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## Organisations unite for Redfern Statement



National Congress of Australia's First People's co-chair Jackie Huggins, standing with other national Indigenous leaders, speaks at the launch of the Redfern Statement.

# 'We are tired of being ignored'



FIRST Peoples organisations from across the country gathered in Redfern last week to deliver a message of solidarity and strength to all political parties. The peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander bodies took the unprecedented step of speaking out during a federal election campaign after years of frustration at their expert voices being ignored or sidelined. Among its demands, the Redfern Statement includes a call for restoration of funding to Indigenous organisations including the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, a commitment to work with Indigenous people and organisations, the formation of a stand-alone Indigenous Affairs department managed by Indigenous people, and support for a treaty-making framework. Full report, page 5

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● Above: Frank Willis, right, with Laza Morgan in Townsville.

I AM a proud Yidinji Aboriginal/Lama Lama (north Queensland) man and have lots of family in Townsville, on Palm Island, and at Yarrabah, Cairns, Lockhart River and Coen.

My children give me the drive to want to succeed, as my role is to provide for them and make sure they grow in a strong environment.

Having attended Oonoonba and Vincent state schools in Townsville as well as Palm Island and Yarrabah, I gained good life experience.

The second oldest of five brothers, I am about to undertake a big change in my life.

Now aged 34, I worked for Centrelink for almost 10 years, where I had lots of dealings with our people. I am also into my final year of a Bachelor of Law degree at James Cook University in Townsville.

Now I've decided to take on a new challenge, so I've finished up work at Centrelink and started my own business

which I've called Willis Entertainment.

I am bringing international entertainers to Australia, and will include many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities as tour venues.

My nan was a big influence on me as I grew up, and my mother Lillian Willis is one of the best known Aboriginal dancers around here.

Mum's oldest sister Imelda Willis was a big influence on me also getting into traditional dancing, and we were members of the Whantunah Jaban Group. I have danced at many big events including the Townsville Cultural Fest, during NAIDOC, at youth carnivals as well as job expos and fairs.

As I get around, I am looking forward to catching up with relatives who are members of the Yidinji and Lama Lama nations.

Whatever the future holds, I know family will be a big part of me.

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## OUR CHILDREN



LOCAL children enjoy themselves despite the wet weather at the inaugural Bidhal celebration hosted by the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council on the Central Coast of NSW. See our report on page 17.

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# They're proud of their Warriors

# Larrakia Nation in strife



**LOCAL** girls Reanne McGrady, Makiily McGrady and Rexiarna Jarrett have plenty to smile about – and a much better future in the offing – thanks to the Boggabilla Macintyre Warriors. Find out how the new rugby league club in far northern NSW is changing an embattled community for the better in our special report on page 11.



DARWIN-based Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation has been placed under special administration for the rest of the year.

The move by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations follows ongoing strife at the corporation, which provides land care, rangers, and homelessness support services. It also runs a Return to Home program, assisting Aboriginal people in Darwin get back to their home country.

Special administration involves the appointment of an independent qualified person, such as an accountant, to run the corporation while determining ways to address problems.

Larrakia has been in strife in recent months, with management resignations and divisions on the board. It also reported substantial operating losses.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven said he acted after a majority of directors requested special administration.

He has appointed Gerry Mier and Anthony Jonsson from the Cairns-based firm of Grant Thornton Australia as special administrators.

# Praise for SA justice move



**SOUTH** Australia's top judge has won praise for organising a conference in a bid to address

his state's "shameful overrepresentation" of Aboriginal people in custody.

In a move not seen before, Chief Justice Chris Kourakis hosted the 'Towards 3% – Reducing Aboriginal rates in the criminal justice system' conference, held this month in Adelaide.

Currently, 22% of all jail inmates in SA are Indigenous. The 3% in the conference title refers to the proportion of Indigenous people in SA.

The invitation-only conference included senior politicians, public servants and Aboriginal community leaders from around SA.

Chief Justice Kourakis told the *Koori Mail* SA's judges shared his frustration at the hugely disproportionate level of Indigenous people in custody in the state.

"It's a failing that must be remedied," he said.

"We need to see action on this, with government



**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services Qld chief executive Shane Duffy, left, and South Australia's Chief Justice Chris Kourakis.**

departments being given benchmarks and set deadlines to address the issues leading to this shameful overrepresentation.

"South Australia is losing a real pool of talent – many of its Indigenous people – because of it."

## Speaker

Conference keynote speaker Shane Duffy, who heads Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services Qld, praised Chief Justice Kourakis's move.

"I've not seen this before from a chief justice," said Mr



Duffy, who also co-chairs the Change the Record campaign to address disproportionate rates of incarceration and violence faced by Indigenous people.

"The judge is right, and it's time government followed his lead and involved all parties – especially Indigenous people – in addressing custody overrepresentation.

"I know there was some real emotion at the Adelaide conference. It is essential that all governments look at the root causes of this and take steps to ensure justice for our people."



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# Another rich win for artist Albert



ABORIGINAL artist Tony Albert has added to his already impressive list of awards, now taking out the world's richest landscape art prize.

The Girramay, Yidinji and Kuku-Yalanji man won the \$65,000 Fleurieu Art Prize for his work titled *The Hand You're Dealt*.

He was named winner from 58 shortlisted works at the 2016 Fleurieu Art Prize Exhibition launch at the Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art in Adelaide.

In 2014 Albert won both the \$100,000 Basil Sellers Art Prize and the \$50,000 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

He also created *Yininmadyemi – Thou didst let fall*, a public work in Hyde Park, Sydney, serving as a memorial to Aboriginal military history. It features four massive upright bullets and shell casings.

*The Hand You're Dealt* is a wall piece comprised of a suite of vintage playing cards, whose placement weaves references to Western popular culture and Australian Aboriginal culture.

## “Deft and playful”

Returning Fleurieu international judge Nigel Hurst, the director of London's Saatchi Gallery, praised Albert's work. “We chose it for its deft and playful, yet considered interpretation of his homeland,” he said.

“His use of something so every day as playing cards to create this exquisite, visually arresting and pertinent work exemplifies the skill and talent of this deserving Fleurieu Art Prize winner.”

Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art director Erica Green said: “Tony Albert is a most worthy winner and we're especially pleased to award this prize to an Indigenous artist during National Reconciliation Week.”

Albert has exhibited around the world and his works are in exhibitions and collections at many major Australian galleries.

He is currently working with the family of famed Aboriginal artist Albert Namatjira in Alice Springs, and said this prize will help continue work with the Namatjira family and towards the development of a Namatjira Foundation.



Tony Albert stands in front of *The Hand You're Dealt*, which won the Fleurieu Art Prize. Picture: Sam Noonan

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# Rip-offs are revealed by program



MISMANAGEMENT of Aboriginal corporations hit the spotlight last week, after an investigation by ABC current affairs program *Four Corners*.

The program claimed that some Aboriginal corporations had been the victims of unscrupulous business advisers and fraudulent rip-offs.

In remote Western Australia, the former Garnduwa Amboorny Wirnan chief executive Alan Bishop was found to have misappropriated more than \$300,000. Garnduwa is a Kimberley organisation that promotes healthy lifestyles through sport and mentors young Aboriginal children.

Acting Garnduwa chief executive Mick Albert told *Four Corners* that the missing money had meant they'd struggled for the past year.

“We bust arse to try and improve the lives of Aboriginal people and there's this

despicable act going on. It was just absolutely gutting,” he said.

After an auditor discovered the fraud, the company sued Mr Bishop, who was ordered to repay \$324,000 that he had misappropriated. But the company is yet to get money.

In Warmun, also in the Kimberley, a former government employee swindled the community out of \$3 million after invoicing for work that was never done following a flood.

## Financial literacy

Businessman and chair of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council Warren Mundine said one of the problems for Aboriginal corporations was a lack of financial literacy on boards.

“I find it quite interesting that things that we wouldn't accept in the wider community – you wouldn't have people sitting on boards who have no financial or no business background and no corporate background or some governance training

background – (is) what we did in Aboriginal groups,” he said.

“We do need to have people in there who actually learn the skills, know the skills of running corporations. You know, I don't expect people to walk in the door and run a \$10 million, \$50 million, \$100 million company without some sort of experience, skill and knowledge in that.”

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Justin Mohamed said when funds are misappropriated from Aboriginal corporations it's the community that suffers.

“Every cent that is put to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs needs to be finding its way to get the best outcome,” he said. “And the majority of the funds should be in the front line, to deal with the issues and to work with empowering communities to be able to plan for their future, as well as deal with the immediate.”

“So every time there is fraud, or every time there is, you know, misappropriation of funds, it impacts families' lives.”



# 'Our people deserve much, much better'

## Redfern Statement demands a more just approach

By RUDI MAXWELL



WE WILL not be ignored any longer. That was the message dozens of peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations delivered in Sydney last week.

The Redfern Statement sets out a series of demands to all political parties, calling for a 'more just approach' to Indigenous Affairs.

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Jackie Huggins said Indigenous Affairs had barely rated a mention in the current federal election campaign and politicians needed to be reminded that First Nations people continue to experience isolation and disadvantage, because successive governments have failed to grasp opportunities for major change.

"We are tired of being marginalised, tired of being ignored, and we have come here today to present a united front in terms of all our very present issues that will not be denied," she said.

"Our people deserve much, much better than what we are seeing at the moment and what is being delivered to us at present."

Dr Huggins said Indigenous organisations had taken the unprecedented step of standing together and lobbying during the election because they were frustrated at years of being ignored by government.

"Ignore us at your peril because we vote too and it is our people who are the most severely disadvantaged people in this country," she said.

The Redfern Statement was compiled by Congress, and peak Indigenous health, legal, disability and children's organisations, including the First People's Disability Network, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), National Aboriginal and Islander Legal Services (NATSILS) and the Secretariat for National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC).

It calls on the next federal government to commit to restore \$534 million funding to Indigenous Affairs that was cut in the 2014 Budget; commit to working with Indigenous leaders to establish a stand-alone Department of Indigenous Affairs that is managed and run by Indigenous public servants; fund Congress and other peak bodies and meet regularly with them; reform the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) and secure national funding agreements that emphasis accountability to Indigenous people and drive national strategies and support a treaty-making framework.

Coalition Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion released a statement that highlighted exactly the issues and problems the Redfern Statement set out.

Senator Scullion repeated the Federal Government's Indigenous Affairs mantra – 'jobs, education and safe communities' – and,

Congress co-chair Jackie Huggins signs the Redfern Statement as her fellow co-chair Rod Little, right, NATSILS chair Wayne Muir, and Janine Mohamed of Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives wait their turn.



## The Redfern Statement calls on the next Federal Government to:

- commit to resource Indigenous-led solutions by restoring the \$534 million cut from Indigenous Affairs in the 2014 Budget;
- reform the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS);
- commit to better engagement with Indigenous people by funding the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples and other peak bodies and regularly meeting with them;
- recommit to Closing the Gap and add targets for justice, family violence, disability and out-of-home care;
- secure national funding agreements that emphasis accountability to Indigenous people and drive national strategies;
- commit to working with Indigenous leaders to establish a stand-alone Department of Indigenous Affairs that is managed and run by Indigenous public servants; and
- address and implement the recommendations of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, which include an agreement making framework (treaty) and constitutional reform in consultation with Indigenous communities.

in direct contradiction to the experience of grassroots Indigenous organisations, said the Turnbull Government had a "track record" of working with Indigenous people and organisations.

"The 2014-15 Indigenous Affairs budget did not contain savings of \$534 million," he said. "After money was redirected to new priorities, the amount of money saved was less than half that – out of a Budget of \$4.9 billion. Since then, additional funds have been put into the Indigenous Affairs budget including \$48 million to support land tenure measures through the Developing Northern Australia White Paper and \$14.6 million for constitutional recognition."

The Developing Northern Australia White Paper has been widely criticised by Indigenous organisations from the Top End, for being developed with little to no input from them.

Labor's Indigenous Affairs spokesman Shayne Neumann's response supported almost all of the Redfern Statement – but stopped short of supporting a treaty.

"The Liberal Government has sidelined the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," he said.

"They have been excluded from the biggest changes and decisions this government have made and the devastating

impact of that is demonstrated no more clearly than in the disastrous Indigenous Advancement Strategy.

"Labor has supported the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples as the national representative body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and denounced the cruel and unnecessary funding cut inflicted by the Liberal Government."

Greens spokesperson on Indigenous Affairs Rachel Siewert pointed out that most of the Redfern Statement was already supported by long-standing Greens policy.

"The Greens support National Congress and 55 Aboriginal organisations in their calls to address the unfinished business of reconciliation that includes both treaty and constitutional reform," she said.

"It has long been Greens party policy to ensure a move towards meaningful reconciliation that encompasses substantive constitutional recognition as well as sovereignty and treaties."

Healing Foundation (an organisation that helps Stolen Generations members and their families) chief executive Richard Weston said the continual sidelining of Indigenous solutions by government had real and tragic effects. "Many of our people are dying in despair and we can't allow that to keep happening," he said.

NACCHO chief executive Pat Turner pointed out that, as well as direct funding cuts to Indigenous organisations, some policies – like the Medicare rebate freeze announced by the Coalition – had harsh consequences for Indigenous people.

"Our Aboriginal Medical Services are being squeezed to an unacceptable level," she said. "We need new thinking and a clear national strategy that looks at health in a holistic manner and considers redress of the social determinants of health."

Antoinette Braybrook, chief executive of the Victorian Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service, called for action on domestic violence and its effects.

She said more than 90% of Aboriginal women in prison were family violence victims. "Aboriginal women are 34 times more likely to be hospitalised because of family violence and 10 times more likely to die from a violent assault," Ms Braybrook said.

"Our women's lives are being lost and our children are being taken and our government needs to work with us to make this right."

First People's Disability Network chief executive Damian Griffis said there was a lot of "we hear you" but not enough action, while Victorian Aboriginal Legal Services chief executive Wayne Muir said the gathering was evidence of the frustration Indigenous people feel about not being heard.

"Aboriginal people in this country are getting organised and we will stand together and we will stand united – we won't be divided and we will make a difference to election processes," Mr Muir said. "It's time the politicians of this country learn the lesson."

Congress co-chair Rod Little said that while the Redfern Statement was born from a lengthy period of frustration, it also represented how powerful Indigenous organisations could be when they speak as one voice.

"We are calling on government to develop a relationship with us based on meaningful respect and to start developing policy with us, rather than doing things to us," he said.

"Congress is already set up for us to be the conduit – the Government needs to let us."

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# Speakers warn over empty promises

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHILE National Native Title Conference keynote speakers Gerald Taiaiake Alfred and Joe Morrison come from different sides of the planet, their messages had a similar underlying message: Beware of empty promises by government.

Mr Morrison, the chief executive of the Northern Territory's Northern Land Council (NLC), warned the Darwin conference that Indigenous affairs in Australia were under attack and pointed the finger squarely at the source – Federal Minister Nigel Scullion.

Mr Morrison said Senator Scullion was pursuing an aggressive agenda of his own, trying to take power from Indigenous organisations and institutions, especially land councils, which in the NT have rejected the Coalition's plan for 99-year leases of Aboriginal land.

"When you think back to the community goodwill following the 1967 Referendum, it's long since evaporated because we no longer have leaders of the calibre of prime ministers Gough Whitlam or Malcolm Fraser," Mr Morrison said.

"Today we have an Indigenous Affairs Minister who describes the *Northern Territory Land Rights Act* and the *Native Title Act* as a 'double whammy'. Senator Scullion has said, if the *Native Title Act* is good enough for the rest of Australia, then it should be good enough for the NT.

"How cynical," Mr Morrison said.

## "Wrong way around"

"And, he's got it the wrong way around.

"The *Land Rights Act* is a beautiful thing for the Northern Territory – and it's good enough that there should be similar legislation for the rest of Australia."

Mr Morrison said the Federal Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy had been a "fiasco" and had created a climate of "chaos and confusion", along with Coalition attacks on the NT's

Aboriginals Benefit Account (which distributes mining royalties from Aboriginal land), the white paper into development of northern Australia and basing Indigenous policy on ideas by billionaire miner Andrew Forrest.

"This minister takes our breath away," Mr Morrison said.

"We believe he's not up to the job.

"Whoever wins the upcoming federal election, we hope they find a new minister – a minister who believes in land rights, unlike Senator Scullion."

Professor Alfred, a Mohawk scholar from Canada, spoke at the Darwin conference about Indigenous resurgence in his country.

"We have seen similarities of the struggle by Indigenous people between our countries," he said.

## "Invading forces"

"Our lands were occupied by invading forces and our people herded on to tiny Indian Reserves.

"We have seen other people become wealthy off our land."

Prof Alfred said that before First Nations had gone through the process in Canada, treaties were seen as the panacea.

"In 1996 we had a vision for a peaceful coexistence through treaties nation to nation – but that was an elusive objective," he said.

"We always need to ask in any negotiation 'What does this have to do with the land?'

"The Government of Canada is adept at the politics of distraction.

"The idea that we can decolonise without a struggle – in Canada that hasn't proven possible.

"All ideas by government have primarily been directed at defending private interests in land.

"We have never seen the Government do anything to the benefit of our own people that doesn't protect their own interests."

The National Native Title Conference was held on Larrakia land in Darwin and jointly hosted by AIATSIS and the NLC.

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At the National Native Title Conference: from left, Northern Land Council chief executive Joe Morrison, Mohawk scholar Gerald Taiaiake Alfred and Mary Attwood.



Myora Kruger: "When I graduate, I also want to use my medical training to give back to the Indigenous community as much as possible."

# Singer looks to medicine



SHE might be a classically trained opera singer, but it's medicine that's the focus for Myora Kruger.

The 19-year-old has just been named inaugural recipient of Bond

University's Indigenous Medical Scholarship.

And the Noonuccal/Nooghie/Kombumerri woman has a goal to become an ear, nose and throat (ENT) specialist, using the medical knowledge she'll gain to help singers with vocal damage as well as working with remote Indigenous communities to improve child health.

The scholarship, introduced this year as part of a Bond commitment to help close the gap on education and health care for Indigenous people, will cover Ms Kruger's tuition fees.

Bond's Professor Helen Chenery said the university was committed to seeing more Indigenous doctors.

## "Dedicated"

"There are currently only approximately 200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors practising medicine and 300 Indigenous students studying medicine Australia-wide, a figure Bond University has dedicated itself to improving," she said.

"We are thrilled to have introduced the Indigenous Medical Scholarship this year, which provides a pathway for the best and brightest Indigenous students, like Myora, to study medicine at Bond University."

Ms Kruger said she had been training as a classical opera singer since the age of 11.

"I have been singing for most of my life and started studying a Bachelor of Music in Classical Voice, however I realised that,

as much as I loved performing, I wanted to do something else career-wise," she said.

"I was talking to my singing teacher about technique after I had broken my nose and visited an ENT specialist, and my teacher told me about a professional singer who became an ENT and now worked with singers with vocal damage.

"I thought that sounded amazing and realised that was the career path I wanted to pursue.

"When I graduate, I also want to use my medical training to give back to the Indigenous community as much as possible. It can be hard for Indigenous people who don't want to seek medical help from doctors who aren't Indigenous, so I plan to help out in that regard.

"Specifically, it has been found that a lot of Indigenous children develop 'glue ear', so as a future ENT specialist I would love to give back by assisting with this issue down the track."

Ms Kruger is named after the Myora Mission on North Stradbroke Island where her great-grandfather was born in 1918.

Bond University's discipline lead for Indigenous health Dr Shannon Springer said Ms Kruger had "proved herself a worthy candidate for the prestigious scholarship through her first-rate academic record coupled with her dedication to the Indigenous community".

"Myora is an incredibly bright young lady who is committed to her community, particularly through her work with the Yugambah Youth Choir and work helping restore the Yugambah language," he said.

"She has a clear goal of what she hopes to achieve throughout her medical career and we are proud to offer her a path toward achieving her dream of becoming an ENT specialist."

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# The Connies on track for NAIDOC

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Connies, an energetic, entertaining and educational troupe of former Melbourne tram conductors, have recruited performer Lisa Maza into their ranks as they gear up for NAIDOC.

Ms Maza, a Mer/Yidinji/Dutch woman based in Melbourne, will come with the troupe for a second time at Melbourne Museum's Bunjilaka, distributing collector's cards featuring famous Indigenous people and telling museum visitors about Aboriginal people, bush foods, medicines, culture, history and heritage as part of the annual celebration.

When tram conductors were replaced with electronic ticketing and transit police, Roberto D'Andrea and a bunch of other laid-off 'connies' got together to ensure the much-loved Melbourne social institution would not be forgotten.

And so The Connies was born.

Dressed in authentic uniforms and sporting original leather ticket bags filled with real tickets and the addition of the collector's cards, for the past 18 years The Connies have been educating the public around environmental, social, historic and cultural themes at events and festivals – like NAIDOC.

Conductors were much more than ticket sellers. They assisted passengers with reduced mobility,

Ready for NAIDOC: The Connies' Lisa Maza and Roberto D'Andrea in Melbourne.



provided directions and, in many cases, lifted their spirits with their entertaining antics.

"There's a performative tradition with tram conductors. It was a wonderful tradition," Mr D'Andrea said.

The son of a rural nomadic Sicilian (Italy) couple, Mr D'Andrea – who refers himself as

from the tribe of tram conductors – said he was "hugely exposed" to Indigenous culture on the trams. He met many on the St Kilda run in the early 1990s.

"Our trams were chockas with Noongars, Nungas, Murris," he said.

The Connies have been a fixture on Bunjilaka's NAIDOC

calendar for the past five years.

"It's a hoot. We're an endangered human. I often say to people we're listed critically endangered and in urgent need of a captive breeding program back on the city circle tram," Mr D'Andrea said.

Ms Maza is looking forward to playing her role.

"I can't wait, I just can't wait," she said. "The kids come around, the parents ... they are just amazed; they don't know anything about Aboriginal history, and it's quite incredible."

Check out Lisa Maza and Roberto D'Andrea's live, interactive in Melbourne Bunjilaka this NAIDOC.

# Kids found to be at risk



A NEW report has found Indigenous children are still more likely to experience poverty,

discrimination, social exclusion and disadvantage than other Australian children.

The report, by the Australian Child Rights Taskforce, led by UNICEF Australia and the National Children's and Youth Law Centre, was released to mark 25 years since Australia ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, agreeing to a set of standards and obligations for all children.

It considers the progress – or lack of it – for children across a number of key social policy areas including family life, education and care, justice and health, and what this has meant for children.

UNICEF Australia chief executive Adrian Graham said Indigenous children and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex children, those with disability, from rural areas or with a migrant background are more likely to experience disadvantage.

"Children living in poverty have less access to both primary and specialist health services

## Key findings for Indigenous children

- School retention rates for Indigenous students remain considerably lower than other school students.
- 69.9% of Indigenous children are in pre-school, compared with 88.7% of other children.
- Indigenous people account for 25% of the homeless population, while making up 2.5% of the general population.
- Indigenous children are 9.2 times more likely to be in out-of-home care than other children.
- In 1990 there were 3 per 1000 children in out-of-home care. In 2014 this had increased to 8.1 per 1000 children.
- The level of overrepresentation of Indigenous people aged 10-17 in detention increased from 19 times the rate of non-Indigenous young people in 2011 to 26 times in 2015.

than the general population, higher levels of contact with the criminal justice system and greater exposure to domestic violence," he said.

"Children living in poverty are also more likely to be removed from their families and placed into care arrangements."

Launching the report at the Australian Human Rights Commission, former Chief Justice of the Family Court and now Children's Rights International chair Alastair Nicholson said Australian governments showed little respect for the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

"This report makes it clear that since the early 1990s, successive Australian governments have consistently breached the CRC and show every intention of continuing to do so," he said. "At present there is no federal minister with direct responsibility for children.

"The Government does not engage in even a veiled pretence to include the voices of children and youth in decisions that affect them, which has become particularly clear in the defunding of dedicated children and youth organisations and peak bodies.

"I therefore commend the report's conclusion that what is needed ... is to assign a Commonwealth ministry with lead responsibility for policy regarding children and young people and the development of a national plan for all children in Australia for the overall realisation and implementation of CRC."



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# Govt acts over Tas heritage

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Tasmanian Government says amendments will be made to the state's outdated Aboriginal heritage legislation

before the end of the year.

The announcement comes following deliberate vandalism, discovered last month, to a precious hand stencil site in central Tasmania.

While the proposed changes have been welcomed, the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre labelled the recent vandalism a consequence of the State Government dragging its feet and its failure to demonstrate and promote the importance of Aboriginal heritage protection to the wider community.

TAC state secretary Trudy Maluga says the Aboriginal community has been lobbying governments for two decades to have the *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975* amended, and that changes should be immediate.

The Government proposes to address the most obvious inadequacies in the *Aboriginal Relics Act*, including removing the offensive 1876 date reference – the year of Truganini's death – which only protects heritage made before this time, and bringing penalties in line with those for non-Aboriginal heritage.

There are also plans to introduce scaled offences in association with removing the ignorance defence clause in the Act, add a statutory timeline for further review and change the name of the law to Aboriginal Heritage Act.

Heritage Minister Matthew Groom said the Government had been consulting with the Aboriginal community well before the recent vandalism.

## Inadequacy

He admits that the vandalism once again highlighted the inadequacy of the current penalty provisions in the current laws.

"In proposing to amend the Act we recognise that some in our community would prefer that it be replaced in its entirety," the minister said. "The experience of previous governments that have attempted to do this over recent decades has not been positive.

"In consultation with the Aboriginal community, we have come to the view that the best approach is to address areas of immediate concern now, while at the same time recognising that there needs to be further ongoing engagement with the Aboriginal community and the broader community on other opportunities to address in full the problems with the Relics Act."

# Yuin people celebrate



THE 10th anniversary of joint management of Biamanga and Gulaga national parks has been celebrated on the NSW far south coast.

Gulaga Board of Management chairperson Iris White said a community event, Biriga Bunaan, drew more than 200 people to Four Winds near Bermagui to reflect on the partnership between the National Park

and Wildlife Service (NPWS), the Yuin Aboriginal owners and the Gulaga and Biamanga boards of management.

"One of the most significant achievements of the last 10 years was creating the first joint plan of management for Gulaga and Biamanga national parks," she said.

"The plan is more than a government document, it speaks about country in the words of the Aboriginal owners."



A Marnin Studio woman at work in Fitzroy Crossing.

# Partnership helps Kimberley women



MARNIN Studio, in Fitzroy Crossing, has become the first venture philanthropy partnership for

Social Ventures Australia (SVA) in Western Australia.

The studio, which runs art projects for women from Bunduba, Gooniyandi, Wankatjunka, Walmajarri and Nykina language groups, will be backed by SVA – a non-profit support organisation established by The Benevolent Society, The Smith Family, WorkVentures and AMP Foundation – for the next three years.

Marnin Studio aims to help Kimberley women turn the things they like doing into products they can sell and help

them acquire skills needed to become community leaders.

Studio manager Brooke Small said Marnin was honoured to be the first venture partner.

"It will enable us to continue to make a positive difference and empower local women to share their knowledge and build strength in their families," she said.

## "Opportunity"

"The opportunity is to build meaningful relationships with SVA and bring about change within the community.

"We hope to become sustainable and that would mean these women will be able to contribute more to the program."

Marnin Studio started as an art therapy program for women

facing domestic violence as part of Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre.

Ms Small said the women involved in the program now are happy to be recognised for their work.

"They've built strong bonds between the five different language groups, and the women are strong themselves," she said.

"They're finding strength in culture and what they're doing with their painting, dyeing and weaving, and telling stories.

"It inspires an old way of storytelling and their producing their stories in a way that can be shared around the country."

Ms Small said the aim for Marnin Studio is to now develop into a sustainable enterprise within the next few years.

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# Reconciliation winners



**BOND** University's Leann Wilson and Catherine O'Sullivan show off the Premier's Award they collected at this year's Queensland Reconciliation Awards, held in Townsville. The award – one of five presented this year – was for Women Yarning Up, a program between Bond and the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australia designed to deepen understanding of the issues young Indigenous people face when they have to leave their communities to attend school. Find out who else won in our coverage on page 32.

# Carnarvon flag decision anger



A WESTERN Australian council has effectively ignored an order from the state's premier to fly the Aboriginal flag during NAIDOC celebrations.

Carnarvon Council voted narrowly against flying the flag, with shire president Karl Brandenburg, who cast the deciding no vote, claiming that flying the flag would be divisive.

The vote has met with widespread condemnation, and WA Premier Colin Barnett has warned there will be "ramifications" if the council does not reverse its decision. The council will not revisit its decision until its June 28 meeting, just a week before the start on NAIDOC.

Mr Barnett pulled no punches over the decision. "As premier, I am going to give them a direction to fly the flag," he said. "It's probably not legally binding, but if the premier of the state gives an instruction to a council to fly that flag in respect of NAIDOC and Aboriginal people in a town with a big Aboriginal population, I would expect that shire to comply with that."

"It's about being respectful and inclusive to Aboriginal people."

# Tiwi Islands leader Cyril Kalippa dies, aged 81



ONE of the Tiwi Islands best-known leaders, Cyril Kalippa, died this month. He was 81.

The patriarch of the well-known Rioli family, Mr Kalippa – who changed his name by deed poll – was a driving force behind many business opportunities on the Tiwi islands.

He was instrumental in setting up the Tiwi Bombers Australian football club and head of the well-known Rioli football family.

A state funeral service for Mr Kalippa will be held at St Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral in Darwin on June 23.

# McCarthy to be senator



MALARNDIRRI McCarthy says she's prepared to encounter racism after winning a battle to succeed Nova Peris at the top of Labor's Senate ticket in the Northern Territory.

Her selection all but guarantees her a Senate position at the July 2 poll.

Ms McCarthy, a journalist, former NT government minister and Aboriginal woman, was one of five candidates, including outgoing senator Peris' chief of staff Ursula Raymond, up for preselection. She was endorsed unanimously by Labor's national executive.

"As the (NT) Member for Arnhem, I did endure unfair, unnecessary accusations being a woman, being a black woman and (was) never, ever really looked at in terms of my qualifications and the skills that I brought," Ms McCarthy said.

Senator Peris, Australia's first female Indigenous federal parliamentarian, quit politics, citing family reasons. Her decision followed reports she was being considered

**"We have far too many children, particularly Indigenous children, across this country being removed from their families."**

**– Labor NT Senate candidate Malarndirri McCarthy**



for the AFL's top Indigenous adviser role.

A NSW man has since been charged with posting a racist and expletive-laden tirade on the outgoing senator's Facebook page. He denies doing this.

Ms McCarthy anticipated similar attacks.

"I'm conscious that stepping on the national scene that obviously (racism) is out there," she said.

NT Chief Minister Adam Giles derided the journalist's preselection, saying she

presided over the worst child protection system the NT had ever seen.

But Ms McCarthy said she came to the Senate position with much-needed experience.

"We have far too many children, particularly Indigenous children, across this country being removed from their families," she said.

"We have to get it better. We have to get it right."

Labor said Ms McCarthy was a champion for Indigenous culture, particularly with young people. – AAP

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Aboriginal artist John Smith Gumbula with ATSIDMCQ co-chair Rick Gross, and, right, an artist's impression of how Brisbane's Indigenous memorial will look.

# Memorial to go ahead



QUEENSLAND'S Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service veterans are to be honoured with an official memorial in Anzac Square, Brisbane. And the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dedicated Memorial Committee Queensland (ATSIDMCQ) has chosen a sculpture by Aboriginal man John Smith Gumbula and Liam Hardy as the memorial. The bronze work should be completed by 2018 to coincide

with the centenary of the end of World War I.

A Wakka Wakka man, Mr Smith Gumbula said he has had a passion for art and culture all his life.

"It's been my calling from a young age, so for 25 years I have been involved in promoting Indigenous art and culture," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"I've travelled the world sharing Indigenous culture. It's been a big part of my life and I've been interested in a lot of different mediums."

Mr Smith Gumbula said the design of the bronze memorial for Brisbane represents the contribution and the sacrifice Indigenous people have made in the armed forces.

## "Cultural elements"

"It presents an image of First Nations people in the armed forces. There will be ochre colours in the finished design as well as Indigenous symbols and cultural elements," he said.

"I've designed the movement of the piece so that it faces the

eternal flame on Anzac Square.

"It's a powerful message and iconic, I think, in linking Indigenous culture and heritage to the place it is on.

"There are elements of the land, which is the army; the sky, which is the air force; the ocean, which is the navy; medicine, which is the nurses; and the dancers at the back of the sculpture represent home.

"It has a spiritual quality that I hope will be recognised over all of the country. I'm proud to represent my family, my community and

my people on this project.

"That's where my heart lies." Mr Smith Gumbula's award-winning work has featured in collections in Australian and international galleries.

He said this memorial project "still feels surreal", with the process started by ATSIDMCQ co-chair Rick Gross and Dr Dale Kerwin almost a decade ago.

"I'm so proud that the whole country will see their vision come true and to see something that represents our families' fight for freedom," he said.



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# How a group of proud rugby league warriors has changed everything for an embattled community



Spectators watch the Warriors v Moree Boomerangs game in Boggabilla. Images: Newspix

## The pride of Bogga

If you don't believe rugby league can save a community, visit Boggabilla.

Nestled in far northern NSW right next to the Queensland border, the town and nearby community of Toomelah have been through the mill in recent years.

Little employment, high crime levels, kids running rampant – Bogga's had more than its share of woes.

Until now.

So what's changed?

The Boggabilla McIntyre Warriors Rugby League Club, that's what.

Admitted to the local Group 19 competition for this season, the perfectly-named Warriors have given the locals – a large majority of them Aboriginal – a belief and self-respect that's long been missing.

Or, as club president Peter Rice puts it, "the footy club's giving people something to live for".

The locals will tell you the same thing.

Life-long resident Chris McGrady – the McGradys are a huge mob out Bogga way – says simply: "The Warriors are the best thing that's happened for us. The community's right behind the club. It's turned everything around."

That level of community



Boggabilla McIntyre Warriors players listen up in the 'changing shed' at their home ground.

support was underlined late last month when the Warriors hosted their first home game of the season, against old rivals the Moree Boomerangs.

More than 1000 locals turned out for the game and celebrated a famous 48-14 victory. Not too

shabby for a town with a population of under 800.

The Warriors have a player roster of about 50, local fellas keen to have a go and play a game they love. There's no pay to play – these players have their hands up, not out.

Chris McGrady, a Gomerai man, says they'll do just about anything for the club, and so will the locals.

"People are volunteering to help wherever they can," he says. "Instead of playing up, the local kids are getting involved,

watching training, kicking a footy. Our players are role models and most of them don't even know it."

Rice says discipline's an important element for the Warriors. No train, no play, and if a fella offends, he'll be on the outer.

By all accounts the local powers-that-be are right behind the club.

School attendance is improved, kids better behaved. The local cops say it's all positive.

About the only thing missing is some actual facilities at Bogga's home ground.

Basically, it's just a field. No changing sheds, lighting, canteen – even the footballs are borrowed.

The visiting club's changing room is an old shipping container. The Warriors don't even get that – just mesh wrapped around some old fencing.

Chris McGrady is hoping the rugby league authorities might do the right thing.

"Just down the road from us other clubs are getting funds for their grounds and equipment," he tells the *Koori Mail*. "It'd be nice if we got some of that."

Not that it's a make-or-break for the club.

"We've turned a corner," McGrady says. "Things are looking up."

**"The Warriors are the best thing that's happened for us. The community's right behind the club. It's turned everything around." – Chris McGrady**



# Claim covers Grampians



VICTORIAN traditional owners have lodged a native title claim over Gariwerd National Park (the Grampians).

The traditional owners who claim rights and interests in the park – the Gariwerd Native Title Group – come from the Barengi Gadjin Land Council, Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owner Aboriginal Corporation and Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation.

The chairs of each of these

corporations, Jennifer Beer, Denise Lovett and Jamie Lowe, issued a joint statement: "Gariwerd is a special place for all of us. It forms the heart of many of our shared creation stories and is rich in Aboriginal heritage with over 80% of Victoria's rock art sites.

"It's vital that this claim is successful so that we, as the traditional owners, can play a real role in protecting our heritage for everyone to enjoy."

The claim, the first in the Grampians,

covers 1672 square km of Crown land. The application has been lodged with the Federal Court and the traditional owners will seek to meet with the Victorian Government to discuss possible settlement options.

If successful, the owners will have the native title right to hunt, camp, fish and care for their traditional country. They will also have the right to be consulted about any future developments in the park.

The claimants say their action does not

affect anyone else's existing rights. The public will still be able to access and enjoy the parks in the same ways they always have.

Native Title Services Victoria is representing the three groups in their negotiations with the state.

The claim means that nearly 60% of Victoria is now covered by claims and settlements and furthers NTSV's goal to resolve native title in Victoria by the end of next year.

## Torita right on track for success at Paralympics



KAMILAROI woman Torita Isaac, pictured, is off to Brazil for the Rio de Janeiro Paralympics, competing in four track events in a hectic schedule.

She will run in the 100m, 200m 400m and 4x100m relay in her T-38 category.

Isaac, 20, who declares herself to be a proud Indigenous woman who loves her culture, has cerebral palsy and extreme impaired vision.

How she copes is amazing.

With such poor vision (she has a 6m range), it's a battle for Isaac to stay in her lane, even in the straight-line 100m dash.

The problem becomes compounded in the 200m and 400m where she has to contend with a bend.

The racing is scary, to be honest," she told News Ltd.

"It's a lot of self-belief. I'm trusting myself. I'm trusting I know where the track is. That little bit of vision helps me sort of pick up the lines for the lanes.

"The line is blue in Rio. That's going to be helpful.

"The brown lines, I don't really like them. I can't really see them."

News Ltd said Torita was 16 when doctors discovered 11 fractures to her leg, caused by her gung-ho introduction to athletics. She literally ran so much that it broke her legs.

Isaac needs a cane to get around in day-to-day life.

News Ltd said that when she was competing in the 2012 national titles, she fell in the 100m. It was then that doctors discovered she had 11 bone fractures and shin splints – the result of all the running she had been doing.

"That set me back a bit, I guess you could say. But you have to keep telling yourself, 'I can do this,'" she said.

Isaac said her ambition was to show Indigenous children what they could do when they did not quit.

"We don't have to do nothing. Sport saved me," she said.

Isaac's opponents in Rio will have cerebral palsy, but none of them will be vision-impaired.



## Aurukun education approach works – Pearson



CAPE York Aboriginal figure Noel Pearson says his controversial approach to education in troubled Aurukun is

working – and he can prove it.

The Queensland Government is reviewing the US-based direct instruction curriculum taught at Aurukun's only school after violent attacks and threats against teachers forced its closure.

Limited lessons have restarted, and high-profile sports stars, including the NRL's Johnathan Thurston, have been supporting the community.

The school is part of Mr Pearson's Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy, which some community leaders and educators say is failing Aurukun students at great taxpayer expense and doesn't prepare students for high school.

Mr Pearson says he brought the model to Aurukun in 2009 at the urging of the late mayor and he can prove it's working.

### Debate

He also says debate about what to do about the town's delinquency and law-and-order problems has been hijacked and turned into an attack on a successful strategy.

"When we started in 2009, there were something like five kids out at high schools," he told the ABC.

"There are 57 kids today out at boarding schools."

Mr Pearson said two reviews over the past six years had shown the school was achieving outstanding results.

"I am prouder of nothing else than the progress of those children at Aurukun who carry a heavy burden of mental impairment at the hands of alcohol, drugs, foetal alcohol syndrome, violence in the home, violence in the street," he said.

Last month, teachers were evacuated and the school was closed for the second time in a fortnight. Three teaching staff have since been flown in to help children who want to continue learning via distance education until it reopens. – AAP



# Honours for our people

## Medal for a true warrior

COLIN Watego comes from a family of warriors. His grandfather, uncles and other family members all served with distinction in the military for their country.

And so has Warrant Officer Class One Watego.

His 41-plus years of service have now been formally recognised with the award of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

The soldier's soldier, who has Aboriginal (Bundjalung) and Torres Strait Islander blood in his veins, says he's proud and humbled by the award.

"I joined the Army in 1974 and I've had a wonderful career," WO1 Watego told the *Koori Mail*. "It's an honour to be recognised like this for doing work that I love."

WO1 Watego has served around Australia as well as overseas in a variety of military roles.

He cites being appointed Corp Regimental Sergeant Major of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery as a career highlight.

But he's also very proud of his current role – senior Indigenous recruitment officer for the Australian Defence Force.

In that role, which he's held since 2008, WO1 Watego has helped many of his Indigenous brothers and sisters into Australian military careers.

WO1 Watego's OAM citation reads "... he is a highly valued and dedicated Defence member, with professional standards of the highest order, who has worked tirelessly to promote Indigenous recruitment and retention in the Australian Defence Force through the development and conduct of the ADF Indigenous Pre-Recruitment Course. WO1 Watego has been inspirational in his leadership, displaying selfless devotion to duty."



Warrant Office Class One Colin Watego in full uniform. He now has an OAM to add to his impressive array of decorations.



TWO Bundjalung people have topped the awards for Indigenous people in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, released this week. Rhoda Roberts and Nyunggai Warren Mundine, who hail from northern NSW, each were named Officers in the

Order of Australia (OA), the second highest award.

Ms Roberts is best known for her work in the arts and as an actor/producer and director in film, television and radio. Her citation reads for distinguished service to the performing arts through a range of leadership and advocacy roles in the development, promotion and presentation of contemporary Indigenous culture.

Mr Mundine, a regular *Koori Mail* writer, is a successful businessman and chairs the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council. His citation reads for distinguished service to the community as a leader in Indigenous affairs and advocate for enhancing economic and social public policy outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

### Significant service

Suzanne Margaret (Aunty Sue) Blacklock, from Tingha in NSW, was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to the Indigenous community through advocacy roles for improved child welfare, kinship care and cultural identity.

Also receiving the AM is Perth leader Dr Robert Isaacs OAM, for significant service to the Indigenous community through the advancement of social justice, education, health and housing initiatives, and to reconciliation.

Recipients of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) included Cherry Wulumirr Daniels, of Ngukurr community, for service to the Indigenous community of the Northern Territory; Donald Rowlands, the ranger in charge at the Simpson Desert National Park, for service to conservation and the environment; Duncan Smith, of Canberra, for service to Indigenous youth, and to the community; and Geoffrey Wharton, of Tolga, north Queensland, for service to history preservation, and to Indigenous communities.

Philip Venables, of Brisbane, received the Public Service Medal for outstanding public service to remote Indigenous communities in Queensland.

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## New fund to aid Qld repatriations



THE Queensland Government has established a fund aimed at speeding up the repatriation of the ancestral remains of the state's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Curtis Pitt said the Government had backed the fund with a \$100,000 donation, with another \$50,000 coming from the Queensland Museum Foundation.

The Queensland Museum Repatriation Trust Fund will be administered by the museum's board and overseen by the Queensland Museum Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee.

"This initial \$150,000 kick-start to the new fund will employ an officer dedicated to negotiating repatriations and educating the community on the process, with additional monies leftover to start repatriating remains," the minister said. "Our driving force is to return ancestral remains and other objects to country so the healing can begin and we're now looking for corporate partners to work with us in contributing to this project of tremendous historical and cultural significance."

## Discounted fuel under BP deal



A LEADING fuel retailer has partnered with Supply Nation to bring discounted fuel and other benefits to Indigenous businesses in Australia for the first time. The partnership with BP brings together two organisations that say they share a strong commitment to supporting the growth and competitiveness of Indigenous businesses in Australia.

The new offer is available to almost 1000 Supply Nation suppliers, providing successful applicants with a BP Plus Fuel Card that can be used at 1400 BP sites across the country.

Indigenous suppliers will have access to a fuel discount of 4 cents a litre, as well as technology and online systems that aim to provide convenience, security and flexibility to help run an efficient business.

## Funding aims to stop suicides



ORGANISATIONS in the Kimberley have received \$145,000 from the Western Australian Government to conduct suicide prevention training. Mental Health Minister Andrea Mitchell said the grants

would specifically target at-risk groups, with \$93,000 to train Aboriginal people to strengthen communities and help reduce the incidence of suicide.

Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service will receive \$11,940 for training workers and caregivers, and for specialised training for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people.

## New studio on Thursday Island



TORRES Strait musicians now have local access to a fully equipped recording studio.

The Auwa Kidai Memorial Recording Studio is run by Torres Strait Island Media Association (TSIMA) on Thursday Island. The studio means local musicians no longer have to travel to Cairns and other mainland centres to record and produce their work.

TSIMA says the studio will allow for cultural revitalisation and recording of stories from Elders and also create employment and training opportunities.

The studio was established through a grant of \$300,000 from the Torres Strait Regional Authority.

# Let the women's footy begin



RENOWNED Kuku-Yalanji (Qld) didgeridoo player Jeremy Donovan plays before the start of the women's game at the Northern Tasmanian Football Association's Aboriginal round at Rocherlea. It was the first time that women had taken part in the carnival. See page 68 for more on the carnival. Picture: Jillian Mundy

# Aboriginal people 'were first here'



GRIFFITH University researchers say they have found evidence that demonstrates Aboriginal people were the first to inhabit Australia.

The findings, reported in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences journal, disproves an earlier landmark study that claimed to recover DNA sequences from the oldest known Australian person, Mungo Man.

This earlier study was interpreted as evidence that Aboriginal people were not the first Australians, and that Mungo Man represented an extinct lineage of modern humans that occupied the continent before Aboriginal Australians.

Scientists from Griffith University's Research Centre for Human Evolution (RCHE) used new DNA sequencing

methods to re-analyse the remains of Mungo Man from the World Heritage-listed landscape of the Willandra Lakes region, in far western NSW.

The research was planned and conducted with the support of the Barkindjii, Ngiyampaa and Muthi Muthi Aboriginal people of western NSW.

### Incorrect conclusions

Professor David Lambert, from RCHE, said it was clear that incorrect conclusions had been drawn in relation to Mungo Man in the original study.

"The sample from Mungo Man which we retested contained sequences from five different European people suggesting that these all represent contamination," he said.

"At the same time we re-analysed more than 20 of the other ancient people from Willandra. We were successful in

recovering the genomic sequence of one of the early inhabitants of Lake Mungo, a man buried very close to the location where Mungo Man was originally interred.

"By going back and reanalysing the samples with more advanced technology, we have found compelling support for the argument that Aboriginal Australians were the first inhabitants of Australia."

Prof Lambert said the results proved that the more advanced genomic technology was capable of unlocking further secrets from Australia's human past.

"We now know that meaningful genetic information can be recovered from ancient Aboriginal Australian remains," he said.

"This represents the first time researchers have recovered an ancient mitochondrial genome sequence from an Aboriginal person who lived before the arrival of the Europeans."



## Wiradjuri woman is the NAIDOC poster winner



WIRADJURI (NSW) woman Lani Balzan is this year's National NAIDOC Poster Competition winner. She picked up \$5000 for her artwork,

*Songlines tie all Aboriginal people together*, which will be displayed on the 2016 National NAIDOC Poster and feature during NAIDOC Week, from July 3-10 this year.

Artists entering the competition were asked to submit a work which represented their interpretation of this year's theme: 'Songlines - The living narrative of our nation'. While more than 100 entries were received, the poster selection committee was unanimous in its selection of Ms Balzan's piece.

Ms Balzan's artwork represents different songlines coming together to create the nation. The artwork shows how they criss-cross the land as they run east, west, north, south and diagonally across the country to track the journeys of the ancestors.

National NAIDOC Committee co-chairs Anne Martin and Benjamin Mitchell congratulated Ms Balzan on her winning entry.

"It was a joy to judge the entries this year. There is so much artistic talent among our community," Ms Martin said.

Free copies of the 2016 National NAIDOC Poster are available through the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's regional network. More details at [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au)



# Bush bands prepare for bash



SIX bands, including an all-female group, have been selected from 16 entries for this year's Bush Bands Program.

Run through Music NT, the six bands will participate in an intensive skills development camp – Bush Bands Business – before fronting crowds at this year's 13th annual Bush Bands Bash in Alice Springs on August 28.

Bush Bands coordinator Adelaide Wood said the program has "a rich history of sharing desert music and culture with the mainstream and providing remote artists with positive connections and development with national music industry".

"It's incredibly exciting to see how the Bush Bands Program just keeps growing," she said.

"This year the band selection encompasses an East Arnhem Land band and an all-female band, as well as some great new talent from the Western Desert region.

"We are now starting to see young bands applying to the program who are actively being mentored by their community for this opportunity.

"The whole Central Desert music scene is going from strength to strength and MusicNT is proud to be at the forefront of supporting it."

This year's Bush Bands are:

- Lander River Band (Willowra community – Warlpiri language)
- Eastern Arrernte Band (Santa Teresa community – Eastern Arrernte language)
- Irruntyju Band (Irruntyju community – Ngaanyatjarra and Pitjantjatjara languages)
- Iwantja Sunset Reggae (Indulkana community – Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara languages)
- Kardajala Kirr-Darra (Sandhill Women) (Elliott community – Mudburra language)
- Salt Lake (Umbakumba community – Anindilyakwa language).

For more information on Bush Bands, go to [www.musicnt.com.au/BBB](http://www.musicnt.com.au/BBB)

Kardajala Kirr-darra (Sandhill Women) lead singer Eleanor Dixon.



# Pledge over jail death in Canberra



THE Australian Capital Territory's Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Elected Body (ATSIEB) says it will closely monitor an inquiry into the death in custody of an Aboriginal man.

ACT Corrections Minister Shane Rattenbury called the inquiry into the death of Steve Freeman at Canberra's Alexander Maconchie Centre.

The inquiry will examine Mr Freeman's care and supervision during his period of incarceration, including whether ACT Corrective Services' systems operated effectively and in compliance with human rights obligations.

ATSIEB chair Diane Collins promised the elected body will "keep a close watch on the developments of the inquiry and its findings".

"This is a very serious

**"This is a very serious matter with extreme sensitivities surrounding it which calls for us to find out what really happened here."**

**– ACT ATSIEB chair Diane Collins**



matter with extreme sensitivities surrounding it which calls for us to find out what really happened here," she said.

"We are more than 25 years on from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody and the Elected Body has some concerns around how far we have

actually come since then."

The ATSIEB said the death is evidence that more still has to be done to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in custody, as well as the need for a better, targeted approach into service delivery, and significant improvements in rehabilitation and diversionary programs.



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# Push for statue in Dubbo



AN action group is stepping up a campaign to erect a statue of civil rights pioneer

William (Bill) Ferguson in Dubbo, central-western NSW.

The group is hoping to have the statue erected at the city's Church Street public square near the Masonic Hall, the site where on June 27, 1937, Mr Ferguson called a public meeting to launch the Aborigines Progressive Association, one of the earliest initiatives in civil rights in Australia.

Mr Ferguson also assisted in

organising the Day of Mourning and led the first public demonstration calling for Aboriginal people to be recognised as citizens.

The campaign has received a major boost, with Western Plains Regional Council administrator Michael Kneipp approving the proposal for the statue in the Church Street precinct.

One of the driving forces behind the statue campaign, Dubbo Aboriginal leader Rod Towney, said the time is right to tell Mr Ferguson's story.

"Next year will be the 80th anniversary of him launching the

Progressive Association in Dubbo and it will also be the 50th anniversary of the landmark referendum that gave recognition to the Aboriginal people on May 27, 1967," the Wiradjuri man said.

## Proud

Mr Ferguson's descendants support the initiative. Grandson Willy Ferguson, of Lightning Ridge, said he is proud of his grandfather whom he remembers fondly.

He presented a letter to the Dubbo City Council on behalf of the family, which was written by

Mr Ferguson's daughter Isabelle.

She recalled her father, both as a union representative and a man of faith who worked for equality of conditions and equal opportunity for all.

Mr Ferguson stood as an independent for the seat of Dubbo in the 1950 elections. Inspired by the UN Declaration of Human Rights, he called for civil rights for all people.

His last speech, delivered from the back of a truck in Church Street, was a call for justice. He collapsed as he left the platform, died of hypertensive heart disease in Dubbo Base Hospital

on January 4, 1950, and was buried in Dubbo cemetery.

To build and erect a monument to Mr Ferguson will cost about \$65,000 and donations are being sought to fund the project. A number of organisations has already expressed interest in the initiative including Dubbo Council, service clubs, schools, churches and Charles Stuart University.

● Donations to the William Ferguson Memorial Trust Fund can be made at Orana Mutual Credit Union.

● Street name translations in Dubbo, page 37

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## CAN'T MAKE IT ON ELECTION DAY?



### If you know you can't vote on Saturday 2 July, you can vote early.

The federal election is on Saturday 2 July and all Australian citizens aged 18 years or over must vote.

But if you know you won't be able to make it to a polling place on election day, you can vote early at an early voting centre or apply for a postal vote.

If you're working, or will be outside the electorate where you are enrolled on Saturday 2 July, you can vote early. There are other reasons you can vote early. Visit [aec.gov.au/early](http://aec.gov.au/early) or call 13 23 26 to find out more.

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## MP charged with driving over limit



QUEENSLAND MP Billy Gordon will face court later this month charged with drink-driving and driving while unlicensed.

The independent state MP, an Indigenous man, was forced out of the Labor Party over domestic violence accusations from a former partner, of which he was later cleared. He remains a key member of the crossbench, with the Palaszczuk Government sometimes relying on his vote to pass legislation.

A contrite Mr Gordon says he let his personal life "cloud his judgment" and admits he has no excuse after being charged with drink-driving near Kuranda, north of Cairns.

He has been issued with a notice to appear in Mareeba Magistrates Court on June 27.

## Australian of Year nominations open



NOMINATIONS are now open for the 2017 Australian of the Year Awards. The awards rely on the people to submit nominations for fellow Australians they would like to see recognised in four

categories: Australian of the Year; Senior of the Year (65 years and over); Young Australian (16 - 30 years); and Australia's Local Hero.

Nominations can be made at [australianoftheyear.org.au](http://australianoftheyear.org.au) until August 7.

## WA program will benefit business



AN Aboriginal Governance and Leadership Development Program for regional Western Australia will be established.

State Regional Development Minister Terry Redman said Aboriginal businesses would have the opportunity to enhance operations and business performance under the program's three streams: a corporate governance development program, a business leaders program and access to procurement advisory services.

He said the governance development program would provide eligible Aboriginal organisations and boards with grants of up to \$60,000 for professional assistance, training opportunities and independent directorships.

## New chief for ILC



FORMER Ruralco managing director John Maher is the new chief executive of the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC).

ILC chairman Eddie Fry said Mr Maher brings a wealth of experience in agribusiness, asset management and leadership to the corporation.

Most recently, he was chief executive of the Livestock Biosecurity Network and previously led rural services company, Ruralco Holdings.



# Darkinjung achievements celebrated

By BRITTA LYSTER



ABOUT 100 people braved atrocious weather conditions this month to mark the cultural and heritage achievements of the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council on the central coast of NSW at the inaugural Bidhal celebration.

Held at Kariong Parklands near Gosford, the name Bidhal means 'rejoice' in Darkinjung.

And that's exactly what those present did, enjoying performances, workshops and displays, as well as a formal welcome to country and smoking ceremony by Bronwyn Chambers and John Shipp.

Darkinjung senior culture and heritage officer Sharon Hodgetts was pleased with the event.

"Part of the way to protect sites and our heritage is through education, and that is embracing everybody through an event like this," she said.



The Mingaletta Women Elders Choir perform at the celebration.

## Scams prove costly



INDIGENOUS consumers lost more than \$1.2 million to scammers last year, according to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's 2015 Targeting Scams report.

That represents an increase of almost 65% on 2014, the consumer watchdog says.

The ACCC says dating and romance scams caused the greatest loss among Indigenous consumers, totalling more than \$613,000. Inheritance scams, and computer and prediction software and sports investment schemes also caused significant losses.

"Losses to scammers are not only distressing to the individual concerned but can also have a significant impact on others in their community," ACCC deputy chair Delia Rickard said.

She said the commission was keen to work with Indigenous people to target scams.

"Indigenous community Elders play an important role as leaders and educators," Ms Rickard said. "By working with them, we hope to raise awareness about scams and pass on some tips on how to avoid them."

Indigenous consumers can also log on to the ACCC's 'Your Rights Mob' Facebook page to find out how to spot a scam and how they can protect themselves from scammers.

## Major bank gives job commitment



THE Commonwealth Bank has committed to achieving Indigenous employment parity within 10 years.

The bank aims to have Indigenous employees make up at least 3% of its entire Australian workforce by December 2026, bringing it in line with the proportion of Indigenous Australians in the wider national population.

Indigenous employees currently comprise about 0.4% of the bank's 41,400-strong Australian workforce.

The Commonwealth and Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council have also unveiled a formal partnership designed to provide local Aboriginal youth with an opportunity to build a long-term career. In late March, seven of the bank's branches in and around Darkinjung Country, on the NSW Central Coast, welcomed an Aboriginal school-based trainee into their staff.

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## Indigenous Conference Services

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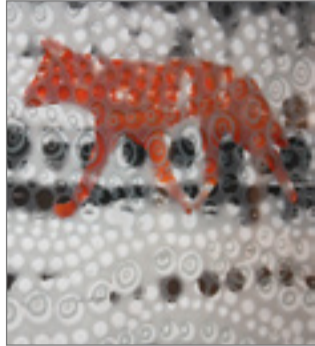
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## NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

#### NSWALC Administrators and Investigators List

Pursuant to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 No 42 and the Aboriginal Land Rights Regulation 2014, the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is required to create a list of Administrators and Investigators for Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) throughout New South Wales. Any list prepared by NSWALC is required to be approved by the Minister.

NSWALC is calling for expressions of interest from suitable applicants/candidates to submit their applications for consideration for acceptance by NSWALC to be listed as proposed Administrators and Investigators for LALCs.

Express your interest by email to receive the electronic copy of the application package which you will be required to complete and submit electronically or by post no later than close of business on Monday, 18 July 2016.

#### Email address

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# Batchelor program leading to more Indigenous troops



Army Indigenous Development Program trainees Kitchell Dorante and Bethany King attend the Batchelor Institute.



A PROGRAM being run by the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education is resulting in more Indigenous soldiers. The

five-month Army Indigenous Development Program (AIDP) is run between Batchelor Institute and the Australian Army, combining educational initiatives with the army's induction training. It allows young Indigenous people to learn and adjust to the demands of fulltime army life before being sent to the Army Recruit Training Centre.

Recently, 35 Indigenous trainees from the AIDP were selected for the army, which brought the number of fulltime Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soldiers to more than 500 for the first time since World War II.

Major General Stephen Porter, the commanding officer of the Army's 2nd Division, said the course gave people a chance they might not otherwise have to join the Australian Defence Force.

AIDP senior mentor Paul Garrioch said Batchelor Institute's cultural aptitude in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education and its 'both-ways' learning philosophy were key factors in the program's success.

"We can run the training here in a culturally sensitive space, more easily than a lot of other places," he said.

Current AIDP trainee James West said the course has been helpful in integrating the Army's training principles and education into his routine.

"Everyone is helping each other; we all work together. The mentors here are very good," he said.

The AIDP, open to all young Indigenous people, aims to bring trainees up to a Year 10 educational standard and also introduces elements of life in the army to trainees.

● Batchelor graduation, page 33

## Public Notice – Constitutional Recognition of Tasmanian Aboriginal People

### Invitation to comment on constitutional recognition of Tasmanian Aboriginal people

The Tasmanian Premier and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Will Hodgman MP, has announced a proposed amendment to the *Tasmanian Constitution Act 1934* to recognise Tasmanian Aboriginal people.

The Tasmanian Government wants to hear your views on the draft amendment to the Tasmanian Constitution. The text of the draft amendment, to be inserted into the Preamble, is as follows:

*Whereas the Parliament, on behalf of all the people of Tasmania, acknowledges Aboriginal people as Tasmania's First People and the traditional and original owners of Tasmanian lands and waters; recognises the ongoing spiritual, social, cultural and economic importance of traditional lands and waters to Tasmanian Aboriginal people; and recognises the unique and lasting contribution that Tasmanian Aboriginal people make to Tasmania.*

Further information is available at [www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/policy](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/policy)

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Department of Premier and Cabinet

# Commission deadline set



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islanders survivors of institutional child sexual abuse

must register with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse by September 30 if they want a private session.

Private sessions allow people to share their story directly with a commissioner in an appropriate setting.

Royal commission chair Justice Peter McClellan said many survivors wanted to share their story privately.

"The rate at which people come to the commission seeking a private session shows no present sign of diminishing," he said. "It has averaged 37 per

week over the past 12 months."

"If the present demand for private sessions continues throughout the life of the commission, unless we close off applications well before we complete our final report, many people who may seek a private session will be disappointed.

"In our view it would be intolerable for a survivor to be accepted for a private session only to find we could not meet with them."

### 5000th session

In April, the commission completed its 5000th private session, in Queensland.

More than 1500 people are currently waiting for a private session.

So far, 561 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people

have had a private session, and 293 are waiting for one.

"The commissioners recognise that for individuals who have been traumatised by sexual abuse, giving an account of their experiences and telling their story to a commissioner is, for many survivors, an important part of their personal journey," Justice McClellan said.

The closing date applies only to new applications for a private session. People who have already been accepted for a private session or who apply before September 30 will have an opportunity to meet with a commissioner.

The royal commission will still accept written accounts after September 30.

More details at [www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au](http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au)



# Book will save stories



ABORIGINAL woman Dale Roberts has been working with some of the NSW Northern Rivers' most respected Elders for more than two years, recording their stories before they are lost.

After consulting with the Elders – Uncle Athol Compton, Uncle Artie Williams, Aunty Dorothy Gordon, Aunty Gwen Williams, Uncle Magpie, Aunty Marge Close, Aunty Marie Delbridge, Uncle Mick Ryan, Aunty Viv Laurie and Uncle Pop Harry Walker – it was agreed that a book would produce a lasting legacy celebrating their life stories and passing on valuable knowledge to future generations.

The Elders have called the book *Our Way Stories*.

Ms Roberts' interest in creating the book started with listening to the stories of her friend Uncle Magpie.

"I just thought to myself what a wealth of knowledge he has to share and he wanted to share it so generously," she said. "I just wondered if he doesn't get to pass on his knowledge, where does it go?"

"In my view it is imperative that the stories be recorded from the Elders, to pass on information before they pass over and the stories are lost."

Arts Northern Rivers supported the project and secured funding from Arts NSW, allowing Ms Roberts to spend eight months recording the Elders' stories.

The support from Arts NSW also included a payment to the Elders, but it wasn't enough to publish the book.

Arts Northern Rivers chief executive Peter Wood said to produce the book



Elder Uncle Athol Compton and canine friend. Pictures: Kate Holmes

the project used crowdfunding.

"We always knew we would need to find another funding source to take the project to its final phase: the print production of a quality book," he said.

"While this is our first foray into the world of crowdfunding, we think we have a compelling project that will resonate with the wider community.

"The opportunity to support a project that celebrates the lives of our much-loved Elders is a gesture we hope people

won't be able to say no to."

The Elders Book Project crowdfunding campaign, to cover the \$13,500 printing and publication costs of the 120-page large format book, has been launched on Pozible.

Pending a successful campaign, the book will be launched, with many of the Elders present, at the 2016 Byron Writers Festival in August.

The Elders Book Project crowdfunding page is at <http://pozible.com/eldersbook>



Aunty Gwen Williams is one of the Elders whose story has been recorded.

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# DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



# A Yarn With...



## Margaret Ranger

Yindjibarndi woman,

Carnarvon, WA

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Kangaroo and emu – I love the taste of the fat.

**Favourite other food?**  
Curry and rice.

**Favourite drink?**  
Coke Zero.

**Do you follow a sporting team?**  
The West Coast Eagles in the AFL. I've been a member for the past six years and go to as many home games as I can. My daughter also plays in the women's league for South Fremantle and I love watching her team. They get right into it, and they're as good as the men.

**What are you reading?**  
I love reading books but when you're looking after grandchildren you never have a spare minute – as soon as I go into my room to relax with a book, I fall asleep.

**Watching anything good on TV?**  
I don't have a favourite but I do love watching *The Chase*.

**Which three people (living or dead) would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
My father, my brother and my Aunt Margaret Ranger, my father's sister who I'm named after – she raised me up.

**What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?**  
Make sure everyone was healthy, with no sickness or drugs or alcohol. Drugs is a big killer of our people. With health, diabetes is a big issue. I'd love to win a million dollars and buy a dialysis machine for Carnarvon. My sister has diabetes and she is in so much pain. I got a message from my cousin-brother saying that my sister had to go back to hospital in Perth because she was in so much pain. Dialysis takes so much out of her, it's heart-breaking. I wish everyone who needs it had access to dialysis from their home.

## Quote



**"This minister takes our breath away. We believe he's not up to the job."**

– Northern Land Council chief executive Joe Morrison on Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion

● See page 6

## Unquote

# Statement says what's needed

The Redfern Statement makes it crystal clear that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations have had enough. Enough of being dictated to. Enough of being patronised. Enough of being lied to.

And enough of being ignored. There are many times in Indigenous Affairs when there is a broad range of approaches advocated by First Nations organisations.

So, when dozens of peak bodies get together to speak with a united voice, it's clearly time that politicians listen.

And what the Redfern Statement says shouldn't be considered radical.

It's simply demanding that Indigenous voices have a say in directing policy and services that affect their people's lives.

Good leadership is easy when times are sunny. It's when times are hard that strong leadership matters.

For years we have heard prominent and grassroots Indigenous people talk about a 'crisis' in Indigenous Affairs.

Those behind the Redfern Statement have shown true and strong leadership by standing up and demanding to be heard.

And while the organisations were extremely diplomatic in their wording, the Coalition demonstrated exactly why the Redfern Statement was



needed by Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion's response.

Senator Scullion claimed that he listens to Indigenous people and organisations.

But when dozens of Indigenous organisations and the people they represent are calling for a complete reset of the relationship with government, he'd be well advised to consider properly what they're saying.

CONGRATULATIONS to our people who picked up awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. You don't have to be a royalist or even agree with the honours system to still respect the efforts of those recognised.

While top honours went to Rhoda Roberts and Warren Mundine – both deserving recipients – we're especially delighted that Warrant Officer Class One Colin Watego was recognised.

He's a soldier's soldier; a true warrior and proud Indigenous man who has helped many of our young people in defence careers.

## Koori Mail – 100% Aboriginal-owned

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“... once I got that feeling up on stage of being naked and raw and not being scared of it, that was an amazing feeling, and you kind of chase that.”



Palawa musician Denni 420 found returning to country at Irapuna was the perfect place to record a few tracks.

# Not-so-shy Denni is making music

By JILLIAN MUNDY

**E**MERGING indie musician Denni Proctor, aka Denni 420, returned to her country recently at Irapuna in the Tasmania's far north-east to record some tracks.

“Up here with the vibes, everything has been magic. I don't think I'd be able to do that in a sterile studio yet,” the Palawa woman said of the country and the historic lighthouse keeper's cottage where she and her group of collaborators set up a makeshift recording studio.

The 23-year-old is fast becoming known on the music festival circuit and in online music spaces, last year making it to triple J's *Unearthed* top 50, having the 37th most played track.

The once-shy teen started out teaching herself to play guitar by ear in her mum's shed. She soon added lyrics, got out busking, played at family barbecues, then pub and bar gigs, and even sang to a bunch of academics in a monastery.

“I would literally go off stage and vomit from nerves; it was such a conflicting relationship,”

Ms Proctor told the *Koori Mail*.

“But once I got that feeling up on stage of being naked and raw and not being scared of it, that was an amazing feeling, and you kind of chase that.”

## Won a spot

Last year Ms Proctor won a spot through triple J *Unearthed* to open the Falls Festival at Marion Bay in Tasmania. She's also played *Party* in the Paddock and Woodford in recent years.

Ms Proctor is not afraid to experiment on the music front. Her creations have been

dubbed electronic, folk, soul and reggae.

She's also crafty with a pen as a visual artist and writer, writing her own songs and working with other musicians.

“I find it easy to communicate through music,” she says.

“Each song is about a different character, a different part of me.

“It's a universal tool. It's a language, a passion.”

Ms Proctor's lyrics are poetic and often laced with subtle environmental and political messages, and multiple meanings.

“The more I'm putting stuff out, the more people are wanting to collaborate. That's exciting,” she says.

Ms Proctor's also keen to undertake a film project down the track.

While she thinks that she “might sound a bit crazy”, it's not going to stop her.

Those wanting to hear Denni Proctor's latest offerings can check out [soundcloud.com/denni420](https://soundcloud.com/denni420) and watch out for her on tour in 2017.

She's also playing at the Huon Valley Mid-Winter Fest next month.



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We are currently developing a policy and practice resource to guide the prevention of violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their children. This will be a companion document to the recently released *Change the Story: a shared framework for the primary prevention of violence against women and their children* in Australia.

Our Watch is now seeking expressions of interest from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander women with relevant knowledge and experience to form an Advisory Group to oversee the development of this guide.

Membership will be in a voluntary capacity, however sitting fees for participation in Advisory Group meetings (by teleconference) will be paid, and Advisory Group members will be fully acknowledged in the final resource.

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# Miss NAIDOC winners shine



THIS year's Miss NAIDOC Perth winners have been named. Shelley Cable took out

the Miss NAIDOC title, runner-up was Danielle Kickett, Tallulah Buiendurry received the Miss Kwobordok (beautiful) award, which was chosen by the participants, while photographer Carlo Fernandes chose Emma Garlett as Miss Photogenic.

Twenty-one young women took part in this year's Miss NAIDOC Perth, a leadership and empowerment program run over six weeks.

Ms Cable, 21, is a commerce graduate now working as a finance analyst. The Wilman-Noongar woman said she took part because she wanted to learn more about being an ambassador for her mob.

The other participants were Talisha Bartlett, Angel Hayward, Savannah Skeen, Savannah Travia-Dann, Marion Slater, Talisia Bourne, Katrina Kelly, Renae King,



**Miss NAIDOC Perth 2016 Shelley Cable.**

The program, restarted in 2011, is a resurrection of Miss NAIDOC pageants held in Perth more than 15 years ago.

The young women go through mentoring sessions, which include modelling and deportment, with the Miss NAIDOC Perth Working Group and chairperson Glenda Kickett.

A selection panel judged the entrants on their attendance and participation throughout the training programs as well as their presentation and participation in the Miss NAIDOC Dinner and on the night of the crowning.

Glenda Kickett said picking winners is not easy. "The calibre of girls gets more outstanding each year. But to us, all the girls are already winners," she said.

Ms Kickett said the program helps nurture young Aboriginal women.

"We've been working with the girls for six weeks, and to see them grow and develop in that time is pretty amazing," she said.

Madalyn Mate-Fisk, Rachel Tolentino, Shaylee Cole, Kristina Clark, Ebony Garlett,

Keneasha Lindsay, Courtney Eades, Allira Bolton and Brooke Blurton.



**Miss NAIDOC Perth 2016 runner-up Danielle Kickett.**



**Miss Kwobordok (beautiful) Award winner Tallulah Buiendurry.**



**Perth NAIDOC 2016 Miss Photogenic Emma Garlett.**





One page 24, NSW Aboriginal Safe Gambling Services manager Ashley Gordon says it's time to start talking about a real problem for many in the Indigenous community.



## More must be done to keep people out of jail

FOLLOWING on from National Reconciliation Week, Baabayn women's group in Western Sydney is calling for urgent action to end the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in NSW jails, and jails across Australia.

Aboriginal people make up between 2-3% of the Australian population and yet they account for over 24% of prisoners in NSW jails. Young Aboriginal people are massively overrepresented in the statistics, making up 60% of the juvenile detention population.

More than 2800 Aboriginal people languished in prisons in NSW in 2015, an increase of 4% from 2014.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander age-standardised imprisonment rate was 11 times the non-Indigenous age-standardised imprisonment rate (1901 prisoners per 100,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adult population compared to 166 prisoners per 100,000 adult non-Indigenous population – ABS, 2015).

In particular, the increase in the number of Indigenous women and youth incarcerated is a tragic indictment of the position of Aboriginal people in this country in 2016.

The increasing number of Aboriginal women in prisons both sentenced and awaiting sentencing in remand is a disgrace.

Our young women return to our communities distraught, traumatised, and in need of support. They are forced to fight to get their children back from welfare, to get their housing restored, without money, support, educational services, diversionary programs, or counselling. Many invariably reoffend.

We would like to know why this is happening and what the NSW and federal governments plan to do about it.

We see the end result of their policies every day when our sons and daughters, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends return to communities and continue to fail again and again.

How can these inhumane policies continue without even an expression of concern from politicians or leaders?

As aunts, mothers and grandmothers, we are affected each and every day and cannot continue to sit by and watch what is taking place without significantly protesting the

position of our families and communities.

Aboriginal people are living in extreme poverty in a number of communities across Australia which heightens their likelihood of offending.

Aboriginal-led programs to end poverty, racism, discrimination, incarceration and the forced removal of children must be implemented as a matter of national urgency.

Saying 'Sorry' is not enough. Much more must be done and while we continue to hear platitudes from time to time when 'Closing the Gap' reports are published, it is clear to us and the broader community that this is not working.

We demand state and federal governments provide adequate funding to keep Aboriginal people out of jail and provide housing, health and healing programs, education and employment.

This is the only concrete way to change the status of Aboriginal people in this country.

**MARGARET FARRELL**  
Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation chair  
Western Sydney, NSW

### POETRY

#### Til our voice is heeded

If you tell me to sit then I will stand  
Tell me to stand I will sit  
Expect me to talk and I will be silent  
Suggest I should not speak then I will.

Tell me to forget the old ways I will not  
Tell me to bury the old languages  
I will return with shovel in hand  
Tell me to get off the roads and let the miners in  
We will chain ourselves to your machines.

Racially vilify our politicians  
Your bigotry is exposed  
Arm in arm we will stand against wrong  
Til our voice is heard  
Til our voice is heeded

**BRUCE DOCKER**  
Logan, Qld

#### Stung like a bee

He Fought Like A Butterfly And Stung Like A Bee  
That's What They Said About Mohamed Ali.

He Danced And Shuffled Then He Threw A Punch  
And Was There To Eat His Opponents For Lunch.

He Talked Real Big And Backed It Up  
As He Left His Victims All Cut Up.

They Told Him Once To Go To War  
He Answered Them All, He Said, "What For?"

What Have The Vietnamese Done To Me?  
And Many, For Those Comments In Their Heart's Would Cheer.

A Champ He Was And Really Great  
A Man That You'd Love To Be Your Mate.

A Man Of Integrity That Wouldn't Bow  
To The Crowds And Pressure He Stood Strong Somehow.

So Charismatic And Full Of Confidence  
He Made His Challengers Feel Weak And So Incompetent.

Cassius Clay, The Black Superman  
Called By The Other Guys, Ah-Ah Ali.

There's Only One Thing That I Can Say  
And That My Friend Is Wow, Wow Wee.

**Abi DRabi**  
Sydney, NSW

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**Ashley Gordon**

## Why aren't we talking about gambling?

what the issues are and then told the answers without any community consultation. Interventions have been imposed and generally failed to deliver any improvements.

Gambling is an issue where that model is changing, but more needs to be done.

Unfortunately many Aboriginal people lack financial literacy and budgeting skills, often living pay day to pay day. In addition, there is a growing concern that many people are used to not having money; that being broke is normal.

There is no signal or trigger to inform a gambler that he or she may have a problem and needs to seek help.

The issue of problem gambling has to be discussed and acknowledged more broadly, more openly without blame or shame. The yarn about gambling in our communities seems to be too sensitive, a topic often ignored by our people and services.

Maybe gambling is so normalised and accepted that we can't see the problems it is causing.

The true impact of gambling needs to be understood, particularly its links to relationship problems, domestic violence, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, mental health, physical health, spiritual health, crime, financial hardship and child neglect.

Currently, there are gambling and financial counselling programs around Australia, but only a very small percentage of Aboriginal

people have used this form of treatment.

These services have to improve their community engagement and consultation practices.

Furthermore, funding bodies must acknowledge the importance of this so services can provide education, awareness, community ownerships and then finally a collaborative approach to tackling the issues.

Some of these services need to review their brand and image and ask how Aboriginal people might perceive them? Often hard questions need to be asked – why aren't Aboriginal people visiting us or calling our number? Do Aboriginal people know our service exists and do they know what we do?

Research suggests that most services don't ask these questions and Aboriginal people do not have a high awareness of how to seek help for gambling problems.

Together, we should be discussing strategies to address problem gambling within Aboriginal communities.

So are there ways to help a problem gambler that extend beyond seeing a gambling counsellor?

We could be developing a range of treatments and therapies linked to cultural and healing programs. Indigenous people require alternative treatment options, both Aboriginal- and non-Aboriginal-specific.

We have to review our screening and assessment procedures to ensure Aboriginal

people feel comfortable and culturally understood. We need to reflect on our approach and therapies and question why most Aboriginal people do not engage with or complete treatment programs currently available.

We know that a person with a problem will try and confront the issue themselves in private, followed by speaking to a family member or friend. They might then seek help from an organisation.

Would they be more inclined to seek help if more Aboriginal people worked in the health and gambling-help industry across Australia? As a community should we be better at communicating and supporting someone who may have a gambling problem?

I manage NSW Aboriginal Safe Gambling Services. The program I coordinate is Warruwi Gambling Help, and our focus is on creating awareness of gambling and promoting safe gambling. In 12 months we have reached more than 30,000 Aboriginal people through facilitating Aboriginal gambling workshops in communities, organising and participating in community events, managing a free information, education and support phone line (1800 752 948) and identifying safe gambling ambassadors throughout NSW.

Most importantly, we work with communities to develop action plans for ongoing activities for their area and provide \$5000 to either support an existing program or develop a new strategy which raises awareness of problems associated with gambling and promotes help seeking. This service aims to work closer with Aboriginal communities and relevant service providers to achieve real change in our communities and brings services and community together.

Gambling is often seen as an individual problem, not a community concern. But as the issue of problem gambling continues to grow, the negative impact on our people is being felt more deeply. As risks to community wellbeing are becoming greater, it's time we changed our view of problem gambling and our response.

● Ashley Gordon is manager of NSW Aboriginal Safe Gambling Services and a member of the Federal Ministerial Expert Advisory Group on Gambling.

**T**HINK about your family. Is someone always at the pokies on payday? Are money worries made worse by gambling?

In your community how many times have you seen someone spend all their money on gambling?

An overwhelming number of Aboriginal people have said that gambling is causing significant problems for so many people they know. So what are we doing to help our people?

Through studies undertaken by the Centre for Gambling Education and Research at Southern Cross University, we know that the rate of problem gambling amongst Aboriginal people is much higher than the 1% to 2% found in the wider Australian population. These studies, measuring problem gambling amongst different Aboriginal groups, have found problem gambling rates of between 15% and 20%.

Isn't it time we recognised gambling as an issue for our people?

Historically, our people have been told

# Time to get on the job

**R**ECENTLY there were street riots in suburban Melbourne. About 400 demonstrators from far right and far left groups descended into ideology-fuelled violence.

Hundreds of police were deployed and several arrests made. Victoria Police commander Sharon Cowden said: "I understand the need and the right to protest ... but what we can't have is this violence in our community."

Acting Premier James Merlino said protesters would "feel the full force of the law", describing the behaviour as "unacceptable".

Contrast Queensland Police's response to street violence in the Indigenous community of Aurukun. A few weeks ago, video footage emerged of street fights with police watching on.

Community leaders slammed police for failing to act. Queensland's Assistant Police Commissioner Paul Taylor defended police non-action, describing the situation as "very complex" and arguing police couldn't simply break up the fights "because of the numbers of people there and because of the delicacy around making sure that they don't have the crowd turn on them".

Queensland Police Commissioner Ian Stewart said, "We can't simply arrest our way out of trouble."

Aurukun's school has since been

closed after machete-wielding youths attacked it and its principal.

Breakdowns in the rule of law cannot be tolerated – not in Melbourne and not in Aurukun. Police and governments must enforce the law and protect citizens.

Aurukun's community leaders are right to condemn police impotence on this issue.

But this is more than just a failure of policing. When police officials say the violence is "very complex" they're speaking in code; they're really saying the underlying disputes are linked to cultural rivalries which police are reluctant to get involved in. This excuse is symptomatic of an intellectual trap – that Indigenous people and communities are somehow different from everybody else and the normal rules and expectations don't apply.

We see people fall into this same intellectual trap when it comes to economic development in remote Indigenous communities.

Australia is a vast, sparsely populated country. Small communities exist all over Australia with real economies, commerce and jobs.

But it's as if Indigenous communities are in a different universe. Then people say there are no jobs and communities should shut down; or governments should simply accept people languishing in chronic welfare dependence and



**Nyunggai Warren Mundine**

never working.

Aurukun is one such place where this myth is peddled. We've heard it again in recent weeks.

Yet there's work to be done in Aurukun like anywhere else. Teaching and policing (clearly); health work; construction and repairs; cleaning; waste management. Aurukun has an

airstrip with daily flights, an art centre, a supermarket, houses, satellite dishes, fencing, generators, plumbing, septic systems, water tanks, air conditioners, cars, houses, roads and other infrastructure. There are also regional jobs in the mining and agriculture industries and many locations and activities attractive to tourists.

The problem is not a lack of jobs but that the jobs which do exist are mostly done by people from outside the community or not at all.

All across Australia there are remote Indigenous communities stuck in this intellectual trap.

It doesn't need to be like this. Sometimes people can't see what's right in front of them.

I encourage community leaders to do a simple exercise. Firstly, do a stocktake of all jobs that exist in the area and who currently does them (if anyone). It can surprise people how many jobs exist in places where there are supposedly no jobs.

Then list commercial activities people would do in the community if they could – like buy coffee, or get a haircut or visit a dentist or get a takeaway meal or buy clothes. The things people currently do when out of town.

Next, identify the qualifications and skills required to do those jobs and activities and how long it would take a local person to acquire them. What's the pathway to becoming a

teacher, police officer, pilot, health worker, dental hygienist, plumber, cleaning contractor, driver, shop owner, doctor.

Sure, it may take time and effort to qualify for some jobs. So what?

The point of a master plan is setting out the goal and the pathway to get there. To give people something to work towards and within. And to show people there are jobs for them in their own communities they can aspire to. Actually, it's expected of them.

Community leaders can start drawing up plans for getting locals into local jobs today. And with policies like the Employment Parity Initiative and Indigenous Procurement Policy, there's a clear, and mandated pathway for moving local people into local work starting with government jobs and contracts.

There are genuine barriers to towns like Aurukun developing real economies, such as legal constraints preventing private home ownership. I've written extensively on these.

But even with these restrictions, there are jobs in Aurukun. Locals can and should be doing them.

● Nyunggai Warren Mundine is managing director of Nyunggai Black Group and chairs the Prime Ministers Indigenous Advisory Council.



# Muhammad Ali truly was 'The Greatest'



**Woolombi Waters**

**W**HEN I heard Muhammad Ali had passed away I rang my son. There was a short pause and then we both started to cry. Ali was so much more than the greatest boxer who ever lived: he was a civil rights leader, a humanitarian and one of the greatest orators the world has ever seen, born at a time when the world needed him the most.

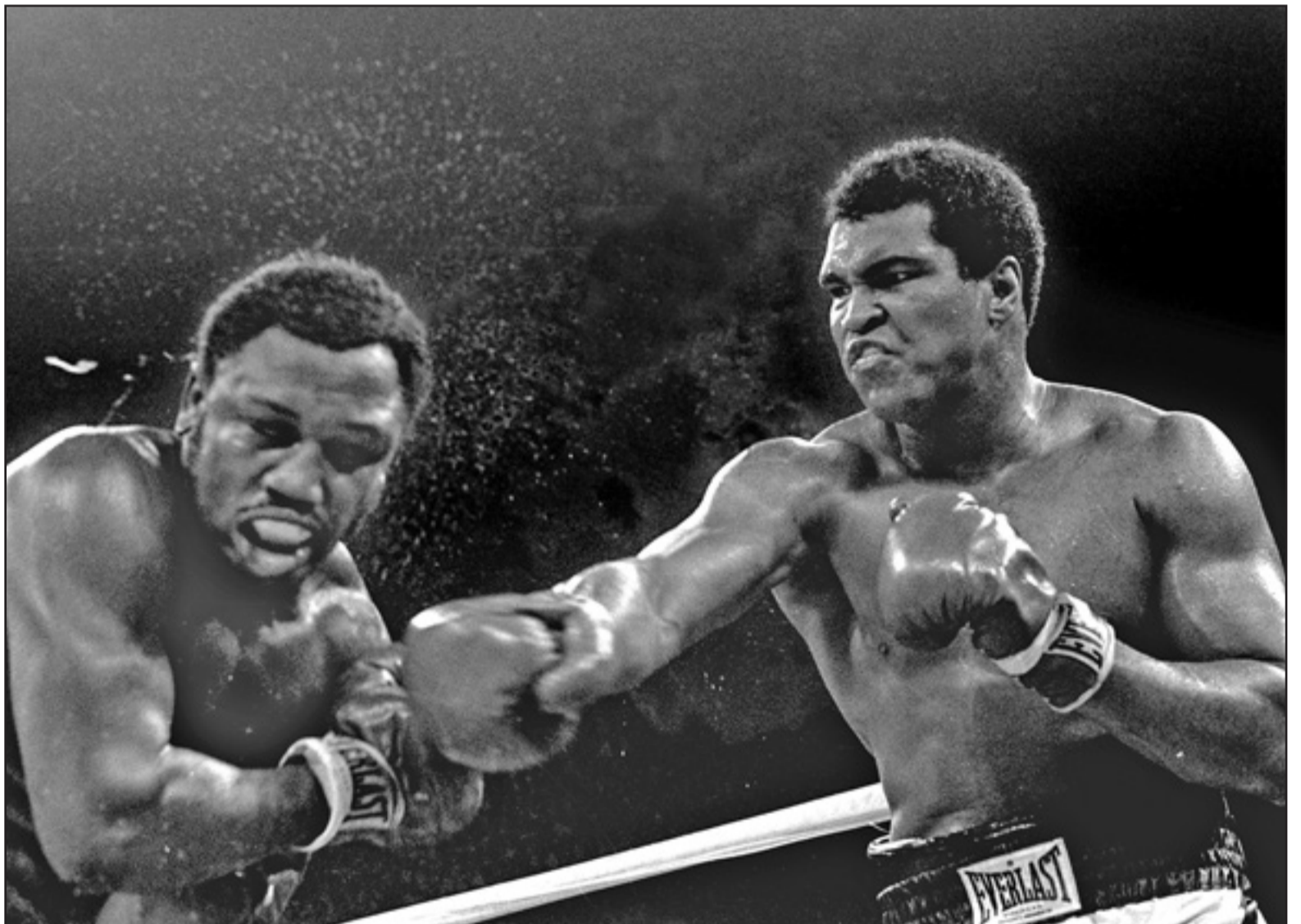
Before Ali there was no Michael Jackson, or Prince. We, as people of colour, were not allowed in the same schools; even towns were completely segregated, we couldn't eat at the same restaurants, lynching was still common place in the south of the United States and our people were forced onto missions, condemned to slave labour, their wages stolen and living off food provisions.

It is Ali's personal sacrifice against violence and war when heavyweight world boxing champion that separates him from others who found themselves embroiled in the civil rights struggles of our people. In addition to being jailed for refusing to fight in the Vietnam War, he was stripped of his title and banned from boxing for three years. Many state this was a move without precedent: a professional athlete walking away at the peak of their sport, on principle.

But as *Koori Mail* readers will know, our own Lloyd McDermott made a similar stand, refusing to participate in the 1963 Australian tour to South Africa because of apartheid, walking away from an international rugby union career, also in his prime.

One day our Aboriginal heroes will be truly acknowledged and their lives celebrated in this country.

A new boxing champion emerged – George Foreman, who supported America, proudly waving the American flag at the



**STINGS like a bee... Spray flies from the head of challenger Joe Frazier as heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali connects with a right in the ninth round of their 'Thriller in Manila' title fight in Manila, The Philippines, in October 1975. Ali won the fight on a decision to retain the World Title and cement his place as one of the great sportsmen of all time.**

Olympics. This was at a time when other athletes were raising the Black Power salute. White Americans accepted Foreman as an example of powerful, but unthreatening, black masculinity.

Ali's showdown with Foreman, the famed 'Rumble in the Jungle', occurred on October 30, 1974. They faced off in Zaire. The world witnessed an epic gladiatorial battle between the two greatest athletes of their time. The fight was recognised as one of the most important sporting events in history.

The venue, the politics of the two fighters, and the promotion by Don King, made this a fight between competing ideas of Black identity and culture. It was not only the birth of the multi-million-dollar athlete, this was anti-colonial; a pro-Black celebration of identity and consciousness made possible with support from the President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mobutu Sese Seko.

George Foreman, a Christian believed to be the hardest hitting heavyweight in history, was meant to silence the loudmouth and brash Black Muslim Muhammad Ali.

Mobutu brought in some of the most famous Black musicians in

the world, including James Brown, Sister Sledge and BB King, making a clear statement about the value and beauty of Black culture and identity.

Foreman would say in an interview long after losing the fight: "It was liberation from chains that had shackled us. It was a breakthrough for Black people worldwide. Freedom was the cry and Ali was our prophet."

Foreman wrote on Twitter after Ali's passing: "A part of me slipped away, the greatest piece."

## Beliefs

For Ali, his entire life and career was never just about boxing. This was just a vehicle to promote his beliefs on Black liberation, about freedom of the mind, and self-confidence, and in allowing his peoples emancipation from mental slavery.

Ali's greatest battle was not in the ring, but with Parkinson's disease over two decades. By the time he carried the torch at the 1996 Olympics, he was the most loved man on earth. He had become a symbol of every oppressed person in the world.

There is one concern I feel I need to address as I read the many laudits written in tribute to

Ali's life. It appears that whenever a great person of colour dies, we see written over and over again that they 'transcended' culture and race. For white privilege, 'transcend' is that stamp of approval, much more elevated and polite than the old word 'accepted', as if this person was in someway a 'credit to their race'.

Transcend is used as a way to say that Blackness, in contrast with Whiteness, is somehow limiting. Blackness is that small subculture outside the White mainstream, and to find success in that mainstream is an achievement for Black people outside of their own community. Such writing ignores the Black culture and community that nurtured, influenced and provided the foundation for that individual's success.

It's the old 'I don't see colour, I see the person...' I wrote in an article earlier in the year, paying my respects to David Bowie. In researching the article and in reading the many obituaries of his life, not once did I read that David Bowie was able to 'transcend his race', as I did time and time again when Michael Jackson, Prince and now Muhammad Ali passed.

Ali thrived, not because he transcended race, but because he was unapologetically Black. Ali was Muslim. Ali was never ashamed of his roots and continued to represent the most vulnerable throughout his entire life – right to the very end.

Ali rejected his slave name and gave himself a new one. He spoke against the people who raped, lynched and enslaved his ancestors. Ali was loud, proud and yes he was 'The Greatest'.

It is not Ali, or people of colour, who must transcend. It is instead White privilege that must transcend a mindset that values Whiteness, while celebrating individual success as the erasure of Blackness.

Ali was honest and integral to White people in confronting the sins of the past with a natural charisma and intellect the world had never seen before or since.

He gave an opportunity for the White coloniser to personally 'transcend' from these crimes... not the other way around.

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



# Munro will feature on street art



AN image of Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy founder Jenny Munro is set to appear on a wall in Sydney as part of a new street art project that aims to recognise local people with inspiring stories. The Wiradjuri woman's portrait will be created by celebrated street artist Matt Adnate, who often paints Indigenous subjects.

Ms Munro said it's nice to have been chosen as a 'local hero' for the project.

"It's very good to be recognised for the work I have done in my lifetime," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"It will be strange seeing my face on a wall. I'm waiting to see what emotions that evokes, but it should be interesting."

The activist, who has been fighting for Aboriginal housing rights for more than four decades, grew up at Erambie Mission, on the outskirts of Cowra, central NSW.

## "Grassroots activist"

"I've been practising grassroots activism all my life," Ms Munro said. "I've worked in community-based organisations in Redfern since I left school – in medical, child services, land councils, legal centres, juvenile justice – all kinds of things."

Ms Munro has completed an arts law degree at Sydney University, motivated by her drive to defend the sovereignty of Aboriginal people.

In 2014 she began the Redfern Tent Embassy to protest the establishment of a commercial precinct at The Block in Redfern.

Other prominent people to feature as part of the street art project are Father Dave Smith, social activist Katherine Hudson and footballer Nathan Hindmarsh.

Ms Munro said it was nice to know she was chosen alongside a number of other local people who'd done great things for the community.

Matt Adnate said it was a dream about tripping over a wombat that led him to start depicting Indigenous people in street art.

"For some reason the dream, it symbolised Indigenous culture and drew my attention to it," he said.

He recently painted Indigenous model Samantha Harris for the Archibald Awards.



Redfern identity Jenny Munro and street artist Matt Adnate who will put her image on a Redfern wall.

# Coroner critical of grog policy



THE Northern Territory Coroner has criticised the NT Government's alcohol policies which he said put pressure on police and have led to a woman dying in the driveway of a Darwin sobering-up shelter. Marrienne Munkara was 45 when she died last November 11, lying outside the Darwin sobering-up shelter where she had fallen when a staff member tried to move her.

She had been released from hospital three days earlier, was intoxicated and had many health problems, and the ultimate cause of her death was a chronic deep lung infection.

An inquest into her death heard that police and shelter staff did not recognise that she had health problems, despite her being well known to authorities.

From mid-2011 she was taken into protective custody 27 times, there were 45 recorded instances of alcohol-related

interactions with police, and she had been admitted to the sobering-up shelter 127 times.

But this did not trip the requirement for her to be assessed for mandatory alcohol rehabilitation, which should be triggered when someone is taken into protective custody three times in two months for

**"Even when (she) appeared to be unconscious no concern was shown by staff and no sustained attempt to rouse her was made."**

extreme public drunkenness.

"Even when (she) appeared to be unconscious no concern was shown by staff and no sustained attempt to rouse her was made," counsel assisting the Coroner Kelvin Currie said.

Coroner Greg Cavanagh said young police officers were desensitised to health

issues through dealings with intoxicated Aboriginal people during early career postings to Alice Springs, where they pick up thousands of drunk and abusive Aboriginal people every year.

This was compounded by the deeper issue of a lack of compliance with record-keeping guidelines by police who are responsible for anyone they take into custody, Mr Cavanagh said, and such a lack of accountability was unacceptable. "That's not good enough," he said.

Police are required by law to deal with drunken people and are the first line of authority to determine whether they should be sent to rehabilitation centres, but they struggle with resourcing, Mr Cavanagh said. "The Government have put on (police's) shoulders that duty and there ought to be resources enough to record the identification of the citizen and details of their detention," he said. – AAP

# No Fixed Address inducted into SA Music Hall of Fame



ABORIGINAL band No Fixed Address has been inducted into South Australia's Music Hall of Fame.

Regarded by many as the first Indigenous group to become a mainstream

success, the Aboriginal reggae rock group formed in 1979 at the Koonibba Mission near Ceduna, on South Australia's west coast.

No Fixed Address drew wide support during the 1980s with their songs about the lives and experiences of Aboriginal people. They had a hit with *From My Eyes / We Have Survived*.

In the early 1980s, No Fixed Address became the first Aboriginal band to tour overseas, playing across England.

The group officially split in 1988, but members have continued playing separately.

In August 2011, No Fixed Address, along with Coloured Stone, were inducted into the Hall of Fame at the inaugural National Indigenous Music Awards.

No Fixed Address members Bart Willoughby, Ricky Harrison, Les Graham and John Miller reunited for the Hall of Fame induction in Adelaide, playing together for the first time in years.



# 2016 Queensland Reconciliation Awards

## Congratulations to all recipients

The 2016 award recipients were announced during National Reconciliation Week on Thursday 2 June 2016.

The winning initiatives were recognised for promoting inclusiveness, building stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, and creating greater opportunities for Queenslanders.

**Business Award**—**Aurizon** for Indigenous Reference Group

**Community Award**—**Yugambah Museum Language and Heritage Research Centre** for Yugambah Museum Youth Choir

**Education Award**—**James Cook University** for Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders in Marine Science program

**Partnership Award**—**Department of Transport and Main Roads, and Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation** for Peninsula Priority Agreement

**Premier's Reconciliation Award**—**Bond University and Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia** for Women Yarning Up

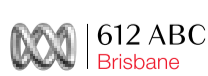
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# Greeno celebrates 70 years

By JILLIAN MUNDY



RENOWNED Tasmanian Aboriginal artist Lola Greeno has celebrated her 70th birthday in fine style with the launch of *Lola Greeno and Friends*, a group exhibition in Hobart.

Mrs Greeno said the celebration was a far cry from her previous birthday party – a barbecue in a garage 49 years ago. This time her milestone birthday was celebrated at an upmarket gallery in Salamanca, Hobart's art precinct, with more than 200 friends spilling out of the venue.

Mrs Greeno is best known for her shell necklace making, both traditional and contemporary, using natural materials, mainly shells, including the beautiful maireener shells but also feathers, fur, echidna quills, bone, kelp and gum nuts.

Her pieces have been collected by major galleries in Australia and internationally.

Born on Cape Barren Island and growing up only a few metres from the beach, as a child Mrs Greeno collected shells with her Elders.

When she moved to Launceston as a young adult, she realised how important it was to continue the tradition of shell necklace making.

"I said to Mum, we've got to do something about this; we've got to do some work together. Thank God I did," she told the *Koori Mail*.

Mrs Greeno's mother, grandmother and mother-in-law



Exhibiting artists at the launch: back from left, Philip Wolfhagen, Lola Greeno's husband Rex and their daughter Vanessa Skilton, Helene Weeding, Melissa Smith, David Edgar and Natalie Holtsbaum and, front, Lola Greeno and Will Stackhouse.

taught her the labour-intensive and prized craft. Two of her own grand daughters now continue the tradition.

Mrs Greeno said the necklaces hold a "big long story",

one of tradition, history and culture. Many of these stories can be found in her 2012 book *Cultural Jewels*.

Mrs Greeno's husband Rex, her daughter Vanessa Skilton,

sister Audrey Frost and friends Philip Wolfhagen, Helene Weeding, Melissa Smith, David Edgar, Natalie Holtsbaum, Julie Gough, Will Stackhouse, Vicki West and Katy Woodroffe are all

part of the *Lola Greeno and Friends* exhibition.

Her solo exhibition *Cultural Jewels*, launched at Launceston in 2014, is still touring the country.

## NT Budget mixed bag for Anyinginyi



THE primary provider of community-controlled health services in the Barkly says the Northern Territory Budget delivers a mixed prognosis for delivery of health services in the region.

Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation chairperson Ross Williams Jakamarra said it was disappointing to see an overall reduction in funding for the provision of primary health services across the Barkly. But the Waramungu man welcomed plans to improve electronic records of patients.

"There is a reduction of about \$400,000 in the Budget allocation for primary health care in the Barkly," Mr Williams Jakamarra said.

"This is very disappointing given some of the country's sickest and poorest people live in some very remote communities here and this cut in funding will hit them the hardest."

Mr Williams Jakamarra said the NT Government had "failed to seriously invest in tackling unacceptably high rates of renal disease in the Barkly".

"Budget 2016-17 allocates just \$240,000 to renal services in the Barkly under the National Partnership



Ross Williams Jakamarra

Agreement with the Commonwealth," he said.

"This \$240,000 is supposed to deliver accommodation, infrastructure and dialysis services across the Barkly. It is barely enough to cover the provision of dialysis services to two patients.

"Anyinginyi is also concerned to note a large reduction in aged-care funding in central Australia.

"The funding to support aged care in the community and other services has been cut by nearly 70% according to the Budget papers.

"We will be wanting more information about how these cuts will impact on aged

care services in the Barkly."

Mr Williams Jakamarra said that while Anyinginyi had concerns about the impact of funding cuts to health services, the organisation was pleased to see the NT Government investing in improved electronic patient records.

"Aboriginal people from the Barkly often have to go to Alice Springs or Darwin for treatment, and of course people from all over the Barkly come to access services in Tennant Creek, so having a system where patient records can immediately be accessed in any clinic will make a big difference to health outcomes," he said.

"But Anyinginyi is very concerned there appears to be no extra money allocated for the provision of new or refurbished public housing dwellings in Tennant Creek, especially in Community Living Areas.

"We have a critical issue with inadequate housing and overcrowding in Tennant Creek and this directly impacts on health outcomes.

"People cannot get well and live healthy lives if they have poor housing, and Anyinginyi will be strongly advocating for the provision of better services in public housing."

## Light is coming to Alice Springs



COME September 23, people in Alice Springs will see the light. And they'll keep seeing it until October 2 as part of the central Australian town's inaugural *Parrtyeme* – a Festival in Light.

Organised by the Northern Territory Government in conjunction with AGB Events – a group heavily involved in Sydney's Vivid Festival – *Parrtyeme* aims to share art, culture and stories from the local Aboriginal community.

Hailed as the 'first authentic Indigenous light festival of its kind in the world' a feature will be Australia's biggest-ever light show installation, with more than 2.5km of the MacDonnell Ranges to be illuminated.

Another feature will be a series of large illuminated 1950s-style circle skirts featuring the watercolour artwork of Lenie Namatjira, granddaughter of Albert Namatjira.

NT Chief Minister Adam Giles said the festival would "present the oldest continuous culture on earth through the newest technology on a 300-million-year-old natural canvas".

"Created in partnership with local Aboriginal artists, *Parrtyeme* will feature three separate, distinctive installations of original, authentic Indigenous art created by local artists, students and the community using light and sound."

The inaugural annual event takes its name from the Arrernte word 'Parrtma', meaning 'light up' or 'lighting up'.



# NT's Philadelphia is a young achiever

By KEIRA JENKINS



GARAWA woman Philadelphia Hughes has won the Northern Territory Young Achiever Australian Super Career Kick Start award.

Despite not finishing high school, the young Darwin woman is now in the second year of a Bachelor of Psychological Science degree at Charles Darwin University.

She said getting an education is the most important thing she has done.

"I took a huge risk by leaving my job to pursue this, but it's really been the best thing I've done in my life so far," Ms Hughes said.

"I didn't think I was smart

enough for university but since winning the Australian Training Awards last year I've got so much more confidence in myself. It inspired me to do more study and apply for a cadetship with the NT Government, which I got."

Ms Hughes said that as a young person she felt she never had the opportunity to further her education.

## "Career"

"Now I'm doing everything I can to start my career. I feel like everything is starting to get put into place for my career," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's not just the study though; I'm also a volunteer for Lifeline because I want to get into mental health.

"I'm also the Indigenous student ambassador at

university. It's been amazing to have these opportunities."

Ms Hughes said the finalists in her most recent award were so talented, she was surprised when she won.

"I didn't think I'd win but it feels amazing to get that recognition for all the hard work I've put in," she said.

"I've always wanted to help people but I've never felt like I was in the right position to do it.

"I'm so glad that I've had these opportunities to uplift others and help others, even if it is just by sharing my story."

After Ms Hughes finishes her degree she plans to continue her medical study.

"I feel that psychology is a good basis for medicine and there's not many people in the NT who stay to work in the health system," she said.



Philadelphia Hughes holds her Northern Territory Young Achiever Kick Start award at the presentation with East Arnhem Shire President Banambi Wunungmurra.

# Partnerships seen as key



INDIGENOUS assistance programs are too often missing the vital first step of asking communities what they actually want, according to a leading academic.

CQUniversity's pro-vice chancellor (Indigenous engagement) and BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) Chair in Indigenous Engagement Professor Bronwyn Fredericks says such an approach is limiting the effectiveness of some Indigenous programs.

And the Murri academic stresses it is only by moving into genuine partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities that more institutional and individual goodwill can be converted into change.

Prof Fredericks will present a keynote address at next week's RUN Regional Futures Conference in Rockhampton on the topic 'Beyond the Rhetoric: Engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in regional contexts'.

RUN is made up of six



Prof Bronwyn Fredericks

regional universities – CQUniversity, Federation University Australia, Southern Cross University (SCU), University of New England (UNE), University of Southern Queensland (USQ), and University of the Sunshine Coast (USC).

"Non-Indigenous people may want to go out and help address Indigenous disadvantage, but it's important to understand that some Indigenous communities may not want what is being offered," Prof Fredericks said.

"Instead of being passive receivers of help, they may want a partnership that changes the

relationships around the giving, and that will enable greater change in their economic and social situation.

"That may challenge how some people see Indigenous people, but the question non-Indigenous people should ask in the beginning is 'What does the Indigenous community want and how can we meet those needs?' Then they can form a relationship or enhance their current relationship and work together."

Prof Fredericks said that many aid agencies, institutions, and government departments had approached their relationship with Indigenous communities from the position of a service provider, rather than as a community partner in delivering services to Indigenous people.

"Changing this dynamic will result in stronger relationships that will deliver change over the long term, and will allow us to start addressing the real meaty issues affecting Indigenous communities," she said.

For more information on the Regional Futures conference, go to <http://conference.run.edu.au/>

# Garma to open with education fair



THIS year's Garma festival in Arnhem Land will open with a day-long education fair. Aimed at promoting the importance of sharing knowledge and a commitment to life-long learning, Yothu Yindi Foundation chief executive Denise Bowden described the fair as the most significant innovation to the Garma program in recent years.

Garma, one of Indigenous Australia's premier

events, will be held at Gulkula from July 29-31.

"With hundreds of students from local and interstate schools attending Garma each year, we have a wonderful opportunity to highlight the importance of a well-rounded education in reaching one's potential," Mrs Bowden said.

"Education is at the heart of everything we do, and one of the main aims of Garma is to share knowledge, to foster a greater understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."



## AbSec Aboriginal Colouring and Art Competition

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First Prize Apple Ipad mini

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# 2016 National Native Title



Selina Middleton and Helen Malo, from Fitzroy Crossing in Western Australia.



Dr Dawn Casey



Wally Stewart and Ron Nye, from the NSW Aboriginal Fishing Rights Group.



NAILSMA (North Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance) chief executive Melissa George.



Gerald Bowie and Kevi Akiba, from the Torres Strait Regional Authority, with Manuel Nomoa, of AIATSIS.



Rob Watson, Irene Darungka Jimbidie, Patrick Green and Maria (Marmingee) Hand at the conference in Darwin.



South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council deputy chair Michael Hayden with National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chairs Jackie Huggins and Rod Little.



AIATSIS staffers Rochelle Jones, Lachlan Russell, Jeana Bajic and Amy Williams.



Western Australians Frances Bung (Newman), Tamara Jones (Carnarvon) and Leonie Boddington (Geraldton).



Charles Darwin University law students Daniel Tedcastle and Mark Munnich with Geoffrey Winters, from AIATSIS.



Greg Drew, Tony Renehan, Steve Ellis, Dale Satour and Sam Hill, all from the Central Land Council.



# Conference held in Darwin



Barry Weare, from Indigenous Business Australia (IBA), Zona Moran, of NTSCorp, and John Huggins, from IBA, enjoy the conference in Darwin.



Anisha Stiffold shows some of the many designs from the Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair.

## Dangerous ideas and much more



HUNDREDS of traditional owners from across the country converged on Darwin early this month for the National Native Title Conference, jointly hosted by the Northern Territory Northern Land Council and AIATSIS.

The broad range of seminars and workshops included sessions on Indigenous fishing rights and agriculture systems, how to make economic

progress from Aboriginal land, land rights, Indigenous Land Use Agreements and land councils.

The panel sessions and keynote addresses were well-received.

The final day's program included four prominent Indigenous speakers each presenting a 'dangerous idea'.

Award-winning writer Bruce Pascoe spoke about how truth telling can be a dangerous idea in itself; artist Alison Page suggested an aggressive strategy

of reclaiming urban land; Dr Dawn Casey discussed the Indigenous land estate and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda had perhaps the most dangerous idea of all: that governments actually listen to Indigenous people.

In one of the final sessions of the conference, Professor Megan Davis, Sam Watson, Rachel Perkins and Shireen Morris talked about meaningful constitutional reform.



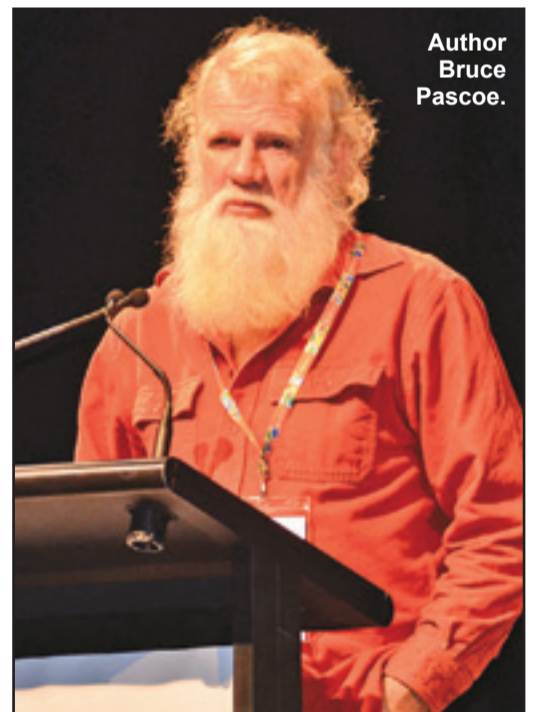
Cyril Logan and Owen Murphy, from Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations.



Barry Phyll, of NTSCorp, with Glen Morris and Robert Mumbler, from Dunghutti Elders Aboriginal Corporation.



Duck Chulung, from Miriuwung Gajerrong Aboriginal Corporation in Kununurra, and Neil Carter, from the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre.



Author Bruce Pascoe.



Tootsie Daniel, Doris Eaton and Selina Stewart, all from Western Australia's Pilbara region, attend the conference.



John Mungee, from Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation, and Reconciliation Australia chief executive Justin Mohamed.



# 2016 Queensland Reconciliation Awards



Leilani Yasso, Gary Wegert and Emma Pollock are from rail freight company Aurizon, which won the Business category award.



Representatives from the Marine Science program at James Cook University display the Education category award.



Agnes and Angelina Tapim with Randal Ross in Townsville.

## Praise for this year's winners



John Anderson and Cassandra Boyd.



Aunty Virginia Wyles.



A PROGRAM giving school principals the chance to learn from remote Indigenous communities has been a winner at this year's Queensland Reconciliation Awards. The Premier's Reconciliation Award, presented at a ceremony in Townsville, went to the partnership between Bond University and Alliance of Girls' Schools Australia.

The partnership, which has resulted in the Women Yarning Up program, sees school principals and high-profile businesswomen travel to remote Indigenous communities. The goal is to deepen understanding of the issues young Indigenous people face when they have to leave their communities to attend school.

Bond University pro vice-chancellor Catherine O'Sullivan said Women Yarning Up had resulted in "real change".

The Queensland Reconciliation Awards program is designed to recognise businesses, community organisations, educational institutions and partnerships fostering reconciliation in the state.



Aunty Estelle Bowen holds the Partnership category award for the Peninsula Priority Agreement between Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Other winners were rail freight company Aurizon (Business category), James Cook University (Education), a

program between the Department of Transport and Main Roads and Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (Partnership), and Yugambeh Museum Language and Heritage Research Centre (Community).

Awards ambassador Jonathan Thurston said all winners of the \$5000 cash prizes should be congratulated.

"I believe it's everyone's responsibility to continue to develop respectful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, to foster reconciliation, ultimately creating a community where all cultures are valued, respected and affirmed across all areas of society," he said.

The awards were supported by BHP Billiton, the Queensland Treasury Corporation, Norton Rose Fulbright and QGC. *Koori Mail* was a media partner.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Curtis Pitt, who presented the awards, said: "I'm thrilled to celebrate the important work of those community groups working to break down stereotypes, and those businesses setting a positive example by actively providing Indigenous people with employment opportunities."



Chris Halliwell, Jharal Yow Yeh and Ian Lacey at the awards.



Wilfred and Pel'e Reuben enjoy the awards night in Townsville.



# Patrick a winner at Batchelor



**PATRICK McKenzie** is well on his way to his dream future as a documentary and drama filmmaker. The Yidinji man, who calls Darwin home, just capped a big year by graduating with a Diploma in Screen and Media from Batchelor Institute.

Along the way he picked up the *Koori Mail* and TEABBA awards for his outstanding achievements in the media field.

His presentations were among the highlights at this month's Batchelor graduation, held on campus south of Darwin.

Indigenous students from around Australia received

qualifications in a range of disciplines, including health, media and arts.

Already an established community broadcaster working out of Radio Larrakia in Darwin, Mr McKenzie is now keen to branch out into filmmaking.

But before that he'll be honing his skills further – and helping other aspiring students – as a lecturer in Batchelor's screen and media course.

"I see my future in documentary and filmmaking," the 26-year-old told the *Koori Mail*.

"My focus is firmly on Indigenous people, and I've got some ideas for documentaries. Further down the track I'd also like to get into drama."



Patrick McKenzie holds his awards at the Batchelor Institute graduation ceremony.

## Kimberley liquor ban continued



THE ban on liquor in the Kimberley Aboriginal community of Wangkatjungka has been continued until April 2019.

Western Australia's Gaming Minister Colin Holt extended the ban, saying most people at the Fitzroy Valley community wanted it.

The ban, which was introduced in 2008, prohibits people from possessing and transporting liquor into the community.

The restrictions apply to an area of more than 270 hectares encompassing the whole community area.

## SA scholarship is in business



THE University of South Australia has a new scholarship scheme that aims to put up to 10 Aboriginal businesses in the state on a path to growth and success.

UniSA vice chancellor Professor David Lloyd says the scholarships will support chief executives and managing directors of Aboriginal businesses to attend the Growth Assessment Clinic offered through UniSA's Centre for Business Growth, which provides a tailored approach to learning.

Participants are given information across key areas of the business including, products and services, marketing and sales, building the organisation, financing growth and managing themselves as leaders.

For more information, or to apply for the scholarships for Aboriginal companies, write to [cbg@unisa.edu.au](mailto:cbg@unisa.edu.au)

# Crowd turns out for Mabo Day

By ALF WILSON



MORE than 300 men, women and children celebrated Mabo Day in Townsville on June 3.

It was the anniversary of the historic native title High Court win by Mer man Edward 'Koiki' Mabo in 1992, and a

day of great significance to Indigenous people around Australia.

Mr Mabo made history taking his battle for native title successfully to the High Court of Australia.

At the Townsville event, Aicey Day and Mary David were joint MCs. Guests were welcomed to country by Dorothy Savage (Bindal) and Virginia Wyles (Wulgurukaba), Aboriginal people on whose land it was held.

Pastor Elimo Tapim delivered a prayer and blessed the gathering.

### Emotional talk

Speaker Donald Whaleboat gave an emotional talk about his cousin Eddie Mabo's life.

There was traditional Torres Strait Islander dancing and later on a feast, singing and storytelling.

A cultural day on June 4 at Riverway Parklands included a barbecue and traditional games.

And on June 5 there was a combined church service.

Organisers have already started planning for next year's 25th anniversary celebrations.

Similar Mabo Day commemorations and celebrations were held at Cairns, and on Mer and other Torres Strait islands.



Tepea Sailor at the Mabo Monument in Townsville.



A section of the Mabo Day celebration audience in Townsville.

## Barkly centres powered by Sun



INDIGENOUS Business Australia (IBA) and the Manungurra Aboriginal Corporation have worked together to provide two Aboriginal communities in Northern Territory's Barkly region with solar power.

The solar panels and batteries, supplied and installed by Aboriginal-owned business Allgrid Pty Ltd, have allowed the communities of Ngurrara and Kurmturlpara to shift to a renewable power source that is 50% cheaper than diesel generators.

This change has contributed to the communities now having more residents, increasing from two permanent adults to 30-40 adults and children who are now able to live more independently on their own country.

IBA chief executive Chris Fry said the project had the potential to be used in other remote communities.

## IRCA issues wish list for election



THE Indigenous Remote Communications Association (IRCA) has issued a wish list to major political parties in the lead-up to the July 2 election.

The peak body for remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media, wants parties to commit funding for:

- a doubling of remote Indigenous media employment;
- enhancement of Indigenous organisational and service delivery capability;
- expansion of Indigenous media services to unserved areas; and
- rectification of failures in the digital switchover in remote Indigenous communities.

IRCA currently represents more than 100 remote Indigenous broadcasting services across Australia, supported by eight remote Indigenous media organisations plus other remote media producers and aspirant community groups.

From next month, IRCA will become the national peak body for Indigenous media and communications.



## WA premier has major art vision



WESTERN Australia's Premier wants Perth to have Australia's premier Aboriginal art institution.

A national Indigenous art gallery is a key part of Colin Barnett's plan to make Perth the centrepiece of a new strategy to

draw more international tourists to the city.

The premier thinks such a gallery can be opened within three to five years at the city's recently finished Elizabeth Quay precinct on the Swan River.

"What we can do here in terms of Aboriginal art and culture would be absolutely world unique. Logically, it should be here and I hope the Commonwealth contributes to it," Mr Barnett said.

## Qld apprentice numbers are up



THE number of Indigenous apprentices in Australia's construction industry has increased by more than 60% over the past decade, according to a new report from Construction Skills Queensland.

Data from the CSQ 2016 Apprentice annual report shows that in 2006 there were 2480 Indigenous apprentices undertaking training in the construction industry. Last year there were 4020 apprentices in training.

During the same period the proportion of Indigenous apprentices in the industry increased from 2.5% to 3.7%.

CSQ chief executive Brett Schimming said the industry deserved praise for supporting the Indigenous workforce.

## SA strategy to help filmmakers



THE South Australian Film Corporation says Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander filmmakers will benefit under its new Aboriginal Screen Strategy.

The strategy aims to increase investment and production,

provide professional development and mentoring for filmmakers and build industry partnerships.

It was developed by the corporation's Aboriginal screen executive, Lee-Ann Buckskin, and chief executive Annabelle Sheehan, supported by an Aboriginal advisory committee.

"The strategy is designed to grow and support the extraordinary stories and creative voices of the Aboriginal screen sector in the state, and to provide opportunities to develop skills and knowledge in filmmaking through production, professional mentoring and partnerships," Ms Sheehan said.

## Restoration for Inglebah Reserve



INGLEBAH Reserve, near Walcha, northern NSW, is undergoing major restoration work aimed at preserving Aboriginal cultural heritage.

There are also plans to establish a learning centre and a business enterprise.

Situated on the banks of the Macdonald River, Inglebah has great significance to local Aboriginal people. Fifty or more families lived there at any one time from 1893 up until the 1940s, with the last family finally leaving in 2000.

The 40ha area was acquired by the Aboriginal Land Trust in 1975 and later transferred to the Amaroo Local Aboriginal Land Council. Remains of houses, including chimneys, foundation stones, iron and bricks are visible at the site.

The Amaroo LALC is working with Northern Tablelands Local Land Services to preserve the history of Inglebah, while also developing the reserve as a place of learning and business for the Aboriginal community.

# Reconciliation at Coraki



KURRACHEE Aboriginal Cooperative chair Russell Kapeen believes the more Aboriginal and other Australians can sit down

and talk with each other, the closer reconciliation will be.

Speaking at a National Reconciliation Week morning tea jointly hosted by Kurrachee and the Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre in Coraki, northern NSW, Mr Kapeen said it was

good to see more people sitting down with each other and having a yarn.

"It's important to see the school students come too," he said.

In recent years, Coraki Primary School has been teaching all students some words in the local Bandjalang language.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion dropped in, lending a hand to Nationals Page MP Kevin Hogan on the campaign trail.

"It's great to see communities and schools studying language. It's a big part of culture and a great strength," the minister said.

● **Pictured: Kurrachee Aboriginal Cooperative chair Russell Kapeen, Page MP Kevin Hogan and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion with staff and students from Coraki Primary School during a National Reconciliation Week morning tea.**

# Palm welcomes water promise

By ALF WILSON



DEPUTY Premier Jackie Trad has committed the Queensland Government to ensuring Palm Island Aboriginal Shire has a safe and ongoing water supply.

Ms Trad made a whirlwind visit to Palm Island this month when she met Mayor Alf Lacey and Cr Deniece Geia to discuss issues affecting the community including a recent drought which left the two locals dams near empty.

"I met with Mayor Lacey about the ongoing issues related to water supply that are being experienced on the island," she said.

"The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring that Palm Island has a long-term water supply, having recently appointed consultant engineers to investigate potential groundwater opportunities.

"We will be working with the mayor and Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council in coming months to find the best solution."

Ms Trad and her entourage saw one Palm Island dam on the visit.

"The day that we visited coincided with Queensland Day, a celebration of everything great about our state, and I thoroughly enjoyed visiting students at Bwgcorman Community School to commemorate this day," she said.

They also stopped in at the Palm Island Retail Store, the Joyce Palmer Health Centre and one of the new housing estates.

"In our State Budget we have



**At Palm Island's Joyce Palmer Health centre: from left, Cr Deniece Geia, State MP Scott Stewart, Deputy Premier Jackie Trad and Mayor Alf Lacey.**

announced a significant upgrade to the health facilities on Palm Island," Ms Trad said.

"The Palm Island Primary Health Care project will deliver a stand-alone adult clinic and a maternal and child health clinic, with a social and emotional wellbeing clinic to address the unique and varied needs of the Palm Island community.

"The \$8.5 million contribution to this vital project will see that specialised health services will most effectively meet the needs of residents, from maternity care to

supporting young people."

Ms Trad said she enjoyed her visit and the opportunity to meet with locals.

Mayor Lacey said that it was great to see Ms Trad keep her promise to visit Palm.

"I spoke to her a couple of times since the Government was elected early last year and she said she would and kept her word," he said.

"She was the acting Premier the day she came. We spoke about a range of issues including water security and boosting economic opportunities here."





Torres Strait Artist Forum participants and guests.

# Artists, experts gather at forum



ARTISTS and cultural workers from across the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area have come

together to learn more about the protection of traditional Indigenous cultural intellectual property in a three-day forum hosted by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA).

Held on Thursday Island, the

forum was part of the third annual Torres Strait Arts Industry Meeting presented by the TSRA's Culture, Art and Heritage (CAH) Program. It involved more than 50 of the region's visual and performing artists and cultural leaders, as well as intellectual property law professionals.

TSRA chairperson Joseph Elu said the forum helped give communities a better understanding of Australian

intellectual property legislation and where gaps exist with traditional concepts of cultural ownership.

## "Industry"

"Since the TSRA's CAH Program was established in 2009, we have worked towards supporting our region's artists and cultural practitioners to contribute in a sustainable way towards the Torres Strait Islander arts industry," he said.

"A vital part of this is promoting an understanding of intellectual property rights within our communities, and among consumers of Indigenous Australian art and culture."

The forum featured guest presenters who are professionals in the field of intellectual property law, including representatives from the Arts Law Centre of Australia, the Australia Council for the Arts, Arts Queensland, Viscopy

Copyright Council and Indigenous cultural property rights lawyer and advocate Terri Janke.

"Ms Janke has worked for many years with Indigenous communities and peak national and international bodies to raise awareness and develop policy recommendations and protocols to protect Indigenous cultural intellectual property rights," Mr Elu said.

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Young skaters gather for a Totem Skateboarding event.

# Skateboarding seen as empowering for youth

By KEIRA JENKINS



SKATEBOARDING can be used to empower Indigenous children. That's the message from Nigel Cameron, the co-founder of Sydney-based skateboard coaching and

community events organisation Totem Skateboarding.

Mr Cameron and his brother Daniel have been running skate workshops in Sydney and regional and remote communities throughout the country.

They do 'pop-up' skate lessons around the city as well as visit schools as part of their mission to bring skateboarding to the masses.

Their message is being taken seriously among Indigenous groups, with the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy's (NASCA) and the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) working with Totem to develop programs for Indigenous kids.

Last month the skate school was involved in the NASCA Career Fit program,

where kids from remote communities come to Sydney to explore employment opportunities.

Mr Cameron said he tells youth his business is something anybody can do.

"I show them that I did it even though I'm young and I grew up in Narrandera (NSW Riverina region), which is a pretty small town, then I take them down to the local skate park," he said.

"There we give them the skills to learn to skate."

Totem also participates in NCIE's school holiday program, running skate workshops to keep kids active while they're not in classes. "Kids really seem to relate to skate and love the opportunity to try something that's a bit different and a bit hard," Mr Cameron said.

Totem Skateboarding is now undertaking an Australia-wide tour, with visits to Western Australian centres Carnarvon, Tom Price, Paraburdoo and Port Hedland next month. Arnhem Land communities are also on the program.

For more information, go to [www.totemskateboarding.com](http://www.totemskateboarding.com)

# Funds for councils



THIRTEEN local Aboriginal land councils have received a welcome boost under a new NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC)

funding program. NSWALC chair Roy Ah-See said the council's Community Fund provided for up to \$50,000 to acquire and manage land.

He said the fund aimed to ensure all 120 NSW land councils share in the wealth of the land rights network.

"Some land councils hold more valuable land holdings and others have less valuable land and development opportunities," Cr Ah-See said.

"The Community Fund ensures eligible local Aboriginal land councils can share in the wealth of those that enjoy a strong economic basis."

Amaroo LALC, one of the councils to benefit, will use its funding to launch a camp kitchen at Summervale, near Walcha. NSWALC Northern Region councillor Charles Lynch said the funding was making a difference to the Amaroo members.

"The camp kitchen will give the local Aboriginal community a great meeting place to celebrate and mourn," he said.

"The Community Fund has also provided an opportunity for Amaroo to buy a tractor to better manage land and care for our country."

Amaroo LALC chief executive Mark Davies said the opening acknowledged the contributions of late Elder Aunty Beryl Green.

"Aunty Beryl played such an important role in keeping our community strong and



NSWALC chair Roy Ah-See.

we're honoured to be able to dedicate the camp kitchen to the memory of a highly respected Elder," he said.

Mr Davies thanked NSWALC for investing in local Aboriginal land councils through the Community Fund.

"For Amaroo LALC, the Community Fund has energised us and created new possibilities for us to better meet the needs of our community," he said.

Baradine, Biraban, Dareton, Orange, Wagonga, Wellington, Anaiwan, Bega, Broken Hill, Jubullum, Trangie and Weilwan councils were also successful in securing community funding.

The fund is generated by a levy on local Aboriginal land councils. It was introduced following an amendment to the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.



## Your chance to land board role



ABORIGINAL people with an interest in land management are being encouraged to apply for board member or chair positions with NSW Local Land Services.

The term for minister-appointed local board members and chairs ends in September, and recruitment moves have now started to replace a total of 45 positions across 11 Local Land Services regions.

Executive chair of Local Land Services Tim de Mestre said a goal was to increase the representation of Aboriginal people on local service boards.

Each local region has Aboriginal liaison officers who can help with board member applications. They can be contacted by phoning 1300 795 299.

Applications close on June 20. More details at [www.lls.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au)

## Reconciliation plan for Beacon



TASMANIA-based not-for-profit organisation The Beacon Foundation has launched its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Beacon helps young people transition from school

to the workplace, working with schools, businesses and communities to maintain school retention rates, teaches life skills and prepares young people for employment.

Chief executive Scott Harris said the Beacon Foundation was "incredibly excited" to launch its first RAP.

"It's really formalising a lot of the work we have been doing and our values," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"We also hope to inspire and motivate other organisations to have a RAP."

## Darwin health service a winner



DARWIN-based Danila Dilba Health Service has been recognised in the biennial National Medicinewise Awards. Its 'Improving medicine use in the Darwin Aboriginal community' project was highly commended in the award category of 'Excellence in consumer information'.

Under the project, Danila Dilba staff have developed videos and brochures to encourage the take-up of prescribed medicines, and to improve the health of the many Indigenous people who use the service.

Danila Dilba, an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation, provides medical services across the greater Darwin region.

## Barpa now has Canberra office



ABORIGINAL-OWNED construction company Barpa has opened a new permanent office in Canberra as part of its strategy to compete for more

Federal Government tenders and raise its profile with the private sector.

Barpa's first major contract was for \$2 million to complete building works at the Puckapunyal Army base in Victoria under the Federal Government's Indigenous Procurement Policy. The company is now working across four states and territories on 13 projects.

General manager Jeremy Clark said the new Barpa office in Canberra will help the company achieve its goals.

"Having a permanent base in Canberra will ensure we are best placed to showcase our services to the Federal Government and take advantage of the potential networking opportunities with the private sector," he said.

"Our aim is to create more opportunities for Aboriginal people to participate in the mainstream economy."

# Headstone project is a serious undertaking

By KEIRA JENKINS



Brandon Harrington with his finished headstone project.



WANTING to give back to their families, beautify gravesides and to simply give those without proper headstones identification. These are the reasons

Indigenous people from the NSW north coast are working on a new TAFE course to design and create headstones for graves.

The course is run from TAFE's Lismore campus, through the Burabi Aboriginal Corporation.

Participant Judith Currie said that as well as her headstone project, she's been doing some research into family history.

"For some of my family members, I can't find the dates of their births or deaths. I found my pop but I can't find my aunty or uncle," she told the *Koori Mail*. "I was told they might not have been registered and that's why I can't find out the day they died."

"They said to just put the information I do know on the headstone, but I don't want to do that. I want it to be proper."

### Motivated

Ms Currie said she was also motivated to do the course because of the cost of funerals.

"The cost of a headstone is way over the top. But this work is also something that has come from us," she said.

"This is something we can do for our people and a thank you for our grandmothers and our mothers for what they did for us."

"We're doing for them what they couldn't do for our families."

Ballina-based Laura Duncan said she has enjoyed doing the 'great project' of making a headstone for her aunt who died as a baby.

"It actually fell into our laps. We heard in the community that the TAFE was doing a course for Aboriginal people," she said.

"This just happened to be the project they were doing. There are so many families and so many graves that don't have headstones."

"A lot of people don't have names and weren't identified, so it's excellent we can do this."

Ms Duncan said the process of creating a headstone is hard physically and emotionally.

"It gets a bit emotional at times. Now I've lost my grandmother, I feel like it's even more important to do this," she said.

"It's a real privilege to do this for my grandmother, for the loss of her little girl who was one of 12 kids."

# Commissioner silent on death



WESTERN Australian Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan has refused to comment on claims the wrong man has been locked up for killing Joshua Warneke, following the

notorious botched investigation. Aboriginal man Gene Gibson, 25, is serving seven-and-a-half years in jail for fatally striking Mr Warneke with a pole from behind as the 21-year-old was walking home in the Kimberley town of Broome following a night out in February 2010.

A series of police failings during Gibson's interview more than two years

after the attack forced prosecutors to drop the murder charge against him and accept a guilty plea to manslaughter.

Advocates for Gibson, who is from the desert community of Kiwirrkurra, continue to claim he was wrongfully convicted because he never understood what was happening.

### "Working closely"

"We've been working closely with lawyers and we understand there is an appeal pending so I'm not in a position to make any further comment about those details," Mr O'Callaghan said

The commissioner said for the same legal reason he also declined to

participate in a *60 Minutes* television story about the case.

In the fallout from the botched investigation, two police faced disciplinary charges and were fined after pleading guilty, while nine other officers received 'managerial interventions'.

The WA Corruption and Crime Commission delivered its own report on the case to State Parliament last November, concluding that the flawed police interviews had exposed systemic failures in the force.

Police announced in January changes to how they handle similar cases, including providing Aboriginal suspects or witnesses with an interpreter. — AAP





Former Dubbo city councillors and staff inspect one of the new street signs in both Wiradjuri and English. Inset: a new street sign.



PEOPLE in Dubbo, central-western NSW, now have translations for the Aboriginal names for streets, after the former council initiated a program with signs in both English and Wiradjuri.

Former Dubbo City councillor (Dubbo was one of the NSW councils forced into amalgamation) Rod Towney, a Wiradjuri man, said 18 local street signs with dual names had been erected.

"We've also got gateway signs into Dubbo, welcoming visitors in Wiradjuri," he said. "We're trying to saturate Dubbo with Wiradjuri history and language, which

## Dubbo signs off on street translations

has been gladly accepted by the Dubbo community.

"The council and councillors have been very receptive about Aboriginal issues and people are embracing our ideas.

"People need to be aware that the Wiradjuri still exist; that this is still our country. Wiradjuri is still alive and well. We're speaking and teaching language.

"Also, you get a lot of tourists coming

to town wanting to know what certain words mean. I often get people calling me, wanting a Wiradjuri name for a property, so we want to try and keep the language up there so the whole community can embrace our culture."

Mr Towney said that while Wollongong, on the NSW south coast, has some Aboriginal place names along the highway, he wasn't aware of any other NSW council that had a dual naming program.

"My call is for other councils to work with Aboriginal people. If we can do it in Dubbo, people can do it elsewhere as well," he said.

## Badu shoppers get lowdown on water



BOTTLED water may become the favourite drink on Badu Island in the Torres Strait after an Island & Cape retail trainee lifted the lid on how much sugar is in soft drinks.

Island & Cape retail enterprises general manager operations Kim Reynolds said employee Sineva Ahmat had to conduct a sales presentation as part of her Certificate III in Retail course and decided to set up a display to show people how much sugar was in the drinks and snacks they give their kids.

"Her promotional item was water, which she explained was the best choice as it has no sugar," Ms Reynolds said.

"Sineva downloaded an app on the store's tablet so customers could scan the items they were buying to find out how many teaspoons of sugar it contained.

"The best outcome was that



Island & Cape employees with bottled water on Badu Island.

many people were walking to the water fridge."

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

The boards of ALPA and I&C say they share a vision of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people coming together across the far north of Australia in business.

For more information, visit [www.islandcaperetail.com.au](http://www.islandcaperetail.com.au)

# Spotlight on development



EFFORTS to tackle disadvantage and promote economic

independence in Aboriginal communities will likely fail without strong oversight, NSW's acting Ombudsman says.

In a special report tabled in State Parliament this month, acting Ombudsman John McMillan says a robust and flexible framework, and the appointment of a suitable oversight body, are critical to ensure the success of government efforts to foster economic development for Aboriginal people in NSW.

It comes as the State Government develops its Aboriginal Economic Prosperity Framework for NSW.

Professor McMillan warns the strategy's success will hinge on whether there's a strong

and Aboriginal leaders," he said.

The report argues that simply increasing job opportunities will not be enough, with significant obstacles impeding Aboriginal economic development.

"Those barriers include poor educational attainment, comparatively high rates of incarceration, financial exclusion and low rates of home ownership," Prof McMillan says.

"It is also important to encourage wealth creation and to assist people to turn their lives around."

This can be achieved by support to obtain finance, pay off debts, or participate in small business enterprises, Prof McMillan says. — AAP

**"It is also important to encourage wealth creation and to assist people to turn their lives around."**

body to implement it.

"This could be a totally new entity, or an existing one, as long as it has the skills, experience and clout to drive the implementation in partnership with the business community



## RMIT scholarship aimed at entrepreneurs



RMIT University is offering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander entrepreneurs the chance to start their own business through a new scholarship. The Indigenous Business Creation Scholarship will provide students with free training in the nationally accredited Certificate IV in Small Business Management course at RMIT.

RMIT says it is for Indigenous entrepreneurs who are ready to start their

own business, and offers the chance to gain training, mentoring, business advice and support as well as a living allowance while participating in the program.

While completing the six-month program, participants will also be encouraged to apply for seed funding from the university's New Enterprise Investment Fund or other funding, to help them find the capital to start up their business.

School of Vocational Business Education head Graham Airey said the scholarship

was part of RMIT's "rich transformative experience for students".

"The university recently launched its Reconciliation Action Plan committing to improving the levels of access, participation and outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and these scholarships are part of this ongoing commitment," he said.

Stacey Campton, senior manager of RMIT's Ngarara Willim Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, said the

university had a long history of engaging with Indigenous Australian perspectives.

"RMIT University set up the Koorie Education Unit in 1992, the Indigenous Access Scheme in 2006, and developed the Indigenous specialisation for all undergraduate students in 2009," she said.

"The Indigenous Business Creation Scholarship has been created in close cooperation with the Ngarara Willim Centre, so that the students can receive customised support."

## Stephanie finds course delivers



WHEN Stephanie Archibald had her two children, it wasn't only

kids that arrived.

So too did a burning desire in the Aboriginal mother to become a midwife like those who helped with her precious deliveries.

That's why she switched from the science degree she was undertaking to a Bachelor of Midwifery course at Australian Catholic University.

Ms Archibald says it was the right move.

"Knowing what I know now about our degree, the midwives probably didn't do anything outside of their job description, but at the time it felt like they had, and it made me want to be that sort of person for someone else," she said.

The second-year student wants to provide quality, culturally appropriate health care to Indigenous women, which she hopes will empower them to find their voice.

"I had never been super academic, and when I was studying my science degree I was barely passing, but since coming to ACU I have had a distinction average," she said.

"Everyone at ACU has been really supportive and I now know that I can do a lot more than I thought I could.

"At the end of last year I started thinking about creating an event for midwifery students where Elders could talk about experiences of traditional birth, especially as we were doing rural placements and some of us were going to be supporting Indigenous women.

"I thought it could help students understand a little bit more about what birthing in the Indigenous community means."



Australian Catholic University midwifery student Stephanie Archibald: "Knowing what I know now about our degree, the midwives probably didn't do anything outside of their job description, but at the time it felt like they had, and it made me want to be that sort of person for someone else."

With advice and support from the Weemala Indigenous Higher Education Unit at ACU's Brisbane campus, Ms Archibald established the 'Birthing on Country' forum, hosted by the McAuley Midwifery Society

earlier this year.

More than 40 turned out for the forum, and Ms Archibald says the experience was so positive, she is discussing the possibility of holding a similar event on ACU's Melbourne campus.

## Our kids unlock learning potential



FOLLOWING this year's NRL State of Origin series first game, Queensland rugby league star Johnathan Thurston

advised students from Cape York to prioritise their education.

But do Aboriginal and Westernised children differ when it comes to collaboration, imitation and learning?

The University of Queensland School of Psychology's Associate Professor Mark Nielsen has been researching just that.

And he's found they do.

"There is a structured, guided approach to Westernised learning," Dr Nielsen said.

"When placed in a situation featuring a teaching act by an adult, Westernised students expect to be told what to do, including the roles and responsibilities they need to take on.

"This is less common in many Indigenous upbringings, where collaboration among peers is more normative in regards to learning.

"Observation and trial-and-error are more commonly found in those environments, as compared to formal, institutionalised teaching and demonstrating."

### Researchers

The study was undertaken with UQ School of Languages and Cultures' Associate Professor Ilana Mushin, and researchers from South Africa and Scotland.

Two groups of children aged between three and five – one in a remote part of the Northern Territory and another in Brisbane – were observed as they attempted to unlock two different boxes

and retrieve a toy inside.

One box was opaque, obscuring the internal machinations, while the other was transparent.

An adult instructor first showed how the box could be unlocked, but incorporated a number of meaningless actions to see whether the children would imitate these movements.

"When the box was transparent, and the mechanisms needed to open the box were obvious, both groups of children behaved similarly, copying all of the actions shown to them, but did not collaborate much," Dr Nielsen said.

### "Big difference"

"But when confronted with the opaque box, suddenly there was a big difference in the groups.

"The Westernised children continued to collaborate at low levels, tending to allow an individual to explore outcomes alone.

"Typically one child would act on the apparatus from start to finish and receive little suggestion from other children about what should be done.

"In contrast, those from the Northern Territory collaborated, acted on different parts of the box at the same time, pointed at different parts of the box, and offered directions about what to do."

Dr Nielsen said that working together to explore solutions could provide new insights and successful methods that were unconventional.

When applied to the sporting arena, Dr Nielsen said such an upbringing could "result in a tactical edge and the expression of astonishing skills often associated with Indigenous athletes".

The study has been published in the journal *Child Development*.



# Larrakia Elder gets CDU role



AN Elder recognised internationally as a community communicator, healer and teacher is Charles Darwin University's first Larrakia academic-in-residence.

Bilawara Lee has more than 30 years' experience in the areas of education and health and is an internationally published author.

CDU pro vice-chancellor, Indigenous leadership Professor Steve Larkin said the position recognises the importance and respect given to the custodians of knowledge in Indigenous societies and demonstrates the commitment to Indigenous knowledge in CDU's learning, teaching and research.

"The Larrakia academic-in-residence will be responsible for providing a range of culturally informed guidance, direction and support to CDU's Indigenous and non-Indigenous

students, staff and stakeholders," Prof Larkin said.

He said the position was part of a range of commitments at CDU to acknowledge the Larrakia people as the traditional owners of the land on which Casuarina campus, the headquarters of CDU, stands.

"CDU acknowledges the Larrakia people on both the Casuarina and Palmerston campuses through a range of material and symbolic signage, cultural representation and ceremony," Prof Larkin said.

### "Respected"

"The Larrakia academic-in-residence role is one that is highly respected and brings with it immense cultural knowledge, wisdom and responsibilities."

Ms Lee said she is looking forward to working with CDU to further build a sense of community and belonging for Indigenous and other CDU students and staff.

"I am honoured to have been selected for the position, which recognises the important roles and responsibilities that custodians of country have within Indigenous societies," she said.

"I will be working with the support of the Larrakia people and the broader Indigenous community to provide advice on cultural practices and protocols and share Larrakia culture, lore and language. I look forward to the opportunity to be a mentor to staff and students of CDU."

The position is part of a memorandum of understanding signed to strengthen the relationship between CDU and the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation and the Larrakia Development Corporation.

The agreement outlines the university's formal acknowledgement and recognition of the Larrakia people and its commitment to the ongoing development and strengthening of the relationship between all parties.



Darwin-based Charles Darwin University's first Larrakia academic-in-residence Bilawara Lee.



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# Sarra heads for Canberra



INDIGENOUS educator, former school principal and founder of the Stronger Smarter Institute Chris Sarra has joined the University of Canberra as a professor of education.

In his role, Professor Sarra will teach and research in areas such as school leadership, Indigenous education, and educational equity in East Asia and Australia, working closely with Centenary Professor Moosung Lee.

He will also work with the university's Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis (IGPA) on education and social policy research, and will develop and teach an online masters unit on educational leadership.

"Indigenous education is at an exciting stage. Expectations of Indigenous people have changed, and I'd like to think that the stronger smarter philosophy has played a part in that," Prof Sarra said.

"I'm looking forward to bringing the work I have done over the past



**Professor Chris Sarra**

10 years as the founder of the Stronger Smarter Institute to the University of Canberra and building on it, including designing innovative new Indigenous policy.

UC dean of the Faculty of Education, Science, Technology and Mathematics (ESTeM) Professor Geoffrey Riordan welcomed the appointment.

"Prof Sarra brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the university, not only in Indigenous education but in education more broadly," he said.

"His work through the Stronger Smarter Institute to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students is inspiring, and I look forward to working with him."

Prof Sarra grew up in Bundaberg, Queensland, and is the youngest of 10 children. He became the first Aboriginal principal of Cherbourg State School in south-east Queensland, in 1998. There, he worked to improve the education and lives of its students through a 'strong and smart' philosophy, which encourages students to have a positive sense of cultural identity and embrace positive community leadership.

He founded the Stronger Smarter Institute in 2005, which works with schools and community leaders across Australia to deliver the stronger smarter approach to Indigenous students.



**Registered nurse Darren Hartnett, a Kamilaroi man, has received the Australian Medical Association Indigenous People's Scholarship.**

## Scholarship 'makes big difference'



REGISTERED nurse Darren Hartnett has received the Australian Medical Association Indigenous People's Scholarship, which he says will help him

concentrate on the next step in his career – a Bachelor of Medicine course.

The scholarship, for \$10,000 for each year of study, was presented to the Kamilaroi father of two at the recent AMA National Conference in Canberra.

"It means a lot to me and it couldn't have come at a better time. I'm the only income earner in my house at the moment so I've had to juggle casual work with study," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's made all the difference. My wife is looking for a job now, but we've got our kids to look after. It's helped me concentrate better on my study."

Mr Hartnett first applied to study medicine in 2008, but did not begin his degree until his wife encouraged him to re-apply three years ago. "I started seriously thinking about doing medicine about 10 years ago, but there were a few things going on with family that prevented me from doing the degree then," he said.

"My mother passed away and dad was diagnosed with cancer, so it was all put on the back burner.

"When I originally got in I knew I couldn't concentrate on it. I was helping my sister look after dad."

Mr Hartnett was involved in an 'Operation Open Heart' trip to Burma in 2010, and was inspired to further his studies so he could help Indigenous communities in Australia.

"We were treating indigenous people over there and people who couldn't afford to pay for the surgeries, and it made me question why we weren't doing this in our own backyard," he said.

"It was not just the patients we were helping; we were teaching the indigenous health workers there a few things too.

"It was sad to leave at the end. It was hard but I decided I wanted to go back home and do something to help people."

Mr Hartnett, now in his third year at the University of Newcastle, said he knows he's got a long way to go before he can reach his goal.

But with the support of his family and the university's Wollotuka Institute, which he said is like a second family to him, Mr Hartnett believes he will get there.

## Emily is the top student



**Merv Donovan, from TAFE NSW, with student of the year Emily Nye.**



NOWRA resident Emily Nye's determination to succeed in the events industry has led to her being named TAFE Illawarra's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year.

The 26-year-old said her passion for events was inspired by her late mother.

"My mum ran the local Carols in the Park for years and was a member of the Rotary club where she was regularly running

fundraising events," Ms Nye said. "I was always helping her out and I loved it. I decided events was an area I wanted to expand my skills in, so I enrolled in the Certificate III in Events at Nowra campus.

"While I was studying, I was also running my mum's mobile coffee business which I took ownership of after she passed away."

Ms Nye plans to keep the coffee business running, but her big dream is to run her own

business. "My ultimate goal is to own and operate an events company that covers weddings, conferences and community events," she said.

On her experience with TAFE Illawarra, Ms Nye said there's so much to enjoy about it.

"I loved working the events as part of my course, the friends I made and my teachers, who are just so supportive," she said.

Ms Nye is now continuing her studies with the Diploma in Events at TAFE Illawarra Nowra.



# 75 vie for Telstras



SEVENTY-FIVE artists have been selected as finalists for this year's Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award (NATSIAA). The judging panel, which included artist Vernon Ah Kee, Museum Victoria curator Kimberley Moulton, and Don Whyte, chose the 75 from a total of 244 entries, saying they were impressed by the quality and diversity of this year's entries.

"We were provided with the breadth of what's happening across Australia, and the representation of country, culture, identity and politics is strong," Ms Moulton said.

This year's NATSIAA winners will be named on August 5 at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT).

The gallery's curator of Aboriginal art and material culture, Luke Scholes, praised the finalists.

"(The judges) have brought together a wonderfully eclectic assembly of finalists whose work will gather to create a spectacular exhibition to celebrate the

MAGNT and Telstra partnership," he said.

"We are extremely grateful for the support this prestigious award continues to receive from artists and art centres Australia-wide."

The categories and prizemoney for the 33rd NATSIAA are:

- Telstra Art Award – \$50,000
- Telstra General Painting Award – \$5000
- Telstra Bark Painting Award – \$5000
- Telstra Work on Paper Award – \$5000
- Wandjuk Marika 3D Memorial Award – \$5000
- Telstra Youth Award – \$5000.

This year's finalists are: Alec Baker, Andrew Snelgar, Anwar Young, Baluka Maymuru, Barayuwa Mununggurr, Barbara Mbitjana Moore, Beryl Jimmy, Betty Kuntiwa Pumani, Beyula Putungka Napanangka, Bianca Beetson, Brendan Kennedy, David Frank, Eunice Napanangka Jack, Eunice Porter, Georgia MacGuire, Glen (Kei Kalak) Mackie, Graham Badari, Gunybi Ganambarr, Guykuda Mununggurr, Harold Joseph Thomas (Bundoo), Isaac Chereh,

Ishmael Marika, Jack Green, James Tylor, Janine McAullay Bott, Jennifer Herd, John Mawurdjul, Kathleen Injiki Tjapalyi, Kaylene Whiskey, Kent Morris, Kieren Karritpul, Lena Yarinkura, Lenie Namatjira, Lisa Waup, Louise Daniels, Maath Maralngurra, Margaret Poulsen, Matjangka Nyukana Norris, Melanie Evans, Mumu Mike Williams, Muntaji Brumby, Naomi Hobson, Natalie Puantulura, Ngarralja Tommy May, Nici Cumpston, Nicole Monks, Nyapanyapa Yunupingu, Penny Evans, Pepai Jangala Carroll, Peter Waples-Crowe, Rachael Mipantjiti Lionel, Ray James Tjangala, Regina Pilawuk Wilson, Robert Pau, Ryan Presley, Seymour Wulida, Shirley MacNamara, Shirley Purdie, Simon Hogan, Spinifex Men's Collaborative, Steaphan Paton, Stewart Hoosan, Ted Laxton (Pitcha Makin Fellas), Teresa Baker and Clarise Tunkin, Tiger Yaltangki, Tjanpi Desert Weavers, Tony Albert, Vincent Namatjira, Watarru Collaborative, Wawiriya Burton, William Nyaparu Gardiner, Winnie Sampi, Witjiti George, Wukun Wanambi, Yaritji Young and Yinarupa Nangala.



Victorian artist Steaphan Paton, from Mildura, is a finalist for this year's Telstra General Painting Award.

# Art has been his saviour

By JILLIAN MUNDY



JOSH Muir's artworks are hard to miss, not only because of his bright, bold and vibrant digital pop-art style, but they seem to be everywhere, and in some instances they're gigantic.

Doors opened suddenly for the 24-year-old Yorta Yorta/Gunditjmara/Barkindji man from Ballarat, but it hasn't all been smooth sailing and he attributes art and culture as his saviour.

Last August, Muir collected the Youth Award of the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards in Darwin, returning to Victoria days later to open *Phoenix*, his first solo exhibition.

"That's when I broke through, as a commercial gallery artist and a lot of people took a lot of interest in what I was doing," he said.

Off the back of *Phoenix*, Muir was offered a major commission in Melbourne's 2016 White Night festival, a 'surreal arts' event that transforms the city for one night only.

Muir's animated projection *Still Here* was the biggest in the festival, adorning the facade of the National Victorian Gallery, telling the story of his people before and since invasion.

It's a history he's passionate about and keen to share.

Weeks later, his 5m tall sculpture of William Buckley, an escaped convict who was adopted into the Waddawurrung people (Great Ocean Road area), took centre stage at the Lorne Sculpture Biennial.

"Buckley became a part of their culture and didn't try to make them a part of his culture. He was an example of how white people could have lived in harmony with Aboriginal people," Muir said.

"Imagine if every non-Aboriginal person in Australia had taken the same approach as William?"



Multimedia artist Josh Muir says his painting *Space Dream* is about transcending between the space in his mind and the outside world.

Muir draws comparisons between his own life and Buckley's, of a time he broke away from his family and community, struggling with mental health issues and homelessness.

For Muir, his saviour was his culture and the arts community.

"My creative outlets have saved my life. It's something I take really seriously," says the multimedia artist of his struggles

with mental health issues.

Muir admits his rapid recognition was not easy at times; working all night to meet his commitments, and for a time success went to his head.

"It messed with me a bit. It got to me. I was pumped up with compliments," he says

"Next time, hopefully, I'm better prepared for it. I've got a name to live up to now."

Muir has also been a finalist in this year's Victorian Young Achiever Award; moved to Melbourne to take up a 12-month residency at the Victorian College of Arts through the Hutchinson Fellowship; opened his second solo exhibition, *Still Here/Murrunghurk*; completed a projection project ready for NAIDOC; and is working on an exhibition for later in the year.

*Still Here/Murrunghurk*, a collection of 24 digital images on metal, draws together the stories from his *White Night* projection and the story of Buckley.

It is at the Mars Gallery in Windsor, Melbourne until June 25.

His series *Integrity, Loyalty, Respect* will be projected from 6pm to 9pm on the clock tower at the Kingston City Hall, Moorabbin from July 3 until August 2.



# Author takes bronze medal for book about reef and rainforest



ARTIST and author Munganbana Norman Miller has received a bronze medal for his book *Reef and Rainforest: an Aboriginal Voice Through Art and Story* at the Independent Publisher Book Awards in the US city of Chicago.

The Jirrbal, Bar-Barrum and Yidinji man travelled to Chicago with his wife and a representative from Adelaide-based RenBro Publishing to receive the award.

His book, about the reef and rainforest in far north Queensland, won the medal in the Multicultural

Non-fiction Adult category. There were entries from around the world. Mr Miller said he hoped the book would act as an education tool, and also inspire people around the world.

"I see it in schools, inspiring and educating young ones not just to read it but to tell their own stories," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"The book is really about my own journey and the stories I've painted over a number of years.

"If a Murri from far north Queensland like me can do it, so many people can do it too.

"It's about the time around campfires and being with family. My beautiful wife Barbara and my son

have been very supportive."

In fact, Mr Miller has dedicated the book to his parents as well as his wife, who he says co-authored it and acted as an editor.

"The book is a history of the reef and rainforest. I see myself as a kind of Aboriginal ambassador for tourism in Australia," he said.

"This has been a great opportunity to showcase the book but also to stand proud as an Aboriginal person.

"There were entrants from all around the world so it was a chance for me to raise awareness of the bigger picture and let people know they should visit far north Queensland."



Munganbana Norman Miller with his award.



Michael Riley portrait photographs in the State Library of NSW exhibition: left, Michael and Jacko French, 1990, and, right, Moree women (Mehi Crescent Mission, Moree).



A photograph of Grace (Connolly) and family at her home in Airds, 2015, by Jagath Dheerasekar.

# Michael Riley portraits at State Library of NSW



A RANGE of black and white portraits taken in a makeshift outdoor studio in country NSW by the late Michael Riley, one of Australia's leading Indigenous artists, is now on display at the State Library of NSW.

*A Common Place: Portraits of Moree Murries 1990* features 15 portraits of friends, family and community members who chose to be photographed by Riley (1960-2004) when he returned to his home town of Moree in 1990.



Riley used a plain backdrop set up against a tree where people from two Moree missions would sit and pose however they

wanted for his portraits. NSW State Librarian Alex Byrne welcomed the exhibition. "The State Library is

passionate about documenting the voices, stories and experiences of Indigenous peoples and communities of NSW for current and future generations, and I'm thrilled these dramatic portraits by Michael Riley are now part of the library's rich collections," he said.

The State Library has also acquired a series of images and oral histories of Aboriginal families living in south-west Sydney by award-winning photographer Jagath Dheerasekara. These are also currently on display.



MORE than 50,000 people are expected to see this year's Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF),

from July 14-17. The event starts with the opening night party, featuring a preview of the curated art exhibition *Cultural Bliss* as well as performances by Buddy Knox, Roger Knox and Vic Simms. There will also be a show by Pormpuraaw people including their 8m long ghost net crocodile as the centerpiece.

Curator Hetti Perkins will host more than 35 national and international experts under the CIAF Collectors and Curators Program. Representatives from private collections, major art galleries

and institutions from Australia and around the world will have the opportunity to meet local artists and view and buy their work.

There will be an extra fashion showcase performance after last year's sell-out, and an expansion of the CIAF Art Market for non-curated artists wanting to exhibit and sell their work at the fair.

Organisers say CIAF offers an exclusive opportunity to experience the traditions of Indigenous communities from Queensland in a true celebration of culture, art, fashion, music and performance.

It will be held at the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal.

More details available at [ciaf.com.au/](http://ciaf.com.au/)

## Lasting Impression at CDU



AN exhibition featuring the works of 50 Yolngu artists from a print studio in a remote corner of Arnhem Land is on display until July 15 in the Charles Darwin

University (CDU) Art Gallery.

CDU Art Collection and Art Gallery curator Joanna Barrkman said *Balnhdhurr – A Lasting Impression* celebrates more than 20 years of print production at the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre in Yirrkala.

"*Balnhdhurr* will be a vibrant acknowledgement of the creative

energies, talent and commitment of Yolngu artists who have used and pushed the boundaries of printmaking," she said. "It showcases the Yolngu respect for clan and country, with many prints relating to the creation stories and law as passed on by ancestors."

The exhibition will run until July 15 and feature 100 works of art.

*Balnhdhurr – A Lasting Impression* is supported by the Northern Territory Government and the Australia Council for the Arts. More about the exhibition can be found online at [cdu.edu.au/artcollection-gallery/](http://cdu.edu.au/artcollection-gallery/)

## Time for Gab Titui Award



NEW works by artists from 15 communities throughout the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area

will be on show at the official opening of the 2016 *Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award* tomorrow (June 16). Started in 2008, the award is designed to highlight authentic art and craft work created locally.

The exhibition, at the Gab Titui Centre on Thursday Island, shines a light on established and emerging artists from across the region.

The award has attracted significant attention from buyers, including major national collecting institutions and private collectors, with most works being sold on the opening night.

This year's guest judge is curator of Indigenous

Australian art at the Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art Bruce McLean. He will be joined by local cultural advisors Gabriel Bani and Elsa Day.

The award opening celebrations will include traditional dance performances by Naygayiw Gigi Bamaga and the Seisia Saibailgal Dance Team.

More information on (07) 4069 0888.



# Authors get black&write! fellowships



A STORY about family resilience and survival and an historical tale with a science-fiction twist are the winners of this

year's black&write! Indigenous Writing Fellowships.

Each year, two Indigenous Writing Fellowships are awarded through State Library of Queensland's (SLQ) black&write! project. This year's winners are *Terra Nullius*, by Claire Coleman, and *Clear Water White Death*, by Dylan Coleman.

Ms Coleman, a Noongar woman from Western Australia, wrote *Terra Nullius* while travelling Australia in a caravan.

"For six months I wrote it in a fever, doing 2000 to 5000 words a day," she said.

"When I started the book I didn't know if I could write it or tell the story I wanted to.

"I wrote the novel to provoke empathy. I wanted to change people's minds and help them understand, so that people sitting

on the fence will fall off it."

Although *Terra Nullius* is historical fiction set in southern Western Australia, it explores the realities of Aboriginal lives and a cry for understanding, with a sci-fi twist which Ms Coleman won't reveal until her manuscript is published.

Dr Coleman, a Kokatha-Greek woman from Thevenard, South Australia, said *Clear Water White Death* is a tribute to her father.

"I'm tremendously grateful for the opportunity to work with the black&write! team to have my family's story heard," she said.

"My journey as a writer hasn't just been about my writing, but also about finding a safe place for healing to happen."

*Clear Water White Death* centres around a Greek-Aboriginal family living on the far west coast of South Australia, and touches on the complex stages of loss, grief and mental illness which affect family and community.

State Librarian Sonia Cooper said the fellowship winners would

work with SLQ's black&write! team which aims to furthering the careers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander authors.

"Our fellows will receive dedicated collaborative support from the black&write! editorial team to develop their manuscripts, as well as \$10,000 in prizemoney and a publishing opportunity with Hachette Australia," she said.

The black&write! judges also gave four highly commended awards this year. They were to:

- Jeanine Leane (ACT) for *Piece of Australia*;
- Waverley Stanley Jnr (Qld) for *The Adventures of Waverley Stanley Jnr's Life*;
- Boyd Quakawoot (Qld) for *The Song of Jessica Perkins*; and
- Ashleigh Johnstone (NSW) for *Descend*.

Visit [slq.qld.gov.au](http://slq.qld.gov.au) for more information on the black&write! Indigenous Writing and Editing project and other works produced by the team.

Entries for the 2017 Writing Fellowships open late this year.



Queensland Science Minister Leanne Enoch, centre, with black&write! fellowship recipients Claire Coleman, left, and Dr Dylan Coleman. Picture Jen Dainer, courtesy State Library of Qld.

## Chance to play at NIMAs



FOR the fifth year in a row, triple j Unearthed is teaming up with the National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMA) to give an independent, unsigned Indigenous act the chance to play at the 2016 NIMAs.

The winner will follow in the footsteps of previous Unearthed NIMA winners Philly and Thelma Plum by performing at the awards ceremony on August 6.

The winner's prize is a big one. It includes performing at the NIMAs and a \$500 fee, travel and accommodation, plus airplay on triple j.

To be in the running, artists must upload their songs to triple j Unearthed by Sunday, July 3, with the Unearthed NIMAs winner being announced on July 7, as part of NAIDOC celebrations.

More details are available at [www.triplejunearthed.com/competition/](http://www.triplejunearthed.com/competition/)



Maurial Spearim

## BlaaQ Catt is a lucky break for inspired Maurial

By KEIRA JENKINS



MAURIAL Spearim's first major work, *BlaaQ Catt*, has just finished its first sold-out season as

part of Next Wave Festival in Melbourne.

The Gamilaraay, Kooma and Mururwari woman wrote, produced and is performing in the one-woman show.

*BlaaQ Catt* follows 'Ruby', an Aboriginal woman across time, exploring the theme of intergenerational trauma.

Ms Spearim, a graduate of the Victorian College of the Arts, has been working professionally in the industry since 2010 in theatre and on screen including *Wentworth*, ABC's *Secret River* and *Redfern Now*, and NITV's *Move It Mob Style*.

The Green Room Award nominee said her inspiration for *BlaaQ Catt* was the lack of stories told about Indigenous people.

"My inspiration is our people. Our stories are often not told or seen, at least not truthfully or beyond a stereotype," she said.

"I also wanted to highlight the strengths of our people through this story."

The former Victorian Miss NAIDOC, who says she has been

immersed in her Gamilaraay traditional song and dance since she was a young child, was drawn to acting "because it is essentially another form of storytelling, the same way people have been passing on stories for over 60,000 years".

"It's how we communicate as Aboriginal people. It's innate and we all have it, that ability to tell stories through song and dance," she said.

*BlaaQ Catt* covers colonisation to present day, exploring many stories within one story told by 'Ruby' through song, dance and animation.

"I want to say a big thank you to everyone who came along and supported *BlaaQ Catt*," Ms Spearim said.

"Thank you to my family – this was a family affair – to my friends and my creative team who helped me to make my dreams come to life."

Ms Spearim will perform a second season at La Mama Court House as part of the Melbourne Fringe Festival from September 21.

She will also be in Elbow Room's *We Get It* at the Brisbane Power House from today (June 15).

For more information or to buy tickets, visit [www.brisbanepowerhouse.org/events](http://www.brisbanepowerhouse.org/events)



## Active campaign aimed at stopping passive smoking



A CAMPAIGN seeking 'champions' to stand together and tackle smoking in the community has been recognised statewide through the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO).

Goolum Goolum Cooperative launched the 'Spot the Difference' campaign in March, aiming to raise awareness of the dangers of passive smoking, where other people's smoke is inhaled.

The campaign is focused around smoking in homes and raising awareness of the effects of passive smoking on children.

As part of the push, visual scenarios depicting the difference between a smoke-filled house and a smoke-free home are used to show the impact smoking can have on a family.

Goolum Goolum health promotion coordinator Dean O'Loughlin said the campaign aims to tackle the issue of smoking from a "less aggressive" standpoint.

"Smoking, we know, is a big problem in our communities. We felt the 'butt it out' and 'quit smoking' campaigns of the past were not how we needed to do it," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"We wanted to look at protecting the kids and empowering families and letting them know smoking doesn't have to be part of the landscape they grow up in."

The images can be seen on local buses, banners and feature on the Goolum Goolum smoking pledge, developed for all community members, not just Indigenous people.

Mr O'Loughlin said the pledge encourages people to stop smoking around the home.

"The pledge is about having a smoke-free home and smoke-free car.



Retired star footballer Adam Goodes shows the Goolum Goolum smoking pledge.

It's about not smoking in front of kids and encouraging other people not to smoke around kids as well as removing children from areas where people are smoking," he said. "You can choose to do all or one or some of these things as part of your pledge."

Mr O'Loughlin said more than 100 people had already taken the pledge. "It's taken off significantly, and VACCHO wants to take it statewide," he said. "I think using technology, because the pledge is on our website, has helped it take off."

## Congress set to target smoking



THE Central Australian Aboriginal Congress has used World No Tobacco Day to highlight its efforts to stamp out smoking.

The Alice Springs-based organisation is stepping up its anti-tobacco campaign after its smoking cessation support program was refunded.

A goal now is to employ local community-based tobacco action workers to highlight the dangers of smoking and tobacco.

Congress chief executive Donna Ah Chee said smoking was a real concern.

"We already know that a person's health outcomes and health choices are closely linked to their socioeconomic conditions, and unfortunately Aboriginal people in remote Australia remain as some of the most disadvantaged people in the nation," she said.

"As expected, but not accepted, Congress has found that around 48% of all Aboriginal people accessing Congress services in Alice Springs and surrounding communities are current smokers."

Ms Ah Chee said there was also deep concern over the number of women smoking while pregnant.

She said that despite some improvements, "the high prevalence of smoking still poses a significant threat to efforts to improve the health equality of Aboriginal people".

### Right choices

Ms Ah Chee warned that sustainable prevention requires longer-term investment to help people make the appropriate choices for their health and wellbeing.

"Congress will continue to call for public health taxes, smoke-free workplaces, public spaces, community events, homes and cars, as well as sustained investment

in long-term approaches to prevention of poor health outcomes and risky behaviour including early childhood development, education, alcohol and other drugs and housing," she said.

Through its Tackling Aboriginal Smoking Program, Congress will offer smoking cessation support and activities in Alice Springs and the surrounding remote communities of Amoonguna, Mutitjulu, Utju, Ntaria, Wallace Rockhole and Ltyentye Apurte.

"Congress aims to make everyday a No Smoking Day within our communities," Ms Ah Chee said.

## Campaign to get mums in the classroom



THE Northern Territory Department of Health has launched a series of six short videos as part of a campaign to get young Indigenous women back into the education system after they have a child. The department hopes young mothers, whose education

has been disrupted by pregnancy and the responsibilities of parenthood, will return to the classroom through the Young Mothers are Strong Mothers social media campaign.

The departments of Health and Education have developed the campaign, initially aimed at Indigenous mothers aged under 25 in the Palmerston area.

Acting program leader with the Health Department's Child and Youth Health Strategy Unit Angela Agostini said it would link young mothers with key agencies and organisations able to assist them in balancing parenthood with a return to formal education.

"As part of the program we have produced six short videos showcasing young Indigenous mums who have successfully managed parenthood with continued education," she said.

In the NT, 20% of Indigenous mothers were younger than 20 when they had their first child – 10 times the proportion of first-time non-Indigenous mothers.

"We want young women to know that being pregnant or having a child shouldn't be the end of their education," Ms Agostini said.

"We're hoping the real-life stories featured in the series of four-minute videos will inspire other young Northern Territory mums to want to complete their education."

## Kidney disease proving to be chronic issue



A NEW report has found that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are more than twice as likely as other Australians to have indicators of chronic kidney disease.

The 'State of the Nation: Chronic Kidney Disease Hot Spots' report also found that more than 1.7 million Australian adults have indicators of chronic kidney disease, but Kidney Health Australia says about 1.3 million people don't know they have it.

It's turning into a major headache for the health system, with dialysis now the number-one reason for hospital admission.

A report for Kidney Health Week estimates at least 16,000 Australian adults will develop chronic kidney disease each year.

### "Risk factors"

"The vast majority of these people will be unaware they have (it), as it is a largely asymptomatic condition, and identification relies on opportunistic testing in people with identified risk factors," the report says.

Kidney Health Australia chief executive Anne Wilson says Indigenous people should talk to a medical professional if they are concerned about their kidney health.

"If kidney disease is detected early, it can either be halted, or progression to end-stage kidney disease can be slowed by as much as 50%," she said. "(We're) calling on the incoming federal government to fund an integrated health check for our GPs."

Data shows Illawarra/Shoalhaven in NSW has more than twice the national average of people with kidney disease, while the Greater Metro South Brisbane region has the highest number affected.

"Investment in early detection of chronic kidney disease not only helps address the increasing costs to the health system, but delays the need for dialysis," Ms Wilson said. – AAP



# Health workers share information



A YARNING circle day was part of a recent week-long training program for Apunipima Health Service's maternal and

child health services workers. Members of the Cape York health service's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health worker-led Baby One Program shared stories and information as part of the training.

Under the award-winning program, health workers visit mothers in their communities from pregnancy until their baby is nearly three. It has been hailed as resulting in much-improved maternal and child health across the Cape.

"The Baby One Program sees Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women working in community with community women – building relationships, setting examples, going into people's homes where the caring for babies actually happens," Apunipima maternal and child health team leader Jenny Sewter said.

"We know that pregnancy and the first five years of a child's life are critical for long-term health. With our program we give families all the information and help they need to make those first 1000 days of a child's life count."

As well as working with



women and families in their homes, Indigenous health workers also provide support, health and education services

to women when they come to Cairns or Cooktown to give birth.

"We have a network of

women – midwives, health workers and mums – who are turning things around on Cape York," Ms Sewter said.

● Pictured above: Apunipima Health Service maternal and child health workers.

# Liver Clinic on job

By KEIRA JENKINS



The team at the new Liver Clinic in Melbourne: nurse Sandra Gregson, adult social and emotional wellbeing team leader John Egan, St Vincent's Hospital hepatology nurse Lisa Stothers, Dr Niall Quiery, intake worker Linda Homes, Liver Clinic Aboriginal health worker Bev Handley and receptionist Samantha Downie.



THE Victorian Aboriginal Health Service's Liver Clinic is proving a godsend for people battling hepatitis C.

The clinic, being run with St Vincent's Hospital, is using new hepatitis C treatments to help Indigenous people with the infection that stays in some people's blood for many years.

Clinic sexual health and blood-borne virus nurse Sandra Gregson said the new treatment, which involves taking a pill once or twice a day for eight to 12 weeks, cures 97% of cases.

"You used to have to have an injection a couple times a week and take pills a few times a day and it used to make people crook," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"As well as being hard to take, these treatments had much lower cure rates of more like 50% to 70%.

"Those old treatments made people so sick, but the new treatments are much easier to have.

"More importantly, hepatitis C is just an illness and there's no need for shame about it. It's nice for people to get rid of something that's part of the past."

Along with Ms Gregson, the clinic has a doctor, an Aboriginal health worker and a liver nurse who comes from St Vincent's Hospital each week.

"We know there are lots of people with hep C in the community and we want to get as many people using the clinic and getting treated," Ms Gregson said.

"A lot of people with it are getting older – they might have got it injecting drugs or something a long time ago – but they're starting to have other health issues like diabetes and getting rid of it and getting healthy will just make their lives easier."

Ms Gregson said that while it took some time for the Liver Clinic to get up and running, it would not be hard for other Aboriginal health services to follow suit.

"All you need is a GP or a nurse who's interested in hepatitis treatment, and support from a hospital-based liver specialist, and then you go from there," she said.



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.

**June 15:** World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Encouraging community participation on a broad scale to draw attention to Elder abuse. Details: 1800 628 221 or visit [www.elderabusehelpline.com.au](http://www.elderabusehelpline.com.au)

## South Australia

**Until June 26:** *Giving Voice: The Art of Dissent Exhibition*, an exhibition tackling global concerns ranging through war, racism, climate change, economic crisis and the displacement of people worldwide. Held at Flinders University Art Museum, State Library of SA, North Terrace Tue-Fri, 11am-4pm, Sat and Sun, noon-4pm. Details: (08) 8207 7055 or visit [www.flinders.edu.au/artmuseum](http://www.flinders.edu.au/artmuseum)

## 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 June 30:** Ngalingah Mijung Dubais Program. A prevocational course running two days a week. Workshops will focus on building confidence, leadership skills and gaining skills for work. Free. Details: Amelia Bolt on 0449 901 682 or email [ameliab@ywcansw.com.au](mailto:ameliab@ywcansw.com.au)

**Until July 2:** *Colours of Australia* exhibition, by Bronwyn Bancroft. Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy Street, Grafton, Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit [www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au](http://www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au)

**June 17:** Kyogle Reconciliation March. along Summerland Way and Geneva Street to Anzac Park (netball courts) for a free lunch and lots of activities including face painting, boomerang painting, basket weaving and more. Details: Muranda Goodsell on (02) 6632 2972 or 0448 799 649.

**June 17-July 2:** *Our Land People Stories*, Bangarra's three new dance works. A triple bill, featuring works by artistic director Stephen Page and a trio of Bangarra dancers. Held at the Sydney Opera House. Booking information: [www.bangarra.com.au](http://www.bangarra.com.au) Details: Nicole Lovelock on 0412 564 238

**June 18:** Ninth NT Intervention/Stronger Future anniversary march. Guest speakers include Aunty Jenny Munro, Uncle Ken Canning, Nicole Watson, Jason de Santolo and Paddy Gibson. Held at Sydney Town Hall from 1pm. Details: Cathy on 0422 385 852 or visit [www.stoptheintervention.org](http://www.stoptheintervention.org)

**June 25:** Aboriginal Learn to Swim and Survive Program free swim assessment for Aboriginal children aged 3-5. Held at Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre, 50 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah from 10.30am



Walking with Spirits artistic director Tom E Lewis.

# Festival set for Beswick



FOR the first time in 14 years, the Walking with Spirits Festival will not be held at Beswick Falls. Instead the annual celebration of culture and community will be

held in the Beswick community of artistic director Tom E Lewis, who said, "Sometimes the country needs a break.

"We need to look after country by not dancing on it this year. The welfare of the land is our responsibility," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"The surrounding lands all need a rest from the dancing and the land needs to rebuild itself now.

"Country doesn't go away. It's like if you fish in the same billabong all the time the fish disappear.

"The country needs to heal."

The festival, on July 23 at Beswick community, 100km from Katherine, will feature performer Gawurra, who will be premiering his album *Ratja Yaliyali*.

Mr Lewis said artists are travelling from across the country to perform at Walking with Spirits this year.

"When you build up a good reputation and make a platform for people to share and come together, people come," the Murrungun man said.

The line-up also includes Emily Wurraramara, from the Gulf of Carpentaria, and Bunna Lawrie and Coloured Stone.

The festival, presented by Djilpin Arts, will feature music, dance, puppetry, animation, short films and burning images against the night sky. For more information visit [www.djilpinarts.org.au](http://www.djilpinarts.org.au)

and 12.30pm. Free. Details: Heidi Craig on (02) 6625 5370.

**June 22-29:** *Hot Brown Honey* performance. A show that combines dance, poetry, comedy, circus, striptease and song featuring a bevy of powerful and talented women from Aboriginal Australian, Samoan, Tongan, Maori, Indonesian and South African backgrounds. Held at the Sydney Opera House, Sydney. Booking information: [www.sydneypoperahouse.com](http://www.sydneypoperahouse.com) or (02) 9250 777 Details: Shelley Watters on (02) 9250 7286.

**June 23-24:** Starting Ground music workshop. A free two-day skills development workshop for up-and-coming Aboriginal songwriters from the Sydney region. Held at Gadigal Information Service, 27 Cope Street, Sydney from 9am-5pm. Register through [mhutchings@apra.com.au](mailto:mhutchings@apra.com.au) Details: Michael Hutchings on (02) 9935 7874.

**June 29:** Aboriginal Women's Support Group. Held at YWCA, 101 Rous Road, Goonellabah, from 11am-2.30pm. Registration is appreciated. Details: Mereki on 0407 675 603.

**June 30:** Lismore City Council NAIDOC Celebration Day. Includes more than 50 information stalls, welcome to country, workshops, schools entertainment, rides, music and more. Held at the Lismore Showground, North Lismore, from 10am-2pm. Free. Details: Sandra Vincent on 1300 87 83 87.

## Queensland

**June 16:** *Gab Titui Indigneous Art Award* exhibition opening. New works by artists from 15 communities throughout the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula area will be unveiled. Held at the Queensland Art Gallery and Modern Art Gallery, Cultural Precinct, Stanley Place, South Brisbane from 6pm. Free entry.

Details: (07) 4069 0888 or email [infor@gabtitui.com.au](mailto:infor@gabtitui.com.au)

**June 21-28:** Out of the Box Children's Festival. Features interactive experiences designed to help children further their knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture including film, creature interactions, an installation, Jarjums Life Museum and exhibition. Held at Queensland Performing Arts Centre, South Brisbane, and across the Cultural Precinct at South Brisbane. Bookings: 136 246 or [outoftheboxfestival.com.au](http://outoftheboxfestival.com.au) Details: Cindy Ullrich on (07) 3840 7589 or visit [www.outoftheboxfestival.com.au](http://www.outoftheboxfestival.com.au)

## Victoria

**Until July 10:** *State of the Nation* exhibition. Explores notions of statelessness and nationhood and the ways First Peoples maintain and assert sovereignty and challenge the status quo of colonial order. Held at Counihan Gallery in Brunswick, Wed-Sat, 11am-5pm and Sun, 1pm-5pm. Details: (03) 9389 8622 or visit [www.moreland.vic.gov.au/counihan-gallery](http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/counihan-gallery)

**Until July 17:** *Close to You: The Lisa Belleair Picture Show* exhibition, paying tribute to the life and work of Lisa Belleair through which she documented over a quarter of a century of Indigenous community life including marches, celebrations, portraits, signs and graffiti and personal photographs. Held at The Koori Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne, daily from 10am-5pm. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit [www.koorieheritage.trust.com](http://www.koorieheritage.trust.com)

**June 15:** Poetry readings: A tribute to Lisa Belleair. Coinciding with the exhibition *Close to You: The Lisa Belleair Picture Show*, an evening of poetry from Belleair's poems by friends and fans. Held at the Koori Heritage Trust from 6-7pm. Free. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit [www.koorieheritage.trust.com](http://www.koorieheritage.trust.com)

**June 18:** 'Baabapul kwii-ap – A taste of Bushtuckka'. Learn about native plants, how to grow, process, cook and eat them. Held at the Koori Heritage Trust, Melbourne. Three sessions, 5.30pm, 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Cost: \$16.50 a person. Limited spaces. Details: (03) 8662 6300 or visit [www.koorieheritage.trust.com](http://www.koorieheritage.trust.com)

**June 18:** *Re-visioning Histories* exhibition launch. Providing the opportunity to explore and connect with Indigenous stories from the past in a contemporary context. Held at the Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, 7-27 Snake Gully Drive, Bundoora from 2pm. Free.

Details: (03) 9496 1060 or visit [www.bundoorahomestead.com](http://www.bundoorahomestead.com)

## Northern Territory

**June 24:** The Alice Springs Beanie Festival opening night. This year's festival includes music, performance, food and art displays. Held at Araluen Arts Centre, 61 Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs. Details: (08) 8951 1120.



# Employment

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At Jubullum, from left, are Kim Deans (Northern Tablelands Local Land Services), Josh Avery, Cilla Bell (Jubullum LALC), Harry White (Northern Tablelands Local Land Services), Roy Bell and Owen Trembath (Jubullum LALC), and Zelma O'Connor.

## Enterprising Jubullum looks to better future



EIGHT young people from Jubullum Village, in northern NSW, make up the first Aboriginal group in the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services area to undertake formal training in farm planning.

Jubullum, in the Clarence Valley, has a population of 250, making it the largest discrete Aboriginal community in north-eastern NSW. The village is on 490ha of land owned by the

Jubullum Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC).

"Initially we're looking at running beef cattle," said Jubullum LALC board member Cilla Bell.

"We also want to explore other enterprises that could create jobs and a profitable return for the community while protecting our cultural heritage as Wahlbul people."

Jubullum is on the Rocky River on the eastern side of the Great Dividing Range, and

while the country is picturesque, there are land management challenges in dealing with flood-prone areas and steep sections of the property.

### "Skills"

"The farm planning course is helping us to understand what we can do with the natural resources on this property and the skills that we can develop in our young people," Ms Bell said.

"Some of the young people involved in the planning course

previously worked on a 12-month Green Army project to rehabilitate a section of the riverbank on the Jubullum property."

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services farm planning officer Kim Deans says the Jubullum team members are taking the opportunity to work on their own country and have eagerly contributed to the planning process.

The property planning course will continue over coming

months, with participants taking part in regular sessions.

Ms Bell has praised the partnership that has developed between Jubullum and Northern Tablelands Local Land Services.

"I acknowledge the work of Harry White, senior local land services officer for Aboriginal communities. He's been really helpful bringing in the training as part of our long-term economic development strategy," she said.

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- demonstrated ability in achieving positive client outcomes
- sound interpersonal and interviewing skills
- proven knowledge of the Victorian Koori Community and issues impacting the Community
- demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with members of the Victorian Koori Community

For further information on this position, and to submit your application, please visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au) before **Thursday 30 June 2016**.

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# ANROWS

## Project Officer (Action Research Support)

Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) aspires to be an innovative research organisation with authoritative leadership and high impact to support the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 (the National Plan). Our mission is to deliver relevant and translatable research evidence which drives policy and practice, leading to a reduction in the levels of violence against women and their children.

ANROWS is seeking a Project Officer (Action Research) to assist in the delivering of support to 28 Building Safe Communities for Women (BSCW) projects that are conducting action research. The projects aim to reduce violence against women and their children in locations across Australia, including in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The appointment is for the period from July 2016 until 31 December 2017. Applications close at midnight 22 June 2016. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

**An information package is available at <http://anrows.org.au/about/careers>**



## Careers with Queensland Health

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advanced Health Worker (004)

The total remuneration value up to \$70 851 p.a., comprising salary between \$56 627 - \$62 098 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (Applications will remain current for twelve months)

**Duties / Abilities:** To enhance the health and well being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the Bundaberg Hospital through the provision of high quality, culturally appropriate services focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

**Enquiries:** Consuela Morrice (07) 4150 2174.

**Job Ad Reference:** H1606WB213321

**Application Kit:** (07) 4150 2066 or [www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Thursday 30 June 2016.

**You can apply online at [www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au)**

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

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### APS 4 Planner, Moree (Affirmative Measures)

**APS level:** APS 4 ongoing

**Location:** Moree, NSW

**Salary:** \$61,288 - \$68,027

**Reports to:** APS 6 Planner (Team Leader)

As an APS4 Planner in the NDIA's Moree Office you will:

- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Gather information to make informed decisions within defined parameters;
- Work closely with participants to identify what current and future supports are required to make progress with a person's goals and aspirations and enable better outcomes;
- Complete plans for NDIS participants;
- Participate as an integral part of the NDIA's internal quality assurance framework.

You may handle sensitive conversations where many factors need to be balanced, to understand how disability impacts on daily living, assess support needs where necessary, and identify when the individual would benefit from early intervention.

As a requirement of this Affirmative Measures Process 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.

To be considered for this role you will be asked to provide evidence that you are of indigenous or Torres Strait Islander descent.

For further information about this position please contact Jenny Keller at [JENNY.KELLER@NDIS.GOV.AU](mailto:JENNY.KELLER@NDIS.GOV.AU)

To apply please visit our NDIA careers Page <http://www.ndia.gov.au/careers>

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## Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service

### LEGAL PRACTITIONER Commitment to Victorian Aboriginal Communities a must!

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Legal Practitioners strongly encouraged to apply

**Victorian State Practice Manager  
@ THE VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL LEGAL SERVICE**

VALS has an opportunity for a **legal practitioner** to take up a leadership role in our organisation, managing our civil, criminal and family law teams, recruiting and developing Aboriginal practitioners to provide them with a strong foundation for their future profession, ensuring quality legal services are delivered in all Victorian Aboriginal communities, which includes assisting with accreditation and compliance activities and participating in policy and agency meetings to achieve the strategic goals of the organisation.

**You will need to have:**

- A demonstrated understanding of Victorian Aboriginal communities and culture,
- A law degree,
- Legal professional experience,
- People management and finance management experience, and
- A driving commitment to effecting change across the justice spectrum, to achieve better outcomes for Victorian Aboriginal communities

**If this position interests you, you should contact**

Annette Vickery Deputy CEO at [avickery@vals.org.au](mailto:avickery@vals.org.au) with a cover letter and resume if you are interested in these positions. Applications close 15th July 2016

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– HUMAN RIGHTS**

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*How to get that Job!*

## Opportunities with Sarina Russo Job Access

Do you want to be part of Sarina Russo Job Access, a leader in the employment, education and training industry and help our candidates gain sustainable employment?

### Indigenous Service Coordinator (Brisbane)

In this role, you will support our Employment Consultants working with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates to assist them obtain sustainable employment. You will also develop and maintain community and business networks to promote Indigenous Services to organisations.

### Employment Consultant opportunities (VIC, QLD, NSW)

In this role you will work with a diverse range of candidates and organise appropriate interventions and strategies to help candidates find and maintain employment.

If you are seeking a position that offers job satisfaction through helping others we want to hear from you! For more information or to apply go to our website [www.sarinarusso.com/work-for-us/](http://www.sarinarusso.com/work-for-us/)

**We embrace the diversity of our people and flexible working arrangements to ensure our workforce is representative of the communities that we serve.**

Please note you will be required to complete a police check if successful in your application.

[sarinarusso.com](http://sarinarusso.com)

## Njernda Aboriginal Corporation

### Aboriginal Development officer Home and Community Care (HACC) Full time position term – 2 year's

Njernda Aboriginal Corporation (located in Echuca Victoria) is seeking a highly motivated and pro-active person who is passionate about their culture, to fill the newly created position of Aboriginal Development officer. This role will cover the Loddon Mallee and Hume Regions supporting Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations; who deliver HACC services, as well as mainstream HACC funded organisations to improve access to ATSI clients.

Working as one of four regional ADOs in the state you would be required to work as part of a team with the Active Service Model Industry Consultants, HACC Diversity Advisors and other sectoral development roles, attend regional and state wide meetings; implement active service models, act as a mentor, and operate within developed frameworks.

You would be required to:

- Have a current driver licence and undertake a police check
- Preferably have knowledge of or qualifications in the HACC, aged care, or disability sectors

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates are strongly urged to apply. All candidates will be assessed against the selection criteria of the position which can be found at ...

Applications or further questions should be emailed to [handyj@njernda.com.au](mailto:handyj@njernda.com.au) in either word or PDF format

**Application Closing Date 17 June, 2016**



## National Indigenous Immunisation Coordinator

The National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS) at The Kids Research Institute is looking for a dynamic individual to undertake a job share position as the National Indigenous Immunisation Coordinator, part time 2 days a week. NCIRS is the leading body in Australia working in the area of policy and planning and evaluation of immunisation services and has national and international recognition in this arena. This work also includes a focus on minority populations, in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The National Indigenous Immunisation Coordinator role includes consultation with the Indigenous health sector and providing advice to the National Immunisation Committee on issues identified by the position or through consultations with Indigenous groups. The position also assists and provides advice on other activities within NCIRS including evaluation of immunisation programs, surveillance activities and other Indigenous relevant research.

This position is Temporary Part-Time (2 days a week) up to 30/06/2018 and is classified as Health Manager Level 2.

SCHN is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourage all suitably qualified applicants to apply, including Indigenous Australians, and people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

*"In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997"*

**\*\*You may be required to work in any facility within The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network. Should this occur, reasonable notice will be provided.\*\***

**Reference No:** 325670

[nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=325670](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=325670)

**Contact Details:** Frank Beard

**Contact No:** (02) 9845 1433

**Closing Date:** 28/06/2016

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## Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker

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

As an Aboriginal Child Protection Caseworker you will be working with vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of abuse and neglect, 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](http://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](http://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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## Marketing Coordinator, triple j

The ABC is seeking a motivated Marketing Coordinator to help grow and maintain audience engagement for triple j, triple j Unearthed and Double J.

We need someone passionate about radio, marketing and music to assist in the creation of marketing campaigns, competitions, publicity and social media activities.

For details visit [abc.net.au/careers](http://abc.net.au/careers)



## Director, Evidence to Action

Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) aspires to be an innovative research organisation with authoritative leadership and high impact to support the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 (the National Plan). Our mission is to deliver relevant and translatable research evidence which drives policy and practice, leading to a reduction in the levels of violence against women and their children.

ANROWS is seeking a Director, Evidence to Action to lead the development and implementation of its knowledge translation and exchange functions.

The appointment is for the period from July 2016 until 30 June 2020. Applications close at midnight on Sunday 26 June 2016. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

**An information package is available at: <http://anrows.org.au/about/careers>**

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



## INSURANCE ANALYST - GROUP RISK (SYDNEY)

REF: 26541

- Develop a career with our unique insurance team within Origin
- Engage with our internal clients, our corporate risk groups and insurance partners
- Opportunity to learn about insurance and risk management more broadly

### THE ROLE:

Reporting to the Group Head of Insurance, Group Risk, this position will assist our team to deliver insurance and risk programs on behalf of Origin and APLNG. It will provide an understanding and exposure to our compliance, corporate and commercial requirements that drive or support our insurance programs.

Your key responsibilities will include assisting with our insurance and risk transfer programs and exposure to our in-house risk assessments, gap analysis and ensuring compliance for our internal clients. You will be involved in preparing reports, liaising with insurance brokers and underwriters and working closely with our insurance managers and clients.

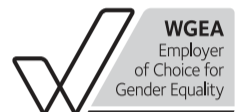
You will gain knowledge on incidents and claims, governance on insurance and indemnity and broader exposure to risk management.

### IS THIS YOU?

We are looking for a confident and motivated individual, who is willing to learn or has a passion for risk management or insurance industries. You might have completed or be studying a degree or TAFE qualification in a business related field. This level of opportunity would suit an individual who is looking to start or further their early career in the Energy industry.

You will be working in a multi-disciplinary and diverse team environment, communicating with different business groups and working in a professional team focused on delivering shared business expectations.

**For more details on this unique career opportunity with Origin, contact Barbara Sheehy, Recruitment Specialist on 07 3028 5565.**



## WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



### School of Education

## Teaching Focused Role - Academic (Lecturer)

Ref No 810/16

Identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Position  
Remuneration Package \$87,811 to \$131,532  
Full-Time, Ongoing Appointment based at Bankstown

**This is an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander position under Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW). Western Sydney University considers that being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).**

The School of Education at Western Sydney University takes pride in its research and teaching profile, which emphasises the relationship between theory, policy and practice with a 21st century, futures-oriented focus. The School of Education is one of the largest education schools or faculties in NSW with over 2000 students enrolled in its programs. The School offers innovative graduate-entry teacher education programs in primary, secondary, early childhood and special education, as well as research and professional postgraduate programs in a number of specialist areas.

The School is seeking Teaching Focused Role - Academic at Academic Level A or Academic Level B, to work as part of the team required to develop and deliver academic units to Indigenous students enrolled in the Bachelor of Education (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education - Primary).

This position is offered as a Teaching Focused Role in accordance with Western Sydney University's Academic Staff Agreement (2014). The major objective of Teaching Focused Role positions is to provide eligible existing casual or new academic staff with the opportunity for appointment to ongoing or fixed term employment. To be eligible to apply for a Teaching Focused Role you need to have met the following criteria as detailed in the University's Academic Staff Agreement 2014 Clause 14.43 below:-

Applications for TFRs will be open to:

- Employees engaged in existing TFRs;
- internal applicants who have been engaged as a casual Employee for at least 4 teaching sessions in the preceding 3 years; or
- external applicants whose most recent employment by an Australian university has been as a casual, fixed-term or ongoing academic employee in that university for a period of at least 12 months and who have a demonstrated capacity to meet the current and future expectations of the TFR, including any new duties or skills that may be required, and the School's strategic direction.

The successful applicant will be expected to be involved in a range of academic activities including the coordination and teaching of units for Indigenous students in the Bachelor of Education (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education - Primary) course. The position is primarily based at the Bankstown campus and will require strong connections to be made with the schools and communities with which the Pre-service teachers in the program are located and the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education.

The University reserves the right to appoint at Academic Level A (Associate Lecturer) or Academic Level B (Lecturer) depending upon the skills, qualifications and experience of the successful applicant.

**Remuneration Package:** Academic Level A - \$87,811 to \$106,088 p.a. (comprising Salary \$74,201 to \$89,646 p.a., plus 17% Superannuation, plus Leave Loading) OR Academic Level B - \$111,467 to \$131,532 p.a. (comprising Salary \$94,191 to \$111,223 p.a., plus 17% Superannuation, plus Leave Loading)

**Position Enquiries:** Associate Professor Mary Mooney, Deputy Dean, 02 9772 6909 or email [m.mooney@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:m.mooney@westernsydney.edu.au)

**Closing Date:** 26 June 2016

To view the position description and to apply for this position, please go to the University's current vacancies website at [http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/employment/home/current\\_vacancies](http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/employment/home/current_vacancies)

Full details on how to apply for these positions can be found at our website. Western Sydney University values workplace diversity.



[WESTERNSYDNEY.EDU.AU/VACANCIES](http://WESTERNSYDNEY.EDU.AU/VACANCIES)



Ref No: 23386

## General Manager North Queensland & Indigenous Services

**UnitingCare Queensland (UCQ) provides health and community services to thousands of people every day of the year through its service groups – UnitingCare Health, UnitingCare Community, Blue Care and ARRCs (Australian Regional and Remote Community Services).**

Blue Care is looking for a **General Manager** to join our Senior Leadership Team in Regional and Remote Services to provide leadership and strategic direction to our services across Northern Queensland, including our Indigenous specific services. This role will lead services across the breadth of regional and remote areas, from cities such as Townsville and Cairns to remote indigenous services on Thursday Island. This is a complex role, and we are seeking someone whose senior leadership experience can navigate through these challenges.

You need to have passion, be self-driven and committed to making a substantial contribution to the wellbeing of people who need assistance the most. You will be drawn to the tropical location and lifestyle of North Queensland, where the beautiful beach meets the rainforest. This is a unique and rare opportunity to join a high performing team in a senior position based in either Cairns or Townsville. To be successful you will need experience at an executive level in a service environment across a large geographical area.

There are many reasons why you would want to work with us — the challenge of leading our residential aged care, disability, and community services in locations where other providers can't or won't is just one of the reasons that will attract you in applying for this opportunity.

We are founded on the core values of Compassion, Respect, Justice, Working Together and Leading through Learning. We have an overwhelming sense of obligation to serve — compulsion to deliver — to make a difference. If this resonates with your inner values then we'd love to hear from you.

**Blue Care strongly encourages interest from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for all vacant positions.**

**For more information please visit our website:**

**[www.bluecarecareers.com.au](http://www.bluecarecareers.com.au)  
Applications close Friday 24 June 2016.**

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# Koorie Education Coordinators

**VPSG5 – Full time, 1.0FTE, Fixed term until 17/03/2017**

**Salary range: \$106,091 - \$141,971 (+ Super)**

**Refer to the position number 23438**

**Western Melbourne Area, Brimbank Melton Area and Barwon Areas**

**VPSG5 – Full time, 1.0FTE, Ongoing**

**Salary range: \$106,091 - \$141,971 (+ Super)**

**Refer to the position number 3642**

**Central Highlands, Western District**

Two exciting positions is available in the Department of Education and Training for a Koorie Engagement Coordinator. These position plays a key role in the coordination and provision of support to the regional Koorie Education workforce and multi-disciplinary Area teams within the Region.

The occupant of the position will have a high level understanding of the current education and early childhood development reform agenda, particularly as it relates to Koorie children, young people and the broader Koorie community. The Koorie Education Coordinator will be an active member of the multidisciplinary Area Service Support Team and is required to develop strong relationships with the regional Koorie Education Manager, schools, early years service providers, central and local consultative groups, other community and government agencies and stakeholders.

This is an excellent opportunity to develop your career and to have an impact on the Victorian education system.

For further information please contact Lesley Hubble on 8397 0313.

Candidates must address the key selection criteria to be considered for these positions.

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

**[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au).**

Closing date for applications is Monday 20 June 2016.

[www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au)

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## Senior Program Officer

- Help improve eye health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Build our capacity to influence policy and drive significant change
- Located in Darwin

Come and join our international development organisation where we are working hard to eliminate avoidable blindness by 2020. Working closely with our partners, in regions across Australia, our Indigenous Australia program is committed to increasing access to high quality and culturally appropriate eye care services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians living in remote and underserved communities.

Working as part of the Indigenous Australia Program you will develop and coordinate key relationships, develop programs, ensure effective program management, and contribute to building the capacity of our team. A primary focus for this position, will be to work on our Trachoma Elimination Program, with a particular emphasis on working with partners to address the environmental components of the SAFE implementation strategy. More broadly this role will work with our Partners to develop and deliver sustainable eye health programs, tackling the issues of improved access and system reform across primary, secondary and tertiary health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Essential to this role is the management of associated partnerships, stakeholders and government relationships.

To be successful in this role you will exhibit strong personal drive, with proven experience in program development, management and implementation, ideally gained in the Australian eye health or the health sector. You will have a strong understanding and working knowledge of the diverse circumstances and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Your ability to use initiative and apply your excellent communication skills to build and maintain both internal and external partnerships and relationships will be critical.

**Remote community and domestic travel will be required.**

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.**

**How to apply and who to contact?**

For a detailed Job description and for information on how to apply please visit our website <http://www.hollows.org/au/careers/current-vacancies>

Alternatively, If you would like further information please contact our Recruitment Specialist Victoria Cawley or Nicole Cunningham on 02 87411962 or via email at [employment@hollows.org](mailto:employment@hollows.org)

**Closing date: Monday 20th June.**

*The Fred Hollows Foundation is committed to protecting the rights of children in all areas where we work. Applicants are advised that The Foundation reserves the right to conduct police checks and other screening procedures to ensure we maintain and promote a child safe environment.*



## RED CHIEF LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Red Chief Local Aboriginal Land Council (RCLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of RCLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and Selection Criteria and address the Selection Criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact Kelvin Allen – Senior LALC Support Officer NSW Aboriginal Land Council on 0448 010 147.

Applications can be forwarded to Kelvin Allen marked 'Confidential' and posted to:

*Kelvin Allen – SLISO NSWALC  
Chief Executive Officer Position  
Red Chief Local Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 890, Tamworth NSW 2340*

**Applications close: 01st July 2016**

*This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.*

## Making a difference for our Mob

# Exciting career opportunities within the NSW Public Service

If you have a passion for making a positive and lasting difference to the lives of our mob, and you are innovative and versatile in your approach, then contact the Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) to find out about a number of exciting opportunities for a rewarding career.

- Many targeted and identified Aboriginal roles from entry level to senior management positions
- Attractive salaries and professional development opportunities
- Sydney based

Come join a dynamic team that is focused on designing and delivering local solutions to local needs.

**The AES is calling for applications now.**  
**Closing date is 24 June 2016.**



**Aboriginal Employment Strategy Ltd**



## Passionate about helping children & families?

At Interrelate, we have been delivering quality relationship services to individuals, couples, families and schools since 1926.

Seeking a dedicated & experienced CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY WORKER for our Family Mental Health Support Service (FMHSS) program in Coonamble NSW.

The FMHSS Program assists children & young people, affected by or at risk of mental illness, & their families, to improve their mental health outcomes later in life.

This role will provide case work, therapeutic group work & community support services to children, young people & their families. This is a Fixed Term Part Time role (22.5hpw) funded until 31 July 2017.

To view the full position description, key criteria and to apply, go to [www.interrelate.org.au/careers](http://www.interrelate.org.au/careers)

Applications close 5pm  
Wednesday, 22 June 2016

All positions require satisfactory completion of a National Police check and NSW Working with Children Check

Respect | Equity | Leadership | Accountability | Transparency | Empowerment



Justice

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF  
PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

## WITNESS ASSISTANCE OFFICER (INDIGENOUS IDENTIFIED) Dubbo

This is an identified position for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. In this position you will provide proactive assessment and case management services to victims of crime and vulnerable witnesses in matters prosecuted by the ODPP.

Salary of up to \$85,455 pa plus annual leave loading and superannuation.

For further information and to apply visit:  
[iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au)

(Job Reference 00004GRQ)

Closing date: 26 June 2016 (midnight)

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## Indigenous Broadcast Technologist

We're looking for a motivated and enthusiastic Technologist with an interest in Broadcast Technology.

You will work as part of our small and friendly Technology Client Support, NT team in Darwin to help supporting the day-to-day operations of the ABC's broadcast infrastructure.

For details visit [abc.net.au/careers](http://abc.net.au/careers)

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

Clinical Service Coordinator  
Aboriginal Health Services  
Noarlunga and Clovelly Park  
Job Ref: 591492

[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers)  
1300 882 992



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Education

## Aboriginal Education and Engagement Officer

SEO1 (ETS)

Temporary full-time appointment up until 21 July 2019

Position number and location: 174438 - Nirimba

Providing high level support and advice to educational services team and schools to assist in the implementation of strategies relating to Aboriginal education.

Please address selection criteria in your application. **Please note that it is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based, email based or late applications will be accepted.**

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

**Note:** Under new provisions for permanent teachers taking up non-school based temporary appointments, the right of return to their substantive position has been extended to up to 3 years. Current non-school based Teaching Service Officers are advised that the 3 year right of return period is accumulative and is inclusive of both **higher duties** and/or **temporary periods of appointment** in existing non-school based positions.

**Note:** Recent school based experience is either direct classroom teaching within the past three years or school executive experience within the past three years. Direct classroom teaching or school executive experience is full time service in a school based position in a departmental preschool, infants, primary, central/community, secondary, environmental education centre or special school for a continuous period of one (1) year. For more information please review **Rules Oct 2015**.

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

### Selection criteria

- Aboriginality
- Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience
- Proven skills, knowledge and/or experience in the following key priority domains as they relate to Aboriginal students:
  - Readiness for school
  - Engagement and connections
  - Attendance
  - Literacy and numeracy
  - Quality teaching
  - Pathways to real post-school options.
- Demonstrated high level project management experience and organisational abilities including well developed skills in the writing and preparation of reports, submissions, presentations, briefings and speeches.
- Proven ability to establish and maintain constructive relationships with a broad range of stakeholders, including Aboriginal communities and the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.
- Demonstrated high level skills in providing professional development in the broader spectrum of Aboriginal education.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Enquiries: Susan Matthews Ph: (02) 8808 4943

To apply online please visit [iworkfor.nsw](http://iworkfor.nsw) website and refer to the following keyword: 174438

Closing Date: 29 June 2016

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COURT SERVICES  
VICTORIA

## Your Career as a Trainee Court Registrar Starts Here The Magistrates' Court of Victoria (MCV) is recruiting!

Do you want a career? Have you completed VCE or tertiary studies? Take the first step in becoming a qualified court registrar and build an exciting career within the Victorian justice system.

Applications open Friday 10 June to Sunday 3 July 2016.

### A Trainee Court Registrar will:

- Work alongside the judiciary as a bench clerk performing a wide range of administrative duties inside and out of the courtroom.
- Provide exceptional levels of customer service to key stakeholders including magistrates, police, the legal profession, and members of the public with diverse backgrounds and experiences.
- Complete the Certificate in Court Services.
- Transfer through various sections and different locations of the MCV across the state including city, metropolitan and regional locations.

### Some of the capabilities and experience we are looking for:

- Excellent organisational capabilities and the ability to prioritise daily work and demonstrate problem-solving skills.
- Team players with the ability to meet tight deadlines with attention to detail, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and proficient computer skills.
- Commitment, enthusiasm and ability to provide exceptional levels of customer service with sensitivity to the needs of others.
- Accountability, integrity and honesty with the ability to maintain confidentiality of information.
- Tertiary course or work experience in a relevant field, and / or VCE or equivalent

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For further important information and how to apply visit  
[www.magistratescourt.vic.gov.au](http://www.magistratescourt.vic.gov.au)

Then visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au) to submit your resume and the application form.



Australian Government  
Indigenous Business Australia

making a difference  
[www.iba.gov.au](http://www.iba.gov.au)

## General Manager, Homes - SES Band 1

Location - Canberra strongly preferred

5 year fixed term engagement

An attractive salary package will be negotiated

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is an innovative, commercially focused Corporate Commonwealth entity delivering programs that provide the means for Indigenous Australians to create wealth and accumulate assets, take up mainstream investment opportunities, create business enterprises and purchase homes. IBA strives to achieve the goal of closing the gap between the living standards of Indigenous and other Australians.

IBA's Homes program has been operating for 40 years and is the longest running government program in Indigenous affairs, and has assisted over 17,000 Indigenous households into home ownership.

The successful applicant will:

- + have a strong appreciation of the needs of Indigenous people and the issues facing them
- + have extensive experience at a senior level managing a significant lending operation
- + be knowledgeable on relevant financial, risk management and other industry based practices associated with personal lending
- + be forward thinking and an outstanding leader with impressive strategic perspective
- + have excellent stakeholder relationship and team building skills.

IBA welcomes and encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

For further information including the job description, selection documentation and how to apply go to [www.iba.gov.au](http://www.iba.gov.au). If, after reading the job documentation you have any questions, please contact Leo Bator (02) 6110 2649 or email [leo.bator@iba.gov.au](mailto:leo.bator@iba.gov.au)

Applications close 23 June 2016.

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IBA is a progressive, commercially focused organisation that promotes and encourages self-management, self-sufficiency and economic independence for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.







**Local Land Services**

## Chairs and Local Board Members Local Land Services

The Minister for Primary Industries and Lands and Water is seeking applications for Chairs and board members for all 11 Local Land Services local boards: Central Tablelands, Central West, Greater Sydney, Hunter, Murray, North Coast, North West, Northern Tablelands, Riverina, South East and Western.

Applicants will need to have expertise, knowledge or skills (demonstrated or by relevant qualifications or experience) in one or more of the following areas:

- Leadership, strategic planning and management
- Community participation
- Regional service delivery
- Working with industry, government and other partners
- Audit, financial control, reporting and risk management
- Primary industries or providing services to support this sector
- Contemporary biosecurity programs in animal and plant health, pest and weed management
- Emergency management especially biosecurity and natural disaster emergencies
- Natural resource management and biodiversity conservation
- Working with Aboriginal groups and communities and/or local government.

Candidates will need to demonstrate a strong understanding of corporate governance, a commitment to high ethical standards and teamwork, and well developed communication, negotiation, advocacy and influencing skills. You will have well developed skills in critical thinking, proven judgement and objectivity.

Applicants expressing interest at Chair level must additionally have leadership experience in chairing boards or committees supported by a deep understanding of corporate governance and exceptional stakeholder management skills.

Appointments are for up to three years. Local Land Services has particular interest in increasing women's representation on its boards and committees, as well as people from other under-represented groups.

These appointments are governed by provisions in the *Local Land Services Act 2013* and *Local Land Services Regulation 2014*.

Applications in the form of a covering letter addressing the above requirements and a CV are invited, quoting Ref No: **68001** for Chairs and Ref No: **68016** for local board members. Regions must be specified and applicants must outline whether they are interested in a Chair or local board member role, or both.

**Closing Date:** Monday 20 June 2016

A detailed role description, how to apply and requirements for these positions can be found in the Board Recruitment Package, downloadable at [www.lis.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lis.nsw.gov.au) or by contacting Watermark Search International on (02) 9233 1200.

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## Indigenous Internships

Are you an Indigenous tertiary student looking to gain experience related to your course of study?

ABC Commercial is offering two paid part-time one day a week internships for Indigenous students enrolled in tertiary courses including communications, business, digital technology, media, music, publishing, marketing, law or finance.

Successful applicants will receive a wide range of experience across the ABC Commercial businesses relevant to their chosen course of study.

For details visit [abc.net.au/careers](http://abc.net.au/careers)

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**Health**  
Western Sydney  
Local Health District

## Aboriginal Complex, Aged & Chronic Care Community Nurse

Classification: Registered Nurse

Location: Blacktown/Mount Drunit

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Salary: \$58,142 – \$81,649 pa

Enquiries: Margaret Cunha (02) 9881 8700

Email: [margaret.cunha@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:margaret.cunha@health.nsw.gov.au)

Reference No: 327802

**Closing Date: 6 July 2016**

Please apply online by visiting:  
[nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au)

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**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**



## Tenant Advocate

The Western Aboriginal Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service (WATAAS) assists people living in the Western NSW Region.

This service is managed by Dtarawarra Aboriginal Resource Unit and is funded by NSW Fair Trading.

**Remuneration Package:** Fulltime SCHCADS Award Level 5.3 Grade 4 Year 3 Pre-Modern Award \$66,512.00 plus 9% superannuation. Wages will be determined on experience and knowledge. 38 hours PW

Applications must address the selection criteria and include your resume and contact details of at least two (2) referees ideally one of your current or recent managers.

**For copies of selection criteria and duty statement:**  
Contact Ruth Simon on (02) 9589 1839, 0425 290 066.  
Or Jacqueline Peckham 6884 0969

**Applications marked Confidential to:**

Director - Dtarawarra Pty Ltd  
PO Box 126  
JANNALI NSW 2226

- Note:**
- (1) Application close by 6 July 2016
  - (2) Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S140 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1987 (NSW)
  - (3) This is a full-time position but will be subject to review in December 2016 when the managing/auspicing organisation may change.



**NEW SOUTH WALES  
ABORIGINAL LAND  
COUNCIL**

## Senior Policy Officer x 2 Senior Programs Officer (Planner)

**Programs Officer**  
Based in our Parramatta Office

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is a not for profit organisation offering diverse and exciting opportunities for experienced and motivated people interested in undertaking the above roles. The Policy & Programs Unit plays a pivotal role in the successful operation of NSWALC, with the core function of providing executive and policy advice in pursuit of social justice for Aboriginal people by promoting the principles, objectives and functions of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA).

**Senior Policy Officer x 2 - (A period up to May 2017 (Salary \$104,203 p.a.) -** The Senior Policy Officer provides high level advice and supports NSWALC in relation to a wide range of policy and political matters. The successful applicant will have the advanced knowledge and understanding of cultural practices, values and issues that affect Aboriginal people and communities in today's society along with significant experience in policy analysis, policy development and project management. This position reports to Manager, Policy & Programs and has no direct reports.

**Senior Programs Officer (Planner) Permanent Position (Salary \$104,203 p.a.) -** The Senior Programs Officer provides advice to support NSWALC in relation to planning matters and develops programs to assist and build capacity of Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) in order to achieve community, cultural and economic goals as they relate to the planning system. The successful applicant will have demonstrated political acuity, diplomacy and sensitivity with local political, community and business leaders and also an understanding of the role of NSWALC in advocating, developing and administering programs for the Aboriginal Land Council network and Aboriginal peoples in NSW.

**The Programs Officer - (Identified Position – Temporary Position (Salary \$71,170 p.a.)** administers a number of NSWALC grants programs including NSWALC Community Fund grants and NSWALC Culture and Heritage grants and manages these grants through planning, development, implementation and evaluation stages.

The successful applicant will have knowledge and awareness of the cultural practices, values and issues that affect Aboriginal people in today's society along with an understanding of the role of NSWALC in developing and administering grants programs for the Aboriginal Land Council and Aboriginal peoples in NSW and an experience in working in grants administration. Programs Officer (Identified- Anti-Discrimination Act 1977). Must identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and demonstrate cultural competence relevant for the position. This position is an identified position in which Aboriginal identity is a genuine occupational qualification

If you have any specific enquiries regarding these positions, please contact Sharon Close (Manager, Policy & Programs Unit) on 9689 4444 or [Sharon.close@alc.org.au](mailto:Sharon.close@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 please contact Human Resources, by mail: [recruitment@alc.org.au](mailto:recruitment@alc.org.au) or (02) 9689 4499. 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 for the Senior Policy Officer and Programs Officer positions close 5pm Wednesday, 22 June 2016. Applications for the Senior Programs Officer (Planner) close 5pm Wednesday, 29 June 2016.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply

## Indigenous Student Advisor

- Outstanding opportunity at a reputable University that is committed to innovative education, strong industry engagement and social inclusion
- Salary range: \$72642-\$78414 plus superannuation
- Full time, fixed term position until 31 December 2017
- Based at the Hawthorn Campus

A newly created opportunity for a dynamic, student focussed individual to undertake the role of Indigenous Student Advisor. The focus of this role is to work with Swinburne's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through their student journey - from pre-enrolment advice, through to post graduate studies and assist with pathways to further study or employment and scholarship applications.

This critical role requires the successful applicant to demonstrate the following:

- Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander societies and cultures.
- An understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples in contemporary Australian society and the diversity of circumstances of Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Experience in providing mentoring and support services for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples in post compulsory education and training.

A full list of the selection criteria is available within the position description

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/about/jobs/> by 5pm, Friday 8 July, 2016.

*This is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identified position. Pursuant to a Special Measure under Section 12 (1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic), we will therefore only consider applications from suitably qualified Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander candidates for this position.*



## Executive Assistant

- Become part of a leading national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation
- Full time, 3-year contract, based in Melbourne
- Salary range \$75,000-\$82,000

The Lowitja Institute invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the position of Executive Assistant to manage the Office of the Chief Executive Officer.

**Primary responsibilities include:**

- Provide high level administrative and operational support to the Board Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer
- Provide secretariat services for Senior Management meetings
- In conjunction with the Director, Corporate Services, coordinate the compilation of Board meeting papers
- Prioritise and ensure that reports, business papers and correspondence are dealt with efficiently and promptly
- Maintain the diaries of Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson and organise travel and other related matters as required.

Applicants must have a demonstrated understanding of matters concerning Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and have the ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Applicants should have experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, wellbeing or related. High level written and oral communication skills, together with the ability to effectively establish and maintain relationships across a range of settings.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

To obtain the application pack, which contains the contact details for obtaining further information, please visit our website at [www.lowitja.org.au/employment-opportunities](http://www.lowitja.org.au/employment-opportunities).

Your completed application should be submitted through the Lowitja Institute Recruitment Portal at <http://www.lowitja.org.au/executive-assistant-application> by **Wednesday 22 June 2016 AEST**. Note that no late applications will be accepted.

[www.lowitja.org.au](http://www.lowitja.org.au)

Want a career  
measured in  
smiles?

## Quality Assessor's – New South Wales

You could join the largest Home Care Provider in NSW.

You will be responsible for ensuring service delivery is of a consistent and high quality in both our Aboriginal Home Care and mainstream services across New South Wales. You will achieve this by conducting a programme of work to ensure all aspects of service delivery across our residential, retirement living and home care services are compliant with the relevant standards. You will perform assessments and work with teams to improve the quality of care and services clients receive, contributing to the client experience with Australian Unity.

Australian Unity Independent and Assisted Living Quality Team operate in a collaborative, productive and efficient manner. The performance of this role supports our strategic objectives of being a highly influential brand.

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- broad knowledge of the aged care and/or disability sector and the quality standards that apply
- experience working within the aged care and/or disability sector
- the ability to plan and conduct assessments and analyse findings
- skills in coaching and mentoring others to provide quality care

You also need to be willing to travel across NSW and work away from home on a regular basis.

For more information please contact Chloe Phillips, Talent Acquisition Specialist on 02 9256 8755.

Apply online [www.australianunity.com.au/careers](http://www.australianunity.com.au/careers)

These exciting new positions will reward you with a challenging career and the opportunity to work for a leading wellbeing company at a time of growth!

Time to thrive





**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:

- **PLANT OPERATOR (BACKHOE)/ LABOURER**
- **PLUMBER**
- **TECHNICAL SERVICES ASSISTANT**
- **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR x 2**
- **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR**

Please visit [www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/careers) for further information and to apply.

**AOD Practice Support Worker (Aboriginal Identified)**  
Orange, NSW.

\* Highly rewarding AOD support role.  
\* Great salary circa \$68k - \$75k plus salary sacrifice, car, phone & laptop!

Are you interested in improving the health and support services provided to Indigenous people struggling with alcohol and other drug misuse issues? Lyndon are seeking an experienced **AOD Support Worker** to join their organisation based in Orange, NSW, to provide training to service providers on culturally sensitive AOD support principles. If you're interested in taking on your next career challenge and you want to make a difference to Indigenous communities, Lyndon would love to hear from you.

On offer is an **attractive remuneration package circa \$68,000 - \$75,000** based on skills and experience, alongside extensive **salary packaging** options, a **company car, a phone, laptop**, and opportunities for professional development and career advancement!

**EMPLOYMENT OFFICE** Apply Online [ApplyNow.com.au/job80457](http://ApplyNow.com.au/job80457)

**Australian Government Australia Council for the Arts**

The Australia Council is seeking applications for the position of:

**DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS**  
Full time, 2 year contract. Surry Hills location

This is a fantastic career opportunity that will see you leading the planning, development and direction of international projects for the Australia Council, including the Venice Biennale project.

To obtain further information about this position, please visit our careers page at <http://australiacouncil.gov.au/about/careers/>

**Applications close 22 June 2016 at 5.00pm (AEST)**

**NSW GOVERNMENT Health Western NSW Local Health District**

**Aboriginal Health Worker – Maternal and Infant Health Strategy**

Classification: Health Service Aboriginal Health Workers' (State) Award – Aboriginal Health Worker  
Salary: \$24.77 – \$36.49 ph  
Employment Status: Permanent Part-Time  
Reference Number: 326231 – Narromine & 326971 – Forbes, Parkes and Cowra  
**Closing Date: 22 June 2016**

- Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW)*.
- Being female is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 31 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW)*.

Please apply online by visiting: [yotmakeityou.com.au](http://yotmakeityou.com.au) (click on **Our Vacancies**)

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**

**NSW GOVERNMENT Health South Eastern Sydney Local Health District**

**Clinical Midwifery Specialist Grade 2 (Identified Aboriginal and Female Position)**

Royal Hospital for Women/Randwick  
Temporary Full-Time until 20/8/2017  
Enquiries: Elizabeth Cox (02) 9382 6019  
Reference ID: 327689  
**Closing Date: 22 June 2016**

Apply online at: <https://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=327689>

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**

**NSW GOVERNMENT Health Sydney Local Health District**

**Aboriginal Multidisciplinary Mental Health Worker (Allied Health Level 1/2, RN, Psychologist & Aboriginal Health Worker)**

Ref No: 324689  
F/T at Camperdown Mental Health  
Enquiries: Kevin Brown (02) 9515 9968  
**Closing Date: 1 July 2016**

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Please apply online by visiting: [nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au)

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**

**NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL**

**SENIOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR**

The New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) was established under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW). NSWALC is a self-funding statutory authority responsible for protecting and promoting the rights and interests of the Aboriginal people of NSW.

NSWALC is recruiting for a Senior Economic Development Advisor within the Economic Development Unit.

The Economic Development Unit fills a crucial role in the successful operation of NSWALC by implementing the Council's strategic priority for achieving wealth creation and wellbeing for the Aboriginal Land Council Network through the implementation of the Economic Development Policy.

The Senior Economic Development Advisor will provide advice regarding NSWALC business enterprise development opportunities. In particular, this position will be initially focused on, and have specific responsibilities relating to, NSWALC's resource development project.

If you have any specific enquiries regarding the position, please contact (Kate Aubrey Poiner, Executive Director, Policy and Programs Unit) on 9689 4444 or [kate.aubrey-poiner@alc.org.au](mailto:kate.aubrey-poiner@alc.org.au).

All applicants must obtain a recruitment package containing the position description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package please contact Human Resources, by email: [recruitment@alc.org.au](mailto:recruitment@alc.org.au) or (02) 9689 4499.

**Completed applications can be forwarded to:** [recruitment@alc.org.au](mailto:recruitment@alc.org.au)

**Or marked "Confidential" and posted to:** Human Resources Coordinator, NSW Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

**Applications Close 5pm, Wednesday 29 June 2016.**  
Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

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**Far West Community Legal Centre**

**Position Vacant FULL TIME SOLICITOR**

The Far West Community Legal Centre (FWCLC) is a busy community legal service with a vibrant and dedicated team. We are based in Broken Hill, NSW, and provide outreach services to outlying communities including Wilcannia, White Cliffs, Menindee, Tibooburra and Ivanhoe.

Under the direction of the Principal Solicitor, the position of Solicitor will be responsible for legal advice, casework, information and referral, community engagement building, community development, community legal education and law reform.

Excellent ongoing training, on the job support and assistance will be provided to the successful applicant. Travel will be required in an organisational vehicle. Some overnight travel may be required in the region.

Salary: \$70,000 inclusive of superannuation. There are four weeks annual leave attached to the position and leave loading is considered to be part of the negotiated salary package. Negotiated assistance in relocation expenses is also offered. Applicants are requested to address the Competencies Required criteria in the position description to be considered for interview.

For a full position description or for any queries regarding the role please email the CEO, Cathy Farry at [cathy.farry@farwestclc.org.au](mailto:cathy.farry@farwestclc.org.au)

**Applications for the position of Principal Solicitor close 5pm Friday 24th June 2016.**

**NSW GOVERNMENT Justice Juvenile Justice**

**Youth Justice Conference Convenor (various locations)**

Department of Justice  
Juvenile Justice NSW  
Position No: 00004GZW

- Casual Role
- **Locations:** Penrith, Gosford, Blacktown, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Bega and Bateman's Bay, Sydney
- Conference Convenors will be contracted for each conference and paid at an hourly rate of \$44.50

**Primary Purpose of the role:** The Conference Convenor is a statutory appointee responsible for the preparation and facilitation of youth justice conferences in local communities with offenders, victims, support people, police and others affected by the offence.

**Applying for the role:** To apply for this role you need to submit an application online via [www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au)

A Working With Children Check is a pre-requisite for this position. It is an offence under the *Child Protection (Working With Children) Act 2012* for a barred person to apply for this position. If your application is progressed, you will be required to provide a Working With Children Check clearance number prior to your interview. For more information please visit [www.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au)

Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

**Sydney Metropolitan Area contacts:**  
Sydney – Marcelle.Jordan@djj.nsw.gov.au – (02) 9215 3399  
Penrith – Kassandal.Toohy@djj.nsw.gov.au – (02) 4720 3600  
Blacktown – Chris.Michaels@djj.nsw.gov.au – (02) 8882 4300  
Campbelltown – Dimitra.Vossinakis@djj.nsw.gov.au – (02) 4629 8400  
Fairfield – Chris.Fryirs@djj.nsw.gov.au – (02) 9724 1690  
Gosford – Marianne.Czerkesow@djj.nsw.gov.au – (02) 4325 6800

**South Regional Area contact:**  
Bega and Bateman's Bay – Ann.Pascoe@djj.nsw.gov.au

**Closing Date: 2 July 2016**

**VICTORIA State Government Health and Human Services**

**Manager, Aboriginal Engagement**

This is an exciting opportunity to support the department to improve employment outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the state of Victoria.

You will be required to drive policy and strategy development and implementation within the Division and advocate on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorians for more effective state wide policy development.

The Unit oversees implementation of strategies to build a human services industry in the Division that has a more culturally responsive workforce, and is more respectful and welcoming of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities.

Are you

- An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person with skills and experience building workforce capacity?
- Action-oriented, keen on getting the job done?
- A good communicator – able to talk and negotiate with different types of people?

**Special Condition: Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply as this position is exempt under the Special Measure Provision, Section 12 (1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic) .**

**For further information on the position description and the selection criteria visit:** [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au) or contact  
**Prue Stewart, Principal Adviser Aboriginal Engagement on telephone (03) 9096 9283 or 0409 505173.**  
Job Reference number: **DHHS/WWD/379101**  
Applications close: **Midnight Sunday, 26 June 2016**

For more information about the Department of Health and Human Services visit [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au)

To apply online and for other DHHS and Victorian Government job opportunities please visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://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](mailto:DiversityInclusion@dhhs.vic.gov.au)





## CASE WORKER Marrickville, NSW

We are looking for an encouraging person to provide support to our Tribal Dreaming customers. Tribal Dreaming provides case management to our male Aboriginal customers transitioning from prison and reintegrating back into the local community. The role focuses on empowering our customers to be independent community members who are connected to their family, friends and culture.

### Our ideal candidate:

- Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Passionate about empowering people
- Supports family and cultural community connections
- Positive written and verbal communication skills
- Proficient computer skills
- Current NSW drivers licence
- Enjoys a challenge

If you are interested in the position please visit our New Horizons careers website <http://newhorizons.org.au/careers/> to complete the online application.

**Applications close 5pm Sunday 10th July 2016.**



### About us:

Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council is located on the Central Coast of NSW. Our boundaries stretch from Catherine Hill Bay to the North, Hawkesbury River to the South, Pacific Ocean to the East and Watagan Mountains to the West.

Since its creation, Darkinjung has constantly focussed on improving the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal community. We achieve this objective by implementing policies and procedures through the operational functions of an Aboriginal Land Council, and in accordance with the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act (ALRA). Our vision is to engage and provide a strong economic and social environment for our community that builds and strengthens our cultural values and our identity.

### The Role – Work Health Safety and Environment Officer:

The Work Health Safety and Environment Officer is responsible for driving system compliance on the management of WHSE systems, programs and procedures to ensure compliance with legislation and industry best practice together with implementation of a program of risk assessment inspections and reporting for all land and property owned by or vested to Darkinjung.

### Key Responsibilities:

- Oversee, develop and maintain WHSE systems
- Ensure compliance with legislative requirements
- Ensure adequate property maintenance of land holdings is carried out

### Selection Criteria:

- Identify as an Aboriginal person
- Demonstrated experience in a similar WHSE role
- Demonstrated knowledge and interpretation of ALRA, NSW EPA and WHS Act
- Proven written and verbal communication skills
- Proven ability to meet timelines and work within budgets
- Demonstrated experience working with or in an Aboriginal Community
- Demonstrated computer literacy skills in Google Earth Mapping & MS Office

### Other work related requirements:

- Hold a current manual drivers licence and be able to drive a 4WD vehicle
- Hold a current first aid certificate
- Hold a current Working with Children Check
- Have a reasonable amount of fitness as walking is required
- A NSW Police check will be required for the successful applicant
- Our modern office is located at Watanobbi and is close to public transport. This is a full-time position working 38 hours per week.

### To Apply:

All applications must include a covering letter, confirmation of Aboriginality, CV/Resume setting out your education, work history and a statement addressing the selection criteria.

Applications for this position are to be addressed to [recruitment@dalc.org.au](mailto:recruitment@dalc.org.au) prior to 24th June 2016. Only successful candidates will be contacted. No agencies.

**This role in an Aboriginal Australian identified position. Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council considers that being an Aboriginal Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).**



## Call for Expressions of Interest from Victoria's Indigenous creative arts community

Are you a Victorian based Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander practitioner working in any area of the creative arts? Do you have an interest in working in the screen sector, be that television, film or online?

### We want to hear from you!

Open Channel – Victoria's screen resource organisation, is proud to be partnering with Film Victoria and one of Australia's preeminent production companies to deliver a range of paid technical and creative attachment positions on a significant upcoming television drama series. These attachments will only be open to Victorian based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practitioners.

We'll be advertising a range of positions in the near future, for durations between 6 and 13 weeks between July and October 2016. The positions will be paid the national minimum wage level and may be flexible in their structure.

If you would like to be considered for this program please go to the Open Channel website to fill in the Expression Of Interest form – <http://www.openchannel.org.au/industry-attachments/>

**Expressions of Interest close on 1 July 2016.**

Please feel free to contact Open Channel's Attachment Program Manager, Chris Barker with any questions and for further information on:

e: [attachments@openchannel.org.au](mailto:attachments@openchannel.org.au) p: 03 8327 2008  
m: 0419 824 894



## The Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council SA Inc. (ADAC) is recruiting for:

### Program Manager

### Footsteps – Road to Recovery

Footsteps – Road to recovery is a residential alcohol and drug rehabilitation service based on a therapeutic community (TC) model for Aboriginal and non Aboriginal people wanting to address their harmful alcohol and drug use. Established by the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council, Aboriginal Health Council SA and Aboriginal Family Support Services, Footsteps – Road to recovery services the north west region of South Australia.

This is an exciting opportunity for a highly skilled person with alcohol and drug clinical expertise to manage the service and run the TC program, as well as ensuring policies and practices meet quality standards.

### How to apply

To obtain the selection documentation or for further information, please request a copy of the Job Application Pack phone: (08) 8351 9031 or email: [scott@adac.org.au](mailto:scott@adac.org.au)

**Applications close: COB 27th June, 2016.**

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## Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

**Notification day: 29 June 2016**



## National Native Title Tribunal

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

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003 **on or before 28 September 2016**. After **28 September 2016**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

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

Important note: This notice replaces a previous notice published on 20 April 2016 which identified a notification date of 4 May 2016. The application has been re-notified due to anomalies which were identified with the original process.



**Application name:** Angela Braun & Ors on behalf of the Jirral People #4 v State of Queensland

**Federal Court File No:** QUD983/2015

**Date filed:** 22 October 2015

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

**Description:** The area subject to this application covers approximately 2,900 sq km and extends from Atherton to Kirrama Homestead and from Millaa Millaa to Innot Hot Springs.

**Relevant LGA:** Cassowary Coast & Tablelands Regional Councils.

**For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).**

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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                           |
|-----------------|--|----------|-----------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 38/1860         | CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN RARE EARTHS PTY LTD | 485088   | 131.99HA  | 19km E'ly of Laverton                | Lat: 28° 35' S<br>Long: 122° 35' E | LAVERTON SHIRE                  |
| 38/2666         | DUKETON MINING LTD                     | 484957   | 68.99HA   | 55km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission  | Lat: 27° 48' S<br>Long: 122° 21' E | LAVERTON SHIRE                  |
| 38/2699         | DUKETON MINING LTD                     | 485224   | 2.20HA    | 73km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 27° 46' S<br>Long: 122° 18' E | LAVERTON SHIRE                  |
| 38/2699         | DUKETON MINING LTD                     | 486452   | 1.56HA    | 73km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 27° 45' S<br>Long: 122° 16' E | LAVERTON SHIRE                  |
| 39/1310         | DACIAN GOLD LIMITED                    | 486369   | 140.39HA  | 25km SW'ly of Laverton               | Lat: 28° 44' S<br>Long: 122° 8' E  | LAVERTON SHIRE                  |
| 51/1556-I       | GTI RESOURCES LTD                      | 487182   | 1194.59HA | 56km S'ly of Meekatharra             | Lat: 27° 6' S<br>Long: 118° 32' E  | CUE SHIRE,<br>MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| 57/875          | GATEWAY MINING LIMITED                 | 483150   | 2.02HA    | 64km N'ly of Sandstone               | Lat: 27° 26' S<br>Long: 119° 31' E | SANDSTONE SHIRE                 |
| 57/888          | GATEWAY MINING LIMITED                 | 483151   | 1.00HA    | 70km N'ly of Sandstone               | Lat: 27° 24' S<br>Long: 119° 33' E | SANDSTONE SHIRE                 |

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day:** 15 June 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 **15 September 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. 15 October 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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### DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

#### SOUTHERN RECHARGE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a water supply work and use approval (amendment) has been received from **ROBYN AMY BRATBY CRAGO** for 2 X 203 mm bores, irrigation purposes on Lot 2 and 21 DP751786.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 382, Narrabri NSW 2390 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A8218)

Any queries please call (02) 6799 6626, Peter Cuell, Water Regulation Officer.

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### DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER

#### SOUTHERN RECHARGE GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for an amended COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL for an additional (proposed) bore for town water supply purposes (village of Collie) on road reserve adjoining Lot 7001 DP93392, Parish of Collie, County of Ewenmar (Ref: A008285).

Objections to the granting of the approval(s) must be registered in writing to DPI Water, P O 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.

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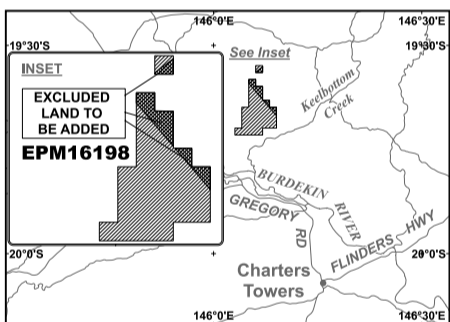


# NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADDITION OF EXCLUDED LAND INTO EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS AND GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

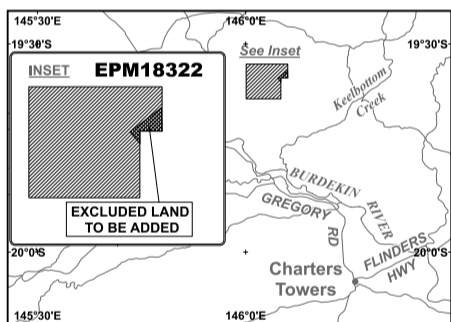
## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 Permits for Minerals and grant of the Exploration Permits for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

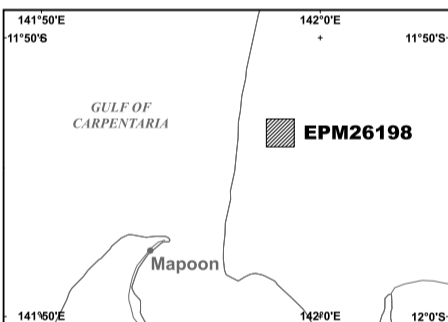
Proposed addition of excluded land into Exploration Permit 16198 sought by Piccadilly Gold Mine Holdings Limited, ACN 140 843 125 over an area of 28 sub-blocks (90 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 50 km North North West of Charters Towers, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



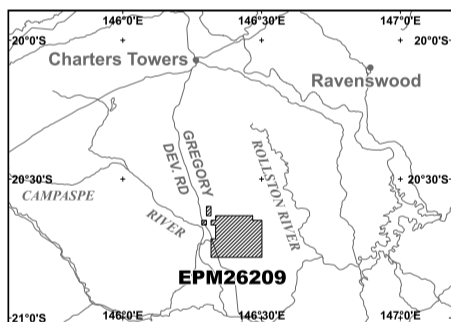
Proposed addition of excluded land into Exploration Permit 18322 sought by Piccadilly Gold Mine Holdings Limited, ACN 140 843 125 over an area of 27 sub-blocks (87 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 57 km North North West of Charters Towers, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



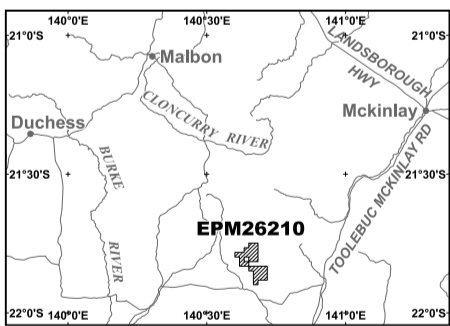
Exploration Permit 26198 sought by Gulf Alumina Limited, ACN 108 086 371, over an area of 1 sub-blocks (3 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 11 km North East of Mapoon, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



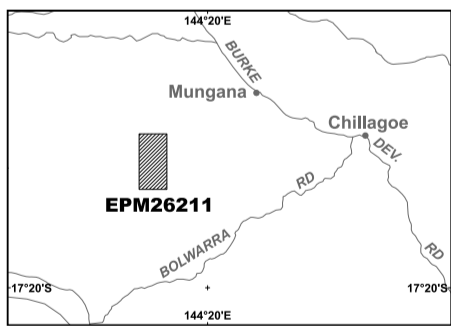
Exploration Permit 26209 sought by NQM Gold 2 Pty Ltd (60%) and CQT Gold Australia Pty Ltd (40%), ACN 129 020 248 and ACN 128 947 419, over an area of 96 sub-blocks (308 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 70 km South of Charters Towers, in the locality of the Charters Towers Regional Council.



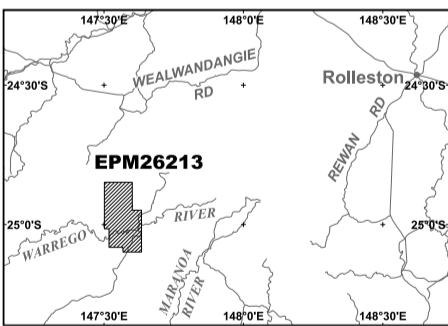
Exploration Permit 26210 sought by Pegmont Mines Limited, ACN 003 331 682, over an area of 26 sub-blocks (83 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 87 km South West of Mckinlay, in the locality of the Cloncurry Regional Council.



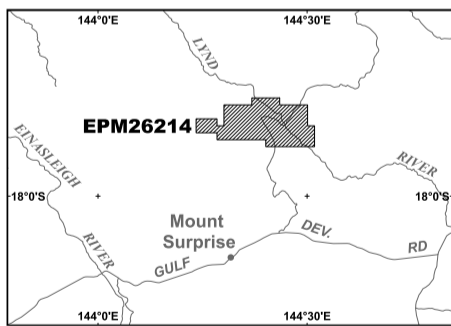
Exploration Permit 26211 sought by Wandoo Tenements Pty Ltd, ACN 603 839 809, over an area of 8 sub-blocks (26 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 16 km South West of Mungana, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



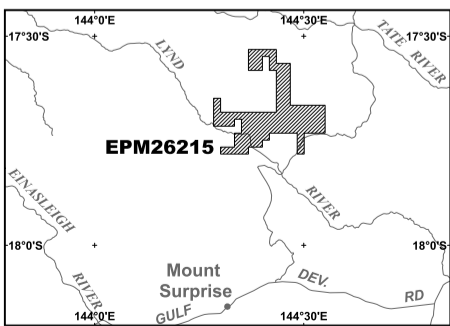
Exploration Permit 26213 sought by Sammy Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 117 304 006, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (311 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 120 km South West of Rolleston, in the locality of the Murweh Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26214 sought by Monax Mining Ltd, ACN 110 336 733, over an area of 81 sub-blocks (264 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 37 km North of Mount Surprise, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 26215 sought by Monax Mining Ltd, ACN 110 336 733, over an area of 90 sub-blocks (294 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 55 km North of Mount Surprise, in the locality of the Mareeba Shire 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, and the applications to add Excluded Land to the 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](mailto: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.

The Government party considers the future Act(s) is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. The application to add the Excluded Land to 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 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: 6 July 2016**





**DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER**

**GAB SURAT SHALLOW GROUNDWATER SOURCE**

An application for an amended COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **HADDON RIG PTY LIMITED** for 1 proposed additional bore for irrigation on Lot 2 DP 1040566, Parish of Holybon, County of Gregory.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, P O Box 717, DUBBO NSW 830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A008267)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

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**DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (DPI) WATER**

**HAWKESBURY AND LOWER NEPEAN RIVERS WATER SOURCE**

**UPPER HAWKESBURY RIVER SOUTH CREEK TO CATTAI CREEK MANAGEMENT ZONE**

An application for a WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **ZHONG GUANG SO, YU YING SU, XIU ZHEN HE AND ZHONG YUAN SU** for a 65mm centrifugal pump, a 80mm centrifugal pump and an existing dam with a total storage capacity of 3ML on Lot 13 DP 736138 for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to DPI Water, PO Box 340, Gosford NSW 2250 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A008254). Any queries please call (02) 4348 5013, Robert Cavallaro, Water Regulation Officer.

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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   |
|---------------------|----------------|--|-----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Exploration Licence | 09/2179        | CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED   | 20BL      | 137km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat: 24° 42' S Long: 116° 30' E | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE                            |
| Exploration Licence | 09/2181        | GIANNI, Peter Romeo  | 19BL      | 71km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat: 24° 44' S Long: 115° 49' E | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE                            |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1431        | STRINDBERG, Brooke Louise  | 4BL       | 15km N'ly of Widgiemooltha      | Lat: 31° 21' S Long: 121° 36' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1435        | PASCOE, Dawn Elena   | 4BL       | 12km N'ly of Widgiemooltha      | Lat: 31° 23' S Long: 121° 36' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Exploration Licence | 16/482         | GOLDSTAR RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD  | 37BL      | 67km NW'ly of Coolgardie        | Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 120° 47' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Exploration Licence | 16/483         | GOLDSTAR RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD  | 13BL      | 56km NW'ly of Coolgardie        | Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 120° 46' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Exploration Licence | 16/486         | GOLDSTAR RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD  | 10BL      | 73km NW'ly of Coolgardie        | Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 120° 38' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Exploration Licence | 16/487         | GOLDSTAR RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD  | 11BL      | 78km SW'ly of Menzies           | Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 120° 38' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                                |
| Exploration Licence | 20/878-1       | HALL, Anthony Jacob<br>CAMERON, Stuart John<br>FITZPATRICK, Michael John<br>GORMAN, Gerard Brian | 1BL       | 22km W'ly of Cue                | Lat: 27° 23' S Long: 117° 39' E | CUE SHIRE                                       |
| Exploration Licence | 20/888-92      | CUE METALS PTY LTD   | 234BL     | 29km N'ly of Cue                | Lat: 27° 10' S Long: 117° 55' E | CUE SHIRE                                       |
| Exploration Licence | 20/897         | LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert   | 1BL       | 25km NW'ly of Cue               | Lat: 27° 17' S Long: 117° 40' E | CUE SHIRE                                       |
| Exploration Licence | 20/898         | SHUMWARI PTY LTD   | 20BL      | 25km NE'ly of Cue               | Lat: 27° 20' S Long: 118° 6' E  | CUE SHIRE                                       |
| Exploration Licence | 21/191-1       | HALL, Anthony Jacob<br>CAMERON, Stuart John<br>FITZPATRICK, Michael John<br>GORMAN, Gerard Brian | 3BL       | 23km W'ly of Cue                | Lat: 27° 26' S Long: 117° 39' E | CUE SHIRE                                       |
| Exploration Licence | 25/530         | SUMITOMO METAL MINING OCEANIA PTY LTD  | 31BL      | 40km E'ly of Kalgoorlie         | Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 51' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Exploration Licence | 25/544         | ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED  | 9BL       | 43km E'ly of Kalgoorlie         | Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 121° 54' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Exploration Licence | 25/545         | BRIMSTONE RESOURCES LTD  | 1BL       | 53km E'ly of Kalgoorlie         | Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 121° 59' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Exploration Licence | 25/546         | BRIMSTONE RESOURCES LTD  | 3BL       | 52km E'ly of Kalgoorlie         | Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 121° 59' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Exploration Licence | 26/174         | DRILLABIT PTY LTD  | 5BL       | 11km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie        | Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 21' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Exploration Licence | 27/564         | SIMMONDS, Peter John   | 8BL       | 49km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie        | Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 121° 52' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Exploration Licence | 27/566         | BUSWELL-SMITH, Simon James   | 3BL       | 56km N'ly of Kalgoorlie         | Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 121° 29' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Exploration Licence | 27/568         | BRIMSTONE RESOURCES LTD  | 14BL      | 50km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie        | Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 121° 56' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2587        | BUSWELL-SMITH, Simon James   | 12BL      | 77km E'ly of Kalgoorlie         | Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 122° 13' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Exploration Licence | 29/968         | EMPIRE RESOURCES LIMITED   | 44BL      | 43km S'ly of Menzies            | Lat: 30° 3' S Long: 120° 55' E  | MENZIES SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 37/1262        | NORTHERN DEEPS PTY LTD   | 5BL       | 99km NE'ly of Leinster          | Lat: 27° 21' S Long: 121° 28' E | LEONORA SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 37/1263        | MAURITZ, Leon Kurt   | 2BL       | 95km NE'ly of Leinster          | Lat: 27° 31' S Long: 121° 32' E | LEONORA SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 37/1264        | MAURITZ, Leon Kurt   | 1BL       | 93km NE'ly of Leinster          | Lat: 27° 29' S Long: 121° 30' E | LEONORA SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 37/1265        | MAURITZ, Leon Kurt   | 4BL       | 97km NE'ly of Leinster          | Lat: 27° 27' S Long: 121° 31' E | LEONORA SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 38/3060        | GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD   | 7BL       | 29km S'ly of Laverton           | Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 122° 24' E | LAVERTON SHIRE                                  |
| Exploration Licence | 38/3114        | MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL  | 20BL      | 16km NW'ly of Laverton          | Lat: 28° 30' S Long: 122° 18' E | LAVERTON SHIRE                                  |
| Exploration Licence | 39/1962        | PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD  | 123BL     | 127km SE'ly of Laverton         | Lat: 29° 31' S Long: 123° 12' E | MENZIES SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 39/1963        | PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD  | 31BL      | 97km SE'ly of Laverton          | Lat: 29° 24' S Long: 122° 51' E | MENZIES SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 39/1964        | PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD  | 33BL      | 95km SE'ly of Laverton          | Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 123° 3' E  | MENZIES SHIRE                                   |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4639-1      | ATLAS IRON LIMITED   | 7BL       | 24km S'ly of Marble Bar         | Lat: 21° 23' S Long: 119° 43' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                              |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4709        | MACARTHUR LITHIUM PTY LTD  | 22BL      | 48km S'ly of Marble Bar         | Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 119° 43' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                              |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4710        | MACARTHUR LITHIUM PTY LTD  | 22BL      | 74km W'ly of Nullagine          | Lat: 21° 48' S Long: 119° 24' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                              |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4716        | SAYONA MINING LIMITED  | 60BL      | 61km SW'ly of Goldsworthy       | Lat: 20° 41' S Long: 119° 4' E  | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                              |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4721        | GREAT SANDY PTY LTD  | 39BL      | 26km NE'ly of Marble Bar        | Lat: 21° 3' S Long: 119° 57' E  | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                              |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4726        | SAYONA LITHIUM PTY LTD   | 70BL      | 106km S'ly of Port Hedland      | Lat: 21° 16' S Long: 118° 34' E | PORT HEDLAND TOWN                               |
| Exploration Licence | 46/1126        | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD  | 29BL      | 99km SW'ly of Telfer            | Lat: 22° 5' S Long: 121° 22' E  | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                              |
| Exploration Licence | 46/1129-1      | ATLAS IRON LIMITED   | 3BL       | 30km N'ly of Nullagine          | Lat: 21° 37' S Long: 120° 3' E  | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                              |
| Exploration Licence | 46/1130        | GEOSTATS PTY LTD   | 3BL       | 25km N'ly of Nullagine          | Lat: 21° 41' S Long: 120° 12' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                              |
| Exploration Licence | 47/3475        | SAYONA LITHIUM PTY LTD   | 36BL      | 107km S'ly of Port Hedland      | Lat: 21° 14' S Long: 118° 20' E | PORT HEDLAND TOWN                               |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1730        | YANDAN GOLD MINES PTY LTD  | 41BL      | 60km N'ly of Meekatharra        | Lat: 26° 4' S Long: 118° 40' E  | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                               |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1736-1      | LEVISSIANOS, Angelo  | 15BL      | 121km NE'ly of Meekatharra      | Lat: 25° 49' S Long: 119° 21' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                               |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3419        | WATTS, Paul Hartley  | 67BL      | 130km S'ly of Newman            | Lat: 24° 32' S Long: 119° 40' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                               |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3429-1      | ANGORA BLUE PTY LTD  | 4BL       | 153km NE'ly of Meekatharra      | Lat: 25° 33' S Long: 119° 31' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                               |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3430-1      | ANGORA BLUE PTY LTD  | 2BL       | 143km NE'ly of Meekatharra      | Lat: 25° 38' S Long: 119° 27' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                               |
| Exploration Licence | 53/1815        | HANNANS RESOURCES PTY LTD  | 70BL      | 82km W'ly of Wiluna             | Lat: 26° 45' S Long: 120° 2' E  | WILUNA SHIRE                                    |
| Exploration Licence | 53/1855 & 1867 | MKO MINES PTY LTD  | 14BL      | 61km S'ly of Wiluna             | Lat: 27° 7' S Long: 120° 59' E  | WILUNA SHIRE                                    |
| Exploration Licence | 58/507         | MUSGRAVE MINERALS LIMITED  | 4BL       | 33km S'ly of Cue                | Lat: 27° 43' S Long: 117° 48' E | CUE SHIRE, MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE                   |
| Exploration Licence | 63/1784        | POSEIDON NICKEL LIMITED  | 20BL      | 117km W'ly of Norseman          | Lat: 32° 14' S Long: 120° 32' E | DUNDAS SHIRE                                    |
| Exploration Licence | 69/3442        | VANGUARD EXPLORATION LTD   | 4BL       | 165km N'ly of Wiluna            | Lat: 25° 11' S Long: 120° 17' E | WILUNA SHIRE                                    |
| Exploration Licence | 69/3443        | VANGUARD EXPLORATION LTD   | 30BL      | 172km N'ly of Wiluna            | Lat: 25° 4' S Long: 120° 26' E  | WILUNA SHIRE                                    |
| Exploration Licence | 70/4810        | VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED   | 53BL      | 6km NE'ly of Bridgetown         | Lat: 33° 54' S Long: 116° 10' E | BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES SHIRE                    |
| Exploration Licence | 70/4814        | VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED   | 122BL     | 22km E'ly of Bridgetown         | Lat: 33° 54' S Long: 116° 22' E | BOYUP BROOK SHIRE, BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 70/4815        | MINERAL SEARCH PTY LTD<br>MCLEAN, Trevor Gerard<br>MCLEAN, Jan Maree                             | 5BL       | 74km NW'ly of Ravensthorpe      | Lat: 32° 59' S Long: 119° 41' E | LAKE GRACE SHIRE                                |
| Exploration Licence | 70/4825        | LITHIUM AUSTRALIA NL   | 28BL      | 11km N'ly of Manjimup           | Lat: 34° 8' S Long: 116° 9' E   | BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES SHIRE, MANJIMUP SHIRE    |
| Exploration Licence | 70/4832        | LIVINGSTONE, Jason Newton  | 8BL       | 15km E'ly of Jerramungup        | Lat: 33° 56' S Long: 119° 5' E  | JERRAMUNGUP SHIRE                               |
| Exploration Licence | 70/4848        | HORN IRON PTY LTD  | 5BL       | 16km SE'ly of Merredin          | Lat: 31° 25' S Long: 118° 26' E | MERREDIN SHIRE                                  |
| Exploration Licence | 74/587         | MACARTHUR LITHIUM PTY LTD  | 2BL       | 11km W'ly of Ravensthorpe       | Lat: 33° 37' S Long: 119° 56' E | RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE                              |
| Exploration Licence | 74/588         | MACARTHUR LITHIUM PTY LTD  | 30BL      | 12km W'ly of Ravensthorpe       | Lat: 33° 34' S Long: 119° 55' E | RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE                              |
| Exploration Licence | 74/589         | UNIVERSAL RARE EARTHS PTY LTD  | 3BL       | 4km SW'ly of Ravensthorpe       | Lat: 33° 36' S Long: 120° 1' E  | RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE                              |
| Prospecting Licence | 24/5012        | WALKER, William James  | 83.39HA   | 64km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie        | Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 120° 57' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Prospecting Licence | 24/5072        | MEUWISSEN, Robert Mathew   | 134.89HA  | 67km S'ly of Menzies            | Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 120° 57' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Prospecting Licence | 24/5094        | LINE, Jamie Andrew   | 10.28HA   | 27km N'ly of Kalgoorlie         | Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 121° 23' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Prospecting Licence | 25/2321        | HONEY, William Harold<br>PUMPHREY, Andrew Ian  | 9.89HA    | 40km E'ly of Kambalda           | Lat: 31° 4' S Long: 122° 3' E   | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Prospecting Licence | 25/2375-76     | CHEN, Xingpeng   | 221.11HA  | 27km E'ly of Kalgoorlie         | Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 44' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Prospecting Licence | 26/4171        | NORTON GOLD FIELDS LIMITED   | 13.39HA   | 9km SW'ly of Kalgoorlie         | Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 24' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Prospecting Licence | 27/2248        | MCDONALD, James Stuart   | 22.49HA   | 57km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie        | Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 121° 43' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                         |
| Prospecting Licence | 29/2376-S      | CHASSAING, Henri Vincent Andre   | 8.86HA    | 40km S'ly of Menzies            | Lat: 30° 2' S Long: 121° 9' E   | MENZIES SHIRE                                   |
| Prospecting Licence | 31/2096        | MCCLAREN, Kym Anthony<br>MANSEN, James Karl  | 161.90HA  | 130km S'ly of Laverton          | Lat: 29° 47' S Long: 122° 22' E | MENZIES SHIRE                                   |
| Prospecting Licence | 37/8687-94     | MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL  | 1424.08HA | 25km NE'ly of Leonora           | Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 121° 31' E | LEONORA SHIRE                                   |
| Prospecting Licence | 37/8696        | LORENTZ, Wolfgang Michael  | 188.63HA  | 38km NE'ly of Leonora           | Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 36' E | LEONORA SHIRE                                   |
| Prospecting Licence | 38/4202        | MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL  | 150.18HA  | 13km NW'ly of Laverton          | Lat: 28° 33' S Long: 122° 17' E | LAVERTON SHIRE                                  |
| Prospecting Licence | 39/5617        | MAGNETIC RESOURCES NL  | 160.49HA  | 44km SW'ly of Laverton          | Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 59' E | LAVERTON SHIRE                                  |
| Prospecting Licence | 39/5618        | KEILTY, Stephen Conway<br>ROSEWARNE, Robert<br>WRIGHT, Richard                                   | 199.96HA  | 57km E'ly of Leonora            | Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 121° 54' E | LEONORA SHIRE                                   |
| Prospecting Licence | 40/1385        | CREW, Ross Frederick   | 176.51HA  | 46km S'ly of Leonora            | Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 121° 26' E | MENZIES SHIRE                                   |
| Prospecting Licence | 40/1386        | MALATESTA, Nathan  | 165.68HA  | 46km S'ly of Leonora            | Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 121° 28' E | MENZIES SHIRE                                   |
| Prospecting Licence | 46/1875        | WAKEFORD HOLDINGS PTY LTD  | 200.23HA  | 11km E'ly of Nullagine          | Lat: 21° 53' S Long: 120° 12' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                              |
| Prospecting Licence | 51/2975        | KING, Trent Nathan<br>DAVIES, Todd   | 174.43HA  | 25km SE'ly of Meekatharra       | Lat: 26° 47' S Long: 118° 37' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                               |
| Prospecting Licence | 53/1636        | OREX MINING PTY LTD  | 106.39HA  | 58km S'ly of Wiluna             | Lat: 27° 5' S Long: 120° 57' E  | WILUNA SHIRE                                    |
| Prospecting Licence | 59/2086        | LARSEN, Jake Thomas  | 39.00HA   | 19km N'ly of Yalgoo             | Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 116° 43' E | YALGOO SHIRE                                    |
| Prospecting Licence | 59/2087        | LARSEN, Jake Thomas  | 119.00HA  | 20km N'ly of Yalgoo             | Lat: 28° 9' S Long: 116° 44' E  | YALGOO SHIRE                                    |

**Nature of the act:** Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

**Notification day: 15 June 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 **15 September 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.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 15 October 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. \* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8km<sup>2</sup>

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## Want to play rugby overseas?



AN Indigenous Australian Invitational Rugby (IAIR) team will tour Canada and California in late 2018.

The team will play five games over two weeks, with games pencilled in for Long Beach (California) and Vancouver, Toronto, Quebec and Newfoundland (Canada).

It will be the second tour by an IAIR team following the inaugural tour in November, 2015.

The IAIR looks to empower young Indigenous men by assisting them with their educational, employment and social goals.

Spokesman Darrell Morris said its aim was to develop Indigenous leaders and take into account efforts made by applicants on and off the field when offering an invitation to tour.

A five-person selection panel will review applications and then select 30 players to tour.

Morris said the team would be announced in mid 2016. This would give all the players and staff nearly two years to fundraise.

In the meantime, IAIR will aim to assist selected players with their rugby development, studies, housing and employment options.

Morris outlined expected financial commitment:

- If invited, a non-refundable deposit of \$350 must be paid by October 1, 2016.

- The tour is estimated to cost \$4000-5000 each (not including spending money).

- All other monies paid will be refundable up to six months prior to tour departure.

- Players will be required to make regular and timely payments.

The IAIR does not make a profit from the tour. Management, support staff and coaches are all volunteers and do not get paid.

Tour requirements:

- Players will need to be aged between 18 and 23 at the time of the tour.

- Players will need to commit to a touring conditioning program (to be provided).

Individual conditioning and fitness will be the responsibility of each touring player and crucial for the playing and training requirements for the tour.

Diet and training support will be made available to all players if required (via email, video conferencing or phone).

- Players must be registered and remain registered with a rugby union club and or school team.

- Players must meet payment deadlines. All domestic flights, passports, travel insurance and visas are not included in the touring package.

Invited players are advised to research appropriate travel insurance packages.

Players and support staff will need at least 17 days leave from their employer to tour. This will include a three-day pre-departure camp in Townsville, Queensland.

Players who are students need to consider their university, high school or college study and exam requirements when applying to tour.

Interested players can receive an application by emailing IAIRrugby@gmail.com

Applications close on June 20, 2016.

Inquiries to Darrell Morris on 0407 057 808.



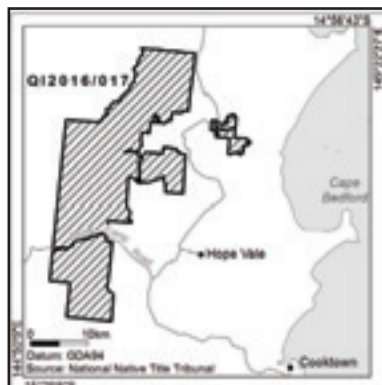
Bryce Lee (left), from Canberra, and Brandon Luta, of Townsville, were among the Indigenous rugby players who toured the US last November. Picture supplied

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

Notification day: 22 June 2016



National Native Title Tribunal



QI2016/017 Sandstone East Land Transfer ILUA

State of Queensland

**Description of the agreement area:**

Agreement area covers about 545.4 sq km located approx. 42 km north west of Cooktown.

**Relevant LGA:** Cook Shire Council

**The agreement contains the following statements:**

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

4.1 The parties consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts to the extent that they are Future Acts.

4.2 Subject to compliance with this Agreement, if any of the Agreed Acts done prior to the Registration Date are invalid Future Acts, the parties agree to the validating of those Agreed Acts.

5. To avoid any doubt, Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA does not apply to the doing of the Agreed Acts.

[The "Agreed Acts" consented to under clauses 4.1 and 4.2 means all acts necessary to give effect to the Agreement and the Indigenous Management Agreement (IMA) including:

- the grants of the Proposed Western ALA Area to the Waarnthuur-iin Corporation (Waarnthuur-iin Aboriginal Corporation) and of the Proposed Eastern ALA Area to the BLHG Corporation (Binthi Land Holding Group Aboriginal Corporation) as Aboriginal Land under the Aboriginal Land Act 1991 (Qld) (ALA);
- the State and the Waarnthuur-iin Corporation entering into, being bound by and complying with the IMA;
- the dedication, use and management of the Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Areas as national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land) and the doing of all acts in that area in accordance with the IMA;
- any variation of the IMA in accordance with the terms of the IMA;
- the Waarnthuur-iin Corporation and the BLHG Corporation entering into and complying with the Western and Eastern Gravel Leases respectively for gravel extraction with the Road Authority for road maintenance purposes;
- the Road Authority camping at designated Gravel Extraction Campsites and carrying out water extraction that is authorised under the Water Act 2000 (Qld), and the Nature and Conservation Act 1992 (Qld) (NCA) where applicable, from the Water Extraction Sites and the State granting any licence, authority or permit required for that purpose in accordance with the requirements of the IMA;
- the dedication of the Proposed New Road Areas as Roads;
- the grant of the Easements 1; 2 and 3;
- the Waarnthuur-iin Corporation and the BLHG Corporation constructing and maintaining access tracks on the Proposed Western ALA Area and Proposed Eastern ALA Area respectively;
- the registration and grant of a Carbon Abatement Interest, including any interest granting the right to deal with Carbon Abatement Products, or the declaration of an Eligible Offsets Project over the Proposed ALA Areas in favour of the Corporations;
- the creation of any Management Instrument over the Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Area subject to the terms of the IMA; and
- Relevant Acts

"Relevant Acts" means:

- o following the grants of the Proposed Eastern ALA and Proposed Western ALA Areas to the BLHG Corporation and the Waarnthuur-iin Corporation respectively, the creation, authorisation or granting of a valid lease, agreement, licence, profit à prendre, permit or other authority over the Proposed Eastern ALA and Proposed Western ALA Areas by the BLHG Corporation and the Waarnthuur-iin Corporation respectively;
- o following the dedication of the Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Area, the creation, authorisation or grant of a valid lease, agreement, licence, permit or other authority under section 42AD, section 42AE or section 42AEA of the NCA over the Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Area by the State, subject to the consent of the Waarnthuur-iin Corporation and any other processes required under the IMA;
- o the renewal or amendment of a lease, agreement, licence, profit à prendre, permit or other authority under the above dot points;
- o an Associated Activity,
- o but does not include the grant of a Mining Tenement or any authority relating to mining or mineral exploration under any legislation.]

"Easement 1" means an easement from the BLHG Corporation to Waarnthuur-iin Corporation for access over Lot 57 on SP273793 and on substantially the same terms as the draft easement in Schedule 6 [of the agreement].

"Easement 2" means an easement from the BLHG Corporation to NPSR [the State of Queensland represented by the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing] for access over Lot 57 on SP273793 described as easement A on DP283817 in Lot 57 on SP273793 and on substantially the same terms as the draft easement in Schedule 7 [of the agreement].

"Easement 3" means the easement from the Waarnthuur-iin Corporation to NPSR over Lot 56 on SP273793 described as easement G on DP283828 in Lot 56 on SP273793 for access to the Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Area and on substantially the same terms as the draft easement in Schedule 8 [of the agreement].

"Proposed Eastern ALA Area" means that part of the Agreement Area proposed to be granted to the BLHG Corporation under the ALA in accordance with clause 10, described as "Proposed Eastern ALA Area" in Part 1 of Schedule 1 and shown in the plans in Part 2 of Schedule 1 [of the agreement].

"Proposed Eastern Gravel Lease Areas" means those parts of the Proposed Eastern ALA Area proposed to be leased by the BLHG Corporation to the Road Authority, described as "Proposed Eastern Gravel Lease Areas" in Part 1 of Schedule 1 and shown in the plans in Part 2 of Schedule 1 [of the agreement].

"Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Area" means that part of the Proposed Western ALA Area proposed to be dedicated as national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land), in accordance with clause 10, described as "Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Areas" in Part 1 of Schedule 1 and shown in the plans in Part 2 of Schedule 1 [of the agreement].

"Proposed New Road Areas" means the areas marked as new road, as shown on the plans in Schedule 9 [of the agreement].

"Proposed Western ALA Area" means that part of the Agreement Area proposed to be granted to the Waarnthuur-iin Corporation under the ALA in accordance with clause 10, described as "Proposed Western ALA Area" in Part 1 of Schedule 1 and shown in the plans in Part 2 of Schedule 1 [of the agreement].

"Proposed Western Gravel Lease Areas" means those parts of the Proposed Western ALA Area proposed to be leased by the Waarnthuur-iin Corporation to the Road Authority, described as "Proposed Western Gravel Lease Areas" in Part 1 of Schedule 1 and shown in the plans in Part 2 of Schedule 1 [of the agreement].

**Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:**

Native Title Group [Michael Ross, Silva Blanco, James Creek, Jonathan Korkaktain, Reginald Williams, Wayne Butcher, Clarry Flinders, Philip Port and Hogan Shortjoe, being the persons comprising the Applicant in the Cape York United Number 1 Claim (QUD673/2014)]

c/- Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation

PO Box 2496

Cairns QLD 4870

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

c/- Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Cape York Peninsula Tenure Resolution

PO Box 4597

Cairns QLD 4870

Waarnthuur-iin Aboriginal Corporation

Binthi Land Group Aboriginal Corporation

both c/-

Cape York Land Council

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Cairns QLD 4870

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

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Cape York Land Council, 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, PO Box 9973, Cairns, QLD, 4870 by 22 September 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 Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

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## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

| Tenement Type | No.     | Applicant   | Area       | Locality                | Centroid                           | Shire                   |
|---------------|---------|---|------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mining Lease  | 16/545  | EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD                                      | 1130.77HA  | 44km N'ly of Coolgardie | Lat: 30° 34' S<br>Long: 121° 2' E  | COOLGARDIE SHIRE        |
| Mining Lease  | 16/546  | EVOLUTION MINING (MUNGARI) PTY LTD                                      | 544.74HA   | 42km N'ly of Coolgardie | Lat: 30° 35' S<br>Long: 121° 1' E  | COOLGARDIE SHIRE        |
| Mining Lease  | 26/462  | BARRICK (AUSTRALIA PACIFIC) PTY LIMITED<br>KALGOORLIE LAKE VIEW PTY LTD | 68.23HA    | 6km E'ly of Kalgoorlie  | Lat: 30° 45' S<br>Long: 121° 31' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Mining Lease  | 39/1104 | NARNOO MINING PTY LTD   | 10460.94HA | 180km NW'ly of Rawlinna | Lat: 30° 0' S<br>Long: 123° 46' E  | MENZIES SHIRE           |
| Mining Lease  | 39/1105 | NARNOO MINING PTY LTD   | 5681.92HA  | 186km SE'ly of Laverton | Lat: 29° 55' S<br>Long: 123° 36' E | MENZIES 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:** 15 June 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 **15 September 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. 15 October 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 of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Notification day: 22 June 2016



## National Native Title Tribunal



### Q12016/018 Lockhart River Defence Facilities ILUA State of Queensland

#### Description of the agreement area:

Agreement areas covers about 941 sq m located within the townsite of Lockhart River on Twin Peaks Street.

**Relevant LGA:** Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council

#### The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

#### 5. Statement for the purpose of the NTA

For the purposes of: (a) section 24EB(1)(c) of the NTA; and (b) regulation 7(5)(b) of the NT Regulations, the Parties state that Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply to the grant of the Lease, the Facilities Acts or any other acts consented to under this agreement.

#### 9.1 Lease and associated rights

(a) The Parties consent to: (i) the grant of the Lease; and (ii) other acts necessary or expedient to give effect to the grant of the Lease, in the ILUA Area and agree not to challenge their validity in the future. (b) The Parties consent to: (i) the construction, development, operation and maintenance of the Facilities by or on behalf of Defence; and (ii) the activities carried out by or on behalf of Defence in the ILUA Area, which took place prior to the Grant Date (Facilities Acts), notwithstanding the Facilities Acts were carried out prior to the Grant Date, and the Parties agree that the Facilities Acts are valid and that they will not challenge their validity in the future.

'Commencement Date' means the date this agreement is executed by the last of the Parties to execute it [17 February 2015].

'Facilities' means the depot constructed, developed, operated and maintained by or on behalf of Defence, in the ILUA area, prior to the Commencement Date.

'Facilities Acts' has the meaning given to that term in clause 9.1(b).

'Grant Date' means the date the Lease is granted by the Trustee and otherwise becomes unconditional in accordance with its terms.

'Lease' means a lease over the ILUA Area substantially in the form contained in Schedule 4 [of the agreement], and any reissue, substitution, renewal, extension or further or subsequent grant thereof.

'Trustee' means the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council in its capacity as the holder of a fee simple title, as Trustee, to the ILUA Area.

#### Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Commonwealth of Australia acting through the Department of Defence  
c/- MinterEllison  
Level 22, Waterfront Place  
1 Eagle Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000

Michael Ross, Silva Blanco, James Creek, Jonathan Korkaktain, Reginald Williams, Wayne Butcher, Clarry Flinders, Philip Port and Hogan Shortjoe on their own behalf and on behalf of the Cape York United Number 1 Claim (QUD673/2014) and Patricia Pascoe, Abigail Wilson, Brian Claudie, Evelyn Claudie, James Bally, Minnie Gible, Gabriel Butcher and Sarah Elu on their own behalf and on behalf of the Kanthanampu People, and as agent for and on behalf of the persons comprising the Applicant in the Cape York United Number 1 Claim (QUD673/2014)

c/- Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation  
PO Box 2496  
Cairns QLD 4870

Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council  
c/- P&E Law  
211 Draper Street  
Cairns QLD 4870

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

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## Sport

# No footy for Palm Island

By ALF WILSON



THERE will be no domestic rugby league competition on Palm Island this season, but the Aboriginal community will still enter a team at the

Remote Area Rugby League Far North Queensland (FNQ) Challenge at Cairns in late June.

Palm Island Community Rugby League chairman Algon Walsh Jnr told the *Koori Mail* the local competition would not go ahead.

"It has been abandoned, the reason being lack of attendance by clubs to meetings called by the executive committee," he said.

"This hard decision was made on May 23. The committee is aware that the clubs are suffering financially. The committee understands that the costs of insurance premiums, along with the purchasing of playing uniforms, is very daunting.

"Therefore, the abandonment of this season's competition will give clubs the opportunity to plan and budget for season 2017."

Big crowds have traditionally watched local clubs compete on Palm Island and the 2015 grand final winners were Jets, who beat Skipjacks, 38-34.

The other two clubs were Butler Bay Bulls and Bwgcolman Brothers.

Numerous players from Palm are lining up for various teams in the eight-club Townsville competition.

Walsh Jnr said a Palm representative side would be competing at the June 25 FNQ Challenge in Cairns against the Torres Stingers, Northern Cape and Southern Cape.

Walsh Jnr said Palm Island was still committed to being represented at the Bindal Townsville All Blacks carnival later in the year.

The Palm Island Barracudas won the plate section of last October's Bindal carnival at the Townsville Sports Reserve.



Palm Island Community Rugby League chairman Algon Walsh Jnr.

## NUMBAHJING LAND HOLDING GROUP WITHIN THE BUNDJALUNG NATION - PROPOSED NATIVE TITLE CLAIM PUBLIC NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION MEETING

Start: 4 pm

Date: Friday 24 June 2016

Venue: Wardell & District War Memorial Hall  
Address: Richmond Street, Wardell, 2477

This is a notice to all members of the **Numbahjing Land holding group within the Bundjalung nation** of a meeting to be convened for the purposes of authorising an Applicant to make a new Numbahjing Land holding group native title claimant application over all of the land and waters west of the ocean as the eastern boundary of the claim, the southern boundary of the Byron Bay Arakwal determination as the northern boundary, the north western boundary of the Bundjalung determination as the southern boundary and the eastern boundary of the Widjabul determination as the western boundary (see below map); and to deal with all matters arising in relation to it.

This Notice **INVITES** the following people to attend the **NUMBAHJING LAND HOLDING GROUP**

**AUTHORISATION MEETING** at the time and location set out below:

1. The **Numbahjing land holding group of the BUNDJALUNG PEOPLE** being all those people who are descended from Jack Baba' Cook, including, but not limited to descendants of John Jack Cook, Walter Cook, Winifred nee Cook Anderson, Louise nee Cook, Minnie nee Cook Sines, Henry Cook, Amy Cook, Eileen nee Cook Roberts, Douglas Cook, John Cook Jnr, George Cook, Earnest Cook, William Cook.

The purpose of the authorisation meeting is to:

1. Discuss and make decisions about the proposed native title application for the Numbahjing claim group and the proposed claim areas, as shown on the map below; and

2. Authorise an Applicant to make the native title application for the Numbahjing claim group and to deal with all matters arising in relation to it.

Susan Anderson on behalf of the Numbahjing land holding group of the Bundjalung People advises that it has no capacity to provide travel assistance for transport to or from the meeting. Refreshments will be provided to meeting attendees.

All persons from within the Numbahjing land holding group within the Bundjalung nation who have questions are requested to contact Susan Anderson on 0401952147 or Kathryn Ridge on 0438 899 774.





## Fight lasted just 91 seconds



ANOTHER fight, another knockout win for rising Aboriginal boxer Rocky Jerkic.

This time, he beat Thai Chatri Charoensin, flooring his opponent in the first round of a scheduled middleweight six-rounder at Five Dock, Sydney, on May 6.

The fight lasted just 91 seconds.

Charoensin fought under the name Phompetch Twins Gym.

Jerkic's record now stands at 14 fights, 14 wins (11 by KO). He holds the International Boxing Organisation (IBO) Inter-Continental and Australian super welterweight titles.

Meanwhile, it has been announced that Daniel Geale's next opponent will be Renold Quinlan for the vacant International Boxing Organisation (IBO) world super middleweight title.

The fight will be at the Wests Rugby League Club, Campbelltown, on June 24.



Anthony Wilson, left, and Willie Rioli with the winning trophy after South Australia beat the VFL side at the Adelaide Oval.

Picture: Peter Argent

# Rioli shines for SANFL

By PETER ARGENT



WILLIE Rioli and Anthony Wilson stood out for South Australia in their interstate fixture against the Victorian Football League (VFL) at the Adelaide Oval on

May 29.

The South Australian National Football League (SANFL) side won 16.10 (106) to 13.9 (87).

Rioli was named in the best players, kicking four straight goals, while 2014 Norwood premiership wingman Wilson was also a solid contributor.

"It was a really good contest," SA coach and AFL Hall of Famer Graham Cornes said.

"While we were never comfortable, even when the lead got out to seven goals, I felt our ball use was more efficient in the end.

"Our midfield was good, the defence was excellent and having Lachie (McGregor), Willie (Rioli) and Brett (Eddy) gave us great targets in attack.

Rioli, a former Chaney Medallist (best on ground) with St Mary's in the Northern Territory Football

League grand final as a teenager and in his second season with the Glenelg Tigers, again displayed his ability to produce on a big stage.

He was a consistent threat in attack and worked well with the other SA forwards, being among the best three players for the hosts.

"Willie is a great story and now in his second year in the SANFL," Cornes said.

"He is starting to realise how good a footballer he can be.

"He's got a beautiful pair of hands and the ball comes off his boot so sweetly.

"Along with that, his tackling and defensive pressure is excellent.

"I'm a huge fan and believe he has attributes to go to the next level."

Cornes is confident with Rioli still has a chance of having a crack on an AFL list.

Wilson, who played for the SA under 20s in 2013 against a NEAFL under 22s outfit, was also playing his initial senior game in SA colours.

He played mainly on a wing, and had a respectable 15 disposals and took four marks.

"Anthony has true line-breaking speed," Cornes said.

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

Notification day: 22 June 2016



National Native Title Tribunal



QI2016/015 Wangan & Jagalingou People and Adani Mining Carmichael Project ILUA

State of Queensland

Description of the agreement area:

Agreement areas covers about 700 sq km, located approx. 180 km northwest of Clermont.

Relevant LGA: Isaac Regional Council

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Background A. Adani proposes to develop a project in the ILUA Area, which will include: (a) the development of greenfield open-cut and underground coal mines, with a yield of up to 60 million tonnes per annum of product coal; and (b) the construction and operation of a railway line and other

appropriate rail facilities connecting those coal mines to one or more ports.

9(a) The Parties agree to and consent to: (i) the Agreed Acts without conditions; (ii) any Surrender that occurs pursuant to the process set out in clause 9(b); (iii) any Taking of Native Title; and (iv) the undertaking of the ILUA Project, in each case to the extent that it is in accordance with this Agreement and any applicable Law.

(b) With respect to clause 9(a)(ii), the Parties acknowledge and agree that: (i) pursuant to the process set out in this clause 9(b), Surrenders may occur with respect to one or more areas within the Surrender Area; and (ii) if: A. Adani seeks an Approval (with respect to an area within the Surrender Zone) that cannot be Granted unless a Surrender first takes place; and B. a Surrender over the part of the Surrender Zone that is the subject of the Approval would not result in the total area Surrendered under this Agreement or subject to a Taking of Native Title being greater than the Surrender Area, then: C. provided this Agreement has been Registered, a Surrender will occur immediately before the Approval is Granted in relation to any Native Title Rights and Interests that exist within that part of the Surrender Zone that is the subject of the Approval; and D. Adani must notify the Native Title Parties of the Surrender (such notice to include a copy of a plan of survey identifying the area to which the Surrender relates) and provide the State with a copy of that notification.

(c) The total area the subject of all Surrenders and any Taking of Native Title under clause 9(a)(ii) and 9(a)(iii), must not exceed the Surrender Area and the consents in those clauses 9(a)(ii) and 9(a)(iii) are subject to this limitation.

(d) The Parties agree that any Surrender is intended to extinguish any Native Title that may exist in relation to the relevant part of the Surrender Zone, at the time of the Surrender.

(h) For the purposes of section 24EB(1)(c) of the NTA [Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)] and regulation 7(5)(b) of the Regulations [Native Title (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Regulations 1999 (Cth)], on and from the date this Agreement is Registered, Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply to any Agreed Acts, or to any Surrender or any Taking of Native Title.

[Schedule 2 defines the Agreed Acts to include (a) the Grant of any Approvals (or any other rights and interests) with respect to the ILUA Project; (b) the undertaking of any acts pursuant to the above Grants or acts considered by Adani, acting reasonably, to be necessary or desirable for, or incidental to, the undertaking of the ILUA Project; (c) the making, amendment or repeal of legislation (including regulations, by-laws and ordinances) and similar acts necessary or desirable for, or incidental to, the ILUA Project; and (d) the validation of any of the acts referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c) above that were done invalidly prior to the Conclusive Registration of this Agreement].

1.1 'ILUA Project' [means the project referred to in paragraph A of the Background].

'Surrender Area' means an area of not more than 2,750 hectares to be located within the Surrender Zone.

'Taking of Native Title' [means a taking of native title rights and interests within the Surrender Area for the purposes of the ILUA Project].

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Adani Mining Pty Ltd  
GPO Box 2569  
Brisbane QLD 4001

Adrian Burragubba, Patrick Malone, Irene White, Lyndell Turbane, Priscilla Gyemore, Craig Dallen, Linda Bobongie, Norman Johnson Jnr, Gwendoline Fisher, Les Tilley, Delia Kemppi and Lester Barnard on their own behalf in their capacity as Registered Native Title Claimant for the Native Title Claim and on behalf of the Wangan & Jagalingou People  
c/- HWL Ebsworth Lawyers  
Level 19, 480 Queen Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000

State of Queensland  
c/- The Executive Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Services  
Department of Natural Resources and Mines  
GPO Box 15216  
Brisbane QLD 4002

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## 'Please, Sir, where's your whistle?'

Adelaide Crows star Eddie Betts pleads for a free kick during the round 11 Australian Football League (AFL) 19.19 (133) to 6.9 (45) demolition of St Kilda at the Adelaide Oval on Sunday, June 5. A week earlier, against Greater Western Sydney, Betts booted two amazing goals – one of them judged goal of the round that featured a desperate dive, a flirt with the boundary line and a magnificent snap. The Crows won that game 15.17 (107) to 13.7 (85). But Betts ranks a goal he kicked for Carlton against Essendon in 2011 at his all-time best. Betts is in career-best form and has twice won the AFL's Goal of the Year competition. The way he's playing, he could win it again.

Picture: Peter Argent  
 ● Michael O'Loughlin's column – page 64



# They love their footy

## Notice of an application for a revised determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

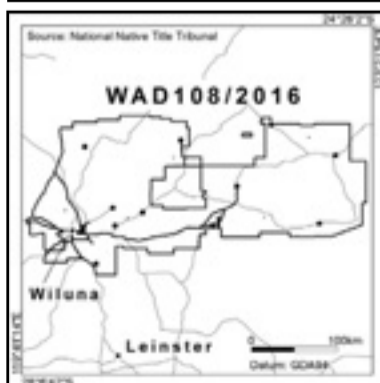
Notification day: 29 June 2016



National Native Title Tribunal

This is an application by a registered native title body corporate, which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to vary a determination of native title WF (Deceased) on behalf of the Wiluna People v State of Western Australia [2013] FCA 755 (WAD6164/1998, WAD248/2007, WAD181/2012), made on 29 July 2013 in relation to the area described below. The applicant seeks a variation of the Determination that native title does not exist as a result of pastoral improvements set out in Schedule 1 Part 2 of the Determination.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 on or before 28 September 2016. After 28 September 2016, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



**Application name:** Tarlka Matuwa Piarku (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC v State of Western Australia

**Federal Court File No:** WAD108/2016

**Date filed:** 10 March 2016

**Description:** The application area covers about 40,664 sq km and is located at Wiluna about 130 km to the north and 300 km to the east. The pastoral improvements are shown on the map as black dots.

**Relevant LGA:** Shire of Wiluna

For assistance and further information about this application, call Claire Smith on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

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RESEARCHERS from Curtin University's Co-operative Research Centre for Remote

Economic Participation have found that despite significant barriers, many Aboriginal people in remote areas will travel great distances to participate in football.

Researcher Associate Professor Mike Dockery said a network of Aboriginal community researchers collected data from about 1000 people in 21 remote communities around Alice Springs to understand how mobility issues affected access to services, education and employment opportunities in the desert.

"Respondents to our survey reported travelling a total of 96,000km over a number of years during overnight trips involving football, with an average distance of 480km for each football-related round trip," Associate Professor Dockery said.

"Throughout the year, almost one out of every 10 trips involved participation in football, whether that's playing, watching, or taking the kids to play, and on average adults made one trip per fortnight that involved an overnight stay away from their community.

"That figure would be considerably higher in the football season."

The communities ranged from 85km to almost 900km from Alice Springs, with only three accessible by sealed road the whole way.

"Despite the challenges of vast distances, poor road conditions and limited vehicle access or public transport, football trips are an integral part of family life for Aboriginal people in the country's red centre," Associate Professor Dockery said.

"It's a real eye-opener when you see how far Aboriginal people in central Australia travel to get to the footy and the conditions under which they make those trips.

"You start to appreciate the challenges they face in accessing services and opportunities that other Australians take for granted."

The project also identified barriers to mobility that limited service access and highlighted socioeconomic engagement as a problem for delivering services.

Only 40% of those surveyed held a current driver's licence and less than half had regular access to a vehicle. Those without a driver's licence were found to be around one-third as likely to be employed.

The population mobility and labour markets survey will soon be completed and researchers expect the outcomes to contribute to better planning for infrastructure and service delivery to enhance livelihoods in remote Australia.



# Back to where it all started

## One by one, Buddy reels them in



ONE by one, Lance Franklin is reeling in the players outside the

top ten in the all-time VFL-AFL goalkicking list and last week had Saverio Rocca in his sights.

The Sydney spearhead started the 2016 season on 706 goals, making him the leading goalkicker among current players, but just 22nd on the all-time list.

With half the season completed, Franklin has zoomed up to 14th after kicking 41 goals and leads the Coleman Medal race.

Two more majors against Greater Western Sydney last Sunday would have eased him past former Collingwood and North Melbourne forward Rocca into 13th spot.

Franklin has this season passed some of the most famous forwards in history.

Among those now in Buddy's rear view mirror are legends Peter Hudson and Wayne Carey (both 727), Stephen Kernahan (738) and Barry Hall (746).

Over the course of the first half of this season, he also passed three one-club players who plied their trade in the first half of the 20th century in Collingwood's Dick Lee (707), Carlton's Harry Vengeance (722) and St Kilda's Bill Mohr (735).

Provided he stays injury-free and in decent form, he should catch 12th-placed Kevin Bartlett (778) before the Swans 2016 campaign climaxes.

If he stays fit and in form and plays out the remaining 6.5 years on his Sydney contract, 29-year-old Franklin could conceivably become just the sixth player to reach the 1000-goal milestone.

Franklin looks to have all of his contemporaries covered.

The next highest current players on the all-time list are 34-year-old Fremantle veteran Matthew Pavlich (683, 22nd) and 33-year-old St Kilda icon Nick Riewoldt (669, 24th).

The last player to kick 100 goals in a season (in 2008), Franklin looked a fair chance to reach three figures after bagging 34 from the first eight rounds.

However, he has kicked just seven in the last three rounds and was held to one in wet conditions against Gold Coast in round 11 on June 4. —AAP



BOOMERS big man Nate Jawai has left National Basketball League (NBL) champions Perth and rejoined his first club Cairns on a three-year deal.

Jawai, 29, started with Cairns in 2007-08, when he was named NBL rookie of the year.

The 209cm forward-centre subsequently played for NBA clubs Toronto and Minnesota and for teams in Serbia, Russia, Spain and Turkey.

He returned to the NBL with Perth last season, helping the Wildcats to the title.

Jawai will reclaim the Taipans' No 15 jersey and his three-year contract includes European league and NBA opt-out clauses.

He is among the bigs in contention to make the Australian Olympic squad.

In Cairns, Queensland Treasurer and Sports Minister Curtis Pitt said Jawai had a special place in the city's heart, having begun his career in with the Taipans Academy before an NBL Rookie of the Year campaign with the Snakes in 2007-08.

"This community-owned club just keeps going from strength to strength but they needed a bit of help to secure one of Australia's greatest ever players and I was happy to help," Mr Pitt said.

"We've contracted Nate to work with the Queensland Government and Taipans Indigenous Program to promote healthy lifestyles and wellbeing in Indigenous communities throughout Cape York and Torres Strait Islands.

"As a boy from Bamaga, Jawai is a remarkable role model for locals, as an athlete he has surpassed everyone's wildest dreams and, as an ambassador, he's an outstanding example of how hard work can overcome adversity.

"I know his presence on court will boost attendance numbers and local participation numbers, and I'm thrilled to be able to play even a small part to help bring an NBA talent back to Queensland."

### Reunion with coach

Jawai's return marks a reunion with Taipans head coach Aaron Fearnie, who mentored Jawai as a junior before preparing him for his journey to the NBA's Toronto Raptors.

Fearnie will now train Jawai for July's Australian Boomers selection camp before Taipans training camp commences.

"I'm extremely excited to have Nate returning to the Taipans, and I know he's very pleased to be back home," Fearnie said.

"He's an amazing athlete, he has an extremely high basketball IQ and has played internationally with some of the best players in the world.

"He's a guy who steps on the court and other teams say, 'Alright, what are we doing to stop this guy?'"

Jawai is already back in Cairns, completing a gruelling first training session back under Fearnie's tutelage.

### Harf work ahead

"He's got some work ahead of him, and he'll get there. And when he does, he'll be a very dominant player in this league," Fearnie said.

After more than eight years showcasing his talents across the globe, Jawai says he will relish the additional responsibility of representing his home town once again.

"I'm excited to be back, and I'm looking forward to showing the Orange Army how much I've improved since I last played for

them," he said.

"Working with 'Fearnie' was one of the main reasons for my return; he's been a mentor for me throughout my whole career.

"He's holding me to a huge responsibility with this team and I'm looking forward to that pressure."

Equally important to Jawai is the impact he can have in Indigenous communities as a role model with the Taipans Indigenous Program.

"I have been lucky enough to have a good career and I love working with these kids to

share my experiences and to hopefully inspire them," Jawai said.

"The opportunity to work with the Taipans Indigenous Program alongside (former Taipan) Kerry Williams was one I couldn't turn down and a key reason I'm back home."

"But after winning a NBL championship with the Perth Wildcats last season, Jawai says he won't be happy with anything less in Cairns.

"I don't want to come back and just have a great regular season only to be disappointed at the end of the playoffs," he said.



Nathan Jawai struts his stuff as a Perth Wildcat. Picture: Jack Thomas



# Off to Fiji

Tjimarri Sanderson-Milera has been selected to compete as part of the track team for the Oceania Games in Fiji next month. He is pictured here after running this year's Stawell Gift. *Picture: Jameson Photography*



By KEIRA JENKINS



MULTI sportsman Tjimarri Sanderson-Milera, 22, has been selected to compete in the Oceania Games in Fiji next month.

The Kokatha and Narangga sprinter has a swag of medals under his belt and has been a finalist in the country's most prestigious and richest foot race, the Stawell Gift.

This year, he came second in the 120m Stawell Gift.

## Moved to Gold Coast

Sanderson-Milera, originally from Adelaide, is now living on the Gold Coast, training with Currumbin Vikings Athletics Club and being a member of the Currumbin Vikings Surf Club.

He moved there a year ago because of the superior training facilities on the Gold Coast.

He struggled to find work after his move but has gained part-time

employment with Australia Post and AFL Queensland.

"There's more funding for the sport on the Gold Coast and it's better weather for training," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"There's more competition up here and a higher standard because there are so many opportunities for runners."

Sanderson-Milera said that to make it into the Oceania Games track team, he ran a qualifying time of 21.3 in the 200m sprint, which he says is just 0.5 second from the Olympic qualifying time.

"At first I wasn't sure if I would go to Fiji because it is on just as I start pre-season," he said.

"But my coach and I talked it out and we're going to work around it so I can go and still keep up my training."

Sanderson-Milera is also an ambassador for the Bright Youth Foundation.

He volunteers his time to help younger people and said he enjoys working with youngsters.

He said that as a child, he didn't know that he wanted to be an athlete.

"As a kid I didn't know what I wanted to do. I played all sorts of sports, but it wasn't until I joined the surf life saving club I decided I wanted to run," he said.

"I loved the beach so I started doing beach sprints and I was approached by a coach who asked if I'd run on the grass.

"From there I went into track and started to train because I wanted to get better."

## Commonwealth Games

Sanderson-Milera has his eyes set on his next goal – the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast.

If he does make it, it could be as a 400m runner.

Sanderson-Milera has decided to focus on that event.

"I've got a big season and a lot of training ahead, so I will decide whether I'm up for the Commonwealth Games when it comes around," he said.



Twins Saia (left) and Anthony Fainga'a arrive for a training session in Sydney in July, 2011, ahead of a Test match for the Wallabies against Samoa.

# One heads north, one goes south



THE Fainga'a twins are on the move – but in opposite directions.

Former Wallaby Anthony Fainga'a, 29, has revealed he's joining Japanese club Kintetsu Liners and will leave the Queensland Reds at the end of

the Super Rugby season.

His brother Saia is returning to the Brumbies next Super Rugby season.

Anthony, with 29 appearances for Australia after debuting in 2010, has been with the Reds since 2009, but has struggled with injury in the past two years.

After overcoming a near career-ending concussion, Anthony had managed to carve out a place in Queensland's starting side this year but it's believed he is not in the team's plans for 2017.

Kintetsu have also announced the signing of another Reds player, two-cap Wallaby Chris Feauia-Sautia.

However, it's understood – unlike Fainga'a – Feauia-Sautia will return next year to the franchise.

Reds hooker Saia will return to the Brumbies next Super Rugby season to replace Wallabies skipper Stephen Moore, who is heading to the Reds.

Saia has signed a one-year deal to join the Canberra-based Brumbies, where he played between 2006 and 2008.

"With Stephen Moore returning to the Reds next year, there was obviously a gap we needed to fill in our squad and I think Saia is a perfect fit," Brumbies coach Stephen Larkham said.

Saia Fainga'a has played 36 times for the Wallabies.

The youngest Fainga'a – Colby – plays with the Melbourne Rebels.

Another younger brother – Viliami – plays with Brisbane Premier side GPS. He has made three appearances for Tonga.

The Fainga'as are of Tongan and Aboriginal descent. – AAP





Cal Bruton, right, is with Aboriginal students from St Mary's District High, Jack Pedder, Jake Kerr and Connah Tuck, Aboriginal Education Worker Sinisa Mansell (who helped to facilitate the visit), Bruton's son Elliott, and Enika Smith, during Reconciliation Week. *Picture: Jillian Mundy*

## Cal Bruton, a man with a mission

By JILLIAN MUNDY



AUSTRALIAN basketball great Cal Bruton is advocating for the game to have an Indigenous development program like those in Australian football and rugby league.

Inspired by his close friend, Reconciliation Australia chief executive

Justin Mohamed, Bruton visited Tasmania for a series of clinics and motivational talks to coincide with Reconciliation Week.

"I want to make a statement to bring more young Indigenous kids to the forefront in playing basketball and using that as a vehicle for a better way of life," he said.

"It worked for me and I would like to help giving more kids the opportunity," the

Hall of Famer and former NBL coach and player said.

"Because Basketball Australia, the NBL (National Basketball League) ... none of these bigger organisations have any programs for the Aboriginal kids.

"I want to be that person to put my hand up, and be something more.

"Basketball Australia don't have any persons of colour who work in the organisation.

"I've been here for 37 years. I haven't seen it."

A black American born and raised in New York, Bruton moved to Australia in 1979, where he represented the country and played and coached in the NBL.

He draws parallels between the brutal treatment of Tasmanian Aborigines after invasion and their determination to that of black Americans in his grandfather's cotton-picking days.

## Another world crown



MULTI sportswoman Shantelle Thompson has added another world title to her credits.

The Victorian Barkindji warrior is now the International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation (IBJJF) super heavy purple belt world champion.

She won the title in Long Beach California, on June 4.

It was her second world title and she's now focusing on winning the IBJJF no gi world crown in November.

Brazilian jiu-jitsu (BJJ) is a martial art, combat sport, and a self-defence system that focuses on grappling and especially ground fighting.

Brazilian jiu-jitsu was formed from Kodokan judo ground fighting and promotes the concept that a smaller, weaker person can successfully defend against a bigger, stronger assailant by using proper technique, leverage, and most notably, taking the fight to the ground, and then applying joint-locks

and chokeholds to defeat the other person.

BJJ training can be used for sport grappling tournaments (gi and no gi) and mixed martial arts (MMA) competition or self-defence.

Sparring (commonly referred to as 'rolling') and live drilling play a major role in training.

Devotees of the discipline say training in Brazilian jiu-jitsu provides an opportunity to develop self-control, self-awareness and a sense of personal identity.

More recently, Thompson has turned to freestyle wrestling as an added dimension.

She missed selection in the Australian team for this year's Rio Olympic Games, but that's only whetted her appetite for inclusion in the Australian team for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Freestyle wrestling and Greco-Roman are the two Olympic wrestling disciplines.



A proud Shantelle Thompson displays the Aboriginal flag at the International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation tournament in Long Beach, California.



# Eddie, the magic man

## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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**T**HERE is no such thing as a certainty in sport. In fact, it is the great uncertainty of the game that makes Australian football the great spectacle that it is.

But, as the Australian Football League (AFL) entered the Indigenous Round, there was one thing certain in my mind.

You could sense that Eddie Betts was primed for one of those special games that make him one of my favourite

players to watch.

Eddie's Port Lincoln relative, Aunty Susie Leigh, provided the base drawing for the Adelaide Crows' guernsey, ensuring the game would be a celebration of culture and family.

He said the design meant a lot to his family.

"It means moving together as one," he said.

"The garnga means crow in the Wirangu culture down in the far west."

The crow also symbolises a magic man who is a messenger and healer for the Wirangu people.

"She said that she put a lot of healing in it," Betts said of his aunty.

"It's good to have healing in this jersey because what the Crows have been through in the past three years has been very sad."

Betts has brought his own special healing to the situation and many of the fans would see him as the 'magic man' without understanding the spiritual significance of the crow.

Eddie's own personal journey has also required healing.

Betts said his family was extremely important to him following a tumultuous upbringing.

"My mum and dad split up when I was four or five through violence," he said.

He grew up thinking alcohol-fuelled violence was a

part of everyday life.

"It's not normal to lay a hand on a girl and that is why I became an ambassador of the Childhood Foundation that is against violence against women and children," he said.

Betts moved with his mother from Port Lincoln to Kalgoorlie-Boulder and lived with three families and 18 children in a three-bedroom house.

"It was like a big family, and family means everything in Indigenous culture," he said.

Betts said the current group of Indigenous players in the AFL had the opportunity to shape the future of their culture.

"It's not just being a role model for Indigenous players, it's non-Indigenous players and young kids that look up to you," he said.

### Setting example

"I love being a role model and I love setting an example for these young kids."

Betts said his greatest challenge was to get young children to believe they could become professionals if they tried hard enough.

"It's more about coming out of your comfort zone, moving away from family and putting your mind to it," he said.

"I'm pretty sure most Indigenous kids in the communities can play AFL footy. They are very talented."

Betts said Indigenous

communities needed to confront drug and alcohol issues to save the next generation.

"We've got to set up programs for these young Indigenous kids who are bored and are hanging around the wrong people," he said.

"Having programs in place, after-school hours, can help these kids a lot.

"And they've just got to have the right people around them as well."

Betts himself has found himself on the wrong side of the law in the past.

"I was doing the wrong thing as a young kid," he said.

Following an alcohol-fuelled boat cruise while he was playing at Carlton, Betts was arrested for a second time for being drunk in public.

"After that, I said, 'I've got to make a change,' and my wife Anna, at that time, helped me a lot."

He uses newspaper articles from the arrest and following publicity to show school children what drug abuse can lead to.

"There are 74 Indigenous players in the AFL and it is up to us to make a stand and make a change," he said.

"We have to change the way young Indigenous guys are growing up in the communities and we have to set an example for our kids.

"We've got to send a stronger message to these communities."

With explosive performances such as those seen during last week's Sir Doug Nicholls round where Eddie produced two Goal of the Year contenders, he has become a new cult hero.

The shift to Adelaide has not only given Eddie the chance to live up to his best footy potential, it's given him a chance to prove that those two kicks don't even come close to being some of the greatest goals he's achieved.

Eddie has confronted some personal and professional demons in his life and could have lost his way on a number of occasions.

### True leader

But he has stayed strong and is more than a cult figure... he is a true leader.

To me, Eddie's two goals against GWS don't just represent Goal of the Year contenders.

They represent a man who keeps striving when others have given up and keeps pushing even when he's literally crashing to the ground.

They represent a man who chooses to make the best of whatever tough situation is presented to him.

And those choices are hard to make.

Eddie is more than football. He is a genuine inspiration.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

# Simpson in from the cold

By CHRIS PIKE



JOSH Simpson's Australian Football League (AFL) career with Fremantle might not have gone to plan, but the hugely talented

21-year-old has now

made a strong return to the West Australian Football League (WAFL) in 2016 and has been a key component of East Fremantle's resurgence.

Simpson was originally selected by Fremantle in the 2012 National Draft, but adjusting to life in the AFL didn't come easily for the teenager.

His 2013 season was relatively uneventful and he did make his AFL debut in round 23 against St Kilda, but 2014 started badly and never improved.

He was fined by the Dockers during the pre-season in January for failing to meet the club's standards, but his talent still made him a standout.

He played the second of his AFL matches in round 4 against Essendon in Perth, but then missed his flight the following week and Fremantle officials were losing patience with him and subsequently suspended him.

He didn't play another AFL game for the Dockers and was delisted at the end of the 2014 season.

But at just 20 years of age, it was apparent Simpson's AFL dream was given to him when he was too young to quite know how to cope with the pressures and

professional expectations.

Things became worse for Simpson in early 2015 when his house in Mullewa, a north-west town 520km from Perth, burnt down with him and his partner losing all their possessions.

However, things began to turn around for Simpson as 2015 rolled on, with him taking up a player-coach role with Great Northern Football League club Mullewa.

Simpson did consider a WAFL return in 2015, but decided to finish the year with Mullewa and his time there also saw him represent the West Australian Country team as he found some impressive form and a love for football at the lower level.

The 21-year-old hadn't given up on playing in the WAFL again and his club East Fremantle was still keen to welcome him back.

East Fremantle had a horror finish to 2015, losing 12 of its last 13 games, including a changeover in coach mid-season, so it wouldn't have been an ideal situation for Simpson to walk back into.

But once new coach Rob Wiley, a former Richmond VFL and Perth WAFL premiership player, and West Coast and Carlton assistant coach, was appointed to East Fremantle, he was quickly able to come to an agreement for Simpson to make his return to the Sharks.

And now at 21 years of age and showing greater maturity, Simpson has thrown himself fully into his football for some outstanding results.

He has been a strong performer right

throughout the season, whether playing in the forward line or in the midfield in an East Fremantle team that sits in third position on the WAFL ladder.

"I hit a three or four-game spot where I was getting my average playing time and possessions up."

"Since then I have been lucky enough to get an opportunity into the midfield," Simpson said.

"So thanks to Robbie for that opportunity and luckily I have pulled out some good games. Hopefully they're not the last. If Robbie is happy with how I'm going, then hopefully I can keep on providing a few more good games down the track."

### Memorable mark

Simpson's outstanding performance of the season to date came in the Anzac Day clash against South Fremantle.

East Fremantle might have narrowly lost, but Simpson did all he could with a scintillating display consisting of 25 possessions and two goals.

His performance included what was likely the best mark of the WAFL season when he soared across the pack to take the spectacular grab just before half-time and go back to kick the goal.

Simpson's first crack in the AFL might not have gone to plan, but if he is able to continue his WAFL form at East Fremantle for the rest of 2016, there's every chance he will receive another opportunity and he will be more ready to make the most of it the second time around.



Josh Simpson's memorable mark against South Fremantle.



# Rugby union recommits



RUGBY union has bolstered its commitment to increasing Indigenous engagement

with the launch of its second Reconciliation Action Plan.

Australian Rugby Union (ARU) chairman Cameron Clyne and ARU CEO Bill Pulver joined former Wallabies centre Gary Ella and Indigenous Australian players, including women's sevens teammates Taleena Simon and Mahalia Murphy, Western Force skipper and 11-Test Wallabies flanker Matt Hodgson and Australian under 20 squad member Moses Sorovi for the launch at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern, Sydney.

The occasion was particularly special for Taleena Simon, who hails from Redfern and in July 2014 became first Aboriginal woman to receive a full-time professional contract in the Australian Sevens program.

Simon's original artwork adorns the Reconciliation Action Plan document and represents the Australian rugby community.

The flowing lines and dots in the artwork represent the

connectedness that the sport creates between players, officials, coaches and spectators.

At the launch, CEO Bill Pulver said that the ARU's vision for reconciliation was to engage and work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to foster positive relationships, promote healthy lifestyles and create genuine opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through rugby.

"Since the launch of our inaugural RAP, our organisation's commitment to furthering reconciliation in Australia has strengthened," he said.

## Two-year targets

"We have set ambitious targets and over the next two years that will particularly focus on making progress in three key areas: improving relationships, building respect and creating opportunities.

"We are committed to making rugby more accessible to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"This RAP is closely aligned with our new five-year strategic plan which is based on making rugby a game for all Australians."



Australian rugby women's 7s players Taleena Simon, left, and Mahalia Murphy, right, at the launch of the Australian Rugby Union Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) at the Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Sydney. Also pictured, from left, are Australian under 20 player and Torres Strait Islander Moses Sorovi, injured Western Force captain and Wallaby Matt Hodgson, ARU chairman Cameron Clyne and ARU CEO Bill Pulver.

# Rise of Ashley Taylor

## RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

MY advice to any young player aspiring to play in the National Rugby League (NRL) is simple and direct.

While talent will get you there, it's your character that will keep you there.

Hard work and humility are two of the trademarks of some of the true champions in our game.

Add competitiveness and you almost have a profile of Johnathan Thurston, who once again lived up to expectations in the first Origin game.

I wrote earlier in the year about

the rise of young Ashley Taylor at the Titans and have continued to be impressed about his exploits on the field, with his recent performance against the Rabbitohs reinforcing his potential.

What has equally impressed me with the way he has handled himself off the field where he shows his true excitement and passion while deflecting praise to his teammates.

I am not the only one excited by Taylor's emergence.

Taylor has veteran playmaker Benji Marshall excited and Benji knows all there is to know about being the next big thing.

## In awe

Benji said he was "in awe" of how good the rookie Taylor had been for the Titans.

"I haven't been more in awe of a young player making his mark on the game than this young player," Marshall said.

"There's just so many things to like about him, and the biggest thing I like about him is he's a humble kid.

"He doesn't get too far ahead of himself. He's not a dirty player.

"But his ability to stamp his authority on a game in terms of game management, taking the pressure, and for the past four or five weeks when he's been playing well, he's been on top of his game. I just love watching him."

Benji's assessment of Ashley not getting ahead of himself is



Ashley Taylor

probably the highest praise.

Cronulla hooker Michael Ennis reinforced Benji's impression when he revealed Taylor was the talk of the town following the Sharks' win over the Titans in round six.

"We played the Titans at home six or seven weeks ago, and not too often do you come off the field and hear different conversations about an individual unless he's had an absolute steamer," Ennis said.

"We won that game, but there was a lot of conversations on that day and in recovery sessions, and it was all about Taylor."

I loved Taylor's composure in the Rabbitohs game.

With his team having given up an 18-point lead against a surging Rabbitohs outfit, Taylor's first career field goal punctuated a starring role that included a crucial try just before half-time, a timely

40/20 kick early in the second half and an inch-perfect cross-field kick that led to Josh Hoffman's try two minutes from full-time.

He fulfilled the promise I saw in him playing for the Junior Kangaroos against New Zealand last year.

I saw him do a couple of things and I thought, "Geez, who's this bloke?"

Obviously he's made it now and coming from the Broncos, he would have learned a lot from being up there and he's got a great opportunity now.

## Character counts

My old man always said to me that if you've got talent, that will get you there, but it's your character that will keep you there.

Taylor obviously has the talent and he seems like a genuine young bloke, I just hope that he gets the right support around him.

It's just about how long he's going to hang around for.

But he has the whole bag of tricks at his disposal.

He has an astute kicking game, can steer his side around the paddock and is not afraid to take the line on when he has the opportunity.

And he can kick goals and field goals under pressure.

Veteran forward Greg Bird has no doubt that the fortunes of this Titans team in 2016 are tied to the performances of their young halfback.

"It will give him some confidence in his own game and

what he can do for the team," Bird said of Taylor's 87th-minute match-winner against the Bunnies.

"Ever since he came to the club, I think everyone could see his talent.

"The improvement that he's made, week in and week out, he's getting better and the more he can get the ball in his hands and take the line on, the more confidence it will give him.

"If he plays with confidence, the team can play with confidence."

"What you want as a forward is your half to take control and be dominant, and as a young halfback coming into the side, that can be quite daunting," Birdy said.

"He didn't know most of the players at the start of the season.

We do have quite a few senior forwards and he probably didn't have the confidence to over-call on the run.

## Snowball

"But in good teams, the halfbacks have to do that and as he gets more confident, he starts to over-call the team then lifts and it's only going to snowball into him improving and hopefully us winning games."

Again, I do not want to put added pressure on the youngster.

But already, on and off the field, he is showing he is 'taylor-made' for the NRL.

I look forward to watching his development.



# Women make an historic cricket tour



THE first national Indigenous women's team completed its historic 10-day tour of India with back-to-back matches in Mumbai in late May.

The team battled harsh conditions throughout the tour – with temperatures at times pushing beyond 45 degrees – to finish with one win and a wealth of experience.

Team coach and Former ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year and four-time Australian Women's Cricketer of the Year Shelley Nitschke said: It's been a wonderful experience for the girls, many of whom had never previously left Australian shores.

"Playing in India is one of cricket's toughest tasks. The girls acquitted themselves well and they should be extremely proud of their performances and the way they've represented their Indigenous heritage.

"There's no doubt they'll return to Australia better players having gained the experience of playing in India. They will forever be the first Indigenous women's team selected and they have laid a strong

foundation for future generations of female Indigenous cricketers."

The team travelled to India 150 years after the first all-Aboriginal cricket team was formed in 1866, which later went on to tour England in 1868.

Playing duties were combined with cultural and community activities, including a visit to the iconic Taj Mahal and working with NGO Magic Bus to provide a special cricket clinic for local Mumbai kids.

Magic Bus works with India's poorest children and young people to equip them with the skills and knowledge needed to grow up and move out of poverty.

## Final matches

Match 5 – Mumbai: National Indigenous Women's Team 5-137 (20 overs) (Sara Darney 63\*, Ashleigh Gardner 22) d. by Mumbai Women's Team 4-140 (17.4 overs) (Haylee Hoffmeister 2-25, Jemma Astley 1-3)

Up against a strong Mumbai women's team, the tourists posted a strong total, batting first in the morning T20 match thanks to an unbeaten 63 from Sara Darney, who was supported by captain Ashleigh Gardner (22).

The local side, clearly comfortable on the slow, spinning pitch, chased down the competitive total in the 18th over for a six-wicket win.

Haylee Hoffmeister from NSW was the best of the bowlers with 2-25.

Match 6 – Mumbai: National Indigenous Women's Team 83 (14.2 overs) (Roxsanne Van-Veen 23) d. by Mumbai Women's Team 2-89 (13.5) (Jemma Astley 1-16, Sally Moylan 1-16).

In a match shortened to 15-overs a side due to extreme heat, the national Indigenous women's side again batted first, taking the opportunity to flip their batting order.

The strain of a heavy tour showed in the match as the touring team lost early wickets, eventually dismissed for 83. Roxsanne Van-Veen led a lower order resistance with 23.

In a final gallant bowling effort, the Indigenous women pushed the fresher Mumbai side into the second last over of the match, eventually going down by eight wickets.

The tour of India was supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Australia-India Council.



Jemma Astley bowls in the Mumbai heat on the final day of the tour.



Carly Fuller cuddles a child from the Magic Bus.



Clockwise, from above left:  
 ● The Australian Indigenous team before a match on day eight of the tour.  
 ● The Australian Indigenous women congratulate the Mumbai women at the end of one of their two matches on the final match day.  
 ● Skipper Ashleigh Gardner cools off Jemma Astley.  
 ● West Australian Samara Williams signs autographs with the Magic Bus children.





# Memorable weekend

By PETER ARGENT



THE 2016 Sir Doug Nicholls Indigenous Round proved to be a wonderful celebration of Australian football.

In the VFL's Dreamtime game, Essendon claimed the Sir Doug Nicholls Cup, defeating Richmond by 23 points in the stand-alone Saturday afternoon round eight VFL match at Punt Road Oval.

Only two points separated the teams at the final break, but four unanswered goals in the final term set up Essendon's 9.13 (67) to 5.14 (44) triumph.

Bomber Jackson Merrett was awarded the Sir Doug Nicholls Award for the best player on the ground, as his team dominated the contest in the last quarter following what was a scrappy affair in wintry conditions until that point.

First year player with Essendon Yestin Eades kicked two goals, while teammate Jack Long was a solid performer in defence with 14 disposals.

The 2016 AFL Rio Tinto Footy Means Business program concluded with the Lawrence team winning a thrilling contest by one point over the Davey team in the Rio Tinto Cup.

This was played as a curtain-raiser to the Dreamtime at the 'G match on Saturday, May 28.

The final score was: Lawrence team 13.9 (87), Davey team 12.14 (86).

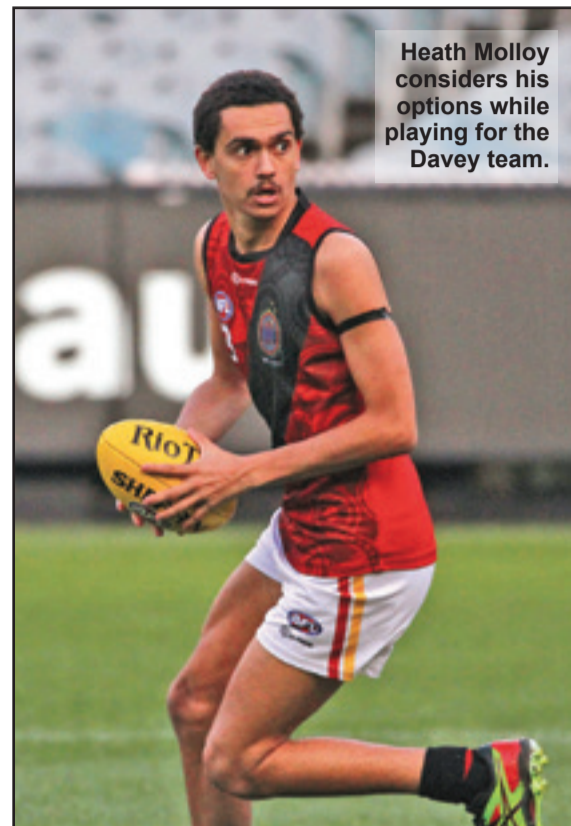
The trio of Jalen Oakey, Zane Brown and Kelvin Lawrence each kicked a brace of majors for the victorious Lawrence combination, while Brown was also named best on ground for his high-possession hard-running display.

For the Davey side, Rulla Kelly-Mansell finished with a match-high haul of five goals, with Heath Molloy and big Harley Alec kicking three and two goals respectively.

The Footy Means Business program provides its participants with exposure to elite AFL programs and training, along with networking opportunities in corporate environments over two development programs.



Arnold Kirby takes a mark for the Lawrence team against the Davey team.



Heath Molloy considers his options while playing for the Davey team.



Julian Hunt (Davey team) gets a quick kick away.



Kendrick Albert (Davey team) has room to move.



The Lawrence team's Zane Brown celebrates a goal.



Lochlan Dhurrkay snaps at goal.



Mervin Bennell (Lawrence) is in full flight.



Zane Litchfield (Lawrence team) attempts to break free.



Dylan Irdich (Lawrence team) looks for support.



● LEFT: Jack Long looks to handball for Essendon in the VFL Dreamtime match against Richmond at Punt Road.



● RIGHT: Mickitja Rotumah-Onus picks up the crumbs for the Davey team in the match against the Lawrence team at the MCG.



Yestin Eades looks to kick for Essendon in the VFL Dreamtime match against Richmond at Punt Road.



# Cup powers ahead

By PETER ARGENT



THE Aboriginal Power Cup reached new heights this year. From Thursday, May 19 until Saturday, May 21, firstly at Alberton Oval on the opening two days and then at Adelaide Oval on Saturday, the grounds were filled with teenage Indigenous girls and boys who had completed the criteria to be involved in the football and education program.

The Aboriginal Power Cup was launched with 133 students from six participant schools in 2008.

This year, the program's ninth event, had reached upwards of 400 students across 48 schools.

"It is the longest-running dedicated football carnival for Indigenous students in the AFL industry," AFL Aboriginal programs manager Paul Vandenberg said.

"Engaging students through football, the Aboriginal Power Cup is able to assist in improving school performance and retention rates – more than nine in 10 students complete the academic component of the program.

"We're proud of the growth of this program and how engaged the schools and students have been.

"The Aboriginal Power Cup might be run by a football club, but football is only a part... these young people should be really proud of the wider commitment they've shown to developing their own futures.

"We hope we've provided an experience the students can take with them into their future endeavours."

Held as a curtain-raiser to the AFL round nine clash between Port Adelaide and West Coast, Mawson Lakes won the boys' title, defeating Murray Bridge by 16 points at the Adelaide Oval. The score was 9.12 (66) to 7.8 (50).

In the girls' grand final, Christies Beach 7.10 (52) defeated Murray Bridge 2.1 (13).

The Ceduna students from the far west of the state won the best jumper design, while Riverland lass Tanysha Hoffman was honoured for her leadership, and Immanuel College was selected as the school for the solid spirit award.

Champion Port Adelaide player of Aboriginal heritage from Murray Bridge, Chad Wingard, is the Aboriginal Power Cup ambassador.



Ceduna's Leslie Mundy flies high during the 2016 Aboriginal Power Cup.  
Pictures: Peter Argent



Koen Sumner



Jerimiah Scrutton taps.



Tyrell Hocking marks spectacularly.



Leslie Mundy



Fiona Garlett breaks free of the defence.



Tayla Hart-Alini



Matthias Brown



Tyson Stengle



Haylee Puckeridge



# Lousy weather for Indigenous round

By JILLIAN MUNDY



PLAYERS slid, splashed and wrestled in true Tasmanian country football style at this year's Northern Tasmanian Football Association's (NTFA's) Aboriginal round at

Rocherlea.

For the first time in the round's history, which honours the achievements and contributions of Aboriginal players in the association, there was a women's match.

With eight teams in the Tasmanian Women's League this year – double the amount of 2015 – there is no doubt women's football is gaining momentum in the state, especially amongst young Aboriginal women.

The Launceston Lady Blues – around half of them Aboriginal – took on the Evandale Weagles at Rocherlea, the Blues coming out on top 16-12 in an exhibition match during the women's season's rostered bye.

Graeme Gardner, from Rocherlea Football Club, who initiated the round, now in its eighth year, hopes to include a women's rostered match in next year's carnival.

Sixteen-year-old Lela Spotswood, who played for the Blues, hopes to be picked up by an AFL side when the league kicks off with a two-month women's season in February and March, 2017.

"I've got my heart set on that. I'll train my hardest toward my goals. I'll stick to it," she told the *Koori Mail*.

Spotswood started playing football in a grade 5 mixed team, but unlike the other five girls, she stuck out the season and hasn't looked back.

"When I looked at the selection back in primary school, I thought I'd have a go at footy and as soon as I picked up that ball, I just loved it; it just came to me," she said.

## Played for Tasmania

This year Spotswood was selected to play for Tasmania in the under 18 AFL women's championships, and she is the youngest in the Launceston Lady Blues senior team.

Six of her teammates in the Rocherlea exhibition match are part of AFL Tasmania's under 18 female Indigenous Kickstart program; two have also played for the Woomeras AFL national women's under 18 development side.

In the main match at the NTFA

Aboriginal round, the Rocherlea Tigers concreted their position on top of the NTFA division one ladder in a victory over the Deloraine Kangaroos, 14.16 (100) to 6.7 (43) in wet and trying conditions, as the east coast low reached Tasmania, cutting roads and flooding many parts of the state.

Other features of the Aboriginal round were guernseys designed by local Aboriginal artist Danny Gardner with input from Rosetta Thomas, a motivational speech and performances by renowned Kuku-Yalanji didgeridoo player Jeremy Donovan, and the awarding of the Neil Maynard best on ground medal.

Maynard, an NTFA legend, awarded the medal, in his namesake to Tigers forward Sam Bannister.

Bannister has played for the Tigers in every NTFA Aboriginal round and while he was extremely happy to be honoured with the medal, he attributed it to a team effort.

The match was somewhat of a welcome home for the Kangaroos' Rulla Kelly-Mansell and the Tigers' Zane Brown, who had played against each other on different teams only the weekend before on the MCG in the curtain-raiser to the AFL Dreamtime match between Essendon and Richmond.



Neil Maynard medallist Sam Bannister kicks the heavy ball for the Tigers.



Rosetta Thomas and Rachel Gibbins, from the Launceston Lady Blues.



● ABOVE: The Blue's Lela Spotswood leads the race for the ball in a match that was played close to the ground in slippery, soggy conditions.

● LEFT: Rulla Kelly-Mansell handballs to teammate Darryn Thomas.

● RIGHT: Rocherlea's Darren Woodward sinks in the mud as he watches from the bench. In the following days, Launceston was inundated with one of the biggest floods it had seen in years.



Best on ground for the women's contest, Denika Corcoran, from the Lady Blues, celebrates with Guy Grey, head of diversity and Indigenous programs, AFL Tasmania.



● LEFT: Aboriginal players from the Launceston Lady Blues proudly sporting their specially designed guernseys for the NTFA Aboriginal round: (back) Maddi Gardner, Sophie Townsend, Rachel Gibbins, Rosetta Thomas, Mellissa Smith, Nicholla Clarke; (front) Sarah Radford, Lela Spotswood and Denika Corcoran. Pictures: Jillian Mundy



Josie Janz-Dawson plays for West Coast Fever against the Melbourne Vixens in the ANZ Championships at HBF Arena, Perth, last year. Picture: Daniel Carson



# North to stay in Brisbane

By CHRIS PIKE



A-LEAGUE soccer star Jade North has re-signed with the Brisbane Roar for at least one more season as he continues to work hard away from the pitch on making football more enticing and accessible for

Indigenous youth.

North has committed himself to working with Indigenous youth as much as he can while still playing and once he retires, he would like to fully dedicate his time helping provide a pathway for young Aboriginal talent to end up playing in the A-League and beyond.

However, the end of his decorated career is now at least 12 more months away after re-signing with the Roar.

North is already a championship winner in the A-League while also having represented Australia, but he ended the 2015-16 season with a feeling of unfinished business with the Roar.

Brisbane was eliminated in the semifinals in a remarkable contest against the Western Sydney Wanderers, with the Wanderers ending up winning 5-4 despite the Roar leading 3-0 following 23 minutes after a scorching start to the match that would have booked a grand final berth.

## Seeking redemption

It might have been exciting to watch, but it left North and his Roar teammates shattered and that is a major reason why he was so desperate to re-sign for another season to get a chance at redemption, if they are able to get in a similar position next year.

North is good friends with Roar coach and former Socceroos teammate John Aloisi, making the decision to re-sign an even easier one.

The 34-year-old has now played 179 games in the A-League on top of 41 appearances for the Socceroos and his 48 games in the National Soccer League at the Brisbane Strikers, 59 with Sydney Olympic and 22 at Perth Glory prior to the A-League's creation.

He has also had brief stints overseas and it has been a remarkable career, but one he's not ready to call time on yet. He's is glad the Roar were keen for him to play on.

"I would like to thank John and all the coaching staff for having so much faith in me," North said upon his re-signing.

"I look forward to once again playing my part next season, helping the team improve and have continued success.

"I want to continue to improve my game, adding to the championships I've already won."

## Ups and downs

North's journey hasn't always been an easy one and his time with South Korea's Incheon United in 2009 brought all that to a head.

He didn't enjoy that experience on or off the pitch and, while it was tough, he is happy to have come through it and to now be in a good place back in Australia, with wife Maree, and their three sons, all under 10, at his side.

"I've made a great career financially, but I found it tough after I used to put a lot of pressure on myself. I was 28 and worried that I'd miss the boat if I didn't try going overseas. You listen to other people and what they think is best for you, and it's not always the best way," North said.

"Things in my life are in a great place now. Sometimes I don't get home until 8pm and by the time you put the boys into bed, you've got just enough energy for half an hour of TV before you crash.

"By comparison, the young boys in my team are having their first coffee at 11am and then hitting the Playstation or whatever.

"But fatherhood is good, but it just keeps you busy and that can be a good thing."

## Where are the girls?

# Josie keen for ranks to grow

By CHRIS PIKE



WEST Coast Fever netball star Josie Janz-Dawson is one Indigenous success story in her sport, but she wants to see more girls follow in her footsteps.

Janz-Dawson has now been playing in the ANZ Championship with the Perth-based Fever in each of the nine seasons since the trans-Tasman netball competition was launched in 2008.

However, there continue to be low numbers of Aboriginal women playing top-level netball, but it's something Janz-Dawson wants to see change over the next decade.

The ANZ Championship will fold in favour of a new wholly Australian national league next year, creating more positions for local players and Janz-Dawson would dearly like to see more Indigenous players among them.

## Torres Strait Islander

Janz-Dawson's story is a fascinating one, having come from Torres Strait Island to grow up in Derby, in the north of Western Australia, before attending boarding school in Perth.

She has now been a top-level netballer since 2008 while also working with the Wirrpanda Foundation which increasingly is focusing its attention in Perth and throughout regional WA on girls' programs through netball as much as boys through football.

The Wirrpanda Foundation is only going to grow as well with the State Government guaranteeing a

multi-million-dollar facility for the organisation as part of a new base for AFL club the West Coast Eagles at the home of WAFL club Perth at Lathlain Park.

That is set to be ready for 2018 and Janz-Dawson hopes that Indigenous girls begin to see that it's okay to have a go at playing netball and that there is a genuine pathway there to make it to the top, just like they see with the AFL superstars.

"For a lot of girls, it's all about seeing that there is a system in place for them to follow. A lot of our young girls are quite embarrassed to try new things," Janz-Dawson said.

"For boys with football, they see amazing players at the top level like Buddy Franklin and Cyril Rioli, so they understand if they are good enough and work hard, they can make it on the big stage.

"But there's not enough Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander role models in all different pillars, whether it is sport or media or whatever else.

"A lot of the girls only know Narelda Jacobs because they recognise her skin colour on TV, but even just being able to see Aboriginal faces in these netball teams would make a big difference.

"It's generally about shaking off the shame and making them feel comfortable to give it a go and represent themselves and their culture as best as possible throughout the community.

"Hopefully, in five or 10 years, you never know how many more Indigenous players will be playing in this league and the Indigenous round

will be embraced by all clubs, which would be amazing to see."

The Fever have recognised their Indigenous culture by wearing a specially designed dress firstly for their away game against the Adelaide Thunderbirds, and they will again wear it on Saturday, June 25, against the Central Pulse at Perth Arena in the final home game of the season.

The dress is designed by Noongar artists Peter Farmer and Kylie Graham, and Janz-Dawson is proud to wear it every time she gets the chance to pull it on.

## Proud to wear

"You are always really proud to wear the dress and the design definitely does mean something," Janz-Dawson said.

"There are 12 women's symbols which represents all 12 of our players so it's kind of like a little sisterhood, and it's patterned on the significant waterholes here in Whadjuk, in Perth, through to the Stirling area.

"Then when I put the dress on for the game, I think about how years ago there was so much unfairness for Aboriginal people and how Aboriginal people were treated.

"To now think I'm playing a mainstream sport and I'm equal to the players next to me, and I can show my culture on Foxtel and have the whole of Australia see that it's something to be proud of, especially being our nation's First People.

"It's a touching a moment and some of the girls have said it would be good to have this dress all year round, but we'll wait and see."



## Hang in there Stacey, Tokyo 2020 looms



IF Stacey Porter needs any incentive to extend her softball career, she has it: Softball and baseball look certain to return to the Olympic Games schedule in 2020. The International Olympic Committee

(IOC) executive board has recommended the inclusion of baseball and softball at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan.

Baseball and softball will be presented to the IOC General Assembly as a part of a five-sport package, along with surfing, karate, skateboarding and sport climbing. A final vote on the composition of the

sports program for the Tokyo 2020 Games will be taken at the full IOC meeting in Rio de Janeiro in August, and, if approved, it would constitute a "comprehensive evolution of the Olympic program in modern history", according to the IOC.

Women's softball was an Olympic sport from 1996 to 2008.

There are a number of topline Indigenous softballers in Australia, including Stacey Porter, who represented Australia at the 2004 Olympics in Athens and in 2008 in Beijing. She has since been joined in the Australian ranks by Indigenous players – pitcher Vanessa Stokes and utility player Janice Blackman.

## From Kingaroy to Copa, Clancy's long road to Rio



TALIUQA Clancy's journey to the sands of Copacabana has been a lengthy one, not least for the fact she grew up a near three-hour drive from the nearest Australian coastline.

Clancy spent her early days in the rural Queensland town of Kingaroy, the country's peanut capital.

Back then, she would never have imagined she'd now be on the cusp of becoming Australia's first Indigenous beach volleyballer to go to an Olympics.

Clancy and her partner, Louise Bawden, are Australia's highest-ranked team and about to book their ticket to Rio as one of the world's top-15 duos, with a current provisional Olympic ranking of seventh.

Bawden, 34, is already a seasoned athlete and dual Olympian.

But a debut would be a dream come true for 23-year-old Clancy, who has shown unfaltering resolve – and racked up some serious kilometres – to get there.

The daughter of single mum Shannon, Clancy played a host of sports as a kid, including netball, touch footy and swimming.

Extensive travel was an unavoidable by-product. "I used to do everything. I was just a really sporty kid," Clancy said.

"Growing up in Kingaroy in the countryside, Mum drove me everywhere for my sport, about two-and-a-half to three hours each way.

"Every weekend we were in the car.

### Mum like a sister

"It's just me and my mum and we're like sisters – Mum had me when she was quite young, about 17."

Clancy found indoor volleyball during early high school.

Identified as a promising talent at a tournament, she was given a Queensland Academy of Sport scholarship.

The 15-year-old and her mum picked up and moved to Brisbane, where she was introduced to the beach variety and was soon snapped up by the Australian Institute of Sport's national program based in Adelaide, where she's been for the past seven years.

Clancy's skills blossomed at the perfect time for Bawden, who in 2012, was on the hunt for a new partner after the other half of her London Games campaign, Becchara Palmer, temporarily retired.

"I got an opportunity to play an event with Lou, and we decided we'd really like to play with each other," Clancy recalled.

Despite the 11-year age gap, the duo are fast friends, living in each other's pockets throughout more long trips on the world tour.

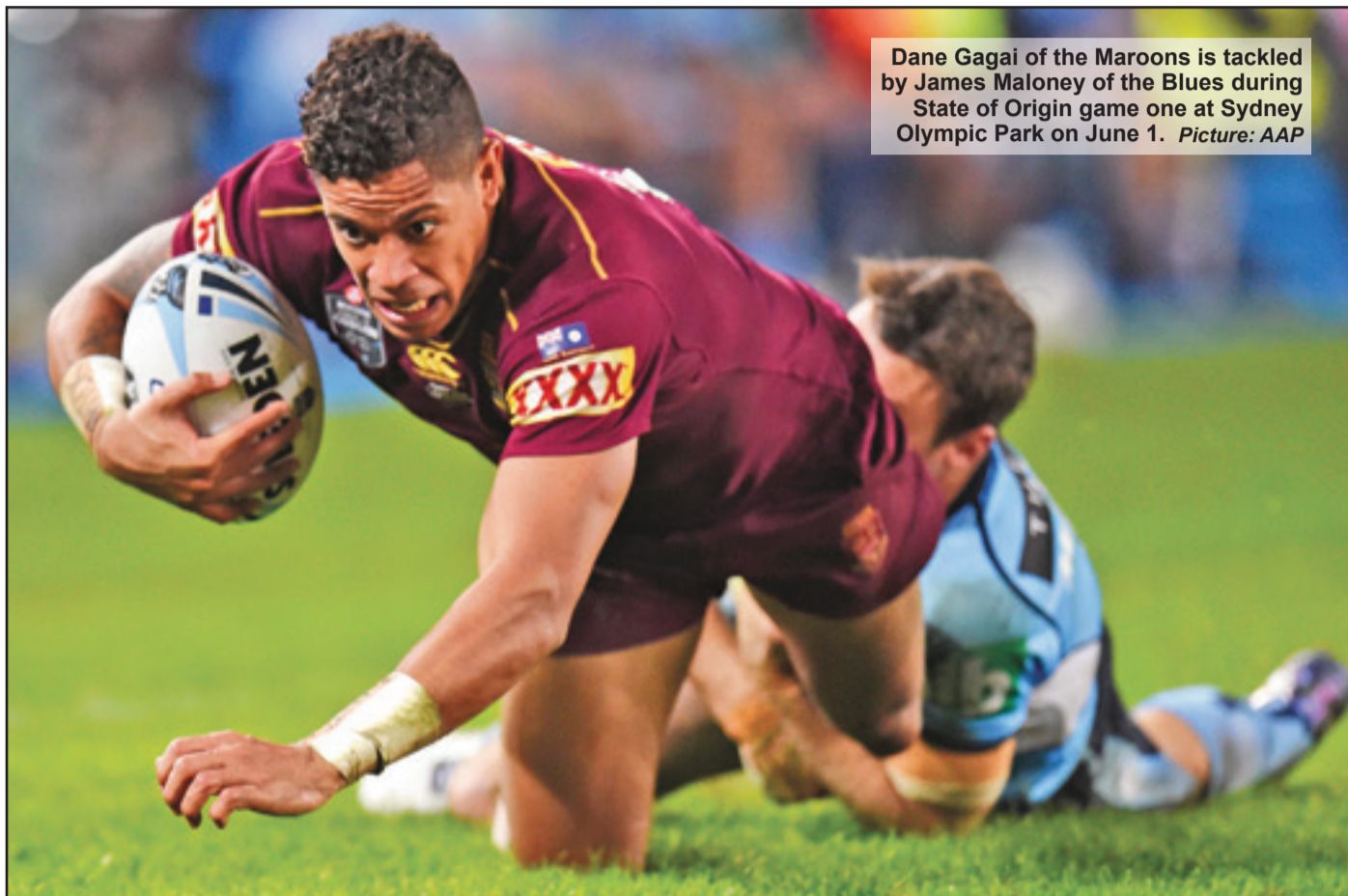
With the fun also comes valuable support, and Bawden's experience helps calm her teammate's nerves.

But, as Clancy points out, they're mostly "good nerves".

And just as much as she yearns for an Olympic gold medal, she's proud to be an Aboriginal athlete.

"Hopefully I can inspire other Aboriginal kids and people to chase their dreams," she said.

"I feel extremely proud. It's a privilege and I love representing my people." – AAP



Dane Gagai of the Maroons is tackled by James Maloney of the Blues during State of Origin game one at Sydney Olympic Park on June 1. Picture: AAP

# Stop blaming others - Fifita



BLUES enforcer Andrew Fifita has urged NSW teammates to stop blaming match officials and focus on keeping the 2016 State of Origin rugby league series alive.

Coach Laurie Daley's demand to replace Gerard Sutton and Ben Cummins – who have controlled the past five Origin encounters stretching back to 2014 – has put the National Rugby League's (NRL's) two leading whistleblowers under intense scrutiny in the aftermath of the series opener.

NSW have won just one of the five Origin encounters under Cummins and Sutton during Daley's tenure and are three from eight overall with Cummins refereeing during that period.

### Blame stays with Blues

But Fifita insists the Blues can't blame anyone but themselves for the June 1 6-4 loss to Queensland at the Sydney Olympic Stadium.

He says regardless of who referees Origin II in Brisbane on June 22 – or whether or not NSW centre Josh Morris should have had a try overturned by the

bunker in the series opener – the Blues need to put the controversies behind them.

"Look, they're the referees and they're the bunker and they make the right decisions and, at the end of the day, it just didn't fall our decision," Fifita said of the Morris call.

"It is what it is. We have to move on from it.

"We had plenty of opportunity there. We had plenty of sets on their line where we just didn't make it forward."

NRL CEO Todd Greenberg said Daley's comments wouldn't influence referees boss Tony Archer when he appointed his officials for game two.

"The appointments of referees are independent and will continue to be," Greenberg told Fairfax Media at a player welfare and education conference in Sydney.

Like the rest of the Blues, Fifita is hoping Daley doesn't want any NSW players axed for the return bout at Suncorp Stadium.

"The boys are pretty positive. There was a lot of positive come out of that game – hardly really any negatives," he said.

"At the end of the day, it was 6-4, and (we had) a lot of young ones in the team but they learnt pretty easy and we're sticking together and we'll just move forward from here."

Wounded by the two-point defeat on their home turf, the Blues will now have to defy pain and history if they are to deny Queensland a 10th series win in 11 years.

Only once in the past 11 years have the Blues won a game in Brisbane when the shield was still up for grabs, and that was only when the Maroons lost Cooper Cronk early in 2014.

However Blues players refuse to concede they've already lost the series.

"It's not impossible," said NSW centre Josh Morris.

"We've been up there before and done it. All the boys will want to get up there. We're in a position now where we have to win the two games to win the series."

NSW have won 18 times at Queensland's spiritual home since the inception of the Origin concept in 1980, but have not won a must-win game at Lang Park since Andrew Johns' fairytale comeback in game two in 2005. – AAP





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The Titans' Ashley Taylor, right, follows the trajectory of his match-winning golden-point field goal against the South Sydney Rabbitohs in Perth on June 5. Picture: AAP

# Is it a record?



The Titans' Ryan James is tackled by Sam Burgess and Greg Inglis during the round 13 NRL match against South Sydney at NIB Stadium, Perth, on Sunday, June 5. Picture: AAP



NO-ONE is saying it's a record, but with 42% of the players on the field at kick-off and 35% of the 34 involved in

the game being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, the South Sydney-Gold Coast Titans rugby league match was something special.

Indigenous Australians comprise just 3% of the Australian population and 12% of all National Rugby League (NRL) players.

The Souths-Titans match was played in Perth and the Titans won a thriller 29-28, thanks to a golden-point field goal by rising Indigenous star Ashley Taylor.

The Titans are enjoying a resurgence while the Bunnies still are searching for the form that carried them to the major premiership in 2014.

After their loss to the West Tigers last Friday night, the Rabbitohs (5-8) now face a battle to reach the finals.

Players for Souths in Perth were Cody Walker, captain Greg Inglis, second-rower Kyle Turner and wingers Alex Johnston and Dane Nielsen.

Gold Coast's Indigenous

representation comprised halves Ashley Taylor and Tyrone Roberts, lock Greg Bird, centres Josh Hoffman and Nathan Davis, prop Ryan James and interchange hooker Nathan Peats.

While no official records are kept, NRL officials said they were unaware of any other game with as many Indigenous players.

The previous highest representation is believed to have occurred in the Rabbitohs-Cowboys round-six clash of the 2007 season.

David Peachey, Nathan Merritt, Shannon Hegarty, Joe Williams and Dean Widders lined up for Souths on that occasion, while the Cowboys had Matt Bowen, Brenton Bowen, Johnathan Thurston and Justin Smith.

"We have got a very good Indigenous support system at Souths," Walker told Fairfax media.

## Decided to stay

It said the connection between the Rabbitohs and the Indigenous community was one reason Walker recently rejected an approach from Brisbane, extending his stay at Redfern for another two seasons.

"Cody is putting a lot back in at the moment and it is paying off for him because he is in a really happy

space at the moment," said Widders, who is the NRL welfare manager.

"I think it is because he is settled, he feels part of the community, he is loving his football at Souths and I think he is going to get even better. He is getting more confidence, his future is secure and next season he will be ready to rip into the pre-season."

Widders coaches the Redfern All Blacks A Grade team and Walker attends their games, while helping out the under-5s team in which his son Kian plays.

"I just give them a hand getting the boys and girls ready for the games. They love it," Walker said.

"I also try to get down to watch the A grade team play whenever I can. I know a few of the boys in the team so I like to support them."

Fairfax media said after waiting until the age of 26 to make his NRL debut this year with Souths, Walker's priority was trying to cement a regular place in the Rabbitohs team.

He jumped at the opportunity to play fullback five weeks ago when coach Michael Maguire decided to switch Inglis to five-eighth.

Walker has not played fullback since he was a 16-year-old junior for the Casino Cougars, but he has been getting advice from Inglis.

**● Nathan Jawai, back to where it all began: page 61**





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# 25 solid years

TWENTY-FIVE years ago, way back in 1991, the first *Koori Mail* rolled off the presses. A quarter of a century on and plenty might have changed, but a few important things haven't. We're still bringing readers the news and information they need about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs, albeit electronically as well as in print, and we're still 100% Aboriginal-owned. In this four-page souvenir we'll recount some of the news and sport highlights – and low points – we've covered over the past quarter century, and re-print some of our more memorable front pages. Happy reading.



Queensland election: See Pages 7, 12, 24 and 25

Your 2005 calendar – Published free in our next edition





# From little things big things grow

**I**N 1991, Walbunja man Owen Carriage moved to Bundjalung country on the NSW north coast. Having just returned from the Tent Embassy in Canberra, Mr Carriage was inspired to start an Aboriginal newspaper due to frustrations with misrepresentation of Indigenous stories in the mainstream media. And so the *Koori Mail* was born.

Apart from current affairs, it was envisaged the paper would carry a range of features, personality profiles highlighting Aboriginal achievements, book and film reviews, children's pages and sport.

And while the format of the paper has evolved, in the past 25 years the *Koori Mail* has covered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander triumphs, achievements and struggles from all over the country.

Page one of the first edition carried a local Bundjalung perspective, expressed by Elder Frank Roberts, on the findings of the National Inquiry into Racist Violence in Australia.

Despite much-appreciated support from the Lismore-based *Northern Star* mainstream newspaper, within six months the bold new enterprise had almost exhausted Mr Carriage's cash reserves. So Bundjalung Elders Charles Moran, Pastor Frank Roberts and Pastor Charles Harris reached out to the local community, and five Bundjalung organisations bought the paper.

Today, those five Bundjalung organisations still own the newspaper. The Bundjalung



**New *Koori Mail* general manager Naomi Moran, third from left, with directors of the board, from left, Chairperson Russell Kapeen (Kurrachee Co-operative), Lawrence Roberts (Bunjum Co-operative), Patricia King (Bundjalung Tribal Society), Ron Randall (Buyinbin Co-operative) and Trevor Kapeen (Nungera Co-operative). All are Bundjalung people.**

Tribal Society (Lismore), Bunjum Co-operative (Ballina/Cabbage Tree Island), Buyinbin Co-operative (Casino), Kurrachee Co-operative (Coraki) and Nungera Co-operative (Maclean) each has a 20% interest, making the *Koori Mail* 100% Aboriginal-owned and controlled.

The *Koori Mail* now goes to all states and territories and recent audited circulation indicated each edition is read by up to 100,000 people.

In the past 25 years, if it's been big news in Indigenous communities then the *Koori Mail* has covered the stories.

Some of the major issues we've reported on include the

Bringing Them Home report, Stolen Wages, Cathy Freeman's gold at the Sydney Olympics, Mabo, Paul Keating's Redfern speech, ATSIC and John Howard's dismantling of the body, the Intervention, deaths in custody, Nicky Winmar (pictured on the facing page) and Adam Goodes standing up to racism in the AFL, the success of so many of our artists and performers, conflicts between land rights and mining and dozens of land claims.

But it's not just big-ticket items that make the *Koori Mail*.

It's the stories our community tells us: a language group singing together; an Elder teaching culture to young

people; a young woman becoming the first in her family to finish high school and go to uni; a local footy club saying 'no' to violence; a community joining together to paint a mural.

So thank you to everyone who's ever sent us a picture, called us to let us know about your event or written in to tell us what's happening – it's ultimately the people who make a newspaper.

And we also want to say thank you to our friends at AIATSIS, who host our archive online – so every past edition of the *Koori Mail*, up to the last six months, can be read and our stories are there for everyone.



## A message from our Chairperson

**T**HE *Koori Mail* you see today is very different from the one first published 25 years ago, in 1991.

Back then it was a much smaller newspaper. Now, we're a true national newspaper – available in print and electronically – and circulating throughout Australia.

But one thing hasn't changed.

Back at the start we were 100% Aboriginal owned, and today that's still the case. And we've never wavered in our commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, bringing them – and other people interested in Indigenous affairs – the news and information they need.

It has been my privilege to be involved virtually from day one, and to have served as chairperson of the Board of Directors since 1994. In that time I have worked with some great people, both on the Board and staff of the paper.

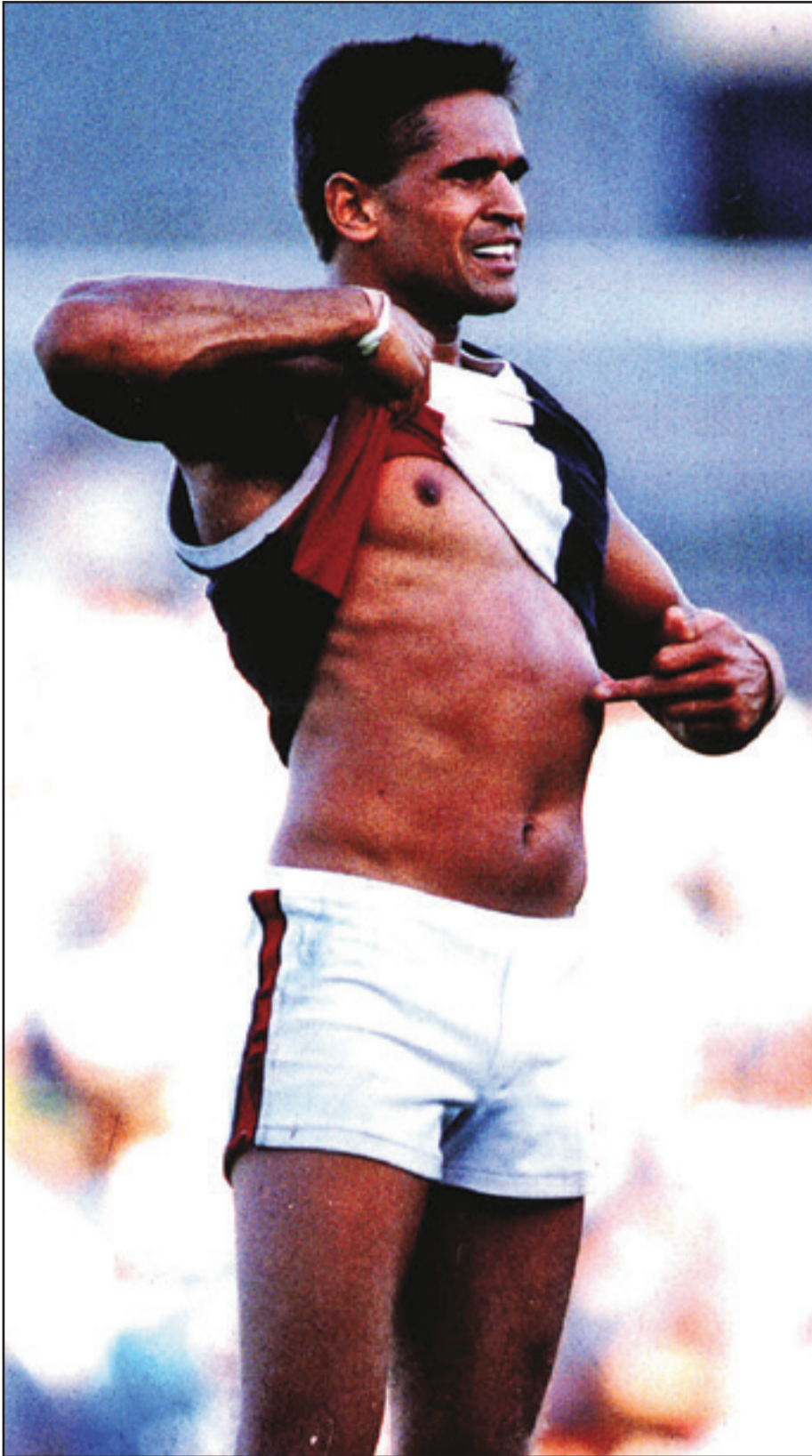
I acknowledge Owen Carriage as the founder of this newspaper, as well as the late Frank Roberts, the late Charles Harris, the late Robert Cameron and Charles Moran who were instrumental in its early days.

I'd like to thank my Indigenous brothers and sisters, and wider Australia, for their ongoing support of what truly is an Aboriginal success story.

I like to think we've lived up to our motto 'The Voice of Indigenous Australia'. Rest assured we'll be doing that for the next 25 years.

**RUSSELL KAPEEN**  
Bundjalung man





**BLACK and proud of it...** The unforgettable image of AFL champion Nicky Winmar standing up to racism back in 1993, one of many great pictures published by the *Koori Mail* over the past 25 years.

# A long time, a great read

By **TODD CONDIE**

**I**N 1994, I walked into the office of the *Koori Mail* newspaper in Lismore, a naïve 24-year-old Aboriginal graduate having just completed a Bachelor of Arts from Griffith University in Brisbane. I was working at the time at a lettuce farm near Byron Bay.

In 2004, I walked out of the office after working on 260 editions, having served on national boards, having given an international address on Indigenous media issues at the United Nations in New York, and working as an accredited journalist at Sydney 2000 Olympics.

It might sound that I'm 'big noting' myself or pumping up my own tyres, but the point I want to make is that my stint at the *Koori Mail* honed my passion for Aboriginal rights, land rights and international Indigenous rights. It opened my eyes to all the good work by unrecognised First Nations peoples and communities in Australia that occurs all the time, but is shockingly ignored by the mainstream media organisations.

When I left I think I was a lot wiser – 'wise' in the sense that my optimism for promoting the oldest continuous human civilisation in the world was balanced by a healthy sense of cynicism about the barriers and challenges faced by First Australians.

And as a 34-year old (when I left), I also felt that I probably knew 'too much' about internal Aboriginal politics, rivalries, feuds, lateral violence and an ever-present black 'tall poppy' syndrome. The phrase 'burnt-out black' comes to mind.

When I left the paper to work for the Northern Land Council, the *Koori Mail* had grown from 24 pages to an average of about 80, which I think is a great achievement for a national Indigenous newspaper based in regional Australia, owned by five Aboriginal organisations, and operating independently of government funding.

I was also proud that the paper had achieved a high level of engagement with the diaspora of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who, for many reasons, live away from their homelands.

Personally, my people, the Wyambarra clan



Todd Condie

of the Yidinji, have been successful in a native title claim over parts of the Atherton Tablelands in far north Queensland, which includes freehold land.

My plan in the future will be to work with my clan to preserve, maintain and promote the culture and language of the rainforest peoples, 'the bama', of far north Queensland.

After working for over 20 years for other mobs, I think it is time I did some work for my own mob.

A lot of you have probably wondered where I ended up. Well, I am officially 'off the grid' – I choose not to engage with social media platforms, but I can be contacted at: [tcondie@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:tcondie@portphillip.vic.gov.au)

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and board of the *Koori Mail* for supporting me during my decade at the newspaper and for all the people I had the pleasure to meet, travel vast distances with, and sit round a campfire with.

● *Todd Condie was the Koori Mail's first Indigenous Editor.*



# Cartoonist is a master

**T**HE *Koori Mail* has been privileged to have the services of Danny Eastwood as our cartoonist for many years.

An award-winning artist, Danny is also no slouch when it comes to turning out cartoons.

Be it a political commentary, sport or just plain funny, Danny's done them all over his long association with this newspaper.

Danny's skills are on show in this cartoon at left which he produced for us in 2014 following the death of former prime minister Gough Whitlam.

It captures the famous land-return moment with Vincent Lingiari.

The good news for us – and our readers – is that at the age of 73 he's showing no signs of slowing down, despite a few health issues.

In fact Danny, a Ngemba man who lives in western Sydney, is busier than ever, turning out even more artworks. And he's spending plenty of time helping those who need it most by teaching art in NSW prisons.

"I love art and I love helping my people," he says.

And we love printing his work, too.



# Top sports continue tradition

**C**ATHY Freeman's gold medal run in the women's 400m at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games stands out as the highlight of Indigenous sport since the birth of the *Koori Mail*.

There were some wonderful sporting achievements by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that stretch back before 1991 – the first year of the *Koori Mail*. Lionel Rose and Evonne Goolagong are two that readily come to mind.

But in the more modern era, Cathy's win at the Olympics was something that galvanised Australians of all persuasions.

There have been other great moments. We won't attempt to rate them because to do so would be to do injustice to some.

But here's a few defining achievements in Indigenous sport (in no particular order):

● **Nicky Winmar's** stand against racism. That 1993 photo of him pointing to the colour (see page 3) of his skin is one of the most memorable images in Australian sporting history.

● **Daniel Geale** winning the world middleweight boxing crown. He is a three-times world champion, having won the International Boxing Federation (IBF) and World Boxing Association (WBA) titles as well as having the International Boxing Organisation (IBO) title twice. As an amateur, he won gold in the welterweight division at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England.

● **Johnathan Thurston** is arguably the world's best rugby league player. He began his National Rugby League (NRL) career with the Canterbury Bulldogs, but transferred to the North Queensland Cowboys in 2005. He is the first four-times winner of the Dally M Medal for the NRL season's best player, and last year became the first player to be a three-times winner of the Golden Boot Award for the world's best player. Who can forget his golden-point field goal to give the Cowboys victory over the Brisbane Broncos in last year's NRL grand final?

● **Chad Reed:** A name that may not resonate with some, but arguably Australia's most successful Indigenous sportsman. He has ranked amongst our highest-paid sportsmen/women in a long career as a motorcross and supercross racer. He lives in the United States where the



**Boxer Daniel Geale.**



**Softballer Stacey Porter.**



**US-based motorcross champion Chad Reed.**

financial rewards are huge. He was the most consistent supercross/motorcross racer in the decade to 2009.

● **Jason Gillespie,** the first male Aboriginal cricketer to play Test, one-day and T20 cricket for Australia, highlighted by his man-of-the-match 201 not out as

a night watchman in his 2006 final Test appearance for Australia – not bad for a cricketer more noted as a bowler than a batsman. He took 259 Test wickets at an average of 26.13.

● **Patty Mills:** He is the second Indigenous Australian to play in the rich US National Basketball Association (NBA) competition after proving himself in college basketball in the US. The Torres Strait Islander man plays point guard with the San Antonio Spurs, which won the NBA title in 2014. He played for the Australian Boomers at the 2012 Olympics in Beijing.

● **Lance Franklin** kicked 102 goals for Hawthorn in the home and away season in 2008 – the first Australian Football League (AFL) player to kick 100 goals since Tony Lockett in 1998. He's on course to repeat that feat this year – this time with the Sydney Swans.

● **Adam Goodes,** the 2014 Australian of the year, is a dual Brownlow medallist, dual premiership player in the AFL and holds the record for the most number of AFL games by an Indigenous player (372). He is a four-times All-Australian selection and was named in the Indigenous Team of the Century.

● **Nova Peris** was the first Aboriginal Australian to win an Olympic gold medal. That was as a hockey player at the 1996 Games in Atlanta. She later switched to sprinting and represented Australia at the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur in the 200m and 4x100m relay and at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games in the 400m. She was named Young Australian of the Year in 1997.

● **Travis Dodd,** the first Aboriginal soccer player to score a goal for Australia. He scored the opening goal in his Soccerroo debut against Kuwait in Sydney in 2006. Australia won the Asian Cup qualifier 2-0.

● **Stacey Porter,** an Australian softball player. She represented Australia at the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games in Athens and Beijing. If she continues in the sport, she is a chance to again represent Australia in 2020 as softball is set to return to the Olympic schedule.



**THE race that stopped a nation... Cathy Freeman comes into the home straight on her way to gold at the Sydney 2000 Olympics. Her run was the highlight of the Games – and 25 years of sports coverage in the *Koori Mail*.**