bevan's potential and his scope to learn and improve.

After a successful tournament in the Auckland 9s, Bevan returned to the National Youth Competition (NYC) and the State Cup to continue his apprenticeship.

Ups and downs

Despite a dislocated elbow sidelining him for a while, he continued to work hard and earned the opportunity to be mentored by the likes of Michael Gordon.

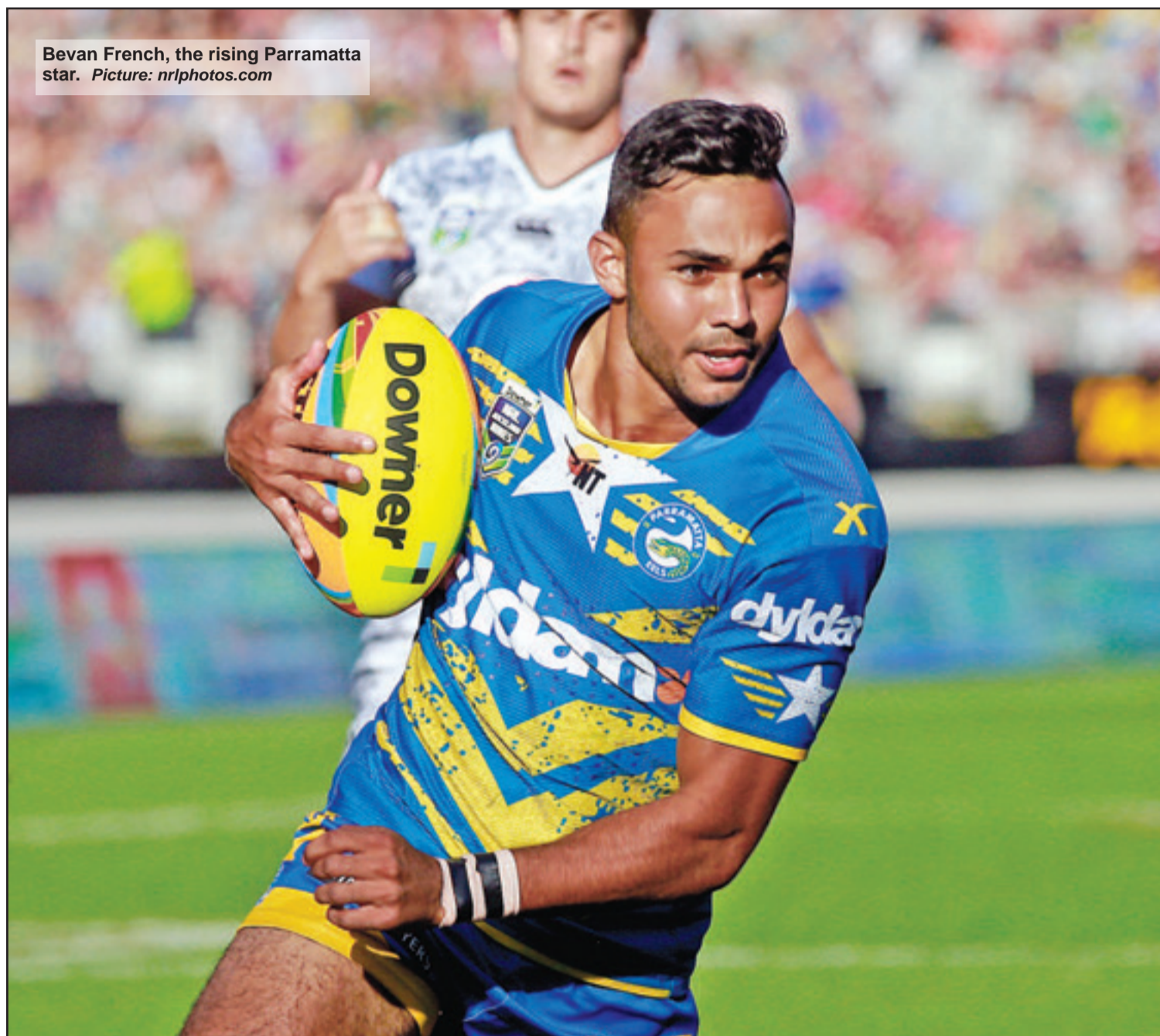
In the world of professional rugby league, you never know when your opportunity will come.

All you know is that you have to work hard and have the self-belief to grasp the chance to prove yourself.

And Bevan has made the most of demonstrating the potential he has always shown running around the fields of Tingha and Inverell.

With a stunning seven tries in just four National Rugby League (NRL) games, it looks as though he is handling the transition from NYC to NRL just fine, but I am pleased to hear him say there's plenty he needs to work on.

After Bevan's hat-trick in Parramatta's 34-24 recent loss



Bevan French, the rising Parramatta star. Picture: nrlphotos.com

at Cronulla, he acknowledged he was still on a learning curve.

That said, the raw pace with which he burned Cronulla's edge defence before skipping over James Maloney's diving tackle, then stepping a flat-footed Ben Barba to score untouched revealed a brimming bag of try-scoring tricks.

However, his fledgling combination with centre Clint Gutherson was also ruthlessly pulled apart by a Sharks side unafraid to run at his edge on last-tackle plays and four crucial tries came down that channel in the six-tries-to-four loss.

Work in progress

His coach Brad Arthur praised French's potential after the game, but cautioned he is still a work in progress.

"He's got plenty of pace and you can't coach speed," Arthur said.

"He's doing OK, still got a fair bit to learn, especially in defence, but the only way he's going to learn is being under pressure in those situations. We're happy with him. He needs to continue to work on some defensive principles and working with his inside defender, but he's getting better."

For his part, Bevan said he

was just trying to adapt to the more physical nature of first grade – though still eyeing a move to fullback one day down the track.

"The transition's good. I'm feeling confident out there but there's still a few things I need to work on. I'll just keep chipping away on them at training and hopefully get better at those things," Bevan said.

Liking for fullback

"Personally, I'd like to play fullback in the future. I could play fullback but just now, starting off on the wing and just starting to get my feel of the physicality of things in there and starting to work my way in and get used to the physical level, then hopefully switch to fullback."

Like his coach, Bevan wasn't getting carried away with his impressive start in the NRL.

"It's started off pretty well with seven tries, but it doesn't feel too good to get three tries and not come away with the two points in the end," he said.

He admitted to being a little surprised to find himself in first grade so soon given Arthur's indication early in the year he would need more time to develop, as well as the wealth of outside backs at the club this year.

"Especially when you look at the people we've got in our squad, there's a few big names there.

"I think I've just been fortunate there with a few injuries. Unlucky for them, but I guess that's lucky for me," he said.

"I missed the first four or five rounds injured and then I came back, played two games of 20s and got injured again and I was out for another four or five weeks after that. I think it was another two games of 20s before I got the call up so it's been disappointing at the start of the year but I'm starting to do pretty good now."

Bevan's likely future transition to fullback has been aided by some tutoring this year by veteran Michael Gordon.

"He's very helpful. Every training session we do a few extras together and he's helped me with my positioning and stuff like that," he said of Gordon.

Bevan has also kept himself grounded off the field and has completed his Master Trainer Fitness qualification and is well on his way to also being a qualified youth worker.

But the main thing is that he has just remained Bevan.

On a recent trip home to visit

his mum Tiffany and his family, he spent a day out watching the Tingha juniors running around to offer his encouragement and support.

He attributes his success to the support of his mum and the sacrifices she made to ensure he could compete across the state.

"Mum and Pop (Dick Blair) used to take me to games along with David Koch who is a great friend of the family," Bevan told me.

Inspiration

"Pop also kept me in touch with my culture and I always used to look up to you and Macca (Nathan Blacklock) as a source of inspiration."

Bevan has kept in regular contact with Nathan, who gives him the best advice possible for any young Indigenous footballer who has to rely on skill and pure pace rather than strength and physique.

"He tells me to back my own ability and play what is in front of me," Bevan said of Blacklock.

Bevan is a true footballer. He is also a proud young Indigenous man who represents his family, his culture and helps keep Inverell and a little town of Tingha on the rugby league map.

Brisbane keen to host 2019 NRL final



QUEENSLAND Rugby League (QRL) chairman Peter Betros says he is keeping his fingers crossed Brisbane will be able to host the 2019 National Rugby League (NRL) grand final.

The Queensland government is in talks with the NRL to bring the season decider to Suncorp Stadium when Sydney's Olympic Park Stadium undergoes renovations, expected to be in 2019-20.

News Corp reported that the NRL preferred the 52,500 capacity Suncorp Stadium to host the final ahead of Melbourne, Auckland and Perth.

It was music to the ears of Betros who had dreamed of a Brisbane grand final, especially after last year's all-Queensland season decider between the Cowboys and the Broncos.

"We'd love for the NRL grand final to be held here, but that is an NRL decision; it's not for us to make," he said.

"I know the (Queensland) Government is very keen, as we are.

"We are keeping our fingers crossed.

"This is the heartland of rugby league in Australia at the moment."

It is believed the Queensland Government will need to upgrade the ground's big screens, sound system and wi-fi if it is to make a successful grand final bid.

Queensland Tourism and Major Events Minister Kate Jones told NewsCorp she would lead negotiations with the NRL in a bid to earn hosting rights. –AAP

We have two soccer Olympians



KYAH Simon and Lydia Williams are in the Australian Matildas women's soccer team to contest the Olympic Games next month in Rio de Janeiro.

Simon is a striker and Williams is acknowledged as Australia's first-choice goalkeeper.

Simon has played for Australia more than 60 times, but never as an Olympian.

She grew up in Sydney's west.

She made her international debut against Hong Kong at the age of 16 and soon after became the first Indigenous woman to score for the senior national team.

Williams, 28, who grew up in Kalgoorlie, is a veteran of three World Cup campaigns, but like Simon, has not tasted Olympic competition.

She moved to Canberra at the age of 11 and five years after playing her first game of soccer, represented Australia.

She has played club soccer for a number of US clubs, including her current team – the Houston Dash – and has also played in Sweden for the Camberra United in the Women's A-League.

Matilda coach Alen Stajcic says he's not bluffing: The Matildas can win a medal in Rio.

"I don't think it's a false sort of bravado," he said.

"I think it's real. We all genuinely believe that we can.

"We're not unrealistic – anything can happen in a tournament." –AAP

Sam's roots are strongly planted

By CHRIS PIKE



SAM Petrevski-Seton might come from a tiny Kimberley town, but he could be a No 1 draft pick in the Australian Football League (AFL) later this year after being one of several Indigenous players to impress in Western Australia's recent national under 18s championships.

Petrevski-Seton, Quinton Narkle and Shai Bolton were all players who took part in WA's campaign at the recent four-game championships and it wouldn't surprise to see each of them in the AFL next year.

Narkle has played some outstanding football in the colts with WAFL club Perth this season and he replicated that form in the 18s championships.

Narkle was WA's best player in a loss to South Australia with 21 possessions and six clearances while also having 13 disposals in a win over the Allies, 17 touches and two goals in a loss to Victoria Metro, and 14 possessions and seven tackles in a thumping win over Victoria Country.

Meanwhile, South Fremantle's Bolton has a strong bloodline to suggest he could go on to a terrific career. He is the son of Darren Bolton, who played two AFL matches with the Fremantle Dockers in 1999 and 112 WAFL games with Peel Thunder and South Fremantle.

It was at Peel where he made his mark as a dual fairest and best winner and playing 95 of his 112 matches.

His son, however, grew up in South Fremantle's zone and now Shai has quickly shot up the ranks in 2016.

The 17-year-old played exciting colts football to earn a place in the WA 18s team where he had 16 possessions and a goal against the Allies, 13 disposals and another goal against Victoria Metro, 11 touches and two goals against Victoria Country, and 14 possessions and a goal against South Australia.

Guaranteed

While those two players are good chances to end up in the AFL system later this year, Petrevski-Seton is guaranteed of being picked up and it's just a matter of how high he might go.

There is certainly a chance he will taken with the first selection which will likely be held by Essendon at November's National Draft.

Petrevski-Seton has plenty of rare talent as someone who is a good size, is quick, has a strongly built body and has outstanding skills with hand and foot. He has all the tools to be an AFL star.

He did play just two games in the 18s championships though due to a hamstring injury.

Against the Allies in his first appearance, he had 19 possessions, seven tackles and three clearances in an impressive performance before also having 18 disposals and five inside-50 entries against Victoria Metro.

Petrevski-Seton has long been earmarked as an AFL star of the future, having been part of the Australian Institute of Sport Academy and also having starred in the WA State 16s



Sam Petrevski-Seton



Shai Bolton
Picture: Peter Argent



Quinton Narkle
Picture: Peter Argent

side. But he is mature already enough to know of the challenges that lie ahead and that the AFL is littered with stories of Indigenous players from remote communities like his who have not been able to handle professional football in capital cities.

That includes those close to him, with the likes of Josh Simpson and Zephaniah Skinner who were from the Kimberley region and weren't able to stick it out at Fremantle and the Western Bulldogs respectively.

Returned home

Simpson and Skinner have attempted to return to WAFL clubs East Fremantle and South Fremantle in 2016, but are now back home in their respective communities, having not been able to adjust to life working and playing at a semi-professional level.

However, talking to Petrevski-Seton, you immediately realise that he has already made the adjustment to living away from Halls Creek, in the Kimberley region, the past three years, and that he is ready for whatever

future the AFL holds for him.

He will never forget where he came from or get tired of returning home when he can.

"The others probably didn't realise that AFL football takes a lot of hard work. But if they had the opportunity to experience what I have, they would've succeeded," Petrevski-Seton said.

"You've got to be proud of where you come from and feel that love inside that your home provides you with.

"We don't have much like the people have in the city. But as long as we're still standing on our two feet and moving forward, we get to achieve things.

"I like going out to Palm Spring. It's a little permanent waterhole that's been there for many years, as long as anyone can remember.

"Going out shooting, hunting and looking at the scenery of the beautiful country we have here.

"I get on my dirt bike and go for a ride to connect back with the family and do something that we loved back in childhood."

Unigames big hit



AFTER four days of action, the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) was declared winners of the 2016 Indigenous Unigames.

More than 400 Indigenous students from 25 Australian universities converged on Australian Catholic University's (ACU's) Brisbane campus for the Unigames.

They contested four sports with Deakin University taking the honours in basketball, the University of Melbourne winning the volleyball competition and QUT lifting the netball and touch trophies

on their way to the overall win.

ACU First Peoples and Equity Pathways Director Jane Ceolin said the event was an outstanding success, and gave a great demonstration of the leadership potential and positive role models that existed in the Indigenous community.

"All the games were played in tremendous spirit and with a great attitude," she said.

"Even more important was the chance for students to re-connect with old friends, make new friends and celebrate the richness of Indigenous culture in sport."

ACU student Kalina Brown relished her opportunity to take part in the Unigames.

"I love how everyone comes together, we get to meet people and we are all doing tertiary study," she said.

Broader benefits

University of Newcastle student Haidee Allen feels there are even broader benefits, beyond networking.

"It's important to meet other students but also to have an awareness of Indigenous students taking up tertiary education," she said.

"We're seeing a lot more Indigenous

students going to university and this is a great opportunity to come together and celebrate this fact."

The National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games (Indigenous Unigames) began in 1996 as a joint class project between 13 students and the then Wollotuka School for Aboriginal Studies at the University of Newcastle.

They aim to provide a platform for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in tertiary education to form networks, explore the culture of other universities and display pride in their own traditional culture all while enjoying the benefits of physical activity.

Excelsior performs at the welcome ceremony of the 2016 Indigenous Unigames in Brisbane.



Jackson Saggars, from the University of Tasmania, shows some touch football skills.



Madeline Stewart, Breeana Smith, and Georgia Lousick, from Australian Catholic University, are joined by former rugby league star Justin Hodges.



Neerim Callope, from University of Melbourne, plays hard in the basketball competition.

QUT celebrates its win in touch football.



The QUT netball team is on its way to the netball trophy.



Porch inks two-year deal in rugby sevens



JOHN Porch remains on course to win a berth in the Australian men's sevens rugby union team to contest next month's Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

He has just signed a new two-year deal with the Australian Rugby Union after impressing in his five World Series

tournaments during the 2015-16 season.

Also signing new contracts were Ed Jenkins and Josh Coward.

Orange-born Porch, 24, is a back and debuted for Australia against New Zealand in Wellington last January.

He has scored 10 tries and kicked six conversions for a career tally of 62 points.

Australia's men will be forced to confront bogey-team South Africa in the group stage

of the rugby sevens at the Rio Olympics.

The Thunderbolts beat the second-ranked South Africans just two times from eight attempts in the 2016 World Sevens series, however should still get a saloon passage through the group stage against the 11th-ranked French and qualifiers Spain.

The top two sides from each of the three groups qualify for the quarterfinals, while

the next two highest nations also progress.

Meanwhile Australia's world champion women will have to overcome the sixth-ranked US, eighth-placed Fiji and world No 14 Colombia to progress to the quarterfinals.

Australia won four of the five World Rugby Sevens meetings in 2015-16, with the USA's highest finish a fourth place in Brazil.

Sisters on stage

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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THERE is no doubt that the Australian Football League (AFL) has been a man's world.

Gradually, things have been changing for the good and the recent announcement of a national women's league to be launched in 2017 is a great step forward.

It is a great thing for all women and girls involved in the game, but it provides special opportunities for all the girls and women in our communities to take advantage of what the game can provide in terms of the social change that can be delivered through the AFL.

It is also a great opportunity for them to put on public display their athletic and football ability that we have all known about through their involvement in grassroots programs.

The Adelaide Crows, the Brisbane Lions, Carlton, Collingwood, Fremantle, the GWS Giants, Melbourne and the Western Bulldogs were named as the successful applicants by the AFL Commission.

The Geelong Cats, North Melbourne, Richmond, St Kilda and the West Coast Eagles have each been granted provisional licences to develop the talent base and ensure they are part of an expanded competition at the earliest possible opportunity, some as early as 2018.

There is a broad strategy,



Courtney Ugle prepares to kick for the Fremantle Dockers. She says the amount of female Indigenous talent in Australian football 'is ridiculous'.

including partnerships with state-league clubs, the talent pathway established through Youth Girls Academies and specific Indigenous participation and talent identification programs.

AFL Commission chairman Mike Fitzpatrick reinforced the level of support this initiative will be provided.

"Our game is on the cusp of changing forever and changing for the better," Fitzpatrick said.

"A fully-fledged national competition where the best women in the country will grace AFL grounds, wearing AFL club jumpers, representing immensely proud and passionate tribes.

"Our game will never be the same."

Charmaine Patrick understands the power of sport to make a difference in communities.

From the dusty red desert surrounding the small community of Ntaria, 130km west of Alice Springs, she travelled to New York and became the first Western Arrernte woman to finish a gruelling 42km.

"The Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) changed my life, it



Former IMP runner Charmaine Patrick has turned her hand to Australian football.

gave me the chance to get out of the community," Charmaine said.

Now in Darwin, the mother-of-two has taken up Australian rules football and is playing her first season with the Wanderers women's senior team.

"Footy is a big sport for our communities. It's everywhere," she said.

The 31-year-old says sport

has made her feel empowered and she is now viewed as a role model by the community.

"Being a marathon runner and playing footy... it's given me a role as a strong woman, a strong Indigenous woman," she said.

"Also, family looking at me as a strong woman, as a strong role model for the community and for family."

This is a glimpse into the future as confirmed by AFLNT chief executive officer Michael Solomon who spoke of the partnership with the Adelaide Football Club.

"I think it will be fair to say because of our advancement that in the short term we may end up with more than the lion's share of representation, certainly at the Indigenous level," he said.

"But just as important is the development of elite pathways at the grassroots level as evidenced by the Woomeras, the AFL's Indigenous 14-18 years women's team in its third year, who compete in the Youth Girls National Championships.

Woomeras player Louanna 'Lou-Lou' Jones says she started playing football when she was

four years old.

"I started playing with my cousins. It really got me into playing footy," said.

"So I started playing AusKick and then I played Youth Girls and then I came down to school in Ballarat Grammar, which is in Victoria. I started playing for a club, the Ballarat Swans."

Chiarah Rusca, another 2016 Woomeras player, says football has always been a part of her life.

"So to get selected for a sport that I absolutely love and to represent my culture is amazing."

Torres Strait Islander player Tanne Faid said the game had kept her on track.

"AFL has been a really huge part of my life... getting away from trouble," she said.

"To be honest, I reckon I'd be out on the streets, doing nothing and just causing trouble. Yeah, it was amazing to get selected into the Woomeras and represent my culture and my family back home."

The Woomeras players gathered during a game in Melbourne.

Timely avenue

Courtney Ugle, rising football star and someone who will figure in the inaugural AFL women's competition next year with Fremantle, has been assistant coach for the Woomeras during the tournament.

She believes the side is a timely avenue for aspiring Indigenous female players.

"The talent out there is just ridiculous. I mean, we have our own little way that we play and I think the girls definitely showed that this week," Ugle said.

"It's great now that we can say, 'Yes, I want to play AFL footy.'"

"You know, a few years ago, you'd be laughed at if you said that. I think it's a great opportunity and they just keep arising for these young women."

Too often, when we speak of equal opportunity, we do not recognise the need to provide pathways for girls and women within our communities.

This is an opportunity for our women that is long overdue.

It will be great to see the sisters doing it for themselves on the field next year!

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!!

Victoria Metro claims title

By PETER ARGENT



VICTORIA Metro emerged winners of the 2016 Australian Football League (AFL) division one under 18 championships.

The competition was restricted this year to include an Allies team.

Victoria Metro remained unbeaten after five rounds. The victorious team included Joel Garner, an Indigenous lad from the Wandin Football Club and a produce of the Eastern Rangers TAC Cup program.

"Joel is a youngster and only played the two games this year," Vic Metro coach David Flood said.

"He's a great lad. He's mature and sets a great example for his peers. We expect he'll be one of the leaders in 2017.

"A half forward/wing on-ball type, there is a lot of potential with Joel.

"At 184 cm and 78 kg, he has good pace and a football brain, along with the ability to see the game well."

South Australia finished second to Victoria Metro and rued a last-quarter fade-out against Vic Metro, where the visitors kicked six unanswered goals in the last quarter to win a thriller 9.15 (69) to 10.6 (66) at Football Park, Adelaide.

Small forwards Kym Lebois and Tyson Stengle played all four games of the tournament for South Australia.

"Tyson can be considered unlucky not to win the small forward position in the All-Australian team," SA coach Brenton Phillips said.

"He was clearly the best small forward across the division one competition and all the stats on him were very high.

"Tyson has football smarts, knows where the goals are and there is a bit of Charlie Cameron about him, being hard to tackle.

"Kym didn't play with his usual freedom, but he is a prodigious talent.

"We saw snippets of his brilliance and he was a half a step away from snatching back the championships for us at the end of the Vic Metro game."

Victoria Country was "consistently inconsistent", according to coach Paul Henriksen. They lost a couple of matches by less than a straight kick, but finished winless.

Bottom-age player Tyrone Hayes, Mt Eliza lad Mitchell McCarthy and Kayle Kirby, from the Bendigo Pioneers, played in the tournament.

"Tyrone is a small defender who can go forward. He played three games in this campaign and showed plenty," Henriksen said.

"I look forward to see how he progresses next year.

"Mitch is a 196cm ruckman who played in matches against WA and Vic Metro

"Kayle is from Tyntynder, in the Central Murray Football League, and he travelled west for our opening game."

The Victorian Country combination didn't have exciting Top End talent Jy Simpkin, who missed out on participation at this level this year after breaking his leg playing for Scotch College.

Western Australia finished with a pair of wins from their four-match tournament.

"Sam Petrevski-Seton didn't play in the first two games with hamstring tightness, but despite being underdone, still had an impact in the final two games," Sandgroppers



The Allies' Jamie Hampton, Brandan Parfitt and Ben Long. Pictures Peter Argent



South Australian Kym Lebois.

coach Andrew Lockyer said.

"A silky skilled footballer, he's a ripping young lad and was in our leadership group.

"Having played in all four games, Sam Powell-Pepper displayed explosive traits and has a body for AFL football.

"Over-ager Quinton Narkle made solid contributions over the four games.

"His improvement over the 12 months has been dramatic.

"Shai Bolton is an excitement machine with the ability to take the big marks and kick freakish goals.

"If he can work on his kicking, he came become a well-rounded footballer."

The best players from division two teams – NSW, Tasmania, Queensland and the Northern Territory – united to play in the division one championships under the Allies banner under the tutelage of former Swans premiership player Tadhg Kennelly.

In the Allies' final game against Victoria Country at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne, this group came from behind to collect a thrilling first victory by four points.

Being 21 points down at the final break, they charged home, kicking four unanswered goals.

Jamie Hampton, the younger brother of



South Australian Tyson Stengle.

former GWS Giant, Curtly – who is now on the Crows list – displayed plenty of run and rebound, being high in the Allies' best in the win.

Brandan Parfitt played three games, while St Mary's product Ben Long participated in the final two matches.



Victoria Country player Tyrone Hayes.

Extra time in all finals

EXTRA time will be played in all National Rugby League (NRL) finals series matches – including grand finals – in 2016 and beyond.

The recommendation for a period of extra time prior to golden point in finals matches has been officially ratified by the Australian Rugby League (ARL) Commission.

Under the new rule, five minutes of extra time each way will be played in the event of a draw at the conclusion of standard time. If scores are level at the end of extra time, the game will go to golden point.

The change follows extensive consultation with the game's stakeholders, including the NRL Competition Committee, the NRL coaches, the Rugby League Players Association (RLPA), the playing group, as well as supporters.

"We engaged all the relevant stakeholders and there was strong support for this change," NRL CEO Todd Greenberg said.

"The stakes are clearly high in finals series matches, and especially in the grand final, so it makes sense to have a period of extra time prior to golden point.

"There were a number of alternatives considered, but the consensus by and large was that the game should introduce extra time in finals series matches.

"Not only will it mean a more expansive style of football in the extra time period, it will also be less likely that a team is eliminated in golden point."



Todd Greenberg

Jared Petrenko kicks for the Woodville West Torrens Eagles in the SANFL.



'Pup' in his prime

By PETER ARGENT



IT has been 10 years since Jared 'Pup' Petrenko made his South Australian National Football League (SANFL) debut, but this year, now aged 26, he is in the prime of his career.

He has collected 'best on ground performance' in each of the first nine games he's played this year, and is one of the favourites for the competition's highest individual honour, the Magarey Medal.

His coach Michael Godden was high in his praise for the dynamic midfielder.

"Jared has been exceptional ever since he came back to the Eagles at the start of last year," Godden told the *Koori Mail*.

"His professionalism in training and general preparation is of a very

high standard.

"He has helped his teammates become better people and players.

"On field this year, Jared has been ultra-consistent with his performances.

"As part of our leadership group, he is leading from the front and always puts his family first."

Already playing reserves football with the Eagles as a 15-year-old in 2005, Petrenko's journey has included school football at Henley High, seven years on the Crows' list after being initially rookie listed in December 2007, and a short stint on the Essendon Bombers supplementary list at the start of the 2015 season, due to their illegal supplements controversy.

There has been a number of highlights along the way.

In 2007 he led his school to within five points of a breakthrough initial win at the highly acclaimed South Australian All

Schools knockout championships, and despite his side losing a heart-stopping final, Petrenko claimed the Colin Steinert Medal as best on ground.

He made his SANFL league debut in round 22 of that season, and will remember that game for a long time as his family purchased the heritage 'Woodville FC' jumper he wore that day and got it signed by Peckers legend and AFL Hall of Famer, Malcolm Blight.

In the week of the AFL draft in 2007, Petrenko made a bold move to have a shoulder operation.

While overlooked on the national draft day, he was collected in the rookie draft a couple of weeks later.

One of the standby players for the 2006 grand final victory, Petrenko said seeing the emotion of that win from close quarters and being on the field after the game elevated his passion for the club, and gave him an understanding of what a

premiership meant.

"I actually did a portion of the warm-ups that day and the grand final would have been my league debut," Petrenko said.

"But Sam Fairclough was asked to play.

"We learned a lot from last year's (grand final) loss and it's the driving force behind what we are doing.

"I'm passionate about playing for this club and being involved with the boys as we enjoy the fruits of our labours, with hopefully a flag."

Footnote: If Petrenko can win the Magarey Medal this year, he will become the first to do so in the Eagles history, since the foundation clubs, Woodville and West Torrens amalgamated in 1991.

The only known Aboriginal footballer to win a Magarey Medal to this point is Gilbert McAdam, with Central District, in 1988.

Rio medal chances

By CHRIS PIKE



AUSTRALIA'S male and female basketball teams are shooting for medals at the Rio Olympic Games next month with Patty Mills and Leilani Mitchell set to

be the point guards on their respective sides with Nate Jawai still a chance to be on the plane.

The Opals women's team earlier this week wrapped up its preparation for Rio with the ending of its final camp on the Gold Coast and the team of 12 being named. Mitchell is part of that team and will play a key role as point guard.

Mitchell confirmed her place in the Opals team as the lone player who was a naturalised Australian despite having a mother born and raised in the Northern Territory.

Kelsey Griffin was the other player in consideration as a naturalised Australian, but Mitchell won selection with her all-round ability and experience as a point guard in the Australian Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) and America's Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), while also being a key part of the Opals team that won bronze in 2014 at the World Championships.

Mitchell is now a lock in the team for the Olympics and there is a real possibility that the Opals could be the greatest challengers for the gold the raging favourites the USA.

Meanwhile, the Boomers have suffered some setbacks in preparations for Rio with the NBA's No 1 draft pick Ben Simmons not making himself available, and with Utah Jazz NBA player Dante Exum also unavailable as he works back from a knee reconstruction.

However, one certain starter is Australia's only ever Indigenous player to win an NBA championship – Mills. He has already represented Australia at Olympic Games in 2008 in Beijing and 2012 in London, and playing for his country is something he takes every bit as seriously as playing in the NBA.

Key players

Mills will have a crucial role in the Australian team alongside another championship winner Matthew Dellavedova as the best players with ball in hand.

Their ability to run the team on the court and create for others will be a deciding factor in competing for a medal.

The Boomers will have plenty of more depth in terms of world-class talent with bigger bodies, including Andrew Bogut, David Andersen, Cameron Bairstow, Aron

Baynes, Joe Ingles and Jawai who are all former or current players in the NBA.

Everyone associated with the Boomers team, including coach Andrej Lemanis, has made no secret that winning a medal in Rio is their goal.

Mills can feel that excitement and expectation around the group as the Olympics rapidly approach.

"Having the buzz around basketball in Australia again is a great opportunity for us to make the most of this noise that is going around. I think the next step is to try to get that following back again and that support that basketball had once upon a time in this country," Mills said.

"Any medal would be great for us. This one has got a different feeling to it because we're on a mission.

"We've got a goal that we're trying to achieve and a goal that everyone has really bought into and really believes that we can achieve. We're all on the same page with that and we've got our game faces on to try and achieve it."

Bogut is an NBA championship winner with the Golden State Warriors in 2015, but he injured a knee in the NBA finals last month as his team lost to the Cleveland Cavaliers.

He has since moved to his third club, the Dallas Mavericks, and is racing against time

to get his knee right for the Olympics, but Mills is in no doubt about how important he is to the Boomers' medal prospects.

"I don't think for our Australian team he needs to be 100 per cent healthy to make an impact for us. He can be 50 per cent as long as he doesn't rehurt the knee or anything. His presence is key for our team to be able to make an impact and that's the biggest thing for us," Mills said.

"He would obviously be a big loss for any team because he's such a big presence and a dominant force.

"You saw his absence in the NBA finals and how much he was missed there, so of course he would be missed. But before even getting to that point, he is doing all he can rehab-wise to make sure he is healthy."

Fighting for place

While Mills is a certainty for the Boomers team, Jawai is continuing to fight hard to be in the final group of 12 that will be named later this week after a farewell series at Melbourne's Hisense Arena against a college all-star team from the United States.

Jawai has given himself every chance of earning selection, having had a strong NBL season winning a championship with the Perth Wildcats and continuing to get himself in better and better shape in camp for the Boomers.

Stingers Remote Area victors

By ALF WILSON



THE cream of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rugby league

players from remote communities in northern Australia were on show at the Remote Area Rugby League Challenge in Cairns.

It was held at Stan Williams Park on June 25 and Torres Strait Stingers went through the series undefeated.

The other combatants were reigning champions Northern Cape, Southern Cape and the Palm Island Barracudas,

Team to beat

Last year Torres Strait finished third, but this time it was soon evident that they would be hard to beat.

Lining up was veteran halfback Steve Singleton, rated by north Queensland fans as the best club footballer never to have played at elite level.

Now 38, Singleton missed last year's Remote Area Challenge due to injury.

In game one, Northern Cape again looked powerful, thrashing Southern Cape 62-14.

In game two, Torres Strait Stingers faced a formidable Palm Island Barracudas that included former NQ Cowboys winger Obe Geia Jnr, Raoul Miller, Fred Bulsey and the Pearson twins – Darryl and Clinton.

It was a great game and with eight minutes remaining, scores were deadlocked, but Torres Strait Stingers went on to win 26-18.

Next up, Torres Strait Stingers beat Southern Cape 46-16.

After lunch, Northern Cape lost 26-10 to Palm Island.

A win by the Stingers in their next and last match would ensure they were champions.

The Stingers rallied and rolled Northern Cape 30-16.

The final points table was: Torres Strait Stingers 13.5, Palm Island Barracudas 11, Northern Cape 5, Southern Cape 0.5.

Player of the Carnival was Palm Island fullback Gresham Ross Jnr.

After the carnival, a Northern United representative was selected side to meet Queensland Outback at Townsville in mid-July.

It will be coached by Thursday Island's Thomas Loban, with his assistant being Sam Joe.



● ABOVE: A Torres Strait Stingers player tries to maintain possession as he is surrounded by Palm Island defenders.
● LEFT: Send this to the bunker – Did Nasali Tamwoy score for Torres Strait Stingers?
Pictures: Alf Wilson

'Snow... what's that?'



WURUNDJERI girl Mikayla George, 16, is making rises of meteoric proportions in a sport that was so new to her that she was invited to be part of an elite program without ever having experienced the sport.

Because she had shown tremendous potential in gymnastics and trampolining, she was invited by the Victorian Institute of Sport to try her hand at aerial skiing.

She went to the camp at Mt Buller, in the Victorian Alps, where she saw snow for the first time.

So successful was she that she was invited to join the Australian aerial skiing development squad.

She is the first Indigenous athlete to have achieved that and now her ambition is to be Australia's first Indigenous winter Olympian.

George already has overcome much to get this far, and she's an inspiration and role model to disadvantaged and Indigenous youth throughout Australia.

But she needs financial backing to continue training and is asking *Koori Mail* readers to help.

George is an ambassador for the newly formed Australian Indigenous Alpine Sports Foundation (www.aiasf.org.au) and an active role model.

For one thing, she features in a KicktheButt campaign video that urges kids not to smoke.

The AIASF has launched a crowdfunding campaign seeking to raise \$8000 to pay George's



Mikayla George is on a rapid learning curve.

training costs through to the end of 2016.

It's on Australian platform Possible – go to www.pozible.com/project/first-indigenous-winter-olympian

Readers can reference the Facebook page for the crowdfunding facebook.com/aiasf.crowd

Crowd campaigns like this can be a way Indigenous organisations can publicly demonstrate unity and support each other.

George is a Wurundjeri girl and a Year 11 student at Melbourne Girls' College in Richmond.

She has had tremendous success with her gymnastics over the years and is just embarking on a new adventure.

In 2014 she attended the Australian gymnastics championships and won gold with the level 9 national Victorian team and was sixth overall individually.

She also attended the Victorian championships in June,

winning on vault and coming second overall.

George was in pain throughout the competition and what she didn't realise at the time was that during the warm-up at the start of the competition, she fractured the T7/8 of her spine. With a heavy heart and after 12 years of gymnastics, George decided to retire from that sport in November due to the injury.

However, she was looking for something else to do.

By January 2015, she started tumbling and trampolining for fun at the Cheltenham Youth Club.

George is a natural tumbler and was entered in a few tumbling competitions.

New discipline

Just a couple of months later, she was again at the Australian Gymnastics championships, but this time as a tumbler on the Victorian team.

George was named the under 17 national tumbling champion in May and Victorian champion in June.

She also won medals in the double mini trampoline, synchronised and individual trampoline.

In October, she won a bronze medal in the open age category at the national clubs championships in tumbling in Bendigo.

Watching all of this was the Victorian Institute of Sport and George was identified as an athlete with potential in aerial skiing.

She was invited to join the Australian development squad at its training squad camp at Mt Buller.

So off to the snow she went, having never seen snow.

She was up for the challenge, and she embraced her new sport with passion.

She spent the September school holidays at Mt Buller and then attended training sessions at Buller every weekend for term three of school.

Helping out financially was the Bunurong Healthy Lifestyle Team.

George's parents are rightly proud of her progress.

By last October, she had obtained a spot on the Australian aerial skiing development squad with the Victorian Institute of Sport. She is one of the youngest on the team and is the



That's more like it... Mikayla samples real snow.

only Aboriginal athlete in the VIS ariel skiing development program or in the winter program.

By December 2015, George had been invited to train in Utah, USA, in December/January for seven weeks. With everything happening so quickly and with skiing being expensive, the family set up a gofundme and again their local community – Dandenong and Districts Aborigines Co-operative – helped with ski boots and flights to Utah.

It seemed there was no shortage of people wanting to give George every possible chance to achieve her potential.

This year, she has maintained her trampoline and tumbling training during the week, and on the weekends she was learning how to ski off a water ramp jump.

George most recently competed as a junior international at the Australian gymnastics championships and finished eighth in double mini trampoline and sixth in tumbling.

She also competed in the Victorian championships and is the current junior international Victorian double mini and tumbling champion – not a bad effort considering these competitions were in back-to-back weekends and George had her Year 11 exams during the week.

The water ramp jumping was a new and exciting adventure that she had to learn how to do before she could think about jumping on snow.

Water ramp training isn't easy. It's done on a wooden and steel ramp into a dam in Wandin,

Victoria.

George wears a wetsuit, life jacket and helmet. After skiing down the ramp and jumping into the murky water, she swims, with skis on, gets out, takes her skis off and carries them up to the ramp and starts all over again.

Everything gets heavy after doing this routine 15-20 times in a morning's training.

That continued every weekend for six weeks.

Now it back at Mt Buller for the new snow season and training camp over the school holidays. George is excited to be getting back to the snow and the adrenaline of skiing, but she knows it's going to be a hard slog.

She will also spend every weekend there over the school term and then training twice a week at the Cheltenham Youth Gym for trampoline and school on top of that.

George is proud to be Indigenous and proud of her culture. She wants to make younger Indigenous people proud and make them believe that they can do anything.

Her role as an ambassador for the Australian Indigenous Alpine Sport Foundation is helping make George visible to the wider audience and she hopes to not only to encourage more Indigenous kids take up Alpine sports, but to put forward the message to help support the development of Indigenous kids in Alpine sport.

George's journey has only just begun and there's a long way to go. But dreaming of becoming the first Indigenous Winter Olympian has to start somewhere!



Mikayla George sets herself for a wet landing in muddy water as she masters the art of aerial skiing – without snow.



Flashback to Mikayla's days as a gymnast.

The next step up



AUSTRALIA'S most talented male Indigenous cricketers are set to tour the National Cricket

Centre in Brisbane and play a series of matches against the Queensland Bulls and National Performance Squad.

The announcement of the squad comes during NAIDOC Week which celebrated the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Beginning July 30, the 11-day tour will pit the Indigenous squad against some of Australia's top cricketers.

The Bulls squad is in preparation for the 2016-17 domestic season and the National Performance Squad features Australia's best up-and-coming talent, including first-class players Sean Abbott, Mitchell Swepson and Hilton Cartwright.

Four games

Captained by Sydney Thunder rookie and Australian under 19 representative Jonte Pattison, the 14-player Indigenous squad will play four 50-over matches during its stay in Brisbane.

Rival brothers Brendan (Qld) and Sam Doggett (NSW) are in the squad that again will be coached by NSW Indigenous team coach Jeff Cook as well as former Queensland Bull and Indian team bowling coach Joe Dawes.

Cook said: "This is another great opportunity for our best Indigenous cricketers to test themselves against elite opposition."

"The quality of Indigenous cricket continues to rise. The



National Indigenous cricket squad coach Jeff Cook, left, who says the standard of Indigenous cricket in Australia is on the way up, is pictured in 2015 in Alice Springs in conversation with Australian Test batsman Usman Khawaja. Picture: Graham Hunt

talent in this year's squad clearly shows this continued development.

"The tour of the National Cricket Centre gives the players further exposure to the top level, helping them understand what it takes to take the next step in their cricket careers. It's also important

for the group to reflect on – and represent – their culture while they're here together."

The squad has been selected based on 2015-16 club form and performances at the inaugural National Indigenous Cricket Championships in Alice Springs in February.

Matches:
 August 1, v National Performance Squad
 August 3, v Queensland Bulls
 August 5, v National Performance Squad
 August 8, v Queensland Bulls
 The national Indigenous squad:
 Jonte Pattison (capt – NSW),

Nathan Price (vice-capt NSW), Ben Patterson (NSW), Brendan Smith (NSW), Sam Doggett (NSW), Cameron Trask (Qld), Tom Sky (Qld), Alex Mellville (Qld), Brendan Doggett (Qld), Ben Abbatangelo (Vic), Damon Egan (Vic), Ayden McGregor Baptista (SA), Brandon King (Tas), Darcy Short (WA).

Qld hungry for rare whitewash



WINNING 10 State of Origin rugby league series in 11 years should be satisfying.

But captain Cameron Smith reckons the prospect of a rare series whitewash has Queensland hungrier than ever for yet another win in tonight's Origin III in Sydney.

In Origin's 36-year history, Queensland have pulled off a clean sweep only four times – in 1988-89, 1995 and 2010.

Smith said one of the first things he did at the Origin III Maroons camp was discuss the opportunity that presented itself in tonight's dead rubber.

"My message was we don't want to lose focus on the chance that we've got this game," Smith said ahead of his record 39th Origin.

"There is a going to be a lot of talk about a dead rubber, but for us it means a lot.

"Only four Queensland teams have enjoyed a whitewash in more than 30 years of Origin, so it is pretty rare.

"We've created a chance to do something special – we don't want to jeopardise that."

Smith was still ruing a missed chance

to have increased Queensland's 'Maroon-wash' tally in 2009.

That year the Maroons were overwhelming favourites to sweep the series, taking a 2-0 lead to their home ground Lang Park.

It would be fair to say it did not go to plan.

NSW won 28-16 in a spiteful clash with Trent Waterhouse becoming the first Blue to be sent off in Origin history after blindsiding Queensland prop Steve Price in ugly scenes.

"We had the opportunity the year before in 2009 but we let it slip and we wanted to make amends for that," Smith said.

"We were lucky enough to achieve it (in 2010) and it would be nice to experience it again."

Not that Smith was taking anything for granted ahead of game three – especially with NSW keen for a fitting sendoff to retiring captain Paul Gallen.

"Being their captain Paul Gallen's last game, they will be in for a big one," he said.

"We are under no illusions on the way they are going to play.

"They will want to restore a fair bit of pride back into their jersey and state.

Veteran Gavin Cooper will make his State of Origin debut for Queensland after being named for game three in place of injured Josh Papalii.

Cooper is one of two injury-enforced changes for Queensland, with Nate Myles recalled in place of injured utility Michael Morgan (knee).

Meanwhile, NSW are banking on their inexperienced but unpredictable spine providing the key to an upset win tonight.

Jack Bird will likely partner James Maloney in the Blues halves after Adam Reynolds withdrew with a shoulder injury.

Maloney said last Thursday he believed the Maroons would be troubled by the unpredictability Bird and rookie fullback James Tedesco offered in attack.

Matt Moylan was recalled to the NSW side for a shattered Reynolds.

After being dumped as Blues fullback for the final Origin clash this year in favour of James Tedesco, Moylan will have the chance to atone for two losses in his first two NSW games.

He was brought into the Blues' 17 by coach Laurie Daley.

Moylan will join James Maloney in the Blues' halves or play off the bench, with Bird moving into a frontline playmaking role, a decision Daley is yet to make.

"It is not great for Adam that we had to make that decision," Daley said.

"He has been carrying it for a little bit, he has a tingly feeling in his arm and didn't want to risk going to the weekend with it so we bit the bullet and made the decision, as hard as that was for Adam.

"I'm not quite sure (if Moylan will play in the halves) – we have Birdy there as well.

Daley said he considered calling up Mitchell Pearce, but opted against it.

"Mitch has only had that one game back and it has been a stop-start year for him so I thought it was better to leave him alone, let him concentrate on his club and finish his year off strongly," Daley said.

Reynolds was upset to miss out. "It is always hard missing out on those games – Origin games are special," said Reynolds, who made his Origin debut in game one.

"It was the highlight of my career. To sit out and not take part is very disappointing.

"I want to come back and be part of the side next year; I have learnt a lot from being here.

"I am only going to grow from here and I look forward to getting another shot."

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Delegates' meeting on August 6



A NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout delegates' meeting will be held on Saturday, August 6, in Sydney. It will be held at the Redfern Community Centre at 9.30am.

Up for discussion will be the 2016 Knockout rules and regulations, nomination forms and a

look at the sustainability of the Knockout. The 2016 Knockout will be hosted by 2015 Knockout winners Redfern All Blacks (RAB). Their website is now up and running and information can be found at RABKO2016.org.au

The RAB 2016 Knockout will be held across five grounds surrounding Leichhardt Oval, Sydney.

A gala dinner on Wednesday, September 28, will kick off proceedings.

The draw for the carnival – to be televised live by NITV – will be made at the dinner.

The carnival will begin on Friday, September 30, concluding with the finals on Monday, October 3.

The Knockout will feature 132 teams – 64 in the men's division, 22 in the women's division and a combined total of 46 teams in under 12s, under 15s and under 17s.

Games will be played on Leichhardt Oval 1, Leichhardt Oval 2 and Blackmore. These ovals are professional NRL standard.

Glover Street oval will be a dedicated warm-up area and Leichhardt Oval 3 will be the main hub where stalls and activities will take place, including

a health zone, kids' zone and a range of other activities.

A limited number of stalls will operate from Ovals 1, 2 and Blackmore. The stalls will be arranged to complement services and organisations in consultation with stallholders and where space permits.

On Monday, October 3, there will be an Aboriginal art and craft market. Food stalls run by RAB will be on Blackmore Oval and Ovals 2 and 3.

The site for the 2016 Knockout has plenty of shade and is situated on the edge of Sydney Harbour.

Organisers say there are plenty of grassed areas for kids to play and to sit and relax. Leichhardt Aquatic Centre is within the Knockout zone and entry has been reduced to half price for the Knockout weekend.

Organisers says Leichhardt Oval is a great venue and can handle a big crowd.

Details about shuttle buses from Redfern and Central Station will be released as he carnival approaches.

The light rail station at Lilyfield is just a few minutes walk from the Knockout zone.

A RAB spokeswoman said there would be plenty of entertainment on offer across Sydney. The National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) would host children's and under-age events on Friday and Saturday night of the Knockout weekend.



Jo Bostock is one of the women organising this year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout at Leichhardt Oval.

Longboard master



INDIGENOUS legend Robbie Page (Verges Creek) made sure the pilgrimage back

to Bellambi – where he grew up surfing – was well worth it, taking out the over 35 men's division at the NSW longboard surfing titles on June 26.

The former Pipeline Master and Australian Indigenous champion performed a variety of massive backside and frontside turns to claim the title ahead of fellow event

standout Brad Whittaker (Cronulla) who finished runner-up in picture-perfect two-foot right-handers at Bellambi, just north of Wollongong.

Page also finished second in the over-45 division.

More than 100 longboarders competed in the three-day event, which decided the NSW longboard champions in all senior age divisions and determined the NSW team for the upcoming Australian Surfing Festival in Coffs Harbour in August.



● ABOVE and BELOW: 1988 Pipeline Master Rob Page (Verges Creek) returned to the waves he grew up surfing when he competed in the NSW longboard titles at Bellambi, just north of Wollongong. Pictures: Ethan Smith/Surfing NSW



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